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The Master's Station

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Setting Goals That Are S.M.A.R.T.

Goals. We all have them.

Many of us make resolutions each New Year in hopes of self-improvement, whether it be kicking a bad habit, getting in shape, or better managing our finances. While these pledges may have been made with the best of intentions, without a carefully choreographed plan, often we are destined to fall short.



During the National Grange Leadership Conference, one of the workshops focused on setting “S.M.A.R.T. Goals” within your personal life and within your Grange. This is an acronym for Smart, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound. You might see different words corresponding to each letter from time to time, but in the end, the message remains the same. By envisioning a goal with these criteria in mind, you are charting a roadmap for success. These stated metrics provide a sense of direction, and help not only you, but those in your Grange get organized and focused.

So, let's break down the components of a **S.M.A.R.T.** goal:

S – SPECIFIC: Our first step is to define a clear and unambiguous objective. By establishing a goal that is specific, attention will be more focused on an exact area. Regardless of whether the goal is big or small, it should be easily described, and understood by others.

M – MEASURABLE: What will success look like, and more importantly, how will we know when we get there? Establish certain criteria that quantifies progress towards the

accomplishment of the stated goal. When possible, utilize numbers or percentages to tabulate progress. We cannot rely merely on personal opinions that can be open to interpretation.

A – ACHIEVABLE: Consider those involved in the process, and whether the combined skills needed to succeed are present. Goals should not necessarily be easy but should be attainable with a well-constructed plan. Your fellow Grange members will not be inspired by boring or easy goals, but they will work towards what they believe can be attained.

R – RELEVANT: Will achieving this goal be impactful to your overall body of work? Ensure that reaching this stated goal will address a particular challenge or obstacle to your current

performance. Also, it is important to understand that results won't happen overnight. The process can become a long journey, and everyone must be fully invested towards seeing it through.

T – TIME-BOUND: Selecting starting and target dates of completion creates a sense of urgency for all involved, pushing members to work harder and with deliberate action. Keeping everyone motivated and on-task can be a challenge, but the anticipation of the end-result should be a source of motivation.

With these five key components outlined, S.M.A.R.T. goals provide a clear understanding for all involved, and plan of what steps must be taken along the way. These steps, combined, become a course of action. Everyone involved understands the role they play, and their responsibilities. These actions will also fall into a chronological order, optimizing productivity.

An additional benefit to seeing the pathway laid out is that it provides the opportunity to evaluate the overall process. Can any steps be condensed, combined, or eliminated? Challenges can be anticipated, and contingency plans considered, making extensive delays avoidable.

S.M.A.R.T. goals are an insight into your expectations of your future self and future Grange. Even an objective that doesn't meet all the S.M.A.R.T. criteria is still a learning opportunity.

Some people struggle with goal setting, and that's okay. This is a skill you can develop, both individually and as a Grange. Take comfort in knowing that setting goals is the first step to reaching them. Each time you work through a S.M.A.R.T. goal, you'll learn what practices work best for you and which ones to avoid.

Just remember: even slow progress is progress.

Fraternally,
Master Matt





Membership News

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The Grange in Action

The past six months I've been trying to decode a secret and I found the answer.

What are the Granges experiencing growth doing? What is their secret?

The answer given by almost everyone has three simple parts:

1. We invite them to an event.
2. We share with them what we are doing in the community.
3. We just ask.

Granges are already doing to first step - we are involved in the community. Let's look at the ways we are bringing people into our Grange halls. Granges have hosted Easter Egg hunts, Christmas parties, Trick-or-Trunk, and picnics. We've held meals recognizing First Responders, Firefighters, Anglers, Hunters, and Police Officers. We've held soups sales, spaghetti dinners, chicken BBQs, chicken and waffles meals, and regular breakfasts. We've made homemade Easter eggs and apple butter.

We have held food distributions, craft workshops, craft fairs and bake sales. We've hosted guest speakers ranging from political candidates to agricultural specialists to local historians and everyone in between, covering topics important to the community.

Grangers have helped their local schools with reading programs and donations to hygiene closets. We've been involved in local fairs, Ag Progress Days and the Pennsylvania Farm Show. You've donated to Veteran's homes, women's shelters, senior centers, and homeless

shelters. You've packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child and Jared Boxes.

Not only have you donated physical items; you've donated your time and energy.

The Grange has made a difference in the community at all levels - local, state, and national - because of you.



By making a difference in our communities, we are sharing who we are with those around us and bringing new members in.

We're doing the hardest part of membership - we're already inviting people in. We're sharing what we stand for and are doing in our communities.

People want to belong to organizations that are making a difference in their communities. People are seeing we are making a difference in our communities All that remains is to ask them to join.

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Subordinate Spotlight

Russellville #91 Chester County

By: Norman Houser

Located in the rolling hills of Chester County, Russellville #91 remains devoted to its history while moving forward to be an important part of their community. Since their chartering, Russellville has been an important part of their community, hosting socials, having speakers, and holding events to bring the community together.

Organized on January 31, 1874, Russellville Grange was chartered June 29, 1874, with twenty-five charter members with Joseph Miller serving as their first Master/President. Members originally met at the Villa Nova School, which was located just north of Russellville.

In November 1876, it consolidated with Cochranville #275. During this period, the Grange held their meetings in a wheelwright's shop and then on the second-floor of a grocery owned by one of their members until they were able to purchase land to build their own hall in 1877. This hall, which is called Somerset Hall in the newspapers at the time, was erected at the intersection of Route 896 and Eden Road. Located within the hall was a small grocery which sold goods to members at a discounted price.

By 1901, the membership of Russellville Grange was declining and members did a door-to-door membership drive. This was a success, bringing thirteen members into the Grange as a result. With their Grange now growing, in 1916, they purchased the Russellville Public Hall, and Russellville Grange held their first meeting there on March 16, 1916. Eighty years later, in September 1996, Fernwood #1329 consolidated with Russellville.

From the beginning, Russellville has been involved in the community, hosting meals,

holding plays, entertaining speakers, holding a soup sale and their annual chicken bar-b-que. In the 1910s, Russellville held an annual corn show, where they held an open meeting, inviting farmers to bring their best ears of corn to be judged

for size and taste. This tradition continues with their "Harvest Night," which involves the judging of pies, pumpkin decorating,

and continues the tradition of judging ears of corn.

At one time, Russellville Grange had a 14-piece orchestra, a children's choir, and a men's quartet. These musical groups were an important part of many of Russellville's programs and they would tour the area performing at other Granges, community events, and fairs.

The history of Russellville cannot begin without mention of the notable people who have been involved in their Grange's history: Gayle Reyburn (2023-24 Pennsylvania State Jr. Ambassador; 2023-24 National Jr. Ambassador); Tina Keen (Deaf and Community Service Director (2023-present); and Cassandra Kehs (Pennsylvania Jr. Princess/Ambassador 2018-2019), Harvey Reyburn (Pennsylvania Jr. State Ambassador 2021-2022).

With a lengthy history of being a part of their community, Russellville Grange looks forward to the future and how they can be a part of the ever-changing community.





History Committee

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Thank You...to all Granges that participated in either of the two State Grange leadership conferences held in February and March. Your History Committee was pleased to participate and give a presentation on the importance of records preservation. Granges have many years of history in their records, telling the rich story of the life and culture in rural communities. Preserved records are the only reliable source of accurate history of your Grange; if destroyed or unprotected, the legacy is gone forever.

Types of Records

Records that should be preserved include: meeting minutes, member roll books, financial records, pictures with identification, news clippings (be sure to include the date), department/committee scrapbooks/reports, newsletters, and awards/plaques/citations. Some documents, however, may have limited historical value; routine correspondence, thank you notes, and invoices (after audit) might be among things not permanently maintained.

Steps

Consider these simple steps to organize your Grange's historical documents:

- Gather all materials into one place.
- Separate by type of document.
- Identify start/end dates of each volume – preferably on outside cover of each book.
- Put into chronological order.
- Identify pictures – include the event and names (if possible).

Preservation Options

After your records have been organized, the next step is to store them appropriately. There are two main types of storage – electronic (digital and/or microfilm) storage and physical

(paper) storage.

