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From the President's Desk

THE \$50 SCHOLARSHIP THAT CHANGED MY LIFE

What is your 'Origin Story' within Grange? Comic book characters often encounter some pivotal event that changes their course in life, sending them down an unforeseen path. Some of you were born into this organization; it's all you've ever known. Others, such as myself, found the Grange at a later point in life. For me, my origin story begins in June, 1991.

As a graduating high school student, I was presented the "Outstanding Senior in Agriculture Education" scholarship. This annual recognition was presented to one student by the members of the Elizabethtown Area Grange #2076. My involvement in FFA and dairy farm background did set me apart from my classmates. The Grange spent \$50 to buy a savings bond in my name. It was a simple but meaningful gesture. I sent them a thank you card, expressing my appreciation. But my sights were set on the future, as I was off to college!



Felicity and Matt Espenshade on the farm.

While studying at Penn State, I had the opportunity to be involved in several clubs and organizations. I became heavily involved Dairy Science Club and other groups, and joined Alpha Zeta, an agricultural fraternity with a house just off campus. Living there taught me how to work together for a common good, and have respectful discussions with people with whom you don't always agree.

After graduating with a degree in Dairy & Animal Science in 1995, I returned home to the dairy farm, as I had planned. We were able to make a variety of improvements and upgrades on the farm. However, it didn't take long to miss the personal interactions and friendships I had in my college fraternity. Where would I ever find bonds like that again?

I tried to fill the void in my personal life. For example, even though I had never been in 4-H, I became the program's leader of the local dairy club. But no matter what I tried; it didn't fulfil what was missing. In August 1995, I was visiting the Elizabethtown Fair, and I found myself in front of the Elizabethtown Grange booth. Each year they would make hand-spun milkshakes as their fundraiser. I stopped in and introduced myself as a prior scholarship winner. They encouraged me to come to their next meeting in September, which I did. By the end of that first Grange meeting, I was hooked, and I jumped in.

It didn't take long to realize that Grange wasn't just your ordinary club or social group, it was really more like an extended family. I was at least 20 years younger than anyone else, but it didn't matter. A few other members closer to my age soon joined, and I knew this was the place for me.

In January of 1996, I was walking through the Pennsylvania Farm Show with our subordinate Master, and we stopped at the PA State Grange stand. It happened to be the day that the youth department was staffing the area. I had the chance to meet Grange members that were my age from across Pennsylvania. They encouraged me to

attend Young Adults Conference in Lancaster in March, which I did. I was welcomed in immediately, and was affectionately called 'The New Guy'. Decades later, they still call me 'New Guy', and the brothers and sisters I met that day remain some of my closest friends.



Medieval themed Youth Camp, where I learned "There's no friend like a Grange friend".



Matt and Charlene Shupp, his future wife.

Youth camps, regional youth conferences and state sessions soon followed. I discovered the amazing history of this organization, its storied past, and optimistic future. Being a farmer, the Grange ritual touched me with its lessons that we shall reap what we sow. I continue to hold deep reverence for it. So you can imagine my surprise when I learned that Rev. Aaron Grosh, one of the seven founders of the National Grange, lived in Marietta and is buried just 10 miles away from my house.

In June of 1996, less than a year after a visit to the milkshake stand, I was elected Overseer. Four years later, the members of Elizabethtown Grange elected me to serve as Master. Over the past 27 years of

membership, these members have been my foundation. I am blessed to have had many wonderful Grange mentors in Elizabethtown, across Pennsylvania, and beyond.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not mention that through Grange is how I met my wife, Charlene. Many years ago, I received a call from Floyd Buffington, State Youth director. He let me know that a youth member from northern PA had moved to Elizabethtown to take a job at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. She didn't know anyone in the area, so perhaps I could invite her to our Grange meetings. After several months of invitations, she finally did attend a meeting, and well, let's just say it worked out for me and she is still going to our Elizabethtown Grange meetings. Our sons have been active in the Junior and Youth programs, and I can already see them developing friendships they will have for a lifetime.

But now, as I sit here at the desk of the Master of the State Grange of Pennsylvania, I can't help but think back to how this all started. My local Grange wanted to support a student with ambitions for a career in agriculture. We still present that scholarship, however, now it is a check for \$500.



I still have my savings bond. Earlier this year I considered cashing it in. It's been over 30 years, and it has stopped accruing interest. But at this point, it has more sentimental value than a fist full of dollar bills. And who knows... maybe someday those Elizabethtown Grange members will get their money's worth out of me.



Matthew Espenshade is the Pennsylvania State Grange President. He is a member of Elizabethtown Grange #2076 in Lancaster County.



Chaplain's Corner

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas from Central Pennsylvania! The cooler months are upon us, and the hustle and bustle of the season are here! Looking back over 2022, it has been a year of blessings, the most outstanding being the birth of our precious son, Riggs.

We are looking forward to this holiday season and watching it through his eyes.

As I write this, I find myself relating to Mary differently. Mary, a young Jewish girl, would have shared in her people's yearning for the promised Messiah. For Ben and I, we yearned for a child. Then there's the miracle of pregnancy for us both. I am positive Mary would have never thought about having the Messiah come to her as her baby. I can only imagine what was going through her head then and the emotions she was experiencing. For me, it was, "I am finally pregnant!"

Luke 1:46-48, "And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on, all generations will call me blessed." I can relate to those feelings as I know the sense of humbleness, along with the joy, of having a little miracle growing within me. Mary was willing to do as the Lord asked and felt so blessed. I wonder if she had times of nervousness as I did, wanting my baby to be ok.

Then the apprehension as the time of birth arrived. I am so grateful that I did not give birth in a stable, but again I can relate to Mary in the joy of holding our beautiful baby boy for the first time. And as the heavenly hosts proclaimed the birth to the shepherds, we spread the word of Riggs' birth to family and friends.

Then there is another notable similarity for me. Jesus was presented at the temple, just days old when Simeon, an aged priest, gave these words in Luke 2:28-32, "Simeon took him in his arms and praised

God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace." And Anna, a widowed prophet who lived at the temple, fulfilled her greatest wish: Luke 2:38, "Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem." My 96-year-old Pap was becoming frail; I wanted him to live to see Riggs. God also granted my wish as He did for Simeon and Anna, for I am blessed to have memories and pictures of Pap holding baby Riggs. A few days later, he went to heaven to be with Gram.



Sharing my story with you, I am hoping you will understand why this Christmas will be extra special for me. And my hope for each of you is that you will take time to reflect on your Christmas-related stories and be grateful for what you have and for the greatest gift of all – A Savior, Lord Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas, friends and have a wonderful, joyous, happy new year!!

