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The Master's Station

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Grange Memories Are Waiting To Be Made

“Don't let your Grange experience be limited to the four walls of our meeting room”

This is the message I often repeat to the members of Elizabethtown Grange. While we are active in policy development, agricultural outreach, and service to the local community, there are tremendous opportunities available at the county, state and national level for personal development and the growth of the organization.



Junior Grangers learn the importance of Grange ritual.

As the first signs of Spring appear and the chill of a season passed starts to fade, my attention turns to summertime gatherings. Looking at the calendar of Grange events it's clear to see there is something for members of all ages.

If you do not attend on a regular basis, consider taking part in your upcoming Pomona meeting. These gatherings of Grange members are like a big family reunion. Take advantage of this chance to meet with your fellow members to bolster and support one another, share program ideas, and discuss resolutions that will benefit your community and beyond. Good food and fine fellowship are also often found at these meetings, which make them a favorite of mine.

Those who know me know that I am a huge proponent of Pennsylvania Grange Youth Camp. When I joined our local Grange, I joined a great group of people. However, being right out of college, none of the members were close to me in age or at a similar stage of life. Being a part of the youth program changed all that. Within the program I had the chance to interact with peers and develop friendships I still cherish today. Attending Youth Camp became an annual event. It is where I learned to value the fraternal aspects of the Grange. While others may have seen the Grange Knowledge Test as a chore, I embraced it, and from it learned so much about our Order's storied past. I was so pleased when Jennifer Danko and Lindsay Schroeder accepted the opportunity to serve as youth department co-directors. I had spent many years attending this very event as a “camper” with both of them. They've assembled a fantastic committee and have great activities planned for the weekend “Backyard BBQ”.

While Howard, Pennsylvania may be 267 miles away from Rehoboth Beach, that is not stopping the Pennsylvania Grange Junior Committee from planning a Junior Camp experience that “shore” will be fun! Immediately following youth camp, our younger Grange members will be enjoying a beach themed week of activities. For many, Junior Camp is their first experience away from the home. A wonderful group of volunteer counselors, committee members and

helpers will welcome all our Juniors to a week of swimming, workshops, Junior meetings, campfire songs and water games. I hope you will support and encourage our younger members to attend camp. The future leaders of the Grange are being cultivated right now!

In July, Grange members will come together in Centre County for the annual Family Festival. This has become a tradition and family vacation for many, as they enjoy four days of arts and crafts, good food and just some simple rest and relaxation. There are activities for our youth and junior members, and other programs hosted by various committees and departments. Plan ahead to paint a quilt block, and its not too early to fine tune your recipe for the chili cookoff!

For those who are truly looking to “get away from it all” consider loading up the camper or throw a tent in the car, and make your way to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for the 2023 Grange Revival, July 18-23. This adventure will be packed with outdoor activities, fun excursions, craft projects and workshops, and plenty of free time to relax. Don’t forget to bring a friend; you don’t have to be a Grange member to attend. I should also mention that for those who would rather be “roughin’ it in style,” there are hotel options available.



Miranda (Hollabaugh) Irons and Andrew Kieffer at their 2004 coronation as State Grange Youth Ambassadors.



Michael Adams adds a splash of color to a quilt block he created at Family Festival.

So, whether it’s heading across town to a subordinate picnic, across the country to the revival, or somewhere in between, make the most of the opportunities available in the Grange. The memories you’ll talk about for years to come are waiting to be made, and that smile you’ve been missing may be closer than you think.

Fraternally,

Master Matt

RESOLUTION
Deadline

Approved resolutions due to State Grange Office by Sept. 15



Chaplain's Message

Jodi Keith Kensinger, PA State Grange Chaplain
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Happy Spring, Grangers! While I sit down to write this, we are nearing the end of March, the skies are clear blue, and it's 60° out. My daffodils and tulips are finally popping through the ground and spring has arrived.

Back in January, a friend of mine in Christ, introduced me to a new minister that I hadn't ever heard of before via a podcast. His name is Pastor JD Greear and he is with Summit Life Ministries. If you have never heard of him before, I highly recommend looking him up and checking out many of his ministries. Lots of his topics involve present-day issues and are very relatable. One evening driving home from work, I came across one of his ministries that hit remarkably close to home, from his series "God and the rest of the week." He talked about raising children for God's own purposes. He referenced the verses from Psalm 127:1-5: "Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves. **Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.** They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court."

The reason this sermon hits so close to home was because the fact that I am a new mother and all I want to do is protect my little boy. I want to keep Riggs at my side, wrapped in a bubble, and protected from all the bad in today's world. He is my precious pride and joy. But I know that I can't do this..... I want to do so, though! One of the things that pastor Greear mentioned was "God gives us our kids

so that we can prepare them for his mission." WOW! What a profound statement and a great reminder! We, as parents, need to raise our kids so that they know God and how glorious he is! Every day that I look into Riggs's eyes, I am reminded how great our GOD is.... To have allowed such a miracle to take form and be a part of our lives! I am also reminded that I need to constantly show Riggs the Grace of our God; the power he has in our lives and how to follow his word.

The other day I was once again, reminded, that our children watch every step that we make and things that we do! Riggs got a hold of my cell phone and was holding it; looking at it and playing around with it..... Like he sees MOMMY & DADDY doing it, on a daily basis! What a gut check! This small instance, showed me that I am not spending enough time in God's word! If Riggs consistently watches me never going to want to open the bible and study it!

So, friends... I challenge you to put down your phones and open your Bibles and show your kids and grandkids the power of God and what he is capable of in our lives! Invite them to study the Bible with you (Riggs tags along with me whenever we go to Bible study)- Pray with them- Do nightly (or morning) devotions with your kids! Today is a momentous day to "prepare our kids for God's great mission!" It is never too late!

Love Always,
Jodi Keith Kensinger





PA Grange Partnerships for the Betterment of Agriculture and Rural Communities



On October 20, 2022, Jodi Keith Kensinger, traveled to Braddock Farms (Grow Pittsburgh) in Braddock, PA for the PA Farm Link quarterly meeting.

Prior to the meeting start, members of the board had a tour of the urban garden plot that was being tended to by farmers and staff of Braddock Farms. The garden plot sits on one acre of land and the vegetables grown in the garden are given to local food banks and sold at the local farmers market.

At the start of the meeting, board members went over the minutes & treasurers reports from the meeting in July and were approved. The meeting agenda consisted of business discussion on Committee updates & Calendar of events for the upcoming 2023 year. The next meeting was held in January 2023 via Zoom.

Pennsylvania Farm Link is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to “Link Farmers to the Future”. PFL works closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and other agricultural organizations and businesses across the Commonwealth to support PA farmers. We accomplish our mission of “Linking Farmers to the Future” in a variety of ways, including a land-linking database, succession planning, print and online resources and more (<https://pafarmlink.org>).



Members of Farm Link board pose for a picture in the Grow Pittsburgh garden. State Grange Chaplain, Jodi Keith Kensinger, is in the 2nd row fourth one over from the left.



The Lecturer's Scroll

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Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope this article finds you and your family well and enjoying spring. It's hard to believe that summer is almost here! Summer is an ideal time to plan fellowship events like picnics, outdoor programs, and other outdoor events at your Grange. It is also a busy time for State Grange events. Mark your calendars to attend or visit Youth Camp, Junior Grange Camp, Family Festival, and the Eastern Regional Leaders' Conference.

FAMILY FESTIVAL – July 13-16, 2023 – Centre County Grange Fairgrounds – Centre Hall, PA

The Pennsylvania State Grange's Family Festival will again be held at the Centre County Fairgrounds in July. Plan to attend the following activities led by the Lecturer's Department.

– **State Grange Talent Contest** – The annual talent contest will be held during the Family Festival on Saturday evening, July 15th at 7:00 pm. **NEW THIS YEAR** – Preregistration will be **REQUIRED** by June 15th (the same deadline as Family Festival registrations). Participants can enter in 3 classes – Vocal, Instrumental, and Variety. All acts are limited to a 5-minute maximum. There are cash prizes for the top three entries in each class. Plus, the best overall act – named the Best of Show – is given the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania in the National Grange Evening of Excellence, which is held in conjunction with the National Grange Convention in November 2023. This year's National Convention is in Niagara Falls, New York, November 14-18! The National Session will not be this close to us for the next several years – so this is the year to

showcase your talent and represent PA at the national level!

– **Sip & Paint** – Back by popular demand! Plan to join us for our 3rd annual Paint & Sip – a fun painting class led by an instructor – on Friday, July 14th from 9:00-11:00 am. The instructor will lead the group through painting a picture on canvas while we enjoy some “mocktail” refreshments and fellowship. This is perfect for artists of all abilities and experience! This year, the Sip & Paint will be a fundraiser for the 150th Anniversary Session! The cost will be \$20 and will cover the instructor fee and all materials. All proceeds will be donated to the 150th Anniversary Session! Join us for a fun time for a great cause!



EASTERN REGIONAL LEADERS' CONFERENCE
(National Grange)

This year's National Grange regional leadership conference will be held in North Carolina the weekend of August 4-6, 2023. This weekend conference is a wonderful opportunity to meet and network with Grangers from around the eastern United States. Workshops are led by National Grange staff and State Grange leaders from around the region. It is an informative and fun weekend and is a great way to be introduced to National Grange programming. Please continue to check the PA State Grange website and Facebook page for more details, which will be forthcoming.

PROGRAM IDEAS:

June:

- Week 1 – Fishing Week – Plan a program about fishing OR phishing – the practice of sending fraudulent emails to get people to reveal personal information. Invite a representative from the PA State Police or another organization to talk about phone and internet scams and how to avoid falling victim to them.



- June 16th – Take a Road Trip Day – plan an outing in the community for your members! Carpool or caravan to tour a local point of interest and enjoy a time of fellowship with your members and guests.



July:

- July is a month of many National Food Days (e.g., “Eat Chicken Wings Day”, “National Blueberry Day”, “National Macaroni and Cheese Day”) – Plan a picnic for your members and guests! Plan some fun outdoor activities and games to use as a program at the picnic.

