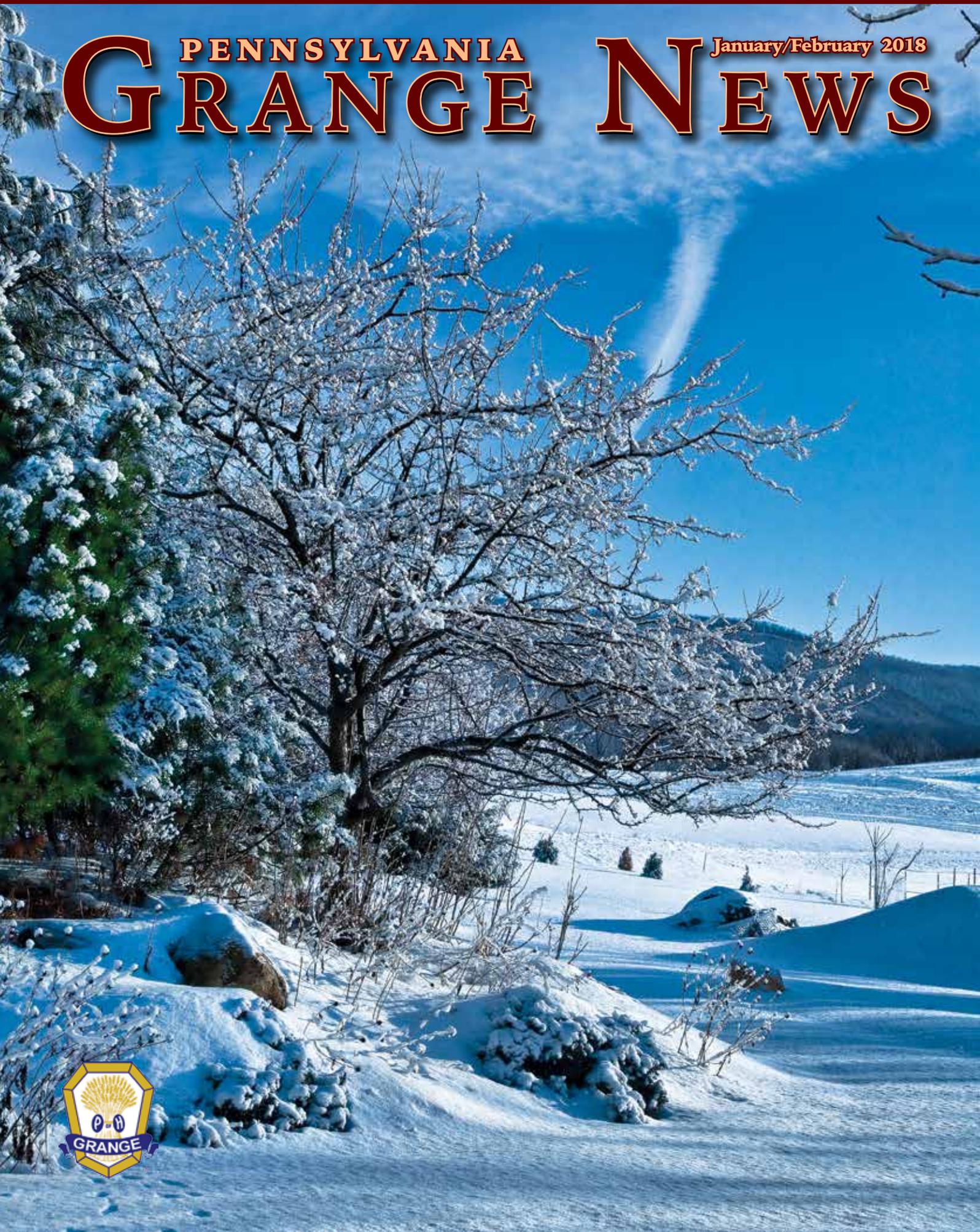


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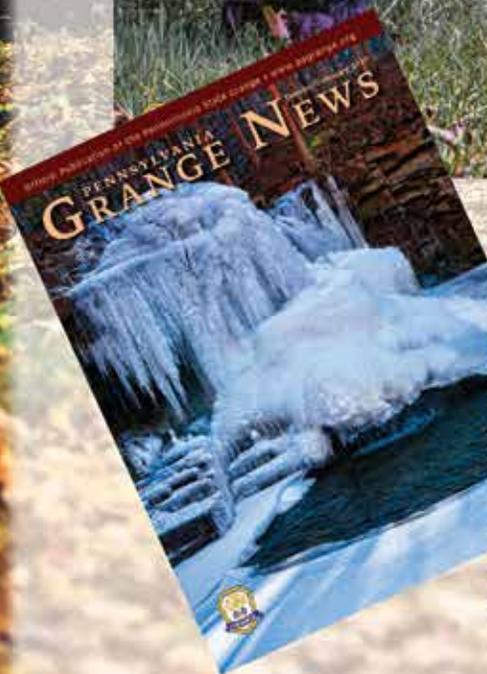
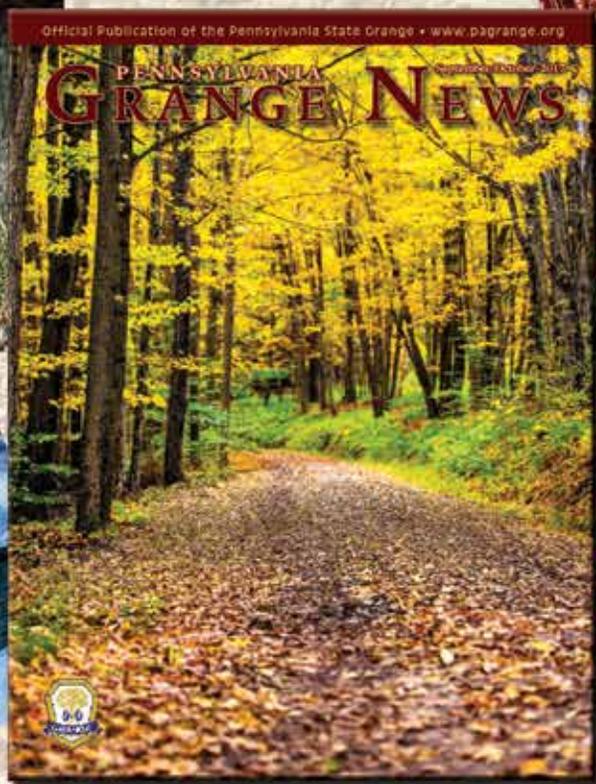
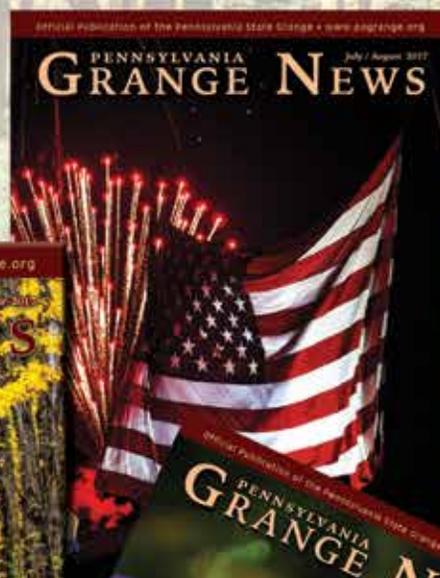
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From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
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Dear Fellow Grangers:

State Session is over, National Session is over, and Thanksgiving is here and gone. Christmas is just around the corner as you receive this issue and then it's New Year's, 2018. Wow, when I was graduating high school in 1973, 2020 seemed so far away and now it's just around the corner. I look back over the last 45 years and am amazed at the changes that have evolved. Remember the party line phone, then the dial phone, followed by the push button phone, and then the bag cell phone. Now, how many of us even have a landline phone in our homes anymore? The cell phone has replaced many of our landline phones...almost. The Grange is continuing the effort to get cell phone and internet services into the areas of Pennsylvania that still do not have access to these opportunities... opportunities that many of us take for granted every day. The Grange was instrumental in getting rural areas free mail delivery and electricity out into the countryside, and our job is not complete. We are a grass roots family organization who advocates for the whole family. We work to obtain a better public education for our children, and advocate for better health care for all, especially our seniors. We

2018...
...Make A
Difference!!!

strive for a better government that includes property tax reform, term limits, and budget reform.

We encourage our young people to participate in contests and programs such as Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song. We support Community Service organizations with our donations including Dogs for the Deaf, Easter Seals, and raising money to help sponsor an Autism Dog.

It's a new year, but the values that the Grange represents are as important to our society now as much as ever. We need to promote our family values, legislative abilities/actions, as well as moral and social values. Our organization has a lot to offer society today, but if we don't tell others about ourselves, what we do, and what we offer, who will? We can make a difference in our communities, State and Nation.

I'm not one for making New Year's resolutions because they usually go by the wayside before January even comes to an end, however... let each of us commit to making a difference in 2018. If we let others see our excitement and our enthusiasm for life, just maybe, they will want to join in the action!!!

Fraternally,

Wayne Campbell
Pennsylvania State Grange
President



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Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain



it move my heart toward “loving my neighbors more than myself.” This translates into better understanding of others, identifying the needs of those around me, reaching out to people who are lonely or hurting.

Start 2018 with a Happy Heart in January and Lots of Love in February

Since this is the January-February issue, I'll have to touch on two important fronts: A New Year and Valentine Day.

New Year's Day is all about resolutions and Valentine's Day is all about love. So, Happy New Year! Have you made any resolutions? I have made one: **I am not making any “New Year's” resolutions!**

Given my past history, my follow-through techniques are not that great with them, so instead, I am adopting a new **life** resolution as *recommended* by our Heavenly Father in the book of Ezekiel and *approved* by all who **love** Him: “Cast away from all your transgressions which you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.”

What a great idea: **get a new heart and a new spirit in a new year.** We all can use that reminder from time to time and as we begin 2018, I can't think of a better goal to set for myself. I'll have 31 days in January and 28 days in February... that gives me 59 days (*anyone who knows me knows that math is not my strong point!*) to let the **Spir-**

In January and February, the timing is perfect: this is the season for rest from our labors. The harvest is done, the ground is setting idle and it is too early to plant this year's gardens (although those seed catalogs are arriving in the mail!).

This is the time to sow **NEW SEEDS** with a **NEW HEART** and a **NEW SPIRIT** as we reach out in **LOVE** in our Granges as well as in our daily lives. Let's celebrate Valentine's Day every day. Let's begin by checking on the long-standing members who can't make it to our meetings any more. Let's contact the members who are inactive to find out why they are MIA. At least they'll know they are missed. Let's look around our communities to find folks who need a “family” and share our **LOVE** with them.

To paraphrase a verse from Revelations: There is an open door which no one can shut....Venture out that door and into the world in this new year with a **NEW HEART** and a **NEW SPIRIT** and **LOTS of LOVE** in that heart to see what wonders may appear in 2018!

God Bless You and Yours!

Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler



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Membership News

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TEAM GRANGE!

Team Grange consists of all ages; this is an element that is not found in other organizations. Our family values are the driving force that promotes all members of all ages to attend meetings... a feature that sets us apart from others. As "Team Grange" we as members all share the goals of serving our communities, be legislative advocates, and work on growing membership to be a strong organization.

When I have come to visit Granges I see the 3 distinct types of team players.

YOUNG PEOPLE: (Birth to 35 yrs of age) Our youth are exuberant, bring fresh ideas, and have the energy to devote to making things happen. The Young people are serving as State Officers, Youth & Junior Officers, and fulfilling leadership roles within their local Granges. They bring youthful wisdom as they are having experiences that are cultivating them into great leaders in our organization.

ELDERS: (80 yrs of age and above). The Elders have worked their way through the ranks, served our Granges over many years in many different roles. They have expe-

rienced successes as well as failures. They have gained wisdom from their years of experience. They are slowing down in being involved in the chores of community service, but still have very definite opinions on what is going on within the Granges.

"TWEENERS": (The "Tweeners" fall into the vast age range of 36 to 79.) They are in the middle, serving our organizations as State Officers, Executive Board Members, serving on leadership roles within



their local Granges. They have wisdom from all their experiences too. "Tweeners" are very active in all things that are going on in their organization.

We all have a huge role on this Team Grange. I ask the elders to share their life experiences with the young people and the "tweeners". We need your knowledge to make great decisions moving our team forward. To the young people, I ask that you seek out the Elders and ask to hear their stories. They have "pearls of wisdom"

that as you continue to move into leadership roles that will be very valuable in making decisions. The "Tweeners", you find yourself in the middle. I ask that you also seek stories from the "Elders" as we are never too old to learn. I also ask that you accept the role of being a catalyst to assist our "Young People" in setting goals and attaining them.

Team Grange needs all of you. President Wayne Campbell has a vision and strong convictions to have resurgence in Grange growth that will enhance our community service and legislative involvement. Let us all embrace the journey and develop our team for the work ahead of us in our local Granges to move our organization forward in our mission statement.

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Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hello Everyone! With State and National Sessions behind us, I hope all had a Good Thanksgiving enjoying family and eating all your favorite foods.

I hope everyone had a Blessed and Merry Christmas and received all that you asked for. Now with the New Year 2018 already here I hope all is good with everyone. Each grange that entered items for Family Activities should have received contest papers, a picture of the

2018 quilt and new quilt pattern instructions, so everyone can get a head start on the contest. Please share all papers with fellow grangers and granges. The packets will be sent out soon with raffle tickets and a picture of the 2018 Quilt for sale, Pomona and Subordinate report papers, contest paper, the new quilt pattern, "Remember Me" with any color you would like to be remembered by. I hope everyone is enjoying the weather and keeping warm while working on your contest projects.

Peace and Prayers for the New Year.

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius



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Deaf Activities & Community Services Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Hello Grangers,

This year has been very rewarding! I was very impressed by the work that you are doing in your communities. For those that sent in their reports, thank you! I looked through each report and book and documented the different projects that are being completed around the state. I have a 6-1/2 page document of the different ways you raise money and what organizations and causes you donate to or do work for. It is extremely impressive and something each and every one of you should be proud of! We logged about 71,000 hours of community service from the 68 reports that were submitted. Way to go Pennsylvania!

Congrats to the following Granges for their winning reports/books.

Granges with 25 or less member:

1. Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
2. London Grove Grange #63, Chester County
3. Sinking Valley Grange #484, Blair County

Granges with 26-60 members:

1. Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
2. Schnecksville Grange #1684, Lehigh County
3. Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County
(Honorable Mention) Central Grange #1650, Lehigh County

Granges with 61 or more members:

1. Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County
2. Ontelaunee Community Grange

#1617, Berks County

3. Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

(Honorable Mention) – Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County

Pomona Granges:

1. Centre County Pomona Grange #13
2. Montour-Northumberland Pomona Grange #31
3. Bucks County Pomona Grange #22

Overall Placings:

1. Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
2. Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County
3. Ontelaunee Community Grange #1617, Berks County
4. Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

Congratulations to Hayfield Grange #800, as their book represented Pennsylvania at the National Grange Session in Spokane, Washington in November 2017.

At State Session we collected boxes upon boxes of items for St. Francis Commons and The Scranton School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children. THANK YOU for the overwhelming support. We sent 7 boxes of school supplies and 3 bags of tissue boxes to the school. Their deaf interpreter, Hannah was present to accept these items on Sunday and was very grateful for all of our donations. I was a little curious about how much of each item we donated. However, after counting out 171 folders, I decided I needed to stop; otherwise I would have been counting for hours. It was amazing to see your response. We sent about 5 boxes of items to St. Fran-

cis Commons, so again, thank you for your support! We were also successful with our book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange. We raised \$95 from this sale and sent \$100 to Dogs for the Deaf. Thank you to all that donated books and CDs and to all of those that purchased books and CDs.

During session, we also had our sign a song contest. Congrats to Jennifer Beamon who will be representing Pennsylvania at Eastern Regionals to compete for this contest. Jennifer signed "Happy Trails". I challenge 5 youth to compete next year. I also challenge 3 youth at heart to participate.

We continue to collect money for our last project of the year, donating to sponsor an autism dog. We have about \$1800-\$2000 that will go towards this cause for now. I hope that before the end of the year we can donate that, if not more with help from other organizations/corporations.

Please be reminded that I would like you to e-mail pagrange.dacs@gmail.com when your Grange completes community projects. I will post your projects on Facebook. This allows others around the state (and nation) to see the work you have done and get ideas for more community service projects.

I continue to look forward to hearing about all of your awesome work and hope to see you soon. Feel free to reach out to me to my personal e-mail: g_switzer09@hotmail.com phone 610-750-4290, or e-mail the address in the above paragraph with any community service/deaf activities projects.

~ Gail





Junior News!!!



Greetings Fellow Grangers and Junior Grangers! Greetings and Happy New Year to the Juniors, their families and all Grangers across PA. I am writing this from my hotel room at the National Grange Convention in Spokane

Washington and the falling snow is just beautiful. It is early November as I write this and I hope that by the time you are reading this edition, you are not buried in snow!



tion in October was a great time and I was so happy to see over 35 Juniors from across the state join us for the Junior Jam. They had a great time touring a coal mine,

ward to this year and introducing a new Junior Grange Committee member. I will feature him in the March-April edition. There are also some changes in the National Jr Grange program that I will feature in the Grange News as well as in our Facebook Group. All leaders will also be mailed a copy of the new 2018 Program Guide.



The Pennsylvania Grange Ses-

swimming at a local school pool, having a fire S'more dessert after a spaghetti dinner and more. The Berks County Juniors did a great job on the Jr. meeting and degree on Sunday! I am so proud of them all. I am also happy to report that there were over 270 entries with 90 Juniors placing those entries. We have some talented kiddos in our state!



I am looking for-





Government Matters
Vince Phillips
 PA State Grange Lobbyist

WHAT HAPPENS... AFTER THE AMENDMENT?

On Tuesday November 7, Pennsylvania voters adopted an amendment to the State Constitution regarding the possible exemption of homestead owners from the property tax. While many who feel the burden of local property taxes hail that decision, the PA State Grange wants to provide some perspective.

Grange members should see that the amendment is not an end in itself. It is an important step but it is only a step. The General Assembly would have to make the next step if across the board funding replacement of the residential property tax is to be achieved.

First, the 100-percent exemption from property taxes in the Constitutional Amendment does not cover all property. Commercial property would still be taxed. In addition, the amendment gives taxing authorities the option of increasing the exemption to 100-percent for residential property owners but that is not automatic. Local taxing authorities would have to agree with it. Former U.S. Speaker of the House Tip O’Neil was right when he said that all politics is local. The amendment underscores the local taxing entity’s authority to make this decision. That is where taxpayers who support property tax elimination come in to convince local leaders that this is a proper course of action. The 100-percent exemption

is not automatic.

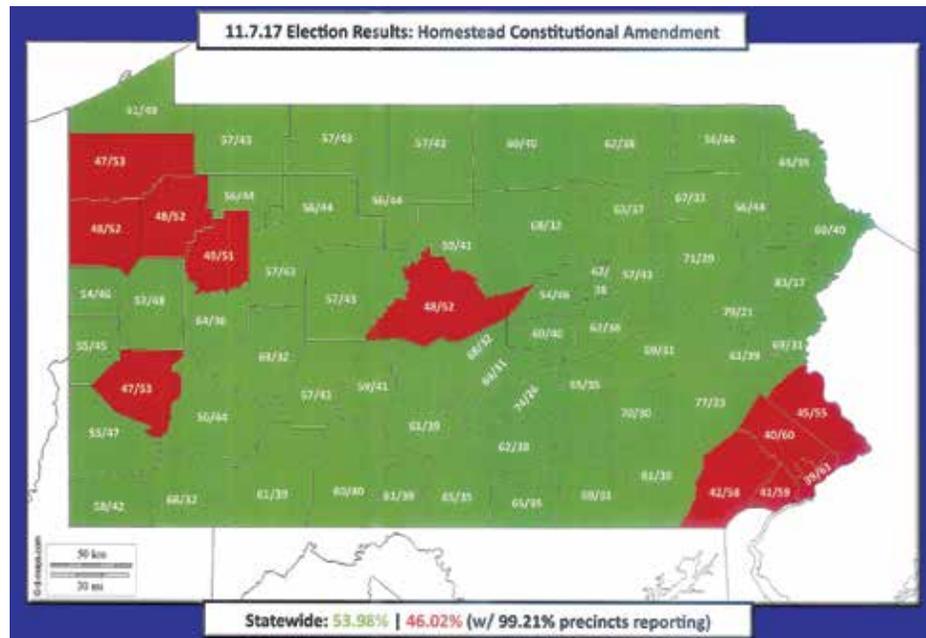
Limits to Local Revenue Options

How could local governments raise revenue? What would have to happen next?

Does local government have the force of law behind them or must they seek state legislation from the General Assembly and

emption to 100-percent, money replacing the property tax will have to be made up. Where will the make-up money come from? Will it be “new” money from the local level?

- Cutting local government spending?
- Eliminating local programs?
- Imposing a local Personal Income Tax (PIT) assuming the state lets you?



Governor to give them the taxation tools to make up the revenues that would have otherwise come from property taxes?

If local activism succeeds and the taxing entity decides to move the residential property tax ex-

- Imposing a county PIT assuming the state lets you?
- Charging or increasing fees of various sorts? Examples might be construction permits or building codes fines or onlot septic system inspections



- Imposing a local sales tax like Philadelphia and Pittsburgh assuming the state lets you?

These are not pleasant choices especially since revenues from these alternatives might be uncertain. Will that “new” money be enough?

With each of these funding choices come questions.

Question: Which local or county programs should be cut?

Answer: Not mine

Question: Which fees should be increased?

Answer: Not mine.

State Action

Municipalities, boroughs, townships, and counties have the authority that the state gives them by statute. What the amendment does is to clear some hurdles to allow state action to happen. Municipalities will need more available options for revenue if the General Assembly gives them authorization.

Of course, property tax relief is not a new issue for the General Assembly. Legislation has been passed and signed into law several times that address parts of the property tax issue. Remember the gambling legislation enacted during the Rendell Administration? Part of that law required some gambling revenues to be dedicated to property tax relief. With the expansion of gambling signed into law by Governor Wolf October 30 (Act 42 of 2017, House Bill 271), there may be more relief monies coming for property tax relief. Earlier in 1997, a law was passed allowing for the 50-percent exemption that now exists.

In addition, in his first year, Governor Wolf tried to reduce a small portion of the property tax by a large scale expansion of the

Sales Tax as well as increases in the rate of the Sales Tax and the Personal Income Tax (PIT). Politically, that was met with a buzz saw from state legislators who found plenty not to like in that budget proposal from the new Governor.

Probably, many people are aware of an approach that was spearheaded years back by former state representative and candidate for Governor Sam Rohrer (R-Berks) and now by Senator Dave Argall (R-Schuylkill) and Rep. Jim Cox (R-Berks). The idea is to abolish the property tax and replace that revenue by expanding the reach of the Sales Tax and increase other tax rates (Sales, Personal Income Tax). The Property Tax Independence Act is Senate Bill 76 in the Senate. The Cox bill was House Bill 76 in the last session of the General Assembly but has not yet been introduced this year. The high-water mark for this legislation came last session when Senate Bill 76 had a tie vote in the Senate which was broken by Lt. Governor Mike Stack who voted no.

So, the bottom line is that the constitutional amendment is a necessary step in eliminating property taxes but real work by all who are passionate or simply concerned about residential property taxes need to take the next step and become actively involved in the political and legislative process before that goal can be achieved.

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Youth News!!!

Greetings from the Youth and Young Adults Department!

Wow! What a State Grange Session! The Youth and Young Adults Department would like to give a big shout-out to all of the great Pennsylvania Grangers who supported our National Master and PA Home-Girl, Betsy Huber, in the Pie-In-The-Face fundraiser. We raised \$2400 towards this National Youth Foundation fundraiser, all thanks to your support. THANK YOU!

The Youth and Young Adults Department was very busy during the State Grange Session with our contest entries and Public Speaking Contest. We had entries in almost every category but we would definitely welcome many more. Please take a look at the program guide and start planning your entries for next year, including your speeches. For those still in school, you are definitely welcome to use a speech that you had to prepare for school in the contest. There is no set topic, only a time limit.

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(Spice/Other Mix- All ages)

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- 2nd - Jennifer Beamon - Berks Co;
- 3rd - Deborah Kolpak - Chester Co.

CUPCAKE DECORATING

(Juniors)

- 1st - Conrad Long - Juniata Co;
- 2nd - Natalee Zug - Juniata Co;
- 3rd - Lila Samsel - Berks Co.

CUPCAKE DECORATING

(Adults: 14- above)

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- 2nd - Heather Druckenmiller - York-Adams Co;
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(Juniors: 5-13)

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- 2nd - Hadyn Wiseman
- 3rd - Harvey Reyburn - Chester Co

BUILDING BLOCK CREATION

(Youth: 14-21)

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BUILDING BLOCK CREATION

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BUILDING BLOCK CREATION

(Adult: 35+)

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(Fabric: Adults 35+)

- 1st - Deborah Kolpak - Chester Co
- 2nd - Karen Mohn - Berks Co

RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT

(Wood: Youth -14-21)

- 1st - Lindsay Schroeder - Berks Co

RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT

(Wood: Young Adult -22-35)

- 1st - Ashley Mohn - Berks Co

RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT

(Wood: Adults - 35+)

- 1st - Deborah Kolpak - Chester Co

DESIGN A BUTTON

(Young Adult - 22-35)

- 1st - Ashley Kolpak - Chester Co
- 2nd - Philip Vonada - Centre Co
- 3rd - Ashley Mohn - Berks Co

DESIGN A BUTTON

(Adults - 35+)

- 1st - Karen Mohn - Berks Co



PUBLIC SPEAKING

(Prepared Speech: Youth - 14-21)
1st - Derek Snyder – York Co

PUBLIC SPEAKING

(Prepared Speech: Young Adult - 22-35)
1st - Gail Switzer – Berks Co

PUBLIC SPEAKING

(Prepared Speech: Adult - 36+)
1st - Lurae Benzio – Beaver Co

PUBLIC SPEAKING

(Impromptu Speech: Youth -14-21)
1st - Jacob Mengel – Berks Co
2nd - Grace Wadsworth – Chester Co
3rd - Isaac Mengel – Berks Co

PUBLIC SPEAKING

(Impromptu Speech: Young Adult - 22-35)
1st - Gail Switzer – Berks Co
2nd - Denae Zvarick – Montgomery Co
3rd - Jennifer Nauss – York Co

PUBLIC SPEAKING

(Impromptu Speech - Adult -36 +)
1st - Ruth Vonada – Centre Co
2nd - Lurae Benzio – Beaver Co

PUBLIC SPEAKING

(Visual Aids Speech: Young Adult - 22-35)
1st - Philip Vonada – Centre Co

Another highlight of State Grange session for the Youth and Young Adults was the opportunity to open the session on Saturday



2017 PA State Grange Friend of the Youth Lindsay Schroeder with Ellen Wadsworth

morning. The 16 youth and young adults that participated did an amazing job, both on the drill work and in the ritual work of opening the meeting. We have a wonderful group of youth and young adults who will one day be the leaders of our Grange. You can be proud of them all.

Speaking of some of our amazing youth and young adults, Pennsylvania is well represented at National Grange Session in Spokane, Washington, again this year. The 2016-2017 Outstanding Young Patrons, Jennifer Nauss and Philip Vonada will be competing at

the national level for Outstanding Young Patron, and Sara Benzio, the 2016-2017 Female Youth Ambassador will be competing for National Youth Ambassador. Jennifer Nauss will also be presenting her 1st place public speaking speech and her 1st place piano solo during the Evening of Excellence. In addition, Jennifer Nauss and Cassidy Cheddar will be representing PA and the Eastern Region in the Grange Jeopardy competition. Derek Snyder and Grace Wadsworth were chosen to serve on the National Grange Youth Officer Team as Overseer and Ceres respectively.

As a reminder, if you are interested in upcoming events and activities for the youth, please send a request to join our page on Facebook: "Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults". We will keep posting information on our events for 2018 as they become scheduled.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Ellen Wadsworth (Youth Director)
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e-mail: youth@pagrange.org
Facebook: Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults



2017 PA State Grange Royalty with Ellen Wadsworth





Grange News

CRAWFORD COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

Recognizes Veterans

This year's recognition program included Veterans from Desert Storm, Persian Gulf and Iraqi Invasion and was held at the Atlantic IOOF Hall, Atlantic on Saturday, October 28th.

Receiving certificates prepared by the National Grange were Stephen Steigerwald, Conneautville from Ron Holler, Master and Nancy Holler, Secretary of Rundells Grange. Norman Pratt and Barry Lobdell were presented certificates from Pomona Master Kenneth Merritt and Michael Tau, Overseer.

Norman Pratt, Veteran of the Iraq War, and participant in the Home Grown by Heroes Program spoke regarding his participation in the program and what is available to Veterans interested in pursuing a business in the agricultural area. He, along with his father,



Pictured: Norman Pratt, Barry Lobdell & Stephen Steigerwald

operates Sleepy Creek Honey Maple Syrup in Venango Township. He was the first Veteran in Crawford County to become involved with the Home Grown By Heroes. When he first began, he only was producing maple syrup and has now expanded his business to include honeybees, crops and dairy

goats. He has been making maple syrup since 2004 and his operation has been on the Maple Tasting Tour in the spring for approximately eight years. He has applied for the honey to be certified as organic.

The Home Grown by Heroes program began in Kentucky and is now in 20 other states. It has approximately 1,000 Veterans in the program and is still new in many areas. The PA Preferred and Home Grown By Heroes labels have been meshed into one label. Benefits of the program include assisting with establishing a business plan in order to obtain funding, the marketing trends for advertising, and organic certification, which can take from 12-16 months, and providing labels for products. When participating in the program you are assigned a liaison with the organization to be available to work with you. This program is run by AgChoice Farm Credit, ACA.

Collene Munn of the Quilts of Valor program, accompanied by Linda McNamara, Linda Shaffer and Debi Crocker, presented a quilt to each of the Veterans. Mrs. Munn explained that the local Chapter started in March 2017. They gather once or twice a month to make the quilts. Each quilt is personalized for the Veteran receiving the quilt.

Crawford County Dairy Princess Brooke Carey, Titusville, presented her speech entitled "Making an Impact" and explained her duties serving as the Dairy Princess. The Dairy Princess Committee provided ice cream sundaes during the social time following the program.



Pictured: Quilts of Valor

Providing special music for the program were Christopher Seeley, Linesville on piano and Joe Galbo of Meadville on the cello.

Readings included "I Am A Veteran" by Virginia Shields and "The Ragged Old Flag" by Kenneth Merritt.

STONY POINT GRANGE #1694

Richard and Marilyn Parker were honored recently for their 70 and 73 years, respectively, of continuous Grange membership at Stony Point Grange. With them are Donna Zuschlag, lecturer at Stony Point; their daughter Lucy Clayton; State Grange Secretary Debbie Campbell; State Grange President Wayne Campbell; and Stony Point President Ken Ammann.





PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

Members of Plumsteadville Grange's quilting group created this beautiful Dresden Plate quilt that was raffled off at the last day of the Grange's 2017 farm market season. The raffle netted \$565, which will go toward farm market improvements. The farm market runs from May through October selling locally grown and produced



goods. Pictured are raffle winner Michael Bird of Buckingham PA and Meg Lomax of the Grange quilting group.

Mosier – 45 years; Alfred Stewart – 55 years; and Charles Black – 70 years.

BUTLER COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

Butler County Pomona Grange had their Annual All Granger Banquet on Monday October 2, 2017. There were approximately 30 members in attendance. We had some great entertainment. The highlight of our banquet is presenting someone with the Granger of the Year Award. This year was a special time as we presented two awards. The accompanying photo shows Richard Mangel, the Butler Co Pomona Grange Master. On Richards left is Jill Cavalero. She has been a member of Jefferson Grange since 2013 and is very involved in her Grange as well as many of community organizations and activities. Jill was pre-



sented the 2017 Community Service Award. On Richards right is Alleeda Lynn Shake. She has been a Granger for 35 years and is a member of Donegal Grange. She is very involved with her grange as

well as Pomona grange and when asked to do something she is always willing. Lynn was presented the 2017 Granger of the Year Award. Congratulations to both Lynn and Jill.

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HAYFIELD GRANGE #800

Hayfield Grange recently honored members who received continuous membership recognition at the Hayfield Grange Annual Thanksgiving-Christmas dinner held Sunday, November 19th. Pictured: John Hotchkiss, Past Pomona Master, presented 35 year recognition letters from State Master Wayne Campbell to Betty White, Kenneth and Kevin Merritt. Kenneth Merritt, Pomona Master, presented a 50-year Golden Sheaf Certificate and pin to Chester Tau. Those to receive recognition but not present were: Richard and Patricia Hotchkiss – 15 years; Robert



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TWO COUNTIES CELEBRATE

Photos by David R. Hay

Grangers in neighboring Cambria and Somerset Counties of Pennsylvania gathered together on October 7 at the Buckhorn Grange in Cambria County for a dinner celebration to honor the 150th anniversary of the National Grange. Nearly 40 persons attended the dinner and a joint program presented by representatives of the two counties.

Almost every year the same two counties alternate in hosting each other as a tradition that began nearly two decades ago when the two counties joined with several other neighboring counties in hosting an annual session of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Since then the counties alternate in hosting an event to



Some of Cambria and Somerset County officers that participated in the two-county celebration for the 150th Anniversary of the National Grange included these long-time Grangers: Seated in front: Margaret Storm, Master of Pleasant Hills Grange. Standing left to right: John Strittmatter, Master of Banner Grange; Jim Torence, Wills Master; Esther Mowry, Wills Lecturer; Joan Farabaugh, Cambria Pomona Treasurer; Mary Strittmatter, Cambria Pomona Lecturer, Carol Hemminger, Cambria County Pomona and Buckhorn Master, and David R. Hay, Somerset County Pomona and Hillcrest Lecturer.

which the neighboring county is invited.

Cambria County provided a chicken dinner while Somerset Countians provided a special decorated cake and ice cream to add to the celebration. Carol Hemminger,

150th anniversary of the National Grange. Cambria County is home to Banner, Pleasant Hills and Buckhorn subordinate Granges while Somerset County's subordinate Granges include Kingwood, Hillcrest and Wills.



The decorated cake honoring National Grange's 150th Anniversary!

who serves as Master/President of both the Buckhorn and the Cambria County Pomona Grange, welcomed local and visiting Grangers for the dinner and an afternoon program commemorating the 150th anniversary of the National Grange convention held in Washington, D.C. as well as a copy of the new quarterly publication, "Good Day" of the National Grange, which was introduced earlier this year as a new publication for Grange subscribers. Pennsylvania Grangers receive the publication Pennsylvania Grange News automatically with their annual Grange dues.

Gracie Wright of Cambria County shared two vocal solos. Mary Golden provided a humorous reading, "Eating in the 1950s". Somerset County Grangers led by David R. Hay, Program Director, provided several additional num-



150 YEARS OF NATIONAL GRANGE

bers. One number featured a quiz saluting the Grange organization which served as a learning tool as well as a brushing up on Grange knowledge for longer time members of the organization.

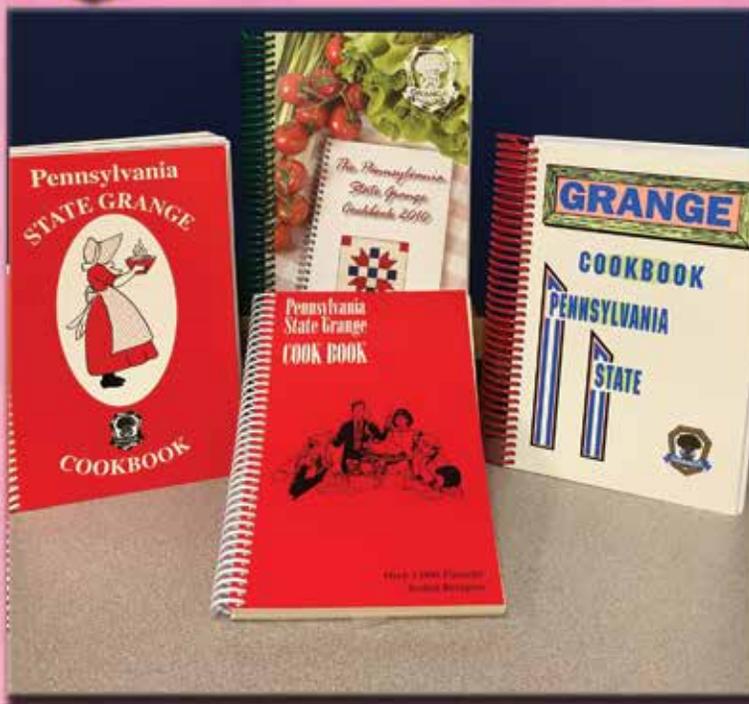
Virginia Hay signed to the song, "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone". A humorous skit entitled, "The New Boss' Big Mistake" was presented by Esther Mowry, Nancy Boucher, Jim Torrence, Virginia Hay and David Hay.



Carol Hemminger, Master of Buckhorn Grange, and Olive Brawley of Pleasant Hills Grange display a 1904 photo of delegates to the National Grange convention held in Washington, D.C.



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PORT MATILDA GRANGE #1284

Port Matilda Grange recently



sponsored an apple dumpling sale to benefit the Port Matilda EMS. A donation in the amount of \$750 was presented to the Port Matilda EMS by Port Matilda Grange #1284.

From left to right: Port Matilda Grange #1284 members- Edith Stine, Ella Lee Trulick, Virginia Letterman and Louise Giedroc; EMS members David Corle and Lindsey Moore and EMS Fundraising chair Karen Walk and co-chair Amy Maney

CAMBRIA COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

Cambria County Pomona Grange awarded \$500 scholar-



ships at a ceremony, July 19th, at Banner Grange in Ebensburg, PA. Presenting the awards were: John Strittmatter (Master of Banner Grange), Margret Storm (Master of Pleasant Hill Grange), and Carol Hemminger (Master of Buckhorn Grange & Cambria County Pomona Grange). The local Granges also awarded additional scholarships. Accepting scholarships were (third row): Nicole Wright, Alexis Niebauer, Dylan Kopera, (second row): Brady Price, Tori Boland, Luke Eckenrode, Isaac Friedhof, Kevin Venesky, (first row):

Patrick Huber, Zachary Stoltz, Anthony Huber, Maria Schall, Alex Murphy and Eileen Shoemaker.

SINKING VALLEY GRANGE #484



Pictured: Kathy Fagan, Judy Patterson, Melissa Gormont, Linda Myers & Sandy Snyder w/ "Rocky"

In honor of our deployed military soldiers overseas, one of our community service projects was to make Christmas Stockings and crochet red, white, green or blue stockings for Christmas. A total of 148 stockings were made for the soldiers from our Granges. With the help of Bellwood Elementary School, students and teachers

filled the beautiful stockings with personal care items, candy and cards. In partnership with Military Family Ministries, the stockings will be sent out to service men and women overseas. Pictured are the ladies of our Grange that made stockings for Christmas. Melissa Gormont, PTO President of Meyers Elementary School, enlightened us to this wonderful project for our deployed soldiers.

ORIENTAL GRANGE #165

Russ & Pat Gunton and Dale & Judy Shupp standing next to the



Oriental Grange's First Place Blue Ribbon exhibit at the 2017 Wyoming County Community Fair.



Where We've Been Seen: Recently this article showed up on Secretary Russell's Facebook page



STATE SESSION & NATIONAL SESSION "Snapshots"



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Photo 1:
PA State Session "2017 Granger of the Year" Award presented to Harry Keith

Photo 2:
PA State Session "2017 Grange Officers"

Photo 3:
PA State Session "All Grange Banquet"

Photo 4:
PA State Session "Pies in the face"

Photo 5:
PA State Session "Junior Grangers"

Photo 6:
National Grange Session "National Delegates"

Photo 7:
National Grange Session "Youth Officers"

Photo 8:
National Grange Session "National WINNER OF THE CODE READING COMPETITION!" Jennifer Nauss doing code reading in front of the delegates and patrons attending the Friday morning session. A new national youth contest. This was the first year for it. Congratulations Jennifer!

Photo 9:
National Grange Session "Pennsylvania State Grange President: Wayne Campbell, and Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary: Debbie Campbell"

Photos taken by Lurae Benzio



Back to the Land: Beating Back Old Man Winter!

Break out of the norm and try some REALLY old-fashioned recipes...sure to make both kids and “kids-at-heart” have a blast!

Every year, after the holidays are over, a large number of Pennsylvanians experience the “Winter Blues”. The Christmas tree is down, the company has left the house, the snow is piling up and the sun plays a great game of “hide and seek”! So, what can you do to shake off the doldrums? How about learning a new skill? All around the state there are just loads of no to low-cost courses being taught all year round. You could learn almost anything...from beer and winemaking, to Master Gardening, to knitting, to raising chickens in your backyard. This winter I decided my “projects” would be to: paint one of the guest rooms a New England theme, and I’m going to attempt to build a horse-drawn road cart...from scratch. My husband has decided he’s going to learn how to grow hops and try his hand at brewing his own beer...not necessarily in that order (the beer is brewing as I type). So what have YOU always wanted to learn...but couldn’t find the time or materials to learn? I’ve decided to use our Back to the Land column to share some very informative websites...chock full of learning opportunities.

Interested in becoming a Master Gardener? **“Master Gardener Basic Training”**



When: Jan 13, 2018, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: Wayne County Extension Office, 648 Park Street, Honesdale, PA 18431

Do you have an interest in gardening, a willingness to learn more, and a strong desire to help others? Please join us to start your path in becoming a Penn State Master Gardener. Applications are now being accepted through November 27, 2017.

<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/events>

How about taking up beekeeping? **“Beekeeping 101”**



This online course about the science and practice of beekeeping is for beginning beekeepers. It covers bee biology and behavior, hive management, equipment, bee products, and more.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

- People interested in getting started in beekeeping
- People with some experience who want to learn more about the

science of beekeeping
WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- Science of honeybees
 - Practices of experienced beekeepers
 - Bee biology and behavior
 - How to use typical beekeeping clothing and equipment
 - How to manage a hive throughout the year
 - Identify and treat common bee pests and diseases
 - Understand various bee products you and your bees can make
 - Understand pollination and the role bees play in it
- <https://extension.psu.edu/beekeeping-101>

If you own a farm...do you have a plan in place for your children to inherit?

“Succession Planning: What’s Your Exit Strategy?”

Empowering families to get started on their succession plan.

What’s Your Exit Strategy? is a multi-session workshop developed to help families:

- Get started on their plan
- Open lines of communication
- Work with professionals

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Families interested in shaping the future ownership of the family farm whether that is transferring a



viable business to the next generation or determining how to divide farm and personal assets. Various locations and dates around the state.

<https://extension.psu.edu/succession-planning-what-s-your-exit-strategy>

Interested in impressing your friends and family by bringing out your own "homebrew" at the next gathering?

<https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/how-to-brew/beginner/how-to-make-beer/>



Tired of a cold lap when you're reading a book, on the sofa, in the evening? How about taking up quilting?

<http://sewdelicious.com.au/2012/09/quilting-for-beginners.html>



Are you a crafty DIYer? Well...I may have found the website for YOU!

<http://www.designsponge.com/2015/02/winterdiyprojects.html>

They've got some truly great little projects listed for beating back the winter boredom!



And this website has literally hundreds of craft ideas...if you're still trying to find something creative to get into:

<https://craftsbyamanda.com/category/craft-tutorials/adult-crafts/>



And lets not forget about those extra couple pounds we all gained between Thanksgiving and New Years!

How about starting a little workout program? Exercise has been proven to improve ones mood as well as ones health. Please do be careful when starting a new exercise program... always check with your doctor to make sure you are healthy enough to begin any new exercise plan. If you're healthy enough to start a

new exercise plan...but don't know where to start...here are a couple good resources:

- <https://healthyforgood.heart.org>
- <https://www.alive.com/health/a-beginners-guide-to-getting-fit-and-healthy/>
- <http://www.ymca.net/health-wb-fitness>

And now that you've done something to cheer your self up...



how about helping out someone else? Some ideas for helping others:

- Volunteer at your local hospital to visit with hospitalized children.



- Volunteer at your local soup kitchen. Everyone always helps out around the holidays...but the need for volunteers is just as high after the holidays as it is during the holidays.

- Volunteer to help wounded veterans. Many veterans need help running errands, rehabilitating from injuries, and sometimes just a friendly person to play cards with and talk to.

Be positive...spring is just around the corner!

- Heather Hiller



SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks to all who purchased items at the Past State Officers Sales Table during the 2017 State Session. Profits from this along with donations from Past State Officers are given back to PA State Grange committees: Youth, Juniors, Deaf & Community Service, State Foundation, History as well as the National Grange Chiller Project. They each received \$200. Thanks to Susan Tau for contacting Monroe, accepting the merchandise and seeing that it gets to State Session as well as shipping items back. Also thanks to Kelly VanOrd for working the sales table every day. - Jean Hollabaugh, CoChair with Susan

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Progress Grange #96

Pope, Juliet

Halfmoon #290

Coady, Debra

Coady, Merrill

Snyder, David

Shaver's Creek #353

Fegley, Candy

Hartslog Valley #375

Mccessney, Walter

Girard #788

Owens, Megan

California #941

Whitmoyer, Roy

Whitmoyer, Robert

Summers, Gail

Hall, Mary

Roseville #1290

Sherman, Char

Sherman, Rick

Bunker Hill #1368

Wilson, Pamela: Youth

Jefferson Grange #1373

Yobbi, Louis

Venango #1705

Abramovic, Albert

East Franklin Grange #1709

Burgerss, Joseph L

McLane- Shroger, Susan

Plumsteadville #1738

Hellerick, Paul

Shaver, June

Shipe, Kacy

Kowal, Mark

Gouglersville #1743

Heim, Tammie

Community #1767

Buskey, Macy: Junior

Virginville #1832

Blatt, Alex N.