Electronic Storage

The electronic option is the most permanent storage but also the most expensive option. Old records may be microfilmed by a company providing this type of service, a process in which an image (picture) of each page is taken and put onto a roll of film. This is the most permanent type of storage but requires access to film reader equipment to view the information. Once microfilming has been done, it is possible and inexpensive to convert microfilmed documents to digitized images which can then be saved on a flash drive readable on most computers. Recent records created/maintained electronically on a computer can be easily saved to a digital format and can even be converted to microfilm images. Digitized records can be loaded onto a website to make them readily accessible. Almost 150 years of State Grange records were microfilmed and digitized over the past eight years and are now available to anyone on the History page of the State Grange website. The State Grange History Committee can provide guidance to any Granges considering microfilming and/or digitizing their records.

Physical Storage

The most basic and least expensive storage option would be to place paper records in boxes (preferably archival quality acid-free boxes), filing cabinets (preferably fire-proof), safe or bank vault. Regardless of where your paper records are stored, it is important to provide a climate-controlled location with proper humidity, temperature and limited light. Extremes of moisture, heat or sunlight will hasten the eventual deterioration of paper documents.

Storage in Local Communities

Sometimes Granges, including those which have disbanded, may wish to pass ownership of their records to another entity that agrees to permanently safeguard the historical documents. Local historical societies and community libraries are great possibilities but if doing so, please execute a written agreement that the materials will be preserved in perpetuity regardless of the frequency of their use.

Storage at State Archives

Another good option for permanent preservation of Grange records is offered by the State Archives of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. Starting in the early 2000's and continuing for a number of years, many Granges submitted dozens of boxes of their records to the State Archives. After a hiatus in recent years due to lack of space, the Archives has just opened a new building in Harrisburg that provides space to accept Grange records again for safe keeping. Records from local Granges temporarily stored at the State Grange headquarters to prevent their destruction will now be transferred to the Archives. Doing this is a permanent donation of records; materials at the State Archives are available for the public to examine on-site but cannot be removed from the premises, either temporarily or permanently. Your State Grange History Committee will provide the required form that Granges donating their records must sign and can help with the logistics of preparing and transporting materials to the State Archives.

Historical Markers

Plans are moving forward to install bronze historical markers at the gravesites of five persons who were influential in the formation and early history of the PA State Grange. The first such ceremony will be held Sunday, September 15, 2024, rain or shine beginning 3 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Maple Hill Cemetery, near Montgomery, PA to dedicate markers on the graves of Luke Eger (responsible for the organization of the first Pennsylvania Grange

Eagle #1 in 1871) and Frank Porter (first PA State Overseer and the organizer of 41 of Pennsylvania's earliest Granges). Following the ceremony, a showing of the State Grange 150th anniversary video and picnic supper will be held in the nearby Eagle Grange Hall; interested persons are welcome to attend and may receive more details from Doug Bonsall. Markers will also be dedicated in coming months for the three persons from Pennsylvania initiated into the National Grange Hall of Fame – past State and National leaders Leonard Rhone, John W. Scott and J. Luther Snyder. Unfortunately, regulations at the Pottstown Cemetery prohibit the installation of a marker planned for the grave of David B. Mauger, first Master of the PA State Grange.

Doug Bonsall, Chair
PA State Grange History Committee

We regret that we did not name the following winners of the tabletop displays from State Session in October 2023.

150th Anniversary Tabletop Displays

Overall Best of Show – Eagle #1, Lycoming County

Subordinate

1. Eagle #1, Lycoming County
 2. Valley #1360, York County
 3. Virginville #1832, Berks County
- Honorable mention: Perry County Pomona #69



Junior

1. Beaver County Junior Grange
2. Centre County Junior Grange
3. Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County





Family Activities

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Greetings Everyone,

Hope this issue finds everyone well and ready to get working on whatever you do this time of year. While we are doing our daily work don't forget to include our Grange contests.

You should have received your Family Activities packet now with all the rules for contests and Quilt Tickets. Remember that there are contests for 2024 and 2025 on the same paper, so make sure you are working on **2024 contests**. Please check all of the rules for these contests because there are a few changes. You can find the complete set of rules in the 2024-2025 Guide to Contests.

Quilt Block - Southern Belle - All Blue & White in printed and plain fabrics; follow the pattern for size and placement of colors.

Baking Contest - Blueberry Muffins, Pumpkin Whoopie Pies and Cereal Candy (your choice of cereal may be used).



2024 Raffle Quilt

Embroidery must be done by hand **no machine stitching**.

Counted Cross Stitch must be done on **Aida Cloth only**.

Tin Punching, Belts, and Stenciling stayed the same.

Please check the rules for these contests because there are a few minor changes. If you have any questions let Cindy or me know.

Please send all ticket stubs, with checks to me; also send all unsold tickets to me. If you need more tickets to sell let me know. I hope your summer will be an enjoyable one. Be safe and be careful in all of your summer adventures.

Fraternally,
Evelyn Cottrell

Send all unsold tickets
&
ticket stubs with check
to:

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Chaplain's Message

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Happy Spring from Central PA!

The weather is finally nice out that Riggs has been wanting to spend more time out doors and slide down his sliding board, any chance that he can get! He is more intrigued with Daddy's farm equipment and wants to take daily rides around the farm to check on the operation. It's very hard to believe that he is going to be two in a few short weeks. He is really growing up before our eyes.



With Riggs growing up, like a weed, it reminds me of the timing because here we are, finishing up the spring planting (as long as the weather, equipment and farm help have been on our side) or we might even be done. Whatever stage we are in, I think about how once the seeds are in the ground, we need to step back and ask God to take over. Psalm 104:10-14 reminds us, "He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains they give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches. He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work. He makes the grass grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate- bringing forth food from the earth".

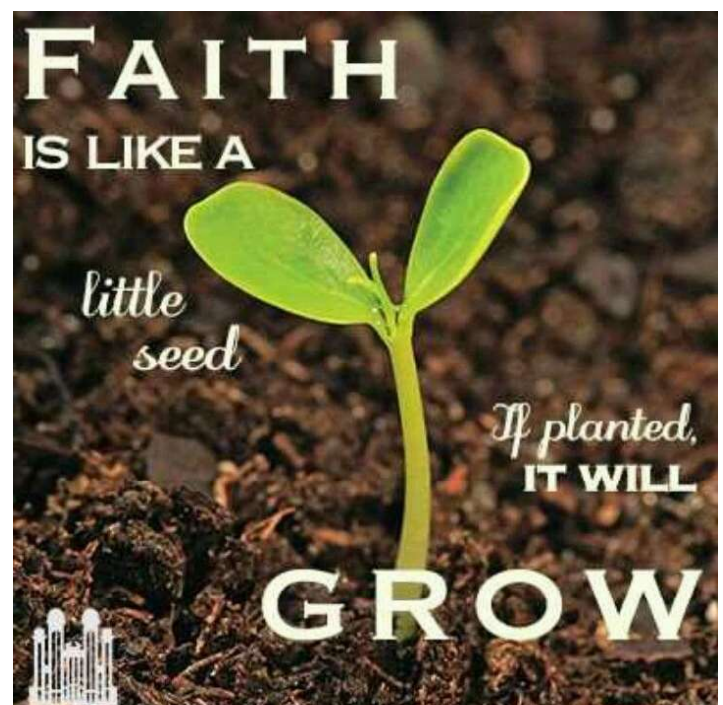
When we as farmers have done our part, whether in the fields, the garden, or watching our children grow, it's time to trust in God and turn the rest totally over to him, remembering to thank him for getting us this far, even if

there have been some challenges along the way...definitely not something that is very easy to do!

May is a month that we remember and honor mothers. This is another part of our lives where God is very much a part. In Matthew 23:37b Jesus said, "how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing." God the grower and also the protective mother, wants to be there for all of us. But we must be willing, not like the rebellious ones when Jesus spoke his words. God provides and we can receive. As plants grow physically, we can grow in faith.

Enjoy the sunshine, friends, as we soon will burst into the lazy days of summer!

