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PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS



Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail is expanding and needs your help...

by Lizzie Bailey

The Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail wants to share an urban story. The committee will be working with children in Pittsburgh, York, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia to create blocks for our quilt trail at the PA Farm Show and select locations in the city areas. This is a huge opportunity to embrace new designs and provide a voice to our children who reside in Pennsylvania's urban areas.

The Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail which started out as the vision of Glenn and Barbara Gross of Emlenton, PA to showcase Grange Halls and fairgrounds across Pennsylvania with beautiful wooden quilt blocks.



Ben Hagen, Centre County Grange member creating a quilt block at Family Festival event held at the Grange Fairgrounds located in Centre Hall, Pa.

The program has been offered since 2009. Grangers embraced creating the quilt blocks and the Quilt block program is one of the favorite workshops held every year at the Family Festival event where you can create your own block.

The committee is pleased in the interest of the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail and is

excited on expanding the program to include additional locations in urban areas.

PA Farm Show

A few years ago an extension of the trail was added to the PA Farm Show Complex with 100 wooden quilt blocks being hung for permanent display in the corridor as you enter the Main Exhibition Hall.

The Farm Show has completed renovations on another hallway that will showcase additional quilt blocks. These quilt blocks will be created by kids across the state focusing on urban areas such as Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, York, and Philadelphia. We anticipate having 100 more blocks to adorn the Farm Show Complex that will showcase quilt blocks with urban life designs.

Volunteers and Financial Help

Volunteers are needed to assist as a Trainer, teaching how to design and paint the blocks. A helper to assist overseeing the project in each region would be very helpful. We are pursuing some grants to assist in the cost of the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail. If you would like to help by donating to defray the expenses it is appreciated.

Donations can be mailed to:

PA State Grange
26 CJEMS Lane
Mifflintown, PA. 17059.

In the memo notate: Quilt Trail donation



The PA Preferred Quilt block is located in the lobby at the PA Department of Agriculture in Harrisburg.



Penn State Quilt block adorns the Red Barn at Ag Progress Days and is part of the PA Grange Heritage Trail at PA Farm Show



Quilts have been used through the ages for functionality, but they also told the stories of daily life in rural areas. The designs created often reflected things from rural living. The pictures of the quilt blocks above reflect farm animals, patterns of stars, flowers, and birds.

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From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell

PA State Grange President

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It's hard to believe summer is almost over. I hope you and your family have been able to spend some quality time together and perhaps even to enjoy a nice vacation!

I'd like to thank everyone who attended Family Festival and hope that you had a great time. Thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways, from organizing workshops, the tour, Youth and Junior events, and on a personal note—helped in the kitchen. We would not be able to do the meals if people didn't jump in, like Grangers do, and give us a hand!! Thank you!

Debbie, our Grandson Bryce Danko, the National Grange Junior Ambassador, and I attended the National Grange Revival in Sturgis, South Dakota. We had an amazing time and got to visit with over 130 other Grangers from across the country. We visited many of the national attractions in the area and were fortunate enough to have a herd of Buffalo cross the road in front of us as we toured Custer State Park.

We were privileged and honored to be present when Tony Fishovitz was honored for his military service by being presented with a Quilt of Valor. Tony and his wife Janet served as our personal tour guides since Tony was stationed at

the nearby Ellsworth Air Force Base while in the military and then attended college in Rapid City. Please look for the article on Tony in this issue of the PGN. I hope you have been able to enjoy your local fair and possibly visit some neighboring fairs. The fairs are so important to helping our youth grow and gain many new experiences that will help them throughout their lives. These experiences were lost in 2020.

Please keep an eye on legislative activity at all levels. Your local municipality will be receiving Federal monies from Covid Relief Funding. These monies come with very strict guidelines attached to them but please be sure your local officials are getting their applications in.

Continue to talk to your government officials about Broadband. We must be sure and keep this issue in the forefront.

Hopefully you receive the email from National Grange titled "View From The Hill." The following is an excerpt from the one received on July 30, 2021:

Relief from Surprise Medical Bills

The Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, Treasury and the Office of Management and Budget have issued an interim final rule intended to restrict excessive

out-of-pocket costs to consumers from surprise billing and balance billing. Surprise billing occurs when patients unknowingly get care from providers who are outside of their health plan's network. Balance billing occurs when a provider charges a patient the remainder of what their insurance does not pay. Balance billing is prohibited by both Medicare and Medicaid. This rule will extend the prohibition to employer-sponsored and commercial health plans.

The rule will also ban:

- **Surprise billing for emergency services**
- **High out-of-network cost-sharing; any coinsurance or deductible must be based on in-network provider rates.**
- **Out-of-network charges for ancillary care (such as an anesthesiologist or assistant surgeon) at an in-network facility**
- **Health care providers must give patients clear advance notice and get patient consent before higher out-of-network rates can be charged.**

Relief from surprise billings has been a National Grange priority for several years, so this is welcome news. These new regulations will take effect on January 1, 2022. This is great news for every American in need of health care. State Session is now just around the corner. I'm hoping to see many of you in Valley Forge in October.

Let's continue to "Cultivate Connections" anywhere we can and familiarize others with the Grange.

Fraternally,
Wayne D. Campbell, President
Pennsylvania State Grange





Chaplain's Corner
Jodi Keith Kensinger
 PA State Grange Chaplain

Happy Fall from Central Pennsylvania!

I hope that you are enjoying the cooler temperatures and the beautiful colors in the trees. Fall is, by far, my FAVORITE time of year - Not too hot, not too cold - perfect sweatshirt and jeans type weather. I think one might call it Baby Bear weather - you remember the children's story where Goldilocks found each thing of Baby Bear's - just right. Yes, and Fall is a season of change.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to tear down and a time to build; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to search and a time to give up; a time to keep and a time to throw away; a time to tear and a time to mend; a time to be silent and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace."

Every one of us have gone or are going through a season of change

in our own lives. Surely all must agree that the past year of COVID has brought about changes in all our lives. But then there are changes that are more personal or individual. For me, it has been through marriage and moving; through losing loved ones; through changing jobs and considering new career moves; through everyday trials that life throws at me. However, through every one of "seasons of change", I have learned to lean heavily on my faith and on Jesus Christ himself. He has showed me that HE is constant through every ups and down in life. This is a huge comfort to me ... to know that God, our father, has my back. That comfort is a gift, a prize given that I did not pay the price for, Jesus did. And it is a free gift to all who believe in him.

At the end of each day, work at keeping your eyes on the prize ... yes - keep your eyes on Jesus and the gift he has given. For the last couple of days, the classic hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" has been running on replay in my head, where it says, "I will cling to the

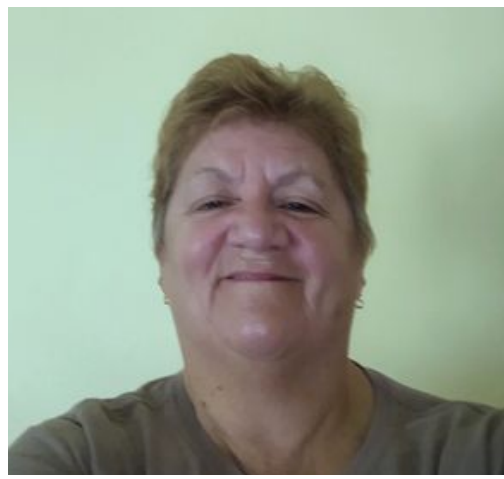
old rugged cross and exchange it someday for a crown". What a day that will be! It is with great hope and reassurance that I look with great anticipation to the day I exchange it, gain my crown, and stand beside Jesus himself for eternity! So remember, keep your eyes on the right path to the cross and Jesus himself, for even if you go through seasons of change, he will never lead you astray!

As you reflect on this truth, venture out and enjoy the last cool days of Fall (before old man winter shows up), remember the word Autumn actually means "a period of maturity". So as our faith matures, we should see this season as a special gift, showing us how beautiful it is and to know we can give our concerns to God and just let worry go! Enjoy the season and God's great masterpieces! Happy Fall y'all!

God Bless & Love Always,

Jodi Keith Kensinger
 Pennsylvania State Grange
 Chaplain
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Melanie Melius
PA State Grange
Family Activities Director

Great Job Grangers!!!



Hi Everyone,
 I hope all is well with everyone. I have been soooo busy getting ready for our Pomona meeting and the judging of contests on July 31. But we need to talk about Family Festival. I would like to thank you all for the FOOD Donations for Family Activities and Deaf and Community Service. Merle and I delivered 334 lbs. of food and \$800.00 dollars - I would like to say Great Job GRANGERS!!!