Fayette #1948

Zitney, Susan

Cochranton Grange #2030

Donahue, Emily

Log Cabin Unity #2110

Shinsky, Raymond

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Keystone #2

Morelli, Marion

Wojton, Henry

Sanatoga #25

Evans, Dorothy

Overly, Mary

Seeders, Ruth

Sheshequin #58

Gilpin, Wilmer

Brandywine #60

Folchman, Norman

Shaw, Elizabeth

Progress #96

Yearick, John

Logan #109

Yarnell, Lena

Goshen #121

Zug, Dorothy

Union #152

Himka, Harriet

Kinney, Felicia

Williams, Lyman

Marion #223

Rogers, Mildred

Windfall #257

Shedden, Leon

Hartslog Valley #375

Seiner, Florence

Sinking Valley #484

Forshey, Mary Lou

Middletown #684

Andre, Marguerite

Gramm, Hans

Turbett #781

Stouffer, Charles

Hayfield Grange #800

Mercier, Dr. Herbert

Forest #853

Peel, William

Vernon #936

Williams, Roger

Warriers Mark #974

Ormsby, Catherine

Fairdale #1157

Hardic, Ray

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Lehman, Roy

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Buffalo #1523

Colon, John

Knox, Lloyd

Fassett #1567

Patterson, Onalou

Ontelaunee #1617

Straus, Norman

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Paul, Ralph

Paul, Doyle

Wills #1690

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Shaffer, Florence

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Plumsteadville #1738

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Hastings, Robert

Perry Valley #1804

Bonsall, Joan

Weimer, Reba

Virginville #1832

Reinsel, Esther

Seidel, Betty

Kutztown Grange #1836

Hensing, Elmer

Fleetwood #1839

Snyder, Alma

Pleasant Hill #1861

Yahner, Stephen

Mt. Nebo #1872

Brown, Rev. Molly

Brown, Rev. Victor

Bernville #1887

Shartle, Janet

Diahoga #1951

Kingsley, Richard

Unionville #1971

Wagner, MaryAnn

Baileyville Grange #1991

Homan, Laura

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2018 CALENDAR

January	February	March	April
6-13th: Farm Show (Harrisburg)		16-18th: Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference	National Grange Month 5-8th: Young Adults Weekend
May	June	July	August
	Dairy Month 29-July 1st: Youth Camp (Howard)	1-7th: Junior Camp (Howard) 19-22nd: Family Festival (Centre Hall)	14-16th: Penn State Ag Progress Days. (Pennsylvania Furnace)
September	October	November	December
	19-21st: State Grange Session (Butler)	13-17: 152nd National Grange Session (Vermont)	

Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 16	Chinese New Year
Feb 19	President's Day
Mar 11	Daylight Saving (begin)
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Vernal equinox
Mar 31	Passover
Apr 01	April Fool's Day
Apr 01	Easter
Apr 25	Admin Assistants Day
May 13	Mother's Day
May 16	Ramadan begins
May 20	Pentecost
May 28	Memorial Day
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 17	Father's Day
Jun 21	June Solstice
Jul 04	Independence Day
Sep 03	Labor Day
Sep 10	Rosh Hashanah
Sep 23	Autumnal equinox
Oct 08	Columbus Day
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 04	Daylight Saving (end)
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 22	Thanksgiving
Dec 02	Hanukkah begins
Dec 21	December Solstice
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Kwanzaa begins
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

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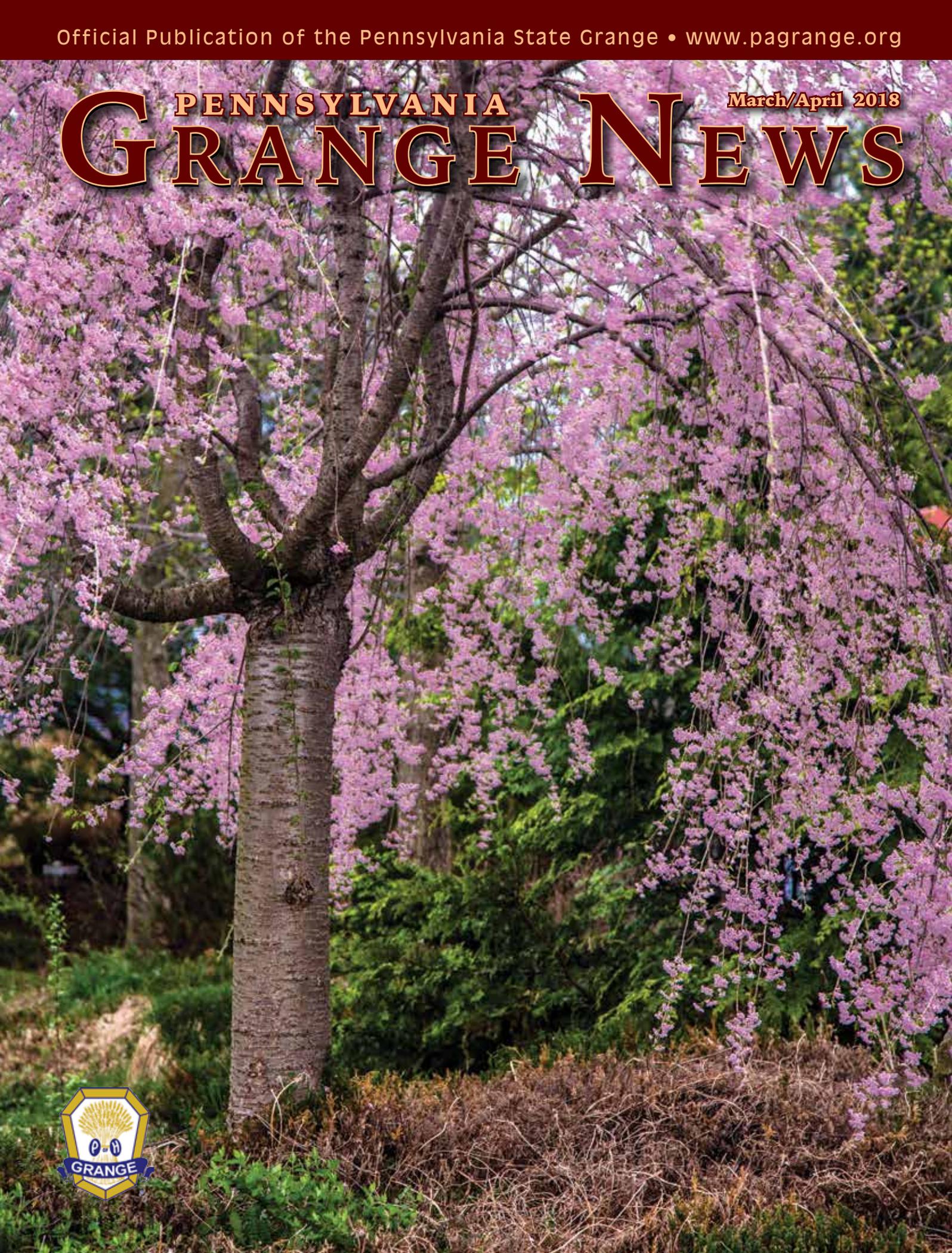
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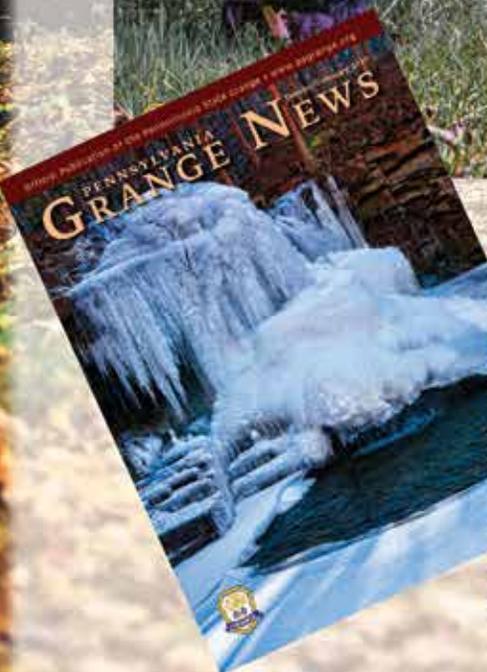
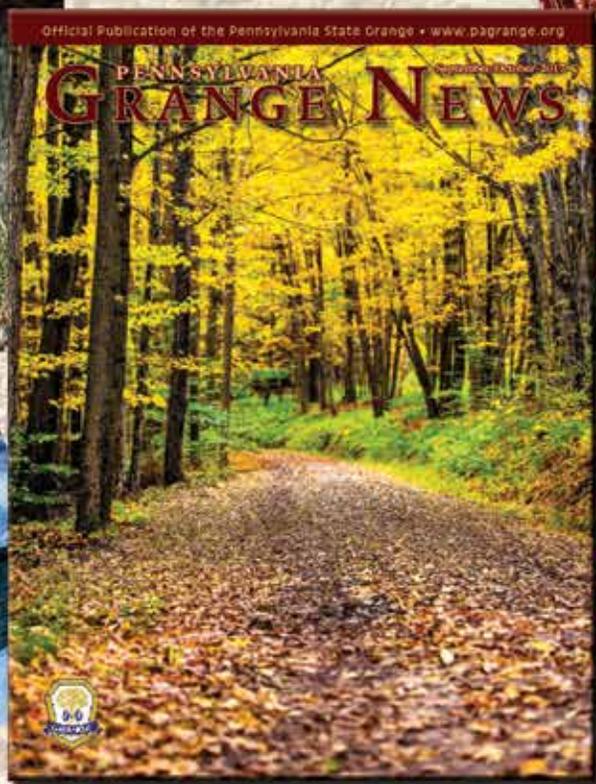
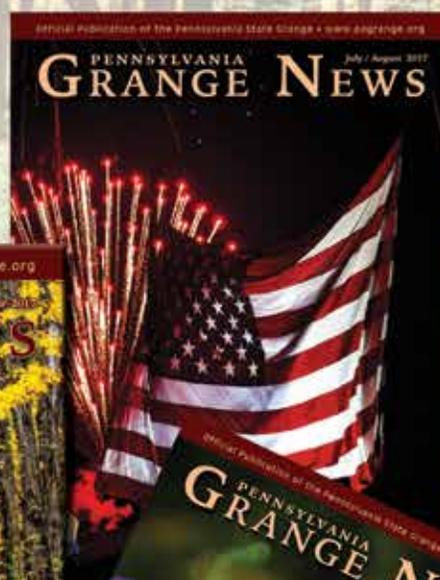
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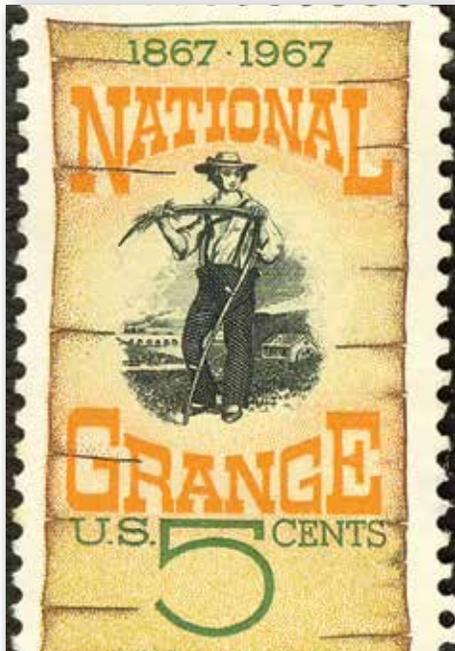




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Lycoming County, PA



From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
PA State Grange President
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Dear Fellow Grangers,

We are hearing a new phrase as we mingle among our Grange friends, "It's the Grange Way." The first thought that comes to my mind is the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

Community Service is the way of the Grange. We work every day to make our communities a better place. Subordinate Granges all across our state and nation work to address issues that exist in their local areas that will help to improve the lives of our neighbors.

Our organization is fortunate enough to have Vince Phillips, Pennsylvania State



*American Values.
Hometown Roots.*

Grange Legislative Consultant as well as Burton Eller, National Grange Legislative Director, to work on our behalf in Harrisburg and Washington to lobby for issues that affect our members, state and nation.

We help our fellow members as they fall upon hard times through our appeals. It's the Grange Way. While at the National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington, Debbie and I heard a story. . . . Many years ago a Granger, who was part of the Youth at that time, was traveling through Central Pennsylvania with a friend. They began to experience car problems and had to pull off the road. Her friend asked, "What are we going to do now? We are in the middle of nowhere and don't know anyone?" She thought for a minute and said, I think Bill and Betty Buffington live in this area. She called

the Buffingtons and discovered they lived only 10 minutes from their location. They came right away, and Bill was able to repair their car. Then they insisted the two young ladies come back to their home for dinner. When they were back on the road, her friend said, "Only you would know someone in the middle of nowhere to call for help and receive a free meal." She replied, "As a member of the Grange, you are always near a friend". "It's the Grange Way".

As I was preparing to write this, Debbie and I were watching the Rose Parade, with the Theme of "Making a Difference" on Near Year's Day. I instantly thought, WOW, I wonder if any of the members of the parade committee who create the themes are Grangers? This theme was a perfect fit because "It's the Grange Way" is truly making a difference.

Spring is just around the corner and Grange month is almost here. Join us in Harrisburg during the Legislative

Grange Day (details to be announced on Constant Contact and your local Grange mailings) to meet with your local legislators as well as attend the National Fly-in, April 15 - 18, 2018 in Washington DC.

Youth and Junior Camps are approaching quickly. This year, why not ask to volunteer and encourage your Grange to financially assist your Youth and Juniors to be able to attend camp.

"It's the Grange Way", together we can make a difference!

Fraternally,

Wayne Campbell
Pennsylvania State Grange
President



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Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain

long dark, cold days of winter and step into the warm sunlight of spring. The flowers and fruit trees have been covered by snow and suffered the brutal cold. Again, as Jesus told his disciples, there is a time to die and a time to be born anew. So it is with the daffodils and tulips and the blossoms on the fruit trees. They come to life as a symbol of life after death.

Easter is our symbol of life after death. We spend the 40 days of the Lenten Season facing the dark, cold regrets that we have sinned and fallen short on how Jesus would like us to live. But when the sun rises on Easter morning, we once again feel the warmth of the love that Jesus would die for someone such as us!

It seems so appropriate to celebrate Grange Week during the month of April with a plan to invigorate our Granges so they spring forth in the sunshine and become a showcase of beautiful friendships, fruitful community service, and love for each other in a family comradery that is unlike any other organization. It is a great time to forgive the past differences and forget the saying, "we always did it this way," and rejoice in the promise of a brighter future.

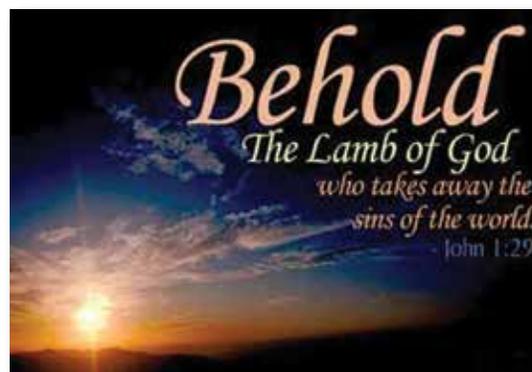
Have a Blessed and Happy Easter and Celebrate National Grange Week with fervor that will arouse interest in your (our) Grange fraternity!

God Bless You and Yours!

Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler

Watch out for the Lion of Winter! The old saying that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb may just be so this year! We were so fortunate where we live to have had a White Christmas and then some bitter cold weather settled in, so we'll see what the last days of winter have in store for us. It officially ends on March 21, the first day of Spring... so it can't last forever!

Speaking of lambs, we will be celebrating the resurrection of the Lamb of God on Easter morning. Remember the message to the shepherds at the birth of the baby Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of



God, who takes away the sin of the world!" We will watch the procession to Calvary where Jesus was led like a lamb to the slaughter. But true to His word, God delivered His Son from the dark, cold grave and in so doing, he conquered death and took away the sins of the world!

During these next couple of months, we will emerge from the





Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR Director

National Grange Month is fast approaching and I know from talking to many of you, there are events scheduled at your Granges. Let's review some event planning basics that will help to ensure a successful event.

- Contact your local newspapers, TV, and radio stations. Write a short press release, keep it simple but make sure that it answers these questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why? Include your contact information if they have additional questions. (If you need help with writing a press release, or need me to send your press release, please contact me.)
- Make sure that you reach out

to your local officials and invite them to attend your event. Make sure to include people like the Mayor, township supervisors, school district representatives, etc. Create a guest list, and send a personal invitation. Follow up with a phone call to discuss the event in more detail with them.

- If honoring your local Veterans, community volunteers, and/or dignitaries, make sure to invite their family members or any guest(s) they would like to have in attendance.
- Certificates of Appreciation are nice to present to honor your dignitaries for their service to your community.
- Review your menu, is it a luncheon or dinner? Appetizers? Refreshments? Go through your Grange cookbook as there are many great recipes!
- Just like throwing a party at home, your Grange Hall or meeting room should be "spruced up" with a little Spring cleaning.
- You have bragging rights at

your events! Make sure you have some displays highlighting what your Grange is doing in your community. Make sure to provide each guest with a membership brochure and an invite to come to your next meeting or event.

- Take pictures of your event. Send pictures to the PGN, State Grange office and local news media. Make sure to include what the picture is about and who is in the picture.
- Always make sure that you send thank you notes to all those who attended your event. Thank you's are just as important as the invite!



If I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

Yours in Grange service,

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Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hello Everyone!

I guess it is time to start thinking about the months ahead. With spring right around the corner, and all the summer activities ahead of us...now is the perfect time to be looking forward.

Here is a picture of this year's quilt that will be raffled off at State Grange Session. Family Festival in July is being planned

at this very moment. During Family Festival, we will not only be touring the Pennsylvania Military Museum in Boalsburg, we also have loads of Family Activities workshops scheduled: the How-to's of Stained Glass with Amy Koenig, a photography workshop, Quilt Block Painting, Zumba lessons, and much more. Friday night's dinner will be a Hotdog Dinner, with the Juniors and Youth cooking. Hope to see a lot of Grangers come to the Family Festival in July (19-22)! For now I will say "see you later and hope your days are good".

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius
mle103@comcast.net



State Grange 2018 Raffle Quilt



Program Director

Denise Clare

PA State Grange Program Director

Hello Grangers,

I hope everyone is having a great start to 2018! We had lots of entries in the Lecturer's contests at State Session in 2017 and now is the time to start on your 2018 contest entries. Being inside and warm during these cold and snowy days is the perfect time to work on entries. There is something for everyone! See your 2017-2018 con-

test list for information.

Mid-Atlantic Lecturers Conference will be held in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Youth & Junior conferences. The joint conference will be held in Westminster, MD on March 16-18. Please see your information packet from State Grange for more details or contact me.

Program Ideas:

March

- 1st: National Peanut Butter Day
- 11th: National Johnny Appleseed Day

- 24th: National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day

April

- 1st: National One Cent Day
- 5th: National Deep Dish Pizza Day...have a pizza making party and enjoy for refreshments
- 20th: National Look Alike Day...have a contest and award prizes for look alikes

May

- 9th: National Lost Sock Memorial Day...bring remaining sock to meeting and have services
- 19th: National Devils Food Cake Day
- 29th: National Paperclip Day

Enjoy your winter!!

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History Committee

Doug Bonsall

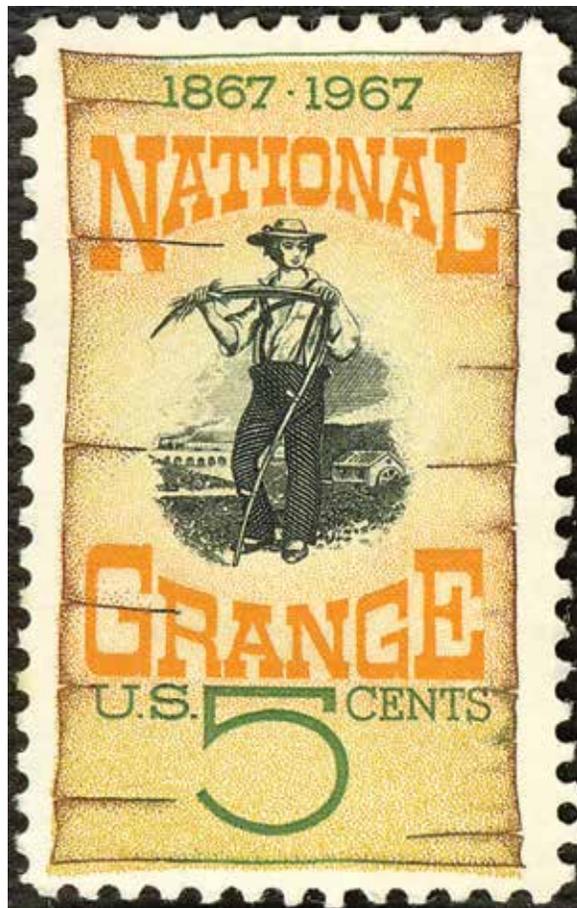
PA State Grange History Committee
Director

Good progress continues to be made by your State Grange History Committee on preserving important documents of our fraternity's history and making that information more readily available to interested persons by posting on the State Grange website <http://www.pagrang.org/history-committee.html>. The committee is pleased to report the following accomplishments since the last article in the Grange News:

1. Completed/posted historical summaries of significant events and accomplishments during the terms of the first 14 Masters (Mauger through Scott). Additional summaries will be posted as research and writing are finished.
2. Completed/posted Charter Ledger of all 2,110 Subordinate and 73 Pomona Granges organized in the state from 1871-present
3. Sorted, organized, and boxed records and other paraphernalia (regalia, manuals, implements, etc.) of local Granges that were in the conference room at the State Office
4. Negotiated a contract with IMR Digital to microfilm, digitize and index documents; Phase 1 (Journals of Proceedings and newsletters) were completed in January 2018 and Phase 2 (charter applications, Executive Committee minutes and officer registers/directories) are currently underway

Local Granges that may wish

to preserve their records will be able to have them imaged (microfilmed) and/or digitized (PDF) through the PA State Grange contract. The maximum cost would be around \$0.31 per image (images cover 1-2 pages depending on the size of the book), but could be less depending on the type and quality of the records. Granges who are interested in pursuing this should contact Jenn Nauss via email at jnauss89@gmail.com or by phone at (717) 512-1261.



Generous financial contributions continue to be received in response to the History Committee financial appeal issued last summer. As of 1/8/2018, donations totaling in excess of \$6,800 have

been received from Pomona & Subordinate Granges and several individuals. Received since the last report were funds given by (in the order received):

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- Virginville #1832, Berks County
- Berks County Pomona #43
- Star #993, Northampton County
- Crawford County Pomona #26
- Edinboro #947, Erie County
- Kimmerlings #1529, Lebanon County
- Washington County Pomona #16
- North Strabane #1434, Washington County
- Forest #853, Forest County
- Middletown #684, Bucks County

- Lawrence County Pomona #65
- Mt. Nebo #1872, Allegheny County
- Chestnut Ridge #1133, Washington County
- Bucks County Pomona #22
- Past State Master William A. Steel in honor of Fairview #1351, Beaver County, and Valley #1360, York County
- PA State Grange Past Officers
- Watson #1068, Warren County
- Progress #96, Centre County
- Beaver County Pomona #66
- Big Knob #2008, Beaver County
- Venango County Pomona #57
- Westfield #1514, Lawrence County
- Community #2048, in Dauphin County

Doug Bonsall, Chair
PA State Grange History Committee
douglas.b@verizon.net





Youth News!!!



Greetings from the Youth and Young Adults Department!

We have a great year of events and activities planned for 2018 and can't wait to see you at some, or all, of these events. The first event will be the **Eastern Regional Youth Conference**, now part of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Leaders Conference. This event will be held on **March 16th-18th**, in Westminster, Maryland, just south of Gettysburg. Everyone is invited to attend this weekend. The youth will conduct the Jeopardy contest, public speaking and sign-a-song contest and the drill contest. Detailed registration information will be posted on the State Grange webpage as well as the Youth Facebook page.

The second event is the **Young Adults Weekend**. This fun-filled weekend is being planned for the Williamsport area on **April 6th-8th**. This weekend is geared towards ages 21 and older and we request no children. It is designed to be a relaxing weekend full of reconnecting with friends from across the state. Detailed registration information will be posted on the State Grange webpage as well as the Youth Facebook page.

Our Outstanding Young Patrons have been busy this winter with visiting Granges and working at the Farm Show. Here are some words of encouragement from each of them:

"The Grange has given me so much as a young adult. Often it seems the youth and young adults around us are looking for a way

to get involved. The Grange offers that sense of purpose through volunteerism, community service programs, legislative training and involvement, and enriching fellowship. The friendships I have built in the Grange are friendships that last for a lifetime."
-Denae Zvarick

"My favorite highlights of the Grange are of the young adults age category and the fellowship and opportunity it provides to know people around the state. I am often amazed how many people I've met before when going to other group functions. We need to find a better way to promote the enjoyment we get out of our great

organization. Please share your fun Granger stories with the other youth and young adults."
-Andrew Kieffer

Add these dates to your calendar now and be on the lookout for additional information and registration deadlines because we want to see you there!

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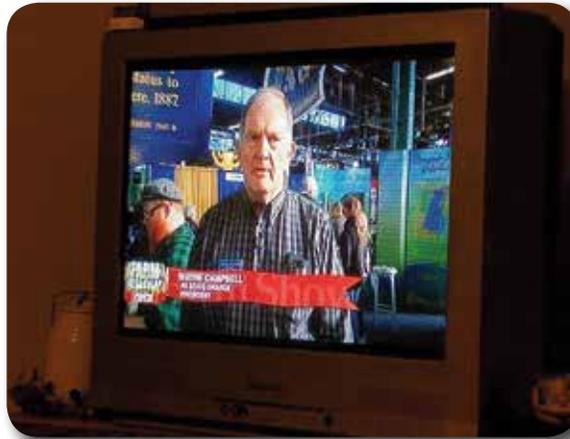
OTHER GRANGE ACTIVITY ON BROADBAND

The Pennsylvania State Grange was able to gain media exposure on the Broadband issue by way of coverage in Lancaster Farming magazine, PA Radio Network, Morning Ag Clips, House Republican Communications Office which supplied a streaming video of the Farm Show Panel, PA Cable Network, Channel 69 from Allentown, WITF-Radio, and others.

Pennsylvania State Grange is on record as supporting Senate Bill 740 sponsored by Senator Ryan Aument (R-Lancaster) to continue rural land-line telephones. This bill continues Universal Service Fund support, necessary

since many telephone companies are pulling back from support of land-line phones in favor of Broadband-based systems. Pennsylvania State Grange sees this as crucial for many in rural Pennsyl-

vania and necessary at least until Broadband access is universal.



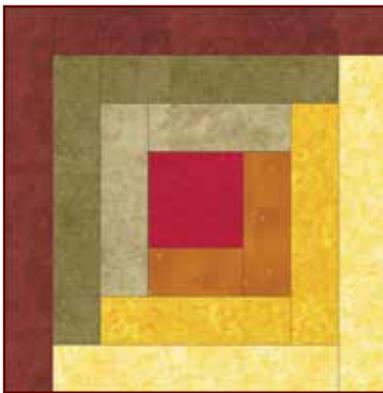
Pennsylvania State Grange President, Wayne Campbell, on live TV regarding the state of Broadband service in Pennsylvania



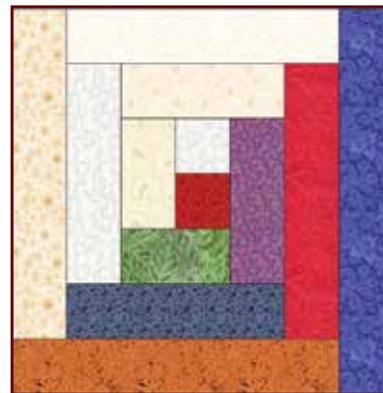
PAINT YOUR OWN QUILT BLOCK

The Paint Your Own Wooden Quilt Block workshop will once again be offered at Family Festival.

The 2' x 2' wooden blocks will be designed and painted by youth and adults. The initial meeting to learn about the project, materials and methods will begin on Thurs. eve and will continue throughout the Festival. All materials will



The choice of design will be that of the individual. If you have a favorite Quilt Block pattern you wish to



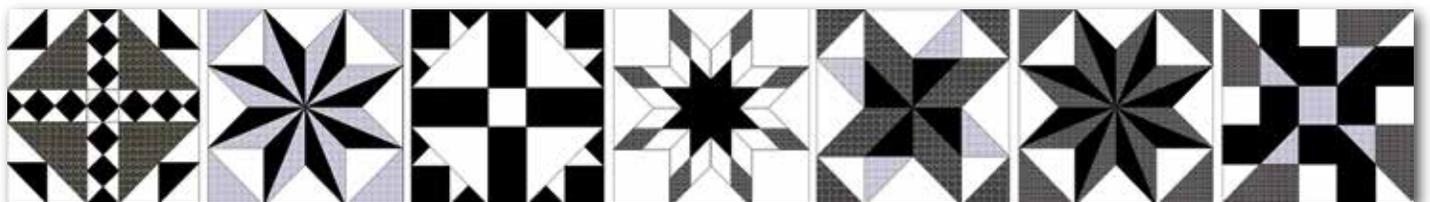
painter and go home with you to be hung where ever you desire. Pre-registration is required

for this project! If you wish to paint a 4' x 4' or an 8' x 8' block please contact Barbara (724-290-3783) to make arrangements and secure the cost. Remember if you paint a larger quilt block you must have arrangements to transport it home

be provided for the cost of \$40. - paint, brushes, special board, etc.

use, please bring it with you. The blocks become the property of the

- They usually do not fit in a car!





**Family Festival
SUPERHEROS GET IT DONE
"THAT'S THE GRANGE WAY"
Schedule of Events
July 19-22, 2018**



Thursday, July 19

- 1:00 - 5:30 Registration- Bldg A
- 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
- 7:00-- Registration - Bldg A
- 7:00-8:00 Welcome & President's
Workshop - Bldg A
- 8:00-8:30 Rootbeer; Coke; Orange Floats
- 8:30-9:30 Bring your Favorite Game
Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
- 9:30 Vespers - Bldg A
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Friday, July 20

- 7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
 - 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
 - 9:00-10:00 Resolution Workshop
Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 - 10:00-11:00 Chrismons Workshop - \$5.00
 - 10:30-12:00 Registration - Bldg A
 - 11:00-12:00 Advocate Workshop
 - 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
 - 1:30-4:00 Tour--Boalsburg Military Museum
Board bus in area b/w tents & Bldgs
 - 2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg A
 - 2:00-3:00 Storyteller Session- Bldg A
 - 3:00-5:00 Junior/Youth Water Games
 - 5:30-6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
- Hosted by the FA & Youth Departments*
- 7:00-8:30 History Committee Presentation
Bldg A
 - 8:30-9:15 Bingo-Bldg A
 - 9:15-9:30 Cake Walk
 - 9:30 Vespers-Bldg A
 - 9:45 Young Patrons TEST --
-Bldg C
 - 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



Saturday, July 21

- 7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
*(Announce Young Patron
Finalists)*
- 8:30 Group Photo - Bldg A
- 9:00-11:30 Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B
- 9:00-10:30 Zumba Class - Bldg A
- 10:00-11:30 Young Patron Interviews -- Bldg B
- 10:30-11:30 Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit
- 11:30-12:00 Gift of Life Presentation-Bldg A
Blessing of Wrapped in Hugs
Lunch - Bldg D
*(Impromptu Question to Young Patron
Finalists)*
- 12:00-1:00
- 1:00 Youth Activity - TBA
- 1:00-3:00 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
Rope Making Demonstration-Bldg A
Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B - \$5.00
- 2:00-4:00 Photography Workshop-Bldg A
- 3:30-4:30 Dinner - Bldg D
*Ham; Scalloped Potatoes; Corn
Sweet Potatoes; Applesauce;
Salad*
- 5:00-6:00
- 7:00 Talent Contest - Bldg A
Introduction of Royalty
Ice Cream Social
Cake Walk
Vespers
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Sunday, July 22

- 7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
- 9:00 - 10:00 Worship Service - Bldg A
- 10:00 Clean Up and Depart

*Assistance in cleaning and packing up of
Bldg D is much appreciated*

**Thank You!
Wishing you a safe trip home!**



When: July 19-22, 2018
Where: Family Festival (Center County Fairgrounds)
Theme: SUPERHEROS GET IT DONE
THAT'S THE GRANGE WAY



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Grange: _____

County: _____

_____ Tent (\$15 per night/ NOT per person)

Tentmates: _____

_____ RV/Camper (\$15 per night/space,
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RV/Camper-mates: _____

Length: _____ Ft. Trailer or Motor Home
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Day of Arrival:

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

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MUST STATE WITH PA STATE GRANGE TO GET OUR RATE.

MEALS (please check desired meals)
 Children 2 and under are Free, ages 3-10 half price.

- _____ All Meals \$45.50 _____
- _____ Thursday Dinner \$7.00 _____
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2018 Pennsylvania Junior Grange Camper Application

July 1-July 7, 2018

Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA
For Junior Grange age: 7 -14

“All Star Sports Camp”

Name: _____ M ____ F ____
Street: _____ Phone: _____/Cell: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Parent Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of Jan 1, 2018 _____
Grange Name and Number: _____

Is this your first year at State Camp? _____



Camper fee - \$150.00 (This reflects a \$15.00 credit from the
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Grange News

VICTOR GRANGE #159

held its annual Christmas Party @ Hoss's in State College on December 18th 2017. In the first picture (below) are Wayne Campbell, State Master Rita Wasson,



and Art Reede Victor Grange Master. Rita Wasson was awarded a 50 year certificate. In the next picture (below) are Anna Mary Ishler, Wayne Campbell State Master, & Art Reede Victor Grange Master,



Anna Mary Ishler was awarded a 75 year certificate. There were several other certificates handed out, 6 for 5 years, 10 for 10 years, 1 for 15 years, 2 for 20 years, 1 for 40 years and 1 for 45 years. They then exchanged gifts and sang songs it was a very joyful night.

PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

Members and friends of Plumsteadville Grange braved the first snowfall of the season to celebrate Christmas "1917 style" in honor of the Grange's 100th anniversary. Food, Fellowship & Fun were shared with all in attendance. "Mrs. Santa" arrived with early



presents for the children. Entertainment included a history of "Silent Night" from its humble beginnings in a small German church to the beloved carol as it is sung today 'round the world', and concluded with carol singing by all. 2018 Outstanding Young Patron Dena Zvarrick and PA State Grange Gatekeeper Gene Zavarick were our special guests.

LOGAN GRANGE #109

Logan Grange, in Pleasant Gap, held its Community night/dues paying covered dish dinner recently at the Grange hall in Pleasant Gap. Approximately 60 members and invited guests. Among the guests were County Commissioner Steve Dershem, Christine Millinder, the Centre County Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans Court, Deb Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary and Wayne Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange Master/President. The evening began with everyone enjoying a delicious meal made with loving hands by

Grange members. After speeches by the invited guests, Secretary Kris McCloskey and Master Dotty Houtz presented the years of service awards. There were thirteen awards presented but sadly only two members were able to attend. Master Houtz presented a 25 years of Service Award to Martha Yarnell and a 75 years of Service Award to Janet McClellan. Both ladies were happy to receive them. Others receiving awards were Twenty-five years to Richard Fisher, Helen Solt and Mary Ann Zimmerman. Forty year awards were Timothy Bowmaster and Elizabeth Pyfer. Fifty-year award recipients were Joan Andrews, Edward Biddle and Janet Houser. Fifty-Five year award went to Ellen Rishel. Sixty-Five year award winner was Paul Hartle and Eighty-year award recipient was Donald Biddle.

Also awarded that evening was the Logan Grange Community Service Award which was presented by the committee members. This year the award was presented to Ashley Furman. Furman serves as the Logan Lecturer and as a Logan Grange representative to the Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair Committee where she serves as Dairy Chairperson. She also serves as the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Pomona Master/President and is chair of the Legislative Committee. Among



From L-R in photo are: PA State Grange Master Wayne Campbell and Deb Campbell, PA State Grange Secretary, Martha Yarnell, 25 year receiptant, Ashley Furman, Member of the Year, Janet McCellen, 75 years, Logan Master Dotty Houtz and Logan Secretary Kris McCloskey.



her other past Grange duties, she served as the Logan Grange Junior Grange Matron, Centre County Pomona Chaplain and Lecturer and as the Pennsylvania State Grange Pomona. Ashley is married to husband Jason and has two children Lincoln and Catie. She lives on her families first generation beef and grain farm and is a kindergarten teacher in the Mifflinburg Area School District.

After awards, members played a "Name That Price" game of food products which are used for Thanksgiving dinner and listened to a report about the PA State Grange Session held in October. It was a fun evening for everyone.

BAILEYVILLE GRANGE #1991

Mary Ellen (Homan) Kean celebrated her 100th Birthday! She was born in Pennsylvania Furnace on December 4, 1917, and attended the Baileyville School. In February 1934 Baileyville Grange was chartered and at the age of 17,



Mary Ellen joined that same April. She has always been devoted to the Baileyville Grange and participated actively as did her parents Margaret and Samuel Homan and two brothers Elwood (95) and Earl (98) who passed away this year. In fact, Mary Ellen still has the dress she wore participating on the Baileyville Grange Degree Team in the 1930's. She has been a member of Baileyville Grange for 83 years. She lived in her home in State College until April of this year and has

been spending her time with her two children; John Kean and Connie Phillips.

BUTLER COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #17

Recently Butler County Pomona Grange, represented by Virginia Mangel had the honor of presenting 13, 4-H members with certificates & money for their 4-H scrapbooks showing the work they did all year in raising beef cattle,



Pictured above: some of the 4-H members who received awards along with Ginny Mangel pictured in the back row in the middle along with our 3 Butler County Commissioners and State Representative.

sheep, hogs, rabbits, horses, and other projects. Members of Butler County Pomona Grange Jill Cavaleiro, Rich & Ginny Mangel judged 72 scrapbooks that were given to them and asked to come up with 13 winners. The reports were all very well documented by all the 4-H'ers from 6 to 18 years of age. The evening banquet was very well attended and many awards were presented for all of the 4-H'ers hard work and efforts.

BIG KNOB GRANGE #2008

People are always asking what is the Grange about and what do you do. We are a Community Service Organization and try to come to the aid and service of others in any way possible.



ble. The following two pictures are of an annual project where we make homemade cookies for the Clients of the Food Pantry. We also shared with the Zelienville Meals on Wheels.



VIRGINVILLE GRANGE #1832

December 20th, during our annual holiday gathering, the Juniors played us Christmas tunes, performed the Christmas story, and Santa made an appearance.



We also presented \$12,000 to the Kunkel family and \$4,000 to Tina Argot. Thank you everyone for joining us tonight. Merry Christmas and have a healthy Happy New Year!





Government Matters
Vince Phillips
PA State Grange Lobbyist



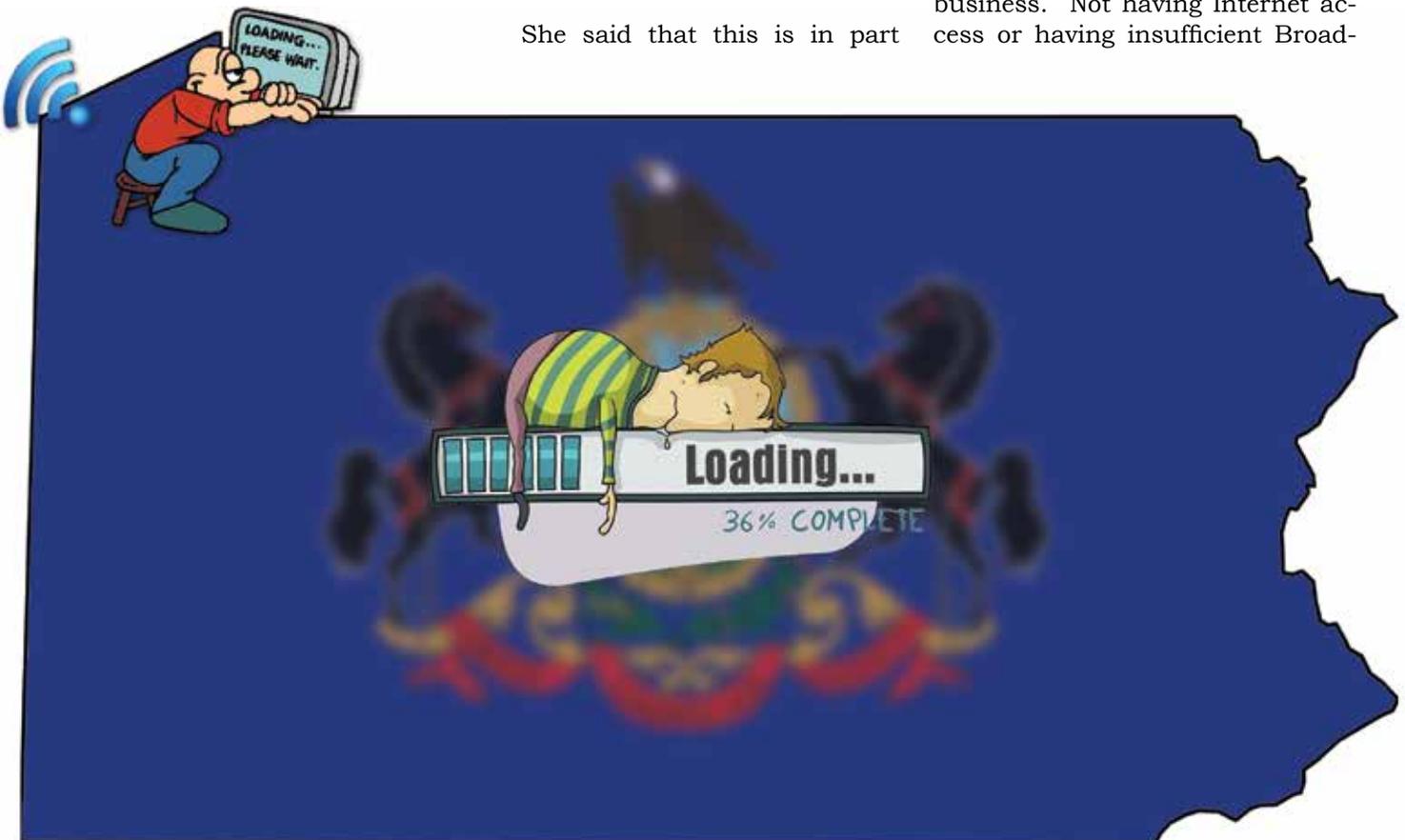
WHY THE BUZZ ON BROADBAND?

At the 2018 Farm Show, the Pennsylvania State Grange assembled a top-tier lineup of panelists to discuss what it will take to bring equal access to Internet and cell phone service to rural Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell convened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the statement that Broadband access is a major priority of both state and the National Grange.

Bev Gruber, Executive Director, PA Campground Owners' Association and a Grange member, led off the discussion by presenting real-world examples of campgrounds in counties across PA which have seen their business hurt because of inadequate access to Broadband. She said that just a few years ago, the number one question asked by prospective campers was 'Does it have a pool?' Now, questions asked every time are 'Do you have Internet access?' and, 'What speed is it?'

because of the national economy which forced a re-thinking towards lower cost camping vacations near home versus resort travel and because campers are getting younger. Gruber pointed to statistics showing a decline in the average age. Younger people want access to the Internet-connected world even when on vacation and even while at a campground. Connection speed is important too since there will be multiple users from one family. In addition, it is a matter of basic business. Not having Internet access or having insufficient Broad-

She said that this is in part





band width poses serious barriers to people being able to make reservations and to campground owners who need to process credit cards. Besides, the state requires submission of tax filings and payments electronically – another expensive obstacle.

Following Bev Gruber were two officials from the Wolf Administration. Mark Critz, Executive Director of the Governor's Rural Development Council, and Mark Smith, newly appointed "Broadband Czar" by Governor Tom Wolf, recognized Broadband access as an essential need for rural parts of the state. They pointed to specific situations where Broadband access is critical such as in education where a school may have access but the student does not have the Internet to do his or her homework. They said that lack of access shows a direct result in students who do not have the skill set being at a disadvantage entering higher education because they were not given the proper learning tools in their rural setting.

The issue is most urgent when it comes to rural economic investment. Businesses looking to locate

want all the things they have traditionally desired such as adequate transportation, location of resources, proximity to markets, etc. But, the two speakers cautioned, the number one thing investors look at now is whether the location has access to sufficient Broadband width to sustain their business activity. Smith said that the goal of Broadband equity was obtainable within five years.

Both officials sounded a cautionary note though. They said that more research needs to be done since there is no one-sized solution. They reasoned that some want extensive Broadband width while others are content with medium or little access.

Regina Matz, Esquire, attorney with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) and counsel to the PUC Commissioner David W. Sweet, recognized the need as did the other presenters but presented a different perspective on access. Current Pennsylvania law she said guarantees the right to Broadband access at 1.544 megabits per second download and 0.128 megabits per second upload. According to the PA Broadband Bill of Rights,

a document produced by the PUC to explain the law, service must be made available by a local telephone company within ten business days. This means that rural Pennsylvanians do have potential access.

However, there are several complications. First, the PUC and this law only affects incumbent local exchange carriers (ILEC), established local telephone companies such as CenturyLink, Frontier, Windstream and other smaller telephone companies. That means that other carriers besides ILECs are not bound by this law. Second, although access is guaranteed, pricing is not. The PUC does not set the price and extending fiber optic cable is very expensive and out of the financial reach of many seeking access. Third, the PA requirement of 1.544 megabits is way behind the national standard which the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has just raised to 25 megabits. This means that PA law which was very forward-thinking in its day in guaranteeing access has fallen way behind current Broadband needs.

The PUC has been in the forefront of an effort to convince the

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PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE APPLAUDS FEDERAL BROADBAND DECISION

The Pennsylvania State Grange issued the following statement regarding President Donald Trump's January 8, 2018, Executive Orders regarding Broadband access for rural Americans:

"The Pennsylvania State Grange applauds the issuance of Executive Orders by President Donald Trump to facilitate rural access to technology. The Grange has a proud track record in helping bring about Rural Electrification in the last century. To us, Broadband access reflects the same type of critical need for this century.

The first Executive Order spells out the Administration's priority to 'use all viable tools to accelerate the deployment and adoption of affordable, reliable, modern high-speed Broadband connectivity in rural America, including rural homes, farms, small businesses, manufacturing and production sites, tribal communities, transportation systems, and healthcare and education facilities.'

The second directs the Secretary of the Interior to report on a plan within 180 days to 'support rural Broadband development and adoption by increasing access to tower facilities and other infrastructure assets.'

The Pennsylvania State Grange believes that these Executive Orders form the foundation of a national priority to bring technological equity to rural areas. Most important, it shows the willingness of the Federal Government to utilize its vast existing infrastructure as a resource to Broadband expansion. Granted, it is not enough to solve the problem of access by itself but it does show a commitment to work with the private sector and community-based organizations such as the Grange who also see this as an urgent issue for rural America."



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Federal Communications Commission to free up over \$100 million dollars that had been offered to Verizon for PA Broadband expansion. Verizon concluded that this did not fit into their business plan and rejected the FCC offer, not just in PA but elsewhere such as in New York State. Pennsylvania is requesting that the money turned down by Verizon still come to Pennsylvania but so far has been met with resistance from the Federal Government because PA's extremely difficult State Budget situation does not allow us to come up with matching funds, something the FCC wants.



From left to right:

Pennsylvania State Grange President **Wayne Campbell**, State Representative **Kristin Phillips-Hill** (R-York) (sponsor of Broadband legislation), Executive Director of the PA Campground Owners Association and Grange member **Bev Gruber**, President, PA Telephone Association **Steve Samara**, **Regina Matz**, Esquire, counsel to PUC Commissioner David W. Sweet, **Mark Smith**, Director of Broadband Initiatives, Office of Governor Tom Wolf, **Mark Critz**, Executive Director, Governor's Rural Development Council

Matz provided the PUC contact information for consumers 800-692-7380.

PA Representative Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York) explained some of the legislative initiatives she and fellow lawmaker Pam Snyder (D-Green/Fayette/Washington) have proposed. Among other things, the four-bill package includes a measure requiring that the state inventory its infrastructure including such resources as towers that could be used to piggyback private sector company investment. Using the state infrastructure re-

duces the amount that the private sector would otherwise have to invest.

She applauded President Donald Trump's January 8 two Executive Orders that make Broadband access to rural America a national priority. One of the Executive Orders tells the Interior Department to inventory its' infrastructure, similar to what is proposed in PA by Representatives Phillips-Hill and Snyder. Rep. Phillips-Hill also noted that a Trump Administration task force focusing on rural prosperity just released its' report. Of 100 recommendations presented

to USDA Secretary Perdue, Broadband access was at the top of the list.

Rep. Phillips-Hill provided several examples where technology makes a huge difference. First was the issue of student access. She said that it was disheartening to see parents having to bring their kids to a school parking lot to do homework since they had no computer access at home. Another example is in farming where

driverless tractors using GPS can be used, where sensors can measure soil moisture, and where sensors can even measure the number of steps a cow has walked – lost opportunities without Broadband access.

President of the PA Telephone Association Steve Samara rounded out the program. Samara's group includes those phone companies regulated by the Public Utility Commission who by law must provide 1.544 megabits. He said that his companies provide much greater access than that given current re-

quirements for commerce and communications. The difficulty is ascertaining differing needs and how to meet them. The other obstacle is cost of completing access for the proverbial 'last mile' in sparsely settled areas. He urged that both public and private sector resources be used.

Before coming to the PA Telephone Association in 1996, Samara served as Executive Director of the PA Senate Communications and High Technology Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. During his tenure there, PA enacted the legislation discussed by the PUC's Regina Matz. This law laid the groundwork for deployment of the Broadband telecommunications network in the state.

Comments from Attendees

Former Pennsylvania State Grange President/ Master Elizabeth Downey commented to the panel that service is spotty in Lycoming County. One example she gave to illustrate the problem was a farmer friend showing her his brand new top of the line tractor. It could use technology to track soil moisture and GPS to positively identify parts of the field needing special attention. The problem is, she said, he does not have technology access so now the new tractor is simply a tractor without him being able to use features that would make his farming more productive. Her other example is telemedicine in rural areas which is very helpful to people who cannot travel to receive medical care. Again, if there is no access to the Internet, medical equipment cannot electronically report a person's medical condition and telemedicine does not work.

