

PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS



Eagle Grange #1
150 Years - 1871-2021

It All Began at Eagle Grange #1... by Doug Bonsall

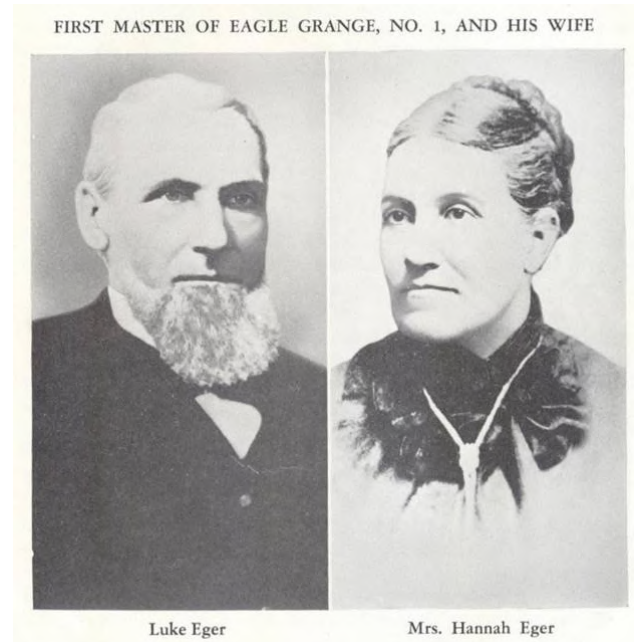
If this slogan sounds familiar, it appears on dozens of t-shirts being worn around Pennsylvania as the state prepares to celebrate 150 years of the Grange in the Keystone State. It refers to Eagle Grange #1, founded exactly 150 years ago in March 1871, thanks to the perseverance of a progressive Lycoming County farmer Luke Eger who lived with his wife Hannah on a farm several miles west of the town of Montgomery near Williamsport.

Before learning more details about Eagle #1, it might be interesting to recall some of the things happening in 1871 when this first Pennsylvania Grange was organized.

- the first Governor of a U.S. state (North Carolina) was removed from office by impeachment,
- the Civil Right Act of 1871 becomes law to combat white supremacy groups,
- a massacre of Native Americans takes place in the Arizona Territory,
- the Great Chicago Fire burns for three days, destroying much of the city and
- the National Rifle Association is granted a charter by the state of New York.

Do these things sound like familiar topics to 21st century Americans?

In this atmosphere, Luke Eger had subscribed the previous year to several agricultural publications and in one of them *The Prairie Farmer* he saw an article about a new farm fraternity that had a great deal of appeal to him. He quickly corresponded with Oliver Hudson Kelley, secretary of the Patrons of Husbandry, requesting information about the organization of a local unit. As soon as the information arrived, Mr. Eger began talking to his neighbors about the order but he made little progress convincing them to form a local Grange. But Luke was enthusiastic and persisted, so finally according to his brother-in-law Frank Porter "Just to keep peace in the family" enough people agreed to become part of the new Grange.



On February 22, 1871, Luke Eger wrote to Brother Kelley again to inform him that "I have at least succeeded in raising and organizing a club here". Word soon arrived from Washington, that newly commissioned deputy, Col. D.D. Curtiss would be coming to Montgomery to officially organize the Grange on March 4, 1871. There were 40 members on the charter for Eagle Grange #1, name after the nearby Bald Eagle Mountain. Eagle #1 would be the only Grange in Pennsylvania for two years, but in 1873 the seed planted by Luke Eger would blossom into the formation of other local Granges throughout the state. By September of that year, 22 of 25 Granges functioning by that time sent representatives to Reading to organize the Pennsylvania State Grange. Eagle Grange was represented by Frank Porter, who was one of a committee of five appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the state organization and became the first Overseer of the State Grange. Interestingly, the once reluctant Frank Porter would go on to organize 41 Granges between 1873 and 1907 throughout the north and central parts of the state.

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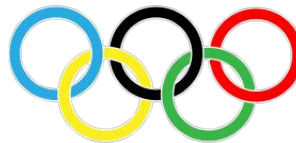
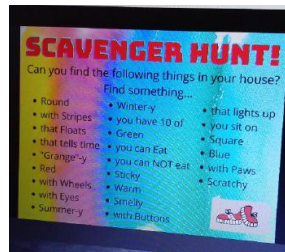


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From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell

PA State Grange President

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I am writing this article a few days after the inauguration of our 46th President. The events leading up to the inauguration show how much we need to offer the grange to our friends and neighbors. Oliver Hudson Kelley was given the task of traveling through the South after the Civil War to determine what it would take to reunite the country. This monumental task was bestowed upon him by our 17th President, Andrew Johnson. Mr. Kelley soon realized that rural America needed a voice. Now, most of you know this story so I won't tell it to you again. If you are looking for more history of the Grange I would encourage you to visit the History Department on our website at www.pagrange.org.

What I will tell you is how strongly I feel the Grange is needed today. The philosophy of the Grange tells us to have faith in God, nurture Hope, dispense Charity, and to be noted for Fidelity. We hold a very important place in Local, State, and Federal government because we are non-partisan. When I visit any government office they always welcome me and are willing to talk to us because they know the Grange is there to discuss the issues and work for the betterment of rural and urban America. It's hard to believe that we will only be a few short months away from another election on May 18, 2021, when you read this. That would be a perfect time, COVID-19 restrictions allowing to host a meet the candidates night. If we can't have large indoor gatherings, consider a well-publicized ZOOM meeting.

This would be a great opportunity for you to promote the need for adequate and affordable Braodband for all Pennsylvanians. If you did not get to join in on the public meeting the Pennsylvania State Grange hosted during the

Virtual Farm Show you can go to our website and click on the link to watch the presentation. We have made progress on this issue in 2020, but there is still a long way to go. The Pandemic has brought this issue to the forefront of every legislator in the Harrisburg Schools, with rural businesses, doctors, and hospitals, they have all seen the effects of not having adequate Broadband available.

We need to continue to be "Cultivating Connections" as we go forward in 2021.



Oliver Hudson Kelley

We need to continue to be "Cultivating Connections" as we will go forward in 2021. Please remember and practice two very important words, "Be Kind." We close our Grange meetings with these words, "Let us be quiet, peaceful citizens, feeding the hungry, helping the fatherless and the widows, and keeping ourselves unspotted from the world. "Promote the Grange in your area as that one way to unite each other, to be a non-partisan voice in your community that continues to be "Cultivating Connections."

Fraternally,

Wayne D. Campbell

President

Pennsylvania State Grange





Chaplain's Corner
Jodi Keith Kensinger
PA State Grange Chaplain

Do you know why we use chicks, peeps, and bunnies at Easter?

Happy Easter!

As I sit down to write this, we are only a few short weeks away from Valentine's Day and the day filled with love all around us. The stores were already putting out Valentine's Day merchandise the day after Christmas. I don't know about you, but it reminds me that we need to take time for one another and love each other as God has loved us. Growing up, my Sunday school teacher constantly shared with us John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." How awesome is it that God loved me enough to send his ONLY son to die on the cross for me? For all of us?

You see, with God's love, there are not terms or conditions. There is no contract that you must sign! It is FREE, whereas with human love...We have conditions and expectations that need to be upheld. God chose to become one of us and took on the burden of our sins, so that there was a clear and righteous pathway to Heaven. In John 3:17, it says, "For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Jesus did that for us! He took on the world's sins and created a clear way, leading directly to Heaven and into the kingdom of God, so that we could live in eternity forever and ever!

God, himself, defeated the ultimate death by living as a human on Earth for 33 years and then dying on the cross. In three days' time, he descended into hell and resurrected on Easter morning, to bring new and beautiful life to all of creation. In a

As Easter slowly approaches, encourage all of you to look for God in new life around you. Don't stop at the cross! God is in the beautiful tulips that grow every Spring. He is in the birth of a new baby calf. He lives deep down inside each one of us and that in itself, is TRUE LOVE! The heart on Valentine's Day represents the heart of God, that he gave to us on Easter morning, in the form of his son. From our human love towards one another to God's love towards one another to



children's sermon done a few years ago, a minister asked the young kids, "Do you know why we use chicks, peeps, and bunnies at Easter? It is because they represent new life, just like what spring represents and Easter promises. The goodies remind us to celebrate that Christ is alive. For example, Chicks... Think of their egg shell like Christ's tomb and the chick comes from it. Hence, the resurrection of Christ."

God's love (which is unconditional) to everlasting love (in heaven), He has certainly blessed us with a direct footpath through Jesus to God himself.

Happy Easter friends and may God bless you richly this Easter season!

Easter Blessings
Jodi Keith Kensinger
Sunflowercow19@yahoo.com





Melanie Melius
PA State Grange
Family Activities Director

Hope to see everyone at Family Fest!

Hi Everyone,
 Hope everything is going well as can be expected. I Just wanted to share with everyone packets for Family Activities are ready to be mailed. Secretaries watch your mail as you will be getting the packet soon, so PLEASE give to your Family Activities person in your Grange.

New contests this year so I hope to see a lot of new entries Lizzie and I have a good tour for this year's schedule as we will be visiting the Rhoneymeade Arboretum & Sculpture Garden.