Thank you,
Jenn Nauss

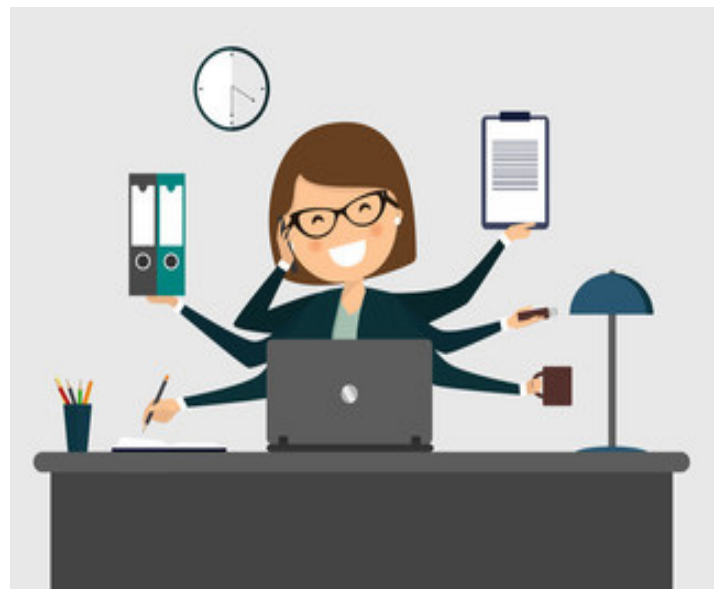
Secretary's Corner

Debbie Campbell, State Secretary
secretary@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 31st. 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.





Family Activities

Cindy Schlegel & Evelyn Cottrell, Co-Directors
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Greetings Everyone,

With the winter being a little milder than usual some of you are probably mowing your lawns and working in your gardens and maybe planting them by now. I won't be planting anything in the ground until June because we usually have one or two killing frosts up until then. I enjoy this time of the year, watching all the new growth coming to life again and it being warmer weather.



2023 Raffle Quilt

Winning ticket will be pulled at State Session in October.

I know you usually don't have a lot of extra time on your hands with everything there is to do this time of year but I am hoping you have been working or are planning to work on your Family Activities contest projects for State Grange. I hope to see lots of entries at State Grange to be judged this year.

Sorry for the mix-up in the 2023 contests, but you should have received a letter with the right ones in it. The letter was sent out March 13, 2023. **The contests are Tin Punching, Belts, and Stenciling; Baking/Cooking Contest is Carrot Cake, Ginger Bread Cookies, and Chocolate Fudge.** The other 2023 contests stay the same.

I have been receiving ticket stubs with checks and unsold tickets. If you would like more to sell let me know I will get them to you.

Family Festival will be coming up real soon, if you never have attended it, I would encourage you to consider attending and enjoy time with your fellow Grangers. It is always a fun time and a time to learn from the workshops given. I hope you can attend.

Enjoy your summer and just take a minute and look around and take in what a beautiful masterpiece that God has given us. Happy Spring!

Fraternally,
Evelyn Cottrell
Family Activities Co-Director

Please mail all unsold tickets & ticket stubs to:

Evelyn Cottrell
750 Cottrell Rd
Thompson, PA 18465



Deaf & Community Service

Tina Keen, Deaf & Community Service Director
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**“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”
1 John 3:18**

I'm sure we have met many people who could “talk the talk” but not “walk the walk.” They could say all the right words, put on a good front to make themselves look better than others, and convince you (at least initially) that they were a “good person.” As time passed though, we came to realize that they did not put into action the words they were saying – when it came time to take action and do something to help, they were nowhere to be found.

I encourage you to think about how your Grange is “walking the walk.” Are you stepping out to help others with actions and truth? Or is your Grange merely “talking the talk” - ideas are brought up but no action ever occurs? We are blessed at our Subordinate Grange to have several members who want decisions to be made and action to be taken. We recently decided to spend a Saturday cleaning up the roadways in the village where our Grange is located. After not getting a date set at the first meeting it was mentioned, at the next meeting a member put forward dates and pushed to have a decision be made. Would we have cleaned the roadway either way? Possibly. Putting a date on our calendars helps hold us accountable and “walk the walk.”

Our State Grange is “walking the walk” through our activities throughout the year. I encourage each of your Granges to participate in these activities (and include it on your yearly report.)

Community Service Ideas

As the weather is warmer, it's time to think



Consider hosting a community garden or helping an elderly member or neighbor.

about community service ideas that might need to be completed outdoors. Is there an elderly member who needs help weeding and planting flower beds in their yard? Could your local community use a trash pick-up along the roadways? Check with your local nursing homes – do they have a courtyard that could use some beautifying? Does your hometown have a July Fourth celebration? Is there something you could do to assist? If your Hall is in the midst of the activities, could you open your hall to allow access to the bathrooms and perhaps access to a cooler temperature if it's hot outside? Make sure you have an information table set up to provide information about the Grange!

How have you been serving your veterans? If there isn't a VA in your general area, consider reaching out to local nursing homes to see if they serve any veterans and see how you could best support those veterans. Does a member know a veteran who could use some assistance? Don't hesitate to think outside the box!

Family Festival

Please consider donating a basket for our Silent Auction. All funds will be donated to a local VA home where monies are used to purchase items needed by the residents. Baskets should be delivered to Family Festival on Thursday, July 13. 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.

We will continue to hold our bike/walk-a-thon. Monies collected will be used to purchase Canteen cards to be given to veterans at the Coatesville VA Home. This allows them to purchase clothing and/or food; items that they might not have the funds to purchase without this donation.



If you are attending Family Festival, please bring items to donate to our veterans – the current needs include sweatshirts, sweatpants, colored short sleeve and long sleeve shirts (all clothing sizes M-3X are most needed), mens 3-in-1 body wash/shampoo, and flexible head razors. If you already purchased items off the previous list, please bring them! The list of what they currently need changes monthly, and all items are appreciated!

We will also be making and coloring cards that will be given to veterans at local VA homes. These will be available throughout the weekend. Please take a few minutes to make a card or two. I know at our local VA, these cards are proudly displayed on their doors for months after the holiday and may be the only card or one of very few cards they receive.

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.

State Session

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.

We will be collecting items for the Coatesville VA (local to Morgantown) at State Session. Please watch for a current needs list in the next PGN.

Facebook

Good news! Our previous Community Service Facebook page was recovered and is still in use. Please like our page and send me any information to be shared on the page. Find us at www.facebook.com/pagrangecs

Keep up the good deeds! "Whatsoever you attempt to do, strive to do it well."

Fraternally,
Tina



Youth & Young Adults

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Greetings from the Youth Department.

By the time you read this, our Youth Ambassadors, Bryce Danko and Logen Smith, will have enjoyed their final event, Royalty Day. This is a team favorite with many exciting opportunities. We have been busy planning for summer activities. First up, is the annual Youth Camp with the theme of a Backyard BBQ. It is sure to be a great time filled with Grange knowledge, BBQ style meals, and outdoor games with a touch of competition. If you have not registered for this event, do not delay ~ REGISTER TODAY. The application is on the next page, or you can scan the QR code for an online registration. This will be the time that we will select our next team of Ambassadors for the 2023-2024 term. We are looking for local Granges to “Sponsor A Meal” at camp. With the new renovations to the camp, our cost has increased, but we have decided to keep the cost the same for our campers. As a result, this monetary donation towards food would be extremely helpful to us. As Grangers we thrive on community service, so our

youth will be participating in activities on the grounds of the Camp Sylvan Hills. In addition, the committee would like the campers to bring items to camp that we can collect to build “BBQ kits” including all the essential items for an outdoor picnic. These items will be donated to a local food bank. More information will follow in the camp letter.



Next up will be Family Festival. Let the BBQ continue with some added “spice” ~ the **CHILI COOKOFF IS BACK!** Please check the program guide for specifics on entering your crockpot of goodness into the competition. Grangers will be enjoying the tastes of the chili and cornbread entries for dinner on Friday evening along with baked potatoes. Who doesn’t love a good potato with added toppings? The cornhole tournament will return as well. Start practicing now with your team to be able to take home the big prize!

Looking ahead in the coming months will be state session, celebrating our 150th anniversary. The Youth Department will be giving a short drill demonstration during the pageant on Saturday afternoon. Youth members, please consider volunteering to be on the drill team. This is our time to show the impressive work that we do. To sponsor a member of the Youth Team and receive your own gray vest, we are requesting a donation of at least \$100.00 to the PA Grange Youth Department. Donations can be made by Granges, individuals or small groups but only 1 supporter vest per \$100.00 will be available. To sponsor a member of the Youth Team without a supporter vest, we are requesting a donation of at least \$60.00. Please complete the form on below if you are interested.

Almost everything that is great, has been done by Youth.

-Benjamin Disraeli

Thank you so much to the Granges who have responded to the appeal letter. We are grateful for the support of our members. Without your support, our organization would not be able to grow our members of today and the future.

Fraternally,
Jen Danko



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: Jennifer Danko, 22 Twins Ave., Newport, PA 17074

Join us for the 2023 PA State Grange Youth Camp



Name _____ M _____ F _____
Address _____ Age _____ DOB _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone/Cell: _____ Grange/County: _____
E-Mail: _____ 1st Time Youth Camper: Yes _____ No _____
ALLERGIES _____
Emergency Contact & Telephone Number(s): _____

Camp Fee for the Weekend: \$75.00 per person
(\$15.00 will be paid by the Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund Account)

Each person will pay \$60.00
*****SPECIAL – 1ST TIME CAMPERS ONLY \$30.00*****

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

Participants need to bring their own bedding, towels, washcloths and personal toiletries.
Additional information and directions will be emailed or sent to you
after your application is received.

Register Online @ <https://form.jotform.com/220255897911159>
Or mail in paper copy and check to:
PA Grange Youth, c/o Jennifer Danko, 22 Twins Avenue,
Newport, PA 17074



QUESTIONS?? Email: Youth@pagrange.org / Cell: 717.275.5047
Registration and Camp Fee Deadline: June 1, 2023

Click on the QR Code
To Access Online Registration



The Junior Granger

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Spring is upon us, and I'm more excited than ever for warmth, sun, and fun!

I hope you're making plans to join us for Junior Grange Camp (July 2nd-8th) and Family Festival (July 13th-16th)! Camp registrations are due on June 2nd, by visiting <http://bit.ly/PAJGcamp2023> (it's case-sensitive), or filling out the form in this issue of the PA Grange News.

Our committee is planning a ton of fun for our beach-themed camp, which may include a luau, lots of water games, and typical summer & camp fun. You won't want to miss it!

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 31st 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.

Ambassadors are the face of the Junior Grange in Pennsylvania and get to participate in several fantastic opportunities, including National Grange, the PA Farm Show, Royalty Day in Harrisburg, and helping to plan parts of camp. Each set of Ambassadors brings a new "flavor" to the role and can help plan fun ideas or activities they have in mind.

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.*

Information on clearances can be found at www.pagrange.org/juniors.html. They are **FREE** for volunteers, so there's really no reason to not take care of getting your clearances, no matter what role you play in working with Junior Grangers.

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!

I encourage each Junior Grange to be participating in the National Junior Grange's Quarter Focus. We are currently in the second quarter, where the focus is Agricultural Awareness and the theme is **Reduce-Reuse-Recycle**. If you tuned into the Junior Online Gathering in March, we recycled tin cans into herb gardens. Visit www.nationaljuniorgrange.org to learn more about the projects and contests in the Focus areas.