Love Always & Forever,
Jodi Keith Kensinger
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Wayne Campbell Farewell Letter

It's hard to believe another year is almost over. By the time you read this, our 150th Pennsylvania State Grange session will be in the books. You will have a new slate of officers, including a new Pennsylvania State Grange President. National Grange will be in the next week, and then we'll celebrate Thanksgiving.

I want to take this opportunity to reminisce a little as it is the last article I will write for the PGN as the President of the Pennsylvania State Grange. In Debbie and my wildest dreams, we never anticipated I would become President of this great organization. It has been a humbling experience, and I've had an opportunity to work with some great people. A President, a manager, or any leader is only as good as the people around them. They can only accomplish goals if they can work with people, give encouragement, and iron out differences fairly. Will everyone always be happy? Never, but all must be heard and respected. Thank you to everyone who has worked with me at the State level; you've been a true blessing.

I purchased my new truck in March 2019, and when I wrote this article in late September, it had over 166,000 miles. Most of those miles were Grange miles!! I want to thank every Grange that asked other State Grange representatives or me to come and speak or help at your fundraising events. Thank you to the many Granges that invited Lizzie Bailey and me to attend a public meeting to educate the people in your community on what the Grange is and does. We are not just a building or an event. We are a grassroots family organization that one can join at the age of 5 and be a member for the rest of your life. We are a community service organization that is also a strong advocate in Harrisburg and Washington for rural and urban Americans, young and old alike. We offer benefits that more than cover the cost of your dues and provide great opportunities to get discounts on that family vacation.

We have a Junior and Youth program that allows young people to reach for the stars, attend camps, and make friends for a lifetime. Debbie and I were blessed to have worked in the kitchen for both Junior and Youth camps. Debbie and I both enjoy cooking, and let's face it; food almost always puts a smile on people's faces. We watched kids learn how to raise, lower, and fold the American flag properly. We watched some great skits as kids expressed their experiences at camp. We've seen young people who were so bashful they had a hard time saying hello, go to standing in front of the group, and giving a two-minute speech in just a matter of days. We watched friendships develop that will last a lifetime, not just in PA, but friendships that may be from coast to coast. These programs are helping to ensure our Grange into the future. I urge you and your Grange once more to be generous when you receive the annual appeal letters from our directors.

Thank you to all the Granges that saw Covid as a challenge to try something new, find new ways to meet, continue serving your community, and even develop new projects. You should find other groups in your community that you can partner with and do fundraisers. Together, you make a difference in your community. Educate them on the Grange and maybe get some new members when they learn who we are and what we do. We must think outside the box if we are going to grow.

In closing, I still say Grange is the best-kept secret. Please spread the word about what we do and how we can make a difference in your community. I will still be around and will continue to help whenever I am asked. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to serve you.

May God bless us all.

Wayne D. Campbell



Wayne D. Campbell is the Pennsylvania State Grange Past President, serving 2017 to 2022. Wayne is a member of Oliver Grange and resides in Perry County.

Reflections...

Grange Visits



Wayne with Past Presidents Beth Downey and Gordan Hiller.



Wayne and Debbie with Stanley Reyburn at Russellville Grange hall.



A visit to Somerset County to meet with Grange leaders.



Wayne Campbell is installed as the PA State Grange President by National Grange President Betsy Huber, Feb. 2017.



Wayne installs Barbara Schroeder into his prior position as Overseer.

Leadership



Wayne and Debbie as our National Grange Delegates.



Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill, Wayne Campbell and Representative Pam Snyder.



Congressman GT Thompson and Wayne Campbell.



Art & Dina Zug, Wayne & Debbie Campbell, Lorena Baughman in Washington, DC.

Advocacy



Secretary Russell Redding pinning a PA Preferred pin on Wayne at PA Department of Agriculture.



A visit to Congressman John Joyce office in Washington DC. at the Legislative Fly-In.



Lehighton Pomoma Grange members presented Wayne with a bubble suit after he had fallen through the floor of a very old Grange hall.

Youth and Junior Camp



Wayne and Debbie at Youth/Junior Camp.



Wayne enjoys working in the kitchen at camp.



Wayne and Debbie attending the Junior Grange meeting at camp.



Wayne, Grange Directors and volunteers dressed for the Wild Wild West theme.



In 2021 Elwood Holman who was 99 years young came to Ag Progress Days to meet President Wayne.

Award



Wayne and Debbie Campbell were presented the Friend of Youth Award by Ellen Wadsworth.

New State Grange Office



Wayne Campbell at the new Grange office after he signed the paperwork and received the keys.



Wayne and Debbie in 1950's attire at Virginville Grange Open House.

Ag Progress Days/Farm Show



AG Progress Days highlighting the new PSU Quilt Block.

Proud Moments



Wayne with Grandson Bryce Danko, National Grange Junior Ambassador.



Wayne and Debbie Campbell walking and holding hands.

Costume Changes



Wayne dressed as the Sheriff at Junior Grange Camp.
Photo credit: Lindsay Schroeder

Newsmaker



Wayne at PCN for an interview a few days after falling through the floor of an old Grange hall.



The first interview by Dave Williams with Wayne as the Past President.



Santa Claus.



Josh Shapiro, Isabella Boone, and Wayne Campbell at the PA Farm Show.

*Thank you
Wayne!*

thank you



Deaf and Community Service

Grangers continue to do good deeds!



Fellow Grangers,

If you were in attendance at state session, you may have heard me mention; the thing about Grangers is that you are always here to help. For two years, I've pleaded for supplies and donations for various causes. Without question, you've always shown up ten-fold. It's astounding, constant and so blessed to have witnessed it. Even more so, when you're not asked, and in major times of need, you're even more present.

The organization that we've highlighted over the past couple months and at state session is Just For Today (JFT). They are a recovery and veteran's support service that extends from Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry and York counties. Their services assist between 275-400 people on a weekly basis. They have recently launched an initiative that is in it's early stages called "Helping

Veterans through Agriculture", where they hope to acquire farmland, grow produce and other activities with their veterans. This is where I step in and go for my "big ask"... JFT needs our help. If you have a contact, resource or would like to be involved in assisting JFT on their agriculture journey, please contact myself, committee or JFT directly. If there's one thing I know about Grangers... we hold agriculture near and dear to our hearts and I can't think of anyone better to step up to this challenge.

The last two years have been incredibly enlightening in many ways. I've been able to connect with Granges across the state, discuss your challenges and successes, and even be able to participate in some of your events. Thank you so much for all that you do. Whether or not the question has been asked, please continue to do your good deeds.