This was Leonard Rhone's farm which is located just a few miles from the Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall. We have a wonderful visit planned with an old fashioned picnic, music, and a presentation by the the Executive Director James Leshner. Rhoneymeade offers some beautiful views and will be an

enjoyable visit. We hope you will think about signing up to spend time at the Rhoneymeade farm.



Family Activities will be serving the dinner along with the Youth group so bring your appetite with you Friday evening. There will also be good workshops and discussions on Grange topics

So let's pray and keep our fingers crossed we get our life back to some normalcy. Hope to see everyone at Family Fest. Please plan on attending with your other Family that we haven't seen in a very long time.

If you didn't hear I have 2 new ladies on Family Activities this year, and they are Karen Poorman from Woolrich, PA and Isabella Boone from Warriors Mark, PA so I hope everyone gives them a good Welcome. Till then if you have any questions about the contest entries Please email or call me (Melanie) PLEASE, I will try to answer all your questions.



2021 Family Activity Quilt
"Remember Me"

Family Activities Needs You!!!

Quilt raffle tickets will be arriving to your Grange. The Family Activities Department needs your help more than ever in buying and selling quilt chances.

The quilt raffle is how we raise funds for the Family Activities Department and with the lack of events due to COVID-19 guidelines, we are struggling with ticket sales.

Consider purchasing a few extra tickets to use as a gift or a way to say "thank-you" to someone who has helped you with something. Just by selling or buying a few extra tickets will help Family Activities reach our sales goals of funding our department!

Thank you
 Yours Truly

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Membership News
Lizzie Bailey
PA State Grange
Membership & PR Director

Success comes in many shapes and forms...



Life Lessons

Growing up I spent a lot of time with my Gramm Leighton. She was so talented and was successful at everything from cooking, baking, crafting, sewing, gardening, playing musical instruments and the list could continue to go on and on.

Her talents were born out of necessity as she raised ten kids, some through the depression. She was so used to long days and hard work. She knew the pain of heartache as her little baby boy, Joe, passed away at the onset of The Great Depression.

She always knew how to make something out of nothing and did so on many occasions. I was always mystified how she would make a dress pattern from an old newspaper. She would take that same newspaper and entertain me while making paper cuttings known as scherenschnitte. She would hand me a string of paper dolls or a paper square with fancy little shapes inside it. Then it would be my turn to make my own creation as she continued working on her chores.

One thing that I remember is she did it all with love. She was passionate about her projects and she truly seemed to enjoy them. She was used to long days and hard work but she would hum while she worked and she enjoyed being busy.

She made time for me no matter what she was working on. We would have cups of tea together as we sat on the stoop of her porch. She loved music. Gramm would often entertain me while playing her Jew's harp or using spoons to make music. She would tell me stories from when she was a little girl, talking about family, or how things used to be in our community. She would have little stories too that were based on a moral that she felt important for me to learn. When I think back to those days, it is all these little things that I fondly remember the most.

The definition of success comes in many shapes and forms. When thinking of my Gramm the definition of success was pretty clear. I hope you can use these 6 little tips of success in your Grange as we continue to focus on growing our membership.

Yours in Grange service,

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Tips for Success

1. **Love what you are doing.**
2. **Teach what you know.**
3. **Be a storyteller.**
4. **Share love no matter what your personal pain may be.**
5. **Busy hands make things happen.**
6. **Little things make big differences to others.**



Pennsylvania State Grange

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Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director



Welcome Spring!

Welcome Spring!! The Youth and Young Adults Department is gearing up for a busy Spring and Summer!

Our Grange Youth Mixer (GYM) kicks off via Zoom every 4th Sunday evening at 7 pm. Join us for a relaxing time to link up with youth and young adults friends from across the state. A relaxing and low key activity or discussion is planned for each month.

Join us for GYM fun on Sunday, February 28th at 7 pm
And Sunday, March 28th at 7 pm
And Sunday, April 25th at 7 pm
And so on.

It's easy to join in the fun either by computer or phone.

The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86719178861pwd=RXRxZEF0TUVXam93NHFOYtPNDdEz09>

or call **+1-301-715-8592**.
 The **Meeting ID:** 867 1917 8861
 and **Passcode:** 224121.

Information will also be posted on the Youth and Young Adults FB page prior to each GYM so make sure you are a member of the FB group to receive the reminder. Drop in on any 4th Sunday and see what's happening around the state!

Other dates to make sure you have marked in your calendar are:

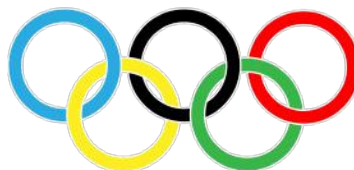
March 19-21 – Mid Atlantic Leaders Conference (MALC) and Regional Youth Contests, hosted by Potomac Grange #1 (Washington DC) and held virtually. Complete with presentations by several National Directors and Officers, this 2-day event March 19-20 is open to ANY Grange member or prospective member for the low registration price of \$10. Registration ends 23rd February:

<http://www.grange.org/potomacdc1/2021-mid-atlantic-grange-leaders-conference/>

April 23-25 – PA Young Adults Weekend, planned for south central PA. More info will be sent and posted as it arrives.

June 25-27 – PA State Grange Youth Camp. The theme for Youth Camp is 2021 Grange Olympics. Save this weekend on your calendar and look in this issue for registration information or online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/210325685322147>.



July 15-18 – PA State Grange Family Festival. Youth activities for this great weekend will include a Volleyball Tournament (start practicing now!), an exercise class (maybe Pounds this year), and a Road Rally! All attendees are eligible to participate in the Knowledge Test and our new PA State Grange Outstanding Young Patrons will also be selected. **The MALC Regional Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song contests** will also be held during this weekend.

July 20-25 – Grange Revival in the Black Hills of South Dakota. This is the 2nd Grange Revival and is designed to be a family friendly event for all Grange members and friends and family to create and strengthen fraternal bonds. If you are a “seasoned” youth member and miss the good old days of summer camp, **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!** Don't miss out on this great event. More info is available on Facebook, search for Grange Revival 2021.

And there is so much more to come during the rest of 2021!!!

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PA State Grange Youth Camp 2021 Olympics!!! June 25-27, 2021

JOIN US for the 2021 Grange Olympics at Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA 16841 / (814) 355-5652

Name _____ M _____ F _____

Address _____ Age _____ DOB _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone/Cell: _____ Grange/County: _____

E-Mail: _____ 1st Time Youth Camper: Yes _____ No _____

Shirt Size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL

*** ALLERGIES*** _____

Emergency Contact & Telephone Number(s): _____

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

Each person will pay \$60.00

*****SPECIAL – 1ST TIME CAMPERS ONLY \$30.00*****

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

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

Look for details/registration/payment online: <https://form.jotform.com/210325685322147>
PA State Grange Webpage and the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults Facebook page!
Or mail in paper copy and check 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 2021**

New Opportunity! Become a sponsor for a member of the Youth Officer /team. Beginning with the Youth Officer Team selected for the Pennsylvania State Grange Session in October 2021, the Youth Officers will be presented with an official Youth Team vest, including the Grange logo and their name embroidered on the front. It's time for our State Youth Team to have a distinct identifier, similar to those of the FFA and 4-H. The Youth and Young Adults Committee has selected gray vests for the Youth Team and black vests for sponsors.

To sponsor a member of the Youth Team and receive your own black vest, we are requesting a donation of at least \$100 to the Pennsylvania Grange Youth Department. Donations can be made by Granges, individuals or small groups but only 1 supporter

Sponsorship Opportunity

vest per \$100 will be available. To sponsor a member of the Youth Team without a supporter vest, we are requesting a donation of at least \$60. If you have a specific office that you would like to sponsor, please annotate that on the form below.

The Youth Team will be wearing their vest while participating in any Grange activity to show their pride in this great organization. Thank you for your help in recognizing our amazing Youth and Young Adults!

Fraternally,
Ellen M. Wadsworth
Pennsylvania State Grange
Youth and Young Adults Director



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light.

May good luck pursue you each morning and night.

-Irish Proverb



Youth Officer Team Sponsorship

Sponsor Name:

Address:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I/We would like to sponsor _____ office

Select one:

____ \$100 donation to sponsor a member of the Youth Team, receive a supporter vest, size: _____

____ \$60 donation to sponsor a member of the Youth Team

Please send this form and sponsorship to: 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352



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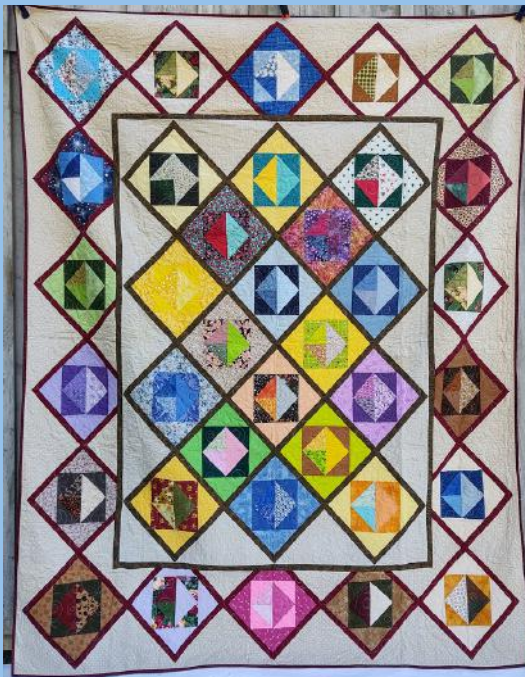
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<https://www.pagrang.org/grange-store.html>



QUILT RAFFLE



Family Activity Quilt Raffle Tickets!