Finally, this spring and summer, I challenge everyone to spend more time outdoors! Whether hiking with your family, spending time at a pool or lake, cleaning up roadsides, gardening, or just laying outside to read, there's a lot to be done outside, and you can really benefit by being "unplugged." Spending time outside in play helps build confidence and creativity, lowers obesity rates, builds motor skills, and increases Vitamin D intake. Plus, it can just be fun!

Take part in our "Great Outdoors" challenge and return your results to Phil by July 31st. There will be some special prizes involved!

Contest Feature

Recycling is one way in which to help our environment. How many of us truly recycle all that we can? We feel this is one way in which the Junior Grange can be of help. Can you turn something that many people would throw away into an object that can be used again (and again)?

NOTE: This contest is open to Juniors At Heart (i.e. anyone age 14+)

Categories: 2023 – Cans (Aluminum or Tin)

Sub-Categories

- a. Practical/Useful
- b. Decorative

Rules

1. Size limitations: No larger than 18 inches x 18 inches x 18 inches.
2. At least 75% of the recycled craft must be made from recycled items.

Judging guidelines:

1. Originality
2. Neatness
3. Creativity
4. Usefulness or Decorative Appeal

Ideas:

- Make wind chimes from cans of various sizes
- Turn tin cans into candle holders
- Make a caddy for silverware and condiments for an outdoor picnic (could also be used for craft supplies!)
- Make tin can punch ornaments for Christmas trees
- Design flowers out of recycled and cut tin or aluminum cans
- Or whatever comes to mind!

Save the date for:

PA Junior Grange Camp - July 2-8 at Sylvan Hills Christian Service Camp, Howard (Register: bit.ly/PAJGcamp2023)

Family Festival - July 13-16 at Centre County Grange Fairgrounds (Water Games on Friday, and Junior Activities throughout the weekend!)
State Grange (Contests, Junior Jam, and fun!) - October 19-22 (Contest check-in on the 18th, Junior Jam begins on the 21st), Morgantown, PA
National Grange - November 14-18 in Niagara Falls, New York

I look forward to seeing you all soon! And as always, be kind,

Phil



The poster features a bright blue background with a yellow sun in the top left corner and a green grass border at the bottom. The title "Great Outdoors Challenge" is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. To the right of the title is a red shield-shaped logo with the letters "JG" in white. Below the title is a list of 18 activities, each preceded by a small black square bullet point. The activities include: "Take a book outside and read", "Go on a walk or hike with your family", "Plant a garden - flowers, herbs, or veggies", "Pick up garbage from along a roadside or stream", "Go stargazing / Observe the stars", "Make a backyard obstacle course", "Spend at least 20 hours outdoors and 'unplugged'", "Eat a vegetable or fruit fresh from a garden", "Catch fireflies", "Take photos of the sun rise or set", "Help your family make a meal on the grill", "Invent a new sport or game", "Take a sketchbook and draw what you see outside", "Identify a bird or bug you see", "Track the weather for a week", "Make 'sun tea'", "Play flashlight tag", "Shop at a farmers' market", and "Go geocaching". At the bottom of the poster, the text "Complete as many as possible and return to Phil by July 31st!" is written in bold black letters, followed by the email address "pajuniorgrange@gmail.com" in a smaller font.



JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP

Shore IS FUN!



July 2 - 8, 2023 - 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 12/31/2023 ____

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: June 2, 2023 Any application received after 6/2/2023 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
____ Please email me with a link to pay online
____ I will send an email to pajuniorgrange@gmail.com to discuss payment options

Mail completed forms and checks 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/PAJGcamp23> (case sensitive)



Join us for an Anniversary
Celebration at the Capitol!

Tuesday, June 13th - 10:00 am
Main Steps in the Capitol Rotunda

Grangers will be admitted to the Senate
and House galleries for the presentation of
special 150th Anniversary Resolutions!



Celebrate our
Juniors and Youth
at the Ball Field!



Tuesday, June 13th - 12:00 Noon
Harrisburg Senators vs. Erie Sea Wolves
FNB Field on City Island, Harrisburg

Cheer on our Junior and Youth representatives as they throw out the first pitch!
Enjoy Grange fellowship with a picnic featuring all-you-can-eat ball park favorites!

Tickets - \$29 each (includes game admission and picnic)

Order tickets through the State Grange office by May 31st

pagrang@pagrange.org

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STRATEGIC ADVISORS

Public Relations

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Novak Strategic Advisors (NSA) is pleased to be working with the PA Grange in an expanded capacity by providing not only legislative affairs services but additionally providing public relations services moving forward. The NSA team has a deep history in serving clients in the world of agriculture, energy, health care and beyond.

Novak Strategic Advisors is a Harrisburg based public relations firm that is uniquely positioned to serve clients with statewide needs having staff not only in Harrisburg but across the state. NSA offers comprehensive, strategic government relations and public affairs solutions to real-world business needs. While headquartered mere feet away from the state Capitol, NSA also has the distinctive advantage of having a robust field operation. Our extensive network of partners and alliances in the field help us keep our finger on the pulse of every region in the Commonwealth, enabling us to engage real-time, on-the-ground intelligence, analysis, and execution. No matter the geography or demographic, NSA has a presence where your issue needs impact.

Since 2020, Carrie Nace, from Novak Strategic Advisors, has served the PA Grange as the Legislative Director. Many of you have worked directly with Carrie as she has served the PA Grange traveling the state to work with Grange members on various important issues. Carrie is a dedicated to the PA Grange and loves working with Grange members on policies that promote agriculture in Pennsylvania.

Celebrating a 150-year history, the PA Grange is looking to the future and how to raise the profile and presence of the PA Grange across Pennsylvania. To that end, the Novak Strategic Advisors team will be committing more

staff to work with the PA Grange on public relations. We are pleased to introduce you to the following members of the NSA team that will be working with the PA Grange on public relations: Agnes O'Toole, Bernadette Comfort and Angela Leopold.



Agnes O'Toole is a skilled organizational manager with years of experience successfully managing projects, initiatives, and events of a vast variety. Agnes is an energetic people

person with friends everywhere and before bringing her skills and network to NSA, she was District Office Manager for former House Ag Committee Chair, State Representative Art Hershey as well as Legislative Assistant for former State Representative Ron Raymond. In her spare time, Agnes stays busy enjoying life with her three adult daughters and family in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Bernadette Comfort

can organize an event, build a crowd, and energize a room with a grace that makes hard work look easy. Her political instincts are spot on, and her talent in building



coalitions is enhanced by a network that runs long and deep. Bernadette (her friends call her Bernie) works as a Managing Director of Public

Affairs at Novak Strategic Advisors. Bernie has developed a network that includes leaders in business, non-profit and politics and has increased her networking, fundraising, and training skills while training hundreds of public leaders. When she isn't traveling the state for work, Bernie is busy raising her 13-year-old daughter, Luci. She would tell you that the jobs she loves most involve being Luci's mom, her volleyball coach, and PTA President at Luci's school.



Rounding out the team from Novak Strategic Advisors is the Senior Partner, **Angela Leopold**. A savvy businesswoman and an accomplished community

leader, Angela knows people and gets results. At NSA, Angela directs top to bottom grassroots campaigns, social media strategies, and coalition-building activities. For the past 15 years, she has worked on state and national issues such as healthcare, taxation, and energy. Angela co-leads the Issue Advocacy division at Novak and oversees several of Novak's government affairs clients as well. Angela is a graduate of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Angela lives in Mechanicsburg with her husband, Joe, and son, Mark.

The team from NSA will assist with external communications, promotional materials, media, etc. to create and grow a positive image of the PA Grange and all the great work the PA Grange and local Granges do for Pennsylvania. The Novak Strategic Advisors team looks forward to working with all of you to elevate the profile of the PA Grange and your local Granges, to increase membership and to continue to advance the mission of the PA Grange and local Granges across Pennsylvania.



5 Minutes with... Matt Espenshade

PA State Grange Master

What Grange do you belong to?

Elizabethtown #2076 in Lancaster County.

How long have you been in the Grange?

27 years

What is your favorite Grange memory?

Getting to know Charlene at the Young Adults Conference in Hershey.

Name one thing on your bucket list.

To attend the World Guernsey Convention with the family on the Isle of Guernsey in the English Channel.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

To go visit my ancestral home in Espenscheid, Germany

Do you have any pets other than your herd of cows?

Yes, Daisy, an English Setter





PA State Grange Endorses Dietrich, Black For Penn State Ag Trustees

The Pennsylvania State Grange has announced its support for Lynn Dietrich and Randall Black to continue serving on the Board of Trustees of Penn State University.

“The Pennsylvania State Grange is pleased to support the reelection of Lynn Dietrich and Randall Black. Both have led distinguished careers and have offered their knowledge and insight for the betterment of Penn State. We appreciate their service to the University and its students,” said Matt Espenshade, State Master.

Six trustees are elected by the delegates of agricultural organizations and associations. These trustees serve three-year terms which are staggered with the election of two trustees each year. The 2023 Penn State Agriculture Trustee election will take place on May 4 in University Park.

“This election is an opportunity to come together as an agriculture community within the Commonwealth to ensure a bright future for Penn State’s students and those who benefit from its outreach efforts such as Extension”, said Espenshade.

A brief summary about this year’s candidates follows. To read the complete biographies and position statements of both candidates, visit the Penn State website: <https://trustees.psu.edu/election-of-trustees-by-agricultural-organizations-societies-or-associations-2/>

Lynn A. Dietrich, Retired P.E.

Dietrich has had an extensive career in the engineering field. Now retired, he was Director of Engineering for Manitowoc Cranes, Inc. and formerly Vice President of Product Development for Grove Manufacturing. He began working for Manitowoc after graduating with a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering from

Penn State in 1973, and worked more than 43 years with the same company. Dietrich notes his engineering and management experience is local as well as global, having managed projects and people around the world. Today he devotes his full time to his civic, ag, and rural interests.

Dietrich is a member of Cumberland Valley Grange #2104. Since his appointment by President Wayne Campbell, he has represented the PA State Grange on the DEP Ag Advisory



Board. He has served as a subordinate delegate to State Grange Session and served on the Governmental Issues committee.

Today, Lynn and his wife Joyce, and family, own and manage approximately 525 acres of farm and forest land in Franklin, Schuylkill, and Dauphin counties. He developed an auction business in 1976 and conducted hundreds of auctions, including farms, machinery, and livestock along with antiques, coins, estates, etc. Dietrich credits the auction business with keeping him especially close to the rural community.