I Hope everyone liked the tour of Rhoneymeade House Arboretum & Sculpture Garden and Leonard Rhone's farm and dinner on Friday with the Youth cooking and Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Ladies. making the Great Cookies for our dessert.

I am looking forward in receiving your contest entries this year. If your Grange didn't have a lot of entries send twill be hem all to State Session and we will work to get them all judged.

New contest papers for 2023 will be out this year with 3 new contests and 3 new foods hope you will all like. If you have sold your tickets for the quilt please sent them to me or bring to State Session. Please, if not selling your

tickets I need them to be sent back so we can sell at State Session.



Just trying to get things ready for our Grange night. It was to be the 2nd Tuesday of the month. That is the first day of Ag Progress so we moved our Grange meeting to the first Tuesday of the month that will be our Corn Boil and Hotdog Dinner on Aug 2 at 6:30 pm. Will go after the corn Tuesday morning and husk and brush clean for later in day. When that day is done time to get ready for Ag Progress on August 10, 11 and 12 for the 3 days that I will be there. Merle & I have Ag Forum on Wednesday night at the show. I'm in charge of the ice cream social that night with all the toppings - good eats and good friends to end the night with. Then I get ready for Centre County

Grange fair the next week. I'm also in charge of the Quilt that we give away there also, so for the next 10 days will be enjoying our fair. If you would like to see the only tenting fair in the USA come take a walk, eat some great food and make new friends at the Great Grange Fair as it is said. Hope to see all my other family at State Session this year. Have a good couple months till We say Hi!!

**Send us
 your
 entries for
 judging
 for
 State
 Session!!!**

Thank you
 Yours Truly

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Rhoneymeade Arboretum & Sculpture Garden and Leonard Rhone Farm.





Membership News
Lizzie Bailey
PA State Grange
Membership & PR Director

Moments in time and our memories ...

It has been a great summer for me personally as I have been on the road visiting Granges and setting up our booth at events.

My trip to Lawrence County Pomona Dinner held at Mahoning Grange hall, visiting the Butler Pomona members at the Butler Co Fair, and working with members of the Scrubgrass Grange at their food booth at the Venango County Fairgrounds have all been enjoyable. You rejuvenate me with your ideas, and how you are looking to the future to grow your Granges.



Mahoning Grange Hall in Lawrence County, Pa.



Sxrubgrass Grange members working in their food stand at Venango Fairgrounds.

Stay the course, focus on having fun and keep inviting others to your events!

Ag Progress Days
Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

I recently had a father and his teenage daughter stop at our Ag Progress Days Grange booth to look through the cookbooks. She took her time flipping through the pages as her father asked a few questions about the recipes she was looking at. It was apparent they were both interested in cooking and in our recipes, but wasn't quite ready to say they were purchasing a cookbook. I highlighted what people liked about the cookbooks; easy recipes, items you have in your cabinet and some recipes have been handed down through family generations.

I added that I loved to cook and it came from helping my mom when I was a child. My mom would make homemade soup and bread every Friday. She had a huge round enameled pan and bought Robinhood flour in 50 lb. bags. What wonderful things she would make like bread, cinnamon buns, sweet rolls and fried bread dough. I went on to say that I missed those days as my parents have passed on. In that moment, I had an epiphany and I chose to share it with them.

I said, "It is funny, but I can only remember 3 items I received as a child for Christmas, but I could tell you a 100 heartwarming stories revolving around the time I spent with family cooking and baking in our kitchen." His daughter looked at me and picked up a cookbook to buy, the father looked at her and said, "Are you sure you only want one? "

Share your heartwarming, touching memories with others and you will make an impact on them. Talk about Grange and why it is important to you, and all the fun times you have had with your Grange family and friends.

Memories are one of the most important things we should cherish and share. When people pass on, and Grange halls no longer exist, they won't truly go away as long as you tell your stories. It is often times when I tell Grange stories, it is the one reason that has a person become a member. Don't hesitate to share stories, but remember it is important to offer programs, events, and potluck dinners etc., that let us create many new moments in time for future generations to share with others.

Yours in Grange service,

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Family Festival 2021



Ag Progress Days 2021



President Wayne Campbell, PA State Treasurer Stacy Garrity, and U.S. Congressman "GT" Thompson 15th District.



Pennsylvania Grange President Wayne Campbell, Legislative Director Carrie Nace, 2021 PA Fair Queen Addison Neff of the Elizabethtown Fair, National Grange President Betsy Huber.



President Wayne Campbell and Baileyville Grange member Ellwood Homan at Ag Progress Days.



President Wayne Campbell and 2021 Maple Ambassador Landis Crawford.



Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director

NEW ROYALTY!!



Welcome to our newly selected PA State Grange Youth Ambassadors and Outstanding Young Patron! Keep reading to hear about each of these awesome young ladies:



Autumn Tworkoski (left), Ashlan Smith (right), Youth Ambassadors 2021-2022

Hi! My name is Autumn Tworkoski and I belong to Hamburg Grange #2103 in Berks County. I am one of your new Youth Ambassadors for 2021-2022. I have been involved with the Grange since I was 9 years old. I am 19 years old and currently attend Millersville University where I am studying environmental biology. Over the past years, I have enjoyed helping out with the Grange's spaghetti and pot pie dinners. My favorite activity in the Grange would have to be State Camp. I enjoy helping out with the campers and catching up with everyone that I don't get to see on a regular basis. I look forward to the upcoming year and can't wait to travel to different Granges!

Hi! My name is Ashlan Smith and I am currently one of the 2021-2022 Pennsylvania Grange Youth

Ambassadors. I am really looking forward to all the opportunities that will come my way in the next year and I am extremely excited to visit other Granges, attend many events and meet new people along the way. One thing I wish to accomplish during my time as Youth Ambassador is reaching out to younger members within communities and urging them to join a Grange and show them the wonderful organization we are. I believe the Grange pushes people to do great things and help others and it is something important for our younger members to advocate, so that we can be role models for the younger generations. I am from Elizabethtown Grange in Lancaster County, and I currently do not hold any office in my Grange but I was Assistant Steward in the past and would like to be Ceres or Pomona in the future. One of my favorite things to do with my Grange is to make milkshakes at the Elizabethtown Fair. A little bit about myself is that in my free time I like to do so many different things. I like to read, exercise, journal, listen to a lot of classic rock, hang out with friends, spend lots of time outside, and I like to spend time with my chickens and dogs. I am also an avid collector of succulents, and would love to

someday start my own little plant nursery and begin a local business selling plants and succulents.



Ellen Wadsworth (left), Director and Gail Switzer (right), Outstanding Young Patron 2021-2022

As many of you know, I am Gail Switzer and I am representing the Youth and Young Adults of Pennsylvania Grange as the Outstanding Young Patron for this upcoming year. I am a previous PA State Junior Grange Princess, PA State Grange Youth Ambassador, National Grange Youth Mentor, and the previous PA State Grange Deaf Activities and Community Service Department Chair. I also served in the John Trimble Legislative experience at National Grange session in 2016 and was a National Grange Youth Master in 2018. I am incredibly honored to represent the Grange in this capacity as it has been over a decade since I have been in a position as such. Ashlan, Autumn, and I have already met to plan different in person and/or virtual programs for you. We are very

excited to visit Granges across Pennsylvania both virtually or in person. Please, please, reach out to us so we can come present a program. Our main goal is to visit every Grange in Berks, Chester, and Lancaster (where we live) and go to as many elsewhere as possible. I currently live in West Chester, PA but am a lifetime member of Marion Grange #1853 in Berks County. I also attend Goshen Grange in Chester County. I am the Berks County Junior Grange Director and absolutely love seeing the Juniors grow through the Grange just as I did. I currently work as an Assistant Director of Educational Services at Melmark, an approved private school for students with developmental and intellectual disabilities. I am currently enrolled in a doctorate of education program for Leadership in Special Education. I have my instructional II certification as a teacher and am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Outside of work and Grange I play soccer and love taking walks and runs with my two dogs, Dallas and Sydney. I also have two kittens, Knox and Nala. I look forward to starting off my year as Outstanding Young Patron and seeing you at different events.

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 As you can see from the notes above, these young ladies are ready and eager to present a program or attend an event at your Grange. Please contact me to request a visit.