Love Always,
Jodi Keith Kensinger





Deaf & Community Service

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“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much.” - Helen Keller

How often in the Grange does the work of Community Service fall into the hands of a few? When a project is announced, do your members lean into the project or run away? I have often heard (and use) the phrase “Many hands make light the work.” When we work together, we can achieve so much more than each of us can as individuals. Encourage your members to work together to complete projects, while also allowing members to work to their strengths. Reach out to members who could assist with the project – let members know that their contributions are important and valuable. Sometimes all it takes is an invitation!

Leadership Conferences

Thank you to everyone who assisted with our Community Service project at the Leadership Conferences. A total of 160 bags were packed with goodies that were distributed to nursing homes and many cards were colored or created that accompanied the bags. Your willingness to help with this project certainly brought a smile to many faces.

Appeal Funds

A big thank you to all Granges who have sent appeal funds thus far. Without those funds, we would not be able to complete all our projects, fund prize monies, or hold workshops. Thank you for your generosity.

Family Festival

Please consider donating a basket for our Silent Auction. All funds will be donated to Centre Safe (formerly Centre County Women’s Resource Center). Their mission is to empower survivors of sexual or domestic violence

and to work toward the elimination of such violence. Baskets should be delivered to Family Festival on Thursday, July 18. If you would like to contribute a basket but aren’t attending, please reach out and we can connect you with someone coming from your area. This has been a successful way for us to support organizations in the past and your continued support is greatly appreciated.

We will hold our annual bike/walk-a-thon. Monies collected will be used to support domestic violence survivors. The children and adults have a wonderful time biking and walking – please support their efforts.

If you are attending Family Festival, please bring new items to donate to Centre Safe. Items needed are \$5 gift cards (Wal-Mart, Sheetz, Giant, or Weis ONLY), cleaning supplies (smaller sizes), dishwashing sponges or brushes, and paper towels. These items are used both in the shelter and to assist individuals/families with start-up supplies when they are placed into safe housing.



Our workshop this year will focus on community service. We will be making tied fleece blankets that will be donated to Children & Youth Services of Centre County. If you or your Grange is interested in assisting with supplying fleece for these blankets, please reach out to Tina by July 1.

**Firefighter/Law Enforcement Officer/
Teacher of the Year Awards**

Nominations are due to Tina by August 1. Consider who in your area could be nominated for these awards; Granges may submit one name for each award. State and National forms are available on the PA Grange Deaf & Community Service website. Unfortunately we did not have any nominations to forward to National Grange last year and I know we have many in our state deserving of these awards.

Report Forms

Are you keeping track of your community service activities for your state report? Consider having members gather in late July

or August to start working on all of your report forms, not just community service. Many hands make light the work. A reminder that you do not need to submit a scrapbook with your report form, but if you are taking photos of your activities, please consider compiling and submitting one. The ideas in your reports and scrapbooks can spread to other Granges throughout the state.

“Whatsoever you attempt to do, strive to do it well.”

Fraternally,
Tina

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TUESDAY JUNE 11 - 6:30 PM
GATES OPEN AT 5:30 PM

HARRISBURG SENATORS VS. BOWIE BAYSOX

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Youth & Young Adults

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April showers bring May flowers!

Hello everyone, I hope everyone is ready for summer time because it's coming around the corner faster than you think. We just had our first winter retreat back in March in Williamsport with 16 in attendance. We were so happy that all of those kids could make it out. We had time to relax, catch up with old friends, swim, and even join in on our Leadership Conference at Eagle Grange #1. Desira led an excellent workshop that morning. Thank you Desira, we appreciate it! We also collected over 5,000 cards for our community service project. HOW AWESOME IS THAT!?! Thank you to everyone who gave your cards to us. They have already been mailed out to St. Jude's Ranch in Nevada.



On June 11 our youth team will get to meet in Harrisburg with their representatives, and be recognized at the Capitol. They will also be throwing out first pitches at the Senators game. **Grange Day at the Harrisburg Senators** is an event for anyone. Hopefully you were able to get tickets and enjoy the day. More about that day will be in our next edition.

Youth Camp is coming up quickly and the registration is fast approaching. Make sure to

send it in so you don't miss out on it. Please encourage the youth of your Grange to go. They are even allowed to bring a non-Grange friend if interested. Consider offering to help pay their way to camp. Deadline to register for camp is June 1. Can't wait to get out of this world, into space!

After camp we roll right into **Family Festival**. Returning as favorites; we have our chili cook off on Friday evening, youth outing (TBD), as well as a corn hole tournament. We are having a string art workshop as something new to try. All directions can be found on the family fest registration and Facebook. Keep your eyes open!

Something new we have been doing this year - we have been sending out birthday cards. As a simple "Happy birthday" and "We miss you, here are some of our upcoming events!" We hope to put a smile on some of your faces. So make sure you update your local Grange member list to the state each year so we have their addresses.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram. If you have any ideas for our committee, Jen or I, please send us a email or send us a text. We are open communicators and want our youth to excel the best they can.

Please reach out to our royalty before their term is up in June. They would love to keep going around visiting all of you. They have done an excellent job this year attending a lot of events.

Sincerely,
Lindsay

Join us for the 2024 PA State Grange Youth Camp



Name: _____ M _____ F _____

Address: _____ Age _____ DOB _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone/Cell: _____ Grange/ County: _____

E-Mail: _____ ALLERGIES _____

Sweat Pant Size: _____

1st Time Youth Camper: Yes No Interested in Youth Ambassador? Yes No

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Telephone Number: _____

Camp Fee for the Weekend: \$80.00 per person
(\$15.00 will be paid by the Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund Account)

Each person will pay \$65.00
*******SPECIAL - 1sr TIME CAMPERS ONLY \$40.00*******

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

Additional information and directions will be emailed or sent to you after your application is received.

Register Online by scanning the QR code.

Or mail in paper copy and payment to:
PA Grange Youth, c/o Jennifer Danko, 22 Twins Avenue, Newport, PA 17074

QUESTIONS?? Ema 1: kjbr2005@embarqmail.com/ Cell: 717.275.5047
Registration and Camp Fee Deadline: **June 1, 2024**





The Lecturer's Scroll

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Greetings from South Central PA! I hope this article finds you well and enjoying the warm weather of spring and early summer!

Contests

The Guide to Contests and Programs has been updated for 2024-25. Your Grange's Secretary should have received a mailing with specific information about Lecturer's contests and programs. Information can also be found on the Lecturer's page of the State Grange's website: <https://www.pagrang.org/lecturers.html>

State Grange Regional Leadership Conferences

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the State Grange's Regional Leadership Conferences this year. A huge thank you to Scrubgrass Grange #1705 in Venango County and Eagle Grange #1 in Lycoming County for hosting the State Grange for these events. Nearly 40 people attended each of the two conferences held in February and March. Attendees learned helpful information to take back to their home Granges. Workshops were presented by the Youth, Junior, Lecturer's, Deaf and Community Service, and History Committees, as well as by State Grange President, Matt Espenshade, State and National Grange Secretary, Debbie Campbell, and Legislative Liaison, Carrie Nace. Thank you to all the presenters for providing meaningful leadership training for Grangers from across the state.

Family Festival

The annual Family Festival will be Thursday, July 18–Sunday, July 21 at the Centre County Fairgrounds. This year's theme will be "Go for the Gold!" in honor of the Summer Olympic Games. New this year will be a fun, team contest in which attendees will work together

to earn points and bring home the gold! There will be activities throughout the weekend for teams to participate in and opportunities for teams to earn points; the team contest will culminate in a night of Olympic Games on Saturday evening where the winning team will be announced. Earn points for your teams by attending activities and workshops, working together to decorate your tents and campers, and by volunteering throughout the weekend. If you are interested in participating in the team contest, please check the appropriate spot on the registration form, included in this issue of the PGN. Please make sure to register by June 15. The schedule is tentative and subject to change, although many activities and events have been confirmed. Plan to attend this fun Grange weekend.