Dietrich was selected to receive the Pennsylvania State University College of Agricultural Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award in 2010, and the Armsby Honor Society in 2011. He received the prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award from The Pennsylvania State University in June 2015. On the Board of Trustees, Dietrich serves on the Finance, Building & Capital Planning committee, as well as the Outreach, Development and Community Relations committee.

Randall E Black

Randy Black is Vice Chairman of the Boards of Citizens Financial Services, Inc., and First Citizens Community Bank. He has been Chief Executive Officer and President of First Citizens Community Bank since 2004. Randy is a Class A Federal Reserve Bank Director, the Second Vice Chair of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association Board of Directors, and is a Bloomsburg University Zeigler College of Business Executive Advisory Board member.

Randy started his career at First Citizens in 1993 where he served as Controller, Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer until 2004. Prior to joining First Citizens, Randy was employed by Parente,

Randolph, Orlando, Carey and Associates of Williamsport, Pennsylvania where he focused on providing accounting services for a variety of industries, including the bank industry.

As a Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees member, he sits on the Finance, Business & Capital Planning committee, the Audit & Risk committee, and the Penn State Investment Council. He attended Bloomsburg University, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree, Cum Laude, and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. Black states he makes time to be involved with many business and civic organizations in the community, including youth, church, and community development.

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ACROSS THE BOARD

ON THE EVE OF THE ANNUAL ALUMNI TRUSTEE ELECTION, HERE'S A CLOSER LOOK AT THE MAKEUP AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PENN STATE'S GOVERNING BODY.

By Ryan Jones '95 Com

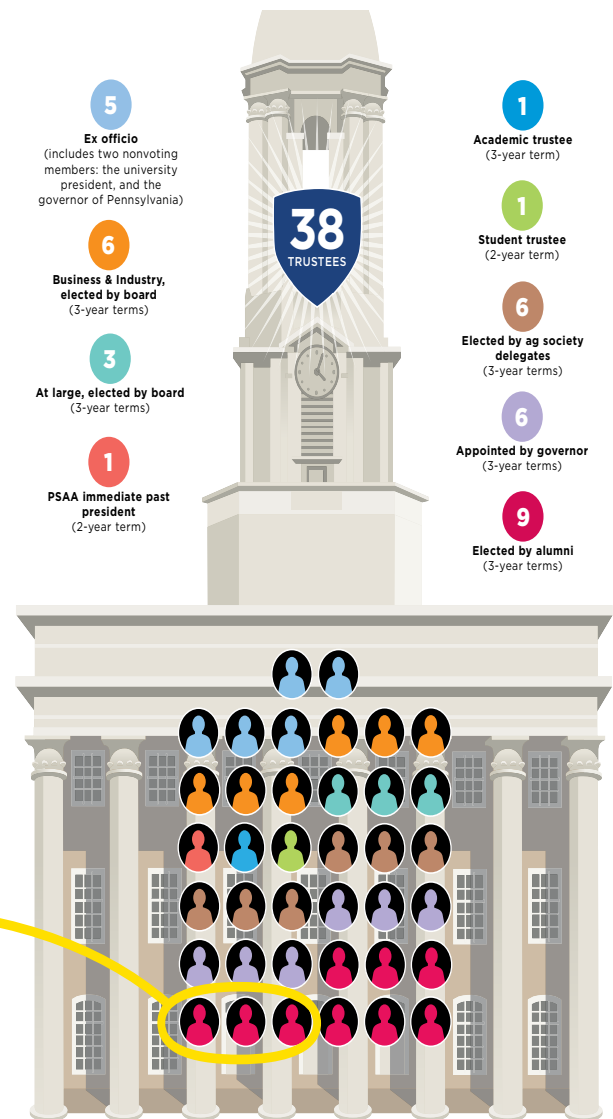
FROM THE BIRTH OF THE UNIVERSITY, the mandate was clear. The charter drawn up by the Pennsylvania state legislature on Feb. 22, 1855, establishing the creation of the Farmers' High School of Pennsylvania, stated that "the institution shall be under the management and government of a board of trustees ... competent to perform the duties hereinafter authorized and required." The Penn State Board of Trustees has grown and evolved from that initial 13-member board, but that mandate—the overall responsibility for the governance and welfare of the university—remains.

While day-to-day management of the university is delegated to the president, the board's purview includes approval of the university's operating budget, student tuition and fees, and major construction and real estate expenditures, and selection and evaluation of the university president. Board membership includes leaders of government and industry and representatives of alumni, faculty, and students; as stated in the bylaws, the members "bring to their roles varied

backgrounds and expertise ... but they must keep the welfare of the entire university, not just a particular constituency, at all times paramount."

Members, who receive no financial compensation for their service, meet throughout the year as a full board, and also serve on various committees. In addition to the executive committee, the board maintains seven standing committees: Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life; Audit and Risk; Equity and Human Resources; Finance, Business, and Capital Planning; Governance and Long-Range Planning; Legal and Compliance; and Outreach, Development and Community Relations.

Three of the board's nine alumni-elected seats come up for election each year; nominations for this year's alumni trustee election were open from Jan. 15 through Feb. 25, and all Penn State alumni will have from April 10 through May 4 to cast their ballots. The nine alumni trustees account for a quarter of the board's voting membership. Here's a breakdown of the 38-member board:



On the Clock

Ballots for the three alumni trustee positions up for election this year will be sent out electronically beginning April 10 to all alumni for whom the university has a valid email address. Alumni have until May 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern to cast their votes. Alumni who don't receive a ballot via email can request one at trustees.psu.edu/selection.

Keystone Grange Marks 150 Years of Service

The Cornerstone of a Montgomery County Community

Keystone Grange #2 has served the residents of Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County since 1873. A lot has changed through its 150 years of existence, but at its heart, Keystone Grange remains committed to the community it is designed to serve.

The second oldest Grange in Pennsylvania, Keystone Grangers are ready to celebrate its history and look forward to a bright future. A special 150th anniversary celebration is scheduled for June 10.

“Keystone Grange is highlighting 150 years of community service. Our most popular events, the Designer Bag Bingo and Ladies’ Afternoon Tea Party, are selling tickets at a faster rate than ever. We are having an Open House on Saturday June 10 to highlight our history,” said Gene Zvarick, Lecturer of Keystone Grange.



As part of the celebration, the Grange has a few projects in development, including the beautification of the Grange hall’s front lawn, a celebratory flier highlighting Keystone Grange, and archiving and organizing the subordinate’s records for preservation. The dedication shown by Keystone’s members is evident, and noted by current President Erin Wismer.

“I have noticed over the years that a small

group of committed members can be more productive than a large group of inactive and ineffective participants. The great thing about our group of members at Keystone Grange #2 in Trappe is that we share many goals and enjoy our teamwork and fellowship. As Henry Ford said, ‘Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success,’” said President Wismer.

The Wismer name is a familiar one in Grange circles across Pennsylvania. Erin’s father, Matthew, served as Master of Keystone Grange #2. Matthew’s father, Charlie served as Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange from 1979 to 1988.

“I believe my grandfather’s influence is still with us today. Our whole family continues to be involved with the Grange,” said Erin. Matthew’s sister, Julie Wismer Bechtel, serves as Treasurer.

In the aftermath of the Civil War, residents were striving to overcome the challenges of a post-war society. According to *Historical Excerpts of Pennsylvania Grange’s 125th Anniversary edition*, a deputy from the National Grange met with representatives of the “Farmers Club and Debating Society” at the home of Nelson Naile. From that meeting, Keystone Grange #2 was chartered with 17 men and 7 women. Josiah Miller was elected its first Master. Records indicate that John Wanner was the prime mover and sustainer of this new organization and earned the title, “Father of Keystone Grange.”

For the first 30 years, Grangers met in private homes, Hobsons Store in Collegeville, the Lamb Hotel in Trappe and Dan Shulers’ carpenter shop. In 1913, the Grangers voted to purchase the old Warren Lodge Masonic Hall in Trappe. The building was dedicated on Jan. 14, 1914.

The early part of the 20th century saw the Grange open a cooperative Grange Store, which was in operation until 1950.

The 100th Anniversary of Keystone Grange was celebrated in 1973, culminating in the Centennial Fair which initiated the Annual Grange Country Fair.

Today, the Grange continues to evolve its mission and focus, supporting the local community efforts of 4-H, Girl Scouts, Eagle Scouts, and others. Grangers participate in the Words for Thirds program. New this year, Grangers established a scholarship program for students seeking to pursue an agricultural or environmental degree.

“Keystone Grange has stayed connected to the community mostly through supporting the youth. We held art and poetry contests with the local elementary school, provided dictionaries, held music events, installed a Little Free Library, hosted volunteer students with the Martin Luther King Day of Service, and worked with scouts for Eagle Scout projects,” Zvarick said. “We hosted flea markets, opened the hall for Master Gardener talks, are active on social media, and will use our highly visible sign along Main Street to show support for other organizations in our community. Our new scholarship program puts our name directly into the local high schools. This catches the attention of an entirely new segment of the community.”

As Keystone Grange #2 charts a path for the future, it will be built on its past successes.



Charles E Wismer, Jr.
18th Master of PA State Grange
1979-1988

Charlie Wismer was elected as Pennsylvania State Grange Master in 1979. During his time of service, he focused on Grange growth, establishing many new subordinate Granges. A dairy farmer himself, he was instrumental in helping farmers navigate the challenges of the avian influenza outbreak that devastated the poultry industry in southeastern Pennsylvania. His efforts also centered on farm profitability and the viability of rural communities.

Long active in Keystone Grange #2 and many civic endeavors in Trappe Borough (including three as mayor), Master Wismer was the State “Granger of the Year” in 1972 and had chaired the State Dairy, Agriculture and Legislative committees. During his time as State Master, Wismer focused on improving the image of the Grange, and encouraged members to take pride in their Grange membership. He adopted as the motto of his term, “Grangers Helping Grangers”.

In 1955 he married his wife, Jane, and they had four children – Matthew, Betsy, Mindy and Julie.



Government Matters

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After a Historic Start to the Legislative Session, Budget Negotiations Continue

Spring has sprung and so has activity in the Capitol. After a shaky start to the 2023-24 legislative session the General Assembly is in full swing. In February, three special elections gave the House Democratic Caucus a slim, one seat majority and Speaker Mark Rozzi quickly stepped down and Joanna McClinton, was elected as the first woman Speaker of the House.

As the House and Senate began their budget hearings, another wrinkle was thrown into the House of Representatives as a member, Rep. Mike Zabel, tendered his resignation leaving, once again, two vacancies in the House which will be filled during a special election on May 16th. While many feel the two seats will be split (one Republican, one Democrat) and Democrats will remain in charge, there is a chance the House majority could change once again.

All of that said, the show must go on and Governor Shapiro gave his first budget address of his administration on March 7th. It was one of the longest budget addresses in the General Assembly's history and many feel the proposal was meant to appease members of both parties as the governor has vowed to rule from the middle.