REMINDER: State Contest judging is coming soon - Start finishing your entries now:

- Public Speaking
  - Prepared Speech
  - Radio Spot
  - Impromptu
  - DIY Speech

- Start with a Cake Mix
  - Chocolate
  - White/Yellow
  - Spice/Other

- Cupcake Decorating

- Scrapbook Page
  - Grange Related
  - Other

- Recycled Craft
  - Plastic
  - Fabric
  - Wood

- Building Block

- Create a Button

- Display Contest
  - Folding
  - Digital

All of the contest rules are available on the [pagrange.org](http://pagrange.org) website in the Programs and Contests Guide.

The Youth and Young Adults have wrapped up a busy summer of Youth Camp, Family Festival and our annual Youth Picnic. Here are some photos capturing the fun and excitement!

Youth Cooking at Family Festival



Oreo Cookie Challenge

Youth Camp candid photos of vespers, flag lowering, chop sticks, DIY speeches, food, origami, Grange Olympics, and the bobsled track!



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.

The Youth Team will be wearing their vests 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 Wadsworth  
 PA State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director  
[youth@pagrange.org](mailto:youth@pagrange.org)  
 417-967-6474

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 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.

### 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



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

Greetings from South Central PA!

It is hard to believe that autumn is already around the corner! Fall brings with it the annual state session, as well as the beginning of a new Grange year. I hope you will take this time to reflect on the past Grange year, celebrate your successes as a Grange, and look to the future.

**Family Festival**

The annual Talent Contest was held during the Family Festival on Saturday, July 17th. Congratulations to all of our participants and especially to this year's Best of Show winners - Kay Reyburn and Cassy Kehs - from Russellville Grange #91 in Chester County! Kay and Cassy have earned the honor of representing Pennsylvania in this year's Evening of Excellence at the National Grange Convention in November. Congratulations Kay and Cassy!

On Saturday morning, July 17th, as part of Family Festival, the Lecturer's Department hosted a "Paint and Create" workshop. The Lecturer's Department holds the art contest each fall and this workshop aimed to show all participants how fun - and easy - it is to create beautiful artwork. About 25 people participated in the class, led by Jackie Gianico. Some people may recognize Jackie because she has led the Virtual Paint Nights that have been hosted during the last year. Jackie led the group in painting a scene of fireflies at night. Participants enjoyed the workshop and created some beautiful pieces! The art contest is held each October during the State Session. Categories are: Nature; Animals; Abstract; People; Street Art/Graffiti. There is a maximum size of 24"x36". Entries may be brought to the State Grange Session in Valley Forge in October.



*New Grange Year*  
 =  
*New Beginnings*

**State Session**

This year's State Session is quickly approaching! Several Lecturer's contest entries are due prior to State Session - by **September 15th**. These include:

- Lecturer's Reports (both annual and Creative Connection)
- Lecturer's Scrapbooks (both annual and Creative Connection)
- Pen In Hand
- Design a Program
- Lecturer's Grant
- Photography

Other entries may be brought to the State Session in Valley Forge. These include:

- Art Contest
- My Favorite Anything

Entries will be accepted from 6pm-9pm on Thursday, October 15th, as well as from 8am-10:30am on Friday, October 16th. Please visit the Lecturer's page of the State Grange website -

[www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org) - to see the Guide to Programs and Contests, as well as the 2021 Lecturer's letter which includes some important updates. I cannot wait to see this year's entries and I hope you have prepared (or are planning to prepare) your entries for this year's contests!

Please stop by to see our contest entries and winners at this year's State Session. The exhibit room will be open at designated times throughout the weekend.

## **Helpful Hints**

The fall marks the beginning of a new Grange year. This is the perfect time to reflect on the past year and, most importantly, plan for next year. Think about what went well this past year, as well as identify areas for growth. Below are some helpful hints for Lecturers/Program Directors as you plan for the coming year.



- **Hold a planning meeting.** This can be held as a separate meeting or as your Literary Program. Have your members brainstorm ideas for programs and ask for volunteers to help plan programs throughout the year. Planning is critical for meaningful literary programs. Pick topics that are of interest to your members, tap into resources within your Grange membership, and follow through with these ideas.

- **Appoint a committee.**

"Teamwork makes the dream work!" As Lecturer/Program Director, you do not have to do all the work alone. Utilize a committee to help you with brainstorming, planning, making contacts, and leading programs. Working with a committee also helps you gain insight into others' perspectives and interests.

- **Make a calendar for the year.**

Make a calendar for the next year with your meeting dates listed. For each meeting of the year, determine the program topic, potential speakers, and activities.

- **Make contact with presenters early and follow up.** If you are planning to invite an outside speaker (or a member of your Grange) to lead a meeting, make the "ask" early, in the time between the initial invitation and the program, follow up with the presenter to iron out any details.

- **Publicize!** The Grange is often described as its own "best-kept secret". We shouldn't be! Please share information about upcoming programs through traditional media, social media, flyers, word-of-mouth, etc. Open your meetings to the community and invite them to attend.



Those new to the Grange may not be interested in attending a business meeting, but they may be intrigued by an interesting program you have planned. This is an excellent way to get information about you Grange out in your community and to invite members of the community into your meetings. After a program or activity, follow up with a recap.

Respectfully,



Jenn Nauss  
PA State Grange Lecturer

## **2021 State Session Valley Forge Casino and Resort King of Prussia, PA**

- Valley Forge, PA We look forward to hosting the 2021 State Session in Southeastern PA and especially look forward to re-connecting with our fellow Grangers n person after a very difficult year. By the time you are reading this the September 15th deadline for registration has likely passed. However, late registrations will still be accepted on a space available basis with payment of a \$10 late fee. Registration for taking the 6th Degree can be done on-site, and the registration fee is not required if you are only attending to take the 6th Degree. Also please remember that the Community Service and Lecturer's departments require submissions in advance for reports, scrapbooks and pen-in-hand submissions so that they may be judged prior to Session. Refer to the 2020-2021 Guide to Contest & Programs available on the PA State Grange website for more information.

**Visit the Pennsylvania State Grange website for link for registration and additional information.**

**[www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org)**



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

*Continue to do good deeds!*

Hello Friends,

I don't know what it's been like for you, but personally, summer is flying by which must mean we are having tons of fun. This year's Family Festival is the first I have ever attended and it was such a special time for me to meet many of you face to face. It was an even sweeter moment to see all the familiar faces who played virtual bingo over the last year, most of whom I had only met through bingo.

We had several events throughout the duration of Family Festival which all were extremely successful with your help. In the registration building, we had a table collecting non-perishable goods, a silent auction, and donated items for sale in the marketplace. On Friday and Saturday evening we had several rounds of Hot Potato. Last but not least, on Saturday morning, we hosted the annual bike-a-thon. Collectively with Family Activities, we raised \$800 and 334 pounds of food benefiting the State College Food Bank. I could not be more proud of you all and how you show up for a call to action. I would also like to give a special thank you to several of the Deaf and Community Service Committee members who dedicated their time during Family Festival to ensure all the events went

off without a hitch. Thank you: Jackie Clabaugh, Terra Ingram, Thomas Kostelansky and Cindy Shaffer ... you are true examples of hard working Grangers!

With summer wrapping up, that can only mean one thing ... State Convention! While I have attended in the past, I am especially excited to see you all at the Valley Forge Convention Center. The hard work of your Subordinate and Pomona Granges will be on display in the exhibit room. We will also be collecting soda tabs/box tops as well as items to be donated for the Good Samaritan Services organization in Phoenixville.

**About the Organization:**

“Responding with compassion to the challenges of poverty-related needs across Lancaster and Chester Counties, Good Samaritan Services takes a customized approach to helping men, women, and children overcome homelessness and hardships. Good Sam serves up to 200 people a day, providing a flexible spectrum of services ranging from emergency shelter to permanent housing, along with personal development and financial stability resources to help people get back on their feet in a sustainable way. These



resources include parenting education and support, job training, microloans, car donations, matched savings opportunities, and much, much more!” - Good Samaritan Services

- Shelter Donation List**
- Laundry detergent
  - Dish detergent
  - Paper towels
  - Toilet tissue
  - Disinfectant spray cleaner
  - Disinfectant wipes
  - Large bath towels
  - Shampoo
  - Liquid bath soap

A more detailed wish list is above. It will go in an email blast and on the website at [www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org) but please consider cleaning products, personal care items, clothing, especially socks/undergarments, and gift cards to Amazon and Walmart. Please feel free to reach me directly if you have any questions!