The highlight of my week summed up right here... JFT Recovery and Veterans Support Services is one of my favorite organizations for what they do for the community. In just 48 hours, Grangers across the state donated a couple hundred items and raised \$1,000 to be presented to the JFT director Steve Barndt. We donated \$500 to the York County K9 Unit who came to session to educate Grangers on the services they provide the community. Thank you to all who contributed and made this possible.



Rachel Bailey is the Pennsylvania State Grange Deaf and Community Service Director. She is a member of Capital Grange and resides in Cumberland County.



Junior Grange News



If feels hard to believe that another State Grange session has come and gone. We had a great time in York this year, with lots of laughs and fun among the Juniors (and Juniors-at-Heart) in attendance! Thank you to the Host Committee for putting together a great Junior Jam, and to Valley Grange for your hospitality. I can't wait to see what's in store at the 150th Anniversary in Morgantown next year!

This year's session saw a TON of entries in our Junior contests. A full list of winners will be included in the Jan/Feb issue of the PGN.

This year, we were honored to present State Grange President Wayne Campbell with the "Junior Supporter of the Year" award. Even before Wayne was our President, he was a HUGE supporter of the state Junior Grange program. He has tirelessly advocated on behalf of our Juniors and Youth, has made a fool of himself for good causes, and has been (and will continue to be!) a strong personal supporter of the Junior Committee and me. I am thankful for his mentorship and guidance over the year, and I know the PA Junior Grangers have a fantastic role model in Wayne. **THANK YOU WAYNE!!**

This winter, I encourage every Junior Grange to take part in the History Committee's "PA State Grange 150 Years - 150 Acts of Service". Reports of your Grange's act(s) of service may be reported at any time to Doug Bonsall (douglas.b@verizon.net) or Jenn Nauss (jnauss89@gmail.com) so they may be added to the list. More information can be found at <https://www.pagrange.org/state-grange/150th-anniversary.html>. It's important to remember that Junior Grangers may be small, but can have a MIGHTY impact!

Over the holidays this year, there are hundreds of ways to get involved in service projects in your communities. Maybe it's collecting items to give to a local nursing home or senior center, creating Christmas cards to send to our military members or

emergency workers. This website has some other creative ideas for how your Junior Grange (and families) can serve your communities.

<https://homeschoolsuperfreak.com/ideas-for-service-projects/>

The holiday season is also a great time to get together to work on projects as a family. One thing there's clearly never enough of during the holidays is baked goods, so why not try your hand at working toward our 2023 Cooking contest: **Muffins!** Next year's contest has two subcategories - **Sweet Muffins** and **Savory Muffins**. Be sure to consult the Guide to Contests for the full rules, but I encourage you to BE CREATIVE with your recipes I hope to see some delicious muffins in the works!



Don't forget to get your invitations in for your Junior Ambassadors, Danni and Tyler! They would LOVE to come out to your Granges, events, picnics, holiday parties, or more! Shoot me an email or call me to set it up!

Finally, at Junior Grange Camp this past year, my workshop focused on holiday traditions in other cultures, including Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year, and the Christmas holiday traditions in countries like France, Russia, Mexico, and England. What I would love to see is YOUR holiday traditions! Send me photos and a description of the things that make your holidays with your family or friends special. Please send them to pajuniorgrange@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays, and - as always - be kind,
Phil



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The wheel continues to turn...

Membership News

If you follow my membership columns, you will remember reading an article about my Gramm talking to me about change. Gramm would say, "People like things staying the same as they get comfortable in their space. Change is good as it keeps things interesting, and we don't become stagnant." She would reference that a wheel continually turns. Wheels turning can take us to new places, And Gramm would add, "Change is the one thing that is guaranteed to happen in our life." Change can bring opportunities with fresh perspectives that can invigorate the membership. This year's session brought a new president and several new officers to our leadership team. Make sure to talk to your Grange leaders and share your thoughts and opinions so they can understand your views and perspectives. Also, be an attentive listener to their fresh perspectives. Be as supportive as you can be to advance membership across Pennsylvania.

I will also be like the turning wheel and move on to new opportunities. My past six years working for Grange have been quite the journey. Wayne and I traveled many times across Pennsylvania to attend your meetings and events and work on growing your membership. We were challenged by our problems and the many issues that Granges experienced. We did our best to address them. I was always proud that we all learned to pivot and embrace new ideas together. Thank you all for our time together. I grew as a leader with you as we tackled the many issues before us. We had happy times and some tears on our journey together. I have such beautiful memories that I will cherish forever. You have enriched my life tremendously.

Please continue to embrace the journey with your new leadership team. They will need your help and support.

Always yours in Grange Service,
Lizzie

Calling All Volunteers!

**PA Farm Show
January 7 - 14, 2023**

**Volunteers are needed
for the PA Grange Booth
located in main expo hall.**

**To sign up please email:
publicrelations@pagrange.org
Call: 717-737-8855**

Ag Wine Tour State Session

We had lots of fun with thirty Grangers on the bus as we toured Smyser's Farm and visited the Brookmere Winery, Dawg Gone Bees, and Deja Brew Coffee & Bakery in New Oxford. The weather couldn't have been more perfect as our legendary Historian Scott D. Hartwig provided a tour of the National Cemetery in Gettysburg and shared details about one of our founders, William Saunders. Our day ended with 45 Grangers having a fabulous dinner at The Lodges of Gettysburg with Executive Deputy Secretary Greg Hostetter speaking on Pennsylvania Agriculture. President Wayne Campbell wrapped up the evening with comments and highlights of his presidency.

Highlights of the PA State Grange Ag Wine Tour



Bryan Smyser hopped on the bus to share how Agritourism plays a big role on Smyser's Farm.



Pumpkins at Smyser's Farm.



PA Dairy Princess Selina Horst served milk punch.



Scott D. Hartwig, historian and author gave a very informative tour around the Gettysburg National Cemetery.



Hal Mack shared the story of Dawg Gone Bees and how he operates his bee business.



We have a scenic drive through the Gettysburg Battlefield on our way to dinner at The Lodges of Gettysburg.



Greg Hostetter and Wayne Campbell spoke at The Lodges of Gettysburg where we ended our evening with a fabulous dinner!