In his address, Shapiro said that the surplus in the General Fund and the Rainy Day Fund, combined, are the largest in the Commonwealth's history. He noted this year's budget has been developed around cautious and conservative revenue expectations, which would allow the state to 'weather the storm should it come'.

I was especially pleased that unlike in some previous years, the PA Racehorse Development Fund has not been zeroed out for use in a non-ag purpose. In addition, Governor Shapiro did not zero out ag budget items that enjoy universal support such as Hardwood Development, as well as dairy and youth shows. In the past, the General Assembly would have to negotiate these programs back into the state budget and the Grange is pleased that these line items appear safe this year. Most line items affecting agriculture and rural Pennsylvania will receive level funding or a slight increase when compared to the current fiscal year. Some examples if this proposal passes:

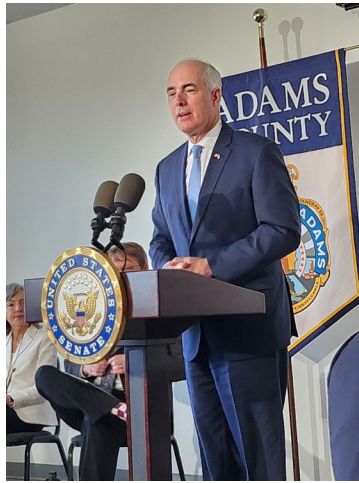
- Department of Agriculture budget would increase from current \$38.75 million to \$46 million.
- Penn State Agricultural Research & Extension budget would grow by a million dollars. While the Grange is pleased by this increase, it will advocate for even more.
- Centers for Ag Excellence, Workforce Development and several others would receive increases. However, the increase in the Ag Excellence line is for a new Organic Excellence program with details yet to be released.
- County fairs, the PA Farm Show, livestock, and open dairy shows and other similar budget items would remain level funded.

The state budget proposal now goes before the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. A complete hearing schedule is available from www.legis.state.pa.us.

Pennsylvania Broadband Update

For close to twenty years the Pennsylvania State Grange has been in the forefront of raising awareness and advocating for universal

broadband. Last year, those efforts began to pay off in the form of the Pennsylvania Broadband Authority of which the Grange is a member. The Authority is finally in a place to begin funding projects in the form of grants to improve broadband in our rural communities. Grangers should feel proud that their efforts are finally coming to fruition.



US Senator Bob Casey speaking on behalf of Pennsylvania at the broadband forum held in Gettysburg

To that end, I was thrilled to be able to represent the Grange in Gettysburg with Senator Bob Casey, members from the White House and members of the Broadband Authority to talk about the investment in broadband in Pennsylvania. I will continue to update members as more progress is being made.

Pennsylvania State Grange to Speak at Senate Agriculture Hearing

It is very fitting that the Pennsylvania State Grange was asked to testify on the future of the Over-Order-Premium in the midst of Grange Month. As many know the Senate Agriculture Chairman, Elder Vogel, is a longtime Grange member and has been in very close contact with the Pennsylvania State Grange on a variety of Ag issues.

We are also honored to be the first to participate in policy discussions in the Capitol and we feel our testimony will go a long way in the future of dairy policy in Pennsylvania.

150th Celebration in the Capitol and Youth/Junior Ambassador Day

Secretary Russell Redding and Senator Elder Vogel will be among the many dignitaries

who are set to participate in a media event to celebrate the Pennsylvania State Grange 150th Anniversary in the Capitol Rotunda on June 13, 2023 at 10:00am.

We are planning this event to coincide with the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Junior Ambassadors trip to Harrisburg as they are a big part of the future of the Grange.

The Senate and House will each be acknowledging the 150th Anniversary on June 13th on the floor of their respective chambers and we will gather in the rotunda to celebrate the remarkable achievement of the Grange on the hallowed steps of the Capitol Rotunda. You are invited to join in on the celebration! After the press conference, the youth and junior ambassadors will travel down to the Harrisburg Senators Baseball game to throw out the first pitch at noon and enjoy a picnic lunch while watching the game.

If you would like to attend, please contact me at carrie@nsallc.com or Agnes O'Toole at agnes@nsallc.com.

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 Grange's and I am happy to come to 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 come join a meeting.

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

Pennsylvania State Grange Participates in Cornucopia at the State Capitol

On March 7, 2023, agricultural organizations gathered in the Pennsylvania State Capitol's Main Rotunda for the "Taste of Pennsylvania" reception. The two-hour event showcased Pennsylvania's agricultural products for legislators and state officials in attendance. Cornucopia is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations and returned after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic.



Visitors to the Grange display had the opportunity to learn about the organization and the 150 Acts of Service by Granges across the state.

State Master Matt Espenshade, National Grange President Betsy Huber, Past President Wayne Campbell and Legislative Director Carrie Nace attended on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Grange. During the event they had the opportunity to visit with a variety of individuals, including Lt. Governor Austin Davis and Russell Redding, recently nominated to again serve as PA Secretary of Agriculture. A table display featured several of the 150 Acts of Service that are part of the 150th anniversary celebration of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Cookies with the Grange emblem were given to visitors.

Not only does the event give agricultural organizations a chance to showcase their products, but it also gives groups a forum to

talk about policy with lawmakers and meet with other groups.



After speaking together about issues, National Grange President Betsy Huber and State Master Matt Espenshade present acting Ag Secretary Russell Redding with a special Grange cookie.

"Cornucopia is an excellent opportunity to connect with policymakers on critical issues in a casual environment while enjoying the best farm organizations have to offer," Espenshade said. "From our community and county fairs, to our ag production and processing industries, to our youth programs like 4-H and FFA, the evening was a great reminder of how blessed we are in Pennsylvania."



Members of the Pennsylvania FFA state officer team show off their Grange cookies while attending Cornucopia at the State Capitol Rotunda.

Small Space Gardening

You don't need a huge backyard to grow food for your family. In fact, you don't even need a backyard at all.

More and more people are container planting vegetables and getting plenty of food. In addition to saving space, using buckets for gardens also helps with a lot of other common gardening problems like young plants getting trampled, rabbits eating plants, poor soil, hard rains, weeds, and ease of care.



Read more at Gardening Know How: Vegetables In A 5-Gallon Bucket: How To Grow Vegetables In A Bucket <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/special/containers/growing-vegetables-in-buckets.htm>

Granted, a small vegetable garden might not be sufficient for subsistence farming, but it can provide a few of your favorite options to enjoy at home. Choose vegetables that grow well together in small gardens like great-tasting tomatoes, some beautiful heirloom eggplants and peppers, or a steady supply of leafy greens.

Gardens with compact varieties allow you to grow a variety of plants in the same space. If you plant a giant beefsteak tomato or a row of sweet corn, the space for growing other vegetables in your small vegetable garden will be limited. Even then, you can choose varieties that are bred to grow in small spaces. Anything with the words patio, pixie, tiny, compact, baby, or dwarf in the name is a good bet. Just because a plant is bred to be small doesn't mean the fruits will be small or the yield will be less. The labeling for most seeds and seedlings will indicate the mature size of the plant varieties you are selecting, helping you space things out and see just how many plants you can fit.

Companion planting is often touted for the benefit of reducing pest infestations, but it also serves to conserve space. Shade-tolerant plants benefit from being planted next to taller crops. Basil likes a respite from the hot afternoon sun and does well next to tomatoes. Lettuce will keep producing all summer if shaded by almost any taller plant. Early harvested vegetables, such as spinach, radishes, and peas, can be planted with slower-growing crops such as broccoli or peppers that will not take over the space until the spring-harvested vegetables have been harvested.



Growing edible plants indoors on a windowsill is an easy, low-space option for plants that are frequently harvested, such as herbs and lettuce. But windowsill gardening isn't just for gardeners with limited space: Any gardener can extend the growing season by potting up some herbs and growing them indoors provided there is sufficient sunlight and water. If an area inside your home receives enough sunlight, you can even grow vegetables indoors.

Since small vegetable gardens don't leave room for rotating crops, you'll need to utilize other methods to prevent fungal diseases and garden pests that overwinter in the soil. Be vigilant to avoid pests and diseases from becoming rampant. If a large-scale problem should occur (such as an infestation of squash beetles or septoria leaf spot on tomatoes), it's best to stop growing that crop and others in its family for at least a year.

For more information please visit <https://www.thespruce.com/vegetable-gardening-in-small-spaces-1403451>

Subordinate Spotlight

Ontelaunee Grange #1617

Berks County

COMMUNITY NIGHT WELCOMES PUBLIC, RECOGNIZES MEMBERSHIP & THANKS FIRST RESPONDERS

On Tuesday, March 21, the members of Ontelaunee Grange #1617 hosted a Community Night, and invited the public to attend. At the event, approximately 100 people filled their hall for a special evening.

During the program, the Ontelaunee Grange membership made several financial donations. In response to a devastating fire at Red Creek Wildlife Center, the Grange presented a check for \$1500 to assist in their recovery efforts.



Junior Leaders Jen Koller and Angie Davis present checks to representatives to two local fire companies..

The Ontelaunee Junior Grangers had held a spaghetti fundraiser, and with the proceeds, presented checks for \$1000 each to the Leesport Fire Company and the Central Berks Fire Company of Centerport. Representatives from fire companies were on hand to share their appreciation for the donation.

Secretary Nettie Kauffman recognized 19 members for notable milestones of service and dedication to Ontelaunee Grange. These members combined for a total of 895 years of Grange membership. Among the members recognized was Beatrice Kauffman, who joined

the Grange at age 20, and was presented a certificate in honor of 75 years of Grange membership.



Nettie Kauffman with 75 year member Beatrice Kauffman.

Along with Kauffman, other members were recognized for their Grange service and dedication. Those receiving certificates were as follows:

- 70 years - Betty Naftzinger
- 65 years - Robert Adams; Russell Adams; Doris Evans
- 60 years - Martha Berrolet; Virginia Lash; George Schaeffer
- 50 years - David Haag; Dean Kirkhoff; Kenneth Manwiller; Linda Heck
- 45 years - Ruth Bleacher; Robin Fabo
- 35 years - Robert Waszkiewicz
- 30 years - David Merkel
- 10 years - Peter Schiaroli
- 5 years - Isiah Blatt; Jocelyn Merkel

2023 Family Festival MEALS

Any items are subject to change



Thursday Dinner

(Provided by Penns Valley Grange #158)

Spaghetti and Meat Sauce; Garlic Bread
tossed salad and Dessert

Friday; Saturday; Sunday Breakfast

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
Nacho's & Cheese
Pudding; Dessert

Friday Dinner

(Provided by Youth Dept.)