Be well, do good deeds and stay in touch,

Rachel

Rachel Bailey

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[rachel.bailey120255@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.bailey120255@gmail.com)

Phone: 717-816-1317





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

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

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

**Sesquicentennial Kick-Off Events**  
**September 18, 2021**

**10am-1pm.....Open House Brunch at Eagle Grange #1**

32 East Blind Road (at intersection with Route 15), Montgomery, PA 17752

\* Drop in at Pennsylvania's first Grange - conversation, light refreshments, historical displays

**1:30pm.....Luncheon & Program at Country Cupboard Restaurant & Shoppes**

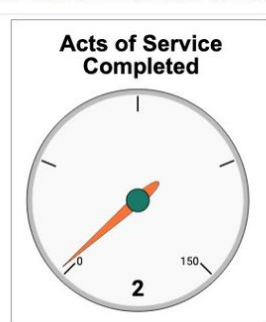
Kelly Room, 101 Hafer Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837

- \* Enjoy the unique gift shops, bakery, and greenhouse before or after
- \* Door to Kelly Room open at 1pm - Check-in at registration for table assignments
- \* Visit "Hall of Fame" memorabilia tables while waiting in the buffet line
- \* Program honoring "Hall of Fame" inductees; anniversary candle-lighting ceremony
- \* Dr. Meecee Baker speaking on Honoring Our History & Preserving Our Future

**LAST CALL TO PURCHASE TICKETS** - Contact Anna May Nauss at: (717) 697-5104 or [annauss@aol.com](mailto:annauss@aol.com)



150 Years...150 Acts of Service



**Celebrating with Acts of Service -**

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 our goal of 150 new service projects; please do your part to move the dial to 150 completed projects and beyond.

Granges may submit one or more acts of service 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 on-line listing; please follow the format of the first several projects already recorded, being as brief yet descriptive as possible.

**Degree Exemplification** - As part of our anniversary salute to Grange history, the First and Second Degrees will be exemplified by York County at the annual State Grange session in the Valley Forge Casino Resort on Friday, October 15, 2021, beginning at 7:30pm. If you and/or members of your Grange have never seen these degrees or you haven't witnessed them recently, please make this

**Please wear your T-shirt with pride at the Sept. 18th anniversary kick-off and at upcoming Grange events throughout the anniversary celebration.** The official 150th anniversary T-shirts featuring the slogan "**PA State Grange 150 Years - It All Started at Eagle #1**" are being worn all over the state and 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.



opportunity to experience the teachings of Faith and Hope a "must do" event.

**Lighting the Cake** - Our State Grange 150th birthday cake is blazing but individuals and Granges can still sponsor candles to be part of the fund raising efforts for the Sesquicentennial celebration. Contact the History Committee for details about remaining candles and how you can make a donation in any amount.



Call the History Committee to purchase a candle!

**Microfilming Records** - Local Granges are strongly encouraged to consider permanent preservation of their records through microfilming and/or digitizing. The firm that completed this work for the State Grange records is willing to do the same for local Granges at the same negotiated cost for the larger state contract. Details are available from Jenn Nauss at 717-512-1261.

Doug Bonsall, Chair  
PA State Grange History  
Committee

douglas.b@verizon.net  
717-921-1957 or 717-460-0723



## 2021 Valley Forge Casino Resort Tour

The 2021 Session Planning Committee and PA Grange Directors toured the Valley Forge and Casino Resort, King of Prussia on Sunday, August 8, 2021. The accommodations are beautiful. Restaurant and casino and local attractions to visit.

Visit: [www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org) to register!!!



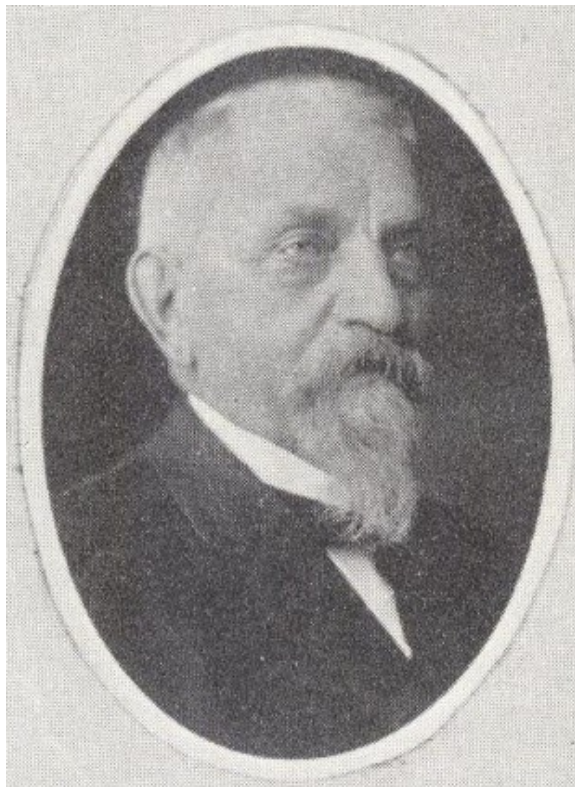
Upon arrival you will be greeted by a spacious lobby for check-in. Make note there is also mobile check-in service too. Also spacious seating area for your enjoyment.



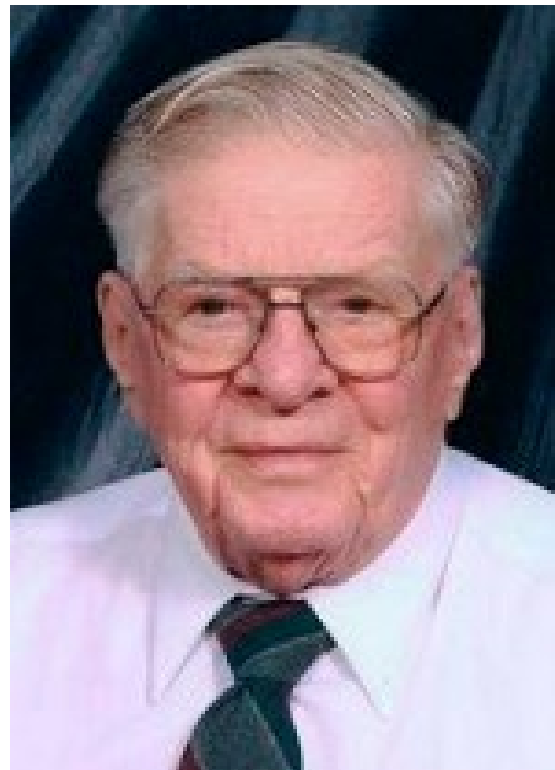
The group was impressed with our exhibit room space! Make sure to bring your exhibits to enter for State Session!!!



We deeply apologize to the Scott and Snyder families for posting the incorrect names under the photos in the July/August PGN. We are reprinting the article in its entirety with the correct names.



**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.



## Tony Fishovitz honored with Quilt of Valor



Engineering. Immediately following graduation Tony went to work for Westinghouse Electric Corporation in the Pittsburgh area. Amid several parent company changes, Tony remained with the company retiring in 2016 with 36 years of employment with the current Eaton Corporation.

Many of his military friendships have remained over the years and continue to expand especially through Facebook.

Anthony (Tony) John Fishovitz served in the Air Force from 1973-1976. Tony held the rank of Sergeant stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, SD. During his time of service he worked in the MinuteMan Missile Silos as an Electro Mechanical Technician. Tony is a member of Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

### Military Info

Tony served in the Air Force from 1973 -1976 after enlisting at the local recruiting office. Basic training was at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. Next, stop was to Chanute AFB in Rantoul, Illinois for training as a Missile Systems Analyst for about 6 months. From there, off to Ellsworth AFB in Rapid City, South Dakota where he spent the rest of his enlistment. Tony was assigned to the 44th Strategic Missile Wing and worked to repair and/or replace Minuteman Missile II missile site components. During this time, he traveled to many of the 150 missile sites and the 15 launch control centers in Western South Dakota. At the time of his discharge, he had obtained the rank of Sergeant and had held the position of Chief on the electrical mechanical maintenance team. Because of his love for South Dakota and the experience and interest in electronics he gained in the military, he decided to pursue a degree at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota, where he graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical



**Thank you for your service!**

When Tony was asked for a memory from military service he shared a story of his first helicopter ride.

As a missile man stationed with the 44th Missile Wing at Ellsworth AFB my most important job was to help keep the Minute Man II missiles up on strategic alert so they could be launched at a moment's notice given the command by the president.