Another commenter spoke on behalf of the Center for Rural PA, a legislative research entity that is beginning to focus on gaining a better understanding of the difficulties faced by rural communities with inadequate access. Research done in conjunction with Penn State should be released sometime in 2018.



Last to speak was King Whetstone, regional Director of USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service. He pointed to current NASS reports which document farmers' use of computers in the field. Unlike some types of research, NASS' reports include information from agricultural producers themselves.

The program was moderated by Pennsylvania State Grange Legislative Director Vince Phillips.

Vince Phillips is the lobbyist for the Pennsylvania State Grange. He has lobbied in PA since 1989, coming from the Nation's Capitol where, among other things, he served on President Reagan's Transition Team and held a Reagan Administration appointment at USDA.

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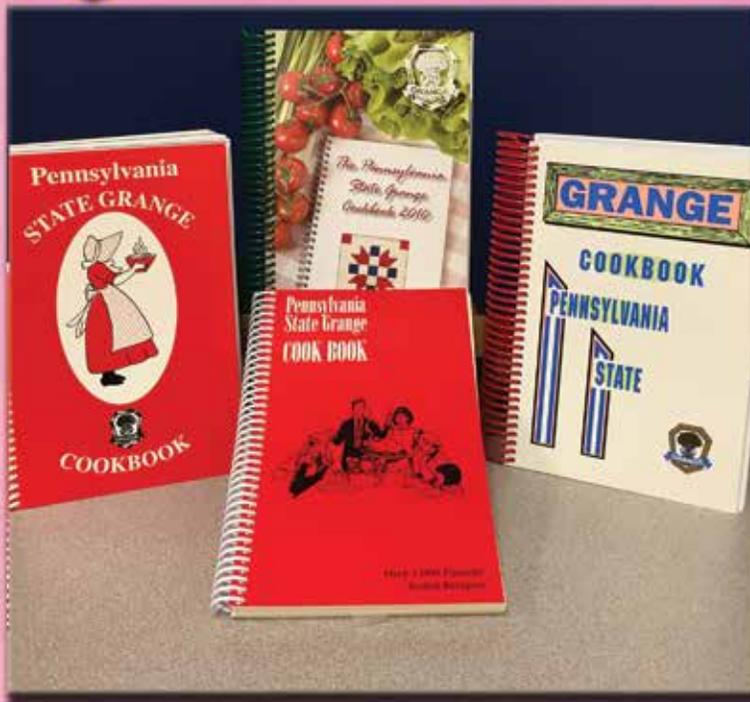
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2018 PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW "Snapshots"



Photo 1:
Farm Show Butter Sculpture



Photo 2:
Farm Show Opening
Ceremonies



Photo 3:
Secretary of Agriculture
Redding



Photo 4:
Farm Show PA Fair Queen with
Youth & Junior Royalty



Photo 5:
Farm Show Ribbon Cutting



Photo 6:
Junior & Youth Royalty with
Miss Pennsylvania



Photo 7:
Youth & Junior Royalty with
their Directors



Photo 8:
Youth & Junior Royalty with
Secretary of Agriculture
Redding

Photo 9:
Junior Royalty Autumn &
Tanner

Photo 10
Junior Granger Tanner
Mentoring a Future Junior

Photo 11
Pennsylvania Grange Booth

Photo 12
Pennsylvania Farm Show
Royalty at Opening Ceremonies

Photo 13
Heather Druckenmiller & Lurae
Benzio at the Grange Booth

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Saturday lunch and dinner will be group meals, cost included in the low registration fee (TBA).

EVERYONE is invited to this conference—combining the Mid Atlan-

tic Youth/ Junior Regional with the Mid-Atlantic Lecturers' Conference, and adding workshops for Masters, Membership Directors, Family Activities, Legislative, and Public Relations/Communications directors. Attendees will have their choice among several workshops Saturday with outside speakers, crafts, discussions, and of course fun and fellowship!

The Youth will visit an Escape Room in addition to presenting their contests for the entire group Saturday evening.

Please advertise this event widely and encourage all your members, and especially leaders, to attend. Reservations to Amanda Brozana Rios, communications@nationalgrange.org. Questions? 1-888-4GRANGE ext. 102.

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2018 CALENDAR

January	February	March	April
6-13th: Farm Show (Harrisburg)		16-18th: Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference	National Grange Month 5-8th: Young Adults Weekend
May	June	July	August
	Dairy Month 29-July 1st: Youth Camp (Howard)	1-7th: Junior Camp (Howard) 19-22nd: Family Festival (Centre Hall)	14-16th: Penn State Ag Progress Days. (Pennsylvania Furnace)
September	October	November	December
	19-21st: State Grange Session (Butler)	13-17: 152nd National Grange Session (Vermont)	

Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 16	Chinese New Year
Feb 19	President's Day
Mar 11	Daylight Saving (begin)
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Vernal equinox
Mar 31	Passover
Apr 01	April Fool's Day
Apr 01	Easter
Apr 25	Admin Assistants Day
May 13	Mother's Day
May 16	Ramadan begins
May 20	Pentecost
May 28	Memorial Day
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 17	Father's Day
Jun 21	June Solstice
Jul 04	Independence Day
Sep 03	Labor Day
Sep 10	Rosh Hashanah
Sep 23	Autumnal equinox
Oct 08	Columbus Day
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 04	Daylight Saving (end)
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 22	Thanksgiving
Dec 02	Hanukkah begins
Dec 21	December Solstice
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Kwanzaa begins
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

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NEWS





SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Authors:

Emelie Swackhamer and Amy Korman (Bios can be found at the end of the article)

In this issue, learn how to identify the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), and what action you can take to stop the spread of this invasive insect that is threatening southeastern Pennsylvania.

Lycorma delicatula, commonly known as the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), is a new invasive insect that

has spread throughout southeastern Pennsylvania since its discovery in Berks County in 2014. SLF presents



Left: The young nymphs are black with white spots and can be present from May until October.

Right: The older nymphs are black and red with white spots and can be present from June until October.



Left: The adults (shown at rest) can be present from July until late December. The adults are 1 to 1 1/4 inches long.

Right: An adult showing the red underwings when disturbed. (photo credit: Nancy Bosold)



Left: The egg masses can be on trees, rocks, or any other solid object and can be present from September through May.

Right: The empty remains of the eggs that have hatched can be found at any time of the year.



a significant threat to Pennsylvania agriculture, including the grape, tree-fruit, hardwood and nursery industries, which collectively are worth nearly \$18 billion to the state's economy.

Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Extension are at the forefront of education and research aimed at stopping the spread of this exotic species. Following are resources to help growers, property owners and others understand how to identify the insect, what to do if they find it and how to comply with agency regulations.

Spotted Lanternfly: What to Look For:

(Pictured to the left: Pictures of the Spotted Lanternfly and its egg masses.)

Spotted Lanternfly Management Calendar

There are various management techniques to consider to destroy or control the Spotted Lanternfly. Learn the recommended methods to use during certain times of the year.

- 1. Locate Trees:** Locate *Ailanthus altissima* trees on the site. For reasons not understood, spotted lanternfly seem to prefer some individual *Ailanthus altissima* trees over others. Try to identify the specific *Ailanthus* trees that are most attractive to the insects, based on how many are feeding on them. *For information on how to identify Ailanthus altissima please see pictures located on page 25.*
- 2. Destroy Most Trees:** Destroy approximately 90% of the *Ailanthus altissima* trees, leaving only a few that are most attractive to the insect. They will serve as "trap" trees. It is recommended that you

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From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
PA State Grange President
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Dear Fellow Grangers,

As you open up this issue of the Pennsylvania Grange News things outside are already green and growing. I have set a goal for 2018 to grow the Pennsylvania State Grange. Lizzie Bailey, our Membership and Public Relations Consultant, and I have been working on improving communications between the State Office and the local Granges, developing additional new benefits for our members, and setting up a new Advocate/Deputy plan for the State.

At the top of our plan we have purchased a ZOOM Conferencing account. Now if you never heard of ZOOM, it is a tele-conferencing program that allows you to be a part of the meeting and never leave your home or office. This program can be utilized from a desktop computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone, or from a conventional landline in your home. We will send out an e-mail invitation that will have the information needed to participate in the meeting. We would like to host a meeting at least once a month, maybe twice a month. The subjects will vary from Legislative, membership, fund raising, to what's an issue in your area. This program will also allow our committees to meet more often and remain in the comfort of their homes.

We have been able to acquire some new benefits for our members

such as Sam's Club and Costco's. There are discount Hershey Park tickets available and there are discount tickets for shows and other events. To view the list of member benefits log onto www.pagrange.org and in the upper right hand corner click on register/login. Once you register an email will be sent to the state office where it will be verified you are a member and then you will receive a confirmation e-mail back. You will then be able to log into the benefits page, view all the benefits and get any special codes needed to utilize the benefits. You can also log onto the National Grange website at www.nationalgrange.org, register into the National Grange website and take advantage of the many different benefits they offer. If you use just 2 or 3 of the benefits you will save more than enough money to pay your annual dues. If you use the discount on Choice Hotels, just one trip may save you enough to pay your dues.

We are revising the Advocate/Deputy program. There will be one Advocate assigned to each of the 6 areas of the state. They will be asked to appoint 2 others to work with them in that area. We are going to charge them with trying to open 2 new Granges in each area. We want to open a new Grange in Philadelphia this year also. We, as the Grange, are endorsing Urban Agriculture and that area is very much into Urban Agriculture and Raised Gardening.

We are looking for people who would like to be more involved legislatively. If this is something that is of interest to you, please contact me at the State Office, 717.737.8855. Vince Phillips, our

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Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain

Even President F.D. Roosevelt addressed fear in his inaugural address when he said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself...it is nameless, unreasoning and unjustified terror which paralyzes the needed efforts to convert retreat into advance." Well put!

Jesus assures us again and again that He is with us, He will never abandon us, He will sustain us, we are worth more than many sparrows. He tells us to have courage, do not be afraid, do not worry about tomorrow, and to cast our cares upon Him.

My theme for the past couple of months has been "Be Still and Know That I Am God." Suffice it to say that I have been keenly aware of that mandate as I tried to deal with fear.... Our life journey, like yours, has its bumps and twists and turns...sometimes rougher than we think we can handle. That is when we get these little subtle nudges to "Be Still and Know That I Am God." They may be subtle, but if you are still, you can recognize them!

I don't know if you use daily devotionals, but I rely on several different ones from time to time and for the past few months, I am amazed at how

many of them have been written directly to me! The majority of them have been advising me, and even admonishing me, to not fear, but simply put my trust in my God. In fact, there are 21 Christ-issued imperatives listed in the Gospels alone that address fear and urge us to have courage and/or take heart and DO NOT FEAR.

Fear is one of the enemy's most popular weapons against us. Worry and anxiety can overwhelm us until it controls our thoughts to the point that it influences our decisions and actions. What do you fear? Violence, shootings, natural disasters, finances, surgeries, disease, death, change?



In reality, we often find that many outcomes we have feared never really happen! So it is not only a waste of time and energy, but a heavy burden to carry which is totally unnecessary.

So the way to conquer fear is to read and repeat the words of our Lord until they become part of our nature. They will in time begin to replace those fears!

Be Still and know God. He is greater than all our troubles and worries. He is with us in whatever we face, strengthening, helping and holding us in His hands. He has promised that He will be with us always until the end of the world!!

God Bless You and Yours!

Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler





Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

Target Marketing

I'm always very interested in hearing how everyone is doing with membership recruitment and what things people may be trying in order to gain new members for your Grange. Its very common for people to tell me that they want to attract families with children to their Grange. I then ask what they are doing to find those families?

What programming do you offer or could your Grange develop that would attract young families?

In my community, the busiest place I can locate young families is at our local library. Our Grange does an Earth Day program every year; reading a book at story time and planting sunflower seeds with the kids. We also provide information about our Grange and invite them to attend an upcoming program.

Identifying local groups to provide programming to is a great way to introduce the Grange to new potential members. Young parents are always looking for things to involve their children in learning and experiencing different events and projects.

Has your Grange ever thought of a "Mommies Club" that would offer playtime, or educational workshops that involve the family? Some of the best projects can involve teaching life skills such as

cooking, planting seeds, or a sewing project. Think about ways you can add quality programming that would benefit younger families. Scheduling events and inviting families is a great start to growing your Grange membership.

Member Benefits

The Pennsylvania State Grange has been working diligently on improving the member benefits program for our Grangers. When recruiting new members, you should also be talking about the benefits of being a Grange member.

One of the greatest aspects about member benefits is that they can offset the cost of membership. The Grange has an array of benefits, whether you are looking to participate with a wholesale shopping store like BJ's, Sam's Club, Costco's, make hotel reservations or book car rentals. Our programs also offer discounts on movie tickets, theme parks across the country and concert tickets!

A big part of recruiting members is also sharing benefits with prospective members that can show the value of having a Grange membership.

Member benefits should be a part of your discussion when you are talking to people about joining your Grange. For example, a young family with a few children can save more than the cost of membership if they are taking their family to a theme park this year.

Anyone vacationing? Promote the discounts on hotel and rental cars. I researched an upcoming trip and discovered I can save

\$75 on our rental car. That's almost the cost of the Grange family membership!

If you can show how the benefits offset the membership fee, it makes sense for new people to join.

New Member Benefit Page at www.pagrang.org

We have been updating information and adding some new things to the Grange website. We have created a secure page on our website (password required) to access information you need to use the benefits. Make sure you stop by and check often, as the website is a "work in progress."

To set up your ID and password, go to www.pagrang.org and click in the upper right-hand corner Log In/Register. To register, enter your name, email and enter a password of your choice. The state office receives your request, we confirm you are a member, and accept your registration. To log in, just enter your email and password and it's that easy! You only need an ID and password to enter the member benefits page, the rest of the website is available to you with no password.

Please contact me if you have any questions on our benefits or recruiting.

Yours in Grange service,

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Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is feeling well and trying to stay dry with all the rainy weather and late snows we are getting. Merle and I went to the Farm Show in January with the state quilt and sold 600 tickets during the week. Many thanks to all of the Grangers that helped in the Grange booth during the week; a great job well done.

Ag Progress Days are coming August 14, 15, & 16. If anyone is willing to help sell quilt tickets and cookbooks at the State Grange Booth, please let the State Office know so they can put you on the schedule.

All Granges should have received their contest packets by now with a separate envelope for the Subordinate secretary and one for the Pomona secretary. I hope to see a lot of crafting going on and a lot of entries at State Session. Please let me know if you didn't get your packet with the contest papers and quilt tickets. If you need more quilt tickets to sell, email me at mle103@comcast.net

comcast.net or call me at 814-234-4943 and I will be glad to mail them to you.

Please remember we will be collecting Wraps for Hugs at the Family Festival again this year. Also, I hope everyone is signing up for the tour to the Boalsburg Military Museum and our stained glass workshop. Also be sure to come with a good appetite for the Family Activities sponsored dinner on Friday night. So, for now, I hope to see a lot of Grangers at the Family Festival July 19 – 22, 2018.

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius
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History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

Members and the public are learning much about the story and enviable record of the Pennsylvania State Grange from 1873 to the present by reading the historical information now found posted at <http://www.pagrange.org/history-committee.html>. Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers giving their time to organize and preserve historical documents and the generous contributions of Granges and individuals that funded the actual microfilming, digitizing and

indexing of that information, the following Grange records are now readily accessible on-line:

- Listing of all local Subordinate and county Pomona Granges organized in Pennsylvania, including both active and inactive units
- Historical highlights of Pennsylvania Grange activities and accomplishments during the term of each State Master/President
- Historical Slide Program celebrating the 150th anniversary of the National Grange, including information about the Grange in Pennsylvania
- Journals of Proceedings of the annual sessions of the Penn-

sylvania State Grange

- Newsletter publications issued by the Pennsylvania State Grange from 1907-present

The latter two items above represent Phase One of the microfilming/digitizing/indexing project completed earlier this year at a cost of over \$4,000. Phase Two of this preservation work, currently in process will microfilm, digitize and index the original applications of the 2,110 Granges organized in Pennsylvania, annual officers' registers and minutes of the State Grange Executive Committee. It is estimated that the cost of this phase will likely exhaust the majority of funds currently available to the History Committee.

Phase Three work to microfilm, digitize and index the three State Grange history books published in 1949, 1973 and 1998 will commence only when additional funds

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Program Director
Denise Clare
 PA State Grange Program Director

Spring greetings!! Since we no longer have State Planning meetings, I would like to ask Grangers in PA for contest ideas they would like to see implemented. All departments are in the process of working on contest ideas for 2019. Please contact me with all your ideas, comments, etc. The Lecturer's packets have been mailed. Please watch for packets to arrive. Please contact me if you have not received it by the time you read this. Enclosed with the letter will be either the Subordinate or Pomona Report Forms. MALC was combined with Eastern Regionals this year. So hopefully you have someone in your area that attended and can bring back information to share. I will also have info to share in my next article since I will be attending.

TALENT CONTEST

The Talent Contest will be held at the Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival on Saturday, July 21 starting at 7:00 PM. There will be no regional eliminations. ALL talent entries will perform at the Family Festival. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! The deadline for registration will be June 9, 2018. Prior to the Talent Contest, there will be a ham & scalloped potato dinner from 5:00 – 6:00 PM (must pre-register for dinner. \$8.50 each). If you are only attending for the talent contest and would like to join us for the dinner, then you MUST state this with your registration. Please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs for the

Talent Contest rules. It would be great to see more talent entries this year.

FAMILY FESTIVAL

Superheroes Get It Done "That's the Grange Way" is this year's theme. Thursday evening will be soda floats and games. Friday evening will be bingo. The committees have come up with a host of activities and workshops. This year the tour will be to Boalsburg Military Museum. The schedule and registration are in March/April PGN. So, get with your fellow Grangers and make plans to attend! Registration deadline is June 9, 2018.

Quilt Block paintings: If your Grange Hall/Building or fairground does not have one yet, or want another one, or you would like one for your house, Family Festival is a great time to get it done. Make sure to register to paint a Quilt Block!!

CONTESTS

It's time to start on your reports and scrapbooks. I received many reports and scrapbooks this past year and would like to see many more. Please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs for the rules or contact me. Scrapbooks for Subordinate and Pomona MAY include all programs for the entire year. Make sure you follow all directions and fill out reports COMPLETELY!

Now is a great time to get started with decorating a container pot or frame to be made by everyone, Juniors and Subordinates! There is still the My Favorite Anything Contest, along with the Pen in Hand Contest. Enter in the Art and Photography Contests. There

are five categories for photography.

As you can see, there are many ways to participate, so get the word out. Hold a program night to work on a project. I want to see LOTS of entries!!! As with all contests, please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs for the rules. If you have questions, please contact your regional committee person, or you can contact me.

The report forms and the Guide to Contests and Programs will also be available on the Pennsylvania State Grange website: www.pagrange.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

PROGRAM IDEAS

June:

- 1st: National Heimlich Maneuver Day...have a demo on how to properly do this
- 9th: National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day...have a contest and then use for refreshments
- 20th: National Ice Cream Soda and Vanilla Milkshake day...make one or both!

July:

- 9th: National Sugar Cookie Day...everyone brings their favorite for refreshments
- 14th: National Mac & Cheese Day...have a covered dish social featuring mac & cheese
- 28th: National Day of the Cowboy (4th Saturday in July)

August:

- 7th: Purple Heart Day...have a recipient speak
- 13th: Left Handers Day...have everyone do things with the opposite hand they normally do
- 24th: National Peach Pie Day...refreshments
- 30th: National Toasted Marshmallow Day—have S'mores for a snack

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Youth News!!!



Greetings from the Youth and Young Adults Department!

Summer is coming! And that means Youth Camp is just around the corner. This year's theme is Country Fair / Carnival and we have a great fun-filled weekend planned. The registration form is located in this issue of the PGN as well as online at www.pagrangle.org and on the **Pennsylvania Youth and Young Adults Facebook page**. In addition to games and workshops, we will also be selecting the 2018-19 Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors. The youth selected will be representing the youth of the Pennsylvania State Grange at various activities and events during the next year. If you are between the ages of 15 to 21, consider running for State Youth Ambassador to represent your organization, plus it also looks great on college applications and resumes. Sign up now so you won't miss this awesome weekend.

Our 2017-18 Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors have been busy participating in activities such as PA Farm Show and most recently the Berks County Pomona meeting. Here are some thoughts from the current Ambassadors as they come to the end of their term.

Hello Grange family! I am Jacob Mengel, the 2017-2018 Male Youth Ambassador this year. I am currently a mathematical business major at Elizabethtown College in central Pennsylvania, with minor degrees in data analytics and psychology. At school, I am quite busy with my studies, but I am a captain and the secretary for the school's club soccer team, of which I help organize the practice and game schedule. Socially, I'm active in semester long intramural sports. My term is over half way completed at this point, and it has been quite busy and fun so far, attending State Session and the Farm Show. It was awesome to open the State Grange with the youth this past October and I cannot wait to do

it again in future years, hopefully with increased participation.

To any youth out there who are hesitant when it comes to being more active, or coming to Youth Camp, I can assure you it is worth it. The youth is the future of the Grange and for everyone to be more comfortable working together in the future, is really important for all of us to develop friendships with each other right now. Youth Camp is one of the places where that happens. Other events each year are Family Festival, State Session, and even Junior Camp. Family Festival is a weekend at a fairgrounds for Grangers of all ages. State session, which all members are welcome to attend, is always a very informative experience. I will be attending Young Adult Weekend for the first time this year, which is a weekend where any young adults in the Grange get to celebrate a year of volunteer work together. Another important event is Junior Camp, where Juniors begin the Granger tradition of lifelong friendships, but without older members to help run it, the Grange would begin to lose its foundation for new lifelong members. Local Granges also hold events which need participants and/or volunteers. Attending or volunteering at those events helps keep the Grange rolling, and the more members are active, the more our current leaders do not have to worry about the Grange's future. With many ways to be active, the Grange should be a permanent organization, but that is easier said than done. Thank you for supporting me as the Male Youth Ambassador and please feel free to speak with me at any event I attend.

Jake Mengel

Hi, I am Grace Wadsworth the 2017-2018 Female Youth Ambassador. I am a student at Indiana University of PA. I am studying Child Development and a second degree in Spanish as well as a minor in Sustainability. I work at the daycare on campus. I am a subordinate member at Goshen Grange in Chester County.

I hold offices at the subordinate and Pomona levels. I am also on the State Deaf and Community Service Committee.

As Youth Ambassador I have had the privilege to attend several Grange and non-Grange functions. Some of the events I attended were FarmAid, Family Festival, State Session, Farm Show, and various subordinate and Pomona meetings. FarmAid was an educational experience for me due to the varied individuals and new technologies coming out to help farmers and the Earth prosper. The Farm Show took me out of my comfort zone and I enjoyed networking and meeting new people. I had fun at each event and enjoyed my time with Grangers I do not see every day.

The Grange is an important organization for many reasons. I believe it is about family, community, and agriculture all wrapped up together to make an organization full of knowledge and fellowship. One of my favorite parts of Grange is the community service initiatives. Grangers look in their communities and states for individuals in need and help. It can be monetary, a collection of items, or going to a nursing home or shelter and brightening the lives of the residents by reminding them of hope and friendship. Grange is a second family for me and I will continue to expand my gratefulness toward this organization as I continue to grow in Grange. Thank you for supporting me as Youth Ambassador this year.

Grace Wadsworth

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Junior News!!!



WELCOME SPRING and Hello Junior Grangers!!

I am so excited to tell you that Summer Camp preparations are well underway and we'll all be to-



gether soon enjoying the hot July sunshine and sharing some awesome time at the "All Star Sports Camp". I want to clarify to any Junior who may be hesitant in attending a sports themed camp... you will NOT be playing sports all week! Some of you are not fond of athletic activity and you might want to shy away from camp when you hear the word "sports" in the title. But let me assure you that there is plenty of fun planned that will not make you break out in an extreme sweat (we do enough

of that just standing still in that July heat). One of those activities is a trip to State College to attend a Spikes baseball game! We are planning on providing a great time at the ballpark and it will be a special time together.

Now is a great time to ask a friend or encourage a new Junior Grange member to come to camp with you this year. I offered a challenge at the 2017 State Session that if we increase our camper total by 15 AND our counselor total by 5...that I

will allow my crazy curly hair to be dyed a fun color for part of the week! Someone thinks I would look good with Philadelphia Eagles green/teal hair!!! I will already be wearing an Eagles football jersey or shirt one day during camp so why not have matching hair! If we have more campers attend...I will proudly wear green hair for the week. (and it will be temporary dye so don't worry hubby).

Another exciting time that I hope you plan to attend is the Family Festival in mid July. This year we are having some fun with Super-Hero themed activities and games. We will also be celebrating the Junior Grange's 130th Birthday this year!! Last year we enjoyed celebrat-

ing the National Grange's 150th.... and now it is time for the Junior Grange to party!! Tell your family that this is a great time to meet other families, enjoy fellowship, share ideas and have some fun!

I know that many of the Junior Granges around the state have been busy with sleepovers, walk-a-thons, spaghetti dinners, fundraisers and county camp preparations. I am proud of all of you for keeping the spirit and life of the Junior Grange growing in your communities. Continue to do things to attract new families and members. Continue to



Pictured above: Juniors, including the State Junior Grange Prince and Princess and the other are the Berks County Royalty.

expand your programs to work for the members in your community. There is no right or wrong way to be a Junior Grange. We have some terrific Junior Leaders and parents helping out and I think them all for doing a great job!

See you all soon!

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**Family Festival
SUPERHEROS GET IT DONE
"THAT'S THE GRANGE WAY"
Schedule of Events
July 19-22, 2018**



Thursday, July 19

- 1:00 - 5:30 Registration- Bldg A
- 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
- 7:00-- Registration - Bldg A
- 7:00-8:00 Welcome & President's
Workshop - Bldg A
- 8:00-8:30 Rootbeer; Coke; Orange Floats
- 8:30-9:30 Bring your Favorite Game
Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
- 9:30 Vespers - Bldg A
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Friday, July 20

- 7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
 - 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
 - 9:00-10:00 Resolution Workshop
Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 - 10:00-11:00 Chrismons Workshop - \$5.00
 - 10:30-12:00 Registration - Bldg A
 - 11:00-12:00 Advocate Workshop
 - 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
 - 1:30-4:00 Tour--Boalsburg Military Museum
Board bus in area b/w tents & Bldgs
 - 2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg A
 - 2:00-3:00 Storyteller Session- Bldg A
 - 3:00-5:00 Junior/Youth Water Games
 - 5:30-6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
- Hosted by the FA & Youth Departments*
- 7:00-8:30 History Committee Presentation
Bldg A
 - 8:30-9:15 Bingo-Bldg A
 - 9:15-9:30 Cake Walk
 - 9:30 Vespers-Bldg A
 - 9:45 Young Patrons TEST --
-Bldg C
 - 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



Saturday, July 21

- 7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
*(Announce Young Patron
Finalists)*
- 8:30 Group Photo - Bldg A
- 9:00-11:30 Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B
- 9:00-10:30 Zumba Class - Bldg A
- 10:00-11:30 Young Patron Interviews -- Bldg B
- 10:30-11:30 Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit
- 11:30-12:00 Gift of Life Presentation-Bldg A
Blessing of Wrapped in Hugs
Lunch - Bldg D
*(Impromptu Question to Young Patron
Finalists)*
- 12:00-1:00
- 1:00 Youth Activity - TBA
- 1:00-3:00 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
Rope Making Demonstration-Bldg A
Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B - \$5.00
Photography Workshop-Bldg A
Dinner - Bldg D
*Ham; Scalloped Potatoes; Corn
Sweet Potatoes; Applesauce;
Salad*
- 7:00 Talent Contest - Bldg A
Introduction of Royalty
Ice Cream Social
Cake Walk
Vespers
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Sunday, July 22

- 7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
- 9:00 - 10:00 Worship Service - Bldg A
- 10:00 Clean Up and Depart

*Assistance in cleaning and packing up of
Bldg D is much appreciated*

**Thank You!
Wishing you a safe trip home!**



When: July 19-22, 2018
Where: Family Festival (Centre County Fairgrounds)
Theme: SUPERHEROS GET IT DONE
THAT'S THE GRANGE WAY



Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____
 Grange: _____
 County: _____
 _____ Tent (\$15 per night/ NOT per person)
 Tentmates: _____

 _____ RV/Camper (\$15 per night/space,
 NOT per person)
 RV/Camper-mates: _____

 Length: _____ Ft. Trailer or Motor Home
 (Circle)
 _____ Dump prior to leaving (Fee \$20)
 Day of Arrival:
 Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

MEALS (please check desired meals)
 Children 2 and under are Free, ages 3-10 half price.

_____ All Meals	\$45.50	_____
_____ Thursday Dinner	\$7.00	_____
_____ Friday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____
_____ Friday Lunch	\$5.50	_____
_____ Friday Dinner	\$5.50	_____
_____ Saturday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____
_____ Saturday Lunch	\$5.50	_____
_____ Saturday Dinner	\$8.50	_____
_____ Sunday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____
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Registration Fee (\$5.00/person) _____		
Military Museum Tour (\$10.00) _____		
Chrismons Workshop (\$5.00) _____		
Stained Glass Workshop (\$5.00) _____		
Quilt Block Workshop (\$40.00) _____		
T-Shirt (\$10.00)		
Child S M L XL		
Adult S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL		
Total Cost _____		

Hotel- Please make your own reservations
 block reserved at:
 Ramada Conference Center
 1450 South Atherton St.
 814-238-3001
 \$75.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT

Make checks payable to: PA State Grange
 Send Registration & Payment to:

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PA State Grange
 Attn: Family Festival
 20 Erford Rd, Suite 216
 Lemoyne PA 17034
R.S.V.P by June 9, 2018





2018 Pennsylvania Junior Grange Camper Application

July 1-July 7, 2018

Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA
For Junior Grange age: 7 -14

“All Star Sports Camp”

Name: _____ M ____ F ____
Street: _____ Phone: _____/Cell: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Parent Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of Jan 1, 2018 _____

Grange Name and Number: _____

Is this your first year at State Camp? _____



Camper fee - \$150.00 (This reflects a \$15.00 credit from the
Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund)

THERE IS ALSO A SIBLING DISCOUNT: 1st child = full price of \$150 and then a \$15 reduction
for every child after. (2nd child = \$135, 3rd child = \$135 4th child = \$135 and so on)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR GRANGE

Mail Application with attached photo to:

Director Lurae Benzio, 103 Highland Dr. , Industry, PA 15052

REGISTRATION and CAMP FEE DEADLINE: JUNE 5, 2018

Any application postmarked after June 5, 2018 will be charged an additional \$20.00 and
will not be guaranteed a camp T-shirt.

A full Camp packet will be mailed with more information to all who submit this application!

**** Once again we are making it OPTIONAL to bring a food donation. PLEASE put an “X” on the line below if you are
willing to bring a food donation. Your food donation item will be listed in your camp packet that is mailed to you a few
weeks prior to camp.

_____ YES, I am willing to bring a food donation to camp.

T-shirt Size: (circle one below)

Child Med. / Child Lrg. / Adult Sm. / Adult Med. / Adult Lrg.
Adult XL / Adult 2XL

***All Counselors/Helpers must contact Director Lurae Benzio for consideration and an application**



PA State Grange Youth Camp is coming!!!

June 29 – 1 July 2018
Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA



THEME: Join us for the Grange Country Fair!

Camp Fee for the weekend: \$75 per person
(\$15.00 will be paid by the Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund Account)

Each camper will pay only \$60

****** Special – 1st Time Campers only pay \$30.00 (1/2 price) ******

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

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

Look for details/registration online: PA State Grange Webpage and the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults Facebook page! Or mail in paper copy to:

PA Grange Youth, c/o Ellen Wadsworth,
362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352

QUESTIONS?? Email: Youth@pagrange.org / Cell: 417-967-6474

Registration and Camp Fee Deadline: **1 June 2018**



Name _____ M ___ F ___

Address _____ Age _____ DOB _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Grange/County: _____

E-Mail: _____ 1st Year Youth Camper?: ___ Yes

Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL XXXL

ALLERGIES (including food) _____

Emergency Contact & Telephone Number(s): _____



PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE LEGISLATIVE DAY IN HARRISBURG

On Tuesday June 12, the Pennsylvania State Grange is inviting you to make a difference here in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania General Assembly is considering legislation which can affect you, your families and communities.

Think about some of these issues:

- Rural PA does not have equal access to Internet or cell phone service. Pennsylvania State Grange advocates for sufficient Internet speed and cell service for all.
- There is a threat to continued land-line telephone service. Pennsylvania State Grange advocates this service be maintained.
- Some want to curtail print advertising of legal notices in your

newspaper. Pennsylvania State Grange believes this would exclude many rural and urban communities with insufficient Internet access.

- There is legislation requiring prescription price transparency. Pennsylvania State Grange urges passage of this legislation.

And of course, the State Budget is the BIG issue in June! Will there be adequate funding for Pennsylvania's Number One industry, Agriculture? Will Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine get the funding they need? Will there be a tax on Marcellus Shale natural gas? Will the state engage in more borrow-

ing to balance the budget as it did in 2017? These are questions you can help answer when you come to Harrisburg.

These issues should be enough of an incentive for you to clear your schedule and come to Harrisburg!

Relax. We will make the appointments for you. There will be training on how to talk with legislators and staff for best results. There will be talking points. No one travels alone. You will always be with your fellow Grangers!

Please return the attached registration form (on page 16).

Play a role in protecting your community.

The "Grange Market Place" at Family Festival

Shopping, buying, selling, trading, purchasing, ordering, swapping, bartering are all activities that are common to our way of life no matter who we are or what we do. We all acquire items be it necessity or desire or craving or self indulgence. As a result of such we often find ourselves drawn to market places. Thus, we are setting up a "Grange Market Place" at Family Festival.

With over 200 Granges in PA, we are always finding different ways to financially support our organization. One of the most common ways is marketing something – it may be apple butter, apple topping and apple relish. It may be cookbooks, chocolate bars, easter eggs, scrubbies, bacon endive dressing, cookies, or it may be T-shirts..... the list could go on and on. I am sure there are

many items that are unique to your Grange that are not known and readily available to other Grangers.



Also, some Granges have items that they are no longer using that another Grange may need – chairs, song books, equipment, kitchen utensils, etc. that it is time to part with. And as Grangers, we often have commodity items to sell such as hay, grains, vegetables, equip-

ment, tools, crafts, foods, etc.

So to highlight your market items, we are setting up a "Grange Market Place" at Family Festival.

An area will be dedicated for you to bring your sale wares. We ask that all items come priced for sale along with your Grange or personal identification. The monies collected will go directly back to the selling Grange or person. If appropriate, you can bring the sale item(s) or you can make up a poster or flyer with pertinent information. It will be very interesting to see the variety of market items that Granges and Grangers in PA will display.

Please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office for further details. 1-717-737-8855



REGISTRATION FORM

PA State Grange Legislative Day in Harrisburg Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

NAME _____

GRANGE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME ZIP CODE (zip plus four) _____

PHONE/FAX _____ / _____

E-MAIL _____

Please register me as an attendee: I am a: Grange Member Guest

Please schedule appointments with:

My State Representative: _____

My State Senator: _____

Other Legislators I would like to meet with:

_____ / _____ / _____

Send or Fax Your Registration Form to:

Vince Phillips, PA State Grange
20 Erford Road, Suite 216 717-346-1063
Lemoyne, Pennsylvania 17043 FAX 717-232-7005
xenobun@aol.com

Schedule

Before 8:00 a.m.	Arrive at the State Capitol, Main Rotunda [West side of building]
8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	Briefing on issues and on how to communicate effectively with legislators and staff
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Appointments begin
9:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Meetings with lawmakers, committee chairmen and others; Lunch is Dutch treat between 11:30a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Capitol Cafeteria depending on your individual legislative visit schedule.



HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 628

Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY IRVIN, BERNSTINE, DIAMOND, READSHAW, TOOHIL, DIGIROLAMO, BAKER, PASHINSKI, RYAN, FEE, METZGAR, MILLARD, BOBACK, MACKENZIE, CORBIN, WARD, LONGIETTI, HELM, CARTAGIRONE, MARSHALL, BIZZARRO, BARBIN, ZIMMERMAN, SAINATO, PICKETT, GROVE AND HENNESSEY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, DECEMBER 7, 2017

A RESOLUTION

Designating December 4, 2017, as “Grange Recognition Day” in Pennsylvania.

Whereas, The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, which was founded December 4, 1867, is celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary in 2017 and 2018; and

Whereas, The Grange was founded as an organization created to promote the economic, social, family values and community interests of farmers and other rural Americans; and

Whereas, The outcomes of Grange advocacy have a positive impact on our nation today as a result of accomplishments such as rural free delivery of mail to rural families, the expansion of rural electrification and the promotion of the Cooperative Extension System and agricultural institutions of higher education; and

Whereas, The Grange currently advocates for enhancing rural health care and expanding broadband, cellular telephone and Internet services to rural areas; and

Whereas, Two of the Grange’s original seven founders, Reverend Aaron B. Grosh and William M. Ireland, who were laid to rest in Marietta and Philadelphia respectively, were residents of this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Keystone State leadership continues to this day with Commonwealth resident Betsy Huber currently serving as the first woman president of the Grange; and

Whereas, Some high-profile Grange members include President Harry S. Truman, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and painter Norman Rockwell; and

Whereas, Currently, Nirvana bassist Krist Novoselic serves as President of the Grays River Grange in Washington State; and

Whereas, The Grange continues to be a positive advocate for rural America and an active community-building force nationally and in this Commonwealth since 1873 when the first Grange, Eagle Grange, in Lycoming County, was established; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives designate December 4, 2017, the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Grange’s founding, as “Grange Recognition Day” in Pennsylvania to recognize the contribution of the Grange to our nation and this Commonwealth.



Grange News

STONY POINT GRANGE #1694

Members of Stony Point Grange #1694 prepared and served meals to more than 100 clients of the Good Shepherd Center in Greenville, PA on Presidents' Day as one of their annual community service projects



Pictured above, left to right: Jason Gruber, Ralph Boyd, Martha Gruber, Ken Ammann, Kathy Ammann, and Stan Gruber. Missing from photo - Ruth Fulton.

Grange, called the donation a great way to show the organization's respect and appreciation of law enforcement. "Our police officers and law enforcement personnel do not have an easy job," Dinniman said. "They have a duty to protect our communities, families, and children at all hours of the day and night. In turn, members of the Grange felt they had an obligation to do what they could to ensure that our police have the latest tools and gear to stay safe while on the job."

BAILEYVILLE GRANGE #1991

Pictured are Master Charles Richards and Junior Granger Isabella



Boone, with her FFA Jacket this year, at the PA farm show in January. Baileyville Grange #1991 sponsored her jacket; way to go Isabella!

BRANDYWINE GRANGE #60

On February 14, 2018, State Senator Andy Dinniman and fellow members of the Brandywine Grange #60 recently raised \$1,000 for the Coatesville Police Department to be used for bulletproof vests for officers.

Dinniman and Grange members presented the check to Coatesville Police Chief Jack Laufer. "This is our small way of saying thank you," Marie Leach, Grange Master, said. "All of the members of our Grange support our police and the great work they do."

Dinniman, a member of the



KEYSTONE GRANGE #2

Keystone Grange would like to invite everyone to come visit us during our coming events:

May 16th: Regular meeting (Memorial program

with Reverend Martha Kriebel). May 28th: Memorial Day Parade (Main Street Trappe - 9am) Keystone Grange will be represented in the parade and will host an information booth at Waterworks Park.

June 2nd: Granden Party/Farm Stand Grand Opening - Speakers House (10a-2p).

June 20th: Regular Meeting - PECO energy audits for homeowners. For additional information on any of our events, please contact Keystone President, Gene Zvarick, at 484-948-6916

CALIFORNIA GRANGE #941

The National Grange celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2017; while the Pennsylvania California Grange #941 celebrated their



Photo above: Francis Kessler: 45 yrs, Dottie Ulrich: 25yrs, Cynthia Pfleeger: 45yrs, Ruth & Leroy Cotner. Row 2: Alice Cotner, 25yrs, Paul & Ruth Auten, 25 yrs, Barry Durlin: 30 yrs



Photo above: David Fry: 25 yrs, Jessie White: 30 yrs, Barbara Fry: 30yrs. Row 2: Mary Lou Murray: 60 yrs, Carolyn Fisher: 10 yrs, Joe Murray: 60 yrs, Robert Fry: 30 yrs

127th anniversary. We honored its many members who were celebrating milestones in their own membership!

Not pictured: Alice Durlin: 65 yrs, June Reich: 60 yrs, Rob-



ert Pardoe, Jr: 55yrs, Lou Bowersox: 40 yrs, Byron & Joyce Roth: 30 yrs, Sam Ulrich: 25 yrs, Becky Schreck: 20 yrs, Delores Yost: 15 yrs, Jennie Hagerman: 15 yrs, Katie Finn: 10 yrs, Don & Mona Cotner: 5 yrs.

California Grange also had 4 new members conferred degrees in our celebratory year of 2017.



Photo above: Gail Summers, Mary Hall, Robert Fry, Master; Robert Whitmoyer, & Roy David Whitmoyer



State Session 2018

The following information is for Pennsylvania State Session (October 19-21, 2018):

HOTEL:

Pittsburgh Marriott North
(Headquarters for 2018 State Session)

ADDRESS:

100 Cranberry Woods
Cranberry Twp., Pa. 16066

RESERVATION PHONE NUMBER:

1-800-228-9290.

ROOM RATES:

Grangers are \$124.95 per night.



Full service hotel, refrigerator in all rooms, complete with full hot breakfast buffet for each person in the reserved room, and free parking.

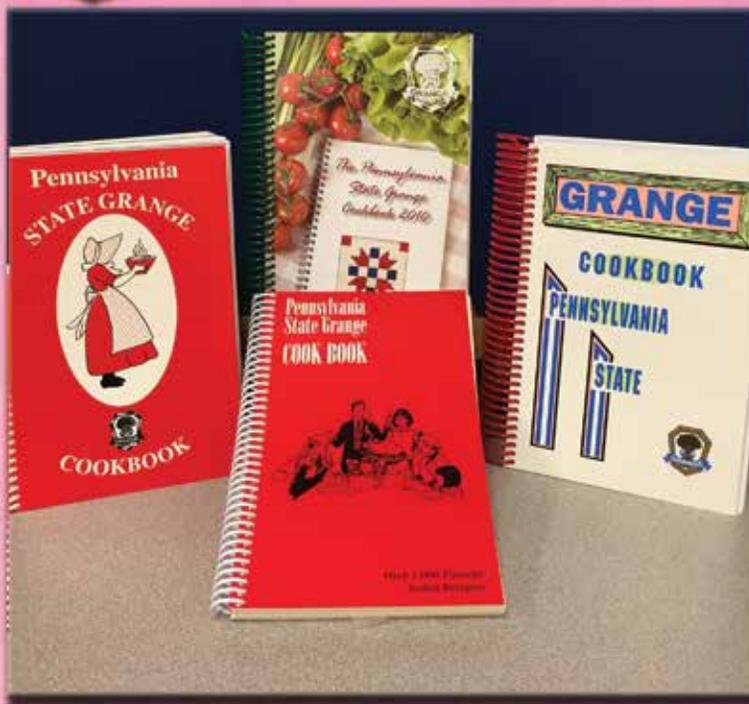


YOU MUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF and mention that you are attending the Pennsylvania State Grange Convention in October at the Pittsburgh Marriott North.

If you fail to do so you may end up paying a higher rate.



Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbooks



1972 Edition (reprinted in 2012)
\$24.00 each (includes S&H)

2010 Edition
\$22.00 each (includes S&H)

1984 Edition
\$17.00 each (includes S&H)

1950 Edition
\$17.00 each (includes S&H)

To order a Grange Cookbook, please contact the Grange at:

20 Erford Road, Suite 216

Lemoyne, PA 17043

1-717-737-8855

www.pagrang.org (for order form)



Government Matters

Vince Phillips
PA State Grange Lobbyist

GRANGE PURSUES ITS COMMUNITY SERVICE MISSION

PLEASE NOTE: As part of its mission of community service, Pennsylvania State Grange was happy to assist the PA State Council of Farm Organizations and the PA Department of Agriculture

in promoting greater understanding of food safety rules on the farm. Special thanks goes to Granges that hosted the events – Lewistown Grange #1639 (Tamaqua in Schuylkill County); Kutztown Grange #1836 (Berks County) and Red Lion Grange #1781 (York County) and to the Bedford Grange Mutual Insurance Company in Bedford County.

FOOD SAFETY RULE REINFORCES

Farmers hold a special moral place in American society. In addition to being the core of many rural communities, farmers are the conservation stewards of the land. They have also taken on the responsibility of feeding the United States and the world. With that comes the moral high ground when a farmer knows that he or she produces a steady, dependable, and safe supply of food.

Most farmers subscribe already to practices and procedures protecting food from being contaminated at its source. That is good news but it is tempered by the fact that 46% of food-related illnesses requiring medical care and/or hospitalization between 1998 and 2006 can be traced back to a farm. It is a sobering thought.

Enter the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), a U.S. law that sets forth standards of food safety for produce growers. Administered federally

by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration, FSMA specifies practices on:

- Worker Health and Hygiene
- Water Used in Agriculture
- Soil Amendments of Animal Origin (manure)
- Domestic Animals in the Growing Area
- Wild Animals in the Growing Area
- Equipment, Tools and Storage Buildings

There are also rules on safe transport of produce to a processor or restaurant if the farmer does the transporting. The law is expansive but so is the risk of contaminating food at its source because of an inadvertent practice in growing, harvesting or storing produce.

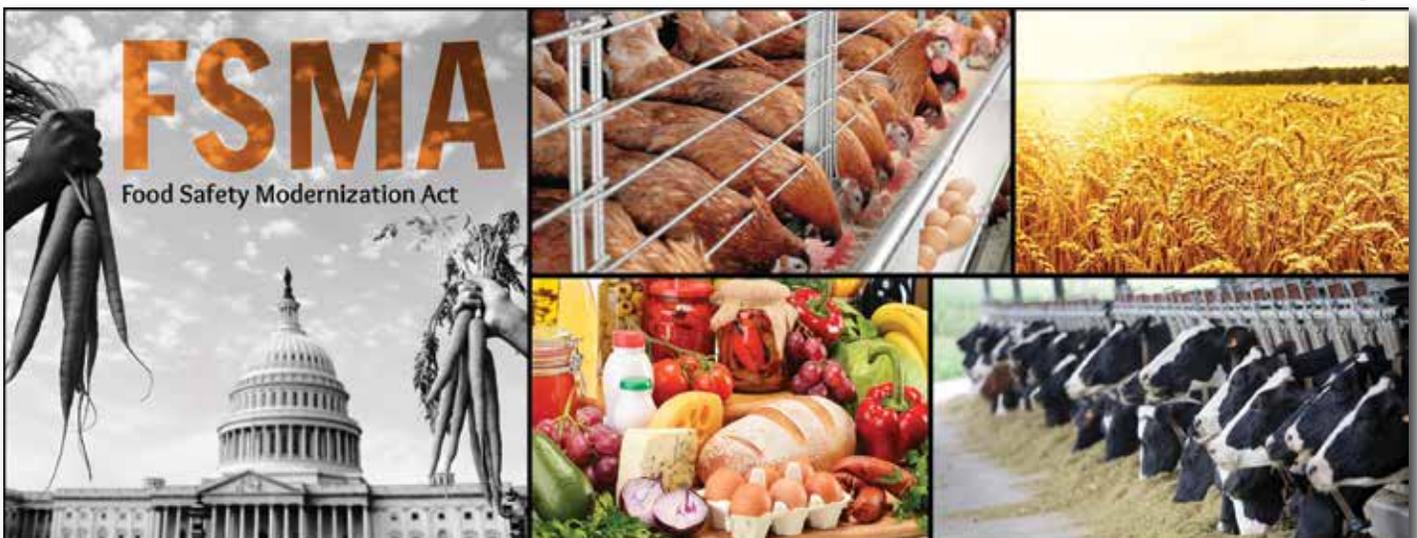
RULES SEEN AS COMMON SENSE

At first, compliance sounds like yet another requirement and more re-tooling of the farming operation but not necessarily according to Nan-

cy Jury, Assistant Director of the PA Department of Agriculture Bureau of Food Safety. Speaking to a Food Safety Workshop sponsored by the PA State Council of Farm Organizations March 1 in Bedford, Pennsylvania, Jury said “The Food Safety Modernization Act can also be called ‘The Common Sense Rule’”. “Most farmers employ these best practices anyway because their goal is food safety too. What FSMA does is provide a checklist of proper procedures and some record-keeping. Once a farmer assesses his or her operations, the FSMA Rule is not a burden.”