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



Saturday Lunch

(Provided by Logan Grange #109)

Taco Salad; Tossed Salad
Grilled Cheese;
Tomato Soup
Applesauce;
Pudding & Dessert

Saturday Dinner

(Provided by Baileyville Grange #1991)

Pulled Pork Sandwich (prepared in a Bacon Wrap)
Variety of BBQ sauces on side
Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Macaroni Salad
Tossed Salad
Strawberry Shortcake

Family Festival News—

Family Festival 2023 will be held July 13th thru 16th. This is the 19th year of Family Festival which started in 2004. There will not be a theme for this year's event, but the stage will be decorated to highlight our 150th Anniversary celebration.

Please fill out and return the form located in this issue of the PGN to attend. We have limited the number of workshops in response to the surveys asking for more free time.

Workshops—

Barb and Glenn Gross – Quilt Block painting workshop,
Amy Koenig – Ribbon Christmas craft workshop
Jenn Nauss, State Lecturer – Paint and Sip event
Tina Keen, D&CS Director – Sign Language
Carrie Nace, Legislative Consultant – Legislative issues
and how you can make a difference.
The Youth Department — Parli-Pro.

There will be a change in how the meals are being prepared. Several Granges in Centre County have offered to serve some of the meals. See the lunch menu for more information.

Breakfast and Friday lunch will be done by the "old" crew.

Friday afternoon will be water games and Saturday will be filled with fun events for the Juniors, Youth, and Youth at heart.

There will be information available at registration on local points of interest for you to visit or partner with others to visit those places in Centre County you always wanted to visit.

2023 People's Choice Festival of PA Arts and Crafts will also be going on providing another venue for you to visit right there on the Fairgrounds. Google peopleschoicefestival.com for more information

Stay tuned to social media and Constant Contact for additional details as they become available. We look forward to seeing you in July for another great Family Festival event.



2023 Family Festival

Schedule of Events

July 13-16, 2023



Thursday, July 13

- 1:00 – 4:30 Registration – Bldg. 11
 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner – Bldg. 11
 7:00-8:00 Welcome & National President
 Betsy Huber & Master Matt
 Espenshade Workshop – Bldg. 14
 8:30 Vespers – Bldg. 14
 9:00-11:00 Hot Potato – D&CS
 Quilt Block Painting – Bldg. 12
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



Friday, July 14

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast – Bldg. 11
 Quilt Block Painting – Bldg. 12
 9:00-11:00 Sip & Paint – Lecturer’s Workshop
 9:30-11:30 Registration – Bldg. 11
 12:00-1:00 Lunch – Bldg. 11
 2:00-3:00 Legislative Updates presented by
 Carrie Nace – Bldg. 14
 2:00-4:00 Registration – Bldg. 11
 3:00-5:00 Junior/Youth Water Games (by Stage)
 5:00-6:30 Dinner – Bldg. 11 – Chili; Hot Dogs; Baked Potatoes; Salad; Dessert



Hosted by Youth Department

- 7:15 Cornhole – First match
 7:00-9:00 Family Movie Night – (B) – Includes—
 Popcorn and Ice Cream Sundaes
 9:00 Vespers – Bldg. 14
 Hot Potato – D&CS
 9:30 Knowledge TEST – Bldg. 11
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



D&CS Committee is having a Silent Auction all weekend, donations are appreciated and proceeds will benefit Veterans, Thank you!

Collecting items for the Veteran’s Home
 Men’s deodorant; lotion; shaving cream or gel;
 toothbrushes (individually packaged); non-alcoholic
 mouthwash, hairbrushes and combs.

D&CS will have available to color and decorate
 cards that will be distributed to Veterans at local
 hospitals.

Saturday, July 15

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast – Bldg. 11
(Announce Young Patron Finalists)
 8:30 Group Photo – Location TBD
 9:30-11:30 Junior Activities
 9:00-10:00 Christmas Tree Craft
 Workshop – Bldg. 12
 Adult Supervision
 Required.
 9:00-10:00 Young Patron Interviews – Bldg. 11
 10:00-11:00 Parli-Pro Workshop – Youth –
 everyone welcome! – Bldg. 14
 12:00-1:00 Lunch – Bldg. 11
(Impromptu Question to Young Patron Finalists)
 1:00-3:30 Quilt Block Painting – Bldg. 12
 1:00-2:00 Sign Language – Bldg. 12
 1:00-2:30 Sixth Degree Officer Practice – Bldg. 14
 3:00-4:00 Bike-A-Thon
 5:00-6:00 Dinner – Bldg. 11
*Pulled Pork Sandwiches
 (Prepared in Bacon Wrap)
 Baked Beans; Cole Slaw;
 Macaroni Salad; Tossed Salad
 Strawberry Shortcake*
 6:00 Corn Hole Finale
 7:00 Talent Contest – Pre-registered –Bldg. 14
 Introduction of Royalty
 History Committee – talk about
 Anniversary Celebration – Doug
 Bonsall/Jenn Nauss
 Vespers – Bldg. 14
 Hot Potato – D&CS
 Special Dessert
**Clean out Building A & C after all events
 are over for the evening.**
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



Sunday, July 16

- 7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast – Bldg. 11
 9:00 – 10:00 Worship Service – Bldg. 14
 10:00 Clean Up and Depart

**Assistance cleaning and packing up
 of
 Bldg. 11 is much appreciated**

Thank You! Wishing you a safe trip Home!



Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival July 13-16, 2023

Please submit one form per each person attending. Thank you.

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Grange: _____
County: _____

We would like to thank local Granges that are providing some of the meals.

We apologize but due the increase of food cost prices had to be increased.

_____ Tent (\$30 per night/ NOT per person)
Tent mates: _____

MEALS (please check desired meals –

Children 4 and under are Free, ages 5-11 half price.

_____ RV/Camper (\$45 per night/space,
NOT per person) (Fees have increased)
RV/Camper-mates: _____

_____ All Meals	\$54.50	_____
_____ Thursday Dinner	\$8.00	_____
_____ Friday Breakfast	\$5.50	_____
_____ Friday Lunch	\$6.50	_____
_____ Friday Dinner	\$6.00	_____
_____ Saturday Breakfast	\$5.50	_____
_____ Saturday Lunch	\$6.50	_____
_____ Saturday Dinner	\$11.00	_____
_____ Sunday Breakfast	\$5.50	_____

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

_____ Dump prior to leaving (Fee \$25)

Tent Fee **Per Night** _____ X \$30.00 _____

Day of Arrival: (circle one)
Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

RV/Camper Fee **Per Night** _____ X \$45.00 _____

Chili Cook-Off Contest – at least 6 qt. slow cooker; Must be taken to the dinner area by 11:00 am. on Friday

RV Dumping Fee\$25.00 _____

These entries will be part of the dinner for Friday night.



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

Hotel- Please make your own reservation

Reservation block reserved at—

Ramada Conference Center

1450 South Atherton St.

814-238-3001

\$129.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT

Use Group Code **PAGRANGE23**

Quilt Block Workshop\$60.00 _____

Deadline for hotel rate is June 18, 2023

Sip & Paint fee – Proceeds to benefit the 150th Anniversary of the State Grange 2023 State Session\$20.00 _____

Talent Contest Registration – must pre-register
Please indicate which category you will be entering—

Christmas Tree Craft Workshop\$7.00 _____

_____ Vocal; _____ Instrumental;
_____ Variety

Total Enclosed _____

Equipment you will need _____

Deadline for Registration– June 15, 2023

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

Send Registration & Payment to:

PA State Grange

Attn: Family Festival

26 CJEMS Lane

Mifflintown PA 17059

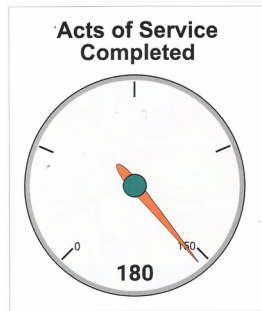


History Committee

Doug Bonsall, History Committee Chair
douglas.b@verizon.net
717-921-1957 or 717-460-0723

ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY!

• **Acts of Service** - brief descriptions of many new, unique service projects to benefit the community shared on the State Grange Facebook page and website. As of the end of March 2023, we were approaching 170 reported acts!



• **“Light the Cake”** - financial contributions in amounts from \$1-\$150 continue to finance the celebration; contributors will be listed in the historical program booklet

• **Sponsorships** - larger contributions in six categories ranging from \$250-\$5,000; all sponsorship levels include a complimentary ad in the historical program booklet

• **Historical Booklet Ads** - be part of the published history of the State Grange by purchasing an ad block in one-eighth, quarter, half, three-quarter and full-page sizes; due by 7/31/2023

• **Candle Lighting Ceremonies** - 12 brief monthly prepared ceremonies with a reading and votive lighting for use at local Grange meetings, each about a different aspect of the organization

• **Recognition of 50 year+ Sixth Degree members** - help us identify and contact persons who received the Sixth Degree in 1973 or earlier; this is the final call to report these individuals

• **Tabletop Displays** - set up a 4' table display at the 2023 session about your Grange to either share its history or tell the story of current activities

• **Pennants** - every Grange (Subordinate,

Pomona and Junior) is encouraged to make a pennant to be part of the hotel decorations

• **Door Prizes** - every Grange is asked to donate a door prize of an approximate \$25 value - gift baskets, gift cards, handcrafted items, etc.

Sponsorships Additional sponsors received since the issue (as of the end of March 2023)

Diamond Sponsor (Assembly of Demeter level - \$5,000 or more)

- Valley #1360, York County

Emerald Sponsor (Pomona Grange level - \$1,000-\$1,999)

- Oliver #1069, Perry County

Ruby Sponsor (Junior Grange level - \$250-\$499)

- Watson #1068, Warren County

Watch this column in future issues for a list of additional supporters. There's still time for more individuals and Granges to contribute; every Grange has a responsibility to support this anniversary financially as a result of delegate action at the 2020 and 2021 state sessions. All amounts, large and small, will help us reach the goal for a great anniversary celebration.

BITS & PIECES

The \$20/person session registration fee will NOT be charged to those persons attending only the special 150th anniversary activities in Morgantown on Saturday, October 21-Sunday, October 22. The registration fee is payable, as usual, by all others attending other parts of the convention.



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

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

Headquarters for the session is the Holiday Inn Morgantown, 6170 Morgantown Rd. The State Grange convention room rate will be \$129/night; the hotel is now accepting reservations.



The Holiday Inn Morgantown has created a booking link for our group. This is the link that can be for guests to make their own reservations.

<http://bit.ly/pagrang150hotel>

If you prefer to call over the phone, you may do so by using the code PGA. When calling the hotel dial 610-286-3000 and press "0".

Reminder the cut-off date to book a room is 09/18/23.