During the winter of 1975-76 western South Dakota had a 3-day blizzard that shut down half the state and knocked down power lines to several of the missile sites forcing them to go on emergency power. The high winds of the blizzard also forced snow into the diesel generators at the missile sites forcing them to shut down and consequently shutting down the missile site.

In order to get the missile sites back up on strategic alert crews had to get to the sites and dig out the diesel generators.

After the blizzard the roads were impassible. So, helicopters were used to fly work teams out to the missile sites. All of the helicopters that were in service had picked up their crews and headed out in all directions to sites as far away as 120 miles from the base. There were several helicopters in the maintenance hangar with one of them being air worthy. Command ordered that helicopter released from maintenance and my team was picked to fly on it to one of the nearby missile sites.

When I arrived at the helicopter I notice that the side windows were removed and not replaced. When I asked the pilot why we were flying in basically an open air helicopter his response was "I don't like the idea either but Command says it will get us there and back." So with my parka zipped up and my hood over my head on a bright and beautiful 10 degree day I took my first helicopter ride.

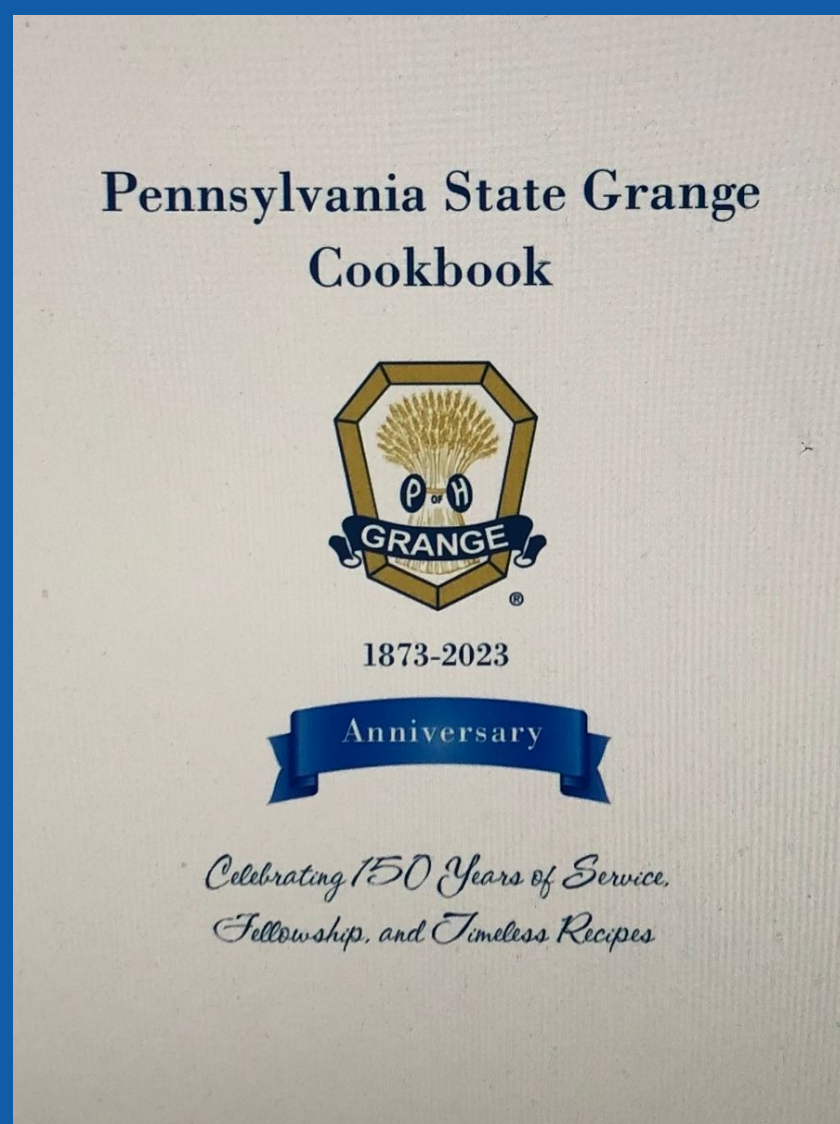


**Janet and Tony Fishovitz**

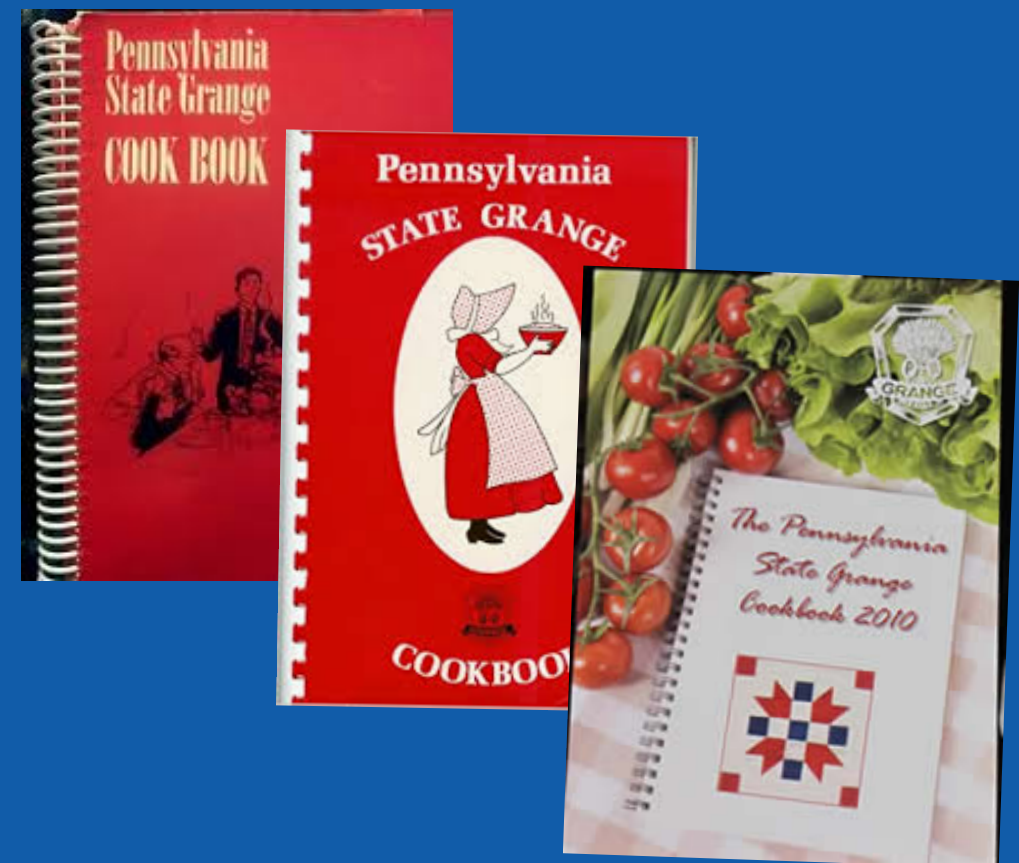
The Mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. If you would like to learn more, visit: [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org).



## Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbooks



**150th Anniversary  
Cookbook to arrive  
by October 2021!!!**



**\$30 each**

**Order Cookbooks at:  
[www.pagrang.org/](http://www.pagrang.org/)**

**Call 717-737-8855**

## 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  
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.**

# Pennsylvania Grange Camp Highlights





**Tentative Schedule**  
**149<sup>th</sup> Annual PA State Grange Session**  
**Valley Forge Casino Resort (HQ)**  
**1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA 19460**

**Thursday, October 14, 2021**

|                   |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1:00 pm           | Executive Committee Meeting       |
| 1:00 pm           | Exhibit Room Set-up by Committees |
| 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Convention Registration           |
| 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Exhibit Entries Accepted          |
| 7:30 pm           | State Officers Rehearsal          |

**Friday, October 15, 2021**

|                                        |                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Committee Meetings at their discretion |                                                                 |
| 8:00 am – 6:30 pm                      | Convention Registration                                         |
| 8:00 am – 10:30 am                     | Exhibit Entries Accepted                                        |
| 9:00 am                                | OFFICAL OPENING                                                 |
| 12:00 pm                               | Luncheon (General and Past Officer Luncheon)                    |
| 1:00 pm                                | Judging of Exhibits                                             |
| 1:45 pm                                | Session Reconvenes                                              |
|                                        | Suggestions for Officers                                        |
|                                        | Two-minute comments for candidates                              |
| 5:30 pm                                | Dinner Recess                                                   |
| 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm                     | Exhibits Rooms Open                                             |
| 7:30 pm                                | Presentation of the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degrees |
| 9:30 pm                                | Youth Officers Rehearsal                                        |