According to Jury, most provisions of the Food Safety Modernization Act are common sense. Some of the examples she gave were:

- Do not plant fruits and vegetables where runoff from cattle or dairy operations can take place.
- Do not spray pesticides and apply fertilizers if there is a chance that it will drift into the pro-





duce-growing area.

- Where possible, do not use wooden containers and equipment. Use plastic containers where there is direct contact with produce. Plastic can be cleaned but wood cannot be completely sanitized.
- Do wash hands after using the toilet, before returning to work after a break or meal, and after touching animals or any animal waste.



some of the water through its skin. If the water is dirty, the melon is contaminated. That might not normally

Farmers should note that there are some new FSMA record-keeping responsibilities.

There must be documentation that workers received training on hygiene and sanitary procedures. There must be periodic testing of water not coming from a municipality. The type of testing is still being worked on by the FDA in order to find an accessible and affordable test for farmers to use. The tests look for E coli. One important rule is that every farm above the \$25,000 threshold of gross produce sales must have a person who has gone through formal training (such as from Extension).

For further information, please contact Nancy Jury at 717-787-4315; njury@pa.gov. A web site outlining Food Safety Modernization requirements may be found at www.eatsafepa.com

FDA: <https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/default.htm>

Vince Phillips is the lobbyist for the Pennsylvania State Grange. He has lobbied in PA since 1989, coming from the Nation's Capitol where, among other things, he served on President Reagan's Transition Team and held a Reagan Administration appointment at USDA.

Vince Phillips
717-737-8855 or
legislation@pagrange.org



FARMS BEST PRACTICES

- Do not let harvested produce become a magnet for infestation. For example, keep space between produce bins and walls to allow for spotting any sort of rodent infestation.
- Do protect crops from wildlife as much as possible. It is impossible to do this 100% because deer are deer and migratory birds, well, migrate.

be noticed but an inspection would quickly spot that risk.

HOW COMPLIANCE WILL WORK

The Food and Drug Administration gave the PA Department of Agriculture the authority to help farmers comply. This is done in stages with advance education being critical. The Department will look at the farm operation informally to point out practices needing improvement. Later begins the formal inspection phase. The Department is working with the largest operations first starting in 2018. Farmers markets and pick your own operations are also governed by this law. Formal inspections are not expected to begin until 2019. By 2020, farms with over \$25,000 in gross produce sales are expected to comply.



According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), 50% of all the produce food poisoning outbreaks from 1996-2004 originated from leafy greens and sprouts. Ten percent came from melons and ten percent came from tomatoes. Jury said that those kinds of produce have the greatest risk of being contaminated. Although the incidence is low for many other fruits and vegetables, it pays to be cautious she said.

A major part of compliance is simply making farmers aware of possible risks of which they had not previously been aware. One example is bringing cantaloupes in from the sun to a water cleaning area. If the water is much cooler than the temperature outside, the cantaloupe will absorb

The PA Department of Agriculture intends to offer assistance to farmers in 2018 and beyond to help them prepare for inspections. This will take the form of "On-Farm Readiness Reviews", or OFRRs. The OFRRs will provide farmers an opportunity to learn on which practices they need to improve or adopt in order to be able to pass an inspection. These OFRRs are voluntary and free of charge and PA Department of Agriculture food safety staff will perform the OFRRs, not the FDA.





Back to the Land:

Dig Deeper!

Vertical Gardening in the Urban Environment

Guest writer: Rodale Institute (<http://rodaleinstitute.org>)

Most urban centers across the United States have been labeled as “food deserts” where city residents do not have access to local, fresh produce. Food is transported to city centers by the truckloads from tens and even thousands of miles away. Oftentimes, these materials arrive close to or past their expiration and the condition of the food is questionable. As a result, city



residents, which account for 81% of the US population, are provided with low quality produce.

Urban gardening and farming has risen in the last decade with increasing support from city officials, community leaders, university faculty and students, the farming industry, and governmental organizations. However, increasing green spaces and food production in urban environments is not without its challenges and risks. The two leading obstacles for city residents to safely grow

their own food are: (1) availability of space, and (2) soil free from toxic substances. Industry over the last century has dominated urban land, which has led to a rise in soil contaminated with a variety of substances such as heavy metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Challenges and risks associated with urban gardening and farming

- Space availability
- Lack of resources (building materials, soil, water seeds or transplants)
- Adequate sunlight for plant production
- Extreme heat during summer months
- Clean soil free of toxic substances

Recent interests in food production in urban environments have prompted a re-evaluation of soil safety, economic incentives, and the best practices for urban gardening and agriculture. Urban gardening and recreational areas are constrained by space and resources. In locations where there is limited room for raised beds or box plots, vertical gardening becomes an attractive alternative. The Rodale Institute has designed a number of prototypes for vertical gardening called “Growing Towers” and has installed them in the cities of Allentown and Philadelphia, PA.

Growing Towers – Rodale Institute Vertical Gardening Structures

The growing towers are simple structures where the space available for plant production is built vertically in a column or rectangular wall. The structure is held in place using weld-wire, carpenter’s mesh or chain-linked fencing. The height and diameter can vary depending on space availability and plant production needs. A material such as gardening cloth, straw, light-weight fabric or thin cardboard is placed on the inner periphery of the tower to minimize soil loss. The tower is then back-filled with clean compost-amended topsoil. Fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers can be transplanted into the sides of the tower while transplanting or direct-seeding can occur in the top of the tower after the structure is built and ready for production. Maintenance and other common gardening practices would apply after the column is



established and production is underway.

Advantages of Using a Growing Tower

- Creates space vertically for plant production
- Minimizes the risks associated with soil contamination by reducing contact and exposure
- Provides an additional option for urban gardening
- Increases natural beauty in a concrete environment

Tips for Building and Using Growing Towers

The Rodale Institute has been growing fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers in towers since 2014 and has experienced a number of successes and failures while enhancing growing tower prototypes. Since then, the project managers and collaborators have identified a number of tips that will assist practitioners when building and maintaining growing towers.

Choosing cost-effective materials:

There are several different types of materials that can be used to create the rigid, cylindrical or rectangular structure for growing towers. Each material will vary in cost and availability. Welded-wire for instance, which is used widely by the Rodale Institute, comes in all shapes and sizes. The most cost effective option for welded-wire is one that has a cell size of 2x4 inch-



es. The height of the wire ranges from 3-6 feet and the price adjusts according as the height increases. Other pliable wire such as chicken wire can also be used but this material is less rigid and may buckle under the weight of the soil. Chain-linked fencing is common in city areas and could be adapted into a growing tower with permission from the owner. When building your tower, creativity could be your best tool.

Choosing which plants to grow:

The towers presented here offer a unique growing environment for fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. After two years of using the towers, the Rodale Institute has noticed that some plants grow better than others. A few of the top performers that had been planted on the side of the tower are kale, Swiss chard, parsley, cilantro, dill, and basil. Several other plants did well such as tomatoes, lettuce and peppers, but required greater attention with watering or training. Most plants had grown very well when planted on the top of the tower. When planting on the sides keep in mind the maximum size of the plant and expect larger plants to hang lower on the tower so be sure not to transplant larger plants on top of smaller plants (e.g., tomatoes planted above dill).

Watering:

The vertical growing towers have a greater amount of surface area compared to standard box plots or raised beds and conse-

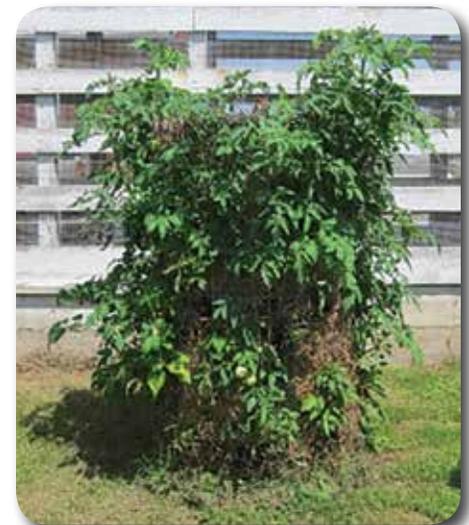
quently are exposed to more wind. This exposure can cause the towers to dry-out more quickly compared to areas in direct contact with soil. Frequent watering from the top of the tower will aid in maintaining adequate moisture within the tower. Additional irrigation such as perforated PVC tubing inserted into the sides or a large container with holes on the bottom sunken into the soil from the top can be installed to provide water lower in the tower (see image).

Nutrient management:

One advantage of the growing tower is that the soil is minimally disturbed between growing seasons; however, due to its design, amending the soil with compost or other soil amendments for nutrient management can be challenging, but there is a solution. Similar to watering, liquid soil amendments such as compost tea and fish emulsion or other liquid organic fertilizers can be applied throughout the tower using the water irrigation system previously mentioned.

Soil compaction:

The growing towers can be constructed as tall as six feet with



a soil column weighing up to one ton. Even a three-foot tower could contain a cubic yard of soil with a weight of nearly one ton. The vertical design of the tower will

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cause issues with soil compaction that will make transplanting difficult within a growing season or between seasons. The Rodale Institute is examining solutions for overcoming this obstacle and are finding that amending topsoil with compost, perlite and vermiculite can minimize compaction. Yearly additions of compost-amended soil between growing seasons onto the top of the tower is required. Other options are available but require greater skill when building the tower. For example, creating a column of straw or wood chips down the middle of the tower with 4-6 inches of compost-amended soil on the periphery will greatly reduce weight and compaction.

For more information about vertical gardening or if interested in building a vertical gardening, contact Rick Carr, Compost Production Specialist, at rick.carr@rodaleinstitute.org or Jesse Barrett, Organic Allentown Program Manager, at jesse.barrett@rodaleinstitute.org.

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become available. Since our last report in the Grange News, an additional contribution to the work of the History Committee has been received from Lycoming County Pomona #28. More contributions from Granges and individuals are needed and may be sent any time to committee treasurer: Anna May Nauss, 10 W. Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Doug Bonsall, Chair
Pennsylvania State Grange
History Committee
douglas.b@verizon.net



"President's Desk" continued from page 4

Lobbyist, would like to get the e-mail of people across the state that would like to keep up with the happenings in Harrisburg. He could then contact you and ask that you contact your Legislators as the need arises on various political issues that may affect you.

The Pennsylvania State Grange office sent out a form requesting information on your local committee people. Please include e-mail addresses where possible. This will help us include more in the loop and help build that communications bridge.

We've set a goal, we are trying to provide the tools to attain the goal, now let's all be Do-er's and make it happen!
IT'S THE GRANGE WAY!!

Fraternally,
Wayne Campbell
Pennsylvania State Grange
President



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try to kill all the female *Ailanthus altissima* trees, because they produce seed and contribute to the spread of this invasive tree. Be careful handling *Ailanthus altis-*



(*Ailanthus altissima* “Tree of Heaven” identification)

sima wood, leaves, and branches. Chemicals in the sap of this tree can cause headaches, nausea, and possible heart problems. Wear gloves and protect yourself from exposure. When you cut down *Ailanthus altissima* trees, they will sprout profusely from the stumps and can grow back in a few years. Because they regenerate so easily, it is highly recommended that you treat the stumps with a herbicide to kill them and prevent them from sprouting new shoots. Herbicides that are labelled for this use usually contain one of the following active ingredients: triclopyr, dicamba, imazapyr or glyphosate. Use the herbicide carefully and according to the label directions. Alternative methods for using herbicides to kill *Ailanthus altissima* trees include foliar sprays, basal bark applications, and a method called frill application or “hack and squirt.” Whatever method you choose, remember that you will have dead *Ailanthus* trees which may eventually have to be removed.

3. Treat Remaining Trees: Treat the remaining *Ailanthus altissima* trees with a systemic insecticide that will move throughout the tree. The insecticide must be applied according to the label and at the right time of year for the trees to absorb it. When spotted lan-

ternflies feed on correctly treated trees, they will die. Systemic insecticides that are labelled to treat ornamental trees usually contain the active ingredients dinotefuran or imidacloprid. The PDA is using dinotefuran in their IPM strategy.

Treating only a few trap trees with a systemic product can reduce the amount of insecticide released into the environment and may help conserve beneficial insects.

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Please see the next issue for additional information.

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(Spotted Lanternfly Management Calendar)

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Destroy egg masses	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
Destroy most <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> trees (1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Treat most <i>Ailanthus</i> trees with herbicide (2,3)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Use sticky bands to destroy nymphs					X	X	X	X				
Treat <i>Ailanthus</i> trap trees with systemic insecticides (3)						X	X	X				
Registered contact insecticides may be effective (3)					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Avoid moving gravid (fertilized) females (4)								X	X	X	X	X
Avoid moving viable egg masses (4)	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
Predominant Life Stage Present-(one generation per year in Pennsylvania in 2015 and 2016)												
Eggs	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
Nymphs					X	X	X	X	X			
Adults							X	X	X	X	X	X

- X Time to use management practices.
- (1) Destroying all *Ailanthus* trees (Tree of Heaven) may result in spotted lanternfly moving to surrounding plants and increase the pest pressure on them. It is recommended about 10% of *Ailanthus* trees are left alive to serve as trap trees to attract the spotted lanternflies. Leave only male trees if possible.
- (2) *Ailanthus* trees will re-sprout vigorously from cut stumps and roots, unless they are treated with a systemic herbicide. Repeat applications of herbicide may be necessary.
- (3) Always read herbicide and insecticide labels and follow the directions.
- (4) Before you move outdoor items from the quarantine area, check for spotted lanternfly egg masses, adults, and nymphs and destroy them. Use the checklist at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s Checklist for Residents Living in Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Areas.



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(Correction: Last month we printed that Carol Sullivan joined Canasara-go Grange. She actually joined South Auburn Grange #1188)

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September	October	November	December
	19-21st: State Grange Session (Butler)	13-17: 152nd National Grange Session (Vermont)	

Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 16	Chinese New Year
Feb 19	President's Day
Mar 11	Daylight Saving (begin)
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Vernal equinox
Mar 31	Passover
Apr 01	April Fool's Day
Apr 01	Easter
Apr 25	Admin Assistants Day
May 13	Mother's Day
May 16	Ramadan begins
May 20	Pentecost
May 28	Memorial Day
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 17	Father's Day
Jun 21	June Solstice
Jul 04	Independence Day
Sep 03	Labor Day
Sep 10	Rosh Hashanah
Sep 23	Autumnal equinox
Oct 08	Columbus Day
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 04	Daylight Saving (end)
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 22	Thanksgiving
Dec 02	Hanukkah begins
Dec 21	December Solstice
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Kwanzaa begins
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SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

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Emelie Swackhamer and Amy Korman (Bios can be found at the end of the article)

Last issue we learned how to identify the Spotted Lanternfly. In this issue, let's learn what we should do if/when we find it.

Lycorma delicatula, commonly known as the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), is a new invasive insect that has spread throughout southeastern Pennsylvania since its discovery in Berks County in 2014. SLF presents a significant threat to Pennsylvania agriculture, including the grape, tree-fruit, hardwood and nursery industries, which collectively are worth nearly \$18 billion to the state's economy.

Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Extension are at the forefront of education and research aimed at stopping the spread

of this exotic species. Following are resources to help growers, property owners and others understand how to identify the insect, what to do if they find it and how to comply with agency regulations.

What to Do If You Find Spotted Lanternfly?

Learn what steps to take if you discover Spotted Lanternfly on your property.

This insect is a potential threat to several important crops including grapes, peaches and timber trees. Many sites within the infested area have high populations of spotted lanternflies. Every landowner who effectively uses control measures will help to reduce the potential for this insect to spread to new territory.

As of August 22, 2016 confirmed



populations of the spotted lanternfly are known to exist in only the following Pennsylvania municipalities in the United States of America:

- Berks County: Amity, Colebrookdale, District, Douglass, Earl, Hereford, Longswamp, Oley, Maxatawny, Pike, Rockland and Washington Townships and the Boroughs of Bally, Bechtelsville, Boyertown, Kutztown and Topton.
- Bucks County: Milford Township and Trumbauersville Borough.
- Chester County: South Coventry Township.
- Lehigh County: Lower Macungie and Upper Milford Townships, and the Boroughs of Alburts, Emmaus and Macungie.
- Montgomery County: Douglass, New Hanover and Upper Hanover Townships and the Boroughs of East Greenville, Pennsburg and Red Hill.

If you find a spotted lanternfly in a municipality where it is not known to exist:

You should try to capture it and put it into a vial filled with alcohol to kill and preserve it, or at least take a good picture of it. Report it to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.



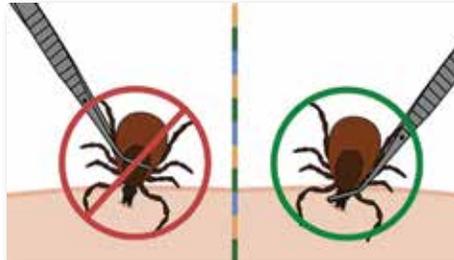
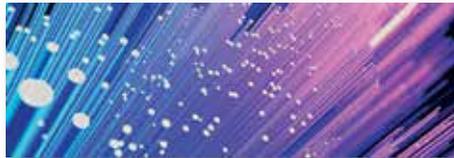
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From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
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Dear Fellow Grangers,

Youth Camp and Junior Camp are just coming to a close. Not only is there a lot of fun and education at these camps, but many lifelong friendships and memories are made. I always enjoy hearing the stories of how people met at Grange Camp many years ago. How many couples do you know that will tell you they met through the Grange?

We are also entering into Fair time. Fairs are another place where stories are created, memories are made, and lifelong friendships started. Lizzie Bailey, our Public Relations and Membership person, loves to hear people's stories. An excellent place to get these stories are at any Grange food stands at the local fair. Look inside at the people working and you can just imagine the stories that could be told. I'm 63 years old and many still refer to me as "the young pup".

Those people and their stories are our heritage. They are our history books. Listen to their stories, they will tell you how the fair started, how that food stand started, and how things have changed over the years. They will tell you of the summer they will never forget, "it was so hot we thought we were going to die." "It rained every single day and the stand was

surrounded by water but people still came to buy that good Grange food." One comment we heard at our stand several times; "could we please have a bucket of warm water to help clean up? One of our cows just had a calf." These are memories that are forever etched into our minds that we can pass onto other generations.

The theme for the 2018 fairs is Farms, Families, Fairs, Fun. Imagine the possibilities you can come up with using this theme. This re-



ally says what a fair is all about. As Grangers, let's continue to make sure that opportunity to create lifelong friendships and memories is carried into the future. Volunteer at your Grange stand at your fair, invite friends and neighbors to help in the stand too. You just might get a new Grange member at your Grange from it. No matter what, you will be a part of someone's memory, you will have an effect on someone's life. You will have an opportunity to grow the Grange!

See you at the fair!
IT'S THE GRANGE WAY

Fraternally,
Wayne Campbell
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Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler
PA State Grange Chaplain



how it happened! We know how it happens!

Once the seed is in the ground, the growth process begins. It never stops, cannot go backwards, cannot go back into the pod or ear it came from. Perhaps weather or other external hindrances may inhibit its growth, but it perseveres and waits for some sunshine and mild air and then moves forward again on its way toward perfection.

So it is with the good seed of God's love in our hearts. Trials, temptations, surgeries, illnesses may confound or stymie our faith, but once there is the slightest glimmer of SON LIGHT through prayer, Bible Reading and meditation, HOPE renews the growth and it begins to move forward again.

We know how it happens! Waiting fosters endurance and the capacity to trust in God's love. He loves you too much to see you wilt on the vine!

As you enjoy the fruits of

your labors (and God's goodness) in your gardens this summer, remember the WAITING will be worth it. As it is written in the book of Romans, "Perseverance produces character and hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit."

Thought for the day: God is never in a hurry, but He's always on His time.

God Bless You and Yours!

Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler



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As you open your Grange News today, you will undoubtedly be able to look around and see all the signs of summer. Wonderful!! However, as I began to write this article, I look around and see all the signs of a lingering winter that will not let go!!

The hardy spring flowers are persevering (as good Grangers do) and are brightening up the brown, desolate landscape with the message of HOPE that there is more to come. There is a good message in that Del Monte commercial, "WAIT... WAIT... PERFECT!! Corn is picked at its peak of perfection..."

So it is with our seasons and our lives. In the middle of the night following disc replacement surgery, I picked up a devotional I had taken along and the three words at the top of the page for April 6 were PRAY, HOPE, WAIT. Now how appropriate was that message, written possibly a year before but right there for me to see that night. We had prayed, we hoped and we were now waiting for results.

Just as we read in Mark 4:26-29 (and here I will paraphrase a bit...but please take the time to look it up in your Bible)...man scatters the seed and then goes about his business (sleeps and rises). Then the seed sprouts and grows....first the blade, then the ear and then the full kernels in the head and the man knows not





Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

berland Valley Grange that I am a member of is only twelve years old. What a heritage this Grange Pomona has with its longevity since 1879!

Several months before my Dad died in 1996, we had started working on our family tree together; collecting dates, pictures, and stories. We were very interested in our heritage!

On one of my visits home that summer, my Dad presented me with a box that had his WWII medals in it. He said that he wanted me to have them. He shared that there were three medals and I could pass them on to my daughters whenever I felt the time was right to do so. It wasn't long after receiving this gift from him, that he died. It consoled me that he had made the effort to give the medals to me while he was alive. He was entrusting a part of our family heritage to my family and I... with the expectation for me to pass it along to future generations.

As I share this story, it makes me think of the importance of our long, rich Grange heritage: Our founder, Oliver Hudson Kelley, whose roots ran deep in the history of our nation, and his realization of the importance of agriculture by starting the Grange in 1867. Kelley's keen insights about farming, and giving women the right to vote within our organization right from our beginning tout him as a "visionary."

I recently had the pleasure of visiting a Grange that had the Pomona charter hanging on their wall. This particular charter was dated 1879! Can you imagine? The Cum-

berland Valley Grange that I am a member of is only twelve years old. What a heritage this Grange Pomona has with its longevity since 1879!

May I ask, have you thought about the future of your Grange? What steps have you taken to secure it for the next generation? It is a community birthright for a Grange to exist through the generations! The Grange has come a long way, but it has much farther to go...how can you assist its future journey? I would enjoy meeting with your Grange to discuss the many different ways to ensure that your Grange grows, remains vibrant, and how it can endure the test of time!



Please contact me if you have any questions on our benefits or recruiting.

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Yours in Grange service,

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Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

I hope you all are finally enjoying this nice weather we are getting. I hope everyone is working on their contests, but just remember that all things do not have to be judged at Subordinate level. Just bring them to State Session.

As for Family Festival, I hope everyone is planning to attend and join us on the tour and in the stained glass workshop. We are still collecting the Wrapped In Hugs, Dwendy Johnson will be there to pick up the

wraps on Saturday. The workshop runs from 2 - 4 on Saturday and the tour runs from 1:30 - 4 on Friday. The FA dinner is on Friday night, so come with an appetite!

Remember Ag Progress Days are coming on August 14, 15, and 16. If you are willing to sell tickets and cookbooks, please call the state office so they can put you on the schedule.

All reports need to be in my hands on September 15. If anyone needs more tickets, please get in touch with me. I wish you all the best.

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius
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Youth News!!!

Greetings from the Youth and Young Adults Department!

I hope you are enjoying the warm days of Summer! The Youth and Young Adults Department is busy with events and deadlines all summer long! Youth Camp is being held June 29th through July 1st. Many youth and young adults will be helping at Junior Grange Camp from July 1st-7th. Just around the corner is Family Festival, including many youth activities from July 19th-22nd. By the end of the Family Festival weekend we will have a new slate of youth royalty to celebrate so stay tuned for those exciting announcements!

If you are interested in serving as a Youth Officer for State Grange

Session in Cranberry Township this October, look for the application in this issue of the PGN and on the Pennsylvania State Grange website. The deadline for this honor is July 31st. Any youth or young adult can submit an application! This is your chance to reduce your expenses to attend the State Grange session as well as getting to hang out with some cool youth members!



National Grange Convention is being held in Stowe, Vermont this November. This is definitely a driv-

able and flyable distance. If you are thinking of attending, why not try to go as a member of the National Youth Officer team, or as a Trimble Legislative Experience or Communications Fellow. Check the National Grange website: www.nationalgrange.org for these opportunities and applications. Deadlines for the NYOT and Trimble are September 1st, 2018! Another great way to attend a fantastic event for less impact on your wallet!

Keep up with all of the activities and deadlines for the youth: online at www.pagrange.org and on the **Pennsylvania Youth and Young Adults Facebook page**.

Ellen Wadsworth
Youth Director
cell: 417-967-6474
e-mail: youth@pagrange.org



History Committee
Doug Bonsall
PA State Grange History Committee
Director

If you haven't visited the History Committee pages on the State Grange website recently, you may be surprised to see all the documents that have been added over the past few months. Although its a time consuming process to prepare digitized files in a size that can be uploaded, we are pleased to report that many of the earliest newsletters starting in 1905 can now be accessed on the website. Many more newsletters and *Journals of Proceedings* will be added as those files are ready.

Microfilming and digitizing of Subordinate Grange charter applications from 1871 to the present is currently underway, along with digitizing of some *Journals of Proceedings* that had originally been filmed by the PA State Archives when that agency was accepting Grange records. The Pennsylvania State Grange has purchased a duplicate set of those microfilms so Journals are both permanently preserved and will soon be viewable on the website as PDF files.

Additional contributions to the work of the History Committee have been received from York-Adams Pomona #40, Vernon #936, and Crawford County since our last report in the Grange News. Continued fi-

nancial support from Granges and individuals will enable records preservation work to move forward and may be sent any time to committee treasurer: Anna May Nauss, 10 W. Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

The History Committee will be leading a 90-minute workshop on Friday evening, July 20th during Family Festival at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall. Come to learn all about the historical resources now available electronically and view a Power-Point highlighting the history of the National and Pennsylvania State Granges. A special Grange version of the board game "Cranium" is planned to get everyone attending involved in a fun, learning activity on many interesting facts about our organization.

Doug Bonsall, Chair
Pennsylvania State Grange
History Committee
douglas.b@verizon.net





Program Director

Denise Clare

PA State Grange Program Director

and Programs is also available on the Pennsylvania State Grange website: [www. pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org).

Hello Summer! By the time you receive this summer weather will be here. Today, as I write this, it is 90 degrees (early May)! I recently attended the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference in Westminster, MD. It was great to see so many Grangers of all ages from surrounding states; sharing ideas, having workshops and having fellowship. National Lecturer, Chris Hamp, was also in attendance. Tickets for the American Handicraft Raffle were handed out. The funds raised will go towards the Grange Foundation. Both President Wayne Campbell and I have tickets available for sale. If you would like to help us sell tickets, please reach out to either one of us. Tickets are \$5 each.

Family Festival will be soon after this issue of PGN comes out. The talent contest will be held there we are hoping for a great turnout. Results will be posted in the next issue.

Take time out this summer to go out and take pictures for the photography contests! This is a great time to be out capturing life on film! This year the categories are: Flowers, Sunrise/Sunset, Baby Animals, Trains and Churches.

As with all of the contests, please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs 2017-2018 for the rules. If you have questions, please contact a committee person, or you can contact me. The report forms and the Guide to Contests

PROGRAM IDEAS

July:

1st: National Creative Ice Cream flavor day

6th: National Fried Chicken Day

9th: National Sugar Cookie Day... everyone brings their favorite for refreshments

14th: National Mac & Cheese Day... have a covered dish social featuring mac & cheese

17th: World Emoji Day

28th: National Day of the Cowboy

(4th Saturday in July)

August:

5th: National Family Day

7th: Purple Heart Day...have a recipient speak

12th: National Vinyl Record Day

13th: Left Handers Day...have everyone do things with the opposite hand they normally do

24th: National Peach Pie Day...refreshments

30th: National Toasted Marshmallow Day...have S'mores for a snack

September:

5th: National Cheese Pizza Day

14th: National Eat A Hoagie Day

20th: National String Cheese Day

27th: National Chocolate Milk Day

Until next time,

Denise L. Clare
Program Director
dlc416@yahoo.com
(610) 763-1282



Deaf Activities & Community Services Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Family Festival:

Anyone know of a better way to participate in our annual family festival than to be a real-life superhero? I don't! Our community service projects this year will allow us all to be a superhero to someone in need. Last year we began raising money to sponsor an autism service dog. We will continue to raise money by again holding our annual Bike or Hike fundraiser. We encourage all to participate. Get your local subordinate Grange, local stores, and friends to sponsor you for our event. We are again asking for a \$10 minimum donation. The overall individual turning in the most donations will win a prize, and the individuals with the most laps (walking and biking)

will be awarded with a prize for each age category.

In honor of our 150th year of Grange, we will be creating "birthday boxes" for a local food pantry. Each box will contain the essentials for someone to bake a cake for a birthday. Bring as much as you feel comfortable with to support a great cause. We will be putting the birthday boxes together during the weekend and delivering them to a local food pantry the following week after Family Festival.

Please consider bringing along the following items:

- Cake Mix Boxes
- Icing
- Candles

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"DACSD" continued from page 8

- Aluminum Cake Pan (preferably 11x9)
- Any other birthday related items (balloons, plates, forks, napkins)

We will also have our cake walks on Friday and Saturday night with proceeds benefiting the food pantry.

Finally, we will also be collecting new or gently used CHILDREN'S BOOKS. We will be donating these to a hospital/doctor's offices in the area for children.

Thank you in advance for your support!

State Session:

For state session we will again be doing the book sale. Please bring any books to donate and come by our table to purchase/donate for a new to you book. In addition, we will be collecting items for Gleaners Food Bank and the Western PA School for the Deaf. Below are items that can be collected. If any more information becomes available, I will be sure to update you in the next Grange News and will post updates of the PA Grange Community Service Facebook page.

Gleaners Food Bank

- Non-perishable food
- Paper Products
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Monetary Donations (donations payable to "Gleaners Food Bank")

Western PA School for the Deaf

- Tissues
- Crayons/Markers
- Pencils/Erasers
- Folders
- Notebooks

I continue to look forward to hearing about all of your awesome work and hope to see you soon.

Gail Switzer

Deaf Activities/Community Service Committee Director

e-mail: g_switzer09@hotmail.com

phone: 610-750-4290



State Session 2018



The following information is for Pennsylvania State Session (October 19-21, 2018):

HOTEL:

Pittsburgh Marriott North
(Headquarters for 2018 State Session)

ADDRESS:

100 Cranberry Woods
Cranberry Twp., Pa. 16066

RESERVATION PHONE NUMBER:

1-800-228-9290.

ROOM RATES:

Grangers are \$124.95 per night.

Full service hotel, refrigerator in all rooms, complete with full hot breakfast buffet for each person in the reserved room, and free parking.

YOU MUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF

and mention that you are attending the Pennsylvania State Grange Convention in October at the Pittsburgh Marriott North.

If you fail to do so you may end up paying a higher rate.

PA Grange Family Festival 2018

Bike or Hike

Saturday, July 21 at 10:30am

Raising money to
sponsor an Autism dog

Two prizes per age group: Most laps walked and Most laps biked

5-14 years old
15-35 years old
36 and over

Top Prize - Most Money Raised

Minimum amount required: \$10

Name _____ Age _____

Circle one: Bike or Hike

Amount raised \$_____

**** Money must be handed in at Family Festival ****



**Family Festival
SUPERHEROS GET IT DONE
"THAT'S THE GRANGE WAY"
Schedule of Events
July 19-22, 2018**



Thursday, July 19

1:00 - 5:30 Registration- Bldg A
 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
 7:00-- Registration - Bldg A
 7:00-8:00 Welcome & President's
 Workshop - Bldg A
 8:00-8:30 Rootbeer; Coke; Orange Floats
 8:30-9:30 Bring your Favorite Game
 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 9:30 Vespers - Bldg A
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Friday, July 20

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
 9:00-10:00 Resolution Workshop
 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 10:00-11:00 Chrismons Workshop - \$5.00
 10:30-12:00 Registration - Bldg A
 11:00-12:00 Advocate Workshop
 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
 1:30-4:00 Tour-Boalsburg Military Museum
 Board bus in area b/w tents & Bldgs
 2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg A
 2:00-3:00 Storyteller Session- Bldg A
 3:00-5:00 Junior/Youth Water Games
 5:30-6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
 Hosted by the FA & Youth Departments
 7:00-8:30 History Committee Presentation
 Bldg A
 8:30-9:15 Bingo-Bldg A
 9:15-9:30 Cake Walk
 9:30 Vespers-Bldg A
 9:45 Young Patrons TEST -
 -Bldg C
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



Saturday, July 21

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
 *(Announce Young Patron
 Finalists)*
 8:30 Group Photo - Bldg A
 9:00-11:30 Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B
 9:00-10:30 Zumba Class - Bldg A
 10:00-11:30 Young Patron Interviews – Bldg B
 10:30-11:30 Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit
 11:30-12:00 Gift of Life Presentation-Bldg A
 Blessing of Wrapped in Hugs
 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
 *(Impromptu Question to Young Patron
 Finalists)*
 1:00 Youth Activity - TBA
 1:00-3:00 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 Rope Making Demonstration-Bldg A
 2:00-4:00 Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B - \$5.00
 3:30-4:30 Photography Workshop-Bldg A
 5:00-6:00 Dinner - Bldg D
 *Ham; Scalloped Potatoes; Corn
 Sweet Potatoes; Applesauce;
 Salad*
 7:00 Talent Contest - Bldg A
 Introduction of Royalty
 Ice Cream Social
 Cake Walk
 Vespers
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Sunday, July 22

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
 9:00 - 10:00 Worship Service - Bldg A
 10:00 Clean Up and Depart

*Assistance in cleaning and packing up of
Bldg D is much appreciated*

**Thank You!
Wishing you a safe trip home!**



Thank You!

March 6, 2018

East Franklin Grange #1709
2262 Smith Creek Road
Waynesburg, Pa. 15370

Dear Wayne:

This letter is an acknowledgement of the appeals that came in from our family of Granges in regard to the flash flood damage to the East Franklin Grange # 1709 that occurred on June 23, 2017. That flood resulted in 6 to 10 inches of water in the building.

A total of 91 Subordinate Granges and 19 Pomona Granges responded to the plea for a total of \$13,735.00. We are simply amazed at this response. It shows that Granges do work together.

As of this date, we have paid all bills for remodeling work which includes lumber, paint, furnace repair, a dumpster, Clorox, supplies, 4 steel work tables in the kitchen, and labor. This total comes to \$12,260.41.

The day after the flood, several grange members, one church family and some of the local residents helped to move the flood damaged contents out onto the porch so that clean-up could begin. Unfortunately, the church board voted to no longer use the Hall because they were concerned about mold, even though our contractor guaranteed there would be no mold when he was finished. And we have found none as of this time. Therefore we lost about \$500.00 of monthly income. That loss mounts up over time.

The owner of a local free monthly newspaper came and interviewed Grange members and took and published several pictures showing the flood damage. We invited her back for our recognition dinner in November, but she had a prior engagement.

I, personally, have never had to deal with a flood before. To say it was overwhelming is an understatement. To stand there and see all the destruction that was done and the thought of "Where do we begin" runs through the mind.

We have lost many things, including file cabinets that were toppled and all records lost, going back several years. We also lost an upright deep freezer that cost \$1000.00, along with the contents. In the kitchen, we lost 2 Crock Pots, an electric buffet server, a griddle, and numerous small appliances. We lost our piano and several wooden tables and wooden chairs. The majority of the supplies in the storage room were lost.

We were able to save the plastic 6' and 8' tables and all of the plastic chairs by scrubbing them with Clorox and a scrub brush.

The force of the flood waters damaged some of the outside fixtures and some blocks. We had to replace 2 windows and siding on the Junior room. We also lost 3 truckloads of cut and split wood we were going to use to make apple butter, along with most of 3 tri-axle loads of gravel in the parking lot.

We are still working on floor tile that lifted and cracked and needs to be replaced. We have some inside doors that need to be replaced because they won't close. Also some work on the outside that can't be done until the change of seasons.

While we are able to meet at the Hall, the kitchen wooden floor cabinets had to be removed and discarded. We still have major repairs to bring the kitchen up to State inspection specifications. We will be having fundraisers to try to raise money.

In our time of need and in our bleakest moments when we thought all was lost and we were ready to give up, our family of Granges throughout the State joined together by answering our appeal and brought hope into our life. Today our faith has been restored.

In Faith, Hope, Charity and with perseverance, we are able to meet in fellowship with others in our Grange Hall.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to get our Grange reopened.

Fraternally yours,

Members of
East Franklin Grange # 1709



Pennsylvania State Grange

the 146th Session



At the 146th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session all offices will be up for election. Some officers have fulfilled their term in a specific office and will not be able to seek re-election to that office. Pennsylvania State Grange By-Laws state in Article VI, paragraph 1.6.1, “With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer, no office holder’s name shall be printed on the ballot for an office if that officer shall have held the same office continuously for six years immediately preceding.”

If you are interested in serving as a State Officer, suggestions for office will be received on Friday afternoon, October 19th at 1:15 P.M. If you would like more information about serving as a State Officer, or know that you would like to be suggested, please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office for the contact information of the Nominating Committee or have someone pre-arranged to suggest your name. The election will take place Saturday, October 20th, just before the lunch recess.

The By-Laws do not allow nominating speeches in the Grange, but, in Article VI, paragraph 1.6.6, it states “Each person suggested for a state office shall be permitted to appear and speak before the delegate body for a maximum of two min-

utes at a designated time prior to the election.” These presentations will be allowed immediately after the suggestions from the floor are received Friday afternoon.

Following are brief job descriptions for each State Office, along with the current officer’s name and length of time served in that office. A complete description of officer duties can be found at www.pagrang.org.

All officers are urged to memorize their part in the Degree work; be available for speaking engagements as approved by the State President/Master; support and promote the policies and programs of the State Grange; submit articles for the Pennsylvania Grange News as requested by the editor or President/Master; attend the State Convention, special events, officer’s meetings; and prepare an annual report for the Journal of Proceedings.

PRESIDENT/MASTER:

Wayne Campbell [1 year – by special election], Be available to work in the Pennsylvania State Grange Office, make Grange and office management decisions; appoint Advocates/Deputies and committees; provide leadership in the absence

of policy and/or when adjustments are appropriate; hire and supervise the State Grange office staff; represent the State Grange at various functions; speak where invited; oversee all State Grange programs and projects; develop and implement new programs, serve ex-officio on all committees; provide leadership in legislative matters; visit Granges as needed; hear concerns of rural Pennsylvania, help members resolve problems; inject new ideas and provide the tools needed to encourage membership growth; oversee status of all Subordinate and Pomona Granges; organize and reorganize Granges; write articles for the Pennsylvania Grange News [PGN] and letters of communication.

VICE PRESIDENT/OVERSEER:

JV Lamb [1 year – by special election], In the event of an emergency be prepared to fulfill the office of President/Master, fill in for the Master at workshops, meetings and activities as needed; serve on the Executive Committee; speak at engagements as requested by the President/Master, be available as needed by the State President/Master; and serve as a member of the Board for the Grange Foundation.



“Great leadership usually starts with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference.”

-Mac Anderson



Officer Descriptions for

LECTURER/PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Denise Clare [2 years], Develop the yearly Lecturer's program with the assistance of your Committee, provide support, assistance and guidance for Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers and the Lecturer's Committee via communications; plan and lead music at State Convention; promote and conduct the annual talent contest; plan and oversee the Lecturer's displays, exhibits, contests and judging of programs under the Lecturer's direction at state and district events; promote Grange projects and policies; budget income and expenses; file quarterly financial reports; visit Granges as available; write articles for the PGN.

STEWARD:

Michael Adams [4 years], Schedule State Advocates working at State Session; conduct the election of officers; assist in preparing the stage for the Session and Degree.

ASSISTANT STEWARD:

Andrew Kieffer (has served 6 years), Assist with conducting the Convention; aid the Steward in preparing for the meeting and degree.

LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD:

Lorena Baughman [2 years], Assist with conducting the Convention; aid the Steward in preparing for the meeting and degree; store, wash and iron the court ladies' gowns for the Degree.

CHAPLAIN:

Judy Pressler [2 years], Provide spiritual guidance and/or meditations at all sessions of the annual Convention and other state events; prepare and conduct the annual memorial service; write articles for the PGN.



TREASURER:

Henry Seidel [14 years], Assist the State President/Master in managing certain financial matters; report to the Executive Committee quarterly in writing regarding changes made in investments; manage the scholarship loan and grant programs, including payback schedules; be knowledgeable regarding investments, bookkeeping and financial planning; manage the lifetime membership program funds and Grange Trust Fund accounts; manage Grange Improvement Loan accounts; serve as a member of the Board of the Grange Foundation; be responsible for safekeeping of legal documents; present annual financial and audit reports.

SECRETARY:

Debbie Campbell [6 years], Prepare minutes of the Session and publish the Journal of Proceedings; communicate with Subordinate and Pomona secretaries; be available to the State Grange office staff on a weekly basis; be available to handle specific duties as assigned by the State President/Master and Executive Committee. Assist Office Secretary in logging and processing Quarterly Dues from Subordinate Granges and oversee prompt payment of Dues to National Grange as required by the By-Laws. Maintain Grange supply department inven-

tory and sales; process 25, 50, and 50-plus year certificates for membership.

GATEKEEPER:

Gene Zvarick [3 years – by special election], Manage the flow of business at the State Session; assist with preparation of stage for meetings and Degree.

CERES:

Jennifer Beamon [has served 6 years], Launder, store, and press the Ceres drill costumes and accessories for the drill team; select court ladies.

POMONA:

Joanne Heim [2 years], Launder, store and press the Pomona drill costumes and accessories for the drill team; select court ladies.

FLORA:

Virginia Mangel [2 years], Select and teach each drill team for the Degree; launder, store and press the Flora drill costumes and accessories for the drill team, pillar girls and rose girls; select court ladies.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Janet Pratt [4 years] Be available to attend meetings of the Executive Committee in Harrisburg or other areas of the state as needed; contribute to decision making and be available to explain decisions made throughout the year; bring ideas to aid in the development of programs, policies, and projects; provide oversight of property and funds of the State Grange; serve as a member of the Board for the Grange Foundation. (Other Executive Committee members are Richard Mangel, Barbara Gross and Dr. James Diamond.)





Pictured above: Centre County/ PA State 1st Alternate Dairy Princess Gretchen Little and Centre County Grange Fair Queen Megan Royer both were special guests and speakers at the Centre County Pomona Grange Legislative Banquet.

With excitement in the air, approximately one hundred Grange members, candidates, politicians and community members all enjoyed a wonderful meal on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the social hall of the New Hope Lutheran Church in Spring Mills, PA

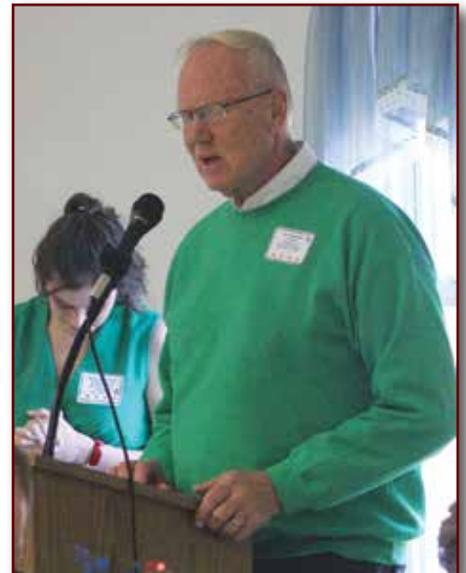
Those attending once again enjoyed a meal of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings that were fit for a king and served by members of New Hope. Starting out the evening was a Cheese and Milk Punch reception sponsored by the Centre County Dairy Promotion and hosted by Gretchen Little and her mother Karen. Gretchen is the 2017-2018 Centre County Dairy Princess and the 2017 Pennsylvania State First Alternate Dairy Princess. Attendees enjoyed an assortment of cheese and crackers along with glasses of Maui Milk Punch, the official PA State Dairy Princess Punch.

Calling the meeting to order was Ashley Furman; Pomona Master, who welcomed all those attending

CENTRE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE LEGISLATIVE BANQUET DEEMED SUCCESS!

and introduced the special guests. Guests for the evening were Gretchen; who was mentioned previously, Megan Royer; who is currently the 2017 Centre County Grange Fair Queen and Wayne and Debbie Campbell who are the Pennsylvania State Grange President/Master and Secretary. Pomona Chaplain Ben Haagen gave the invocation.

Speaking first was Megan. Megan talked about a few things that happened on the way to her being the fair queen. She talked about being asked, during her interview with the judges, what color would describe her fair and why. She immediately answered Yellow and then realized by the looks of their faces that she wasn't anywhere near what they expected to hear so she contin-



Pictured above: Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Chaplain, Ben Haagen gave the invocation at the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Legislative Banquet.



Pictured above: Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Master, Ashley Furman welcomes everyone attending the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Banquet.

ued to explain why she stated yellow. She told them that when she thinks of Yellow she thinks of her Great Grandma Charlotte Albright. As a fourth generation fairgoer she stays where not only her mother and grandmother stay but also her Great Grandma slept in the past. Yellow also makes her think of the fair during which her Pap Randall Albright's birthday would fall. So to finish the explanation she informed the judge the following "Ma'am, if I had to pick a color that represents what describes my Fair it would definitely be Yellow, because my fair wouldn't be what it is if it weren't for my Great Grandparents. Megan also told everyone about what the fair means to her, what she has learned since being crowned and



that as much as she has always loved the fair she has fallen more in love with it during the past year.

Dairy Princess Gretchen Little spoke next. She talked about how hard life is for everyone in the farming industry and not just dairy farmers. Gretchen lives on a first generation dairy farm with her parents and brother and how it has made her the person she is today. She went on to talk about how consumers need to continue to help the farmers by purchasing the good rich dairy products that are out there. She reminded everyone that almond and soy milk are not milk. Milk comes from a mammal and not a bean or nut. She went on to talk about the many different promotions she has accomplished since being crowned in June. She will continue to hold the crown at the local level until June 1 and the state level until September during the PA State Dairy Princess Pageant. If I could quote Gretchen it would be this: "Dairy Farmers are some of the hardest working individuals in society who get paid the smallest amount of funds to live on for all their effort."

The last speaker was the Pennsylvania State Grange Master/President, Wayne Campbell. Wayne was the Pennsylvania State Grange Overseer when the then Pennsylvania State Grange Master Elizabeth Downey decided to step down. As per Grange protocol, Wayne stepped

into the position of Master and was installed by National Grange Master Betsey Huber and was elected to the position at the Pennsylvania State Grange Session in October. Wayne, a lifetime Grange member, and his wife Debbie were dairy farmers in their early years of marriage. He went on to repair (farm) equipment and automotive repair before becoming a transit driver. He has served in many positions throughout his life in Junior, Subordinate, Pomona and State Grange levels and has served on the State Grange Agricultural Committee. He has been married to wife Debbie for more than forty years. Together they have three children and several grandchildren. Wayne spoke about the Grange's Initiatives for the community. First, he discussed the need to get adequate broadband to all of the United States; from urban to rural areas. He asked "How are our children supposed to be able to learn if they use computers or iPads in their school work and have no internet to make them work?". He also went on to talk about the need for broadband to enable people to speak with doctors and nurses using telemedicine. He continued with the opioid crisis and how the Grange has vowed to work towards stopping it. He spoke also on nutrient management and protecting our watersheds, Sunday hunting and lastly the State Budget. He also had brochures to hand out to Grange members about some of the new and exciting benefits and perks that are available to members.