STATE SESSION LANCASTER AGRICULTURAL TOUR

Nettie A. Kauffman

The PA State Session in October will be offering our membership a tour of some sites in Lancaster County on Wednesday, October 18. This tour will consist of viewing a high-tech farming operation – the Kreider Farm. Included with this tour will be a visit to the historic town of Lititz where we will tour the Sturgis Pretzel Bakery and have some time to tour this area on your own. This bakery does old-fashioned soft pretzels by hand and after the tour each participant will receive a freshly baked, hand twisted soft pretzel. Another portion of this tour will be to experience the Amish traditions and practices.

There is a flyer on page 39 with more details of the tour. As you will note on the flyer the expenses for participants on the day before the Session begins – is \$50 for the tour. You need to register for this tour via the Registration Form for the annual session.

It should be noted there is a minimum of 30 and a maximum number of 56 participants to make this tour a success for our Grangers. Let's have participation in this adventure!

I look forward to having our Grangers from across the state take advantage of the "day before" session begins and enjoy an adventure on the "Lancaster Agricultural Tour."

2023 Anniversary Commemorative Item Now Available

Get your limited-edition handmade Christmas ornament, wall hanging or coaster to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the PA State Grange. Just 250 pieces have been commissioned to commemorate this occasion! Each piece is numbered, made from wood right here in PA. To purchase your historical item, send \$10 for one or \$35 for a set of four to: Karen Mohn, 308 Mill Road, Womelsdorf, PA 19567. Please make check or money order payable to: PA State Grange History Committee.

Previous 150th anniversary commemorative items sold out quickly in 2021 and 2022 so don't delay – order and prepay today! Orders will be guaranteed when payment is received and the numbered items will be reserved for each buyer in the order received/paid. Orders will NOT be shipped and must be picked up at Family Festival in July or the 2023 State Session at Morgantown in October.

For questions or to place an order today, contact Karen Mohn, 610-589-2473 or kmohn260@gmail.com.



1873-2023
150TH
Pennsylvania State Grange
Anniversary

FINAL COMMEMORATIVE ITEM

Christmas Ornament

Wall Hanging







Coaster

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

kmohn260@gmail.com 610-589-2473

1 FOR \$10 OR 4 FOR \$35



Join in the Celebration!

October 19-22, 2023 - Holiday Inn Morgantown

Sponsorships

- Sponsor the anniversary -
\$250 - \$5,000+
- Due July 31st for recognition
in program

Historical Booklet Ads

- Sponsor an ad in the
historical booklet/program-
1/8th Page - Full Page
- Due July 31st

Pennants & Door Prizes

- Create a pennant for your
Grange
- Donate a door prize (\$25)
- Bring to the session

Grange Displays

- Show off your Grange with a
table-top display
- Cash prizes
- Register by July 15th

50+ Year

6th Degree Members

- Register ASAP for recognition
at the 150th Anniversary
Session in October

Commemorative Item

- Limited edition ornament /
coaster / wall hanging
- \$10/each or \$35/4-pack
- Reserve yours ASAP!

Visit www.pagrang.org for more information!



REGISTRATION FORM

Pennsylvania State Grange – 151st Annual Session

October 19-22, 2023

Holiday Inn, Morgantown PA



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 check all that apply:

State Officer _____ Past State Officer _____ Junior _____ Youth _____ Guest _____

Junior Chaperone _____ Pomona Delegate _____ Subordinate Delegate _____

Dept. Director/Committee _____ Youth Officer _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY FOR NAME BADGE

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Grange Name & No. _____ County _____

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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

Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____
Lancaster Agriculture Tour – <i>(pre-registration is required)</i>	\$50.00	_____
Thursday – Lunch Buffet – open to everyone	\$25.00	_____
Children (11 & under)	\$12.00	_____
Friday – Lunch Buffet – open to everyone	\$25.00	_____
Past Officers Luncheon Meeting	\$25.00	_____
Children (11 & under)	\$12.00	_____
Saturday – Junior/Youth Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.	\$20.00	_____
Children (11 & under)	\$12.00	_____
Junior Jamboree (age 5-14) (Saturday–Sunday)	\$30.00	_____
<i>Includes all activities & meals (Sat. lunch, Sat. dinner, Sun. breakfast)</i>		
Saturday – Anniversary Celebration Banquet – 7:00 p.m.	\$35.00	_____
Children (11 & under)	\$15.00	_____
Sunday – Breakfast with “Oliver Hudson Kelley” – 8:30 a.m.	\$20.00	_____
Children (11 & under)	\$12.00	_____

Total Enclosed _____

Please check if you will be participating in the following:

Public Speaking (Sat. a.m.) _____ Sign a Song (Sat. a.m.) _____ Youth Party (Fri. a.m.) _____

Send form and payment **by September 10, 2023**

Make Checks payable to PA State Grange; In the Memo of your check, please put – 2023 State Session

Mail to: Debbie Campbell, 1791 Shull Hill Road., Newport, PA 17074

Questions can be directed to Karen Mohn (610) 823-9674, askmohn@comcast.net

Debbie Campbell (717) 275-4469, secretary@pagrange.org

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: _____

PA State Grange Presents:
"Lancaster Agriculture Tour!"



Wednesday, October 18, 2023



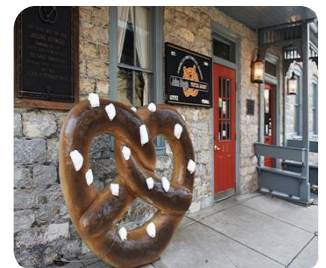
Join us as we spend a day in beautiful **Lancaster County, Pennsylvania!** First, experience the sights, sounds, and smells of a real, working dairy farm on the **Kreider Farm Tour**, which features a high-tech view of farming, including a drive down the middle of their "Cow Palace" barn and a bird's eye view of the milking carousel where they milk 1700 cows three times every day!



Next, we make our way to the historic town of **Lititz**, founded in 1756, and earned the title of "Coolest Small Town in America" in 2013. We will tour the **Sturgis Pretzel Bakery**, founded in 1861, and see their bakers twisting old-fashioned soft pretzels by hand and shop for delicious treats and souvenirs in their bakery store. Every one will receive a freshly baked, hand twisted soft pretzel!



After the tour, enjoy free time exploring **Lititz** and **lunch-on-own** where there is a variety of restaurants within walking distance from Sturgis Pretzel Bakery, such as, Appalachian Brewing Company, Rooster Street Butcher, Bulls Head Public House, and more!



Then, we travel a short distance to **The Amish Experience** in near-by Bird-in-Hand, PA, where we will see the story of **Jacob's Choice**, the emotional story told through the everyday lives of the fictional, Old Order Amish Fisher family, where young Jacob must make the choice in joining the Amish Church, or, leaving his family behind for the allure of the modern world, on their F/X Theater. Then we take a short walk to the **Amish Homestead and School** where you will learn about Amish traditions and practices, plain clothing and life without electricity...the Amish Country Homestead truly provides insights into the complex riddles of a culture so very different from our own.



Price per Person: \$50.00

Package Includes: Motorcoach Transportation; Admission to all listed attractions.

Departing Holiday Inn Morgantown at 8:30 AM ~ **Returning** approximately 6:00 PM

Deadline for Registration and Payment: September 10, 2023



"Itinerary, inclusions, timing, and pricing are subject to change without notice."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, contact Nettie Kauffman at 610-926-5389



Tentative Schedule

151st Annual PA State Grange Session
Holiday Inn, Morgantown (HQ)
6170 Morgantown Road, Morgantown PA 19543

All events at Headquarters Hotel unless otherwise noted

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Lancaster Agriculture Tour by advance reservation
1:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
1:00 p.m.	Exhibit Room Set-up by Committees
4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Convention Registration
7:00 p.m.	State Officers Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Exhibit Entries Accepted
8:30 p.m.	Host Reception – Open to everybody

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Committee Meetings at their discretion

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Convention Registration
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Exhibit Entries Accepted
9:00 a.m.	OFFICIAL OPENING
12:00 p.m.	Recess – Lunch buffet available by advance reservation
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Convention Registration
1:00 p.m.	Judging of Exhibits
1:45 p.m.	Session Reconvenes Suggestions for Executive Committee Member Two-minute comments for candidates Continue work on Resolutions
5:00 p.m.	Dinner Recess
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Convention Registration
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Exhibit Room Open
7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Quilts of Valor Presentation
7:30 p.m.	Speaker - Jeff Winton, Rural Minds

Friday, October 20, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Convention Registration
9:00 a.m.	SESSION OPENS
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibit Room Open
11:30 a.m.	Additional suggestions for Executive Committee member and Election
12:00 p.m.	Recess – Lunch buffet available by advance reservation Past Officers Luncheon- Meeting by invitation/advance reservation
2:00 p.m.	Session Reconvenes
4:30 p.m.	Installation of Officer Session Closes
5:00 p.m.	Dinner Recess
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Convention Registration
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Auction for 1 st and 2 nd place baked goods to benefit the Youth Department
7:00 p.m.	State Officers Rehearsal for Sixth Degree – Twin Valley High School
TBD	Youth party



Tentative Schedule
151st Annual PA State Grange Session
Holiday Inn, Morgantown (HQ)
6170 Morgantown Road, Morgantown PA 19543

Saturday, October 21, 2023

- 8:00 a.m.-11 a.m. Convention registration @ Hotel
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Junior/Youth Breakfast by advance reservation
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Registration for Junior Jamboree
- 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Exhibit room open
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Junior Grange Meeting/Degree – Junior Jamboree begins
Degree & Pageant Rehearsals @ Twin Valley High School
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contests
- 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Convention registration @ Twin Valley High School
- 12:30 p.m. Opening by State Officers & Fifth Degree conferral by Susquehanna
Pomona @ Twin Valley High School
- 1:30 p.m. Sixth Degree Conferral with recognition of members who received this
degree 50 or more years ago at Twin Valley High School
- 3:00 p.m. Break – Reception @ Twin Valley High School
- 4:00 p.m. Historical Pageant – Youth Drill Demonstration @ Twin Valley High School
- 7:00 p.m. Anniversary banquet by advance reservation (at hotel)
Speaker – Dr. Gary Moore ***“Searching for the Wizard of Oz in the
Grange”***
- Committees tear down displays and get contest entries ready for pick up
by Granges

Sunday, October 22, 2023

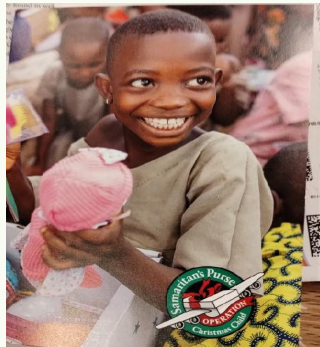
- 8:00-9:30 a.m. Pick up contest entries from exhibit room
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast by advance reservation
- 9:30 a.m. Leadership workshop by Dr. Moore (banquet speaker) impersonating
Oliver Hudson Kelley ***“The 8 Characteristics of Resilient Leaders”***
- 10:00 a.m. Juniors return from Junior Jamboree (*this time is only an estimate*)
- 10:30 a.m. Church Service
- 11:30 a.m. Closing Friendship Circle



Granges in Action....