\$1.00 each

Send a check to
Melanie Melius, FA Director
P.O. Box 103
Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868

Questions?
Call: 814-360-7058
Email: melmelius59@gmail.com



Jenn Nauss
PA State Grange
Lecturer

Springtime greetings
from South Central PA!

As we enter the spring, it is hard to believe that it has been one year since the COVID pandemic escalated here in the US. I would like to commend those Granges who have continued to break from tradition and find new and innovative ways to reach their members in the past year. From transitioning to virtual meetings to finding creative ways to continue programming and service projects, many Granges have overcome the challenges of this year. If your Grange is struggling to find ways to move forward in the midst of this pandemic, please reach out to myself or the State Grange office so that we can help you brainstorm some new ideas.

Virtual Leadership Workshops take the place of Regional Conferences.

Unfortunately, the dangers of the COVID pandemic have not dissipated, although I hope we can “see the light at the end of the tunnel” with the vaccine now being distributed. Sadly, I do not think it will be safe to gather in large numbers for regional

conferences this year as I had originally hoped. So we are rolling out a series of virtual leadership workshops for all

Grange leaders and members! Workshops will take place on Saturday mornings at 10:00 am from mid-March to mid-May.

We will be using video conferencing program Zoom to allow members to participate via computer or phone. Each workshop will also be live-streamed to YouTube to allow for members to watch them at a later time if they are unavailable for any workshop. We encourage all Grangers to participate in as many of these workshops as they wish! Although some workshops are being developed with certain officers or committees in mind, we welcome anyone to participate who is interested!

I will also be holding two practice sessions – on Saturday, March 13th at 10:00 am and Monday, March 15th at 7:00 pm—for anyone who would like to make sure they can get logged on to Zoom before the workshops begin. The schedule and more information

about each workshop are included in this issue of the PGN.

***Note** for anyone who is registered for the Virtual Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference (MALC) on March 19th-20th – please feel free to log in for the Zoom practice sessions on March 13th or 15th if you would like to practice logging in before the MALC.*

Talent Contest

As I write this, we are planning and hoping that Family Festival can be held this July. That means that it's time to get ready for the 2021 Talent Contest, held the evening of Saturday, July 17th at the Centre County Fairgrounds! Start preparing your entries in one of these categories: Vocal, Instrumental, or Variety. Entries are limited to a time limit of 5 minutes. I know our Grangers have talent – please encourage your members to share their gifts! The Best of Show winner will have the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania at the National Session in Kansas in November!

Update to Contests and Programs

Now is the time to work on preparing your reports and contest entries for the State Session in October. Please reference the 2020-2021 Guide to Contests and Programs that was distributed to your Granges and is on the website (pagrange.org).

Please note that several of the revised contests because of COVID will continue for 2021, including:

- **Creative Connections** – taking the place of the Community Night/Open House report form. This year, there will be two divisions.
 - Division A – Granges who held their Open Houses, whether in-person or virtually
 - Division B – Granges who could not hold an Open House but did another designated project to “tell their Grange Story” instead
- There will still be membership classes in each division (A and B):
 1. Pomona
 2. Subordinate – Up to 50 members
 3. Subordinate – Between 51 and 99 members
 4. Subordinate – 100 or more membersWinning Granges in each division and class will receive a framed Certificate of Excellence.
- **Pen in Hand** – “One thing I learned during Social Distancing...”
 - 500 word maximum
 - All other Pen in Hand rules should be followed as detailed in the Guide to Contests and Programs
- **Photography** – “Beauty in the Midst of Crisis”
 - All Photography rules should be followed as detailed in the Guide to Contests and Programs. Reports and Scrapbooks are due to me by September 15th.

Entries for the “**Design a Program**” contest and the “**Lecturer’s Grant**” are due to me by September 15th. I know that Lecturers are still planning programs during this time, whether your Granges are meeting in-person or virtually. Please submit these in the “Design a Program” contest to both share these great ideas with other Lecturers/Program Directors and also to be recognized for your work! Winning programs will receive a monetary award of \$30 for first place, \$20 for second place, and \$10 for third place. All entries will be compiled into a “Lecturers’ Idea Book,” which will be available to Lecturers and other members.

The “**Lecturer’s Grant**” aims to provide support for those Lecturers who are preparing – or who would like to prepare – high-quality programs, but may lack the financial resources to make them a reality. The “Lecturer’s Grant” will provide at least one grant of \$100 to winning Lecturers. Entries should include a program proposal, budget proposal, and a brief letter of need (500 word maximum). **Entries are due to me by September 15th for judging prior to the State Session.** Please let us help you and your Granges achieve your goals to share meaningful, educational programs with your members!

The “**My Favorite Anything**”, Photography, and Art contests continue for this year. Please remember that promoting these contests is a way to develop skills and talents in your members. Plan programs or special activities where artists, photographers, and artisans teach members how to hone these skills!

Program Ideas April Grange Month

even though we may not be able to meet traditionally, it does not mean we shouldn’t take this opportunity to share our Grange Story with our members and community. Consider holding a virtual Open House via Zoom or another video conferencing program. If this is not an option, perhaps your Grange can share information about your Grange and what you are doing in the community with local media and on social media.

May

Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day

– Plan a program to honor members who serve or have served in any branch of the armed forces. As part of the program, memorialize any members or families who have given their lives in service.

Plant a Vegetable Garden Day – May 19th – Invite a representative from Penn State Extension to talk with members about planting their own vegetable gardens. If a speaker is unable to be present at an in-person meeting, have them participate virtually via Zoom or another video conferencing program.

Virtual Leadership Workshops

The State Grange will be hosting a series of Virtual Leadership Workshops this spring in place of in-person regional conferences. Because of COVID-19 precautions and to ensure our members' safety, we will be holding these important leadership trainings via Zoom. Members can access the workshops by logging into Zoom by computer or phone with the instructions included. Each session will use the same Zoom information. Sessions will last about 1 hour and will also be available via YouTube afterward for anyone who is not available at the time of the live Zoom. Sessions are open to anyone interested – not just officers or committee leaders!

Saturday, March 13th – 10:00 am Monday, March 15th – 7:00 pm	<i>Practice Sessions</i>	Log on for a practice session with Lecturer Jenn Nauss to make sure you can access Zoom before the workshop schedule begins! (If you need help “trouble-shooting”, call Jenn at (717) 512-1261.)
Saturday, March 20th – 10:00 am	<i>Legislative</i>	What are the Grange’s legislative priorities? With leadership changes in Harrisburg and Washington, what is the impact on these legislative priorities? (Led by Wayne Campbell, State President, and Carrie Nace, Legislative Consultant)
Saturday, March 27th – 10:00 am	<i>Membership</i>	How can Granges continue to reach out to prospective members and the community during the pandemic (and as we hopefully move to a new “normal”)? (Led by Lizzie Bailey, Membership Director)
Saturday, April 17th – 10:00 am	<i>Lecturers</i>	Disruption to our typical meetings due to COVID does not mean that the work of Lecturers is done. How can we continue to develop meaningful programs and educate members even if we cannot hold traditional meetings? (Led by Jenn Nauss, State Lecturer)
Saturday, April 24th – 10:00 am	<i>Family Activities</i>	Review this year’s contests and discuss how we can continue to promote the programs of the Family Activities department to our members. (Led by Karen Poorman, Member of the Family Activities Committee)
Saturday, May 1st – 10:00 am	<i>Youth / Young Adults</i>	How can we maintain connections – and create new ones – with youth and young adult members during COVID and as we emerge from the pandemic? (Led by Ellen Wadsworth, State Director of Youth/Young Adults)
Saturday, May 8th – 10:00 am	<i>History Committee</i>	For Grange Secretaries, Historians, and anyone interested in preserving the work of their Granges: How to take – and keep – Grange records that will stand the test of time. (Led by Doug Bonsall, State History Committee Chair)
Saturday, May 15th – 10:00 am	<i>Community Service</i>	If traditional projects cannot continue because of COVID, what can community service look like during the pandemic and afterward? (Led by Rachel Bailey, State Director of Deaf/Community Service)
Saturday, May 22nd – 10:00 am	<i>Juniors</i>	How can we find new ways to connect with our Granges’ youngest members, during the COVID pandemic and beyond? (Led by Philip Vonada, State Junior Director)

MALC Zoom Instructions

For Computer Users

***You DO NOT need to create a Zoom account.**

1. Type the following link into your web browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86722620746?pwd=NllqUTJlUdGFyMVMrVU1kd25uZURoQT09>

2. You may need to enter a Meeting ID and Password.

Meeting ID: 867 2262 0746

Password: 1873

3. You will be asked how you wish to join your audio. Select **“Join Audio by Computer”** or **“Join with Computer Audio”**.

4. You may next see a window asking you if you wish to join by video. Select which option you would prefer – **“Join with Video”** or **“Join without Video”**

5. Now you should have joined the meeting!

6. In the bottom left corner of your screen, you will see a microphone – you can mute and unmute yourself by clicking on that button. You will also see a videocamera – you can start and stop your video by clicking on that button.