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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

As announced in the last issue, the two new Youth Ambassadors are Logen Smith, (Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lancaster County), and Bryce Danko, (Oliver Grange #1069, Perry County). Here are a few words from each of them:

Hello, my name is Bryce Danko and I am a member of Oliver Grange #1069. I will be serving as your 2022-2023 State Grange Youth Ambassador. I am a senior at Greenwood School District. There, I participate in Greenwood Baseball and FFA, where I am a very active member on my parliamentary procedure team, and will be headed to National Convention in November to compete. I am also a member of Boy Scout Troop 222. In my free time I enjoy volunteering at the Liverpool Fire Company and Liverpool Ambulance League. I am honored to be serving as your 2022-2023 State Grange Youth Ambassador.

Hello, my name is Logen Smith, I am 17 years old and I go to Elizabethtown Area Grange. I attend Elizabethtown High School, and I am currently in my 11th year of school. I don't currently hold an office in my Grange. I plan to go into welding when I am older and I have considered to even do underwater welding. I look forward as Youth Ambassador to go to all the events or Granges and see the Grange community and meet everyone and learn how the Grange has benefitted them.

Thank you Bryce and Logen! We can't wait to see what the year brings to you!

By the time you receive this issue, the PA State Grange Session, will be in the history books. The Youth Officer Team will again be sporting their new vests this year at State Session in York, PA. I am excited to see this impressive group of youth and young adults as they not only open the Session on Saturday morning, but also conduct the Third Degree on Friday night. All of our regular contests will be held this year.

Once again we asked for sponsors for our Youth Officer Team members and once again, YOU came through with strong support. The Youth Officer Team (on the next page) selected for the PA State Grange Session in October 2022 will be presented with an official Youth Team vest, including the Grange logo and their name embroidered on the front. Only new Youth Officer Team members will receive a vest this year. The returning officers will continue to use the vest they were presented with last year.



Congratulations to all of these fantastic youth and young adults!!

This year's sponsors of the PA State Grange Youth Officer Team include, in no particular order:

- Marie Leach
- Nancy Kerr
- Jon Day
- Samantha Wilkins
- Amanda Brozana-Rios
- Straub Insurance
- Wayne Campbell
- Debbie Campbell
- Barbara Harrison-McPherson
- Michael Adams
- Jane Adams
- Jodi Kensinger
- Barbara & Derek Schroeder
- Elizabethtown Grange
- James (Bud) & Sue Snyder
- David & Ellen Wadsworth

Thank you to these individuals and Granges for demonstrating your commitment to the Youth of Pennsylvania!

I hope you are able to invite your local Youth and Young Adults or our State Youth Ambassadors and Young Patron royalty to your Grange meeting, fair, or event. You are welcome to invite them to speak or visit your meeting or event anytime. Please contact me to schedule a royalty visit. Our Youth Ambassadors and Young Patron are eager and willing to help in almost any possible way.

Thank you all who have sent in appeal donations as well as sponsored a Youth Officer vest! We greatly appreciate your support and hope to make you proud of our PA Youth and Young Adults!

Fraternally,
Ellen Wadsworth
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Third Degree Officers

Master	Glenn Wilkins
Overseer	Logen Smith
Lecturer	Elizabeth Reich
Steward	Sara Benzio
Asst. Steward	Bryce Danko
Lady Asst. Steward	Kay Reyburn
Chaplain	Isabella Boone
Treasurer	Evan Espenshade
Secretary	Autumn Tworkoski
Gatekeeper	Daniel Wilkins
Ceres	Evy Zaleski
Pomona	Cassidy Schaeffer
Flora	Ashlan Smith
Marching Candidate	Shae Smith
Marching Candidate	Harvey Reyburn
Marching Candidate	Merle Reyburn
Marching Candidate	Lindsay Schroeder
Harvest Marcher	Jackson Reich
Harvest Marcher	Hannah Leibensperger
Harvest Marcher	Jen Beamon
Harvest Marcher	Rob Beamon

2022 Youth Officer Team

Master	Glenn Wilkins
Overseer	Bryce Danko
Lecturer	Elisabeth Reich
Steward	Sara Benzio
Asst. Steward	Logen Smith
Lady Asst. Steward	Kay Reyburn
Chaplain	Cassie Kehs
Treasurer	Evan Espenshade
Secretary	Autumn Tworkoski
Gatekeeper	Jackson Reich
Ceres	Shae Smith
Pomona	Dani Kehs
Flora	Riley Danko
Exec Comm	Cassidy Schaeffer
Exec Comm	Isaac Mengel
Exec Comm	Ashlan Smith
Exec Comm	Isabella Boone
Finance Comm	Abby Kehs
Finance Comm	Daniel Wilkins
Finance Comm	Hannah Leibensperger



We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt



Ellen Wadsworth is the out-going PA State Grange Youth Director. Ellen served as Youth Director from 2014-2022. Ellen belongs to Goshen Grange and resides in Chester County

Greetings from South Central PA!

As I write this, the annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session is just around the corner. It has been my honor to serve the State Grange in the office of Lecturer for the last two years. The last two years have been an unprecedented time with the COVID pandemic and each of us learning new ways to continue the work of our Grange.

Happy New Grange Year!

The fall brings a new Grange year with newly elected officers in our community, county (Pomona), and State Granges. This is the perfect time to reinvigorate and reinspire our Granges and make plans for the new year ahead. How can you celebrate the new year in your Grange?

-Use the 150th Anniversary Candle Lighting Ceremonies

The Grange light has been spreading across Pennsylvania since the Anniversary Kick-Off in September 2021. Beginning this November and continuing through next October, we invite all Granges to join with us in lighting the 150th Candle at each of their meetings and share the accompanying monthly reading with their members. Each Grange has received a copy of the monthly readings in the mailing from the Anniversary Committee. We hope that the candle and readings will help to inspire each local Grange to continue to spread the light of the Grange in their communities.

In these times of division and polarization, our Granges have the potential to be a light in the darkness, setting an example in our communities for how we can join together and work together toward a common purpose. May this light inspire us to continue the work of the Grange and instill in us a renewed enthusiasm to keep the Grange thriving for at least another 150 years.

At each meeting, the 150th Candle should be placed on the altar. The candle lighting ceremony should be conducted immediately following the Opening of the Grange, before the Roll Call of Officers. The appointed reader should approach the altar, facing

The Lecturer's Scroll

the Vice President/Overseer. Ideally, most of the Grange officers should take a turn serving as the reader. The reader should share the corresponding monthly reading (about 5 minutes or less in length) and, at the conclusion of the reading, should light the candle on the altar. The candle should remain lit throughout the meeting and should be extinguished after the Closing of the Grange.

Each Grange that has picked up their candle holder and other supplies at a State Grange function this fall has received 4 tea lights, which should stay lit for a total of 24 hours. If your Grange requires additional candles, please replace the tea lights by purchasing them (available in many stores at a low cost). If your Grange was unable to attend a State Grange function this fall, please use any candle of your choice.



