

State Grange Family Festival Celebrates 20th Weekend!

The Pennsylvania State Grange's annual Family Festival was held July 18-21 at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall. More than 100 Grange members of all ages attended the four-day event. Several officers, directors, and leaders of the State Grange were responsible for planning what was a very successful weekend – the 20th iteration since its inception. Highlights of the weekend included:

- Delicious meals thanks to the Campbell and Danko families, the Youth & Young Adults Department, Penns Valley Grange (Centre County), Logan Grange (Centre County), and Walker Grange (Juniata County)
- Workshops and activities planned by several of the State Grange's leaders including: a legislative update, communications workshop, nail art sponsored by the Youth & Young Adults Department, water games with the Junior Department, a Bike-a-Thon sponsored by the Deaf & Community Service Committee, and more!
- Tours of nearby Brush Mountain Bison Farm and Penns Cave
- Naming of the 2024-25 Outstanding Young Patron – Autumn Tworkoski of Berks County
- Grange Olympics coordinated by the State Grange Lecturer – a fun team competition throughout the weekend and culminating in Olympic Games on Saturday evening

The weekend event, which has been held annually, gives Grange members of all ages an opportunity to enjoy fellowship, learning, and fun with others from around the state. Thank you to **everyone** who made the event a success!

FFA Officers Bring Leadership Workshop to Family Festival

On July 20, the seven members of the Pennsylvania FFA State Officer Team presented a leadership workshop. Through their program, they encouraged attendees to step out of their comfort zone and face new challenges. Doing so can lead to not only personal growth, but also the betterment of the Grange and the community around you. To assist Grange members in the process, the team focused on seven specific leadership skills. Among these attributes were the importance of being a good listener, exhibiting confidence, and trusting the people around you.

Those currently in leadership positions were reminded through the FFA workshop how important it can be to delegate responsibilities. These opportunities will help prepare and encourage the next generation of leaders.