For Phone Users

1. Dial 1 (929) 436-2866

2. You will hear: **“Welcome to Zoom.”**
Enter your meeting ID followed by #”

3. **Meeting ID: 867 2262 0746, Press #**

4. Next you will hear: “Enter your Participant ID followed by #.

Otherwise, just press # to continue. “

5. There is no Participant ID, just press the # key.

6. Next you will hear: “Please enter the Meeting Password followed by #.”

7. **Meeting Password: 1873, Press #**

8. Next you will hear: “You are in the meeting now. Please stand by.”

9. Wait on the line for the meeting to begin. You’ll begin to hear others talking as they also join the meeting.

Congratulations to Pennsylvania’s Winners in National Lecturer’s Contests!

Several Pennsylvania Grangers won prizes in the 2020 National Lecturer’s contests! Congratulations to the following members and Granges!

Virtual Photo Contest

- Ashley Mohn, Marion #1853 – 1st Place (Animals)
- Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville #1832 – 2nd Place (People)
- Jim (Bud) Snyder, Valley #1360 – 2nd Place (Scenery)

Quilt Block Contest

- Alice Hartman, Kimberton #1304 – 3rd Place (Group I – Age 14+)

Publicity Item Contest

- Virginville Grange #1832 – 1st Place (Professional)

Contact the State Grange office if you would like to utilize Zoom for your Grange meetings!

As always, please reach out with any questions, concerns, or thoughts!

Jenn Nauss

PAStateGrange Lecturer/Program Director

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History Committee
Doug Bonsall
PA State Grange History Director

150th Anniversary Events!

Anniversary Kickoff Luncheon -

By the time this issue of the PA Grange News arrives in your mailbox, this announcement will likely be old news to our readers! With no sign of an end to COVID concerns and restrictions, the decision was made by the State Grange History Committee in early February to reschedule all 150th anniversary kick-off events originally planned for Saturday April 17, 2021, to Saturday September 18, 2021.

The celebration, scheduled since 2019, includes an open house brunch at Eagle Grange #1 (Montgomery, PA) from 10am-1pm and a gala luncheon for up to 200 persons at the Country Cupboard Restaurant and Shoppes near Lewisburg starting at 1:30pm. As this article is being written on February 1, 2021, more than 100 reservations had already been received for the April 17th luncheon which exceeds the 50% seating capacity limits for dine-in service in effect at that time. Limiting attendance is definitely not something wanted for the kick-off of the Grange sesquicentennial celebration! Even if those seating restrictions are eased or lifted by April, the

postponement decision was made in large part to address continuing COVID-related safety concerns about large in-person indoor gatherings.

All persons with a reservation for the luncheon have been notified or the change of date and refunds issued for anyone unable to attend on the new date.

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

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

Reminder about Kick-Off

Luncheon Tickets - Ticket reservations for the 150th anniversary kick-off luncheon are still being accepted by Anna May Nauss at: (717) 697-5104 or annauss@aol.com. The price is \$25 for adults with children's prices ranging from \$2-\$12 depending on age. Luncheon Speaker Dr. Meecee Baker - You won't want to miss speaker

Meecee Baker discussing Honoring Our History & Preserving Our Future at the kick-off luncheon. Her challenge to Grange members in 2021, departing from the usual anniversary message of remembering past glories, will ask the tough question "Is our history and its traditions hindering the Grange's future?" We are indeed fortunate to have engaged such an unusually qualified motivational speaker to urge us forward into the future; Sister Baker's picture and biography appeared in the last issue (January-February 2021).

Grange Hall of Fame Recognition

The kick-off program will also honor three outstanding Pennsylvania Grangers - the late brothers Leonard Rhone, John W. Scott and J. Luther Snyder - for their induction into the National Grange Hall of Fame. Their families and National Grange President Betsy Huber are expected to be in attendance.

Lighting the Cake - Notice in the photo how our sesquicentennial cake is lighting up! Wouldn't it be wonderful if all 150 candles on the anniversary cake had been purchased and are ablaze when we gather for the kick-off events? Remember - candles may be purchased by individuals, groups of individuals or Granges and may be in any amount between \$1 and \$150.

Our “**Light the Cake**” chairs Steve & Karen Mohn remind everyone that purchase of candles in duplicate amounts is welcomed and encouraged!

Although some duplicates candles have already been purchased, at press time we were still looking to light candle numbers 12, 54, 64, 67, 68, 70, 71, 73, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, 99, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 117, 118, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144 and 145.

Contact one of the following to buy whatever candle(s) you wish to support plans for the Grange’s 150th anniversary.

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610-589-2473

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150th Anniversary "Light the Cake" Fundraiser.

Degree Exemplification –

Another group has come forth and volunteered to exemplify one of the degrees as part of our celebration for 150 years of Grange work in Pennsylvania!

The Third Degree will be presented by the PA State Grange Youth Committee at the 2022 state session in York, joining Centre County Pomona #13 which previously committed to exemplifying the Fourth Degree. That means we are two-thirds of the way toward our goal of presenting the first through sixth degrees in full form during the anniversary – we can now confirm the Third and Fourth degrees in 2022 and Fifth and

Sixth degrees in 2023 in Reading. These degrees are an important part of our history and we all will learn from the lessons taught by their beautiful symbolic language. But.....we are still looking for Granges, counties, or other groups of patrons to exemplify the First and Second degrees in 2021 at the session in Valley Forge.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Doug Bonsall, PO Box 765, Dauphin, PA 17018

Doug Bonsall, Chair
Pennsylvania State Grange
History Committee
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717-921-1957 or 717-460-0723





Family Festival

“QUARANTINE SURVIVOR ON GRANGE ISLAND”

Schedule of Events

July 15-18, 2021



Thursday, July 15

- 1:00 – 4:30 Registration- Bldg A
- 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
- 7:00-8:00 Welcome & Betsy Huber & Wayne
Campbell Workshop - Bldg A
- 8:00-8:30 Rootbeer; Coke; Orange Floats
- 8:30 Vespers - Bldg A
- 9:00-11:00 Bring your Favorite Game
Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



Friday, July 16

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 - 9:00-10:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
 - 9:30-11:30 Registration - Bldg A
 - 10:00-11:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
 - 10:00-11:00 Legislative Updates – Carrie Nace
 - 11:00-12:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
 - 11:00-2:30 Tour–Rhoneymeade Farm – Carpool –
3 mi. Bagged Lunch Included
 - 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
 - 2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg A
 - 3:00-4:30 Meeting Grease – Dr. Diamond
Basic Meeting Parliamentary Procedure
 - 3:00-5:00 Junior/Youth Water Games
 - 5:30-6:30 Dinner - Bldg D – *Hamburgers; Hot Dogs;
Macaroni Salad; Baked Beans; Cookies*
Wilderness Bar
- Hosted by the FA; Assisted by Youth Department*
- 7:00-8:00 Jeremy Goodling, Music Ministry, (A)
 - 8:00-9:00 Survivor Challenges Bldg A
 - 9:00 Vespers-Bldg A
Cake walk immediately after Vespers
 - 9:30 Knowledge TEST – Bldg C
 - 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



**Rhoneymeade Sculpture Garden and Arboretum
Leonard Rhone Family Farm**

Saturday, July 17

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
(Announce Young Patron Finalists)
Group Photo – Location TBD
- 8:30 Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B
- 9:00-11:30 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
- 9:00-10:00 Youth Activity - Bldg A
- 9:00-?? Young Patron Interviews – Bldg B
- 10:00-11:30 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
- 10:00-11:00 Lecturer’s Workshop – Paint & Create
Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit
- 11:00-12:00 Lunch - Bldg D
*(Impromptu Question to Young Patron
Finalists)*
- 12:00-1:00 Youth Activity – Road Rally
- 1:00-4:00 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
- 1:00-3:30 PR Workshop – Grange Survivor 101 -
Lizzie-Bldg A
- 1:00-2:00 Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B -
Small - \$5.00; Large - \$10.00
- 2:00-4:00 Boy Scout Survivor Information
- 3:00-4:00 Volley Ball Tournament Championship
- 4:00 Dinner - Bldg D
*Baked Ham; Scalloped Potatoes;
Corn; Sweet Potatoes;
Applesauce; Tossed Salad*
- 5:00-6:00 Talent Contest - Bldg A
- 7:00 Introduction of Royalty
Vespers – Bldg. A
Cake walk immediately after Vespers
Ice Cream Social
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

***D&CS Committee is having a Silent Auction all
weekend and donations are appreciated!***

Sunday, July 18

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

*Assistance cleaning and packing up of Bldg. D
is much appreciated
Thank You!*

Wishing you a safe trip Home!