- Install your newly elected Officers

The installation ceremony in the manual is an inspiring reminder of our responsibilities as Grange officers. The traditional and alternate installation ceremonies are both included in the 2013 manual (light blue, soft bound version). Hold the installation as your Literary Program. Any Community/Subordinate Grange President, past President, or Fifth Degree (County/Pomona Grange) member can install your Grange's officers.

If holding a formal installation ceremony is not a possibility, consider using a Literary Program to read through or otherwise present the installation odes from the manual as a way of reminding and inspiring your Grange's officers and other members to fulfill their responsibilities in their newly elected (or re-elected) positions.

- Make a New Grange Resolution

As a Grange, write a resolution for the coming Grange year. Think of a goal that is attainable, but

that encourages all of your members to work together to improve in some way. Can you hold more educational programs at your meetings? Can you find new ways to serve your community? Consider making your resolution a way to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the PA State Grange. Report your service projects to the "150 Years....150 Acts of Service" initiative. Make plans with your members to attend the anniversary festivities at the 2023 annual State Grange Session, October 19-22, 2023, in Morgantown, PA. The 150th Anniversary only will be here once, so don't miss it!

Wishing you and your families a joyous holiday season. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions!

Jenn Nauss

PROGRAM IDEAS

December

7 - Letter Writing Day - As part of your Literary Program, provide greeting cards and have your members write notes to those who would appreciate them, especially for the holidays. Write notes to those serving in the military, residents in a local skilled nursing facility, or members of Grange that are shut-in or in need of some extra care this holiday season.

December/early winter is the season of many holidays across several faith and cultural traditions. Hold a program to educate your members about some of the season's other holidays - not only Christmas. You may be surprised just how many things the various traditions have in common!

January

13 - Make Your Dream Come True Day - Hold a planning meeting to brainstorm ways to make your Grange's dreams and goals come true. Think of a new project or target that you want to achieve and come up with a plan to make it happen.

28 - National Seed Swap Day - Plan a seed swap! Have members bring favorite or unique seeds to swap with each other. Share helpful gardening tips and other useful information to prepare for the spring gardening.

Pennsylvania State Grange Regional Leadership Conferences

The Pennsylvania State Grange held three Regional Leadership Conferences in September and October.

September 10th - Big Knob Grange, Beaver County

September 17th - Progress Grange, Centre County

October 1st - Kutztown Grange, Berks County

The conferences provided attendees with information about State and National Grange programs, initiatives, and events, as well as training in the areas of generational differences among members and its impact on the Grange, incorporating fun into our Grange meetings for our Juniors and Juniors at Heart, leadership, publicity, and community engagement. Thank you to the Grangers across the state who joined us for these conferences. My sincerest thanks to the three Granges who hosted us - Big Knob, Progress, and Kutztown! Your hospitality was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Phil Vonada, PA State Junior Director; Ellen Wadsworth, PA State Grange Youth/Young Adults Director; and Doug Bonsall, Chair of PA State Grange History/150th Anniversary Committee for their support and co-presenting the workshops at the regional conferences. The next conferences are tentatively planned for the Winter 2024; look for more information closer to the time.



Jenn Nauss is the PA State Grange Lecturer. Jenn belongs to Valley Grange #1360 in Cumberland County and Eagle #1 in Lycoming County. She can be emailed at januss89@gmail.com and called at 717-512-1261.



Family Activities

Happy Holidays!

Hi Everyone,
I hope all are well, as we will be celebrating the holidays very soon.

State Session is a busy time for all who attend, and I hope you visited the Family Activities exhibits area. The Family Activities committee was pleased to work on displaying all the entries from every department.

Family Activities had both quilts on display to showcase them for everyone to have an opportunity to see. Also available were the new contest papers. We also had some of the "Quilt and more" raffle prizes donated by the Subordinate and Pomona Granges. And if you did come into the room, I hope you voted for the People's Choice Award. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need the new contest papers to hand out to your Grange members. It would be nice for everyone to start making the contest items for next year's State Session early. I do, although, have to get tickets ordered and ready for Farm Show in January. All the winners at State Session are listed in this PGN edition..

As you read this, you know we are almost or already at camp, so a little slow down till holiday time comes. But if you think about it Thanksgiving is right around the corner. I'm ready for all the quiet time Merle and I have with the two puppies, Saddle and Maggie, at camp. We love the time we spend at camp as we prepare for the holidays. Our tradition is to celebrate the holidays there, so we jump into decorating. Nothing is better than when we start baking all the sweet treats and delicious foods! I love to bake in the cookstove; it makes the camp smell good.

I hope your Thanksgiving is incredible and you make memories to last a lifetime. Christmas is my favorite holiday, and I enjoy this time with family and friends.



We eat a lot of great food and all kinds of delicious cookies, pies, and cakes. Even though I get a year older, it will always be my favorite holiday.

So here we go into the new 2023 contest paper. Some of the contests are the same, but we have some new ones:

QUILT BLOCK - Class 1: Triangles & Rectangles - Pieced- Color scheme- Brown/Creams/Earth tones. **FOOD CLASS - 10:** Carrot Cake, **Class 11:** Gingerbread Cookies, **Class 12:** Chocolate Fudge, **TIN PUNCHING Class 19:** Large Art, **Class 20:** Small Art, must be handmade by the entrant, NO KITS. **BELTS - Class 21:** Women's belt, **Class 22:** Men's belt, can be made with any material, NO KITS. **STENCILING - Class 23:** Wood, **Class 24:** Slate, **Class 25:** Fabric, **Class 26:** Glass, can be the design of your choice, size up to 16" x20", NO KITS

I hope everyone's time can slow down for you to make some new contest entries during the holidays while watching all the Christmas movies. If you still need to get a copy of the contests, email me at melmelius59@gmail.com or call me at (814-360-7058). I will send you a copy and try to answer any other questions you want to ask.

Have a great holiday season. Enjoy, and God bless all of you.

Thank you.

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius



Melanie Melius is the Pennsylvania State Grange Family Activities Director. She is a member of Baileyville Grange in Centre County. Melanie can be emailed at melmelius59@gmail.com or call (814)360-7058.

Grange Cookbook Classics

recipes through the generations



Corny Chicken

4 or 5 Chicken Breasts	1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 tsp salt	1 cup drained whole kernel corn
1/2 tsp paprika	1/2 cup chopped onion
1 cup tomato sauce	1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1 cup canned stewed tomatos	1 clove garlic, crushed

Place chicken in Crock-Pot. Sprinkle with salt and paprika. Pour tomato sauce over top. Add vegetables and garlic; mix well. Cook on Medium for 8 hours.