Pictured above: Legislative Committee Members who put together the Centre County Pomona Grange Legislative Banquet are L-R Ashley Furman, Pomona Master and Chairperson, Ruth Luse, Melanie Melius and Patty Bird, Community Service Director and committee co-chair.



Pictured above: Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell, speaking about the Initiatives of the Grange at the Centre County Pomona Grange Legislative Banquet.

All attendees were asked to stand and introduce themselves and say if they were Grangers, Politicians, Government officials or community guests.

All politicians, or their representatives, were given a

chance to give a 2-3 minute introduction and give their policy agenda and why they are qualified. Several current officials were in attendance. They were Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans Court Christine Millinder; Recorder of Deeds Joe Davidson; Rich Fornicola, County Treasurer; Centre County Commissioners – Michael Pipe, Steve Dershem and Mark Higgins; Sheriff Bryan Sampsel; Centre County Prothonotary Debra Immel; Centre County Judge Brian Marshall; Steve Miller, outgoing Chairman of the Centre County GOP; and Michael Hanna, Sr., retiring PA State Representative in the 76th Legislative District. Also attending were many candidates which included incumbents Kerry Benninghoff, candidate for the 171st Legislative District; Brandy Reiter representing Senator Jake Corman, candidate for 34th District of the PA Congress; Marcie Assetta, Campaign Director for 5th Congressional District GOP candidate and incumbent Glenn "GT" Thompson; Jay Young, representing Erin McCracken Democratic candidate for the 171st. District of the PA House of Representatives; Joann Tosti-Vasey who is a candidate for the Democratic Committee; Carver Murphy, Campaign Manager for Ezra Nanes Democratic candidate for the 34th District of the PA Senate; Wade Jodun, Democratic candidate for the

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**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE CONVENTION
2018 YOUTH OFFICERS APPLICATION
CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

GRANGE NAME, NUMBER & COUNTY _____

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I would like to be considered as an officer for the Youth Team for the State Grange Convention.  
I understand this commitment involves a practice Friday night and opening the  
PA State Grange convention on Saturday morning.  
I understand that it is my responsibility to know the speaking part, drill work and responsibilities  
for the office I have selected.

I would like to be considered for the following office  
*(please list up to three offices in the order of your preference):*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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The Youth Department will provide rooms for Friday and Saturday evening (up to 4 individuals per room)
and a ticket for the Youth Luncheon on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

I need a room for Friday night: Yes _____ No _____

I need a room for Saturday night: Yes _____ No _____

I would like a ticket for the Youth Luncheon on Saturday: Yes _____ No _____

Please return application to:
Ellen Wadsworth, 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352, or youth@pagrange.org.

Deadline: July 31, 2018



REGISTRATION FORM

146th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session
October 18 – 21, 2018 ~ Cranberry Twp., PA

~ RESERVATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 ~

There will be a \$10 LATE FEE due at registration for reservations post-marked after the deadline.

IMPORTANT: Please complete a **SEPARATE** form for each person attending.
You can copy this form or download and print it at www.pagrange.org

Please check **ALL** that apply:

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

Would you be willing to serve as a teller for the election on Saturday at noon. YES _____ NO _____

PRINT CLEARLY FOR NAME BADGE

Full Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____
Grange Name & No: _____ County: _____

Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____
Junior Jamboree (Ages 5-14, incl. registration fee)	\$20.00	_____
Past Officers Luncheon (Friday noon)	\$23.00	_____
Youth Luncheon (Saturday Noon) Open to all; Grangers (Seating limited to 120 people)	\$20.00	_____
All Granger Banquet (Sunday 1pm)	Adult \$30.00	_____
	Child 12 and under \$14.00	_____

****NOTICE:**

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Questions:

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Government Matters

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PA State Grange Lobbyist

FARMING

- Farming is a business too. Like other businesses, farmers need access too.
- Newer equipment has the capability of helping farmers become more efficient. An ex-

THE CONTINUED BUZZ WITH BROADBAND

The top legislative priority for the Pennsylvania State Grange is Broadband access for rural Pennsylvania. To us, it is a critical issue because not having the same access as urban and suburban areas really puts Rural Pennsylvania behind the proverbial 8-Ball. There are two parts to this article. The first gives examples to remind everyone that the need is real and the need is urgent. The second talks about Grange advocacy.

SOME EXAMPLES OF THE NEED

BUSINESS

- Businesses need to be able to reach markets. Without Broadband (Internet and cell phone), they are at a competitive disadvantage.
- When deciding on a location, businesses and investors demand access to technology. Without it, they invest elsewhere.
- Some businesses such as campgrounds need to be able to take reservations over the Internet like the rest of the hospitality industry.

- Authorizing credit card payments is an essential business function but you need the Internet.
- Businesses with employees on the road need communication tools so as to better meet customers' needs and to be able to communicate with the home office.

EDUCATION

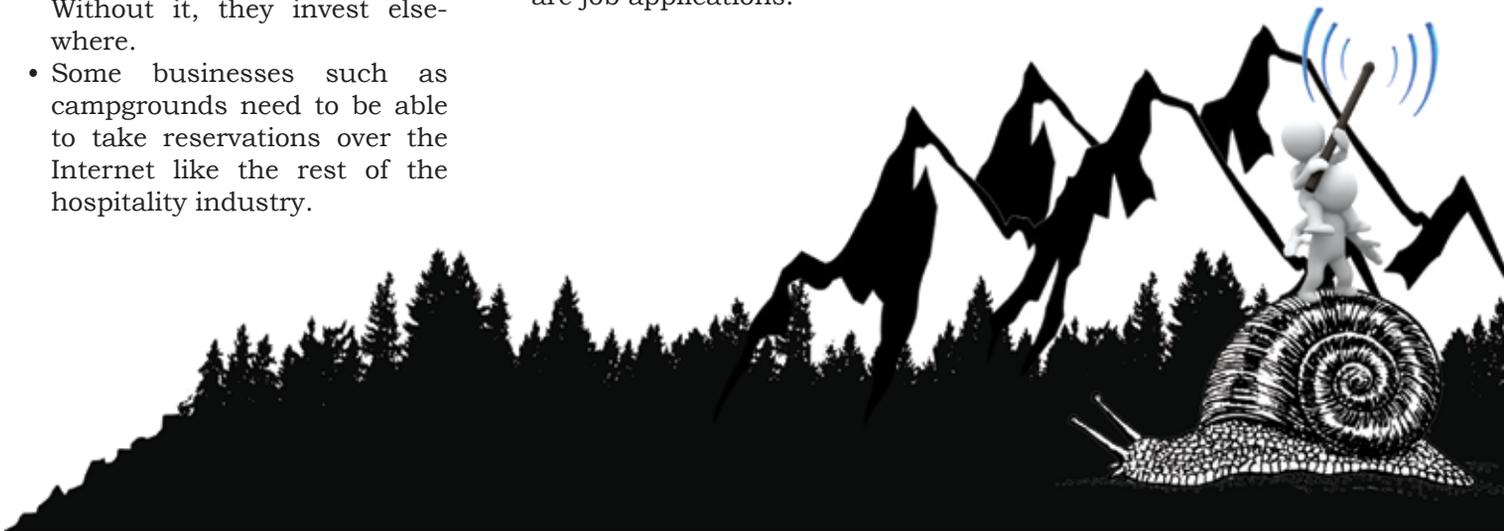
- A student needs Internet at home in order to keep up in school.
- Home study students have an even huger disadvantage.
- Students and parents need Internet access because college applications are mostly submitted electronically as is the U.S. Department of Education FAFSA (Financial Aid Determination)
- Most non-local scholarships are applied for electronically as are job applications.

ample might be the equipment identifying areas of decreased production, etc. and automatically remembering it so that next year more fertilizer is applied in those areas.

- Some equipment has self-diagnostic features that will upload a potential problem to the manufacturer to let the local dealer know so that the farmer can be contacted. Question: Would a warranty be voided if the farmer did not practice proper maintenance (because he or she was unaware of a potential problem)?

HEALTH

- Telemedicine provides medical care via technology. Without Broadband access,
 - Health care providers cannot take vital signs or scan a patient for symptoms.





- Remote monitoring of pacemakers and other medical equipment such as sleep apnea machines cannot take place.
- Without adequate technology, “Help! I can’t get up” is just another TV slogan and a housebound person does not have this emergency resource.

- House Resolution 429 which creates an advisory committee to study Broadband in underserved areas of the Commonwealth.
- House Resolution 630 which urges the Federal Communications Commission to favorably consider Pennsylvania’s petition for Broadband assistance



GRANGE ADVOCACY

LEGISLATION

The Pennsylvania State Grange is actively working on legislation such as:

- Senate Bill 740 which preserves land line telephones for areas without cell service
- House Bill 2293 which safeguards monies that are supposed to be dedicated to Broadband access
- House Bill 1642 which mandates State Government to do an inventory of state-owned structures that could be used for technology expansion
- House Bill 431 which requires that an audit be done of a special fund administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to make sure that funds are dedicated to Broadband
- House Resolution 430 which seeks to determine whether non-rural phone companies are complying with their legal obligation to provide limited Broadband band width access

We are monitoring other legislation like:

- House Bill 1620 which puts limits on local municipalities’ restrictions on placement of cell towers
- House Bill 2062 and House Bill 2117 which endorse net neutrality

HEARINGS

Testimony was submitted to two hearings in April 2018, one convened by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania and the other by the PA House Republican Policy Committee. The major point made was that, like rural electrification in the 20th Century, universal Broadband access is a critical need for rural Pennsylvania in this century.

In January, the Pennsylvania State Grange organized a panel of experts to discuss the need for Broadband access in January. This was done at the Farm Show and received strong media interest.

REGULATION & GOVERNMENT

- Pennsylvania State Grange supports the effort by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to have the Federal Communications Commission reconsider a denial of Broadband expansion dollars that would have gone to Pennsylvania.
- In Washington, DC, Pennsylvania State Grange members teamed up with National Grange to lobby seven Members of Congress from Pennsylvania about the need for Federal resources to expand Broadband in rural areas and to use alternate technologies where feasible.
- Pennsylvania State Grange was invited to Governor Wolf’s announcement of PennDOT monies being re-directed to help vehicle to vehicle communication along rural highways such as Route 6 along the Northern Tier.
- We are active in the Governor’s Rural Development Council which has set Broadband access as a top priority of this Administration.





Grange News

BUTLER GRANGE #17

25+ years ago the Butler County Pomona Grange started doing an Easter project with and for the children at LifeSteps. LifeSteps is a community learning center for special children and those who need help getting ready for kindergarten or first grade. This year we packed 135 paper bags full of goodies for the Easter holiday and delivered to the children prior to the holiday. Ginny Mangel, FA Chrm. for Butler Co. arranged the activity.



This is something that the children look forward to each year and some remembered me bringing the bags for them.

BRADFORD-SULLIVAN POMONA GRANGE #23

Pomona Grange recently met, and after the evening dinner, Charlie Lorensen, of Fassett Grange and Master of Pomona Grange



#23, presented a 65 year seal to Paul Brackman of West LeRoy, PA for 65 years of continuous membership at Windfall Grange #257. Paul has been an active member, holding many offices in the Windfall Grange, as well as many offices in the Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange over his 65 years. Paul is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

HARVEY'S-ALEPPO GRANGE #1444

Recently Harvey's-Aleppo Grange received the Distinguished Grange Plaque from Pennsylvania State Grange Master, Wayne Campbell. This plaque is given to



Photo above: Community Citizen Award Recipient Curt Hughes with three of his current FFA members. Left to right: Ashley Rogers, Courtney Ross, Mr. Hughes, and Destiny Keller

Granges that have achieved the Distinguished Grange award for five consecutive years. Additionally, one of our members; Curt Hughes, was awarded with the Community Citizen Award.

SEBRING GRANGE #1047

On March 22, 2018, Sebring Grange #1047 met in regular session. During the meeting Grover



Photo above: Don Norman, Don Hess, Marjorie Brown, Grover, June Teague, Lee Kaltenbach, and Harold Brown.

Cleveland was honored for his 90th birthday with a cake and singing. Grover is a very dedicated member serving as Chaplain of Sebring and Tioga County Pomona Granges and is very supportive of the organization.

JEFFERSON GRANGE #1373

Members of Jefferson Grange #1373 show a small sampling of the projects for the State Community Service. Shown on the 2 photos on the next page are just some of the Wrapped in Hugs for the Family Festival and fleec wraps for Fair Winds Nursing Home in



(Harvey's-Aleppo) Pictured above, left to right: Carla Rogers, Ashley Rogers, Tracey Stewart, Sandy Jacobs, Lecturer Becky Davis, Master Mary Jane Kent, PSG President Wayne Campbell, Secretary Marty Dinsmore, Mary Finch, Mark Schoos



Butler County. Our members support all community service projects both state and local.



CHESTER-DELAWARE POMONA GRANGE #3

On April 14, 2018, we held a youth program at the Romano 4-H Center in Honey Brook, entitled "Outstanding Youth in Agriculture". The program was based on the major youth organizations as



Photo above, left to right: Michaela Gerhart; Twin Valley FFA President, Grace Wadsworth; 2018 Grange Youth Ambassador, and Julia Jumper; State 4-H Council Sentinel.

their base for teaching the values and lessons that are associated with farming and agriculture.

The program involved students of 4-H, FFA, Grange and youth not associated with any of these organizations to give the Grange members and their fellow youth an idea what their respective organizations have meant to them, and how their respective organizations have benefited them as young adults.

Representing the Grange youth were: Danae Zvarick; Outstanding Youth Patron, and Grace Wadsworth; Youth Ambassador. Representing the 4-H State Council were: Julia Jumper and Jared Rose. Representing the Twin Valley FFA were the Officers. Also, the piano soloist was 10 year old Grace Lair.



On April 10th, 2018, Chester County Commissioners Michelle Kichline, Kathi Cozzone and Terence Farrell, proclaimed April 2018 as Grange Month at their Sunshine Meeting. Those present from Chester-Delaware Pomona were: President William Perdue, Clyde and Alda Scheib, Mary Sproat, and Terry and Melanie Murray.

KEYSTONE GRANGE #2

Keystone Grange would like to invite everyone to come visit us during our coming events:

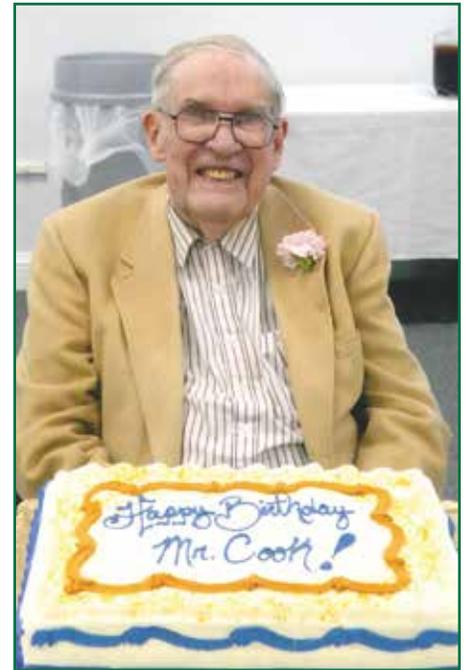
July 18th: Picnic at the Joyce Farm

August 15th: Regular Meeting - John James Audubon Center. Refreshments: Denae/Gene Zvarick

For additional information on any of our events, please contact Keystone President, Gene Zvarick, at 484-948-6916

BRANDYWINE GRANGE #60

Recently, Brandywine Grange (of Chester County), helped Brother Edwin Cook celebrate his 90th birthday at their March meeting.



Brother Cook has been a Granger for 70 years! He is the widower of the late A. Elaine Cook.



*American Values.
Hometown Roots.*





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IMPORTANT TO YOU!

Please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange on issues that are important to you. After all, our legislative goals come from members. Please let us know: legislative@pagrange.org : 717-737-8855 or 717-346-1063. If you

want help in drafting a resolution to be considered by your local Grange which then gets voted on at State Session in October, please utilize the Pennsylvania State Grange as a resource. If you want to see the positions taken by the Pennsylvania State Grange on legislative and regulatory issues, please refer to the web site, www.pagrange.org.

GRANGE LOBBYING...FROM A TO Z

Most people are not going to spend hours looking at all things legislative. Other things are much more immediate like taking care of the family, earning money to pay the bills, operating a farm or small business, worshipping, and serving one's community through public service or volunteering.

Except for TV and newspaper coverage of big events like the State Budget or the opioid crisis, most are unaware of a huge variety of issues that affect them. Many issues are simply too small to register in the news media but they are still of vital importance to rural Pennsylvanians. The job of the Pennsylvania State Grange is to watch the General Assembly to identify those small things (and big things) and to lobby for or against – or try to amend a piece of legislation to make it better.

Following is a selection of some of the topics on which the PA State Grange is working -- from A to Z!

Agricultural Research and Extension

Every year, Pennsylvania State Grange aggressively defends Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences for resources needed for agricultural research and Extension.

Budget

In the enactment of the State Budget for FY 2018-19, Pennsylvania State Grange believes that Agricultural programs are faring much better than expected but that is not good enough. When you read this article, the State Budget will probably be finalized. Pennsylvania State Grange

is fighting to restore proposed elimination of programs in the PA Department of Agriculture such as Center for Dairy Excellence, agriculture research separate from Penn State Ag research support, etc. We also try to make sure that other programs such as conservation, county fairs, farmland preservation, etc. are protected from the budget knife. Earlier this year, Pennsylvania State Grange also weighed in against proposed cuts in USDA's budget.

Cell Phone and Internet Access

Also termed 'Broadband Access', the Pennsylvania State Grange hosted a program at the Farm Show to make the issue more visible and received significant media coverage through the PA Radio Network, Pennsylvania Cable Network and others. We are lobbying for legislative action of a package of bipartisan bills introduced by Rep. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York) and Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Greene/Fayette/Washington). In addition, the Pennsylvania State Grange is pushing for Senate Bill 740 (Senator Ryan Aument-R-Lancaster) which would preserve land-line telephone service to rural Pennsylvania. We support House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee Chair Rep. Martin Causer's House Bill 2293 that would make sure that Broadband access monies are sheltered from improper access. Additionally, Pennsylvania State Grange submitted testimony on Broadband access, making the point that Broadband is to this century what rural electrification was to the 20th Century. Two hearings where Pennsylvania State Grange submitted testimony in April

were convened by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania and by the House Republican Policy Committee.

Dairy

Pennsylvania State Grange focuses on increasing demand for milk as our approach to helping dairy farmers. In particular, we are advocating that whole milk be served in school meal programs. This spring, Pennsylvania State Grange commented on a proposed USDA national regulation on school meals and achieved media exposure on its linkage of national AG Day to good health and dairy consumption.

Education

House Bill 2204 (Rep. Gerald Mullery-D-Luzerne) sets up a database to help high school and post-high school students better see career options. While Pennsylvania State Grange certainly supports a database such as this, the original language calls only for the Education Department and Department of Labor & Industry to collaborate. The Pennsylvania State Grange said to the Senate Education Committee Chairs Senators John Eichelberger (R-Blair County) and Andy Dinniman (D-Chester), *"Hey, wait. Shouldn't the PA Agriculture Department be part of that given the numbers of jobs and career paths generated by Pennsylvania's number one industry, Agriculture?"*

Farm Bill

Working with the National Grange, Pennsylvania State Grange is defending Farm Bill's vital programs like Crop Insurance, ade-



quate funding for the Farm Services Administrations, rural development and more. In addition, Pennsylvania State Grange is urging members of Congress not to separate the nutrition parts of the Farm Bill from the agricultural parts since legislatively, both the farming community and the interests supporting nutrition programs are needed to push a bill through Congress.

Government Access

The Pennsylvania State Grange advises members of local Granges on opportunities to visit with legislators in their districts as well as advising them of a series of meetings across the state where citizens can meet members of the Governor’s Cabinet.

High Tunnel Buildings

Along with other farm groups, Pennsylvania State Grange lobbied for House Bill 1486 sponsored by Rep. Dave Zimmerman (R-Lancaster) exempting most high tunnel buildings from costly storm water management compliance requirements. It was signed into law as Act 15.

Inside the (Washington, DC) Beltway

Each year, the National Grange holds a fly-in to the Nation’s Capitol. This spring, Pennsylvania State Grange participated and lobbied seven PA congressional offices on federal issues like Broadband access, the 2018 Farm Bill, Farmers’ Stress Programs particularly needed for dairy farmers right now, whole milk in school meal programs, etc.

Judicial (Tort) Reform

Pennsylvania State Grange supports legislation that streamlines our judicial system by enacting legislation designed to reduce the potential for frivolous lawsuits to be filed. One of these bills is legislation to provide civil liability immunity for farmers who wish to engage in agritourism or agri-entertainment. An urgent need for many farmers and particularly dairy farmers is to diversify income. Agritourism and agri-entertainment are promising but the fear of frivolous lawsuits holds them back. Pennsylvania State Grange is working to remedy that by supporting Senate Bill 820 sponsored by Senator Ryan Aument (R-Lancaster).

Keystone Retirement Program

Pennsylvania State Grange believes in saving for retirement. However, it also believes in people being self-sufficient – not the approach of House Bill 465 sponsored by Rep. Mike Hanna (D-Clinton) which would automatically enroll employees of small employers into a state-run retirement program unless the worker opts out.

Lending

Pennsylvania State Grange opposes excessive state borrowing to balance the State Budget. We believe that the state should live within its means. Those coming after us will bear the burden of paying back those loans with interest. Some current examples:

- Opposing the equity loan taken out by the state on the Farm Show Complex in the current State Budget
- Opposing the loan from future payments to Pennsylvania from the Tobacco Settlement in the current State Budget
- Opposing the raids on supposedly dedicated funds like those for conservation – successfully defended for the current fiscal year
- Raiding reserve funds of state-created insurance entities such as the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (which pays for environmental contamination from leaks and spills) and the Joint Underwriting Association, the medical malpractice insurer of last resort. The raids were done to balance this year’s State Budget
- Opposing discretion being given to the Executive Branch to take money from dedicated funds to raise up to \$300 million in the current budget

Marcellus Shale

A strong advocate for House Bill 557 (Rep. Garth Everett-R-Lycoming), Pennsylvania State Grange urges adoption of legislation to make sure property owners receive the full Marcellus Shale Gas royalties that are owed them. We have allied ourselves with the PA Royalty Owners Association to further this goal.

Needy

Fighting hunger is a noble cause.

Pennsylvania State Grange is urging the General Assembly to increase funding for the PA Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) from the current \$1,000,000 to three million dollars. PASS integrates fresh farm products with food banks’ distribution to give the needy a better selection of healthier foods. Most recently, Pennsylvania State Grange submitted comments to the House Democratic Policy Committee urging them to make PASS funding a priority in State Budget negotiations.

Opioid Crisis

Pennsylvania State Grange participated in national (USDA) and state events on the impact of opioids on rural Pennsylvanians. In addition, Pennsylvania State Grange identified grant opportunities on opioid treatment and forwarded them to legislators and Wolf Administration officials.

Property Taxes

A targeted property tax issue on which the Pennsylvania State Grange is working is to secure a sponsor of legislation that would exempt Grange Halls over 100 years old from property taxes.

Quality (Environmental)

Pennsylvania State Grange supports efforts to bring about water quality in the Commonwealth by recognizing and promoting farmers’ efforts to reduce non-point pollution through (with the Conservation Districts) adoption of sound conservation practices such as planting riparian areas to reduce runoff, etc. There are too many bills out there to recite but suffice it to say that farmland preservation is also near the top of the list.

Recreation

We are lobbying for passage of House Bill 544 sponsored by Rep. Dan Moul-R-Franklin exempting property owners from liability who let their property be used for recreational purposes where an incident or accident could not be avoided (rocks or roots on ATV trails for example).

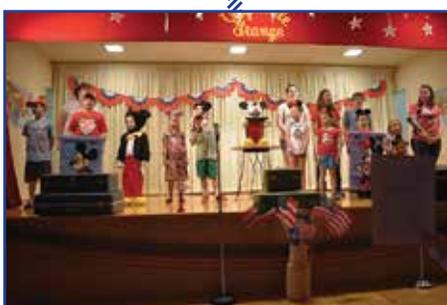
Safety: Food Safety

Local Granges such as the Lewistown Grange (#1639) from Tam-

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Virginville Grange Celebrates



The Grange organization may be the nation's oldest farm organization, but during evening festivities on May 2, Virginville Grange proved that although the group has kept roots in rural America, it has evolved into so much more. Today, the Grange is a family organization dedicated to the betterment of the American way of life through community service, education, legislation, and fellowship. "Unlike many civic groups, we involve the entire family in serving our local communities," remarked Henry Seidel of Spring Township and current President of the order.

More than 225 Grangers and friends experienced miles of smiles as they traveled on a make-believe bus tour of the USA during the patriotic-themed event. The night was filled with recognitions, community donations, humor and entertainment resulting in a phenomenal production.

The Virginville Fire Company accepted a \$750 donation to benefit their volunteer group and the Berks County Junior Holstein Club received \$500 to assist with travel expenses to national competition in Traverse City, Michigan. Through efforts of a benefit bingo held in March by Virginville Grange's Community Service Committee, \$5,000 was raised to benefit the Historic Dreibelbis Farm, located just south of Virginville. The non-profit farm is dedicated to preserving the historic buildings on the property and opening the facility to the public for educational, historical and environmental purposes. "We are so blessed to have the support of the members of Virginville Grange. Your consistent commitment to your local communities is truly amazing and greatly appreciated," proclaimed Mark Dreibelbis, who along with his wife Janine, accepted the donation.

Founded in North Carolina by the Kyle Petty family, Victory Junction is a camp for children whose lives are filled with limitations and boundaries. For the second year, Melissa Blatt, Granger and camp volunteer, summoned Grangers to create stuffed teddy bears and afghans to donate to children participating in the camp. More than

one hundred bears and afghans were presented to take along to this year's camp.

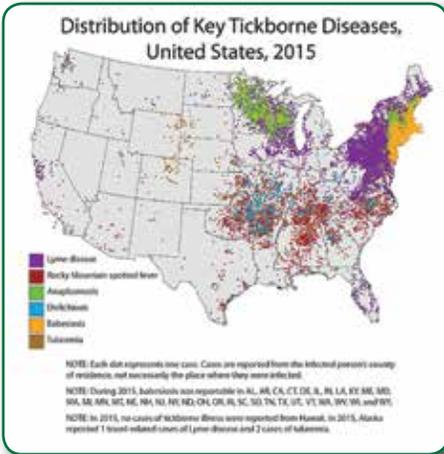
Dorothy Bechtel of Windsor Township was honored with the Granger of the Year Award, an annual accolade given for faithful service. Members of Virginville Grange honored for their commitment to the group – 75 years: Gladys C. Kieffer, Carl S. Miller and Esther K. Stitzel; 70 years: Stanley P. Christman and Lester C. Miller; 65 years: James H. Adam and Marie E. Moll; 60 years: Delores A. Adam, Dorothy J. Seidel, Nancy L. Seidel and Ray W. Seidel; 55 years: Douglas A. Mehrham and LeRoy E. Sunday; 50 years: Dianne H. Geschwindt, Mary M. Hoppes, Joan M. Moyer, Laila J. Sunday and Keith J. Treichler; 40 years: Roger A. Bollinger, Diane W. Leiby, Jean M. Mengel, Mylan H. Mengel, Leona K. Moyer, Randy A. Moyer, Donald G. Peters, Gerald R. Peters, Lee R. Stump, Beverly A. Wagner, Dennis F. Wagner and Konrad R. Weniger; 25 years: Sharon L. Shirk, Pamela J. Seidel, Frank Sloskey and David R. Sunday. Just shy of 98 years old, Norman O. Merkel of Windsor Township, born the exact year Virginville Grange was organized, was decorated the order's longest membership holder commemorating 84 consecutive years with Virginville Grange.

An ice cream social, boasting oodles of toppings, concluded the celebration and offered a chance for friendly fellowship. Granger Jeffrey Wetzel of Rockland Township, emcee of the event, declared, "This annual occasion offers us a chance to showcase our community service efforts while offering family-friendly fun - and that's what we are all about!"

(pictures, top to bottom)

1. \$750 donation to Community Fire Co. of Virginville
2. \$500 donation to Berks County Junior Holstein Club
3. \$5000 benefit bingo proceeds to the Historic Dreibelbis Farm in Virginville
4. Membership Awards
5. Members performed comedy skits to entertain the crowd
6. Juniors & Youth members sing Mickey Mouse Club March





Back to the Land:

TICKED OFF!

**How to make your backyard and yourself safe this year...
from TICKS!**

Ticks in Pennsylvania

Most of us were more than ready for winter to be behind us this spring. However, warmer weather does seem to have it's "hiccups"...namely...bugs. Specifically, we are worried about ticks...nasty, nasty little pieces of work! So what types of ticks do we have in Pennsylvania? The top 3 species of ticks living in our state (and the diseases they carry) are:

- **Blacklegged/Deer Tick:** Lyme, Human Babesiosis, Human Anaplasmosis, Deer Tick Virus
- **Lone Star Tick:** Human Ehrlichiosis, Tularemia
- **American Dog Tick:** Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Rickettsia rickettsia, Tularemia

So how do you avoid ticks?

Wear protective clothing. Light-col-



Early Symptoms

It is really important to realize early symptoms of Lyme disease in order get right treatments as soon as possible. In fact, the most visible symptom of this disease is a rash that is similar to a bull eye as also called erythema migrans as a scientific name.

ored, long-sleeved shirts, and pants that extend all the way down to your feet are the best ways to avoid ticks

- Avoid places where ticks "congregate"...brush, tall grass, etc.
- Perform regular self-checks.
- Check your pets often...especially in the sneaky places (ears, pads of their feet, inside of mouth, etc)
- Maintain your yard. Keep the grass nice and short.
- Replace deer-friendly plants.

Tick Deterrents/Repellants

Already, PA has begun to see a much higher than normal number of ticks out and about. It's tough going for even the shortest walk in the woods without picking up one of these nasty hitchhikers. Here are a few natural and conventional ways to make yourself much less hospitable to your local tick population:

DEET: Apply this to your clothing and footwear...NOT on your skin.

Permethrin: Apply this to your clothing and footwear...NOT on your skin.

Cedar Oil Spray is a non-toxic, natu-

ral tick and insect repellent. It can be sprayed directly on clothing and skin. It is safe for use on humans and pets. Not only does cedar oil repel ticks and other irritating insects, but it kills

them. Cedar oil spray can be purchased on-line and at most pet stores and big-box retailers.

Homemade Tick and Insect Repellent:

Try this simple recipe. Just mix and apply to exposed skin before heading outdoors:

- 9 drops citronella essential oil
- 6 drops tea tree essential oil
- 6 drops peppermint essential oils
- 1 tablespoon almond oil or jojoba oil

Eucalyptus Oil is known as an effective tick repellent and killer. Just combine 4 ounces of purified or distilled water to a small spray bottle along with 20 drops of eucalyptus essential oil. Shake before using and spray on skin, pant cuffs, and shoes. Safe for use on dogs (eucalyptus oil must be diluted with the water before application on dogs).

Neem Oil is used as a natural remedy to repel and remove ticks. To use, add several drops to the palm of your hand and rub on exposed skin. It can also be diluted and mixed with almond or other light carrier oil. When diluted, it's safe for dogs.

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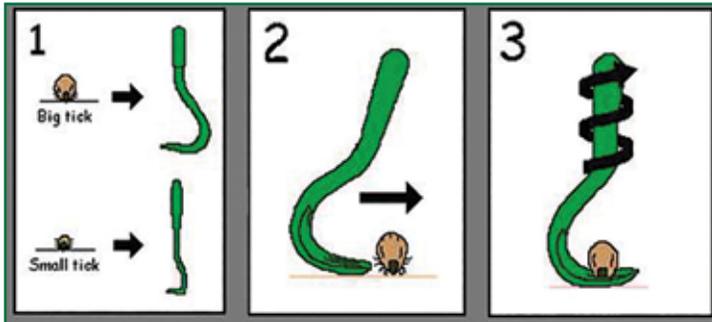


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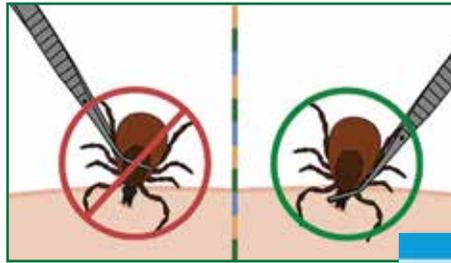
Apple Cider Vinegar: This wonderful natural remedy helps to remove and kill ticks. The following solution can be sprayed on clothing and exposed skin, even lawn furniture. Combine the following in a spray bottle:

- 2 cups of water
- 4 tablespoons of apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons of organic Neem oil

What should you do if you find a tick crawling on you? Grab a lint roll-



er...QUICK! Roll the lint roller over your pant legs when you come in from outside, and see how many critters you've brought home. CAUTION...when finding a tick that has already attached it's



self to you...be VERY careful in your technique. What you don't want to do is squeeze it or make it regurgitate into you. Still the best tried and true method is

the gentle twist method. See the picture to the left to view a really nifty little tool I use all the time when removing

ticks from my livestock, pets and fellow humans. This little gadget is easy to find in any pet shop. What you want is for the tick to back out, without stressing it

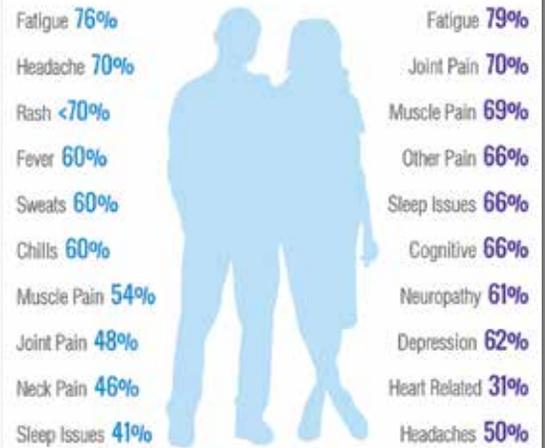
and causing it to vomit anything from it's stomach into your bloodstream.

Article submitted by Heather Hiller



LYME DISEASE SYMPTOMS

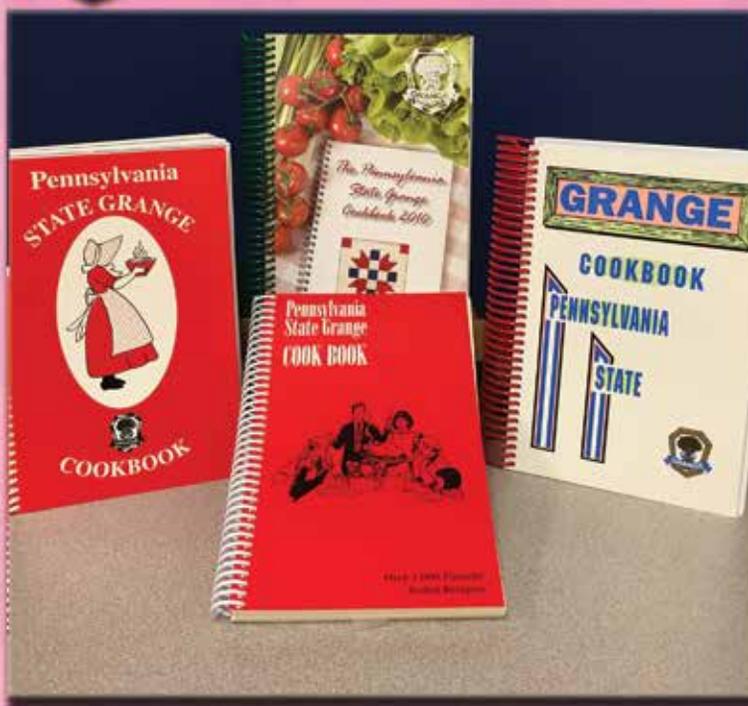
EARLY LYME* -vs- CHRONIC LYME**



* (Aicott 2013) ** (Johnson 2014, Moderate to very severe symptoms) Estimates of rash rates range from 25-80% <http://tinyurl.com/kfvs8yt>



Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbooks



1972 Edition (reprinted in 2012)
\$24.00 each (includes S&H)

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www.pagrange.org (for order form)

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ture (PDA) by emailing to: badbug@pa.gov or call the Invasive Species Hotline at 1-866-253-7189. Your discovery could add additional municipalities to the quarantined area.

If you find spotted lanternfly in a municipality where it is known to exist:

You should try to kill it. This insect is considered a threat to crops and many people are working to try to prevent it from spreading. Soon the females will begin to lay eggs. Each female will lay up to 100 eggs or more this fall, so by destroying even one female, you are reducing the potential population for the future.

In the late summer and fall, the spotted lanternfly prefers feeding on *Ailanthus altissima*, commonly known as the “Tree of Heaven.” They can be found feeding on other plants and trees, but if you have *Ailanthus altissima*, you should start searching for spotted lanternfly on those trees. <https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/420/420-322/420-322.html>

The spotted lanternfly is not known to bite humans. You can kill spotted lanternflies mechanically, by swatting or crushing them. However, when you threaten them, they are able to quickly jump far away from you, so mechanical control is not easy to achieve.



Are there any natural enemies of the spotted lanternfly?

Birds don’t seem to like to eat them, and researchers have not found predatory or parasitic insects that are making a great impact on the population yet. Over time, natural enemies often do find invasive insect species, but for now this does not seem to be

happening on a level that is making a difference.

Can you kill spotted lanternfly using pesticides?

In Pennsylvania, pesticide regulations require that a product may only be used according to the directions on the label. The label must list the site (or location) where a pesticide (in this case an insecticide) may be used. There are insecticides available with labels that list ornamental trees as an allowed site. It is legal to use them on ornamental trees, including *Ailanthus altissima*, to try to kill insects, including the spotted lanternfly. You can check at your garden center to see what they offer. Some of these products may be more effective than others, so you should take note if the product you tried works well or not.

Things to consider before you purchase an insecticide

In some infested properties there are thousands of spotted lanternflies and many of them are very high up in trees. It will be difficult to reach the insects with a small can of spray or even a backpack sprayer. In this case you might consider hiring a professional tree care service to do the application.

Also, when the canopy of a tree is sprayed, the insecticide can come into contact with beneficial insects including pollinators and other creatures. People are looking for more specific approaches to pest management to minimize off-target exposure. This type of strategy is known as Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The PDA has been using an IPM strategy for spotted lanternfly infestations, and landowners may consider using



(*Ailanthus altissima* “Tree of Heaven” identification)

the same IPM strategy on their properties, or hiring a professional service to do it.

IPM strategy for the spotted lanternfly

- Locate *Ailanthus altissima* trees on the site. For reasons not understood, spotted lanternfly seem to prefer some individual *Ailanthus altissima* trees over others. Try to identify the specific *Ailanthus* trees that are most attractive to the insects, based on how many are feeding on them.
- Destroy approximately 90% of the *Ailanthus altissima* trees, leaving only a few that are most attractive to the insect. They will serve as “trap” trees. It is recommended that you try to kill all the female *Ailanthus altissima* trees, because they produce seed and contribute to the spread of this invasive tree.
- Be careful handling *Ailanthus altissima* wood, leaves and branches. Chemicals in the sap of this tree can cause headaches, nausea and possible heart problems. Wear gloves and protect yourself from exposure.
- When you cut down *Ailanthus altissima* trees, they will sprout profusely from the stumps and can grow back in a few years. Because they regenerate so easily, it is recommended that you treat the stumps with a herbicide to kill them and prevent them from sprouting new shoots.
- Herbicides that are labelled for this use usually contain one of

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the following active ingredients triclopyr, dicamba, imazpyr or glyphosate. Use the herbicide carefully and according to directions on the label. Alternative methods for using herbicides to kill *Ailanthus altissima* trees include foliar sprays, basal bark applications and a method called frill application or “hack and squirt”.

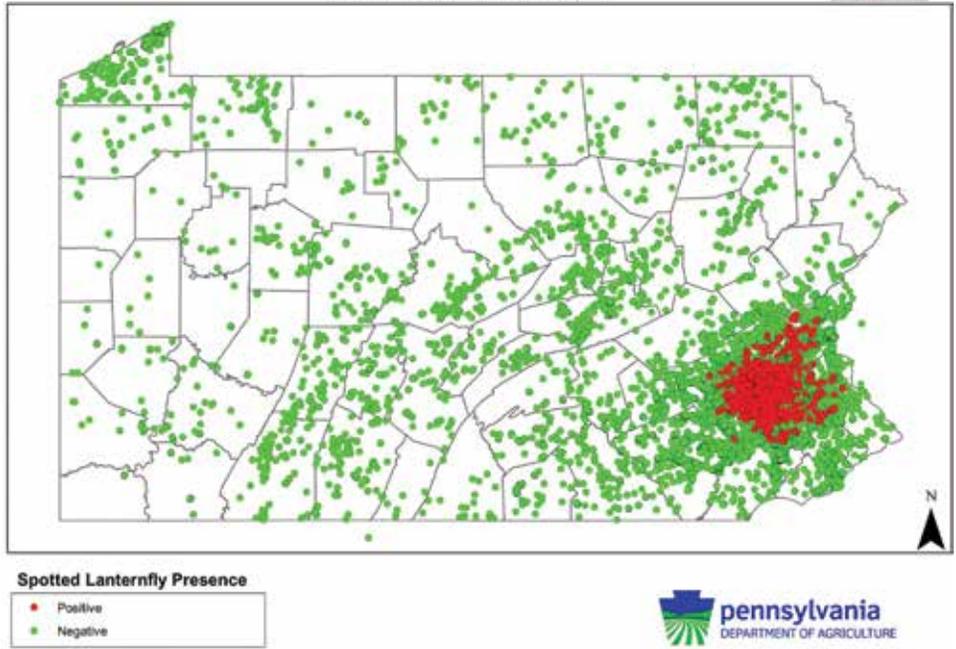
- The Penn State Extension publication-- Herbicides and Forest Vegetation Management, has more information about these methods. Whichever method you choose, remember that you will have dead *Ailanthus* trees which may eventually have to be removed.
- Treat the remaining *Ailanthus altissima* trees with a systemic insecticide that will move throughout the tree. The insecticide must be applied according to the label and at the right time of year for the trees to absorb it. When spotted lanternflies feed on correctly treated trees, they will die. Systemic insecticides that are labelled to treat ornamental trees usually contain the active ingredients dinotefuran or imidacloprid. The PDA is using dinotefuran in their IPM strategy.
- Treating only a few trap trees with a systemic product can reduce the amount of insecticide released into the environment and may help conserve beneficial insects.

Avoid spreading the spotted lanternfly

- It is important for landowners in the affected area to avoid spreading the spotted lanternfly. One good practice is to avoid parking



2014 -- 2017 Lycorma Detection Survey Results through 10 October 2017



your vehicle under trees because spotted lanternflies that are living in trees will lay eggs on the cars underneath.

- Inspect items, including the wood from killed *Ailanthus* trees, and destroy any living spotted lanternflies or egg masses before you move them out of the area. If you must move items from inside the affected area, complete this checklist to be in compliance with the quarantine.
- Requirements for handling brush and yard waste
- More information about the biology of the spotted lanternfly, most current distribution, volunteer opportunities, quarantine regulations and compliance.
- http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/plants_land_water/plantindustry/entomology/spotted_lanternfly/pages/default.aspx

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Please see the next issue for additional information.

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Pictured above: Centre County Commissioner Steve Dershem is speaking with constituents at the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Legislative Banquet.

15th Congressional District; Judy Hershel, Democratic candidate for the 12th District of the US Congress; Michael Hanna, Jr. who is running for the position held currently by his father in the 76th District of the PA House of Representatives; Marc Friendenberg, candidate for the 12th Congressional District; Kris Eng, candidate for the Chair of the Centre County GOP; and Susan Boser, Democratic candidate for the 15th Congressional District.

The Granges of Centre County can proudly say that ten of the eleven Subordinates were represented and all eleven were generous enough to provide door prizes for the raffle along with several door prizes the politicians attending donated which allowed all attending a chance to go home with a beautiful gift.

This banquet is one way the Grange in Centre County tries to connect with the community leaders and candidates. This was particularly so since the new districts were announced. It is not a "fundraiser"; it is a "Community Service" project.

So next April, if you are interested in what is happening in the politics in Centre County, plan on attending the Centre County Grange #13 Legislative Banquet. Details will be announced when completed.



aqua, Schuylkill County, Kutztown Grange (#1836), and the Red Lion Grange (#1781) from York County hosted Food Safety Modernization Act workshops for farmers in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations and the PA Department of Agriculture. Bedford Grange Mutual Insurance Company also hosted one of the workshops.

Transportation: Distracted Driving

A hearing by the House Transportation Committee heard Pennsylvania State Grange testimony on dangers associated with distracted driving caused by texting, cell phones, putting on makeup, reading a newspaper while driving, etc. One new distraction cited by Pennsylvania State Grange was that cars do not have standardized controls causing confusion when driving a different car. Legislation advocated was House Bill 1684 (Rep. Rosemary Brown -R-Monroe County) to make cell phone or texting while driving a violation.

Uniform Construction Code

Pennsylvania State Grange lobbied for farmer's roadside markets to be exempt from expensive Universal Construction Code requirements. House Bill 176 sponsored by Rep. Tina Pickett (R-Bradford County) was signed into law as Act 35

Vocational Agriculture

Pennsylvania State Grange urged the PA Department of Labor & Industry to include occupations related to agriculture in their list of priority jobs vocational education should be pursuing. In addition, we lobby for expansion of vocational training and in the case of House Bill 669 (Rep. Tom Murt-R-Montgomery County) suggesting that agricultural vocational training needs to be included.

Wellness

Wellness care and Internet medical care are crucial to rural residents who live farther away from medical facilities and doctors. Telemedicine is one helper where the health care provider can, through the Internet, monitor someone's condition, actually observe symptoms, and direct treatment. Pennsylvania State Grange supports two telemedicine

bills, Senate Bill 780 sponsored by Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Chair Elder Vogel (R-Beaver County) and House Bill 1648 sponsored by Rep. Marguerite Quinn (R-Bucks). Of course, you need Broadband access to make telemedicine work.

X (Excessive Authority)

The Pennsylvania State Grange weighed in on what we feel is an excess of authority by the Delaware River Basin Commission which wants to ban fracking in all or parts of several northeastern counties that are located in the Delaware River Basin. The issue is **NOT** whether someone likes or hates fracking. Rather, the issue raised by the Pennsylvania State Grange is that PA already regulates fracking by state law (Act 13) and those activities are regulated by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The question is whether the Delaware River Basin Commission can overrule existing PA law just because it chooses to. Pennsylvania State Grange says no.

Youth

In addition to the many youth activities sponsored by Granges, the Pennsylvania State Grange also brings youth leaders (The Royalty) to Harrisburg in order to meet with legislators and tour the Governor's Residence.

Zoning

Pennsylvania State Grange opposes local zoning decisions or restrictive ordinances that hinder normal practices of farming which are protected by state law. Examples include a previous attempt to impose property taxes on high tunnel buildings and several pieces of legislation introduced this session of the General Assembly that would allow local prevention of state-approved biosolid nutrient application on farmers' fields.

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		19-22nd: Family Festival (Centre Hall)	
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	19-21st: State Grange Session (Butler)	13-17: 152nd National Grange Session (Vermont)	

Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 16	Chinese New Year
Feb 19	President's Day
Mar 11	Daylight Saving (begin)
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Vernal equinox
Mar 31	Passover
Apr 01	April Fool's Day
Apr 01	Easter
Apr 25	Admin Assistants Day
May 13	Mother's Day
May 16	Ramadan begins
May 20	Pentecost
May 28	Memorial Day
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 17	Father's Day
Jun 21	June Solstice
Jul 04	Independence Day
Sep 03	Labor Day
Sep 10	Rosh Hashanah
Sep 23	Autumnal equinox
Oct 08	Columbus Day
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 04	Daylight Saving (end)
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 22	Thanksgiving
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SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Authors:
Emelie Swackhamer and Amy Korman (Bios can be found at the end of the article)

Last issue we learned what to do if we find the Spotted Lanternfly. This issue discusses Quarantine Regulations.