Quarantine
Survivor on
Grange Island

Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival July 15-18, 2021

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Grange: _____

County: _____

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

Tent mates: _____

_____ RV/Camper (\$25 per night/space,
NOT per person) (Fees have increased)

RV/Camper-mates: _____

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

_____ Dump prior to leaving (Fee \$25)

Day of Arrival:

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Hotel- Please make your own reservation

Reservations block reserved at—

Ramada Conference Center

1450 South Atherton St.

814-238-3001

\$77.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT

Use Group Code **PAGRANGE21**

**MUST STATE WITH PA STATE GRANGE
TO GET OUR RATE.**

Deadline for rate is June 18, 2021

***** Please note: PA State Grange is discounting
each space \$5.00 for Tents & Campers. Centre Co.
Fair have increased their prices.**

R.S.V.P by June 15, 2021

MEALS (please check desired meals –

*(Adult meals only) \$5.50 Discount if you get ALL Meals
Children 4 and under are Free, ages 5-11 half price.*

_____ All Meals	\$41.00	_____
_____ Thursday Dinner	\$8.00	_____
_____ Friday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____
_____ Friday Lunch	\$5.50	_____
_____ Friday Dinner	\$6.00	_____
_____ Saturday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____
_____ Saturday Lunch	\$5.50	_____
_____ Saturday Dinner	\$8.00	_____
_____ Sunday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____

Tent Fee Per Night ___ X \$15.00 _____

RV/Camper Fee Per Night ___ X \$25.00 _____

RV Dumping Fee (\$25.00) _____

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

Rhoneymeade Sculpture Farm (\$6.00)
Includes a bagged lunch _____

English Paper Piecing Workshop (\$3.00)
Choose 1st; 2nd and 3rd Choices

___ Fri-9:00; ___ Fri-10:00; ___ Fri-11:00

___ Sat-9:00; ___ Sat-10:00 _____

Quilt Block Workshop (\$50.00) _____

Paint & Create (\$10.00) _____

Stained Glass Workshop
(\$5.00 - Small \$10.00 - Large) _____

T-Shirt _____

Child S M L XL (\$8.00)

Adult S M L XL (\$10.00)

Adult 2XL 3XL 4XL (12.00)

Pocket – No Pocket

(Please Circle Size)

Total Cost _____

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

Send Registration & Payment to:

PA State Grange

Attn: Family Festival

20 Erford Rd, Suite 216

Lemoyne PA 17043



Eagle Grange cont. page 2

As early as the third meeting of Eagle Grange, the minutes recorded discussion about the erection of a Grange Hall. But it would not be until April 1887 that one-fourth acre of land was purchased from the Eger's for \$20 on which to build a two-story hall. The hall, originally on the west side of the present Route 15, was dedicated on February 22, 1888, and is still in use today. In 1940, due to the construction of a new Route 15 involving the plot of ground on which the hall stood, the building was moved a short distance onto a new one-half acre blot on the east side of the highway. In 1968 a major step forward was taken with the construction of an addition to the hall, providing a new and better-equipped kitchen, indoor restrooms, and a partial basement. In 2001 the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission honored Eagle Grange with the installation of an official historical marker.



1971 Centennial Plate

Eagle Grange has been continually active for the past 150 years, although there have been multiple peaks and valleys in both membership and activity. Eagle Junior Grange #307 was formed in 1945 was very active for more than 30 years. About 10 years ago, the active membership of the Grange reached an all-time low and there was fear that Eagle #1 would have to disband. Thanks to the foresight of some Lycoming County Grangers, including two former State Masters, a number of new Affiliate members came to the rescue of the struggling Grange. More recently, the State Grange History Committee committed to providing help with two members of the committee taking an active leadership role at Eagle. Other support came with the consolidation of the following neighboring Granges into Eagle's membership: White Hall #1244 in 1969, West Branch #136, and Bottle Run #1301, both in 2018 and Delaware #1895 in 2021.



Historical Marker Ceremony

taking an active leadership role at Eagle. Other support came with the consolidation of the following neighboring Granges into Eagle’s membership: White Hall #1244 in 1969, West Branch #136 and Bottle Run #1301, both in 2018, and Delaware #1895 in 2021.

Grants from several different sources were received in the 1990’s and early 2000’s to improve the facility including the installation of new windows and roof repairs. In 2019 the “Friends of Eagle Grange” initiative resulted in thousands of dollars contributed by individuals, other Granges, and local organizations. These funds, along with proceeds of several take-out dinners and use of some invested funds realized from the sale of property from the Granges consolidated into Eagle financed expenditures of nearly \$50,000 for a major upgrade in 020-21 including handicap designated parking, an entrance ramp, ADA-compliant restrooms, new kitchen commercial equipment, installation of a chairlift, new heating-cooling system and a complete repainting of the entire facility.

Major efforts are now underway to expand the Grange’s outreach to its community. Recent projects have been sponsoring a candidates’ night round table, awarding grants of \$500 to each of three local fire companies, supporting the FFA Blue Jacket Scholarship program, organizing a family-friendly road rally scavenger hunt, and providing 150 free “Share the Love” dinners on Valentine’s weekend, Upcoming events being planned for the rest of the 150th anniversary year are: a community seminar on the Spotted Lanternfly invasion, a free Family Carnival, a picnic honoring veterans, a free concert in a local park and a historical program with a presentation of citations from legislators.



Photos by Jenn Nauss

For the latest details about Eagle Grange events, join the Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Eagle-Grange-1-280211017218/>.



Junior Committee
Phillip Vonada
PA State Junior Grange Director

Spring is just around the corner, and I couldn't be happier. I'm looking forward to longer, warmer days, getting outside for some fresh air, and seeing nature 'spring' back to life! Of course, that also means summer isn't far away. You'll see that the application for Junior Camp is available already! The JG Committee is hard at work planning an AMAZING week at **Wilderness Survival Camp** from June 27-July 3 at Camp Sylvan Hills - we are looking forward to a week full of learning, adventure, friendship, and fun! From learning how to track animals in the woods to identifying edible plants to mapping the stars at night, we are working on an exciting and educational week.

Registrations for camp are due to me **by June 1st**, so don't wait - we can't wait to welcome all of our Juniors back together again. If camp should need to move 'virtual' again, the committee is working on plans for that, too - working with the State Grange Executive Committee, we will make the decision in May if this camp will be necessary.

Counselors and Helpers - Our committee is looking for Grangers age 15+ as of the start of camp who are dedicated to assisting in leading camp. Counselors and helpers will play an integral part of camp, and many will have additional responsibilities than they have had in previous years.



Anyone under age 18 will be considered a 'helper', and counselors must be age 18. All counselors and helpers must provide current clearances. Please email me at pajuniorgrange@gmail.com to receive the link to **Counselor/Helper Registration**. Please note: Just because you have been a helper/counselor before does not guarantee you will be on staff this year. This is due to making sure that everyone 'gets a chance' and will be a part of an important team, ensuring that our Juniors are both safe and having fun. Thank you to all of the Juniors and families who turned in to our first Junior Online Gathering



on January 31st - it was great to have so much energy and fun online for a little while! Our NEXT gathering will be on March 21st at 2pm, so I hope you can join us! Let us know if you had fun, and if you have ideas on what you'd like to do next time! [Registration information will be posted in the PA Junior Grange Facebook Group in February.](#)

Junior Directors - please save April 11 at 2pm for a meeting on Zoom. The PA Junior Committee wants to know how we can serve and assist the Junior Directors across Pennsylvania, especially as we hope to again be able to gather in person, and we want to hear ideas you may have, too! Please email me at pajuniorgrange@gmail.com so I can share the Zoom link with you! Also, in April, the JG Committee will be hosting a workshop for anyone interested. This is part of the Leadership Conference series being put together by Jenn Nauss. Stay tuned to the PA State Grange e-blasts, website, and Facebook page for more information coming soon.

Contest Feature

Each article I write, I'm going to feature one of the State or National Junior Contests. You may have seen me and the JG Committee doing the same thing in our Facebook Group (search PA Junior Grange). With Easter coming up, here's a pretty simple recipe for Juniors and adults to try together for our **Iced Drop Cookie Baking Contest!** (A "drop cookie" simply means it's not rolled out like traditional cut-out sugar cookie - you can choose to roll them into balls or just drop them right off the spoon and let them spread.) These cookies can be entered at the State Session in October!

No-Roll Frosted Sugar Cookies

Ingredients

For Cookies

- 1 cup butter (or margarine), softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 2 Tbsp. milk
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 3 cups all-purpose flour

Directions

- Step 1 - Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease baking sheets.
- Step 2 - Cream butter and sugar together for a full three minutes. Add in vanilla, eggs, and milk - mix until combined.
- Step 3 - Sift together flour and baking powder in another bowl, then slowly add to the butter/sugar mixture until the dough comes together.
- Step 4 - By spoonful, drop cookie batter onto sheets, with 2-3 inches in between cookies. Gently flatten cookie tops.
- Step 5 - Bake for 8-12 minutes. Pull them from the oven when they are no longer wet and glossy on top, but before they start to brown. (This will ensure a soft, pillowy cookie!)
- Step 6 - Cool cookies directly on the sheet for 2-3 minutes until they can be transferred to a cooling rack.
- Step 7 - Make frosting by creaming the butter on its own until it is smooth. Slowly add in powdered sugar one cup at a time, alternating it with the liquids (vanilla and milk), until it has all been mixed together. For a thicker icing, add more powdered sugar; for a thinner icing add more milk. (Add a few drops of food coloring for extra fun - just a few drops will make light pastel Easter colors).
- Step 8 - Frost your cookies - you can either slather it on with a knife or spoon, or put it in a piping bag and make cool designs!

Save the date for:

Junior Online Gathering -
March 21st at 2pm on Zoom

PA Junior Grange Camp - June
27-July 3 at Sylvan Hills Christian
Camp, Howard

Family Festival - July 15-18 at
Centre County Grange
Fairgrounds (Water Games on
Friday, and Junior Activities
throughout the weekend!)