Kathy Ward, Friend of Princeton Grange, Idaho

This recipe can be found in the 1986 National Grange Cookbook "The Glory of Cooking".

Holiday Cheese Ball

1 lb WisPride cheddar, plain
6 oz cream cheese
2-3 oz blue cheese
1 finely chopped onion
2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
2 tsp minced parsley
Additional parsley or chopped nuts in which to roll the ball(s)

Allow cheddar, cream cheese, and blue cheese to reach room temperature so that they are soft enough to mix. Add onion, Worcestershire sauce, and parsley. Chill, and roll in ball or balls. Roll in chopped nuts or parsley. May be frozen in plastic wrap.

Marilyn Lehman, Bald Eagle Grange #1390

This recipe can be found in the Pennsylvania State Grange's 150th Anniversary Cookbook.





Meet Dina Zug, 2022 PA State Granger of the Year!

by Lizzie Bailey

When meeting with Dina, it is no wonder she was the top choice to be this year's Granger of the Year Award winner! She humbly doesn't elaborate on the list provided by her family sharing her accomplishments. The list is enough to elevate her to Super Granger of the Year! Dina said that it was a surprise when Wayne Campbell called her to the stage at the All-Granger Banquet on Sunday, October 16th, at the Wyndham Hotel in York! Dina reflected, "I remember looking out at the audience from the podium and thinking there were so many sitting here that are so deserving of this award."

The Nomination

Dina Zug's family nominated her for the 2022 Pennsylvania State Grange Granger of the Year Award. Dina's service to Walker Grange, the local community, and the Pennsylvania State Grange filled the allotted space on the application. As Walker Grange's Lecturer, she has been busy for the past five years. She has served as their banquet coordinator for the past 20-plus years. She was the Pennsylvania State Grange past Junior Grange Committee member, State Youth Director, and State Grange Secretary. Dina represented the Pennsylvania State Grange on the Dairy Future Commission and is Chairman of the Marketing Sub-Committee.

Additional accomplishments:

- Zugstead Farm Inc., is a PA Dairy Marketing Promotion and Dina serves on the board.
- Juniata County Dairy Promotion member & coordinates the Milk Shake Stand.
- Dina was Juniata County Farmer of the Year
- She is a member of the Free Spring Church of the Brethren, coordinates their candy fundraiser, is on the Chicken BBQ Committee, and is part of their Witness Committee.
- Juniata County 4H leader
- Founder of the Dairy Feeder Club
- Member of the Land O' Lakes Co-op and a past Delegate
- Juniata County Cooperative Extension
- Treasurer for American Dairy Association North East.



Wayne Campbell announces Dina Zug is the 2022 PA State Grange, "Granger of the Year" winner.

Farm Life and Grange

"My life has always been in agriculture. My father bought our family farm in 1958; this is where I grew up," shared Dina. Grange was always part of her life. "My mom joined Walker Grange in the little town of Mexico, and she was an active member," stated Dina. "As children, we went to meetings with her, participated in activities, and volunteered. In those days, activities were few, and Grange was the center of things in our community." Dina added, "Others have grown up in Grange and left it; I can't go that route. Those of us who stick with Grange value friendships made, and we value community service."

Dina laughed and said, "When I was growing up on the farm, I always said I wouldn't marry a farmer, but you know God had other plans for me. Art moved to Juniata County in 1971 from West Chester in Chester County. He purchased a farm, and he joined Turbitt Grange. Art's Uncle and Aunt, Oscar and Vera Supplee who had moved to Juniata County a few years prior, were instrumental in locating the farm outside of Port Royal, that he purchased. Oscar and Vera were members at Walker Grange, and he would attend meetings at Walker with them and his at Turbett Grange. That is how we met, and we were married in 1974. We bought my dad's farm in 1979, moved here, and live here today.

Family

Art and Dina daughter is Leslie (Denny) Long and her husband Randy have 2 sons, Conrad 14 and Cyrus 8, their son and daughter in law, Joseph and Kristina Zug, have a daughter Gabriella (Brie) 22 months old, and their son and daughter in law, Daniel and Amanda Zug, have a daughter Natalee who is 11 years old.



L to R: Conrad and Cyrus Long, Natalee Zug, Brie Zug, Dina and Art Zug. Photo credit: Kevin Dorsey

Grange Advocacy

Art and I went on many trips with Grange to Washington, DC, to be a voice in agriculture. "Advocacy work has always piqued my interest. State Grange cultivated my interest when we were on the State Grange bus trips," she said. Dina continued, "Those engaged in agriculture realized we needed to be outspoken and educate consumers. People who don't have an agricultural background don't always know where their food sources are. As regulations were voted on and passed, we realized as active agriculture producers, we needed to be a voice for agriculture," said Dina. Dina says we all need to realize the importance of banding together with other ag groups to be a solid front to address issues. The work I did as a past Land O' Lakes Delegate made me realize the importance of group visits. We were able to visit more political offices because, as a group from different areas, we could see more politicians." Art stressed the importance to meet your State and U.S. Senators and Representatives, so they can remember you and value your input on issues that concern Agriculture and Rural America.

Zugstead Farm Inc. is a family corporation business. Dina was motivated and driven to form a family corporation for the farm to pass down to the next generation. They have a 260-acre farm in the heart of Juanita County, part of the original setup. Art and Dina's two sons, the next

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The Walker Grange members held a dinner for Dina Zug to celebrate with her for being selected as the 2022 PA State Grange "Granger of the Year" award winner.



CELEBRATE! The Pennsylvania State Grange is now officially in its 150th anniversary year! Planning for the sesquicentennial celebration began more than two years ago and was initiated with a kick-off luncheon in 2021. Since then anniversary candle lighting ceremonies have been conducted at State Grange events, Granges have been challenged to report their "Acts of Service" and throughout 2021-2023 several fund raising initiatives are underway. Delegates at the 2020 and 2021 state sessions affirmed that all Granges would accept volunteer and financial responsibility to make the 2023 anniversary events successful. All these preliminary preparations have set the stage for the recognition of 150 years of service climaxing with an extended state session in Morgantown, PA, October 19-22, 2023.