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**

|                     |                                                                                           |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 am – 1:00 pm   | Convention Registration<br>(Registration will have someone "on call" the rest of the day) |
| 9:00 am – 6:00 pm   | Exhibits Rooms Open                                                                       |
| 8:30 am             | Session opens with Youth Officers                                                         |
| 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | Junior Jam Registration *Depending on Jam Schedule*                                       |
| 11:30 am            | Additional Suggestions and Election of Officers                                           |
| 12:00 pm            | Youth Luncheon                                                                            |
| 2:00 pm             | Session Reconvenes                                                                        |
| 5:30 pm             | Dinner Recess                                                                             |
| 7:00 pm             | Conferral of 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree                                                       |
| 8:00 pm             | Installation of Officers                                                                  |
|                     | Closing of Session                                                                        |
|                     | Foundation Scholarship Auction                                                            |
| TBD                 | Youth party                                                                               |

**Sunday, October 17, 2021**

|                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8:00 am             | Church Service                |
| 9:00 am – 10:30 am  | Junior Grange Meeting/Degree  |
| 10:00 am – 11:30 am | Pick-Up All Exhibits          |
| 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Sign-A-Song & Public Speaking |
| 12:30 pm            | Milk Punch Reception          |
| 1:00 pm             | All Granger Banquet           |



## 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**

I hope all of our Juniors are having a great start to the school year - I'm looking forward to hearing about school from all of you! What's your favorite subject? Who's your favorite teacher? I can't wait! Fall is also quickly approaching. I know I'm looking forward to the leaves changing color, cooler days, hayrides, pumpkin patches, and so much more fun in the coming weeks! The past few months have been a whirlwind of fun for the Juniors across the state - from showing animals and other exhibits at county and community fairs, to summer vacations and road trips, to outdoor adventures ... and of course Junior Grange Camp and Family Festival! From June 27-July 3, 64 campers and 40 counselors, helpers, and staff members took to Camp Sylvan Hills for our annual Junior Grange Camp. What an incredible treat to be able to be together with one another again, for a week of fun, learning, and adventure in our **Wilderness Survival** theme! Special thanks to National Junior Grange Director Samantha Wilkins and National Junior Grange Ambassador Brianna Gervais for joining us part of the week. Thank you to all of the State Grange Officers who spent time with us during the week; to every counselor, helper,

and workshop leader who truly made the week a success; to Ruth Vonada, Thelma Brodzina, Ginny Straub, and Wayne and Debbie Campbell for keeping us all fed, and Tammy Schaeffer for keeping us healthy; to Lindsay Schroeder for all her amazing photography, and Rebecca Anzueto Estrada for compiling the camp newsletter. And thank you to the whole Junior Committee for your incredible work.

I also want to thank the Granges who sponsored campers, for ensuring that Juniors and their families have the ability to attend camp. Did you know that the fees paid by campers, helpers, counselors, and staff don't cover the true cost of camp? It is thanks to Granges who donate to the PAJG appeal that we are able to put on our camp every year, at a low and reasonable cost to families. We are already planning the 2022 camp:



which will be held June 26-July 2nd. **SAVE THE DATE!**

On Friday night at camp, we announced several prizes, and I just want to take a moment to list them here:

**Helper of the Year** - Logen Smith  
**Counselor of the Year** - Gail Switzer

Grange Knowledge Test High Scores -

Group 1 - Daxter Irons

Group 2 - Gayle Reyburn

Group 3 - Samantha Davis

Group 4 - Jackson Reich



Superlatives -

Group 1 - Lillian Dusko

Group 2 - Christopher Anzueto

Group 3 - Emma Seidel

Group 4 - Jackson Reich



Finally, thank you to Elisabeth Reich and Bryce Danko for two incredible years as PA Junior Grange Ambassadors. I am so proud of you both, and look forward to working with you as Grangers in the coming years! And congratulations to our new Ambassadors:

**Sadie Johnson**, a member of Hookstown Junior Grange, Beaver County and **Harvey Reyburn**, a member of Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County.





If you would like the Junior Ambassadors at your meeting or event, please contact me to make the arrangements! Sadie and Harvey are already doing an excellent job as representatives for the PA Junior Grange! Later in July, we celebrated Family Festival at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall. There were crafts galore, water games, and tons of fun to be had while trying to beat the heat. On Saturday evening, several Juniors competed in the Talent contest:

Variety Age 5-9

- 1st Place: Sawyer Straub
- 2nd Place: Savannah Beamon
- 3rd Place: Natalee Zug

Vocal Age 5-9

- 1st Place: Foster Kehs
- 2nd Place: Elsa Kehs

Vocal Age 10-14

- 1st Place: Gayle Reyburn
- 2nd Place: Molly Reyburn, Ruby Reyburn, and Gayle Reyburn

Congratulations all! We'd love to see even more Juniors in next year's talent contest! And speaking of course of contests ... State Session is just around the corner, and there are a TON of contest opportunities for our Junior Grangers. Junior contests begin on page 30 of the current Guide to Contests! Entries will be accepted at Session on Thursday evening and Friday morning. Also, this year we are keeping the **Virtual Pumpkin Decorating Contest!** "Virtual" Photo Entry - decorate a larger pumpkin or gourd at home and email 2-3 photos of it to [pajuniorgrange@gmail.com](mailto:pajuniorgrange@gmail.com)

Rules:

Do NOT carve the pumpkin or puncture in any way since this will cause rapid rotting. Acrylic Paint is suggested as the medium to use when painting pumpkins. A clear coat sealer will help keep the paint from chipping/flaking.

Judging Guidelines:

1. Originality
2. Neatness
3. Proper Size

Other contests this year include Recycled Craft (K-Cups), Baking Contest (Iced Drop Cookies), Creative Writing ("What Does Agriculture Mean to Me?"), Sculpture/Building Blocks, Pumpkin Decorating, Scrapbook Page ("Farmers Feed the World"), and the Art and Photography categories.

Also, take a look at all of the National Grange contests for Juniors. Those deadlines will be quickly approaching!

Stay tuned to the Pennsylvania Junior Grange Facebook group and the State Grange email blasts for information about upcoming Junior Online Gatherings and other special events coming soon!

Thank you all, and remember to **be kind,**

*Phil*

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## Government Matters

Carrie Nace

Novak Strategic Advisors

### ROYALTY DAY 2021

The Pennsylvania State Grange was honored to host the Youth and Junior Grange Ambassadors at the Pennsylvania State Capitol on June 8th. The Pennsylvania State 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.



Junior Grange Ambassador Elisabeth Reich, Youth Ambassador Isabella Boone, Row 2: Junior Grange Ambassador Bryce Danko, Outstanding Young Patrons Braden Gourley, and Derek Snyder

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.

### FAMILY FESTIVAL 2021

On July 16th the Pennsylvania State Grange held its legislative update session at Family Festival. Carrie Nace, legislative consultant, gave an update on what has been happening in Harrisburg as well as ask members present what their biggest priorities were for the upcoming year. Many great topics were covered such as vertical farming, and the Grange's stance on solar, healthcare and broadband. Many of these topics will be discussed in greater detail at state session in October

### 2021-22 State Budget Completed

Governor Wolf signed Senate Bill 255 into law as Act 1-A. The \$40.8 billion represents an under 3-percent increase in state spending for the fiscal year which began July 1, 2021. Agriculture fared pretty well with funding levels for most programs staying largely the same. The total PA Department of Agriculture budget (State, not Federal money) increased by \$4.8 million to a new total of \$174,515 million. Of key interest to the Pennsylvania State Grange was support for Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences agriculture research, Penn State Extension, and the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Sciences programs. Another success for rural PA in the State

Budget is a \$5.0 million program to expand access to high-speed Broadband.

### THIS FALL THE LEGISLATURE RECONVENES

After the summer recess, the PA General Assembly resumes its work in the fall. Suffice it to say that their agenda will be full. Here are some of the major issues which will occupy legislators' time:

- PA response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Reapportionment
- Election Reforms 2.0 (The first Voter ID bill was vetoed by the Governor)
- Nursing home and patient care issues
- Prescription drug pricing
- Opioid epidemic and how to spend PA opioid settlement dollars
- Unemployment Compensation system
- How to spend the Federal Government's COVID-19 multi-billion dollar funding to the Commonwealth

### HOW CAN PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE MEMBERS BECOME INVOLVED IN THESE PRIORITIES

The National Grange began as an advocacy organization to give farmers a voice in the economic issues of the 1800s. This advocacy continued in the 20th Century with the Grange seeking and winning on issues like rural-free delivery of U.S. Mail and rural electrification.