Eastern Region Leaders' Conference

The Eastern Region Leaders' Conference will be hosted by Pennsylvania the weekend after Family Festival, Friday, July 26–Sunday, July 28. This National Grange conference is a time for Grange members and leaders from the Eastern Region (states along the East Coast from Pennsylvania to Florida) to gather to network and share information. More details about this conference are included in this issue of the PGN. Our hotel headquarters will be the new Comfort Suites in Camp Hill with a tour in nearby Hershey and workshops and meals at nearby Valley Grange #1360 in York County. It promises to be a weekend of learning, fellowship, and fun. Mark your calendars and don't miss this event. Pennsylvania only hosts every few years, so this is the closest the conference will be for the next several years. The registration form is on page 21.

Jenn Nauss

Regional Leadership Conferences



State Grange President, Matt Espenshade, led a workshop on S.M.A.R.T. Goals.



State Grange Lecturer/Program Director, Jenn Nauss, welcomed attendees. She organized the series of regional leadership conferences.



State Grange Outstanding Young Patron, Desira Rickenbach, presented a workshop on behalf of the Youth and Young Adults Department. She led the group through several case studies and discussed how the organization can appeal to younger individuals and families.



State Grange History Committee Chairperson, Doug Bonsall, led a workshop on records preservation to ensure their survival for future generations.



State Grange Junior Director, Phil Vonada, discussed how to incorporate fun into Grange meetings. He led the group in a few Minute-to-Win-It games.



State Grange Legislative Liaison, Carrie Nace, discussed the organization's legislative priorities and updates.



Government Matters

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Happy Spring!
After a long cold winter, I hope this issue finds you celebrating green grass and full trees.

After celebrating a long sought after win to exempt Grange Halls from property taxes, we are now turning our attention to its implementation. I am slowly working through a list of Grange Halls that currently pay property taxes (some counties have always exempted Granges from these taxes) to work with counties to recognize the legislation. If your Grange currently pays property taxes, please reach out to me at carrie@nsallc.com or 717-424-5832.

General Assembly Returns to Session

On March 18 both the House and Senate returned to session after a long adjournment in the beginning part of the year. While it is expected most discussions in the spring session will be focused on the budget, there have already been policy discussions happening around Grange issues.

PA Senate Committee Passes Sunday Hunting Repeal

On March 20, the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee approved legislation (Senate Bill 67) that would completely remove the prohibition on Sundays available for hunting and trapping, and would leave all wildlife management decisions to the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Currently, hunting is allowed three Sundays a year. The Game and Fisheries Committee approved similar legislation that would have fully-repealed the Sunday hunting limits in 2021, but the bill did not get voted on by the full Senate. A similar bill has recently

been introduced in the State House of Representatives.

A prohibition on hunting on Sundays has been in place in Pennsylvania since 1873. The Pennsylvania State Grange has historically been the only agricultural and rural affairs organization that has remained steadfast against Sunday Hunting. Recently, some other agricultural organizations have indicated support for SB 67.

Now that the proposed legislation has been approved by the committee, it will sent to the full Senate for consideration.

The Pennsylvania State Grange asks our members to tell their State Senators and Representatives to oppose SB 67.



House Commerce Committee holds hearing on Right To Repair

The Pennsylvania State Grange was asked to submit written testimony on “Right To Repair” for a House Commerce Committee informational hearing on March 25. The hearing was held at the request of Rep. Kyle Mullins (Lackawanna County) to gather input from stakeholders with a possible bill introduction in the future. He wanted to highlight the importance of Right To Repair, emphasizing the environmental benefits, and the complexity of modern repairs. He stressed the value of stakeholder input for creating effective legislation and aiming for bipartisan support.

In its testimony, the Pennsylvania State Grange indicated that Right To Repair is not limited to agriculture. It affects much of what we buy and use products from automobiles to cell phones, and other consumer-focused electronic devices. In some buildings, temperature is computer-controlled and the thermostat is irrelevant. There are many things that consumers cannot fix any more.

For most farmers, replacing a \$40,000 piece of equipment on a whim is not an option. Their only real option is repairing damaged equipment. But who can repair it? The farmer? Repairs done solely by a certified equipment dealer who could be 30-40 miles away? If so, that farmer is at the mercy of the staff availability of that dealer. Many dealerships have established areas and territories they serve. Many operations on a farm are time sensitive, and down time waiting for repairs during planting or harvest can have a ripple effect for the rest of the year.

What if repairs are done by a local equipment dealer not affiliated with the manufacturers' brand? Which repair resource is qualified? Which facility is more accessible? Which repair is more affordable and is the price higher for repairs done by company dealerships because no one else is authorized to repair that piece of equipment?

To be fair, farm equipment manufacturers have a valid point. It may have cost millions of dollars for a manufacturer to have researched and developed the technological advances. Should they allow just any equipment dealers unfamiliar with the equipment to do the repairs? Doing so, they might say, increases their liability if they let someone else perform those repairs who may not have enough understanding and training to repair correctly. Could an independent repair prompt the manufacturer to void the warranty?

Some Right To Repair advocates may want complete access to manufacturer specifications including algorithms. They



might say that manufacturers base their restrictions against non-company equipment dealers on profits coming

from a restraint of trade. Some opposing Right To Repair could try to make the case that repair information for technologically sophisticated equipment is intellectual property and should not be shared.

In its testimony, the Pennsylvania State Grange made clear that its policy position voted on by members is in favor of the Right To Repair.

However, recognizing that there are arguments on both sides, the Pennsylvania State Grange is presented the following suggestions for the House Commerce Committee's consideration:

- Some manufacturers have already made agreements which they say allow independent equipment dealers to do the repairs. The Grange suggested the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) could examine those agreements and survey equipment dealers to determine the accuracy of that claim.
- Further, LBFC could also look at laws passed in other states to see if a national model of Right To Repair is emerging. It could also reach out to the national state legislator organizations – National Council of State Legislators and American Legislative Exchange Council to see what model legislation has been crafted. I suggest this not to say that we should follow a national model. Rather, it is important to see what others are saying and then the General Assembly can decide for Pennsylvania what should be done.

Hopefully, these suggestions could lay the groundwork for a Right To Repair bill that protects manufacturers' intellectual property while providing a certification training program so that repairs are done according to manufacturer specifications.

Dairy Discussion with Senator Judy Schwank



On March 28, Pennsylvania State Grange President Matt Espenshade, Legislative Director Carrie Nace and Doug Sattazahn, who is a member of the State Grange Ag and Environmental Issues committee, traveled to Senator Judy Schwank's Reading office to meet with the senator and her Chief of Staff Bill Evans.

The group had an informative discussion on dairy policy. While recognizing addressing the challenges of the industry will not be easy, Senator Schwank agrees working alongside of the Pennsylvania State Grange will be beneficial as policy is developed in the future.

Legislative Zooms

A reminder of our monthly Legislative Zooms. I hope to see more of you attend our monthly zooms on the second Thursday of each month as we meet to discuss the latest legislative developments. This provides time for each of us to discuss issues of importance to Grange members and allows me to better represent everyone.

In addition, I love visiting Granges and I am happy to come talk to your chapter to talk about what is happening in Harrisburg and throughout the state. I want to know what is important to you so please contact me and I will join a meeting.

For more information please email me at carrie@nsallc.com or call 717-424-5832.

Secretary's Corner

Debbie Campbell, State Secretary
dcampbell@pagrange.org

I have started receiving information for corrections for your members, thank you so much! If you haven't submitted yours yet, please do so that we have the most current information in the State Grange database.

The 2nd quarterly report is due by July 31. A reminder that the Bond Insurance is due with your 2nd quarterly report. Granges who elect not to renew coverage will be removed from the policy. Once removed, coverage cannot be elected to be added for two policy terms, so it is very important that you include it with this report. Participating in the Officer Bonding protects the financial assets of your Subordinate and Pomona Granges due to any unfortunate loss or theft of your Grange's assets.

Membership Recognition Seals and Certificates - remember to please honor your members by presenting them with membership certificates. You can honor your members starting at five years of membership and every five years thereafter.

I recently updated the secretary's manual, you can email me to request a copy or print it off the website www.pagrange.org.