Multiple opportunities for individual and Grange participation in this anniversary are available. A mailing was sent in September 2022 to all Subordinate and Pomona Secretaries with complete details about all these anniversary opportunities. If this information has not yet been shared in your Grange, please inquire with your Secretary and accept the challenge to be a part of this historic event. Here's a summary of the ways that you and your Grange can participate:

- **Acts of Service** - brief descriptions of many new, unique service projects to benefit the community shared on the State Grange Facebook page and website.
- **"Light the Cake"** - financial contributions in the amounts from \$1-\$150 continue to finance the celebration; contributors will be listed in the historical program booklet.
- **Sponsorships** - larger contributions in six categories ranging from \$250-\$5,000; all sponsorship levels include a complimentary ad in the historical program booklet.

- **Historical Booklet Ads** - be part of the published history of the State Grange by purchasing an ad block in one-eighth, quarter, half, three-quarter and full page sizes.
- **Candle Lighting Ceremonies** - 12 brief monthly prepared ceremonies with a reading and votive lighting for use at local Grange meetings, each about a different aspect of the organization.
- **Recognition of 50+ Sixth Degree Members** - help us identify and contact persons who received the Sixth Degree in 1973 or earlier (see box on next page)
- **Tabletop Displays** - set up a 4' table display at the 2023 session about your Grange to either share its history or tell the story of current activities.
- **Commemorative Anniversary Items** - this year's limited edition memorabilia item is a 10 ounce insulated vacuum tumbler featuring the 150th anniversary logo - only 50 available; 2023 item(s) to be introduced later.
- **Pennants** - every Grange (Subordinate, Pomona, and Junior) is encouraged to make a pennant to be part of the hotel decorations.
- **Door Prizes** - every Grange is asked to donate a door prize of an approximate \$25 value - gift baskets, gift cards, handcrafted items, etc.

Candle Lighting Ceremonies This series of short ceremonies, written by our State Lecturer and History Committee member Jenn Nauss, is a meaningful and easy way for every Grange to celebrate the 150th anniversary. The first ceremony, conducted during the September 2021 kick-off, commemorated the birth of the Grange in Pennsylvania. A second ceremony at the 2021 state session highlighted the importance of leadership. During 2022, the anniversary candle has been lit at statewide events to recognize the work of the Junior, Youth/Young Adult, Family Activity and Community Service departments.

A monthly ceremony, each with a different emphasis, has been provided so local Granges can commemorate the 150th anniversary in their meetings from November 2022 through October 2023. Granges represented at the state session in York received a special 150th anniversary votive holder and candle to use for these ceremonies. The

- topics for the next few months are:
- November 2022 - Unity
 - December 2022 - Fidelity
 - January 2023 - Renewed Purpose
 - February 2023 - Legislation/Advocacy

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

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

Doug Bonsall, Chair

*We are not makers of history.
We are made by history.
- Martin Luther King Jr.*



Doug Bonsall is the Chair of the History Committee. He belongs to Perry Valley Grange. Doug can be reached at 717-921-1957 or 717-460-0723, or emailed at douglas.b@verizon.net.

PA STATE GRANGE SIXTH DEGREE MEMBERS FOR 50 PLUS YEARS

If you received the Sixth Degree in or before 1973, the 150th Anniversary celebration will include a special recognition for you. Special recognition will be observed at the conferral of the Sixth Degree in Morgantown in October 2023.

Please provide this information no later than December 31, 2022, to: **Susan Tau, 14687 West Road, Saegertown, PA 16433-8720, (phone) 814-763-4831 or (email) setau919@windstream.net**. Upon receipt, the information will be verified in the annual *Journals of Proceedings* where degree initiates are recorded. More details about the recognition will be sent by e-mail (or mail) to individual honorees prior to October, 2023.

LAST NAME _____ **FIRST NAME** _____

MAIDEN NAME WHEN DEGREE WAS RECEIVED _____

YEAR DEGREE RECEIVED _____ **LOCATION** _____

ORIGINAL GRANGE NAME, NO. & COUNTY _____

CURRENT GRANGE NAME, NO. & COUNTY _____

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____ **PHONE NUMBER** _____ - _____ - _____

Distinguished Granges

*Eagle Grange #1
Lycoming County*

*Harveys-Aleppo
Grange #1444
Greene County*

*Jefferson Grange #1384
Schuylkill County*

*Valley Grange #1360
York County*





What is a Distinguished Grange?

The Distinguished Grange Program honors Community Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, and excel in the areas of membership, fundraising and service to their communities. The process is simple and your Grange may already qualify with the things you're currently doing.

This recognition program for Granges who fulfill their service and advocacy missions and provide support for members and their community was launched in 2009. The first Distinguished Granges were honored at the 144th Annual National Grange Convention, with a record number of 51 Community Granges and 9 State Granges honored at the 150th Convention in 2016.



Eagle Grange #1 is thrilled and honored to be recognized as a 2021-22 Distinguished Grange. This is the second year in a row that Eagle Grange has earned this distinction. In addition to the requirements of consistently submitting quarterly reports and dues on time, sending activities, and submitting a Community Service report, Eagle Grange was also very active in our community.



Valley Grange #1360, York County, continues to be an active Grange in our community. During the past year, we added to our ongoing support of New Life for Girls, a residential women's shelter, by making over a dorm room in their residence hall. We hosted local FFA officers and dairy princesses to update us about their activities. Once again, we cleaned up the roadside in front of the Grange Hall in partnership with PennDot.



Jefferson #1384 has been providing support to a variety of local charities and meet needs in our area, we have created events that celebrate our local agriculture, business and hometowns' unique identities and we've worked to raise awareness about issues that impact our neighbors.



Harveys-Aleppo #1444 is receiving their 9th Distinguished Grange Award at National Grange in November. Every year we have an exhibit at our local fair displaying various products. We also host the Bingo Hall for our fair. The proceeds from Bingo go to our Scholarship presented at the next year's fair.



Government Matters

A NEW YEAR: LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

It is hard to believe that we are already saying goodbye to 2022. It has been an exciting and busy year for the Pennsylvania State Grange as we look ahead to another year full of advocacy for rural Pennsylvania.

2023 will bring many changes both at the State Grange and the General Assembly and Administration in Harrisburg. Changes can bring both challenges as well as opportunity and I am excited to be able to meet both!

As 2022 ends, the Pennsylvania State Grange looks towards our present advocacy to continue to meet new challenges facing rural Pennsylvania.

The last legislative session (2020-21) saw several Grange successes, including but not limited to:

- State Budgets passed with expanded funding for PA Department of Agriculture programs, Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Extension.
- Receiving strong support for the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.
- Defeating a plan to take money from the PA Race Horse Development Fund for a non-Ag purpose. Money dedicated for Agriculture should stay with Agriculture.
- Legislation providing legal liability protection for farms engaging in agri-tourism was signed into law.
- Legislation creating the PA Broadband Development Authority enacted. It is beginning its operations to further the goal of universal access to high-speed Broadband. The Pennsylvania State Grange was appointed to a Joint State Commission Broadband task force as the only member-based rural organization to receive that honor. Their report put creation of the Broadband Authority on the legislative agenda. The Grange was also recently appointed to a Broadband Authority subcommittee.