State Grange (Contests, Junior
Jam, and Junior Degree) -
October 15-17, Junior Jam begins
on the 16th), Valley Forge Casino
Resort, King of Prussia

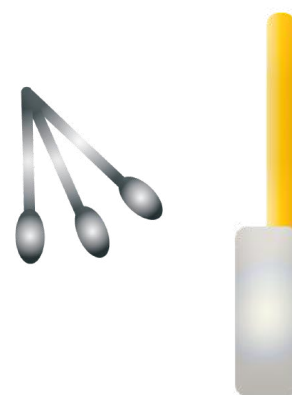
For Frosting

- 1/2 cup butter (or margarine), softened
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. Vanilla extract
- 1 - 3 Tbsp. milk
- Food coloring of choice (optional)

I'm really looking forward to being able to gather in-person again soon, but until then, I wish you all health, safety, and happiness.

As always, be kind, be smart, and take care of yourself and those you love,

Phil





2021 PA Junior Grange Camp Camper Application WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CAMP



June 27 - July 3, 2021 - Sylvan Hills Christian Service Camp, Howard, PA

Age 7 - 14 as of the start of camp

Please fill out one application for each camper

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

Camper Name _____ M ____ F ____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/ZIP _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one)

YS YM YL

Email _____

Adult: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / _____ Age on 12/31/2021 _____

Grange Name & Number _____

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

DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2021

Any application postmarked after 6/1/2021 will be charged an additional \$20 and are not guaranteed a camp t-shirt.

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

CAMPER FEE - \$165.00

(\$15 per camper is provided from the Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund)

Sibling Discount: 1st Child = Full Price; then \$15 off for each child after. (2nd = \$150; 3rd = \$150; etc.)

FOOD DONATIONS

This year, each family can save \$10 if you would be willing to bring a food donation of roughly \$10 to camp! Check the box below if you are willing to donate. The item(s) we would like you to bring will be included in your Camp Packet or e-mailed directly to you.

Note: If you forget to bring your donation to camp, you WILL be charged the additional \$10.

Yes, we will bring a food donation to camp!

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

____ Enclosed is my check payable to PA Junior Grange

____ Please email me with a link to pay online

Mail completed forms and checks to:

PAJG c/o PHILIP VONADA, 358 CLINTON STREET, SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, PA 17702

OR SCAN AND EMAIL TO: PAJUNIORGRANGE@GMAIL.COM

ONLINE FORM AVAILABLE AT: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/JGCAMP2021](https://tinyurl.com/jgcamp2021)





Rachel Bailey
PA State Grange
Deaf and Community Service Director

Seeking Volunteers to serve on the Deaf and Community Services Committee!

Let's talk about goals. We all have them, set them, miss and achieve them. At the beginning of a new year, we all usually come up with a few we'd like to adhere to which usually include a form of giving back or volunteering. We are well on our way into 2021 and now is a great time to check how we are upholding the goals we set at the beginning of the year. No matter what the project or act of service may be, it can be hard holding ourselves accountable to do them because as we all know, life gets busy! That's why I love setting myself S.M.A.R.T. goals which stands for:

director how I could help. His simple response was that they needed a case of water for an upcoming event and to just come down for a 10 minute tour of the facility. I ended up staying for nearly 45 minutes as I encountered great conversations with other staff members there and how I could continue my involvement. After hearing of some of their needs, I learned that I could make a monthly stop in with a case of water and soda for their "pay what you can" cafe, drop off pantry items for their food drives or simply just come in to have a

help simplify and organize your passion to achieve what you really want. I ask that you join me virtually on May 15th at 10:00 a.m to attend the Deaf and Community Service workshop on what community service can look like during a pandemic and afterward. We will have a small panel discussing creative ways to get involved and stay on track. Please feel free to submit any questions or ideas ahead of time by contacting me at rachel.bailey120255@gmail.com.

Just a friendly reminder since we are approaching Family Fest, we will be collecting the following items: aluminum soda can tabs, used eyeglasses, caps/mittens/scarves, cancer hats, ABC quilts, Dino's operation box's, and Little Dresses for Africa.

S -specific	S - volunteer at JFT once per month
M -measurable	M - I will volunteer once per month and plan it ahead of time on my calendar
A -attainable	A - I can find one evening after work or on a weekend
R -relevant	R - It is relevant to my goal of wanting to serve others
T- timely	T - Although it's an ongoing goal, I want to see me uphold my goal in a year's time

There's an organization called JFT (Just For Today) in Lemoyne. It is a recovery house for veterans where they can safely socialize and access rehabilitation programs. I drive past JFT on my way home from work every evening and think "maybe tomorrow I'll have time". I came to terms with myself that I would have to be intentional about volunteering there. I picked up the phone and asked the program

cup of coffee with a veteran. I applied what I know about S.M.A.R.T. goals to volunteer at JFT into the module above. This exercise has taught me that it's okay to be intentional about my actions. Initially, practicing S.M.A.R.T. goals can feel transactional but in the end it can.



Please refer to the 2020-2021 Guide to Contest and Programs or the Deaf and Community Service Committee with any questions.

Be well, do good deeds and stay in touch,

Rachel Bailey
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 Phone: 717-816-1317





Government Matters

Carrie Nace

Novak Strategic Advisors

NSA offers comprehensive, strategic government affairs and grassroots solutions to real-world business needs. The firm represents a full range of Fortune 500 companies, charitable organizations, and small businesses. On their behalf, NSA has effectively secured procurement contracts, achieved legislative victories, educated leaders about clients' issues, and developed relationships with government entities.

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Pennsylvania State Grange

Looks to a New Legislative Session with New Representation as the sun sets on a very challenging 2020, the Pennsylvania State Grange now

looks to build on its successes during the 2019-20 legislative session. The new year also brings changes to the legislative branch of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Vince Phillips, who served in government affairs in Harrisburg for 31 years, is beginning a much-deserved new journey of retirement. The Grange will be forever grateful for the knowledge and dedication Vince brought to the Grange in advancing our legislative priorities.

Novak Strategic Advisors (NSA)

was founded in 2001 by Alan Novak. Known for advising Governors Tom Ridge, Mark Schweiker, and Tom Corbett, as well as the campaign of President George W. Bush and the subsequent Bush/Cheney transition team as part of the White House Fellows Commission, today Alan is associated with his bipartisan approach to solutions and his advocacy for civility in government. Carrie Nace, a Senior Associate at Novak Strategic Advisors, joined the firm in 2019. Nace brings 23 years of legislative experience to the role of Pennsylvania State Grange's new legislative director in 2020. Carrie is a graduate of Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA and served in the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office

Tas the textile liaison prior to moving Pennsylvania and joining the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. She served with the Speaker of the House, Representative Sam Smith, for ten years as his Director of Outreach before moving on to run Representative Kate Klunk's district offices. She lives near Gettysburg on her husband's family farm and serves on the Adams County Economic Alliance board as well as the True North Wellness board.

NSA's success is directly related to unique strategic government affairs and grassroots approaches that rely on consensus building, good relationships and creating cohesive coalitions on behalf of our clients. NSA is truly honored to be able to represent rural Pennsylvania through the Pennsylvania State Grange.

AGRICULTURE STARTS NEW YEAR WITH A BANG!

January marked the start of legislative activity for the 2021-22 session of the PA General Assembly. Agricultural legislation started with a great deal of momentum starting with a January 27 meeting of the PA House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee. At this meeting, several bills of importance to the Agricultural Community and to the Pennsylvania State Grange were approved.

Agritourism Liability

House Bill 101 advanced by Rep. Barb Gleim (R-Cumberland) would extend limited liability

protection for farmers seeking to engage in agritourism or agri-entertainment. What this means is that farmers would be protected from frivolous lawsuits where an injury occurs from a known hazard inherent to a farm. This would include examples like someone suing because their child was injured climbing over a fence into an area with large animals. The wording is identical to **House Bill 1348** also introduced by Rep. Gleim in the last session.

HB 101 requires farmers offering agritourism/agri-entertainment provide notices to visitors of the possible risks they take on when going to a working farm. It does not shield farmers from lawsuits where there is negligence on the farmer's part, for example not correcting a known safety problem such as lack of fencing where a visitor is likely to get hurt.

Last session, **HB 1348** passed the House but in the waning days of the legislative session, its language was blended into a larger bill dealing with COVID-19 liability. This meant Democrats who originally supported agritourism liability protection voted against the new legislation which was ultimately vetoed by Governor Tom Wolf.

The January 27, 2021, vote by the **House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee** was 25-0. Grange position: A top priority for the Pennsylvania State Grange, this issue commanded more lobbying time than any other issue except for seeking universal access to high-speed broadband

Liability Protection for Food Donations The House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee also voted 25-0 for House Bill 187 sponsored by Rep. David Rowe (R-Union/Snyder) which protects those donating food to food banks from liability



With the **COVID-19 Crisis**, millions nationally lost their jobs, either during the business shut-down period for all but “life-sustaining” businesses or specifically hard-hit industries such as food and hospitality. This resulted in unprecedented demand for food banks and a radically increased need for food. Although the Federal Government helped with passage of laws like the CARES Act, food otherwise donated was held back because of lawsuit fears.

Specific to this legislation is an OK given to food which has a ‘best if used by’ label for freshness. Often, this label is misunderstood to mean that the product use has expired. **HB 187** clarifies that difference and allows donations of safe food that would otherwise be destroyed. Grange position: Supports just as we did HB 2477 in the last session of the General Assembly.