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July 26~28

Name: _____ M _____ F _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone/Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

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Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Telephone Number: _____

Hotel Reservations:

Comfort Suites Camp Hill-Harrisburg West
100 Bar South Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011
(717) 857-8800

GROUP NAME & NUMBER ~ Pa State Grange/KH32Q8
<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/KH32Q8>

Registration Information:

Registration Fee ~ \$50

This fee includes tour, activities, meals, snacks, and workshop materials.

Please send registration fee and application to:

PA Grange Youth
c/o Jennifer Danko
22 Twins Avenue
Newport, PA 17074

QUESTIONS?? Email: kjbr2005@embarqmail.com/ Cell: 717.275.5047

Registration Fee Deadline: **July 12, 2024**





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The Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations hosted Cornucopia’s “A Taste of Pennsylvania” on Monday, March 18. Cornucopia has always been known as the premier “food” reception where agriculture is highlighted as the number one industry in Pennsylvania. The reception was a celebration that provided attendees a taste of Pennsylvania’s best.

spoke about priorities of the Committee on Agriculture and his work in Washington, DC discussing the Farm Bill.

Cornucopia was a great opportunity to mix and mingle with State Legislators and leaders in the agriculture industry. The Pennsylvania State Grange also handed out special Grange Cookies to friends and acquaintances.

Pennsylvania State Grange President Matt Espenshade, Legislative Director Carrie Nace, former National Grange President Betsy Huber and former Pennsylvania State Grange President and current PSCFO board member Wayne Campbell were just a few of the Grange members attending Cornucopia at the State Capitol in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



The Grange display showcased Subordinate involvement in communities across the state.

Among the speakers for the event were Secretary Russell Redding and Congressman “GT” Thompson. Both leaders highlighted the importance of agriculture in Pennsylvania. As Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Congressman Thompson



Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding speaking to the Cornucopia attendees.



Master Matt holding milk punch with PA State Dairy Princess Alexis Butler holding a Grange cookie.

Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations Cornucopia 2024



Master Matt with some of the FFA State Officers.



Milk Punch Toast



Congressman GT Thompson speaking at the Cornucopia.



Shermanata Grange member Autumn Moore played the fiddle during the event.



Master Matt with Rep. Donna Oberland from Clarion, PA.



Grange members Wayne Campbell and Bob Pardoe scoop ice cream for the attendees.



The Junior Granger

Philip Vonada, Junior Grange Director
pajuniorgrange@gmail.com
814-404-7985

This summer, there are multiple opportunities to get involved with PA Junior Grange!

First, there's still time to submit your **Spring Photo Challenges!** They're due by May 31 - check out the graphic here in the magazine, or email me at pajuniorgrange@gmail.com to learn more about the challenge.

I hope you'll join us on June 11 at FNB Field on City Island in Harrisburg for **Grange Night at the ballpark!** Junior Ambassadors Gayle Reyburn and Braden Thomso will be throwing the ceremonial first pitches, alongside the current PA Youth Team. This is part of their Royalty/Capitol Days, where they will also be honored by the House of Representatives and have the opportunity to speak directly with legislators about issues that are affecting children and youth across the state.

Then, from June 30-July 6, we are back at Camp Sylvan Hills for a "**Jurassic Journey.**" Travel back in time to prehistoric times with us for an exciting time of dinosaurs, cavemen, and who knows what else we might encounter! Registrations close on May 31, so visit <http://bit.ly/PAJGcamp2024> (it's case-sensitive), or you can fill out the form in this issue of the PGN. There will be a special prize for campers who bring a friend to camp for the first time - remember that any child aged 7-14 is able to



Email completed hunts (or as much as you have done by May 31) to pajuniorgrange@gmail.com

attend Junior Grange Camp their first year, even if they aren't a Junior Granger or 1+ member.

We will also be picking our new **Junior Grange Ambassadors** at camp. As a reminder, the PAJG Ambassadors will be one male and one female, who have celebrated at least their 12th birthday by December 31 of the year they are competing at State Camp. (This means Junior Ambassador candidates may range in age from 11 to 14 during camp. Candidates are not limited to the number of times they may compete in these years.) The full rules can be found on the Junior page on pagrange.org.

We are also seeking Counselors and Helpers to help us run Junior Grange Camp. Helpers must be between 16 and 18 as of the start of camp, and anyone over 18 will be a counselor. Email me (pajuniorgrange@gmail.com) to get a copy of the Counselor/Helper application. Note that no staff members will be able to come without current clearances. Submitting an application does not guarantee you will be able to attend camp.

At **Family Festival**, there will be plenty for our Juniors to do, from water games to workshops and activities, the bike-a-thon, and more. Family



Festival is a great way to visit with friends in an environment that's a little less structured than camp. The Junior Department will also be hosting a popcorn stand at movie night on Friday night, and Saturday morning yoga. I also think that Junior Grangers will be a great asset

(continued from Membership page 6)

State Deputy Program Update

Many have asked for the **Deputy program** to be reinstated and Matt and I have been working on bringing it back. We are in the process of selecting Deputies

The program will not be exactly the same as it had in the past. The early stages will be to reconnect our Granges, uplifting them and helping them to grow and succeed.

In the process of our selecting members, we have had a couple names given that we had not thought about. What does it take to be considered?

1. A Granger in good standing.
2. A Sixth-Degree member.
3. A positive attitude.

If you know someone who you believe should be considered to possibly be trained for a future Deputy, please let either Matt or myself know. There are a lot of Grangers out there who are very knowledgeable about the Grange and have the ability and desire to help others. In order to make this program successful, we need to start looking to the future and begin training the next generation now, not after the current generation is gone.



to the Olympic Teams at Family Festival, so get involved!

I want to hear everything that our Juniors are up to this summer, from Scouting activities, 4-H projects, summer camps, vacations, and more. Please share your pictures with me and tell me all of your stories. Summer is also a great time to work on your Junior contest entries - from diamond art to denim crafts, or try as many variations of Rice Krispies Treats as you can to perfect your recipe. Your summer photos will also make a great Fun in the Sun scrapbook page.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who purchased a T-shirt to support our Design-a-Shirt fundraiser. You helped raise more than \$300 for the PA Junior Grange. I also want to thank every Grange and Granger who has donated to our appeal.

For anyone who would like to know other ways to support the Junior program, please ask. One way you can help us continue to keep our camp affordable is to check out our Amazon.com wish list: <https://amzn.to/4a72ZOS>.

Thank you! I look forward to seeing you all join in on the fun this summer.

And as always, be kind,
Phil



June 30-July 6 - Sylvan Hills Christian Service Camp, Howard, PA

Age 7 - 14 as of the start of camp

Please fill out one application for each camper

Counselors/Helpers: Please contact Philip to receive a registration form!

Camper Name _____ M ____ F ____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/ZIP _____ **T-Shirt Size (circle one)**

Email _____ YS YM YL

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / _____ Age on 12/31/2024 _____ Adult: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Junior Grange Name & Number _____

First Year at Camp? Yes ____ No ____ How many years in Jr. Grange? _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____



Can your child swim? Yes - Beginner Yes - Intermediate

circle one

Yes - Advanced and comfortable in the water No - no experience

Deadline: May 31, 2024 Any application received after 5/31/2024 will be charged an additional \$20 and are not guaranteed a camp t-shirt.

Camp Packets with more information will be mailed/e-mailed to all campers about 2 weeks before camp!

- Cost** \$225 Full-Week \$15 per camper is subsidized by the Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund
- \$145 Half-Week

*Half-Week Option (Weds-Sat) is available for **first-year 7 and 8 year-old campers ONLY***

Sibling Discount: Discount: 1st Child = Full Price; then \$20 off for each child after. (2nd = \$205; 3rd = \$185; 4th = \$165, etc.) **No sibling discount can be applied to the half-week option**

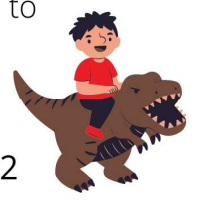
We don't want to discourage anyone from attending camp! If you feel the cost is out of your range, please email pajuniorgrange@gmail.com. Some scholarships or cost-reduction options may be available.