BAILEYVILLE #1991

Baileyville #1991 Grange members made 15 Samaritan Purse Boxes. The little girl is holding a pink doll that was in one of the boxes. The woman who coordinates with Baileyville delivers the boxes to other countries herself and provided the photo.



KUTZTOWN #1836

Kutztown Grange held a Pulled Pork Take-Out Dinner on March 26. It was a very successful event and funds from this fundraiser will go back into the local community.



WALKER #2007

Members of Walker Grange in Centre County put together Jared Boxes. These boxes were filled with books, crayons, animal sets, play-doh, etc. for pediatric patients at UPMC Lock Haven. Members were able to fill 32 Jared Boxes and this service project was also covered by the local news station.



FAIRVIEW #1351

Fairview Grange Auction

**6270 TUSCARAWAS RD.
INDUSTRY, PA 15052**

**JUST A REMINDER OUR AUCTION WILL
BE THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH AT 6:00PM
OUR AUCTIONS WILL NOW BE EVERY
THURSDAY AT 6:00PM
CONSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED
THURSDAY MORNINGS FROM 8-10AM**

**PICTURES WILL BE POSTED EVERY THURSDAY
LATE MORNING/EARLY AFTERNOON.**

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

Fairview Grange would like to invite everyone to come out and see their consignment auction that happens every Thursday night at 6. Your trash is another person's treasure.

VIRGINVILLE #1832

Virginville Grange **MOTHER'S DAY FAMILY-STYLE DINNER**

DINE-IN 'ALL YOU CAN EAT' OR HOT TAKE-OUT MEAL

**Baked Country Ham • Roasted Turkey • Potato Filling/Gravy
Corn • Green Beans • Sweet Potatoes • Cranberry Sauce
Pepper Cabbage • Applesauce • Rolls • Beverages**

**Choice of Apple Crumb • Coconut Custard
Lemon Strip • Shoofly • Assorted Cakes**

Sun, May 14, 2023 • 11 AM – 2 PM

Reservations Suggested by May 1 • Walk-ins Welcome
Adult \$18 • Child (5-10) \$9 • Call/Text 610-823-4813
Preorder whole pies to take along home \$12 (9")

Virginville Grange Hall • 456 Main Street • Route 143 • Virginville, PA
Facebook/VirginvilleGrange#1832 • Handicapped Friendly



ONTELAUNEE JR GRANGE #442

The Ontelaunee Junior Grangers held a spaghetti fundraiser, and with the proceeds, presented checks for \$1000 each to the Leesport Fire Company and the Central Berks Fire Company of Centerport.



BIG KNOB #2008



Big Knob hosted a Community Easter Egg Hunt. With other community organizations, they all worked together to fill eggs, hand out goodie bags, run the hunt and clean up. With rain in the forecast, the egg hunt was moved inside the Grange hall.



HICKORY #1285

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST



**Fundraiser for
Hickory Grange**

Adult Plate \$12.00

Kids (4-10) \$6.00

Sunday May 7, 2023

8am-1pm

Hickory Grange

836 Mountain Run Rd, DuBois, PA

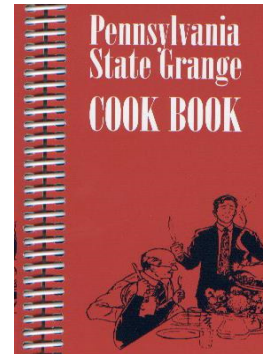
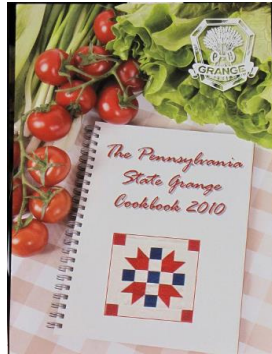
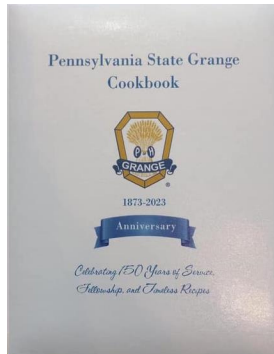
Meal Includes:

**Pancakes, Sausage, French Toast,
Fried Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, Pudding,
Sausage Gravy, Biscuits and Eggs**

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Cookbooks

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We have less than 300 copies of the 1950 edition.

We have less than 3000 copies of the 150th Anniversary edition.

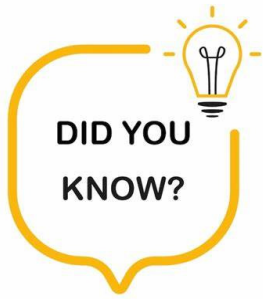
Apple Butter

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.

Cases of 12 jars are \$54. Granges are encouraged to sell the jars for a minimum of \$6.50.

Union Grange, Susquehanna Co. Wayne Oakley 570.575.9978
Progress Grange, Centre Co. Tammy Jurkowski 814.404.2460
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

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



Representation of Delegates at Annual Sessions

The question of representation at annual meetings of the State Grange caused a great deal of discussion in the early years. Most leaders of the State Grange were not friendly to the idea that each subordinate Grange should be entitled to two delegates to the annual sessions. First Master (president) David B. Mauger recommended that each county with from one to eight Granges should be entitled to representation in the State Grange and that an additional

representative should be given for each additional eight Granges or major fraction thereof. The cost of paying the mileage for delegates was uppermost in the minds of those early leaders in their wish to limit representation. But the delegates clung to the idea that each local Grange should be entitled to send delegates to and have a voice at the State Grange session. Delegates for Pomona Grange were added in later years and this plan has prevailed to the present day.

Grange Cookbook Classics

Chicken Tetrazzini

½ pound spaghetti
1 chopped onion
6 tablespoons butter
1 10 ounce can cream of celery soup
1 pimiento (cut fine)

1 10 ounce can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup water
2 cups boned and cooked chicken
½ cup shredded cheese

Cook spaghetti in boiling, salted water until tender. Drain and mix thoroughly with melted butter. Arrange in casserole. Cook onion in butter until tender. Combine with soups, water and pimiento. Add chicken chunks. Pour over cooked spaghetti and top with cheese. Bake until surface is bubbly and brown.

Bake time: 10 minutes. Temp: 450 degrees
Servings: 8 Casserole size: 2 quarts

Mrs. Ray M. Warmkessel, Macungie Grange #1569



This recipe can be found in the 1984 edition of the Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbook.



Welcome New Members

**Congrats to the
new re-organized
Howard Grange #297**

Alyson Rawlings
Kyle Rawlings
Patricia Stover
Chris Aikens
Earl Thompson
Anita Masden
Kathi Alterio
Brooke Masden
James Masden
Lindsey Nyman
Tiffany Weaver
Jacob Weaver
Cheryl Miller
Sherie Burris

Hartslog Valley #375

Harley McChessney

Walker #786

Brett Reinford

Centre Hill #885

Dayna Jones

Jefferson #1373

Barbara Myers

Gouglersville #1743

Lisa Parkins O'Connor

Shermanata #1796

Mary Colledge

Marion #1853

Logan Eisenhower

We apologize for the following error in the Jan-Apr issue:

Mary Lou Jurkowski, Joy Struble and Stephen Struble were new members listed as joining Logan #109 when they should have been listed for joining Progress #96.



In Memoriam “Well Done Good and Faithful Servant...”

Marion #223

Mary Boone

Union #325

Norma Soster

Atlantic #344

Bert Eaton

Hartslog Valley #375

Larry Sather

Ruth Kurtz

Sinking Valley #484

Sandra Snyder

Walker #786

Tina Register

Centre Hill #885

Judith Shugarts

Oliver #1069

Rebecca Luxbacher

South Auburn #1188

George Scott

Florence Helmacy

Hillcrest #1674

Kathy Fox

Schnecksville #1684

Althea Grim

Gouglersville #1743

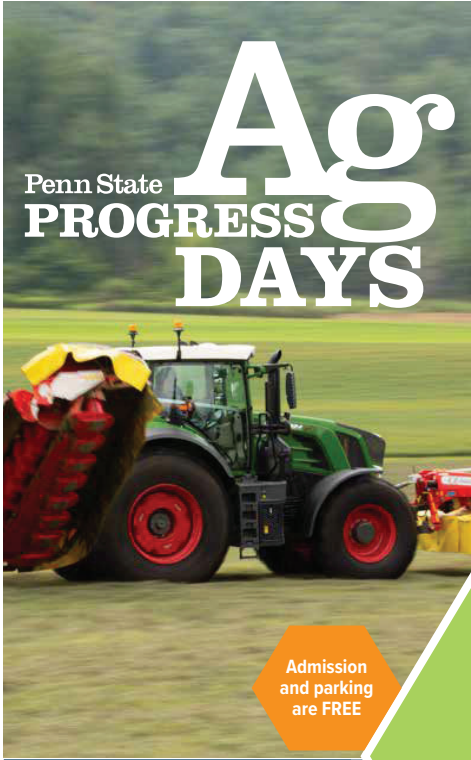
Ronald Good

Sanborn #2016

Hazel Baughman

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R Douglas Love



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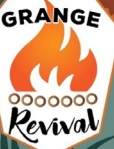
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August 8–10, 2023
Tuesday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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CURTIS, UPPER PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

MAY

- 1: Scholarship Deadline
- 4: Penn State Ag Trustee Election
- 29: Memorial Day

JUNE

- 1: Youth Camp Registration Due
- 2: Junior Camp Registration Due
- 15: Family Festival Registration Due
- 30-Jul 2: PA Youth Camp; Camp Sylvan Hills

JULY

- 2-8: PA Junior Camp; Camp Sylvan Hills
- 4: Independence Day
- 13-16: Family Festival; Centre County Fairgrounds
- 18-23: Grange Revival; Upper Peninsula of Michigan
- 30: 2nd Quarter Dues Report Due (Bonds)

AUGUST

- 8-10: Ag Progress Days; Pennsylvania Furnace

SEPTEMBER

- 4: Labor Day
- 10: State Session Registration Due
- 15: Resolutions Deadline

OCTOBER

- 18-22: 151st Annual State Session; Morgantown, PA
- 31: 3rd Quarter Dues Report Due

NOVEMBER

- 5: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11: Veterans Day
- 14-18: National Grange Session; Niagara Falls, NY
- 23: Thanksgiving

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!!!

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