Milk Hauling House Bill 186 sponsored by former Majority Chair of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee Rep. Marty Causer (R-Cameron/Potter/McKean)

(presents another try by the General Assembly to allow milk haulers to use Interstates to transport their fluid milk during weather emergencies. It is the second go-round for legislation (**HB 915**) which passed the House 136-61 and the Senate 32-18 but was vetoed by Governor Tom Wolf because of opposition by PennDOT which felt that this bill would weaken Pennsylvania's ability to cope with extreme weather conditions. Both of those votes were veto-proof but there was not an override attempt made. The vote was

The argument advanced by **HB 186** advocates including the Pennsylvania State Grange is that cows don't really care about weather emergencies. They produce milk. Period. Farmers on the other hand must move the milk somewhere because of limited on-farm storage capacity. If it cannot be hauled in a timely way, the milk will have to be dumped. These delays would come from milk haulers being forced to use secondary roads in order to pick up or deliver milk. The committee vote was not unanimous. All GOP members voted yes. Five Democrats voted no. Grange position: Strongly support passage of **HB 187** and support a veto override if the Governor vetoes it again.

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Increase Taxes

Increasing tax rates for the Personal Income Tax (PIT), the PA Sales Tax, and Business Income Taxes are not the most popular options.



Even in difficult budget times, politicians have tried to avoid increasing these general taxes as much as possible. Since the 1990s, legislators have tried eliminating the property tax by increasing the rates of the PIT and Sales Tax to make up for the lost school revenue. They have not succeeded.

Raising corporate taxes is also a non-starter since PA already is a state with high taxes for businesses. Adding to the tax burden for them makes PA less attractive for new businesses to come into the state and for existing firms to stay here.

Closing loopholes and exemptions are another way to increase revenue. Democrats and Governor Wolf have suggested eliminating the so-called Delaware Loophole where businesses domiciled in Delaware are not taxed by PA for corporate income earned in PA. NOTE that the Business Community bristles at the word 'loophole' since it implies some type of skirting legal obligations. They say that these are legitimate legislated provisions in the Tax Code that businesses are permitted to use.

Those seeking additional revenue have had more luck with ending some exemptions to the Sales Tax. Recently, PA extended the reach of the Sales Tax to smokeless tobacco and vaping which brought in an estimated \$129.4 million in FY 2019-20 according to the Department of Revenue. Two more examples are a 12-percent tax on retail sales of fireworks when the law was changed to allow additional types of fireworks to be sold and extending the Sales Tax to Internet retail sales. Other exemptions to the Sales Tax seem immune. No Sales Tax on food and clothing appears to have staying power that has been proposed for more than 20 years and those exemptions are still here.



Increase Fees

Generally, state fees for professional licenses are increasing and the state would like to increase fees in several non-professional areas. As an example, because the PA Department of Agriculture's oversight of dog licenses is underfunded, there are legislative attempts to increase the fee for a dog license. In January, PennDOT

announced that it wants to charge tolls on numbers of high-trafficked bridges. Another six-percent hike in Turnpike tolls went into effect January 1, 2021. Cut Spending in Non-Entitlement Programs



Does that sound like a clear and present danger for PA Department of Agriculture funding? How about Penn State Ag Research and Extension? How about the University of Pennsylvania College of Veterinary Sciences? Does that sound like no money for hardwoods development, Open Dairy Shows, etc.?

Divert Money from Dedicated Funds

There are well over 50 Dedicated Funds (also called Special Funds) established for specific purposes. The thinking of some is that when a family is in a financial pinch, it goes into savings. In other words, it is OK to raid Dedicated Funds if you need the money. Unfortunately, there are too many examples: The big attempted raid on a Dedicated Fund in 2020 was the Governor's unsuccessful proposal to take \$204 million

Food Establishment Pandemic Disease Remediation Cost Reimbursement Grant Program With another 25-0 vote, the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee reported out House Bill 179 sponsored by Rep. Bridgid Kosierowski (D-Lackawanna). It establishes a new grant program designed to help “food establishments” recover from losses they received from COVID-19. The bill defines “food establishment” as follows: Food establishment." As defined in section 5722 (relating to definitions) and a food eTwo Other Bills reported from committee

The House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee also reported out two additional bills. Grange position: The Pennsylvania State Grange is generally supportive of both bills but has not lobbied for either.

-**House Bill 110** (Causer-R-McKean/Cameron/Potter) Hardwood Development Council.
 -**House Bill 142** (Ortitay-R-Allegheny/Washington) dedicates Dog Law fines to the PA Department of Agriculture’s Dog Law Restricted Account.

 Establishment that has a permit under the act of July 2, 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as the Milk Sanitation Law. Financial help would come for food-processing facilities to help cover costs of personal protective equipment, testing, and other safety precautions designed to protect food processing employees. A specific dedicated funding source for this grant program is not created by this bill. Grange position: The Pennsylvania State Grange has not taken a formal position on HB 179.

BUDGET WOES WILL PLAGUE PA THIS YEAR...AND BEYOND

Every year, the Governor presents a proposed State Budget for the next fiscal year on the first Tuesday in February. This multi-billion dollar State Budget then begins its legislative gauntlet in order to take effect July 1st. The 2021-22 Fiscal Year promises a difficult State Budget since:
 -Tax revenues have not completely recovered from COVID-19.
 -A large Federal transfer disease control health expenditures.
 -Some financial woes are expected to come from what is described as ‘institutional deficits’. This term means a system which continually spends more than it takes in. The Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) issued a report in January 2021 which documents the worsening deficit picture. **Entitled Economic and Budget Outlook Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2025-26**, the report says that the current fiscal year budget may balance out because of one-time transfers from special funds (thankfully not from Agriculture) and delayed tax payments shifted into this fiscal year. From this point on, IFO forecasts the following deficits through FY 2025-26.

Fiscal Year Deficit/Surplus

Current + \$1.5 billion
 2021-22 - \$2.5 billion
 2022-23 - \$2.6 billion
 2023-24 - \$2.5 billion
 2024-25 - \$2.3 billion
 2025-26 - \$1.96 billion

What Does This Mean?

This imbalance between revenues and expenditures has to be addressed each year since PA is required to have a balanced budget. Some choices are: Cut Spending

This is always difficult because budget items are funded to meet areas of need. Some areas are almost non-negotiable since they represent entitlements. Medicaid costs have climbed dramatically so that now it is estimated that 20-percent of the adult population is receiving state public assistance. This education.escalation stems from four factors: PA is getting older demographically and older citizens generally require more costly health care; The Obamacare expansion of Medicaid eligibility meant thousands more were entitled to government-subsidized benefits with a declining Federal share of meeting those additional costs; COVID-19 is stretching assistance resources to the breaking point; some budgets are sacrosanct such as funding for K-12.

If you are a legislator, it is difficult to propose cuts in these areas. How would you like to be known as the lawmaker who took food from the mouths of our babies, books away from our students, end-of-life care for seniors, etc. Ouch!

Find New Money

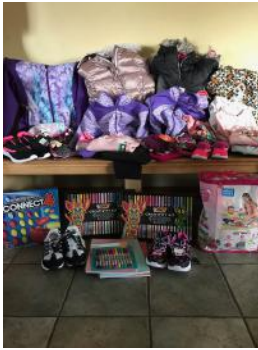
Here are several options:
 - Increase taxes
 - Close loopholes/exemptions
 - Increase fees
 - Cut spending in non-entitlement programs
 - Divert money from Dedicated (“Special”) Funds
 - Borrow Money
 Increase Taxes

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What's happening across PA...

LOGAN GRANGE #109

Members of Logan Grange #109 decided that since we could not have our Annual Christmas Dinner at a restaurant, that we donate the money we would have spent on ourselves, and give to a local family in need.



Logan Grange purchased, wrapped and gave to a family with four little girls! Being Grangers, they also included a bag of fun holiday snacks and a complete holiday meal!



We would like to recognize **Lynn Corl of Logan Grange #109** for his years of Community Service through the Grange organization.

HAYFIELD GRANGE #800



Chester Tau presenting the 75 year membership award to Charlotte Henretty.



Kevin Schlosser accepting the 40 year membership award from Hayfield Grange Lecturer Chester Tau.

Chester Tau, Hayfield Grange Lecturer, recently presented continuous membership awards to Charlotte Henretty for 75 years and Kevin Schlosser for 40 years at their home. The awards were to be presented during the annual Thanksgiving - Christmas dinner, but due to COVID was canceled.

Charlotte first joined Hayfield Grange on August 25, 1945, and served in many capacities including Juvenile Matron, Secretary, Pianist, and Women's Activities Chairman. She also was active in Crawford County Pomona Grange in various positions and served as a Pennsylvania State Juvenile Deputy. Charlotte's son, Kevin, was a Hayfield Junior Grange member, joining Hayfield Subordinate Grange on November 1, 1980 at the age of 14.

GOUGLERSVILLE GRANGE #1743

Gouglersville Grange #1743 Tractor Engine Show, Hot rods, military vehicles, tractors, caterpillars, and even cows were all here!!! The 2020 Tractor Engine Show was held on September 26th and 27th, 2020. Our presentations were very varied: antique and new tractors, antique cars and trucks, small engines, a washing machine that ran on gas, a vintage caterpillar from the World War II era, and miscellaneous farm equipment. This event is a family affair!

The Grange was delighted to connect with another group “Just Farm Kids” and the Beitler Family from Montgomery County. Emily Bitler had heard about our show on Facebook. They were returning from another tractor show west of our Grange so stopped by on their way home.