Payment Options: ____ Enclosed is my check payable to PA Junior Grange
 ____ I will send an email to pajuniorgrange@gmail.com to discuss payment options

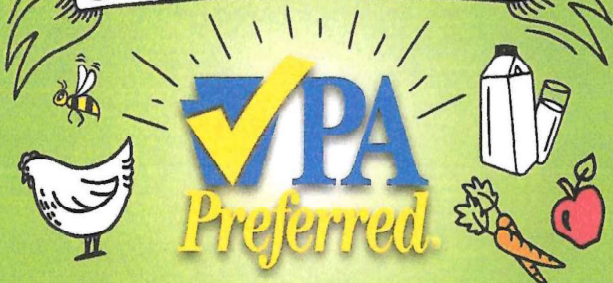


Mail completed forms and payment to:

PAJG c/o Philip Vonada, 358 Clinton Street, South Williamsport, PA 17702
 or scan and email to: PAJuniorGrange@gmail.com
 Online form available at: <http://bit.ly/PAJGcamp24> (case sensitive)



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SEASONAL PRODUCE CALENDAR

Use this quick reference guide to know what fruits and vegetables are in season (and at their most delicious and nutritious) in Pennsylvania!

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Apples	☼	☼	☼				☼	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼
Asparagus					☼							
Beans (Snap)							☼	☼	☼			
Beets							☼	☼	☼			
Blackberries							☼	☼	☼			
Blueberries							☼	☼	☼			
Broccoli					☼	☼				☼	☼	
Cabbage						☼	☼	☼	☼	☼		
Cantaloupe								☼	☼	☼		
Carrots							☼	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼
Cauliflower						☼	☼			☼	☼	
Cherries (Tart)							☼	☼	☼			
Cherries (Sweet)						☼	☼	☼	☼			
Corn (Sweet)						☼	☼	☼	☼			
Cucumbers						☼	☼	☼	☼			
Eggplant						☼	☼	☼	☼			
Grapes							☼	☼	☼	☼		
Kale						☼	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼	
Mixed Greens				☼	☼		☼	☼	☼	☼		
Mushrooms	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼		☼	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼
Nectarines						☼	☼	☼	☼	☼		
Onions						☼	☼	☼	☼	☼		
Pawpaw							☼	☼	☼	☼		
Peaches							☼	☼	☼	☼		
Pears							☼	☼	☼	☼		
Peas					☼	☼						
Peppers							☼	☼	☼	☼		
Plums & Pluots							☼	☼	☼	☼		
Potatoes	☼					☼	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼
Pumpkins								☼	☼	☼		
Radishes					☼	☼			☼	☼		
Raspberries							☼	☼	☼	☼		
Spinach					☼	☼			☼	☼	☼	
Squash (Summer)						☼	☼	☼	☼	☼		
Squash (Winter)	☼	☼						☼	☼	☼	☼	☼
Strawberries						☼						
Sweet Potatoes	☼	☼						☼	☼	☼	☼	☼
Tomatoes							☼	☼	☼	☼		
Turnips				☼	☼				☼	☼	☼	
Watermelon							☼	☼				

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2024 State Session Information

Headquarters hotel:

Pittsburgh Marriott North
100 Cranberry Woods Drive
Cranberry Township, Pa. 16066
Phone (724) 772-3700



Room rate:

\$144.00 per room per night
Includes Free Wi-Fi, Free parking,
Full Breakfast Buffet for up to (2) adults
and (2) children per room.

Thursday Bus Tour:

\$50.00 per person, includes box lunch (per registration required, maximum seating 56)
Bus leaves hotel at 9am and returns to hotel approximately at 5pm

Tour includes, Marburger Dairy, known for it
Gourmet Buttermilk, Avenue of 444 Flags
(about the Iranian Hostage Crisis 1979), and
Kraynak's.



Starting with the purchase of one hundred acres
of land in Evans City, PA, Marburger Farm Dairy
has been continuously operating in one form
or another since 1938. A German immigrant by
the name of George Marburger, Sr. first used
the land for raising draft horses until his son,
Adam, transitioned the 100-acre parcel to dairy
production. The business was featured in the
"Food Tech" series telecast by the History Channel.

Kraynak's has been apart of the Christmas tradition
for over 60 years. The 300-foot hall of "rooms"
each with a different holiday theme first opened in
1963. If you've never been to Kraynak's, know that
the garden center and year-round store delights
children of all ages with its incredible displays that
include animation, smell, lights and all sorts of
decorations. It really is a must see.





REGISTRATION FORM

Pennsylvania State Grange – 152nd Annual Session

October 17- 20, 2024

Cranberry Twp., PA. 16066

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please complete a separate form for each person attending. Additional forms are available at www.pagrang.org or by calling the State Grange office (717-737-8855).

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY FOR NAME BADGE

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Grange Name & No. _____ County _____

Please check all that apply:

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

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY September 8, 2024

There will be a \$10.00 Late fee assessed after registration deadline.

Registration Fee (<i>Junior Jamboree fee listed below</i>)	\$20.00	_____
Tour – Thursday (<i>pre-registration is required</i>) maximum seating 56 Marburger Dairy, Avenue of 444 Flags, & Kraynak's Lunch included – tour leaves hotel at 9am	\$50.00	_____
Friday Noon – Past Officers Luncheon (seating limited to 100)	\$30.00	_____
Saturday Noon – Youth Luncheon (seating limited to 100)	\$28.00	_____
Junior Jamboree (age 5-14) (Saturday—Sunday) <i>Includes all activities & meals (Sat. lunch, Sat. dinner, Sun. breakfast)</i>	\$30.00	_____
Sunday – All Granger Banquet	\$35.00	_____
Children (4 to 12), (3 and under FREE no meal)	\$20.00	_____
Total Enclosed		_____

Send form and payment **by September 8, 2024**

Make Checks payable to; PAGSW Convention District

Mail to: Jill Scott, address: 2795 Johnson Street, Aliquippa, Pa. 15001

Questions: Contact name: Jill Scott Phone #724-513-6993 email: nanajill5249@gmail.com

NOTICE: Gluten Free and/or Vegetarian meals are available. Any dietary or allergy concerns must be known prior to State Session.
Please list them here: _____



Tentative Schedule
152nd Annual Pa. State Grange Session
Pittsburgh Marriott North (HQ)
100 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, Pa. 16066

Thursday, October 17, 2024

10:00am	Executive Committee meeting—room to be announced
1:00 pm	State Officers, Committees arrive
	Exhibit rooms set-up –Ballrooms 1, 2, 5, 6 and Pittsburgh room
9:00am to approx. 5:00pm	Tour
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Convention Registration – Lobby
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	State Officers Rehearsal – Ballrooms 3 & 4
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Exhibit entries accepted – all exhibit rooms
8:30 pm	Welcome reception open to everyone

Friday, October 18, 2024

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Convention Registration – Lobby
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Session Comm. Meetings – Marshall, Jackson, Adams and Sewickley rooms
8:00 am – 10:30 pm	Exhibit Entries accepted – all exhibit rooms
9:00 am	OFFICAL OPENING – Ballrooms 3 & 4
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch Recess
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Past Officers Luncheon – Atrium (max. 100)
1:00 pm	Judging of Exhibits – all exhibit rooms
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Ballrooms 3 & 4
1:30 pm	Suggestions for Officers
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner Recess
5:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Exhibits open for viewing – all exhibit rooms
7:00 pm-7:45 pm	Speaker- TBA
8:00 pm-8:45 pm	Quilts of Valor
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Youth Officers Practice – Ballrooms 3 & 4



Tentative Schedule
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Saturday, October 19, 2024

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Convention Registration – Lobby
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Junior Jam Registration – Lobby – bus leaves at 11 am
8:30 am	Session opens with Youth Officers – Ballrooms 3 & 4
9:00 am – 7:45 pm	Exhibits open for viewing – all exhibit rooms
11:15 am	Election of Officers – Ballrooms 3 & 4
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch Recess
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Youth Luncheon & Presentations – Atrium (max. 100)
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Conferral of 6 th Degree – Ballrooms 3 & 4
3:15 pm – 5:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Ballrooms 3 & 4
5:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner Recess
7:15 pm – 7:45 pm	Department Award Presentations – Ballrooms 3 & 4
7:45 pm – 9:15 pm	Foundation Scholarship Auction – Ballrooms 3 & 4
7:45 pm	Exhibits Closed for tear down – all exhibit rooms
9:15 pm – 11:00 pm	Youth party – TBD

Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Church service – Ballroom 4
9:15 am – 10:30 am	Junior Degree – Ballroom 4
12:00 pm	PICK-UP All Exhibits (no early pick-up)
10:45 am – 12:45 pm	Sign-A-Song & Public Speaking – Ballroom 4
1:00 pm –????	All Grangers Banquet – Ballrooms 1, 2, & 3
	Installation – Immediately following Banquet
	Closing of 2024 Annual Session



2024 FAMILY FESTIVAL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY 18-21, 2024



All meals will be served **AT** the start-time. Please arrive at the beginning of the meal hour.
Schedule is **TENTATIVE**.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

- 1:00-4:30 Registration - Bldg. II
- 5:30 Dinner - Bldg. II (Penns Valley)
- 7:00-8:00 Welcome & National Grange Updates - Bldg. I4
President Matt Espenshade
National Grange Workshop by
Philip Vonada & Amanda Brozana Rios
- 8:00 Vespers & "Pass the Torch" - Bldg. I4
(immediately following workshop)
- 8:30-10:30 BINGO - Bldg. I4
(Optional - bring prizes worth \$5-10)
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

FRIDAY, JULY 19

- 7:30 Breakfast - Bldg. II (Campbells)
- 9:15-11:30 Tour - Brush Mountain Bison
(Meet at 9:15 to Carpool)
Board Games / Corn Hole Available
- 9:30-11:30 Registration - Bldg. II
- 12:00 Lunch - Bldg. II - Hoagies
- 1:00-2:00 Legislative Updates - Bldg. I4
- 1:30-4:30 Cooking for Crowds - Bldg. II
- 2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg. II
- 2:00-3:00 Youth Workshop - String Art - Bldg. I4
- 3:00-4:00 Junior / Youth Water Games
- 4:00-5:00 Membership Workshop - Bldg. I4
- 5:00 Dinner - Bldg. II - Chili Cook-off
(Hosted by Youth Department)
- 7:15 Cornhole Tournament - First Match
- 7:00-9:00 Family Movie Night - Bldg. I4
(Includes Popcorn)
- 9:00 Vespers & "Pass the Torch" - Bldg. I4
- 9:30 Knowledge Test - Bldg. II
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

SATURDAY, JULY 20

- 7:30 Breakfast - Bldg. II (Campbells)
(Young Patron Finalists Announced)
- 8:45 Group Photo - Location TBD
- 9:15-10:00 Yoga
- 10:00-11:15 Photo Scavenger Hunt - Meet Bldg. I4
(Bring Your Own Camera/Cell Phone)
- 10:00-11:00 Bike-A-Thon
Youth String Art Continued - Bldg. I4
- 10:30-11:00 Young Patron Interviews - Bldg. II
- 11:00-12:00 Anniversary Documentary Showing
- 12:00 Lunch - Bldg. II (Logan Grange)
(Impromptu Question to OYP Finalists)
- 1:00-2:00 Leadership Workshop - Bldg. I4
State FFA Team
- 2:00 Youth Outing - Location TBD
- 2:00-3:00 Lecturer's Workshop - Bldg. I4
- 3:00-4:00 Community Service Project - Bldg. I4
- 4:00-5:00 National Grange Communications
Workshop - Bldg. I4
How to Avoid Social Media Scams
- 4:30 Cornhole Finale
- 5:00 Dinner - Bldg. II (Walker Grange #786)
- 7:00 Talent Contest - Bldg. I4
(Pre-registration Required)
Introduction of Royalty
Olympic Games / Medal Ceremony
Vespers & "Pass the Torch"
Silent Auction - Final Bids Due
Ice Cream
(Clean out Buildings I2 and I4)
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 7:30 Breakfast - Bldg. II (Campbells)
- 9:00-10:00 Worship Service - Bldg. I4
- 10:00 Clean Up & Depart

Assistance with cleaning and packing up of Building II on Sunday is much appreciated!

The DCS Department is organizing a Silent Auction and Collection for Centre Safe.

Collection Items: \$5 gift cards to (Walmart, Sheetz, Giant, or Weis), cleaning supplies (smaller sizes), dishwashing sponges or brushes, paper towels. Donations of Silent Auction items are also welcome.



2024 FAMILY FESTIVAL

JULY 18-21, 2024

REGISTRATION



Please submit one form for each person attending.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Grange: _____

County: _____

_____ Tent (\$35 per night, NOT per person)

Tent Mates: _____

_____ RV/Camper (\$45 per night/space, NOT per person)

RV/Camper Mates: _____

Length: _____ ft. Trailer or Motor Home
(circle one)

_____ Dump prior to leaving (Fee \$25)

Day of Arrival: (circle one)

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Hotel - Please make your own reservation

Ramada Conference Center

1450 S. Atherton St., State College, PA 16801

(814) 238-3001 / Group Code: FAMILYFEST24

Rates: Thurs - \$99 + tax / Fri & Sat - \$129 + tax

Talent Contest Registration - REQUIRED

Please indicate: (circle)

Junior (5-14) Subordinate (14+)

Vocal Instrumental Variety

Equipment Needed: _____

TEAM CONTEST

New this year, we will be having a friendly team contest throughout the weekend of Family Festival with different ways for your team to "Go for the Gold". Check here if interested in participating! _____

The Youth Outing on Saturday afternoon will have a cost (TBD) that can be paid at the time of the outing.

_____ I will be participating in the Youth Outing

_____ I will be participating in the Chili Cook-Off Contest
(Bring entry in at least a 6 qt. slow cooker; must be taken to the dinner area in Bldg. II by 11 am on Friday)

Tentative menu listed on page 34.

MEALS (please check desired meals)

Children under 4 are free; ages 5-11 are half-price.

_____ All Meals	\$56.50	_____
_____ Thursday Dinner	\$8.00	_____
_____ Friday Breakfast	\$5.50	_____
_____ Friday Lunch	\$6.50	_____
_____ Friday Dinner	\$6.50	_____
_____ Saturday Breakfast	\$5.50	_____
_____ Saturday Lunch	\$7.00	_____
_____ Saturday Dinner	\$12.00	_____
_____ Sunday Breakfast	\$5.50	_____

Tent Fee (per night) _____ x \$35.00 _____

RV/Camper Fee (per night) _____ x \$45.00 _____

RV Dumping Fee \$25.00 _____

Adult Registration Fee (per person) \$10.00 _____

Child Registration Fee (per person) \$5.00 _____
(5 - 17 years)

Cooking for Crowds Workshop \$5.00 _____

String Art \$10.00 _____

Total Enclosed _____

Deadline for Registration - June 15, 2024

Make checks payable to: PA State Grange

Send registration and payment to:

PA State Grange

Attn: Family Festival

26 CJEMS Lane

Mifflintown, PA 17059

Thursday Dinner

(provided by Penns Valley #158)

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce; Garlic Bread;
Tossed Salad; Dessert

Breakfast (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday)

Pancakes & French Toast/Syrup/Butter
Scrapple/Sausage/Bacon
Eggs made to order
Toast; English Muffins; Bagels
Milk; OJ; Coffee; Hot Tea
Cold Cereal; Fruit

Friday Lunch

Hoagies - Ham, Hard Salami, Bologna,
Tuna Salad; Tossed Salad
Fresh Fruit
Pickles; Pickled Eggs & Red Beets
Nachos & Cheese
Pudding; Dessert

Friday Dinner

(provided by Youth Department)

Chili from Cook-Off
Hot Dogs; Baked Potatoes; Tossed Salad
Cookies

Saturday Lunch

(provided by Logan Grange #109)

Taco Salad; Tossed Salad
Grilled Cheese; Tomato Soup
Fruit

Saturday Dinner

(provided by Walker Grange #786)

Ham; Scalloped Potatoes
Other Items to be determined
Dessert



5 Minutes with... Andrew Kieffer

PA State Grange Steward

What Grange do you belong to?

*I belong to Marion Grange #1853
in Berks County.*

How long have you been in the Grange?