Lycorma delicatula, commonly known as the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), is a new invasive insect that has spread throughout southeastern Pennsylvania since its discovery in Berks County in 2014. SLF presents a significant threat to Pennsylvania agriculture, including the grape, tree-fruit, hardwood and nursery industries, which collectively are worth nearly \$18 billion to the state's economy.

Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Extension are at the forefront of education and research aimed at stopping the spread of this exotic species. Following are resources to help growers, property owners and others understand how to identify the insect, what to do if they

find it and how to comply with agency regulations.

How You Can Comply with the Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Regulations

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) has established a quarantine order in municipalities where SLF is known to exist. Quarantined counties as of November 2017: Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Schuylkill

The area of the quarantine will continue to change as new discoveries are made. As you move into and out of the quarantined area, you must



make sure that you are not transporting any living life stages of the SLF to new areas which are not yet included in the quarantine. If you believe you have discovered SLF in any area outside of the current quarantined area, report your discovery to the PDA by sending a picture to badbug@pa.gov or calling 1-866-253-7189. The most recent quarantine map for Spotted Lanternfly can always be found on the PDA website: http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/quarantine/Pages/default.aspx

- **You should avoid parking or storing things under trees in infested areas.** The female SLF often lays eggs on objects that

(Spotted Lanternfly Management Calendar)

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Destroy egg masses	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
Destroy most <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> trees (1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Treat most <i>Ailanthus</i> trees with herbicide (2,3)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Use sticky bands to destroy nymphs					X	X	X	X				
Treat <i>Ailanthus</i> trap trees with systemic insecticides (3)						X	X	X				
Registered contact insecticides may be effective (3)					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Avoid moving gravid (fertilized) females (4)								X	X	X	X	X
Avoid moving viable egg masses (4)	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
Dominant Life Stage Present-(one generation per year in Pennsylvania in 2015 and 2016)												
Eggs	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
Nymphs					X	X	X	X	X			
Adults							X	X	X	X	X	X

- X Time to use management practices.
- (1) Destroying all *Ailanthus* trees (Tree of Heaven) may result in spotted lanternfly moving to surrounding plants and increase the pest pressure on them. It is recommended about 10% of *Ailanthus* trees are left alive to serve as trap trees to attract the spotted lanternflies. Leave only male trees if possible.
- (2) *Ailanthus* trees will re-sprout vigorously from cut stumps and roots, unless they are treated with a systemic herbicide. Repeat applications of herbicide may be necessary.
- (3) Always read herbicide and insecticide labels

and follow the directions.

- (4) Before you move outdoor items from the quarantine area, check for spotted lanternfly egg masses, adults, and nymphs and destroy them. Use the checklist at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Checklist for Residents Living in Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Areas.

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From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
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Dear Fellow Grangers,

Summer is rapidly coming to an end. I hope of all of you had a chance to spend time with family and friends. Perhaps you got to enjoy a long deserved vacation to someplace special.

Like summer, life is rapidly passing us by. As we come into this time of gathering the harvest, let's think about what all we as Grangers can gather. We can gather those stories I talked about previously that you heard at your local fair. We can gather friends, neighbors, and relatives and introduce them to the Grange.

We can gather the bountiful harvest that God provides us in many ways. This bountiful harvest is not always in the form of food. Think about it, what all does God give us to harvest? We each have time and talents. Yes, they are a part of this bountiful harvest. What we do with them is up to us. I often have heard people say, "oh I could never do that". My question is, have you tried?

When I was in grade school up through middle school I was one of those people who might be in a room full of people, but I was all alone. I was scared to get in front of people. I was just a farmer's kid, no one wanted to associate with a farmer's kid. Then as I entered into high school I met two teachers. An

outstanding FFA Advisor and a public speaking teacher. They saw things in me I didn't. They devoted their time and talents to making me develop mine.

Today, I still get nervous when I have to get before a group of people and speak. I say a little prayer, I take a deep breath, and I push forward. However, Debbie will sometimes give me the sign to wrap it up if I'm over the limit for time. We are all the same, we all have talents and we all have fears. A talent not used is like money buried in the back yard. It will never grow or develop into something that can be harvested.

State Session is just around the corner. What talent do you have to offer? Could you write a new resolution on that issue that you think about all the time but never knew how to address? Could you run for a State office and bring a new point of view to the table? Could you volunteer to serve on a committee, or help put on a degree?

As we enter into this season of harvesting, let's not forget all the things that we can harvest. The Grange is family, it's friends, it's legislative issues, it's making a difference in communities, in our State, and our Nation. Let's gather this bountiful harvest and share it with others.

IT'S THE GRANGE WAY!!

Fraternally,
Wayne Campbell
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Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain

focus on the direction **He** has set before me.

I give it a toss (or cast it) upon the waters by sending it to Heather (at PGN). Once it is gone, I can just wait and wonder how far it goes. It may land in a rack in a doctor's office or lay on an empty chair in a barber shop, but it will definitely wind up in a fellow Granger's mailbox.

Recently, I had the exciting experience of seeing the ripple slap against my phone line. A long-lost Granger called to chat after having received her latest Grange News! I thank **God** for such a sudden return on **His** investment!

This very same response can happen when you send out good vibes about your Grange. It may not happen tomorrow, but an enthusiastic story about a program or benefits available to Grange members just might find its way around a break room at work or in the bleachers at a Little League game. Give it a little time, use your gifts of gab and watch for the ripple to return.

*"Do a deed of simple kindness
Though its end you may not see
It may reach, like widening ripples
Down a long eternity."*

-Unknown author

God Bless You and Yours!

Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler



Have you ever thrown a pebble into a lake and watched the ripples spread out towards the shore? Now, I didn't live near a lake, but I have visited one or two in my lifetime! The same phenomenon happens on a much smaller scale in a mud puddle, which I do have near my home. Given all the appropriate conditions, the ripples will bounce off the shore or edge of the puddle and start right back towards the originator.

It reminds me of a command in Ecclesiastes (11:1-2) *"Cast your bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth"* In verse 1, I see the correlation to the ripples coming back to where they started, sometimes right away and sometimes a little slower. Then in verse 2, I sense the charge to give of yourself (your time, talents, and/or money) unmindful of what is going on around you.

With these thoughts in mind, I sat down to write my article for the Grange News. I shall give of my time and talents ... not sure how money can be incorporated into my efforts! But first I must select just the right stone to throw into the water...just like David had to choose the exact right stones when he faced Goliath. I will pray for the exact right message **God** wants me to relay to the readers. Then I will study **His** word, do some extra readings and keep my





Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director



I was reading Dr. Seuss' book, "One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish," to Liam, my Grandson. Maybe you too remember reading this book to your child, or grandchild; it goes one fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish, black fish, blue fish, old fish new fish. This one has a little star, this one has a little car, say what a lot of fish there are. Some are red and some are blue. some are old and some are new.

It really is a quirky little book as it talks about Ned too big for his bed, and another with a bird in his ear. All silly little things that kids love to hear. As I thought a little bit though, it makes me think about our Granges and our diversity.

The Grange offers many different things to be involved in, whether it be agriculture, community service, rural life, legislation, family activities and socializing. We are located all across the state coming together from many different communities with different cultures and needs. Yet, we can come together as a group and support each other in our endeavors.

As we from state office have been traveling across Pennsylvania hosting new member recruitment

meetings, it has been impressive to see the diversity in our new members. Just like Dr. Seuss's fish, we all come in different shapes, sizes, ages, and talents. We have a common thread that we have a love for Grange, family values, our history, and passion for things we can accomplish together! We have new members of all ages stepping up to join the Grange, this is such an exciting time!

We have many Grangers asking us, "how are we getting these new members"... just like Dr. Seuss's book telling the story about fish, we are telling the story of Grange! Our history makes me personally burst with pride and nothing excites me more than ed-

it has done, is currently doing, and the things it will do. Resources such as social media, press releases to news media, and email blasts have assisted in sharing Grange, and the result is new members are joining our organization.

If you are interested in hosting a membership recruitment meeting, please call or email me.

I look forward in hearing from you!

Yours in Grange service,

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educating potential members about our past, present and future. I hope that you too will share the stories of your local Grange; what





Youth News

Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director



Happy September! I hope everyone is preparing for the cooler temperatures. In June we had our annual State Youth Camp that was held from the 29th



the impromptus for the court. Going with our theme, we tried spin art! Coronation followed and we crowned our new Youth Ambassadors! Mikayla Davis & Isaac Mengel, who are both from Berks County, are our newly crowned royalty. After cor-

taught us how to plan the basics of a fundraiser, and make it into a carnival, making it cheap, cheesy, and fun. We all practiced our parliamentary procedure with Cassidy Cheddar in the morning. All of us participated in a tournament of Spoons. Hannah Leibensperger won for the second year in a row. Lunch was followed by



of June till July 1st. Our theme this year was Fun For All Grangers! Friday night our youth got to know one another with get aquatinted games led by Grace and Jake. Also that night we took our youth camp test, to know who would be eligible for Youth Ambassador and to find our highest test score! Gail Switzer won our young adults high test score and Grace Wadsworth won our youth category.



onation we all got tickets to play many different carnival/fair themed games; duckpond, horse racing, milk can throw, face painting, penny toss, balloon dart throw and football throw. Sunday we wrapped up with worship service led by Andy Kieffer and a community service project led by Grace. We decorated bags, wrote cards, and coloring packets for the homeless kit bags. We had a great turn out this year at our camp. Thank you to everyone who made it possible. See you all next year!

Saturday was filled with workshops. Philip Vonada's workshop



- Lindsay Schroeder
Photos from Lindsay Schroeder and Grace Wadsworth

"Hi, my name is Mikayla Da-

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Program Director
Denise Clare
 PA State Grange Program Director

Hello Summer and the heat, today as I write this it is 96 degrees and humid! We are in the midst of a heat wave here in eastern PA. Family Festival will have happened by the time you receive this. A recap will be in the next issue.

Tickets for the American Handicraft Raffle are still available. The funds raised will benefit the Grange Foundation. President Wayne Campbell has tickets for the state or you can contact myself if interested, they are \$5 each. The drawing will be November 16 at National Session in VT.

Now is the time to go out and take pictures for the photography contests! Summer is a great time to be out capturing life on film! This year the categories are: Flowers, Sunrise/Sunset, Baby Animals, Trains and Churches.



As with all of the contests, please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs 2017-2018 for the rules and information. If you have questions, please contact a committee person, or you can con-

tact me. The report forms and the Guide to Contests and Programs is also available on the Pennsylvania State Grange website: www.pagrange.org.

For all Pomona and Subordinate Lecturers: remember your notebooks/reports are due to me by **SEPTEMBER 15**. These will be judged prior to State Session. Please return reports even if there is nothing to report. Make sure reports are filled out completely.

PROGRAM IDEAS:

October:

- 1st - National Homemade Cookie Day (have a cookie swap)
- 10th - National Handbag Day
- 16th - National Dictionary Day (words for thirds dictionary handout)
- 26th - National Pumpkin Day (have pumpkin desserts for refreshments)

November:

- 3rd - National Sandwich Day
- 11th - National Sundae Day (Yummy, refreshments-have a sundae party)
- 18th - Mickey Mouse Day
- 28th - National French Toast Day

December:

- 2nd - National Fritters Day
- 4th - National Sock Day (have a contest for the wackiest socks)
- 12th - Poinsettia Day
- 30th - Bacon Day

Until next time,

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vis and I am the new Pennsylvania Youth Ambassador. I am the 17 year old daughter of Mike and Angie Davis. This fall I will be a senior at Schuylkill Valley High School and I belong to the Ontelaunee Grange in Berks County. Besides Grange I play softball and basketball and I am in the Northern Berks 4-H Dairy Club. I am looking forward to representing Pennsylvania and can not wait to tell people how much fun the Grange is and all the memories and friends you make."

- Mikayla Davis



"Hello my name is Isaac Mengel and I am the 2018-2019 PA Youth Ambassador. I belong to Fleetwood Grange in Berks County. I am 17 years old and will be a senior in the Kutztown School District. Outside of Grange I am on the soccer and volleyball team, I also enjoy hunting and fishing. I am looking forward to all the different places we will travel and representing the Grange."

- Isaac Mengel

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Deaf Activities & Community Services Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Thank you to all those that donated to the different organizations we collected items or money for during Family Festival. Please see my department report at state session for updates about the total amount of items donated for the Birthday Boxes and Children's books.

Speaking of state session, please ensure that you send your community service reports to me by September 15. It is crucial for you to do this no matter how many projects you've completed in order for our state to receive funds from national. The report form was distributed in the recent mailing and can be found on the Deaf Activities/Community Service page on the state website: <http://www.pagrang.org/deaf--community-services.html>

In addition, the Western School for the Deaf has updated the list of needed items for their school this year. They have provided specific items that they would like for the upcoming school year. All supplies will be appreciated; but see updated list of supplies below that they have requested. Main items requested: Ball point pens, sharpie markers, index cards, manila file folders, rubber bands, page protectors, sticky notes, 2-pocket folders, eraser caps, erasers, #2 pencils, and staples. Please look below for specific information that relate to items requested.

For state session we will again be doing the book sale. Please

bring any books to donate and come by our table to purchase/donate for a new to you book. In addition, we will be collecting items for Gleaners Food Bank. Below are items that can be collected. If any more information becomes available, I will be sure to update you in the next Grange News and will post updates of the Pennsylvania Grange Community Service Facebook page.

Gleaners Food Bank

- Non-perishable food
- Paper Products
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Monetary Donations (donations payable to "Gleaners Food Bank")



Western PA School for the Deaf

- Zebra Z-Grip Retractable Pens, Clear Barrel, Black Ink
- BIC Cristal Ballpoint Bells
- Paper Mate Flex Grip Elite Retractable ballpoint pens
- Dixon #2 pencils, box of 144
- Office Depot Brand Pink Bevel Erasers, Box of 36
- Office Depot Brand Eraser Caps, Box of 144
- Expo Low-Odor Dry Erase Pen Style Markers, Black, Pack of 12
- Expo Dry Erase Soft Pile Eraser
- Sharpie Permanent Fine-Point Markers, black, pack of 12

- Sharpie Permanent Ultra-Fine Point Markers, black, pack of 12
- Alliance Rubber Sterling Rubber Bands, 1 lb box of 250
- Office Depot 2-Pocket Folders without fasteners, Light Blue, pack of 25
- Office Depot 2-Pocket Folders without fasteners, Green, pack of 25
- Office Depot 2-Pocket Folders without fasteners, White, pack of 25
- Office Depot 2-Pocket Folders without fasteners, Yellow, pack of 25
- Office Depot 2 Pocket Folders with Fasteners, Assorted
- Sharpie Accent Highlighters, Assorted Colors, Pack of 12
- Office Depot Self-Stick Notes, 3"x3", Assorted Pastel Colors, 100 sheets per pad, pack of 18
- Office Depot Self-Stick Notes 1 1/2" x 2" Yellow, 100 sheets per pad, pack of 12
- Office Depot ruled index cards, 3"x5", white, pack of 500
- Office Depot ruled index cards, 4"x6", pack of 500
- Elmer's Office Strength Glue Sticks, All Purposes, Clear, Pack of 12
- Office Depot Packaging Tape, 1.89"x109.4 Yd, Clear, Pack of 6 rolls
- Office Depot Invisible Boxed Tape, 3/4"x 36 Yd., pack of 12
- Scotch stationary masking tape, 3/4"x2160", Pack of 3
- Avery Big Tab Plastic Dividers, Double Pocket, Multicolor, 5 tab
- Paper Mate Liquid Paper Correction Fluid (White out) - Pack of 3
- Office Depot Composition Book 7 1/2"x 9 3/4", Wide Ruled, 100 sheets, pack of 3
- Office Depot Single Hole Punch, Chrome
- Office Depot Brand Standard Stapes, 1/4", pack of 5 boxes
- Office Depot Binder Clips, Large, 2", Black, box of 12
- Just Basics Economy Round-Ring View Binder, 1 1/2" Rings, 350-sheet capacity - Pack of 2

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History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

The second phase of preserving State Grange documents continued over the summer. During a year-long process, a professional records management firm has completed microfilming/digitizing/indexing of such historical documents as Journals of Proceedings, newsletters, and Grange charter applications. Then the History Committee still has a very big job remaining to make this information readily accessible. Quite a number of steps are involved with breaking down the large digitized files into PDF format files of a size that can be loaded on the State Grange website so they can be viewed and/or printed by visitors to the site. As more files become ready, the historical resources on the website will continue to expand.

A third and final planned phase of document preservation will be the microfilming/digitizing/indexing of Executive Committee minutes, officers' registers and the State Grange history books published for the 75th, 100th and 125th anniversaries. However, funding is needed before this third phase can be started so permission has been requested from the State Executive Committee to issue another appeal this fall seeking contributions from Granges and Grange members.

Also nearing completion are the summaries of significant events during the terms of each State Grange Master (President). Researching this historical information, along with the preservation work noted above, are one-time projects that once completed will not have to be done again.

A new feature of this column as space permits in each issue will be the sharing of interesting historical facts and tidbits from the amazing 150 year history of the Grange. Here's a sample:

- The Pennsylvania State Grange celebrates its 145th anniversary this year, having been organized in Reading on September 18, 1873.
- One of the largest attendances at a Pennsylvania State Grange session was recorded in 1966 when the convention met in New Castle. That year 904 persons received the Sixth Degree and 1,235 attended the banquet. State Master John Scott reported running out of registration cards as more than 2,200 delegates and guests registered.
- In the Journal of Proceedings of the 100th National Session of the National Grange held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1966, it was noted that Grange Youth Committees had been created as early as 1934, but the Youth Department was not established at the National Grange headquarters in Washington, DC until 1949. The first appeal for the Youth Leadership Fund was authorized in 1951.
- Pennsylvania had its first Youth Camp in 1953 with 52 campers and selected its first Camp King and Queen the following year. National Grange began selecting a Youth Prince and Princess in 1961 and a Young Couple in 1962.
- National Grange sessions in the 1960's and 1970's, including the 1979 session hosted in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, were nine days long – more than twice as long as current sessions.

Doug Bonsall, Chair
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History Committee
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- Zebra Z-Grip Medium Point Retractable Ballpoint Pens, 24 Blue Ink Pens
- Alliance Rubber Advantage Rubber Band Ball
- Sparco Multisurface Painter's Tape – 2" width x 60ft length -2 pack – blue
- Office depot Ruled Filler Paper – 3 hole punched, 16-Lb, Wide Ruled Margin, 10 ½"x8", ream of 500 sheets
- Office Depot Heavyweight Sheet Protectors – 8 ½" x 11" Clear, Pack of 100
- Office Depot Side-Application Correction Tape, 1 line x 394", pack of 12
- Avery Easy Peel White Laser Address Labels, 1"x2 5/8", box of 3,000
- Blue Sky Fashion Academic Weekly/Monthly Planner 8 ½" x 11", Mahalo July 2018-2019
- Blue Sky Academic Desk Pad Calendar, 22"x17", Mahalo July 2018-2019
- Paper Mate FlexGrip Elite, Retractable Ballpoint Pens, Medium Point, Black Barrel, Black ink, Pack of 12
- EXPO Low-Odor Dry-Erase Markers – Chisel Tip, Black, Pack of 12
- EXPO Low-Odor Dry-Erase Markers, Chisel Point, Red, Pack of 12
- EXPO Low-Odor Dry-Erase Markers, Chisel Point, Blue, Pack of 12
- EXPO Low-Odor Dry-Erase Pen Style Markers, black ink, Pack of 12
- Office Depot, file folders, 1/3 cut, letter size, Manila, Pack of 100
- Office Depot Rubber Bands #33, 3 ½" x 1/8", 1/4lb. bag
- Office Depot Rubber Bands #54, Assorted sizes, 1/4lb. bag

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Junior News

Junior Committee
Lurae Benzio
 PA State Grange Junior Committee
 Director

Happy Fall Y'all!

As I write this article it is FAR from Fall weather. I am sitting in my makeshift office at the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Camp on a warm July Friday night and the Coronation for our Royalty Contest just ended. I am honored to announce our new Jr. Grange Prince and Princess!!! Prince Zack Perseghetti is from Log Cabin Grange in Mercer County. Princess Casandra Kehs is from Russellville Grange in Chester County. These 2 are at different corners of our great Commonwealth but will do a great job representing the Junior Grange Program throughout the year. Please ask how they can come and visit your Grange or event and share their journey with your members. The other Juniors who were on Court are Isabella Boone (Centre Co.), Jordan Downey (Lycoming Co.), Jessica Hudack (Beaver Co.), Abby Kehs (Chester Co.), Elisabeth Reich (York Co.), Kay Reyburn (Chester Co.). I am very proud of all of the Juniors!

We had an AWESOME week at the Jr. Grange Camp. The theme was "All Star Sports" Camp! We had 56 campers (11 of them new), 21 Counselor/Helpers, 3 Kitchen helpers, 5 staff (Athletic Supports), and the best Jr. Grange



highlight of the week was attending a State College Spikes Ball Game. I think I can speak for all the Juniors and report that they had a GREAT time!



Pictured above: Junior Grange Prince Zack Perseghetti and Princess Casandra Kehs



Pictured above: Camp members who were "pied" by cabin 5



Now our attention moves to State Session and Junior Jam! I hope you signed up your Junior to attend Session in Cran-



Pictured above: Junior Grange Prince & Princess with the Junior Court

Committee a Director could ever ask for! It was very hot and muggy and we said the words, "Time to Hydrate" a million times! The



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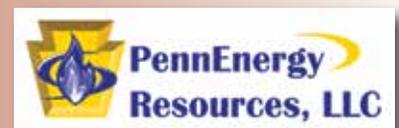
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There will be a \$10 LATE FEE due at registration for reservations post-marked after the deadline.

IMPORTANT: Please complete a **SEPARATE** form for each person attending.
You can copy this form or download and print it at www.pagrang.org

Please check **ALL** that apply:

State Officer _____ Past State Officer _____ Junior _____ Youth _____ Guest _____
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Would you be willing to serve as a teller for the election on Saturday at noon. YES _____ NO _____

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Full Name: _____
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Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____
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Past Officers Luncheon (Friday noon)	\$23.00	_____
Youth Luncheon (Saturday Noon) Open to all; Grangers <i>(Seating limited to 120 people)</i>	\$20.00	_____
All Granger Banquet (Sunday 1pm)	Adult \$30.00	_____
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Any dietary concerns must be known 10 days before state session. List on back of form.

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Rita Kennedy 117 List Hill Rd. Valencia, Pa. 16059

Questions:

Contact Rita at 4season@consolidated.net or 724-898-1670 (call – M-F before 7 pm)

**Registration Forms MUST be post-marked by SEPTEMBER 14
or be subject to a \$10 Late Fee.**



Master Grazier & Apprentice Learn from Each Other in Formal Apprenticeship

This article features a Q&A between a master grazier and apprentice pair: Gay Rodgers and Jess Matthews from Hameau Farm in Belleville, PA; who are participating in PA-SA's Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship (DGA).

Master Grazier: Gay Rodgers, Hameau Farm

Why did you choose to become a master grazier?

I like sharing what I do, and if there are young people interested in this work, I want to share it with them. At first, I wasn't sure I was a "master," but once I realized that this was going to be a learning situation for everyone involved, I relaxed with it.

I feel like we graziers need to talk about what we do. It's almost like our way of dairy farming has been a secret for some time, but it's important to share it, especially now.

How has the program supported your personal goals and/or your farm?

My philosophy has always been to share your passion and what you do so that others can catch that spirit and learn from it. From the summer camp we've run on this farm for many years, now to Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship, Hameau has always been a place where mentorship is an important practice.

What have you found challenging?

The biggest challenge has



Pictured above: Master grazier Gay Rodgers (left) and apprentice Jess Matthews (right) at Hameau Farm.

probably been finding the time to teach and explain as much as I would like. The learning curve for a beginner is long. That isn't necessarily a negative—it's to be expected, and working with beginners also comes with some positives—but finding adequate time is always a challenge.

What have you especially enjoyed?

I've enjoyed the interactions with Jess, especially when she gets an idea and runs with it. She has a beginner's mind, and often sees possibilities in things I've overlooked. For instance, I've had bags of wool from our sheep sitting around for ages. Jess asked if she could play with some of them, and wound up making all sorts of

crafts, from felted animals to dryer balls, that she's actually been able to sell. There's a creativity there that has been a lot of fun to learn from and interact with.

What has surprised you about the experience?

That there are young people out there that are interested in learning this way of farming, and farming, generally. It's easy to get bogged down and depressed, thinking that no one wants to continue to do this, but there are people out there who are interested. The way they want to farm, though, might look different than the last generation. I think a lot of the next generation is especially interested in farming closer to nature, with cows out on grass.

What advice would you give to someone considering becoming a master grazier?

Just do it, but be prepared to learn something yourself. The education here isn't a one way street, and it's important to have an open mind.

Apprentice: Jess Matthews, Hameau Farm

Why did you choose to become



an apprentice?

I have always been interested in farming and food sovereignty, and came across this opportunity on the PASA website. I love animals and working outside, so this seemed like it would be something I would really love. Gay was fantastic in letting me have an opportunity to try this out.

How is the program supporting your personal goals?

I get to do what I absolutely love, and the program gives me a much needed structure, pay, and timeline.

What have you found challenging?

I knew there would be physical challenges; I didn't realize there would be emotional ones. I absolutely love these cows and the other animals on the farm. When they are sick or hurt, I am sad and scared for them. I know so much about them—it's hard to detach emotionally.

What have you especially enjoyed?

I don't know that I can narrow it down. Getting to know the cows; [getting to know] Gay; seeing the campers learn and grow; working with wool and milk to make cheese and butter; watching the seasons change; the amazing scenery; that one peaceful moment once all the cows are in the barn and we're about to start milking; watching calves grow; assisting with births; collecting eggs; petting calves; even scraping the barn. The whole experience is just so satisfying.

What has surprised you about the experience?

I am stronger than I thought I was! I will struggle with something (be it hiking up a huge hill, haul-

ing heavy buckets of water, chasing small heifers that got out), and day by day I will get better at it! I am surprised by just how much I love the cows, sheep, and chickens. My friends who luckily love me dearly now have to hear stories about Hava, Hope, barn kittens, and bottle feeding calves. They know the cows' names too and ask how they're doing.

How do you plan to utilize your experience after you complete the program?



I'm just not sure yet. I am a homesteader at heart and like the idea of having animals on a homestead, but I don't know. I love Hameau Farm and Gay and the cows. I don't see myself anywhere else.

What advice would you give to someone considering becoming an apprentice?

Try it! It has been a fulfilling experience for me in every way. Buy good footwear. Wear layers.

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certifying services that meet the needs of their members.

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Modeled after apprenticeships in the skilled trades, DGA balances paid, on-the-job training with related coursework and technical instruction. DGA is a first-of-its-kind, formally accredited apprenticeship program founded by dairy farmers in Wisconsin. It's now operating in several states across the country. PASA administers the program in Pennsylvania and surrounding areas.

If you're interested in joining the Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship program by applying to become either a master grazer or apprentice, please contact Aaron de Long, PASA's Delaware Valley Hub Manager, by email at aaron@pasafarming.org or phone at (484) 680-3778.





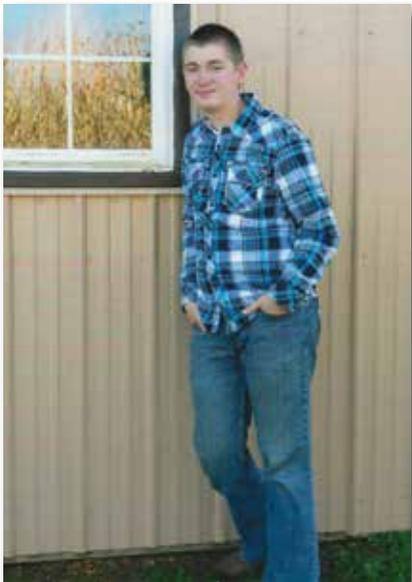
PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE 2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Pictured above: Ian Seaton



Pictured above: Hannah Leibensperger



Pictured above: Mitchell Grove

Pennsylvania State Grange is pleased to announce the awarding of 4 scholarships and 5 interest free loans to Pennsylvania State Grange Youth.

The Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation Scholarship was established in 1996 by delegate action. This scholarship is available to any Grange member, in good standing, entering their Junior or Senior year in college. The following people have been awarded scholarships from the Foundation:

1. Hannah Leibensperger is the daughter of Robert and Cindy Leibensperger of Topton, Pennsylvania. Hannah is attending Elizabethtown College where she is studying Psychology and Occupational Therapy.
2. Ian Seaton is the son of Mark and Sarah Seaton of Emlenton, Pennsylvania. Ian is attending Wheeling Jesuit University where he is studying Communications and Business.
3. Mitchell Grove is the son of William and Michele Grove of Felton, Pennsylvania. Mitchell is attending Iowa State University where he is studying Agricultural Engineering.

The Rhone Grant is given in honor of Leonard Rhone who was the third Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange. This scholarship is given in his name to honor the great things he did for the Grange. This scholarship is only available to those pursuing a degree in Agriculture or Human Development & Family Services at Penn State Uni-

versity. The Grant is being awarded this year to:

1. Sara Benzio is the daughter of Mark and Lurae Benzio of Industry, Pennsylvania. Sara is attending Penn State University where she is studying Animal Science, Ag Business and Conservation.

The Pennsylvania State Grange also offers an interest free loan established by Ellis M. Santee who was an active Grange member and country doctor who knew the importance of a good education. This loan fund was established by the late doctor to help young members get that education. This year that assistance will be given to the following:

1. Mitchell Grove is the son of William A. and Michele L. Grove of Felton, Pennsylvania. Mitchell is attending Iowa State University and is



Pictured above: Grace Wadsworth



Pictured above: Sara Benzio

- majoring in Agricultural Engineering.
2. Grace Wadsworth is the daughter of David and Ellen Wadsworth of Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. Grace is attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is studying Child Development.
 3. Hannah Leibensperger is the daughter of Robert and Cindy Leibensperger of Topton, Pennsylvania. Hannah is attending Elizabethtown College where she is studying Psychology and Occupational Therapy
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Pennsylvania Granges Show Their Support

The Pleasant Valley Grange #1074, of Wayne County, recently awarded their annual scholarships, in the amount of \$750 each, to two local students. The scholarship is awarded each year to a student or students planning on majoring in an agricultural related field. This year's winners; Emma Oliver and Grace Glosenger, were both graduates of Honesdale High School.

Emma will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania to major in Biology and Pre-Veterinary Medicine. Grace will be studying Diagnostic Medical Sonography at Lackawanna College. Both ladies are active members of a local 4-H Program.

It is the goal of the Pleasant Valley Grange to make this scholarship available each year to the youth in our community to help them further their education.



Pictured above, left to right: Louis Rowe, Emma Oliver, Grace Glosenger and Sandy Dunn

Plumsteadville Grange #1738 awarded two Ellen Elaine Crooke Scholarships of \$500 each to Aaron Worthington and Melissa Rossen at its June meeting.

Aaron Worthington will be a sophomore at Delaware Valley University this fall studying Dairy Science. After graduation he plans to join the family's dairy operation where he will be the 7th generation to farm on the farm the family has owned since the Civil War.

Melissa Rossen will begin attending Delaware Valley University this fall studying Animal and Equine Science. She has been a 4H member for five years in the Spurs & Burrs club and has been on the Bucks County 4H Horse Bowl and Hippology teams competing at the State and National levels.



Pictured above, left to right: Meg Lomax, Scholarship Chair, Annette Crooke, Aaron Worthington, Melissa Rossen, Daniel Crooke. Daniel and Annette Crooke are the parents of the late Ellen Elaine Crooke for whom the scholarship has been named.





Government Matters

Vince Phillips

PA State Grange Lobbyist

IMPORTANT TO YOU!

Please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange on issues that are important to you. After all, our legislative goals come from members. Please let us know: legislative@pagrange.org or 717-737-8855 or 717-346-1063. If you

want help in drafting a resolution to be considered by your local Grange which then gets voted on at State Session in October, please utilize the Pennsylvania State Grange as a resource. If you want to see the positions taken by the Pennsylvania State Grange on legislative and regulatory issues, please refer to our web site, www.pagrange.org.

When you were a kid in school, summer homework was far from your mind. And when you had some, the reaction was “Why me?” But, as you remember from school, approaching the fall means back to school with homework.

Sorry, but here it is – your fall homework assignment:

This time the class is Civics and the grades will be given out after the next session of the General Assembly convenes in January 2019. The grade will depend on your efforts to help the Pennsylvania State Grange be effective legislatively in advancing **YOUR** priorities. Having a lobbyist is important to the Grange but as a member, you are the critical piece of our success.

It is all about building and renewing relationships with legislators and their staff. Doing this is not hard but the reward is immense. You know you have succeeded when the legislator reaches out to you to get your opinion on legislation. If you are being asked for advice now, keep doing what you are doing.

The Election is a Great Time to Develop (or Strengthen) Relationships

November 6 is the date of the general election. Every member of the PA House of Representatives is up for election as are 25 of the 50 state senators. Consider volunteering for a candidate you support. Depending on your level of activism, you could help out by canvassing,

FALL MEANS HOMEWORK!

staffing telephone banks, helping register voters, help to get out the vote, etc. If none of these appeals to you, use your checkbook to make a difference. *(Note: The best way to contribute is to attend a campaign event and deliver your check personally. If you are trying to build or advance a relationship, personal contact is always best so that the candidate or incumbent knows that you support him or her.)*

If you don't know where to begin, ask. Usually, everyone knows someone who is involved politically. Failing that, there is always the local party headquarters or visiting a political booth at a community event like a fair or neighborhood gathering. The Internet is also a tool. Before volunteering, do your homework to see if the candidate shares your interests. If you already know the candidate, great.

If not, where does the candidate stand on issues that are important to you? Does he or she have a rural background or is a Grange member? Do they farm? Actually, that is a shortcut because, if they actively farm like one PA congressional candidate in north central PA who is a dairy farmer himself, that means that they probably understand your concerns.

Here is another shortcut. If they have owned a business, they will understand that there is a limit

to spending because fiscal discipline is all about the revenue. Is there enough money to pay those state spending demands? If not, how do we cut spending? Do we increase revenues?

What do they think about Broadband access across rural Pennsylvania? **DO THEY EVEN KNOW THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM?** That is the Pennsylvania State Grange's Number One priority!

You and Other Grangers Have an Important Opportunity to Help Shape the Legislature

This election is particularly important because of the large numbers of legislators who are not seeking re-election or who were defeated in the primary. That means a whole host of new faces in Harrisburg in 2019.

Five Senators will not be back next year. A sixth seat is uncertain because the particular PA Senator is running for Congress in southwestern PA. If he wins, he goes to Washington. You should know that five of the five soon to be vacancies are Majority (Republican) Chairs of these Senate committees: Local Government; Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness; Liquor



Control; Education; and Justice. Five new committee chairs really re-shuffles the legislative deck for next year.

On the House side, the same applies with 30-plus Representatives who are not returning. These include nine Majority (Republican) Chairs of committees and three Minority (Democratic) Chairs of committees. Again, here are the committees: Children and Youth; Transportation; Health; Professional Licensure; Committee on Committees; Rules; Appropriations; Finance (tax legislation), and Judiciary. *(Note: The House Transportation Committee is losing both Majority and Minority Committee Chairs.)*

That means at least 35 or more new legislators will take their seats in the General Assembly next year.

You can know them and will have his or her ear during the campaign and after the election. If they understand agriculture, maybe you should suggest that he or she ask for a seat on the House or Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committees.

Back to Homework

The key to getting a good grade at school is understanding the assignment. In our case, it is also knowing that success with this homework means even greater effectiveness of the Pennsylvania State Grange in meeting your objectives with the PA General Assembly. Please look at this checklist and keep score. The grade will be given next year in terms of legislation we (and you) have influenced.

Checklist

- Am I registered to vote?
- Is my family registered to vote or will obtain an absentee ballot if they are away at school?
- Have I talked with a legislator I already know recently?
- Have I looked into candidates' background – are they a farmer? Businessperson? School director? Local official?
- Have I made sure I met a candi-

date personally?

- Have I volunteered or attended a campaign event?
- Have I asked to serve on an advisory committee for the candidate or incumbent focusing on agriculture or rural issues?
- Have I invited a candidate or incumbent legislator to a Grange meeting?
- Have I asked them to join?
- Have I shared this information with the Pennsylvania State Grange? (legislative@pagrange.org; 717-737-8855 or 717-346-1063)

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State Session 2018

The following information is for Pennsylvania State Session
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Grangers are \$124.95 per night. Full service hotel, refrigerator in all rooms, complete with full hot breakfast buffet for each person in the reserved room, and free parking.

YOU MUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF and mention that you are attending the Pennsylvania State Grange Convention in October at the Pittsburgh Marriott North.

If you fail to do so you may end up paying a higher rate.





Grange News

HAYFIELD GRANGE #800

The annual Open House Program of Hayfield Grange was held in April in observance of Grange Month.

The program was presented by Janet Beanland of Cambridge Springs who told “Her Story” of how she became involved in writ-



(Hayfield) Photo above: Left to right – Kim A. Hodge, Margaret L. Tau Award of Excellence recipient; Janet Beanland, 2018 Community Citizen Award recipient; Walter Clark, 50 Year Member, and Chester Tau, Lecturer.

ing a column in the Tribune “Heard & Seen”. She is also a member of the Cambridge Springs Heritage Society, which conducts a monthly “History Night” which she coordinates and serves as Mistress of Ceremonies. Lecturer Chester Tau presented the Community Citizen Award to Ms. Beanland. Fran Page provided special music.

The recipient of the 2018 Margaret Tau Award of Excellence was Kim A. Hodge. She is a Learning Support teacher of fifth and sixth grade students at Maplewood Elementary School. She also taught at Saegertown Elementary for five years. She is a core member of the School Wide Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports Team and has received training and implemented the school wide program that is in the fourth year of sustainability. The program was recognized by the state of PA and featured at the state PBIS Conference in Hershey, PA. She has made a sensory room accessible for teaching students de-escala-

tion strategies to prevent undesired behaviors and improve time on task in the classroom. She is also involved with TREC (Therapeutic Equestrian Riding and Special Olympics).

Lecturer Tau presented a 50-year pin and Golden Sheaf Certificate to Walter Clark. Unable to attend to receive continuous membership recognition were Herman Hunter for 75 years and Agnes Folmar for 20 years.

BUCKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #22

Bucks County Pomona Grange #22 presented donations totaling \$1,750.00 to numerous local service organizations at a luncheon held June 16th hosted by Middletown Grange #684. Many of these organizations receive no public funding. In addition, a campership was awarded to a Bucks County 4H member who could not otherwise have been able to attend 4H camp. Recipients were: Bucks County SPCA, Meals on Wheels (Upper Bucks, Central Bucks and Woodside), Chandler Hall Hospice, A Woman’s Place, and the PA State Grange Deaf/Community Service Department.



(BCPG) Photo above: President James E. Diamond and Patty Bevlock, Senior Director of Chandler Hall Hospice.

HALFMOON GRANGE #290

Halfmoon Grange #290 opened their Grange Hall to Brownie Troop

41123 for their monthly meetings during the 2017-18 school year. The young ladies enjoyed a warm place in the winter to work on their badges and program requirements and a spacious yard for outdoor activities and fun times weather permitting. Under the leadership



(Halfmoon) Photo above: girls from left to right - Maya Stewart, Ellie Lego, Jennie Varrassa, Robyn Sankey, Aerin Gamble and Allison Warner

of Michelle Varassa, the Brownies decided to thank the Halfmoon Grange for providing this rent-free meeting place by beautifying the “old stump” in the front yard!

This stump is of special importance because it is the base of one of Halfmoon Township’s oldest trees that had to be taken down a few years ago because it posed a



(Halfmoon): Not on stump from left to right (row 1) Olivia Canich, Caitlin Moeller and Maya Stewart. On stump from left to Caitlin Scofield, Ashlynn Sanner, Robyn Sankey, Aerin Gamble, Jennie Varrassa, Ellie Lego, Abby Smith, Maya Stewart

hazard to motorists. The Grange secured a loan from the Pennsylvania State Grange to pay the expense of cutting and disposing of the wood and then was able to repay the loan in half the time!



The Brownies' artistic work is on display along Rt 550 for all passers-by to enjoy on their way to work or just out for a Sunday drive! Needless to say, Halfmoon Grange will once again extend this courtesy to these thoughtful scouts this next year!

DONEGAL GRANGE #1495

On Monday June 4, 2018 Donegal Grange in Butler Co. hosted



a traveling program open to the public. The subject was on bats; are they good or are they bad for us. A lot of the information we know about bats is wrong. Debbie Sale was the presenter from our local Conservation District. She had a great presentation. There were about 18 members present. Thanks to Donegal Grange for a great program.

BUTLER COUNTY POMONA #17

On May 21st, 2018 Butler County Pomona Grange hosted a Town Hall Meeting with our Worthy State Grange President, Wayne Campbell as speaker. He spoke on issues affecting not only Dairy Farming and Agriculture but also issues effecting all of Rural America. There were 35 in attendance not only Grange members from Butler, Beaver, and Venango Counties but farmers and the general public. We also had a County Commission present. One person took an application for membership. Being our first Town Hall



meeting we feel it was a success.

Every year, during the 9 days of the Big Butler Fair, the Pomona



Grange has each Grange make a display for a theme. This year the theme was Strength in our Diversity. These (pictured next column) are some of the items displayed. Along with that the big Pomona fundraiser is operating a kitchen for those 9 days, having the



(BCP) Photo above, left to right: Kayley Baker, Fair Princess, Amelia Brown, Fair Queen, and Jillian Ranko our Butler County Fair Ambassador. The backdrop is the quilt for our raffle.

normal fair food and topped with warm apple dumplings with ice cream.

HAMBURG GRANGE #2103

On May 12, 2018, Hamburg Grange #2103 presented a \$2800



(Hamburg) Photo above, left to right: Bonnie Henry and Michael Adams

check to Bonnie Henry of Shoemakersville, PA. Bonnie is the daughter of Lester and Faye Henry. She is 1997 Hamburg Area High School graduate where she played on the softball team. She has served in the Army for 22 years including a tour in Iraq in 2009 and is currently serving in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. She was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia in April 2016, a blood cancer that keeps her from producing red blood cells that has no cure. She is undergoing chemotherapy and has received over 400 units of blood and platelets. In addition, she has Keinbach's disease, which causes her bones to die due to her bones not getting enough blood, and is Vitamin D deficient, which causes osteoporosis. Eventually, she will be diagnosed with leukemia. For more info on Bonnie or the Hamburg Grange, please contact Michael Adams @ 610-562-5933 or mjadams141@gmail.com.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

Pennsylvania State Grange Royalty with State Junior Grange Committee person, Derek Schroeder, State Youth Director, Ellen Wadsworth and President Wayne Campbell at the Governor's Mansion in Harrisburg for Capital Hill Legislative Day!



(PA SG) Pictured above, Front row (l-r) Autumn Tworowski, Grace Wadsworth, Denae Freed Zvarick, Wayne Campbell. Second row (l-r) Tanner Davis, Jacob Mengel. Third row (l-r): Derek Schroeder, Ellen Wadsworth, Andrew Kieffer





Government Matters

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PA State Grange Lobbyist

CIVICS LESSON 101

tions that have been received. The meeting takes up much of a day and every draft Resolution is reviewed by a particular committee whose area is closest to the proposed Resolution.

(HINT: Want to be part of this process? Contact the State Office.)

This meeting would have several kinds of results:

- If the draft Resolution is already Grange policy, it will not be forwarded.
- If the draft Resolution is too vague or not understandable, it will not be forwarded.
- If the draft Resolution appears incomplete or needs reworking, it may be amended.
- If the draft Resolution is clear with the 'why' and the 'what' it will be discussed and voted on by the committee and by the entire group. That means it will be forwarded to the State Session in October.

Resolutions will be discussed, approved/not approved/amended etc. at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Obsolete existing positions will be archived. An example would be a position taken before legislation was passed. Once passed, there is no more need to have it on the list of issues on which the Grange is working.

The last step takes place when the newly adopted Resolutions are made part of Grange policy. This gives guidance for our lobbying efforts. The Grange is a grassroots-up organization. That means that individual members are where our positions on issues come from.

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HOW CAN I SHAPE GRANGE POLICY?

At the time of this writing, Pennsylvania State Grange reviewed an email from a Granger of things about which the Pennsylvania State Grange should lobby. She listed 10 or so different things the Pennsylvania State Grange should do.

Some of her ideas, such as pushing for whole milk in school meal programs and trying to gain limited liability for property owners who allow their property to be used for recreational purposes, are already matters on which your Association is lobbying. Others, like fish gender in the Susquehanna River, are not.

While the Pennsylvania State Grange always welcomes input from members on legislative or policy issues, we also have a system in place that helps everyone understand why the issue is important.

The Resolution Process

First, an individual should take his or her issue to their local Grange and talk about it. Hopefully, other Grangers will see why the issue should be part of the Pennsylvania State Grange's lobbying list and the local Grange will take a vote to endorse the idea or proposal.

Second, there is a format that works really well. This is called making a Resolution. A Resolution has two parts, the why and the what. The why ("Whereas") lists reasons why the issue is important. It spells out the need and makes the

case to have it be Grange policy. The what is what you want the Grange to do (Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Pennsylvania State Grange...). Another example is where the 'why' is well understood such as 'Dairy Farmers are hurting'. The 'what' might be what the Pennsylvania State Grange should be advocating, for example to increase fluid milk consumption. Hopefully, you get the idea. If you need help with drafting a Resolution, please feel free to contact the State Grange Office or email legislative@pagranger.org.

That sounds kind of mechanical but there is a reason. Often, the Pennsylvania State Grange will receive something that is too vague. 'I want school reform' is a phrase that everyone will interpret differently. Sounds good, but on what specifically should the Grange be working? A Resolution in this format allows anyone to figure out why the matter needs to be part of Grange policy. It also specifies what should be done. Sometimes, a Resolution cannot be that specific. For example, a Resolution could make the case for world peace (very general why) and simply state in the 'what' that it is the policy of the Pennsylvania State Grange to urge policymakers to promote world peace. That example is not necessarily a lobbying directive but it gives the Executive Committee the flexibility to react to an issue that pops up.

The Next Steps

In late September, the Pennsylvania State Grange convenes a meeting to discuss all the resolu-

Community Service Project at Boal Mansion

Members of the Centre County Pomona Grange gathered to work at the Boal Mansion and Museum in Boalsburg, PA on a damp and rainy morning on Saturday, May 12, 2018. Even though the number of members was small they were able to accomplish much.



Pictured: Dale Vonada of Spring Mills Grange #158 and Bob Davidson of Bald Eagle Grange #3151 work together to clear out all dead flowers and weeds

Boal Mansion curator Bob Cameron was happy to see everyone arrive at approximately 9:00 am. There was much to do to ensure that the grounds were beautiful for the wedding that was to be held at approximately 4:00 pm that afternoon. Members arrived with rakes, shovels and all types of gardening tools in hand. Our project was getting the main flower gardens weeded, deadheaded and new mulch in place by noon. Grange members from ages 8 to 65 worked side by side to complete the job. This is just one of many community service projects that the Centre County Pomona Grange participates in each year. For the past five years, members have been doing volunteer work at various local locations. This was the second year at the Boal Mansion.

We were fortunate to tour the first floor of the mansion while we were there. We were shown not only all the furniture that is housed there but also learned about the portraits of the family members and how they related to the Boal Family. The mansion also contained photographs of Presidents such as John F. Kennedy and Franklin D. Roosevelt, a signed photograph of the first moon landing, various china patterns, numerous pianos, organs and harpsichords. In addition, we

learned some of the history that took place at the Mansion (which is reportedly haunted and has been researched as such). The barn houses the Boalsburg Playhouse, which is the home to many different plays each season.