This advocacy was mirrored by the Pennsylvania State Grange as one of or even the first PA rural membership organization. Founded in 1873, the Pennsylvania

State Grange advanced the interests of your predecessors and advocates for you today. As one current example, the Pennsylvania State Grange is a prominent leader in pushing for expansion of high-speed Broadband. Several of our priorities are already enacted – making it easier for electric cooperatives to expand Broadband services to areas they cover, getting actual state money being spent on Broadband expansion, and 5G legislation that was just signed into law this past June.

## Advocacy

As a collective body, the Pennsylvania State Grange wants to continue to have influence in Harrisburg. Members can stay involved in the following ways:

**First**, stay informed. Be aware of what is happening legislatively that will affect you, your family and



Grange members; Clay Snyder, Wayne Campbell, and Art Zug meeting with Congressman Kelly during a National Grange Legislative Fly-In.

**Second**, meet your legislator if you have not already done so, autumn is the best time to get to know your legislator. Get to know him or her on a first-name basis. It can be as simple as calling the district office and say that you are a constituent and want to get together for a cup of coffee and

conversation. Whether it is property tax reform (waiving property taxes for historic Grange halls), access to health care such as Telemedicine (along with the reminder that Internet medicine is great if you have high-speed Broadband, not useful if you don't), or a wide range of other issues. The Pennsylvania State Grange can help coach you for that meeting and give you back-up on the issues to make the meeting with a lawmaker a success for you both.

**Third**, subscribe to your legislator's constituent newsletter list. That way, you get early notice of legislator-sponsored events like a senior expo or a Second Amendment seminar, or a town hall – many of these are virtual because of COVID-19.

**Fourth**, have the legislator choose you as his or her go-to person when it comes to your issues. Legislators must vote on a huge range of issues and often, they do not know much about many of them. They are forced to learn from their staff, what their party leadership tells them or what lobbyists tell them in Harrisburg.

Would it not be better if your Representative or Senator gets information from you? You know your world! Chances are that the legislator does not unless their background is a lot like yours. No one knows dairy issues better than a dairy farmer. If you farm or are retired from farming, you can help a legislator cast more informed votes on farm policy. If you are in business, you have first-hand knowledge of the need for

economic development and business investment in your community. Why shouldn't you educate a policymaker about tax issues or about the need for universal access to high-speed Broadband?

How does one get chosen by a legislator as "their expert"? Understand that your goal is to get the legislator to ask you about issues and what he or she should do. One way to do so is to invite the legislator to your farm or place of business to show him or her what you do.

If there is a Grange public service event, invite them. Although the Fair season will be mostly over when you read this, some Grangers in 2021 will have invited their legislators to visit them at the Grange booth. Legislators are going to the Fair anyway since that's where the people are, so it's not hard to convince a legislator to visit your booth. Perhaps a photo could be taken for use in the legislator's constituent newsletter. That type of citizen interaction helps him or her show voters community involvement. It also helps the Grange because people reading the newsletter may be prompted to find out more of what the Grange is all about.

As always, feel free to reach out to Carrie Nace for help in getting involved. She is ready and able to help you do outreach, attend a local grange meeting or write letters/letters to the editor for you use.

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# What's happening across PA...

## BEAVER COUNTY JR. GRANGE



Beaver County Junior Grange held their Junior Grange Camp the week of June 15th-19th at Tomlinson Run State Park. 26 campers attended camp. The theme was "Island Getaway" and the camp was decked out in tropical decorations. New Royalty were announced.



Left to Right: Court - Sammie Patton, Big Knob Grange; Court - Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Grange; Female Jr. Ambassador - Abby Dow, Fairview Grange; Male Jr. Ambassador - Paxton Short, Hookstown Grange; Court - Dylan Warnes, Hookstown Grange; Court - Alex Schrier, Hookstown Grange; Prince - Aarhett Beckert, Hookstown Grange.

## GOUGLERSVILLE #1743

### UPCOMING EVENT

Gouglersville #1743 will be holding their annual Tractor and Engine Show on Saturday September 25th 9am-5pm and Sunday September 26th 9am-4pm. The event is Rain or Shine. The address for the Tractor and Engine show is 1893 Old Lancaster Pike, Sinking Spring, PA 19608

Bring the family out for some fun! Walk through the locals' tractor and engine collections and see what past and present day farming is all about. You will get to meet some of the most hardworking people in the area, both young and old! On both days there will be a tractor parade at approximately 2pm.

If you are interested in bringing a tractor or engine call or text Amanda at 484-258-4642.

## PROGRESS #96



Congratulations to Miss Alaina McCloskey, daughter of President Denny McCloskey who was voted Progress Granger of the Year at their July meeting and picnic. A well deserved honor for someone who spent countless hours helping to feed our community over the past year. She also centered her Girl Scout Gold Award around Progress Grange, "Fix 96!" Alaina will continue her education at Penn State Altoona in the fall.

## Butler County Fair



Butler County Grangers were excited to share their Grange displays.



Ginny Mangel, Kayley Baker Butler Fair Ambassador, Taylor Kennedy Butler Fair Queen, Jessica Ranko Butler Fair Princess, Jillian Ranko Butler Fair Ambassador. and Richard Mangel, Butler Pomona president.



Jacob Corll Mahoning Co. Youth Outstanding Youth Ambassador, Amber Corll Grange & 4-H Ohio State Youth Ambassador, and Sarah Delucia Mahoning Co. Ohio 4-H Queen

## York Fair



Here are some photos of the Grange displays at the York County Fair. Valley Grange placed 1st, Red Lion Grange 2nd, and York County Pomona 3rd in the fair judging. Judy Wood and her sister Leslie Sutton spend some time checking out the artifacts on the Red Lion Grange's display.

# What's happening across PA...



Lincoln Grange display

## Huntingdon County Fair



Hartslog Valley Grange 1st Place



Huntingdon Pomona Grange



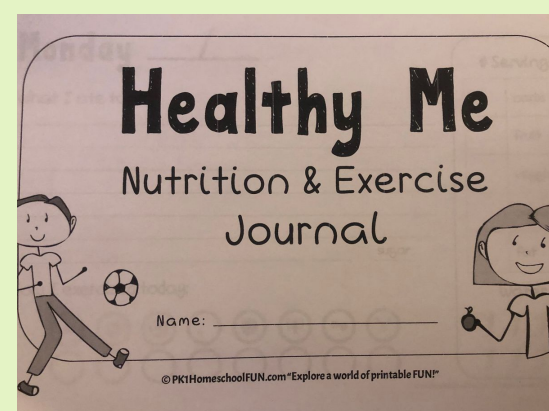
Jodi, John, and Cindy Keith in the Grange booth at Huntington County Fair.

The Huntington County Fair was held August 8 - 14, 2021. The Huntington Pomona Grange had a strong presence with Hartslog Valley, Lincoln Grange, and Pomona display booths. They also had a beautifully decorated patriotic booth where they greeted attendees and sold cookbooks.



Carol and Clair Grove won the Huntington Pomona Community Citizen Award

## CV Grange #2104



The Cumberland Valley Grange recently had a 2-day program for the Shippensburg Summer Lunch Program. They made Fairy House containers and worked with recipes in preparing healthy snacks.

## Elizabethtown Grange #2076



The Elizabethtown Historical Society asked the Elizabethtown Grange for a display highlighting their Grange as one of its initial Sponsoring Community Organizations. As you can see, curator Dixie Kaley has put together an outstanding exhibit

## Progress Grange #96



### Progress Grange's 5th Annual Children's Fair

Progress Grange's 5th Annual Children's Fair was held on Saturday, July 17th. The top left picture is of Bryan Samsel, the Centre County Sheriff & member of Progress Grange along with Tammy Jurkowski, Jess Garbrick, and Sophia Garbrick. The next picture is Tammy Jurkowski and Denny McCloskey, the Coordinators, followed by a picture of the planning committee, Tammy Jurkowski, Jess Garbrick, Sophia Garbrick, Alaina McCloskey & Denny McCloskey. The fourth picture is some members of the PA State Junior Grange along with Tammy Jurkowski and Sophia Garbrick.