*24 years as a Subordinate member,
34 years if you include Junior membership,
and 39 years if you include
being a Mini-Junior.*

What is your favorite Grange memory?

*Attending State Junior camp and how it
has led to my current position in the Grange.*

**If you could have any superpower what
would it be?**

To always be confident yet humble.

**What food did you love as a kid that you
dislike now?**

*Blueberries, I got very ill one night from
eating too many and created an aversion.*

What is your dream job?

To be a NASCAR crew member.



VISION BENEFITS



The Pennsylvania State Grange has a partnership with the Alera Group to offer our members vision insurance. VBA is one of the largest and best-known providers of vision benefits in America. VBA offers 3 standard vision plans to choose from. Available plan and rates are effective 3/1/22 - 2/28/26.

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

If you want more information about the vision benefits the Grange has to offer please call the office at 717-737-8855 or email pagrange@pagrange.org.

Grange Cookbook Classics Sheet Pan Fish

1 pt cherry tomatoes, halved
 ½ c thinly sliced onions
 1-2 Tbsp olive oil
 1 Tbsp red wine vinegar
 1 tsp honey

1 tsp salt
 ½ tsp pepper
 4 (6 oz) fish fillets (such as cod or halibut)
 2 cloves garlic, minced

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place tomatoes and onions in a glass bowl. Add olive oil, vinegar, honey, salt and pepper. Toss to mix. Place in 9" x 13" nonreactive baking dish. Roast in oven for 15 mins. Meanwhile pat dry fish. Stir tomatoes and onions; add garlic and push to side of pan. Add fish fillets to pan, spacing them evenly apart. Roast until the fish is cooked through and flakes easily, about 10-12 mins. To serve: mash tomatoes, onions and garlic to make sauce. Serve over the fish. Serves 4.



Ruth Vonada, Penns Valley #158

This recipe can be found in the 150th Anniversary edition of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Granges in Action....

CENTRE COUNTY POMONA #13

Centre County Pomona Grange #13 collected money and donations for the YMCA of Centre County Backpack Program at their February Quarterly meeting on February 3. Pictured are Community Service Chairs: Denny McCloskey and Tammy Jurkowski with Mel Curtis (Director Anti-Hunger Programs YMCA of Centre County).



WATSON #1068



Watson Grange held their annual hayride in January with temperatures in the 30's which was better than some years when it was zero. Not as many as usual but all had a good time. Following the ride it was back to the Grange hall for soup and dessert and an afternoon of games.

JEFFERSON #1373

Jefferson Grange #1373 joined the Nextrex Recycle program and have collected over 4000 pounds of flexible plastic. We weigh it and recycle through a local grocery store. Every 1000 pounds earns the Grange a Nextrex bench which we have donated to several local community parks for use near their play area. Each bench has a plaque with our name to help raise awareness of our small Grange.



HAMBURG #2103



National and Pennsylvania Junior Ambassador Gayle Reyburn hosted a great program at Hamburg Grange #2103, in February, highlighting one of the Junior Grange art contests. We made handprint trees covered in snow.

SCRUBGRASS #1705

In December, the Scrubgrass Grangers got together to plan the upcoming year and celebrate the holiday season. As a throwback to the years we would go caroling, we enjoyed a holiday potluck of breakfast for dinner! Barb and Glenn Gross were honored and thanked for their work on the PA Grange Quilt Block Trail. We also enjoyed wonderful music by Molly McCarthy and a gift exchange.



BIG KNOB #2008

Big Knob Grange purchased 36 boxes of Girl Scout cookies from 2 of our members who are scouts and donated them to Meals on Wheels. We also bought 8 packages of sugar free cookies from the store for our diabetic friends. We were excited to help two good causes at the same time.



GINGER HILL #1549

The Ginger Hill Grange offered a new daytime beginner line dance class on Monday mornings. The first class had 22 participants who enjoyed a fun hour, with easy steps, no pressure, no complicated moves, and danced to oldies music, Latin, some country and pop. Experience level varied, and there was no previous dance experience required - just a desire to learn and have fun and some laughs! Linda Caputo was the instructor. These classes will take place weekly.



BERKS COUNTY JUNIOR GRANGE



Berks County Junior Grange held a sleepover in February to alleviate the winter blues. The Juniors played basketball, had a dance party, had snacks and played some board games. There were 13 juniors who attended.



Welcome New Members

Russellville #91

Lacey Holmes
Jesse Holmes

Middletown #684

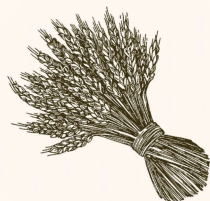
Don Slowicki
Stephen Agrista
Edye Agrista
Craig Bollinger
Sheila Bollinger
Charlie Bollinger
Stacy Wertman
James Wertman
Mason Wertman

Chestnut Ridge #1133

Albert Conner
Rita Conner
Rosella Ealy
Michelle Leasure
Thomas Leasure
Linda Puskarich
Monica Day

Jefferson #1373

Joseph O'Neil
Evelyn McMarlin
Ginger Hill #1549
Jerie Drupp
Fassett #1567
Eddie Divel
Walker #2007
Donald Hosterman
Elizabethtown #2076
Rob Fulton
Ben Emerick
Amy Bryant



In Memoriam

“Well Done Good and Faithful Servant...”

Canusarago #27

Pauline Nickles

Penns Valley #158

Sylvia Evans

Windfall #257

Marjorie Pratt

Hartslog Valley #375

Mary Lou Gilliland

Rundells #871

Dorothy Porter

Centre Hill #885

Geraldine Burge

Lincoln #914

H Eugene Garner

Chestnut Ridge #1133

Caroline Beddow

Roseville #1290

Lois Wiles

Evelyn Grant

William Splinder

Joan Hartnett

Unionville #1971

Howard Weir

Hookstown #1980

Robert Buckley

Cochranton #2030

Lester Wright

Happy Birthday!

Oliver #1069

Past President Wayne Cambell
(May 1955)

Bernice Gabel
(June 1936)

Pioneer #1777

Robert Pensinger
(June 1936)

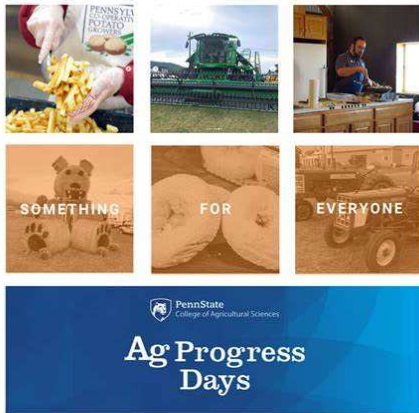


PA State Grange Family Festival

July 18-21, 2024

Centre County Grange Fairgrounds

JOIN THE TEAM!
GO FOR THE GOLD!



Cranberry Township



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

MAY

- 1: Scholarship Deadline
- 2: Penn State Ag Trustee Election
- 27: Memorial Day

JUNE

- 11: Grange Day at Harrisburg Senators
Baseball Game
- 14: Flag Day
- 28-30: Youth Camp; Camp Sylvan Hills
- 30-July 6: Junior Camp; Camp Sylvan Hills

JULY

- 4: Independence Day
- 18-21: Family Festival; Centre County
Fairgrounds
- 26-28: Eastern Regional Conference;
Harrisburg/Camp Hill
- 31: 2nd Quarter Dues Report Due
(Bonds Due)

AUGUST

- 13-15: Ag Progress Days;
Pennsylvania Furnace

SEPTEMBER

- 2: Labor Day
- 10: Resolutions Due
- 15: Committee Report Forms Due
(for State Session judging)

OCTOBER

- 17-20: State Session; Cranberry Township
- 31: 3rd Quarter Dues Report Due

NOVEMBER

- 11: Veteran's Day
- 12-16: National Session; Bettendorf, Iowa
- 28: Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 25: Merry Christmas!

Pennsylvania State Grange

Pennsylvania Grange News

26 CJEMS Lane

Mifflintown, PA 17059

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.



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

Pennsylvania State Grange
www.pagrange.org
(717) 737-8855

The Pennsylvania State Grange also offers scholarships and interest free loans.