The Boal Mansion and Museum has recently opened another section of displays and continues to work diligently to be able to showcase all the history of the Boal family and their ties to Christopher Columbus. It houses the Christopher Columbus Chapel with all the antiques that have been found to be part of its history. They recently opened an environmentally controlled room where all the papers and records from the sailings of the three ships that Columbus sailed



Pictured: Caleb Davidson, Grandson of Pomona Secretary Suzanne Davidson working along side all the adults

are now housed. They have been microfiched and they hope to get them digitized so everyone can enjoy them and learn more about the true facts in history. They have replicas of actual maps of the time that show that the new world was round. The new exhibit contains a small replica of the Santa Maria, which was one of Columbus's ships and Columbus's personal chest.

The Board of Directors of the Mansion and Museum hold many events such as weddings, large plant sales, farmer's markets and much more. We, the Grange, have been invited to participate if possible in one such event, which is their Garlic Festival in September. We have been invited to have a booth and possibly sell food and talk about the Grange to those attending. This is very exciting to those of us who were in attendance at the

Community Service Day because it gives us another opportunity to talk about the organization we all love and represent.

This event is one of the several physical events we participate in. We also chance off a quilt at the Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair in August and enter a display for our YP of H Committee. With all the funds from the Quilt auction we help the local surrounding communities through donations of five senior scholarships to the county high schools; Christmas donations to the Veterans Home in Hollidaysburg, PA and Centre Crest Nursing Home for their Christmas shop; donating the funds for ten FFA jackets; supporting the Centre County Grange Fair Queen; donating to local food bank; ringing the bells for the Salvation Army during the Holiday Season; and giving to others whoever they may be asking for donations or appeals.

The Centre County Pomona Grange #13 takes pride in being able to help its local communities each year and asks that if possible please try to help all the Centre County Granges be able to continue to do so by participating in their fundraisers and events.



Pictured Left to Right: One of the grounds keeper volunteers talks to Ruth Vonada of Penns Valley Grange #158 and Pomona Master Ashley Furman

If you would like to learn more about the Centre County Pomona Grange, you can email the Pomona Grange Master/President Ashley Furman at ABird6280@yahoo.com or 814-360-2265 or Patty Bird, Community Service Director at GracieGrandma55@yahoo.com or 814-359-2851.



GRANGE HOLDS “DAY ON THE HILL”

On June 12, the Pennsylvania State Grange held a Legislative Day at the State Capitol. Pennsylvanian National Grange President Betsy Huber accompanied the group in their lobbying efforts. Joining them were Grange Youth Leaders, “The Royalty”, who learned about how the Grange advocates for rural Pennsylvanians. The Royalty were also introduced to the PA State Senate by Agriculture & Rural Affairs Chairman Elder Vogel (R-Beaver). Following are comments from two of the Grangers who came to Harrisburg.

Pennsylvania Grange Capitol Hill Legislative Day

Pennsylvania Grange Capitol Hill Legislative Day was held at the Capital in Harrisburg on June 12, 2018. The Grange was well represented on this unique day to showcase and explain the Pennsylvania Grange positions on many of our important issues directly to our State Senators and Representatives and their staffs. Grass roots input made face-to-face is very powerful and an especially meaningful method of informing our elected officials. We were graciously received.

Issues presented included: broadband service development, preservation of land line service for telephone and internet, Sunday hunting, current state of our dairy industry, agri-tourism, spotted lantern fly, restoration / increase of budget line items critical to the rural and agriculture communities, etc.

Pictured below: Vince Phillips, Lynn Dietrich, Doris Koenig, Phyllis Breininger



As this is an election year, you will certainly receive communication from your local legislators about many of the successes. But, remember that these successes are a result of your hard work, too, in developing and presenting our Grange perspective as grass roots input. It is often easy to lose perspective in Harrisburg on issues important to local and rural communities. Please keep up the good work.

Capital Hill Day provides the opportunity for us to advocate for our positions. Be sure to participate actively in the development of these positions and then in the advocacy for them to our Senators and Representatives. YOU can and do make a difference.

-Lynn Dietrich
Cumberland Valley Grange #2104

Our Day On The Hill

This was a great event for us, as we were able to hear about issues from other Grangers from all around the

state. It was an eye-opening experience as we spent a great deal of time discussing a wide variety of issues in depth.

We got to know more about our Lobbyist, Vince Phillips and the work he does for the Grange. He is very knowledgeable and we feel very well respected. Legislators would often stop him in the hallway to talk, as we were doing our fast pace to the next Senator or Representative’s office. Some of the various subjects discussed this day; HB1539: the Grandparent Bill (Grandparents’ Temporary Authority”, the broadband situation in rural Pennsylvania (a matter VERY important to Pennsylvania State Grange), as well as the current milk crisis. Milk production and fair pricing/labeling practices should be a real concern of everyone. Milk comes from cows and goats, whereas almond “milk”, soy “milk”, etc, comes from nuts/beans. As these nut/bean products are not true milk products (produced by cows or goats), they are not milk and should not be allowed to use the word “milk”. It was also discussed that schools should be allowed to sell whole milk in school to children. There were many more topics discussed as we met with many different representatives.

Thank you, Vince, we had a great day.

-Phyllis Breininger & Doris Koenig
Central Grange #1650, Lehigh County

Pictured below: Rep. Clint Owlett, Gerald Pratt, Ms. Brackman, National President Betsy Huber, Lynn Dietrich



Trexkertown Grange Celebrates 100 Years!



Pictured: The Friendship Circle formed at the closing of the program by those in attendance

On June 22nd, 2018, Trexkertown Grange #1755 celebrated their 100th Anniversary. The evening began with a time for guests to view the various memorabilia items displayed on several tables, including the original list of 64 Charter Members and financial records from the first meetings. A light lunch was served before the evening program, which was held upstairs. Welcome remarks were given by Master/President, Leonard Heim followed by an Opening prayer by the Rev. Al Bastin, Pastor at St. Paul's UCC, Trexkertown. Joanne Heim read a list of "What Things Cost in 1918" compared to what the cost is today.

State officers and visiting Grangers were called upon to extend greetings and congratulatory wishes, etc. Citations from our House of Representatives, Rep. Ryan Mackenzie and Senator's office, Senator Patrick Browne were presented and received by our Master. The entertainment for the evening, Conlan Kerschner, banjo entertainer, was introduced and provided us with a hand-clapping, toe-tapping performance of bluegrass music. The audience also had a chance to join in singing along with a few selections.

Next on the program was the introduction of our guest speaker, Pennsylvania State Grange President, Wayne Campbell. Wayne gave an informative presentation of current issues the State Grange is engaged in promoting/advocating for, i.e. Broadband cell phone and inter-

net access; Dairy issues - increasing demand for fluid milk to help dairy farmers and Health for Rural PA - Telemedicine---just to name a few of the topics he spoke about.

History Highlights... "I Remember When".... several Trexkertown Grange members told us their memories of Grange activities from many



Pictured: Joanne Heim, Howard Sechler and Pennsylvania State Grange President, Wayne Campbell, shown cutting the cake

years ago. The younger members learned some things about Trexkertown Grange that we had not known about before!

Before the closing, membership awards were presented to 10 members. The longest membership award was presented to Ruth Hunsicker for 75 years of membership. A special "Thank You" letter from the Pennsylvania State Grange acknowledging the \$250 donation by Trexkertown Grange to the Grange Foundation in memory of our departed Brother, James Bausman, was presented to his wife. Jim was a 50-year member and staunch supporter of the Grange who passed away last April before we were able to present

a 50 year Golden Sheaf membership award to him.

Trexkertown Grange was formally adopted by the newly formed Tri-County Grange #215 in the state of Florida of which Trexkertown Grange member, Howard W. Sechler is a charter member of and is currently serving as the Master/President. We received their framed declaration from Mr. Sechler.

Pennsylvania State Grange President, Wayne Campbell, made the last presentation of the evening to Trexkertown Grange's Master; Leonard Heim. This presentation was the official plaque from the National Grange...."Citation of Commendation", which recognizes Granges across the nation for 100 years of service to their community. This is indeed a very special, meaningful award to us as there were numerous situations we had to overcome in the past to achieve 100 years of Trexkertown Grange.

The program ended with the formation of the friendship circle and singing "God Be With You". Following the program closing, guests headed back downstairs for birthday cake and more fellowship. It was a great night of celebration!



Pictured: Pennsylvania State Grange President, Wayne Campbell presenting the National Grange "Citation of Commendation" to Trexkertown Grange Master, Leonard Heim



Back to the Land:

An Apple A Day

Autumn is the time of year many of us look forward to; brilliant fall colors, crisp air, and all the delectable harvest apples...ohhhh, and the baking deliciousness!

I have a funny story to share. I've always been a very good cook. Cooking is about the only "domestic" thing I'm good at...and I'm sure my husband and I would be MUCH thinner if I excelled at cleaning house, vs cooking. In all my years of cooking, though, I never mastered cooking with fruit. Last autumn I spent some time in an apple orchard, helping with the harvesting, grading/sorting and cleaning of apples. Yes...I ate a few, and bought QUITE a few more! So what to do with all these delicious apples? Heck...I can figure this out, I thought. So I learned to can and cook with apples. I found a really yummy-sounding recipe in a cookbook, written by my Dad's mom (*I remember her making the BEST apple desserts before she passed away*). I made the dessert and took it to a family picnic. My father-in-law bit into my dessert, I'm sure expectant of my usual quality of cooking, only to find himself chewing, and chewing, and chewing on what should have been a melt in your mouth delicacy. Turns out...I was supposed to peel those darned apples. The recipe didn't say the apples should be peeled (*my Dad, husband, and father-in-law STILL tease me about that*), so I didn't peel them. I thought the peels added a very nice color. Yeah...my "whoops". So in celebrating my oh-so-valuable lesson on cooking with apples...I decided to celebrate the harvest season with some delicious **Grange Cookbook** recipes... (*don't forget to peel those apples...LOL!*) - Heather

CREAMY APPLE CRISP

(Betty Hall of Halfmoon Grange)

- 3 oz cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 c sour cream
- 1 c sugar
- 1/4 c + 2 T flour
- 1 egg

- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 c sliced, peeled tart apples
- 1/4 c quick-oats
- 1/4 c packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 c butter, softened
- Beat cream cheese, sour cream, 3/4 c sugar, 2 T flour, egg & vanilla in mixer until light. Stir in apples. Spoon into 2-quart casserole. Combine oats, 1/4 c flour, brown sugar, 1/4 c sugar & cinnamon in bowl; mix well. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle over apple mixture, Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes, or until golden brown. Yield: 6 servings

APPLE FRITTERS

(Pauline Sitler of Briar Creek Grange)

- 1 c flour
- 1-1/2 tsp salt
- 2 T sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 c milk
- 3 peeled, thinly sliced apples
- Oil for frying
- 1/2 c confectioners' sugar
- Combine flour, salt & sugar in bowl; mix well. Stir in egg & milk until smooth. Add apples; mix well. Drop by the spoonfuls into 1/2" of hot oil in a skillet. Fry until light brown, turning carefully with spatula once. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Serve hot. Yield: 15 servings.



SWEET POTATO & APPLE CASSE-ROLE

(Lillian Mengel of Virginville Grange)

- 5-6 sweet potatoes
- 3 c thinly sliced apples
- 1/4 c packed brown sugar
- 6 T butter
- 1/3 c apple cider
- 2 T lemon juice
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- Cook sweet potatoes in water (just covering potatoes) for 30 minutes or until tender; drain. Peel & slice thin. Mix with apples in buttered 2-quart casserole. Combine brown sugar, butter, apple cider, lemon juice & cinnamon in a small saucepan; mix well. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer for 10 minutes. Pour over sweet potato mixture. Bake, covered, at 325 degrees for 30 minutes or until apples are tender, basting occasionally with sauce. Yield: 6-8 servings.



LINK SAUSAGE W/ APPLES

(Margaret E. Estabrook of Chippewa Grange)

- 1 lb link sausage
- 6 sweet potatoes, peeled, sliced
- 6 medium onions, sliced
- Salt, pepper & paprika to taste
- 6 apples, peeled, cored & cut in half
- Place sausage in saucepan with enough water to cover. Bring to boil. Remove from heat; drain. Place in a large baking dish. Layer with sweet potatoes & onions; sprinkle with spic-



es. Bake, covered, at 400 degrees for 1 hour. Add apples. Bake, covered, until apples are tender. Yield: 6 servings.

APPLE PIE PUDDING

(Bess Yoder, Odin Grange)

- 1 c sugar
- ½ c butter, softened
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 c flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ¼ tsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp nutmeg
- 2 c chopped apples
- ¼ c chopped pecans
- 2 T cornstarch
- 1 c sugar
- 2 T butter
- 1 c boiling water
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

- Cream 1 c sugar and ½ c softened butter in mixer bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Sift flour, baking soda, cinnamon & nutmeg together. Stir in apples & nuts. Fold into creamed mixture. Spoon into a large pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Combine cornstarch, 1 c sugar, 2 T butter, boiling water & vanilla extract in saucepan. Cook until thickened and clear. Pour over pie. Serve warm. Yield: 6 servings.

APPLE CANDY

- (Inez Wise of Progress Grange)*
- 8 apples, peeled, cut in quarters
- ½ c water
- 4 envelopes unflavored gelatin
- 4 c sugar
- 1 c chopped nuts
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp orange extract
- Confectioners' sugar

- Combine apples with water in 2-quart saucepan. Simmer until apples are consistency of applesauce. Cool to room temperature. Soften gelatin in 1 cup of applesauce in small bowl. Add sugar to remaining applesauce in saucepan. Bring to a boil. Stir in gelatin mixture until dissolved. Boil for 20 minutes, stirring frequently; remove from heat. Stir in nuts and flavorings. Spoon onto shallow buttered dish. Let stand overnight. Cut into pieces; roll in confectioners' sugar. Yield: 60 servings.

SPICY APPLE BUTTER

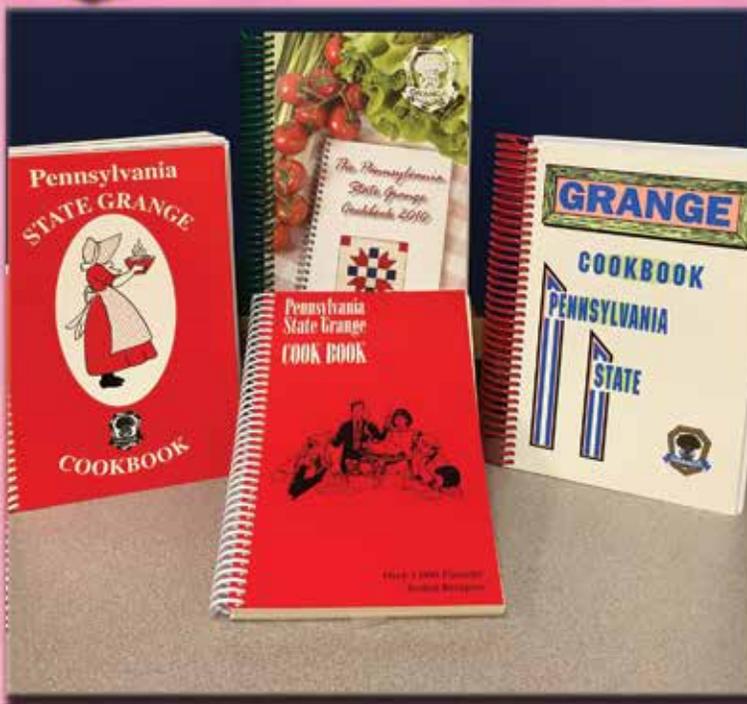
(Colleen R. Shields of Avis Grange)

- 6 qts applesauce
- 6 lbs sugar
- 1 c vinegar
- ¼ c cinnamon
- 1-1/2 T allspice

- Combine all ingredients in large baking pan; mix well. Bake at 300 degrees for 5 hours, stirring frequently. Spoon into hot sterilized jars, leaving ½" headspace; seal with 2-piece lids. Yield: 7 quarts. (Note...always practice good canning techniques when preserving fruits and vegetables)



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are under the trees she is feeding on. You should try to change your habits about where you park. Park vehicles in open fields, away from tree lines, or in a closed garage if possible. You should not store things that you might need to move to outside of the quarantined area under infested trees. These things include firewood, tools, construction supplies, equipment, or any other solid object.

- **Inspect all items that you need to move from within the quarantined area to areas outside the quarantined area.** You should remove and destroy any SLF that you find before you move the item. Also check all vehicles, trailers, campers and equipment including around windshield wipers, grills, wheel wells, and truck beds. Inspect plant material, woody debris, lawn furniture, construction supplies, tools, and all solid objects. Remove SLF manually or use a pressure washer. You can destroy mobile stages of SLF mechanically by crushing them. Destroy eggs by smashing them or scraping them into a container of rubbing alcohol.
- **All businesses should consider entering into a compliance agreement with the PDA.** A compliance agreement states that you know how to follow the rules of the quarantine order and agree to do all you can to ensure that the items you transport are not carrying SLF. The PDA is maintaining a list of companies who have set up compliance agreements with PDA and people check this list to find companies who are in compliance. You will also receive documentation to share with your customers to show that you have a compliance agreement with the PDA. Contact your regional PDA office for more information.
- **Use the checklist for residents if you need to move items...**



that are not included in a compliance agreement through a business. This checklist is a legal document to show that you have inspected the item, removed and destroyed any living life stages of SLF and you are in compliance. You can print the checklist, fill it out, sign it and take it with you when you move the item(s). The checklist is available from PA Department of Agriculture.

- **If you sell plants, you should have them inspected by the PDA and receive a phytosanitary certificate.** Pennsylvania law requires horticultural businesses that produce and/or sell plants to have either a Nursery/Greenhouse License or a Nursery Dealer's License. When you have a license plant inspectors will check your plants and if they are found to be free of pests, you will receive a phytosanitary certificate as proof of this inspection.
- **If you sell and/or produce mulch you must use specific practices to ensure it does not harbor SLF.** The specific practices are outlined in the mulch checklist at: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-tips-for-handling-yard-waste-in-quarantined-areas>

You should note that the SLF regulations do not apply to grass clippings or autumn leaf collection. We believe that the SLF does not lay eggs on these light-weight objects. Clippings and leaves may be moved from the quarantine area if necessary, as long as the truck and/or trailer you are hauling them with has been checked.

The regulations of the spotted lanternfly quarantine order are in place to prevent the SLF from being spread by people. This pest is not just a concern to agricultural and horticultural professionals, but it is also a community concern. To protect the agriculture industry, we need everyone to be aware of the best practices to avoid spreading SLF and use these practices in their daily activities.

You can see the official quarantine order, a summary in plain language and find more information on the



PA Department of Agriculture website: http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/plants_land_water/plantindustry/entomology/spotted_lanternfly/pages/default.aspx

Additional information can be found on: [https://extension.psu.edu/spottinged-lanternfly](https://extension.psu.edu/spot-tinged-lanternfly)

Tips for Handling Yard Waste in Quarantined Areas

Learn your responsibilities and the best practices for handling yard waste infected with SLF.

1. Learn about spotted lanternfly and its host plants. Report any capture, photos or sightings of this insect in areas outside of the current quarantine to badbug@pa.gov or 1-866-253-7189.
2. Know which municipalities are included in the quarantine order. Additional municipalities will be added if new discoveries occur.
3. Avoid moving this insect on woody plant debris, such as fallen trees or branches and tree trimmings, and also any living plants, equipment, building materials, or other objects. Businesses may avoid possible fines by entering into a compliance agreement through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA). Plant nurseries, nursery stock dealers, and mulch producers should contact their plant inspector for compliance information. For information contact your regional PDA office.
4. Non-commercial residents can use the compliance checklist when moving items.
5. Movement of fallen leaves is not regulated under the spotted lanternfly quarantine.
6. If possible, chip all woody debris on-site to no larger than 1-inch pieces in each of two dimen-

sions. Even within the quarantined area, it is a better practice to move chips rather than move larger woody debris.

7. If you can, leave all chips or woody debris on-site. The next best option is to take chips or debris to an organic materials recycler within the quarantine area.
8. To kill viable insects or eggs in chipped material, the following composting procedure must be followed before moving it out of the quarantine area.
 - Compost piles must be a minimum of 200 cubic yards.
 - Internal temperature at a depth of 18 inches must reach 140°F (60°C) for four (4) continuous days.
 - After the interior of the pile is successfully treated, the exterior of the pile needs to be rotated to the center. Using a front-end loader or a bulldozer, remove the outer layer of the compost pile to a depth of three (3) feet.
 - Start a second compost pile using the recently-removed cover material as a core.
 - Cover this second compost pile

by moving the core material from the first compost pile as a cover at least three (3) feet deep.

- Allow the second compost pile to remain undisturbed until the temperature reaches 140° F (60°C) for at least four (4) continuous days.
- After the chips have been successfully composted according to these directions, the resulting composted material meets compliance requirements.
- Mulch being offered for sale and moving out of the quarantine area is required to be certified by PDA. Please contact your regional plant inspector for information.

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Capturing Spotted lanternflies...the sticky way

Spotted lanternflies are often found moving up and down on tree trunks. These moving SLF can be captured on the sticky surfaces of bands placed around trees. This method can effectively destroy many SLF without using insecticides. Sticky bands are usually placed about 4 feet from the bottom of a tree and secured to the tree with a push pin. The stickiness of the type of band you are using will determine how effectively you can catch different life stages of SLF. Less sticky types of bands can capture the younger nymphs, but might not capture the oldest nymphs or adults very well.

Older stages of SLF are sometimes strong enough to walk across the less sticky bands without getting stuck, and they may actually avoid the bands entirely. Be careful when discarding used sticky bands--some of the SLF that have been captured may still be alive. To eliminate the possibility of spreading any living SLF, either double-bag the bands before discarding them, or burn the bands if allowed by your municipality. One drawback of using sticky bands is that they can capture other creatures. Other insects are often caught, and some of them may be beneficial insects. Occasionally a bird (such as a woodpecker), small mammal (such as a squirrel), or other animals have been captured. Think about this possibility and have a plan for how you would react to this situation before using sticky bands.



Sticky bands placed on trees can destroy many spotted lanternflies. Photo: Emelie Swackhamer, Penn State

How to obtain sticky bands

There are several types and sources of sticky bands: bands supplied to residents who volunteer in a program offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA), commercially available bands, and home-made bands.



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berry Township (just north of Pittsburgh). We have some fun events planned as always. The Beaver County Junior Officer Team will be conducting the Junior meeting on Sunday morning and I hope to see all of you at the meeting. Don't forget to enter some of the Junior Department Contests.

Thank you for entrusting your kiddos to my care. My heart is full of love for all of them.

Pictured below: 2018 Junior Grange Camp



**WELCOME
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- Oriental #165**
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- Buckhorn #1119**
Joe Wright
- South Auburn #1188**
Sherre Boyanski
Scott Tyler
Jaclyn McGlynn
- Valley #1360**
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- Ginger Hill #1549**
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Mike Schuetz
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Kim Bucchianeri
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Don Gray
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Barbara L. Seighman
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Aaron Walters
Amy Walters
Carrie Olson
Heather Hope
Dennis Mowery
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William & Leslie Penecale
George Shaver
- Perry Valley #1804**
Daniel Barkley
- Fairview #1351**
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- Ginger Hill #1549**
Ronald Flowers
- Mahoning Valley #1649**
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Lois McCanlis
- Plumsteadville Grange #1738**
Jerry Krone
- Perry Valley #1804**
Margaret Cameron
- Virginville #1832**
Esther Stitzel
- Bernville #1887**
Lillian Mengel

[Correction to an error in the last issue: Our apologies to the Keith family and Lincoln Grange #914. It should have read:

- Lincoln Grange #914**
Sarah Carberry
Joan Keith]

SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

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Feb 16	Chinese New Year
Feb 19	President's Day
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Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Vernal equinox
Mar 31	Passover
Apr 01	April Fool's Day
Apr 01	Easter
Apr 25	Admin Assistants Day
May 13	Mother's Day
May 16	Ramadan begins
May 20	Pentecost
May 28	Memorial Day
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 17	Father's Day
Jun 21	June Solstice
Jul 04	Independence Day
Sep 03	Labor Day
Sep 10	Rosh Hashanah
Sep 23	Autumnal equinox
Oct 08	Columbus Day
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 04	Daylight Saving (end)
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 22	Thanksgiving
Dec 02	Hanukkah begins
Dec 21	December Solstice
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Kwanzaa begins
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

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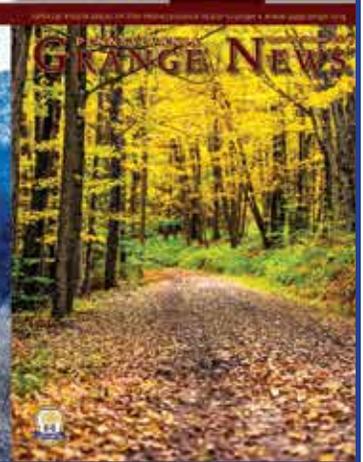
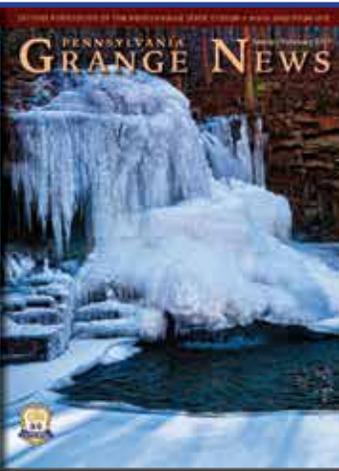
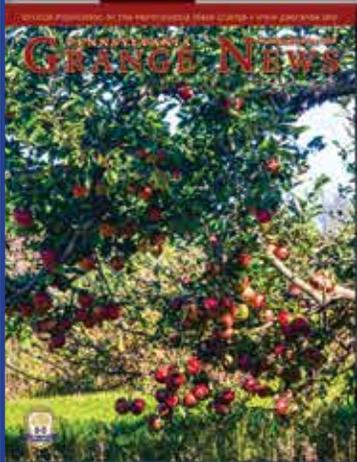
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Coming next issue... barn quilt blocks! If you've created your own barn quilt block, please contact Heather Hiller at info@88dragon.com. We'll be doing a series of articles throughout the year featuring quilt blocks.



From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
PA State Grange President
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Dear Fellow Grangers,

Another year is almost gone by. Policy was adopted at the 146th annual session of the Pennsylvania State Grange that will guide us in the upcoming year. This is a good time to look back at what we've accomplished and look ahead to where we are going.

We reorganized two Granges that want to make a difference in their communities. Ginger Hill Grange in Washington County closed and people in the community became concerned right away. A few started calling others and in a matter of a few days we had 15 people ready to make a difference. By the night they held the re-organizational meeting they were up to 29 people. People ready to commit to helping their community. They continue to grow in membership and commitment.

Plainfield Grange in Cumberland County saw a place for Grange. They reorganized and are working with Dickinson College to bring college students into the Grange. They want to become involved in the Sustainable Farm operated by the University. They see a way to help shape the future.

We made legislative gains in the past year. We worked to get legisla-

tion passed that would exempt high tunnel structures from costly storm water management plans. This was signed into law April 15, 2018 as ACT 15. We've worked across the state promoting Dairy and trying to educate the public on the nutritional value of milk. We've written letters to Washington encouraging them to allow whole milk back into our schools. We've supported bills on Education, programs to feed the hungry, and legislation to promote Agri-Tourism. This is just a partial list of the things we have worked on in both Harrisburg and Washington this past year.

The National and State Grange are still waging the battle to get fair and reasonable Broadband everywhere. Today's electronic soci-

The Building Blocks To A Stronger Community



ety punishes those without high speed internet or cell service. Children must stay late or come early to school so that they can use the school's Wi-Fi to complete homework assignments because they don't have adequate service at

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Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

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Put On a Happy Face!!

When your PGN arrives, you will have just passed, or will shortly, the time of the year when we are allowed to "put on a false **face**." Luckily, it is done in fun and we get a chance to be someone we dream of or someone we would never dream of!!

Fast forward to the next holidays on the horizon and it is time to put on a different **face**. It is time to put on our own true **face**...When you look in the mirror, what face do you see?

Is it a **face** with sad eyes, forehead lines and a frown which reflects personal unhappiness, hopelessness, and a feeling of abandonment due to job loss, broken relationships, unsurmountable bills, and/or a longing for a purpose and a support network?

Is it a **face** with a smile that reflects compassion for those less fortunate, for those suffering from a disease or physical problems, for those who are or have a family member who is fighting an addiction, for those who are grieving the death of a loved one, for those who have lost possessions in a natural disaster like tornados, floods and fires, or for those who are lonely because their loved ones are serving in the military or have jobs far away.

Is it a **face** that sees Thanksgiving as a holiday when we pause and say thanks for everything and then move on to the next holiday?

Is it a **face** that sees Christmas as the holiday that means gifts, fancy wrappings and fun times and then it is over until next year?

Here's a thought to tie these two holidays together: if we are indeed thankful for the life, families, friends, and opportunities we have been given, we should adopt Thanksgiving as an everyday way of living which then leads to our being thankful for the baby Jesus who is the center of the Christmas celebration. He came to save us from our sinful selves if we accept Him into our hearts and lives.

He only asks us to love one another as He has loved us (enough to give His life for us!). If we do that, our true **faces** will reflect His love. He promises to be with us all times. Knowing this, we will have a purpose to let His light shine and we will be part of a network of those who are thankful for and who are sharing the true gift of Christmas.

At this time of the year and always,

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord Make His **Face** to Shine Upon You and Be Gracious to You
The Lord Lift Up His Countenance (**face**) Upon You

And Give You Peace.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

P.S. What kind of **face** do you show when you're leaving your Grange meeting or whenever you're talking about the Grange? Is it a lifeless one full of boredom and disenchantment or is it a glowing one with sparkling eyes and an ear-to-ear smile? Let your Grange **face** shine: Be thankful for your Grange experiences and invite others to celebrate the opportunities of a Grange family!!

God Bless You and Yours!

Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler

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Junior News

Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio

PA State Grange Junior Committee
Director

from high school with a diploma and an associate degree.

As her first act of service as the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Princess, she visited the Heritage Valley Medical Center located in Beaver, PA on July 7, 2018 to deliver handmade thank you cards on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange as a way of thanking the nurses and doctors for their service to the community. She also plans to deliver thank you cards to the Jennersville Regional Hospital and the Rehab Care Group at Jenners Pond located in West Grove, PA. She looks forward to continuing to actively serve local communities across the state through various community service projects.



Pictured above: R-L: Cari Marker and Heather Rice at Heritage Valley Medical Center in Beaver County



On July 7, 2018, Cassandra "Cassy" Kehs (from Cochranville, PA) was named the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Princess along with Zak Persagetti (from Greenville, PA) as Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Prince. They were thrilled to have been selected for these positions.

Cassy is a member of the Russellville Junior Grange located in Upper Oxford Township in Chester County, PA. She has been a member of the Russellville Junior Grange since 2009 and has held a number of positions including Secretary, Pomona, Overseer and Steward.

Cassy is the daughter of Thomas and Jennifer Kehs. She attends Oxford Area High School where she is enrolled as a sophomore and participates in the Early College Academy program with dual enrollment in high school and college classes. This program will allow her the opportunity to graduate

Thank you,
Jennifer Kehs
Russellville Grange
Member
Tel: 610-932-7924

See you all soon!
Lurae Benzio
Junior Grange Director
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Pictured above: On July 7, 2018, Cassandra Kehs, 2018/2019 Pennsylvania Jr. Grange Princess, passed out life-saving thank you cards to the doctors and nurses at the Heritage Valley Medical Center in Beaver, PA where her grandfather, "Bapa" Richard Sattler, had been hospitalized and treated for pneumonia from June 30, 2018 to July 6, 2018. Under the care, close treatment and supervision of the staff, he was released to return to his home to be reunited with his family on July 6, 2018. These thank you cards were handed out as a way of expressing our appreciation for the service that these staff members provide to our local communities every day and specifically to thank those individuals involved in bringing "Bapa" home.



Program Director
Denise Clare
 PA State Grange Program Director

Happy Fall Y'all! As I write this it is 56 degrees and almost lunchtime. What a difference from the last few weeks. Soon we will be experiencing snow (hopefully) instead of torrential rain. I know parts of the state (including here in Berks County) there has been flooding. I hope everyone made it thru without any damage.

Family Festival was in July and the annual talent contest was held. Here are the results:

Vocal:

- 1st place - Philip Vonada
- 2nd place - Reyburn Family

Instrumental:

- 1st place - Gayle & Jessica Reyburn

Variety:

- 1st place - Redneck Jeopardy
- 2nd place - Doris Koenig
- 3rd place - Virginia Straub

Philip Vonada will be representing Pennsylvania State Grange at the National Grange talent contest in Stowe, VT. Thank you to everyone who participated!

By the time you receive this issue, State Session will have occurred. There will be a recap in the next issue of PGN. The 2019 contest guide will

be released soon so now with the winter months coming it is a great time to start working on projects.

As with all of the contests, please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs 2019 for the rules and information. If you have questions, please contact a committee person, or myself. The report forms and the Guide to Contests and Programs are available on the Pennsylvania State Grange website: www.pagrang.org.

PROGRAM IDEAS:

January:

- 4th-National Spaghetti Day
- 13th-National Sticker Day
- 28th-National Have Fun @ Work Day

February:

- 9th-National Bagel Day
- 14th-National Organ Donor Day
- 20th-National Love Your Pet Day

Until next time,
 Denise L. Clare
 Program Director
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Family Activities
Melanie Melius
 PA State Grange Family Activities Director

Hi everyone! I hope your summer was fun and you did all you set out to do this summer. I want to tell everyone a big THANK YOU for making Family Fest GREAT this year. We had 54 people for the tour at the Military Museum in Boalsburg. We had 125 or more people for Family Fest dinner Friday evening. If you didn't make it, you missed a good dinner of hamburgers and hotdogs cooked up by the Youth and Juniors, mac and potato salad, baked beans, and cookies made by Centre County Pomona Grange #13 members. I want to say

THANK YOU again for your Help. Another big THANK YOU to Amy Koenig for her workshop on stained glass. We had 70 signed up, but when all was said and done she had 85 people. We had a lot of fun learning a new project. We had 57 wraps for the "Wraps



Pictured: Agnes Homan from Progress Grange #96 Centre County

for Hugs" project. I hope you are not getting tired of them. Dewendy Johnson from Gift of Life said a big THANK YOU to everyone that made wraps. She said they use about 300 to 500 wraps a year... so I hope we can keep on helping. I hope everyone enjoyed the weekend. Hope to see more of you next year. Come and stay in a tent for the weekend... you'll be able to say "I stayed in one of the tents used for the Centre County Grange Fair; the only tenting fair in the USA".

Now on to Ag Progress on Aug 14,15,16... Thank You to everyone who came to the Pennsylvania State Grange booth and helped sell raffle tickets. We sold 100 tickets. Now looking forward to State Session in October. State Session will be over before you read this, so I hope there were a lot of entries to be judged. I will talk more about State Session in next issue. Hope all is well with everyone...and I'll chat with you in the next issue.

Yours Truly,
 Melanie Melius
 Family Activities Director
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Deaf Activities & Community Services Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

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Thank you to everyone for their support this past year, especially, most recently, at State Session. In the next Grange News, I will update the information of how much you donated, which Granges won awards for their community service reports, and the total amount of hours we collectively completed this year. As always, you can reach me via e-mail or cell.

Personal thank you:

On a side note, I want to sincerely thank all of the Granges and individuals that are Grange members that have supported my personal trip with the Global Autism Project either through donating and/or supporting a fundraiser. I am more than willing to do a program for you in the future to tell you all about my experience. Many of you know that my trip had to be changed. Unfortunately, there were a lot of issues in Nigeria and the Global Autism Project wanted nothing but our safety. As you are

reading this I am probably at the end of my trip to India with the Global Autism Project. Although I was extremely excited to go to Nigeria and Africa, going to India and Asia will also provide me with a new prospective and allow me to give back to another type of community. I can't wait to hear about state session and continue to help you develop and expand on your community service projects.

I am hoping I got everyone who donated. This may not be everyone as some may have donated after I submitted my article. Thank you again!

- Mercer Co. Pomona #25
- Cumberland Co. Pomona #2
- Beaver Co. Pomona #66
- Berks Co. Pomona #44
- Pomona Grange #31
- Crawford Co. Pomona #26
- Marion Grange #1853
- Goshen Grange #121
- Community Grange #2048
- Pioneer Grange #1777
- Hamburg Grange #2013
- Star Grange #993
- Hookstown Grange #1980
- Ontelaunee Grange #1617

- California Grange #3974
- Buffalo Grange #1523
- Elizabethtown Area Grange 2076
- Hayfield Grange #800
- Watson Grange #1068
- Kutztown Grange #1836
- London Grove Grange #63
- Red Lion Grange #1781
- York Run Grange #1699
- Mahoning Valley Grange #1649
- Russelville Grange/Junior Grange #91
- The Kehs Family
- Wayne and Debbie Campbell
- David and Ellen Wadsworth
- Heather and Matt Druckenmiller
- Rebecca Anzueto and Family
- Wendy Kerschner and Family
- Betsy Huber
- Isaac Mengel
- Philip Vonada
- Braden Gourley
- Samantha Gourley Charmo
- Joel and Christie Straub
- Ginny Straub
- The Schroeder Family
- Lindsay Schroeder
- The Samsel Family
- Jennifer Nauss
- Brad and Anna May Nauss
- Michael and Jane Adams
- Robert and Jennifer Beamon
- Mike Davis and Family
- Hannah Leibensperger
- The Koller Family
- Ruth and Dale Vonada
- Lurae Benzio
- Pomona Grange #3
- Oliver Grange #1069



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History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

A detailed report of the History Committee's progress during the past year was presented at the State Session in October and will appear in the 2018 Journal of Proceedings. Be sure to read all about the significant work that has been completed in Phases 1 and 2 to microfilm/digitize many Grange records and irreplaceable documents. You can also see those results by visiting the History Committee pages on the State Grange website <http://www.pagrange.org/history-committee.html> where the digitized files have been posted in PDF format for easy access.

The third and final phase of microfilming/digitizing will be undertaken as funds become available. The State Grange Executive Committee in July 2018 approved a second appeal so that Phase 3 work can be started and (hopefully) completed within the next year. Phase 3 will microfilm/digitize Executive Committee minutes, officer registers/directories and history publications written for the State Grange's 75th, 100th and 125th anniversaries. Many contributions have already been received in response to this appeal; both Granges and individuals are invited and encouraged to consider donating to this work.

Recently we've been very pleased to learn that the National Grange is following the lead of Pennsylvania and has been in talks with IMR Digital (our microfilming/digitizing contractor)

about the preservation of Grange records in other states and at the National level. Our work is being recognized for its quality results and we are pleased that other Granges might decide to follow Pennsylvania's efforts.

Plans for the coming year include:

- Complete Phase 2 records preservation work, including the posting of all Journals of Proceedings to the State Grange website
- Finish the remaining summaries of the terms for State Masters Ringler through Campbell
- Begin Phase 3 records preservation, pending availability of funds
- Maintain the Charter Ledgers to reflect current status of all Granges
- Work with Granges which may want to preserve their own records through the IMR microfilming/digitizing contract
- Continue brainstorming ways to celebrate the 150th anniversaries of Eagle Grange #1 in 2021 and of the State Grange in 2023
- Get started on video interviews to record the recollections of Grange leaders

Steve & Karen Mohn from Berks County will be joining the History Committee for the coming year to work on the video interviewing project while other members of the committee continue with the projects for which they are responsible.

Doug Bonsall, Chair
Pennsylvania State Grange
History Committee
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home. Farm equipment that utilizes GPS and other internet access capabilities are no better than the equipment of years gone by without adequate Broadband. Senior citizens can't utilize Tele-Medicine without sufficient internet service. Instead they may have to travel hours on shared ride transportation for a fifteen-minute doctor visit. Rural economic development suffers because businesses won't settle in an area without adequate internet or cell service. We have made progress in the legislature with both parties coming together and jointly passing legislation to study and try to resolve the problem. We still have a long way to go before this battle is won!

The Pennsylvania State Grange gained several new member benefits including PSECU, health and dental insurance, Hershey Park discount tickets, and a group that offers major discounts on amusement parks, sporting events, concerts, car rentals, movie tickets and much more. These and many other benefits offered by both the Pennsylvania State Grange and the National Grange are putting money back into our members' pockets every day.

As we look back at 2018, yes, we have gained, but we still have plenty of work to do in 2019.

Please remember this is a season of giving, of caring for each other, and thanking God every day for the gift of his Son and the many blessings he has bestowed upon us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you!!

IT'S THE GRANGE WAY

Fraternally,
Wayne D. Campbell,
Pennsylvania State Grange
President





AG PROGRESS DAYS

Ag Progress Days at Penn State, held annually during three days in August, is Pennsylvania's largest outdoor agricultural exposition.

By Lizzie Bailey

The Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail is excited to announce a new location at the Red Barn on the Ag Progress Days property located in Pennsylvania Furnace.

Grange President Wayne Campbell shares, *"The Pennsylvania State Grange is proud to be able to place a quilt block on a building that is a part of Penn State University's research center. They, like the Grange, are working everyday to improve life for Agriculture, rural, and urban America."*

Coordinators of the trail, Glenn and Barbara Gross, designed the quilt block and they are thrilled with the exposure that it will receive at this new location. Penn State College of Ag Sciences estimates that 42,000 attendees were at this year's event, which is the largest outdoor farm exposition in Pennsylvania. The Gross' have traveled across the state teaching workshops on making the quilt blocks. They set up every year for several days at the Pennsylvania State Grange's Family Festival in Centre Hall where many of the blocks were created that are on the statewide trail.

Quilting is a strong part of Pennsylvania's heritage and the Grange realized this and wanted to do something to highlight this part of our heritage, and help Granges become more visible in their communi-



(L-R). Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell, National Grange President Betsy Huber, Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail Coordinators, Barb and Glenn Gross, Penn State Dean of College of Agricultural Sciences Dr. Richard Roush, and Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding

ties. The trail started in 2009, to date has over 60 blocks on display on Grange halls, fairgrounds and community buildings across Pennsylvania.

An interactive map can be found on the Pennsylvania State Grange's website at <http://www.pagrange.org/quilt-trail.html>



If you would like more information on how you can be part of the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Trail, please email Barb and Glenn at: berglen@verizon.net



Pennsylvania State Grange

*If You Invite The Public... They
Will Come In!*

Directory

by Region & County

*If You Invite The Public... They
Will Come In!*

SOUTHWEST REGION

ALLEGHENY

1872 - MT. NEBO
Sewickley, PA
2005 - MONTOUR VALLEY
Clinton, PA

ARMSTRONG

0915 - LAUREL POINT
Meet in local restaurants.
1396 - KAYLOR
1750 - RURAL VALLEY
Dayton, PA
1803 - SPRING CHURCH
Apollo, PA
1819 - DAYTON
Dayton, PA
1908 - SOUTH BUFFALO

BUTLER

1373 - JEFFERSON
Butler, PA
1495 - DONEGAL
Chicora, PA
1971 - UNIONVILLE
Bulter, PA
1972 - ROYAL
Cooperstown, Valencia

BEAVER

1351 - FAIRVIEW
Industry PA
1980 - HOOKSTOWN
Hookstown, PA
1989 - FRANKFORT SPRINGS
Burgettstown, PA
2008 - BIG KNOB
Rochester, PA

FAYETTE

0419 - DAWSON
Dawson, PA
1091 - MENALLEN
Uniontown, PA
1699 - YORK RUN
Locations vary
1948 - RIDGEVIEW
Locations vary throughout the year

GREENE

1389 - CARMICHAELS
Carmichaels, PA
1444 - HARVEYS ALEPPO
Graysville PA

1709 - EAST FRANKLIN
Waynesburg, PA

WASHINGTON

1133 - CHESTNUT RIDGE
Washington PA
1434 - NORTH STRABANE
various restaurants
1502 - BURGETTSTOWN
Bulger, PA
1523 - BUFFALO
Washington, PA
1549 - GINGER HILL
2072 - LONG BRANCH COMM
Center, Pa

WESTMORELAND

1897 - SEWICKLEY
West Newtown, PA

SOUTHCENTRAL REGION

BEDFORD

1954 - HYNDMAN
Hyndman PA

BLAIR

0484 - SINKING VALLEY
Altoona, PA.
0510 - SCOTCH VALLEY
Hollidaysburg, PA
1390 - BALD EAGLE
Tyrone, PA

CAMBRIA

1115 - BANNER
Ebensburg, PA
1119 - BUCKHORN
Summerhill, PA
1861 - PLEASANT HILL
Chest Springs, PA

CUMBERLAND

1725 - MIFFLIN
2104 - CUMBERLAND VALLEY
Shippensburg

HUNTINGDON

0353 - SHAVERS CREEK
Petersburg, PA.
0375 - HARTSLOG VALLEY
Alexandria, PA
0444 - TROUGH CREEK
Todd, PA

0914 - LINCOLN
Huntingdon, PA
0974 - WARRIORS MARK
Warriors Mark, PA

JUNIATA

0772 - SPRUCE HILL
Port Royal, PA
0773 - MILFORD
Mifflintown, PA
0774 - TUSCARORA
East Waterford, PA
0781 - TURBETT
Port Royal, PA
0786 - WALKER
Mexico PA
1852 - GREENWOOD
Millenstown PA

PERRY

1069 - OLIVER
Newport, PA
1767 - COMMUNITY
Newport PA
1796 - SHERMANATA
Duncannon, PA
1804 - PERRY VALLEY
Millerstown, Pa
2064 - MADISON
Loysville PA

SOMERSET

1674 - HILLCREST
Berlin, PA
1690 - WILLS
Somerset, PA
1765 - KINGWOOD
Markleton PA

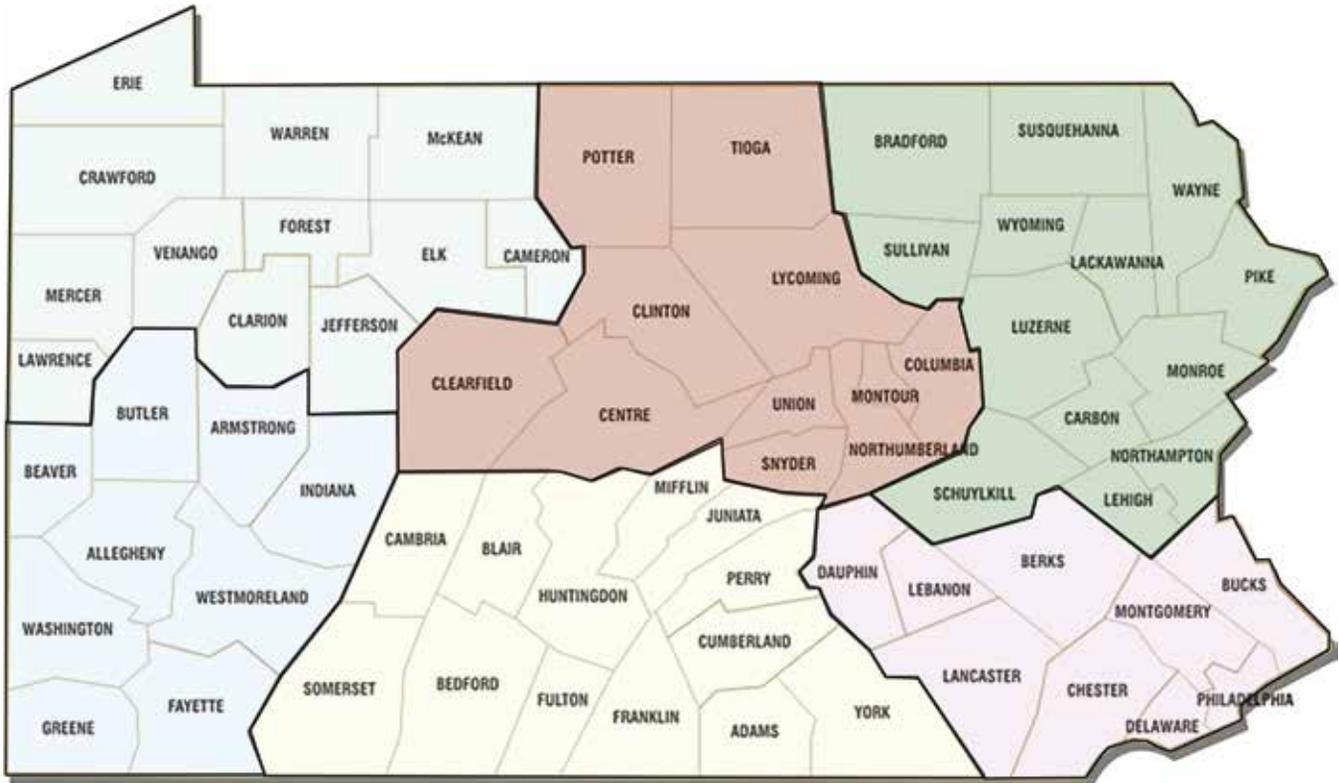
YORK

1360 - VALLEY
Lewisberry, PA
1781 - RED LION
Windsor PA
1949 - WASHINGTON
East Berlin, PA

SOUTHEAST REGION

BERKS

1512 - SHARTLESVILLE
Shartlesville, PA
1617 - ONTELAUNEE
Leesport, PA



1743 - GOUGLERSVILLE

Reading, PA

1777 - PIONEER

Topton, PA

1832 - VIRGINVILLE

Virginville, PA

1836 - KUTZTOWN

Kutztown, PA

1839 - FLEETWOOD

Fleetwood, PA

1853 - MARION

Stouchsburg, PA

1887 - BERNVILLE

Bernville, PA

2061 - GEIGERTOWN

Geigertown, PA

2103 - HAMBURG

Hamburg, PA

BUCKS

0684 - MIDDLETOWN

Newtown, PA

0688 - EDGEWOOD

Homes of members

1738 - PLUMSTEADVILLE

Plumsteadville, PA

CHESTER

0019 - KENNETT

Wilmington, DE

0060 - BRANDYWINE

Downingtown, PA

0063 - LONDON GROVE

Kennett Square PA

0091 - RUSSELLVILLE

Oxford, PA

0121 - GOSHEN

West Chester PA

1263 - EAST LYNN

Unionville, PA

1304 - KIMBERTON

Kimberton, PA

1394 - MARSHALLTON

1496 - CHESTER VALLEY

Devault PA

1688 - HONEY BROOK TWP

location varies

DAUPHIN

2048 - COMMUNITY

Halifax PA

LANCASTER

0066 - FULTON

Nottingham, PA

2076 - ELIZABETHTOWN AREA

Elizabethtown, PA

LEBANON

1368 - BUNKERHILL

Fredericksburg, PA

1529 - KIMMERLINGS

Lebanon, PA

1740 - NORTH JACKSON

Myerstown PA

2089 - TWIN EAST HANOVER
members' homes.