Please visit our Facebook page Gouglersville Grange #1743 2020 for more pictures and news about next year’s Tractor Engine Show on September 25th and 26th, 2021. Our address is 1893 Old Lancaster Pike, Sinking Spring, PA 19608.

We also had a special presentation by Amanda Schaeffer of Grandview Dairy Farm. Amanda brought two cows to the show and used them to promote the dairy industry. She set up a craft table for children to create cow hand puppets. Both cows were a hit with and the one cow, Dorris, has blessed the Schaeffers with Darcy who was calved this fall.

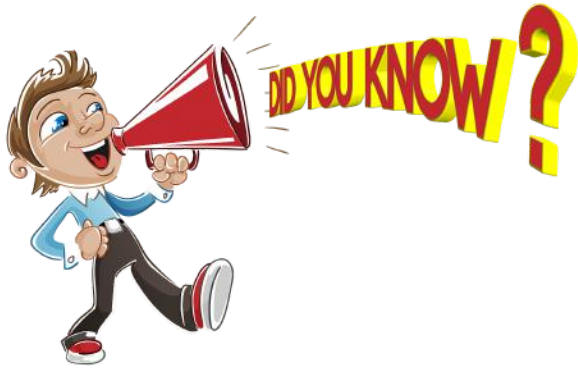


EAGLE GRANGE #1



Dave Troutman, president of Eagle Grange #1 in Montomery, Lycoming County is hanging the 150th Anniversary sign on the Grange hall.

If your Grange has had any fundraisers, membership recognition ceremonies or community service projects that you would like to see in the next PGN, please submit your article and pictures to pagrange@pagrange.org.



Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, it now includes events coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network in more than 193 countries. We can do a lot to help Restore Our Earth, the 2021 Earth Day Theme. Some ways to celebrate Earth Day is by going to the local park, stream, or highway and clean up trash. We can also plant a tree, plant a vegetable garden, ride a bike or walk instead of driving a car, use re-useable bottles, use totes or re-useable bags for groceries, and recycle!

Dirt Cake

16 oz. pkg. Oreo cookies	3 c. milk
8 oz. cream cheese	8 oz. cool whip topping
1 stick butter	1 c. powered sugar
2 sm. boxes vanilla instant pudding	1 tsp. vanilla

Crush cookies and put half of the crumbs in 13x9 inch pan. Mix cream cheese and butter until smooth. Mix in powered sugar. Fold in cool whip. In separate bowl, mix together pudding, milk and vanilla. Fold cream cheese mixture into pudding mixture. Pour on top of crumbs. Sprinkle remaining crumbs on top. Refrigerate to set.

Gail Moser - California Grange #941

This recipe is from the 2010 Edition of the Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbook.

Contest Highlights

In honor of Earth Day on April 22, we are highlighting the two Recycled Crafts for this year's Pennsylvania State Session.

The Junior Grange had a Junior Online Gathering where the 28 participating Juniors made K-cup snowmen. They painted the one cup black and white that dried they drew a snowman face on the other cup. Save those K-cups for the Juniors to do a craft.



Do you have extra pieces of wood, fabric, or plastic laying around? The Youth also have a recycled craft contest this year. There are 3 different categories, plastic, wood, and fabric. All ages can participate in the Youth contest using the different age groups. ! Let's see those crafts!

For more contests please refer to the 2020-2021 Guide to Contest and Programs..

POSSIBLE PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE

In response to individual Grange's requests for assistance, while struggling to pay necessary facility expenses such as taxes, electricity, sewer, heat, and water costs during the pandemic that we are all experiencing, the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive committee developed an assistance loan program. This program is intended only to assist a Grange to cover expenses in the short term whereby the repayment of the loan must begin within one year after the Governor removes the pandemic restrictions.

For further information call 717-737-8855 or 717-275-5045. Please leave a contact name, phone number, and Grange number if leaving a message.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you using social media to promote what your Grange is doing? Do you need Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram accounts? Let's schedule a date and time so we can work on this together to have your Grange active on social media.

Press Releases & Grange News

Please make sure to email or call me about any events or awards, Grange news you have to share. I know we have Granges who are doing drive through events, etc. that we would like to share with others what the Grange is doing during the pandemic.

Call Lizzie @ 717.254.9550

Were you aware that Grange offers vision benefits?



The Pennsylvania State Grange has a partnership with the Alera Group to offer our members vision insurance. VBA is one of the largest and best-known providers of vision benefits in America. VBA offers 4 standard vision plans to choose from. Available Plans & Rates Effective 3/1/20 - 2/28/22

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Single	\$5.76	\$7.85	\$8.70	\$10.44
Family	\$11.51	\$15.65	\$17.40	\$20.88

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



Welcome New Members!!!

Eagle #1

Helen Collins
Kathy Clees
Philip Vonada

Progress #96

Mary Stoner
Marshall Stoner

Hayfield #800

Emily Tau

Fairdale #1157

Norma McNeal

Hickory #1285

Teresa Berlin
Kim Hunt
Judy Bundy

Heather Siverling

Cindy Siverling

Fairview #1351

Linda Deafenbaugh

Ontelaunee #1617

Brenda Spencer
Joe Spencer



Happy Birthday to you!!!

Virginville #1832

Valeria Hoy
(Jan. 1928)

May Lafaver
(Jan. 1923)

Betty Dreibelbis
(Feb. 1928)

Fred Williams
(Feb. 1928)

Ernest Heckman
(Feb. 1930)



In Memoriam

"Well Done Good and Faithful Servant..."

Eagle #1

Lois Wertman

Logan #109

Helen Solt

Dawson #419

Mike Vindivich

Windel Hayes

Centre Hill #885

William Shugarts

Star #993

Anna Trach

Elk Creek #997

William Jack Sheffer

Jefferson #1373

Albert Martsof

Kimmerlings #1529

Kenneth Baker

Ontelaunee #1617

Marie Snyder

Central #1650

Gene Handwerk

Seipstown #1657

Mildred Gehringer

Honeybrook Twp. #1688

Linda Seldomridge

Wills #1690

Erma Jacobs

Stony Point #1694

Jean Hedglin

Unity #1710

William J Gager

Dayton #1819

David Brunner

Virginville #1832

Jean Luckenbill

Kimberly Merkel

Fleetwood #1839

Walter Christ

Paul Myers

Marion #1853

Terry Troutman

Sewickley #1897

Edward Hrtyanski

Pam Roll

Walker #2007

Mildred Fetzer

Shenango Twp. #2057

Jane Pieree

Elizabethville #2076

Scott Shank



March

7 Happy St. Patrick's Day

19-21 Virtual Mid Atlantic Regional Conference

(competitions will be held during PA Family Festival)

April

1 April Fool's Day

4 Easter

May

5 Cinco de Mayo

31 Memorial Day

June

14 Flag Day

25-27 PA Youth Camp; Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA

27-July 3 PA Junior Camp; Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA

July

4 Independence Day

15-18 Family Festival; Centre County Fairgrounds

20-25 Grange Revival; Days End Campground, Sturgis, SD

August

10-12 Ag Progress Days; Pennsylvania Furnace

September

6 Labor Day

18 150th Anniversary Luncheon; Lewisburg, PA

October

15-17 State Session; Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA

31 Happy Halloween!

November

9-13 National Grange Convention; Wichita, KS

11 Veterans Day

25 Happy Thanksgiving!

December

25 Merry Christmas!

All Dates are tentative and subject to change

Legislative (cont. from page 29)

from the Race Horse Development Fund and create a scholarship program for students enrolled in colleges that are part of the PA State System of Higher Education.

Borrow Money

Borrowing money is a strategy used to borrow money to balance the State Budget or to fund new desired programs. Two recent proposals: -Attempted Equity Loan on the Farm Show Complex. -\$4.5 billion loan under the proposed Restore PA program to fund at least a dozen categories of infrastructure ranging from Broadband expansion to demolishing vacant downtown buildings to refurbishing state parks. Paying off the loan would come from a new tax on Marcellus Shale natural gas called a 'severance tax'. Although proposed over several years, Restore PA has not had any legislative success.

A problem with loans is that they must be paid back unless of course it is legislation that 'borrows' the money. An example is the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (USTIF), a special resource to pay for cleaning up underground storage tank leaks. Almost 20 years ago, \$100 million was "borrowed". Now, about \$60 million is still owed to USTIF.

The bottom line is that funding the Commonwealth of PA will continue to be a problem.

Grange position: Spend less. Don't borrow. Don't raid Dedicated Funds. Don't take money from Agriculture.

Pennsylvania State Grange

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What can the Grange do for you?

National Grange Benefits

- Wyndham Hotel: Members save up to 20%
- Hertz/Avis/Budget Rental Car
- CVS Caremark: Savings up to 50% with CVS RxSavings Plus Card
- National Grange Travel Center
- Office Depot/Office Max/Shop.com
- TSYS Merchant Solutions

Pennsylvania State Grange Benefits

- American Income Life: All members receive a \$3000 Accidental Death Benefit.
- Avis Car Rental: Discounted Member Rates.
- BJ's Wholesale Club: Save \$15 on Basic, or \$30 on Rewards Membership, plus 1 free month.
- Tickets At Work: Offers discounts on movie tickets, concerts, travel, theme parks, and shopping.

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



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

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