## Lawrence County Pomona Grange #65



Jen Caulk performing Sign-a--Song.



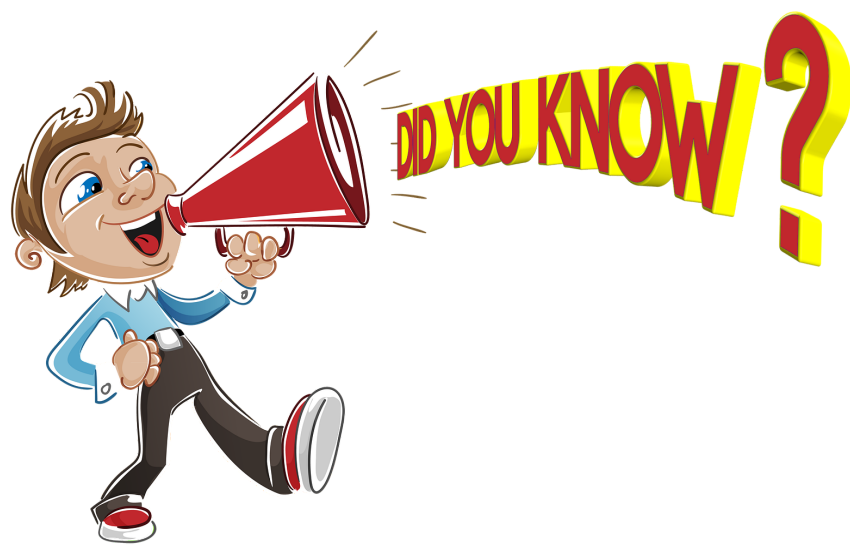
Lizzie Bailey shares Grange news.



Mary McMillan presents "I Love You" plaque in sign language as a thank you to Jen & Lizzie.

Lawrence County Pomona Grange #65 held an "All Grangers and Friends Dinner" on July 10th at Mahoning Valley Grange #1649. This was in place of our "All Granger Banquet" that would have been held in April but because of Covid restriction, was changed. The evening began with Eric "Ric" Jones, Pomona Master/President, welcoming everyone. Followed by a very brief business meeting he led everyone in the Pledge Allegiance and the blessing by Pomona Chaplain Howard Artman. A delicious buffet supper was cooked and served by Barb Hershberger and her 5 daughters and son-in-law. Following the meal, we were entertained by Jen Caulk in signing a variety of songs. Speaker Lizzie Bailey, State Grange Public Relations/Membership Director, spoke on the activities of the State Grange. She spoke that "change" is an important part of keeping Granges active. She invited everyone to come to see the new State Grange office in Mifflintown.

## October Is National Chili Month



First prepared somewhere in Southern Texas or Northern Mexico, chili started out as a simple preparation of meat and spices. Working-class women stewed beef pieces, chilis, and other vegetables and spices to make a hearty dish that would feed a whole family. In San Antonio, women known as “Chili Queens” made and sold chili by the bowlful in the city’s markets. Soon “Chili Parlors” began popping up, and the practice spread throughout Texas and other states, with each Chili Parlor claiming its own special, secret recipe. At its core, chili is just a seasoned stew of beef and chili peppers, topped with cheese and onions. But don’t be fooled – this deceptively simple dish sparks heated debates over what ingredients truly belong there. The only ingredients people can agree on are chilis and beef – the rest is up for debate. Even though beans seem like a natural addition, some chili connoisseurs swear beans have no place there at all.

Today, chili remains a popular part of American cuisine and ubiquitous camping food. You can find dozens of varieties including beef, bean-less, vegetarian, and turkey to suit your tastes.

[nationaltoday.com/nationalchilimonth/](http://nationaltoday.com/nationalchilimonth/)



### Chili

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 1/2 pounds ground beef                     | 2 cups water          |
| 1 (32 oz) can tomato juice                   | 1 onion, chopped      |
| 2 (16 oz) cans Mexican-style stewed tomatoes | 1 teaspoon salt       |
| 2 (15 oz) cans chili beans                   | chili powder to taste |

Brown the ground beef in a skillet, stirring until crumbly; drain. Combine the tomato juice, undrained tomatoes, undrained beans, water, onion, salt and chili powder in a saucepan and mix well. Stir in the ground beef. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally; reduce heat. Cook until of the desired consistency, stirring occasionally. Adjust the seasonings. Ladle into chili bowls. Yield: 6 servings.

Rita L Johnson, Riverview Grange, Nebraska

This recipe can be found in the What's Cookin' In The Grange, the 2000 edition National Grange cookbook.

### Chili Sauce with Cabbage



25 large ripe tomatoes, 8 large onions, 3 green peppers, 1 cabbage, chopped fine, add 4 1/2 cups sugar, 3 cups vinegar, 1 1/2 tablespoons celery seed, 2 tablespoons white mustard seed. Cook 1 hour or longer if not thick enough.

Eldred Grange # 467, Pomona #10

This recipe can be found in the 1925 edition of the Pennsylvania State Grange cookbook.



# Member Benefit Highlights

**It is never too early to start Christmas shopping! Are you an online shopper? 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

<https://www.rakuten.com/r/PAGRAN24?eeid-28187>

If you are asked for a referral code use: pagrange

There is nothing easier than getting paid to shop online!



**Do you take prescription medications? Do you have a CVS near you?  
We may have the benefit for you!**

RX Pharmacy Card provided by CV Caremark (also for pet prescriptions) –program offers the RxSavings Plus Card, a NO FEE exclusive benefit to National Grange members that is not offered to the public. The RXSavings Card allows members to go to almost any pharmacy. Unlike other savings plans, the CVS-Caremark program applies to 99% of prescription drugs. Save on Lipitor, Viagra, Plavix, high blood pressure medications and thousands more—even pet medications!

If your pet has been prescribed a medication, you may get a discount with the RxSavingPlus Prescription Discount Card at a participating pharmacy. During your pet's examination and ask if the treatment plan they are recommending includes medications that are also used to treat human conditions. If so, you can request a written prescription from your veterinarian instead of the veterinarian clinic providing the medications.



## Welcome New Members!!!



### **Eagle #1**

J Glenn Pauling  
Daun Williamson

### **Harmony #1201**

Terry Goss  
David Hughes

### **Hickory #1285**

Bev Hudsick  
Gilbert Barker  
John Kramer  
Amber Bundy

### **Fairview #1351**

Ravyn Narad  
Isabella Narad

### **Valley #1360**

June Foldi  
William Saylor  
Linda Crook Saylor



### **Jefferson #1373**

Stacey Curran  
Nancy Hawk  
Sally Pryor  
Dawna Toth

Carol Kohser

### **Scrubgrass #1705**

Karen Kellerman  
Teresa Sellers

### **Unity #1710**

Channing Rutledge

### **Trexlertown #1755**

Joshua Reichard

### **Madison #2064**

Nichole Burns  
Zachary Burns

### **Russelville #91**

Joyce Hershey  
(Sept. 1938)

Elizabeth Sharon  
(Sept. 1942)

Charles Sharon Jr  
(Sept. 1942)

Fran Sharon  
(Oct. 1942)



## In Memoriam

"Well Done Good and Faithful Servant..."

### **Brandywine #60**

J Edwin Cook

### **London Grove #63**

June Pratt

### **Fulton #66**

Earle Gilbert Jr

### **Logan #109**

Richard Fisher Sr

Wayne Lutz

### **Turbett #781**

Harold S Book

Harvey Fettig

### **Hickory #1285**

James Keck

### **Roseville #1290**

Lois Carrier

Edward Summerville

### **Valley #1360**

John Hoover

### **Richland #1413**

Janet Dehart

### **London #1492**

Walter Richardson

### **Ontelaunee #1617**

Diane Leibensperger

Ricky Manwiller

Marie Ohlinger

Florence Schappell

### **Wills #1690**

Larry Rhoads

### **Scrubgrass #1705**

H Arlene Drake

Scott Gianoglio

### **Trexlertown #1755**

Richard Gangewere

### **Community #1767**

Mac Bruker

### **Virginville #1832**

Mary Hoppes

Ann Hersh

### **Bernville #1887**

Carroll "Buddy" Snyder

# 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**

### 2021-2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All dates are tentative and subject to change.

#### 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  
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  
18-23rd: Grange Revival; Upper Peninsula, Michigan

#### AUGUST

9-11th: AG Progress Days; Pennsylvania Furnace



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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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