MONTGOMERY

0002 - KEYSTONE

Trappe, PA

0025 - SANATOGA

Pottstown, PA

NORTHEAST REGION

BRADFORD

0058 - WYSAUKING-SHESHEQUIN

0083 - COLUMBIA-GILLETT

Columbia Cross Roads, PA

0174 - ONDAWA

0257 - WINDFALL

Granville Summit PA

0272 - IONA

0336 - BEECH FLATS

Canton, PA

0754 - MINNEQUA

Canton PA

1567 - FASSETT

Fasset, PA

1951 - DIAHOGA

Athens PA

CARBON

1559 - BIG CREEK

Lehigh, PA 18235

1882 - LITTLE GAP

Lehigh, PA

LEHIGH

1650 - CENTRAL

Germanville PA

1657 - SEIPSTOWN

Fogelsville, PA

1684 - SCHNECKSVILLE

1755 - TREXLERTOWN

Wescosville, PA

LUZERNE

0536 - BLOOMINGDALE

Bloomington, PA



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0722 - MCKENDREE
near Shickshinny Lake

NORTHAMPTON

0993 - STAR
1692 - HARMONY
Northampton, PA

SCHUYLKILL

1384 - JEFFERSON
1639 - LEWISTOWN
Tamaqua, PA

SULLIVAN

0976 - ELKLAND
Estella, PA

SUSQUEHANNA

0152 - UNION
0798 - GIBSON
Gelatt, PA
1157 - FAIRDALE
Montrose PA
1188 - SOUTH AUBURN
South Auburn, PA

WAYNE

1063 - LABOR
Homes of members
1074 - PLEASANT VALLEY
Honesdale PA
1089 - BEECH GROVE
Honesdale, PA
1352 - ENTERPRISE
Honesdale, PA
1710 - UNITY
Damascus, PA

WYOMING

0165 - ORIENTAL
Tunkhannock, PA
1153 - FORKSTON
Forkston Twp, PA

NORTHCENTRAL REGION

CENTRE

0096 - PROGRESS
Centre Hall, PA
0109 - LOGAN
Pleasant Gap, PA
0151 - BALD EAGLE
Bellefonte, PA
0158 - PENNS VALLEY
Spring Mills, PA
0159 - VICTOR
Homes of members
0223 - MARION
Bellefonte, PA
0290 - HALFMOON
Port Matilda, PA
0325 - UNION
Unionville/Fleming, PA
1284 - PORT MATILDA
Julian, PA

1991 - BAILEYVILLE
Penna. Furnace, PA
2007 - WALKER
Bellefonte, PA
2105 - PENN STATE
Ag Sci Bldg. Rm 105

CLEARFIELD

0534 - PENN
0788 - GIRARD
Frenchville, PA
0885 - CENTER HILL
Morrisdale, PA
1201 - HARMONY
Westover, PA
1285 - HICKORY
DuBois, PA
2016 - SANBORN
Houtzdale, PA
2106 - SUSQUEHANNA COMMUNITY
Curwensville Community Center

COLUMBIA

2041 - ROARING CREEK VALLEY
Catawissa, PA

LYCOMING

0001 - EAGLE Master:
Montgomery PA
0027 - CANASARAGO
Muncy, PA
1301 - BOTTLE RUN
Williamsport, PA.
1604 - ELDRED
Warrens ville, PA
1843 - ALLEGHENY
Montoursville PA

MONTOUR

0941 - CALIFORNIA
Watson town, PA

NORTHUMBERLAND

1895 - DELAWARE
Watson town, PA

POTTER

1183 - ULYSSES
Homes of members
1193 - VICTORIA
Westfield, PA
1216 - CENTRAL
Coudersport, PA
1254 - ODIN
Coudersport PA

TIOGA

1047 - SEBRING
Liberty, PA
1223 - TIOGA
Tioga, PA

NORTHWEST REGION

CRAWFORD

0110 - SPARTA
0344 - ATLANTIC
Atlantic, PA

0800 - HAYFIELD
Saegertown, PA
0871 - RUNDELLS
Conneautville, PA
0936 - VERNON
Meadville, PA
2030 - COCHRANTON
members homes

ERIE

0089 - UNION CITY
Union City , PA
0947 - EDINBORO
Edinboro PA
0997 - ELK CREEK
Homes of members

FOREST

0853 - FOREST
Tionesta, PA

JEFFERSON

1290 - ROSEVILLE
Roseville, PA

LAWRENCE

1505 - PLEASANT HILL
Homes of members
1514 - WESTFIELD
in members' homes
1536 - EAST NEW CASTLE
1649 - MAHONING VALLEY
Edinburg, PA
1780 - LIBERTY
New Castle, PA

MERCER

0608 - NEW VERNON
Clarks Mills, PA
1232 - FRIENDSHIP
Homes of members
1492 - LONDON
Mercer PA
1643 - PLEASANT VALLEY
1694 - STONY POINT
Greenville, PA
2040 - KENNARD
2057 - SHENANGO TWP
Farrell, PA
2110 - LOG CABIN UNITY
Greenville PA

VENANGO

1413 - RICHLAND
Emlenton, PA
1675 - WESLEY
Harrisville, PA
1705 - SCRUBGRASS
Emlenton, PA

WARREN

1068 - WATSON
Tidioute, PA



It's Looking A Lot Like... Christmas!!!

We hope you're able to get out and enjoy one or more of these incredible events. And maybe, next year, your Grange could host a Christmas bazaar... what a way to generate interest in your Grange as well as support your local community!

So when the weather turns crisp, and all the leaves have fallen, and before the white stuff starts falling from the sky... why not get out and explore a few of the many unique holiday-inspired festivals & events around Pennsylvania?

A Christmas to Remember - Unexpected Treasures...in Unlikely Places



November 06-December 29
2760 Old Philadelphia Pike,
Bird-In-Hand, PA
<https://bird-in-hand.com/stage/a-christmas-to-remember/>

Harmony Museum's annual WeihnachtsMarkt (Christmas Market)



November 10-November 11
Harmony's National Historic

Landmark District
Mercer Street, Harmony, PA
<https://www.visitbutlercounty.com/events/14991-m/harmony-museum's-annual-weihnachtsmarkt-christmas-market>

It's A Wonderful Life Festival Parade

November 16
Jimmy Stewart Museum
Indiana, PA

Hersheypark's Christmas Candylane



November 16-January 1
Hershey, PA
<http://www.hersheypark.com/explore-the-park/christmas.php>

Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland



November 16-January 06
Big Butler Fairgrounds
1127 New Castle Rd
Prospect, PA
<https://www.visitbutlercounty.com/events/29261-m/shadracks-christmas-wonderland>

Christmas City Villiage

November 17-December 23
556 Main Street
Bethlehem, PA
<https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/2016/10/25/christmas-city-village-weihnachtsmarkt/>



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A Pennsylvania



Happy Thanksgiving! I thought I'd submit a couple fun articles, myself, for this issue...getting into the wonderful Holiday spirit. I'd like to get everyone in the Holiday mood by, hopefully, inspiring everyone to dig out those fantastic Grange Cookbooks...and trying some new recipes. This is the time of year to enjoy the gift of family and breaking bread together over joyously prepared meals.

Beverage:

WASSAIL

- 1 Gallon cider or apple juice
- 1/2 C lemon juice
- 2 C sugar
- 10 cinnamon sticks
- 2 Tbs whole allspice

Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil and then simmer about 10 minutes. Pour through a cheesecloth or fine strainer before serving. Good warm and chilled. (Pearle Malone, Mendon #855)



Bread:

CHEESY MUFFINS

- Yield: 12 muffins
- 2 c flour
- 1 t salt
- 1 T baking powder
- 3 eggs
- 1 c milk
- 1 t tarragon
- 1 T parsley
- 2 T chives
- 4 C shredded Cheddar cheese



Combine flour, salt & baking powder in bowl. Beat eggs with milk. Pour into dry ingredients, stirring until mixed. Stir in tarragon, parsley, chives and cheese. Spoon into greased muffin cups. Bake at 425° for 15 minutes. (Becky Michalka, Burgettstown #1502)

Salad:

CRANBERRY SALAD

- Yield: 2 quarts
- 3 apples
- 2 oranges + 1/2 peel of 1 orange
- 1 lb cranberries
- 2 c sugar
- 1 (3oz) package lemon Jell-O



Make Jell-O according to directions on box, with 1/2 c less water; set aside. Grind apples, oranges, peel & cranberries. Add sugar. When Jello is cool, add ground mixture. (Mary Garman, Mifflin #1725)

Vegetable:

SOUTHERN STYLE BAKED CORN

- Yield: 8-10 servings
- 1 16oz can whole kernel corn
- 1 16oz can cream-style corn
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 8oz pkg corn bread mix
- 1 c sour cream
- 1/2 c melted butter, cooled
- salt & pepper to taste
- Parmesan cheese, grated

Mix undrained corn, cream style corn, eggs, corn bread mix & sour cream in bowl. Stir in cooled butter. Add salt & pepper. Spoon into 10 x 10 inch baking dish. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 15 minutes longer. (Lisa Rodger, East Brook #1706)

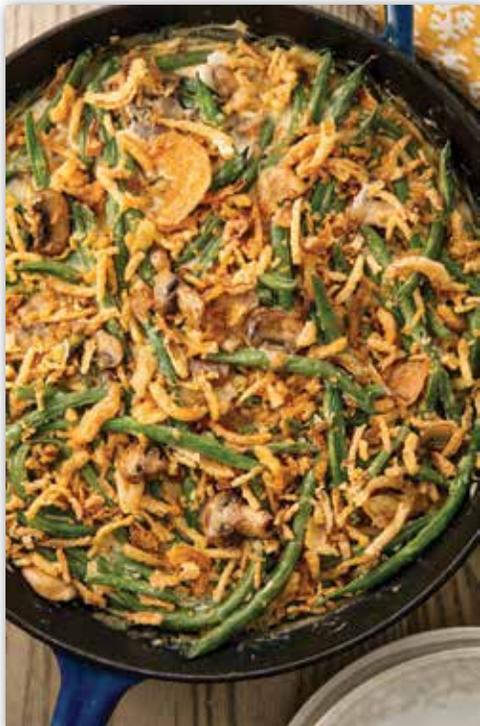


Granger Thanksgiving

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

Yield: 10-12 servings

- 2 10oz packages frozen French-style green beans, thawed
- 2 10oz cans cream of mushroom soup
- 1/4 c slivered almonds (optional)
- 3 medium potatoes, chopped
- 1 6oz can mushroom pieces, drained
- Pepper to taste
- 2 cans French-fried onions



Combine green beans, soup, almonds, potatoes, mushrooms, pepper & 1/2 of the onions in bowl; mix well. Spoon into 2 qt baking dish. Top with remaining onions. Bake, loosely covered, at 350° for 35 minutes. Remove cover. Bake 10 minutes longer.

(Erla Florelle Haas, Shermanata #1796)

Stuffing

SLOW COOKER STUFFING

Yield: 8 cups

- 12 c bread crumbs
- 1 1/2 t poultry seasoning
- 1/2 t salt
- 1/8 t pepper
- 1 c finely chopped onion
- 1 c finely chopped celery
- 1/4 c butter
- 2 T parsley flakes
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 1/2 c chicken broth

Place bread crumbs in large bowl. Mix seasoning, salt & pepper in small bowl; sprinkle over crumbs. Melt butter in large skillet; add onion & celery. Saute until tender; stir in parsley. Pour over crumb mixture. Add eggs & broth; toss well. Spoon into slow cooker. Cook, covered, on High for 1 hr; stir. Reduce heat to Low. Cook 1 1/2-2 hrs until liquid is absorbed. (Alta Sadler, Mahoning #1732)



Dessert:

PUMPKIN ROLL

Yield: 1 roll

- 3 eggs
- 1 c sugar
- 1/2 t cinnamon
- 3/4 c pumpkin
- 1 t baking soda
- 3/4 c flour
- 1 c chopped walnuts (optional)
- 8 oz cream cheese



- 2 T butter
- 1 c Cool Whip
- 1 1/2 t vanilla
- 1 c powdered sugar

Mix first 6 ingredients. Grease & flour jelly roll pan lined w wax paper. Pour batter into pan. Top with walnuts. Bake 15 minutes at 375°. Let cool in pan 5-10 minutes; turn onto lint-free dish towel dusted with powdered sugar. Roll up and let cool 2 hrs. Mix cream cheese, butter, Cool Whip, vanilla and powdered sugar. Fill cake and roll up. Chill overnight. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, slice and serve. (Darla Gould, Bell Township #2047)

I didn't include any ham or turkey recipes...however, there are dozens of delicious recipes for both in all of the Pennsylvania Grange Cookbooks! Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

- Heather Hiller





Government Matters

Vince Phillips

PA State Grange Lobbyist

IMPORTANT TO YOU!

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want help in drafting a resolution to be considered by your local Grange which then gets voted on at State Session in October, please utilize the Pennsylvania State Grange as a resource. If you want to see the positions taken by the Pennsylvania State Grange on legislative and regulatory issues, please refer to our web site, www.pagrange.org.

If you are like most people, you are just beginning to orient yourself to the end of the year. Uncertain weather could be one marker, but wait! The weather is always uncertain in Pennsylvania. Christmas advertising kicks in, but wait! Christmas advertising began in earnest last summer. You may actually be making a list and checking it twice, unless you did all your holiday shopping on Amazon last April.

Transitions can be humorous like the ones above or more serious such as looking at one's financial picture given the Trade War going on nationally. On a positive note, now also begins a time of reflection – what unfinished business do I have for this year? Who did I mean to reach out to but have not yet? What projects, physical or spiritual, have I yet to do this year? Most important, getting ready for year's end means taking time to value connections you have with family, friends, business associates, and the general community. This introspection means taking stock of relationships.

On a professional level...

As the lobbyist for the Pennsylvania State Grange, here is what I am doing to mark the transition. The General Assembly session for 2017-18 ends on November 30. What that means is that the terms of the many retiring legislators end and the new ones accelerate the process of getting oriented to their new jobs starting on December 1st. It also means that all the bills and resolutions that were introduced during the two-year session that are

not yet laws are gone. The slate is wiped clean and starting in January 2019, they would have to be re-introduced.

True, there is cleanup from this session. Many allies of the Pennsylvania State Grange need to be thanked for their service not only as a public service but also because of their loyalty to the many issues on which the Pennsylvania State Grange works.

Following are some of the highlights of Pennsylvania State Grange lobbying and advocacy for this legislative session just now ending.

SUCCESSSES

Broadband was the Top Issue

- Broadband access was the top legislative priority for Pennsylvania State Grange. In January 2018, we held a program at the Farm Show which attracted a crowd and considerable media attention. It brought leading 'players' into the same room, Governor's Office, Public Utilities Commission, General Assembly, PA Telephone Association and the PA Association of Campground Owners (*who gave real-world examples of hardship caused by lack of Internet – a campground without access cannot receive online registrations or verify credit cards.*)

• Legislation:

1. Preserving landline tele-

phone access in rural Pennsylvania

2. Supporting the Governor's PennDOT initiative to "wire" highways in Pennsylvania

3. Building a firewall to protect Broadband access funding from being raided

4. Promoting installation standards for smaller scale wireless facilities

5. Supporting a bipartisan package of Broadband bills sponsored by Rep. Kristin Phillips-Hill and Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Fayette/Greene/Washington)

6. Working to get legislators to join the newly formed Pennsylvania House Rural Broadband Caucus

7. Testifying often in Harrisburg and around the state, notably at a joint hearing of the House and Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committees at AG Progress Days in August

• Granger Participation in the Legislative Process

1. A Grange Day on the Hill in June including Grangers from the Northern Tier, Lehigh Valley and South Central Pennsylvania to lobby on universal access to Broadband and other issues

2. Got the word out to local Granges about legislative events where they could press the case for Broadband (and other issues) directly to law-

GETTING READY...



makers

3. Got the word out to local Granges about at least ten of Governor Wolf's Cabinet in Your Community program where Cabinet-level officials would visit communities informally – more direct opportunities to talk about Broadband (and other issues)

The 2018 Legislative

Although a good track record, this is just the start of our efforts to make sure there is universal access to Broadband in Pennsylvania. To us, the Broadband issue is to this century as Rural Electrification was to the 20th Century. Not succeeding means that rural Pennsylvanians will be second-class citizens without the advantages going to others in today's ever more technology-oriented world.

OTHER SUCCESSES

Pennsylvania State Grange works hard to push for adequate funding for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, and University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in the State Budget. For the current fiscal year, which started July 1, 2018, agriculture did really well. Of course, next year is a new year where we will fight for this funding again.

- The second success for the Pennsylvania State Grange was our active lobbying for legislation making it much more difficult for school districts and local government to seize protected farmland under eminent domain.
- Success number three for the Pennsylvania State Grange and the Agricultural Community was a law which exempted high-tunnel buildings from expensive storm water management plan requirements.
- The Pennsylvania State Grange also helped to get increased funding for a program that dis-

tributes farmers' surplus crops to food banks (hunger issue) and worked to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

DISAPPOINTMENTS

There were some specific disappointments in this legislative session where ideas proposed by Pennsylvania State Grange did not succeed.

- Equity loan on the Farm

Year Had Both Successes & Deep

Disappointments

Show Complex where the state borrowed \$200 million from investors with a three-decade payback obligation to Pennsylvania taxpayers

- The General Assembly taking money out of dedicated funds to help balance the State Budget
- Not enough action on reducing liability for farmers who use agri-tourism as a way to make ends meet and reducing liability for property owners who allow others to use their property recreationally for free
- Securing a Property Tax exclusion for historic Grange Halls
- Lack of legislative action protecting the royalty rights of property owners with Marcellus Shale natural gas leases

OTHER ISSUES ON WHICH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE WORKED

Following is a partial list of additional issues and areas where the Pennsylvania State Grange worked this legislative session.

Please know that the Pennsylvania State Grange is your advocacy resource. Specific positions and advocacy areas pursued by the Pennsylvania State Grange come from our members.

- Abuse of power by the Delaware River Basin Commission (pre-empting Pennsylvania law)
- Agricultural career resources legislation
- (Agricultural Permits) Exempting certain Department of Environmental Protection public

hearing requirements for agricultural permits such as biosolid application

- (Dairy) Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board testimony
- (Dairy) Whole milk in schools
- Distracted driving
- Drones and public safety
- Farm Bill (federal)
- (Food Safety) Risk management training for farmers -- compliance with Federal law
- Grandparents temporary custo-

dial rights (opioid issue)

- (Health Insurance) Ending surprise billing
- (Health) Telemedicine
- Hospice Care drug disposal (Cancer Drug Bank)
- Long-term care
- Pollinator issues
- Prescription drug price transparency
- Rural development
- Rural school grant availability
- Rural health grant availability
- Rural museum grant availability
- Sunday hunting ban
- Urban agriculture

In addition, Pennsylvania State Grange resolutions were adopted by the General Assembly: Recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the National Grange; Recognizing the Women of the Grange; and resolutions commending the youth of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

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Grange News

BUTLER COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #17

had a booth at the 2018 Butler Farm Show. They were promoting the Grange and it's work to attract new members as well as doing a basket raffle. The baskets and items were donated to the Grange for the raffle by Harvest Farm Market, Nextier Bank, Jefferson Grange #1373, and Unionville



Grange #1971 of Butler County. The proceeds of the basket raffle will help Butler County Pomona Grange in doing more community Service projects.

CENTRE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #13

made 7 shawls for people at Mount Nittany Hospital. The lady collecting the shawls is Marilyn



Konachik. She thought of the project for people in the hospital that get cold all the time on certain meds. She was very pleased with what I (Melanie Melius) gave her to start out with. Centre County Pomona #13 will keep on making the shawls.

LEWISTOWN GRANGE #1639

Group Exhibit placed First & Best Of Show at the 2018 Schuylkill County Fair. Celebrat-



(Lewistown) Exhibit entered by Arlene Felty and Family

ing the Fair's 35th Anniversary and the Schuylkill County's 4-H program's 100th Anniversary. We also promoted our Grange Member accomplishments such as honoring Charles and Arlene Felty's 50th year in the School Bus



(Lewistown) Grange Members: Charles Felty Sr, Arlene Felty, Charlene Hoffman, James Hoffman, Jaclyn Hink, Jordan Hoffman, Charles Felty Jr, and Chad Felty.

Business

WESLEY GRANGE #1675

Wesley Grange, of Venango Cty, will be holding a Buckwheat Cake and Sausage Meal Novem-

ber 3rd...and invites everyone to join them for a meal. It is held at the Wesley Grange on Old Rte. 8, 2 miles north of Barkeyville. All you can eat old fashion buckwheat cakes, pancakes, blueberry cakes, whole hog sausage, applesauce, cookies and drink. \$8 for adults, \$3 for children. We start serving at 7:00 a.m. and serve til we run out or 6:00p.m. which ever comes first.



Photo provided
From left are Louise Nogle, tector; Kevin Mertz, and Robert Fry, president.

Mertz gets Grange service recognition

MILTON — California Grange 941, Montour County, recently awarded its Community Service Award to Kevin Mertz, of Milton.

Mertz initiated an exempt organization five years ago — Father's Hope, which has touched the lives of more than 30,000 children in 22 countries including many

children in the United States and Central Pennsylvania.

California Grange 941 also made a monetary donation to Thrivent, as did PINER's (social ministry) and Laureate Alpha Xi, Danville.

Anyone wishing to support Father's Hope can contact Mertz at www.fathers.hjpe@gmail.com.

(California) Article published in the local paper

CALIFORNIA GRANGE #941

Recently California Grange was mentioned in their local paper for recognition of it's Community



(California) John & Viola Pflieger, Nelson Fisher, Betsy & Katie Finn

Service Award.

Additionally, the following members were honored with mem-



bership awards: Nelson Fisher (5 yrs), Katie Finn (10 yrs), Betsy Finn & Barbara Fenstermaker (15 yrs), John Pfleeger, Viola Pfleeger & Vivian Hagerman (20 yrs), Helen Hummel (30yrs), Elizabeth Green (35 yrs) and Elsie Meehan (75



(California) Elsie Meehan

yrs). A special presentation was made to Elsie for her remarkable achievement of Diamond Grange



(California) California Grange & Pomona Grange

certificate.

Separately, both California Grange and Pomona Grange #30 recently attended UCC church service in Washingtonville, PA and enjoyed lunch together following services that were conducted by Pastor McNett.

BEECH GROVE GRANGE #1089

Honesdale High School seniors; Emma Olver and Tim Brown were each recipients of a \$1500.00 scholarship award from the Beech Grove Grange. This Grange is celebrating its 125th anniversary

this year and over many years, the Grange makes these presentations to worthy seniors who will be continuing their education in agriculture and related fields.

Emma will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania majoring in Biology – pre-Veterinary Medicine. Tim will be attending Johnson College in Scranton and will be studying diesel truck



(Beech Grove) Leroy Spoor (Grange Master), Tim Brown, Emma Olver, Jane Bollinger (Grange member) and John Kretschmer (Assistant High School Principal)

technology.



RUSSELLVILLE GRANGE #91

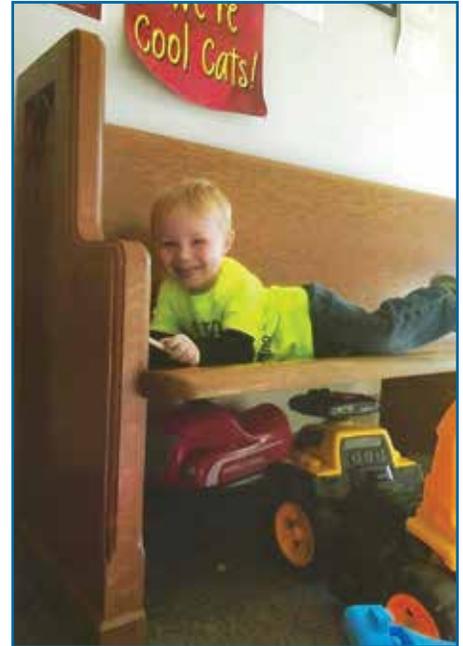
We're proud to have presented, recently, a certificate for 75 years of continuous membership in Russellville Grange to Francis Watterson. Seated next to Mr. Watterson is Charles Harris; our oldest member at 94 years young!

WARRIORS MARK GRANGE #974

I would like to "toot" the horn for our neighboring Grange, Warriors Mark # 974 in Huntingdon County. Their Grange is relatively small in number, but incredibly large at heart!

In addition to their monthly fund-raising dinners for their own Grange, they recently held a

charity fund-raiser for a local family whose little four-year old boy is fighting leukemia. The Wirtner family has been faced with medical decisions as well emotional strain and financial burdens in this jour-



(Warrior's Mark) Liam

ney with Liam.

According to Dan Durbin, Master of the Grange, the response from the community was phenomenal. They served 583 dinners and the income for the dinners was \$7400. In addition, the free-will donation jar netted \$1200 from patrons.

This was truly a "community service" project that involved not only their community, but neighboring communities who came together to support a local family.

Don't forget to take pictures of your Grange's Holiday events and send those pictures, along with a 50-60 word paragraph, to us by DECEMBER 28th for our March/April Issue of 2019!!! You can email those pictures and stories to us at: info@88dragon.com. or mail your stories and a picture or two to the Grange office: 20 Erford Road, Suite 216 Lemoyne, PA 17043





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PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE STRESSES BROADBAND AS TELEMEDICINE KEY

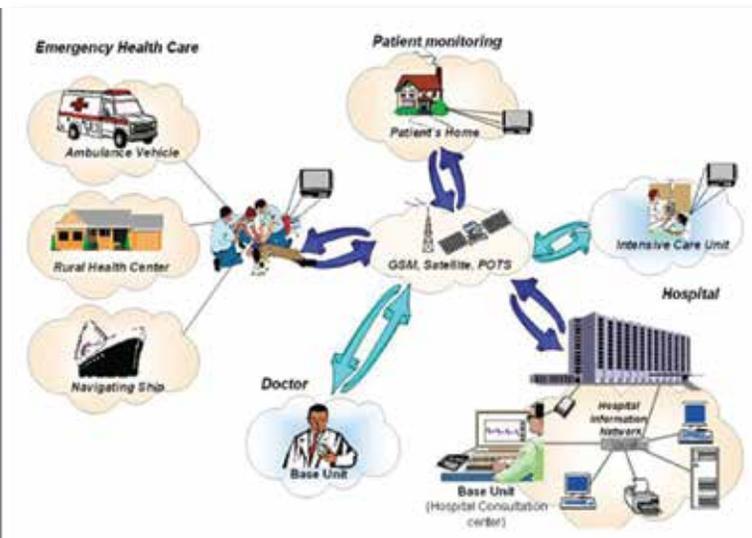
The Pennsylvania State Grange urged the Pennsylvania House Professional Licensure Committee to see the need for Broadband access in order for Telemedicine in rural areas to be effective. In testimony submitted to the committee in supporting Senate Bill 780 sponsored by Senator Elder Vogel (R-Beaver), Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell said that access to rural health care is critical given the shortage of health professionals and health care facilities.

“A person needing care travels farther and has fewer options for health care. Isolation compounds the mileage. Sometimes an elderly disabled person is literally cut off from the world. It is too difficult physically for him or her to travel 2-3 hours for care. Sometimes, medical care is neglected because it is simply too hard to access it”, he said.

Campbell pointed to advantages with Telemedicine such as remote counseling, monitoring of vital signs and specific applica-

tions such as reviewing glucose levels. He pointed out that lack of access to the Internet and cell phone service takes away those advantages. *“If there is no Internet or cellular telephone access, there are no virtual visits and no remote*

panion to Senate Bill 780, which it supports. Concluding the testimony was a statement by Campbell: “We also hope that Pennsylvania will provide Telemedicine with what it truly needs to be effective, universal access to Broadband and adequate band width to under served areas.”



automatic checks on a heart monitor or sleep apnea device. There is no visual opportunity for the health care professional to actually see the patient. To paraphrase the old television commercial, “Help! I can’t get up and I can’t tell anyone that I can’t get up!”” he said.

The Pennsylvania State Grange urged legislators to look at universal Broadband as a com-

BACKGROUND NOTE: The Pennsylvania State Grange began in 1873 to serve as an advocate for rural Pennsylvanians. Broadband access is its top legislative priority. The Grange supports Telemedicine by advocating both the subject of the hearing, Senate Bill 780, and its House counterpart, House Bill 1648 sponsored by Rep. Marguerite Quinn (R-Bucks).

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ATTENTION!!!

We need your 2018 Grange-related pictures!!!

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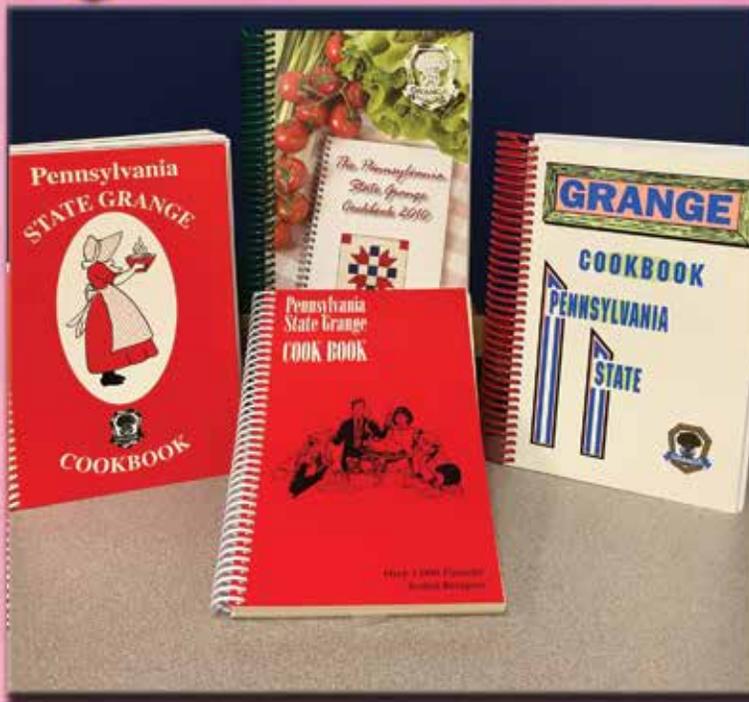
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Lemoyne, PA 17043
1-717-737-8855
www.pagrang.org (for order form)



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Christmas at Longwood Gardens

November 22-January 6



1001 Longwood Road,
Kennett Square, PA
[https://longwoodgardens.org/
events-and-performances/events/
longwood-christmas](https://longwoodgardens.org/events-and-performances/events/longwood-christmas)

Christmas Village in Philadelphia

November 22-December 24

Love Park

Christmas Village in Love Park,
Philadelphia, PA

<http://www.philachristmas.com>

Five Christmases at the Shriver House

November 22-December 15-

Shriver House - A Living History
Museum

309 Baltimore Street
Gettysburg, PA

<http://shriverhouse.org>

Saxonburg Christmas Parade



November 23

Main St., Saxonburg, PA
[https://www.visitbutlercounty.
com/events/26316-m/saxon-
burg-holiday-parade](https://www.visitbutlercounty.com/events/26316-m/saxonburg-holiday-parade)

Milton Model Train Museum

Christmas Open House

November 23-December 30

Milton Family Moose Center

139 S Front Street, Milton, PA

Christmas Craft Fair

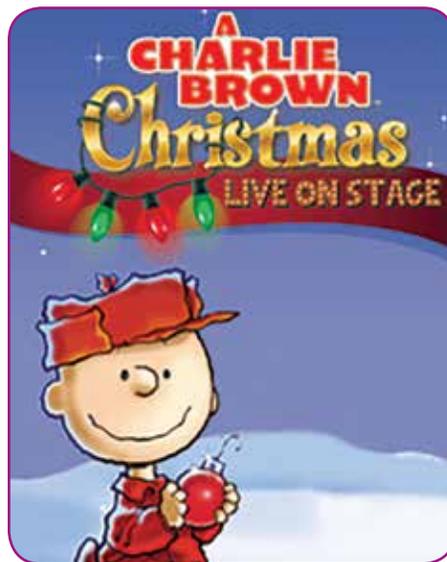
November 24-November 25



Leesport Farmers Market
312 Gernants Church Road,
Leesport, PA

[https://leesportmarket.com/
events/event/christmas-craft-
fair/](https://leesportmarket.com/events/event/christmas-craft-fair/)

A Charlie Brown Christmas



November 28

FM Kirby Center

Wilkes-Barre, PA

[https://www.kirbycenter.org/
events/8a3/a_charlie_brown_
christmas/](https://www.kirbycenter.org/events/8a3/a_charlie_brown_christmas/)

Dickens of a Christmas

November 30-December 02

Ebensburg

300 West High Street,

Ebensburg, PA

Macy's Dickens Christmas Village

November 23-December 31



The Wanamaker Building at 13th
& Market Streets, Philadelphia,
PA [http://www.wanamakerorgan.
com/xmas.php](http://www.wanamakerorgan.com/xmas.php)

28th Annual Old Time Christmas



December 01

347 Quiet Valley Road,

Stroudsburg, PA

[http://quietvalley.org/old-time-
christmas](http://quietvalley.org/old-time-christmas)

Christmas With The Conductor





December 01-December 08
 Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania
 300 Gap Road, PA Route 741,
 Strasburg, PA
<https://rrmuseumpa.org>

An Eisenhower Christmas

December 01-December 31
 1195 Baltimore Pike,
 Gettysburg, PA
<https://www.nps.gov/eise/index.htm>

**Christmas Craft Fair
 (& Around the World Nativities)**



November 30-December 1
 Montrose Bible Conference
 218 Locust St
 Montrose, PA
http://www.montrosebible.org/OurEvents/tabid/113/page_550/2/eventid_550/103/Default.aspx

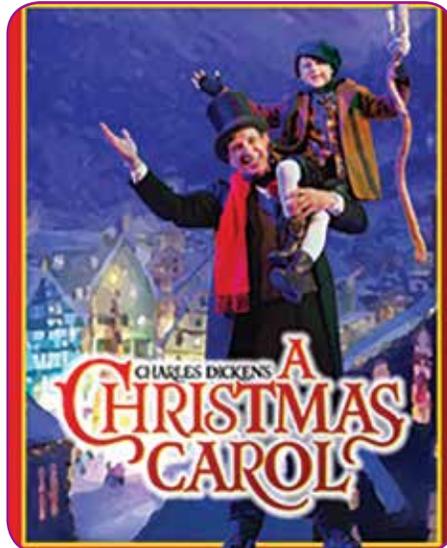
Avant-Garde Art and Craft Show
 December 1



Teamsters Local 249
 4701 Butler St
 Pittsburg, PA
<http://www.avantgardeshows.com/>

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

December 01-December 23



Walnut Street Theatre
 825 Walnut Street,
 Philadelphia, PA
<http://walnutstreettheatre.org/season/kids.php>

The Nutcracker

December 01-December 02



Community Arts Center
 220 West 4th Street,
 Williamsport, PA
https://www.caclive.com/event/the-nutcracker/?spektrix_bounce=true

Dickens of a Christmas Celebration



December 2
 Wellsboro, PA
<https://www.wellsboropa.com/index.php/dickens-of-a-christmas-celebration>

Christmas in Bloom Holiday Craft and Gift Show



December 8-9
 Bloomsburg Fairgrounds
 620 West 3rd Street
 Bloomsburg, PA
<https://backwoodsgiftshows.wix-site.com/christmas-in-bloom>

The 30th annual Mifflinburg Christkindl Market



December 13-15
 Mifflinburg, PA
<https://www.oldchristkindl.com>

Annual Holiday Tuba Carol Fest

December 14
 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg, PA





NORWAY GRANGE #45
15 Whitman Street
Norway, Maine

By Heather Hiller

This past summer my husband and I again made our annual trek north to Maine for vacation. We've recently developed a habit of stopping off in an adorable little Maine town called Norway. Now, one of the cute traits of this area in Maine is the large number of towns named after foreign countries and cities. Within just a few miles you can find yourself in Norway, Naples, Sweden, Paris, Peru, Poland, Denmark, Carthage, Vienna, etc. One of the other extremely endearing aspects of Maine is the sense of "community" that most of the little towns have. Not only is most of their architecture period specific, creating a very cozy feel to most of the towns, but also the "locals" are incredibly friendly and helpful. Everyone says "hi", and eye contact is plentiful. What I've discovered, over the past five years of going up to Maine, is that most of the towns have one or two feature buildings that a vast majority of the citizens congregate around for community functions. In Norway, Maine, one of the buildings the townspeople gather at is the local Grange; Norway Grange #45. A few years ago, Norway Grange and Oxford Grange combined, as Oxford's membership seemed to be slipping away. Today, Norway Grange is a strong and vibrant part of the community social scene.

Norway Grange was first organized in 1874 and since it's beginning, it has made it's self an in-

Back to the Land:

A Community United

tegral part of the community. In 1918 the Grange was utilized as an emergency hospital during a flu epidemic. In 1922 a stable was built behind the Grange, which was then leased to local businesses and used as storage. In order to generate the funds needed to pay off all their debt, the Grange held dances, suppers, minstrel shows, sales and auctions... allowing them to pay off all debt on the building in 1940. Over the long history of Norway Grange, numerous members have served their country in the Armed Services...

In addition, the Grange holds numerous free clothing giveaways, 2-3 free community breakfasts a year, and they even hold an occasional open mic night on Friday evenings. And lets not forget all the theater productions that are at home in Norway Grange!

In an age when getting younger members active in the Grange is harder than ever... maybe its time to take a lesson from one of our northern cousins... sometimes it's a great idea to think outside the box in order to become rele-



in fact, in World War II alone, 16 males and 1 female were active in the service!

More recently, in 2002 Norway Grange and OHMPAA signed an agreement allowing the theater use of the Grange building. In ad-

vant to your community. Norway Grange... rather than slide into the history pages, has chosen to keep up with the times and make themselves a cornerstone of local community services and the entertainment scene. This has allowed them to not only maintain a



healthy membership, but afforded them the ability to maintain their historic building as well as help out numerous people from their community and surrounding area.

If you would like to learn more about this fabulous Grange in Norway, Maine, please be sure to check out the website for the Oxford Hills Music & Performing Arts Association, the community theater which calls Norway Grange "home": <http://ohmpaa.com/grange.html>. Norway Grange also has a Facebook page... which is fun to follow... and may even give you some ideas for some activities at your local Granges.

Note from the Publisher:

Throughout this issue you will find many articles about holiday activities; cooking, decorating, entertainment, shopping, etc. In conjunction with this article about a Grange located in Maine... you may be picking up on a gener-

al "theme"... community. When I presented the idea, to President Wayne Campbell, to publish the entire list of Granges located in Pennsylvania in this issue... I didn't really give him a clear reason for why I wanted to do so; and we were reviewing the list, he asked me to remove the names of four Granges that were recently closed. The removal of those Granges is one of the reasons I chose to fill this issue with so many articles about "activities". We all make a choice to be active or inactive in our Granges. Those Granges that become inactive... they're no longer serving their community. Using Norway Grange (in Maine) as an example of how a local Grange transcends village boundaries, I believe we can ALL learn from their example... in order to stay relevant and grow our Granges!

The Pennsylvania State Grange in undertaking a large membership "push". While everyone in the State office is doing everything they can

to generate new and younger members, please don't forget that new members come from within your communities. The family that just moved into the neighborhood... have you knocked on their door with a smile, a welcome basket and information about your Grange? Not sure how to generate interest in your Grange? How about trying any number of the suggestions made in this issue? A Christmas Tree Decorating Contest open to the public, teach a public class on making wreaths, hold a fund-raiser to help out a few local flood victims, donate decorated trees to flood victims or "shut-ins", hold a holiday craft show and invite local artists and crafters to come in and sell their products... with a portion of the proceeds going to a local charity, etc. There are MANY ways to become a cornerstone within your community. Become relevant, and share the joy and fellowship which is **THE GRANGE WAY**.



2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We don't have many dates, yet, for 2019, but here's what we have so far. If your Grange is holding any yearly festivals or events, please email those dates to: info@88dragon.com by December 28th, 2018.

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

January 5-12, 2019
Farm Show Complex
Harrisburg, PA

STATE SESSION

October 24-27, 2019
Ramada Inn & Convention Center
1450 N. Atherton Street, State College, PA

FAMILY FESTIVAL

July 18-21, 2019
Centre County Fairgrounds
Centre Hall, PA

AG PROGRESS DAYS

August 18-20, 2019
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA

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Oh Christmas Tree!

Autumn...heading into winter... has to be my favorite time of year! People seem happier, friendlier, there's a snap to the air that makes you crave mulled cider, pumpkin pie and the wonderful scent of pine and cinnamon throughout the house. Yes... the holidays are a glorious time of year! While we are hustling and bustling about this season, lets please not forget the reason for the season... Christ. With the birth of Christ, we

were given hope. And with hope... anything is possible. The darkest days of deep winter become brighter with hope. Share that hope this year, at your Granges. This issue will find many ideas on how to make your Granges more a community centerpiece..and this article/pictorial is no different. How about holding a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest and Auction...



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with the proceeds going towards a needy family within your community. With all the flooding our state has witnessed this past summer, I'm sure there are local families who lost everything! Maybe donate the decorated trees to those families? Get your entire community involved...invite everyone to come in and decorate a tree. Charge each person enough to cover the

cost of the tree, they bring their own decorations, then either auction off the trees, or donate them to flood victims. This is the time of year for sharing hope... I hope these pages will give you many ideas on how to share that hope with others!
Peace be with you!
-Heather Hiller
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Big Knob #2008

Beth Hawkins

California #941

Rob Welch

Chestnut Ridge #1133

Jason Clark

East Franklin #1709

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Billy Jo Deluca Robison

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Ruth Bucchianeri

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John Giran

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Philip Huey

Rev. D. Robert Ludrowksy

Maria Musselman

Drew Musselman

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Patricia L. Keller

Alexes F. Keller

Olga Jo Lewis

Gloria Smith

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Barbara L. Daugherty

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Mack Duttry

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DorothyHarriger

John Harriger

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Gail Kalgren

Shawna Kalgren

Tammy Kalgren

James Keck

Jeremiah Keck

Mary Keck

Debra Kramer

Neria McFall

Thomas McFall

Conrad Milliron

Jennifer Milliron

Britt Shaffer

Phyllis Shaffer

Heather Shirey

Susan Smith

Hookstown #1980

Ashton Beckert

Sally Cain

Darryl Jenkins

Christine Jenkins Matthews

Jeffrey McCartney

Megal Muller

Ayden Reckner

Trevor Williams

Log Cabin Unity #2110

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Manequa #754

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Sue Strong

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Steve Aichele

Michael Bates

Kristen Bates

Vonny E. Eckman

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Susan Getz

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Kathleen Walton

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William Penecale

Leslie Penecale

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Amy M. Smith

Port Matilda #1284

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Red Lion #1781

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Janna Conrad

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Robert Fahler

Suzanne Fahler

Brian Kern

Colette Kern

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Wison M. Master

Sparta #110

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Jesse Dilly

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Penny Heffner

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Virgenville #1832

Kaylen Leiby

Veronica Heckman

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Stanley J. Kopistecki Sr.

Canasatego #27

Shirley Temple

Wysauking Sheshequin #58

Aileen Learn

Brandywine #60

William D. Teter

Progress #96

Naomi Bolek

Logan #109

Lillian Boldin

Kenneth Runkle

Hazel M. Peters

Goshen #121

Helen Shaffer

Union #152

Albert Haagen

Halfmoon #290

Don Hazle

Unoin #325

Merrill A. Chambers

Dorothy Semple

Mike Bodle

Atlantic #344

Elizabeth Marsh

Hartslog Valley #375

James Finkle

Middletown #684

Elizabeth DeYoung

Milford #773

Esther Cramer

Retha Stone

Walker #786

Donald Q. Adams

Beatrice Wirt

Hayfield #800

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John W. Hunter

Robert Mosier

Rundells #871

James Austin

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Robert Agnew

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Rev James Gold

Beech Grove #1089
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Chestnut Ridge #1133
David Day
Victoria #1193
Sterry Root
Central #1216
Kathryn Vanwegan
Odin #1254
Elouise Haynes
Easy Lynn #1263
Philip Cloud
Hickory #1285
Lois Daugherty
Marshallton #1394
William E. Supplee
Harveys-Alleppo #1444
Janet Frye
Ontelaunee #1617
Geraldine Kauffman
Carol E. Schaeffer
Pauline Wagner
Central #1650
Lorraine Krause
Plumsteadville #1738
Anna Simons
Rural Valley #1750
Lois Himes

Betty Stewart
Kingwood #1765
Kathryn Livengood
Pioneer #1777
Jeannette Hess
Shermanata #1796
J T Phillips
Floyd Taylor
Spring Church #1803
Emerson Klingensmith
Perry Valley #1804
Arthur Fisher
Virginvile #1832
Paul Seidel
Lillian K. Mengel
Fleetwood #1839
Ernestine Kniss
Pleasant Hill #1861
Olive Brawley
Delaware #1895
Dale Lose
South Buffalo #1908
Elizabeth Kucik
Homer L. Otterman
Baileyville #1991
Rachel Parsons
Arlan Temeles

Walker #2007
Doris Haagen
Madison #2064
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Kathryn Geist - 1928
Buffalo #1523
Joe DePetro - 1928
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Eleanor Hunter - 1915
Robert Johnson - 1918
Irene Powell - 1928
Louise Stuck - 1925
Evelyn Wood - 1922

*[Correction to an error in the last issue: Our apologies to Ms. **BETTY YINDER, of VALLEY GRANGE #1360.** We incorrectly placed her name under "IN MEMORIAM", when we should have helped her celebrate her BIRTHDAY! Our deepest apologies...and we wish Ms. Yinder many more BIRTHDAY'S!]*

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