Changes at the Pennsylvania State Grange

The General Assembly and Administration are not the only institutions seeing big changes in the new year. By the time you are reading this, the Grange will have elected a new president. I look forward to working together with new leadership as we begin the process of education in the Capitol.

It has been an honor of a lifetime to be able to get to know and work with Wayne Campbell. His personality and knowledge of issues made him a favorite in the Capitol and brought much respect to the Pennsylvania State Grange.

From stopping at local farmers' markets to traveling to legislators' farmers breakfasts, I always had an amazing time with Wayne and I will miss working closely him tremendously.

Legislative Zooms

As we move forward into 2023, please plan to attend our monthly legislative zooms on the second Thursday of each month as we meet to discuss the latest legislative developments. This provides time for each of us to discuss issues of importance to grange members and allows me to better represent everyong.

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

What are some of the upcoming challenges?

The biggest new challenge will be for the Pennsylvania State Grange to follow many changes coming with the start of a new Governor's administration and resulting changes in leadership at the PA Department of Agriculture.

Expect big changes in the makeup of the 2023-24 General Assembly. Long-time friends like Grange member Chair of the House Appropriations Committee Stan Saylor (R-York) and Broadband champion Rep. Pam Snyder (D-

Greene/Fayette/Washington) will no longer be in the General Assembly. For Grangers, those and many other legislative retirements mean that you need to get to know the newly elected lawmakers so that they can learn first-hand about our issues from you. While you are getting acquainted, why not ask him or her to be a Grange member?

These legislative relationships are central to our success in fighting for you.

A continuing challenge is Sunday hunting. As you may remember, hunting is now permitted on three Sundays by action of the legislature over Grange objections. The Grange stood in opposition as we have done since 2005. Expect an attempt to eliminate any Sunday hunting restrictions.

Solar energy is a second challenge. While everyone

wants to see alternative energy developed, the Grange is concerned about solar farm factories where hundreds if not thousands of farmland acres are taken out of food production.

A third challenge is regulations affecting rural PA. For example, the new agritourism law's effectiveness is endangered by a regulation that puts excessive compliance requirements on hayrides. Another example is that regional entities like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and the Delaware River Basin Commission ignore PA state law and our constitution to do what they want. The state is being undercut by these non-elected entities.

We will continue to see challenges in adequate state support for agricultural programs. For years, Governors from both political parties propose a State Budget that eliminates some agricultural programs. Each time, the General Assembly and stakeholder groups like the Pennsylvania State Grange do battle to restore those cuts.

For every challenge we know about, there are others lurking in the shadows. With your help as a member in developing relations with the new legislators, we will confront them and succeed.

Looking towards the 2023-24

Swearing in day 2023, which will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, will see a multitude of new members being sworn into the General Assembly. The Pennsylvania State Grange will hit the ground running to establish relationships with new members, educating them on issues of importance to Grange members.

I encourage every member of the Pennsylvania State Grange to either continue or begin a relationship with your state representative and senator to lay a groundwork to advocate on behalf of issues of importance. Whether it be to advocate for a local grant or a major piece of legislation, relationships at the local level are important as issues arise.



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Pennsylvania State Grange Session News...

2022-2023 Pennsylvania State Grange Officers.



Front Row L-R: Jennifer Nauss, Lecturer; Debbie Campbell, Secretary; Rachel Brobst, Ceres; Isabella Boone, Flora; Cheryl Miller, Lady Assistant Steward; Barbara Schroeder, Executive Committee; Jen Beamon, Pomona. Back Row L-R: Henry Seidel, Treasurer; Andy Kieffer, Steward; Ken Merritt, Gatekeeper; Jodi Keith Kensinger, Chaplain; Matthew Espenshade, President; Robert Kleckner, Assistant Steward; Ruth Vonada, Executive Committee; Tony Fishovitz, Executive Committee; Richard Mangel, Vice President; Clay Snyder, Executive Committee.

The historic 150th Pennsylvania State Grange Session was held at the Wyndham Hotel in York, Pa. It has been 70 years since the State Grange has held a session in York.

There were 272 Grange members registered for session with 101 Delegates representing 63 Subordinate Granges and 40 Delegates representing 25 Pomona Granges. The Delegate body reviewed, discussed, and voted on 31 resolutions. The resolutions that came from 6 Subordinate Granges and 5 Pomona Granges from across Pennsylvania.

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The Pennsylvania State Grange Legislative Committees are: Agriculture and Environment Issues, Family Issues, Government Issues, and The Good of the Order,

We encourage more Granges to write resolutions. If you have questions about writing resolutions or interest in working on a legislative committee please contact the PA State Grange at 717.737.8855.

There was a full slate of officers positions open for elections. Your officers for the 2022-2023 term are as follows:

President: Matthew Espenshade, Elizabethtown Grange, Lancaster County.

Vice-President: Richard Mangel, Unionville Grange, Butler County.

Executive Committee Chairperson: Barbara Schroeder, Hamburg Grange, Berks County.

Executive Board Member: Ruth Vonada, Penns Valley Grange, Centre County.

Executive Board Member: Clay Snyder, Scrubgrass Grange, Venango County.

Executive Board Member: Tony Fishovitz, Big Knob Grange, Beaver County.

Treasurer: Henry Seidel, Virginville Grange, Berks County.

Secretary: Debbie Campbell, Oliver Grange, Perry County.

Chaplain: Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange, Huntingdon County.

Lecturer: Jennifer Nauss, Valley Grange, York County.

Gatekeeper: Ken Merritt, Valley Grange, York County.

Steward: Andrew Kieffer, Marion Grange, Berks County.

Assistant Steward: Robert Kleckner, Berks County

Lady Assistant Steward: Cheryl Miller, Marion Grange, Centre County.

Flora: Isabelle Boone, Baileyville Grange, Centre County.

Pomona: Jennifer Beamon, Hamburg Grange, Berks County.

Ceres: Rachel Brobst, Jefferson Grange, Schuylkill County.

Legislative Zoom Meetings

Join Carrie Nace
to discuss Legislative
Issues and receive updates.

Contact Carrie by
Email : carrie@nsallc.com
or call: 717-424-5832
for more information.

Meet Dina Zug... Continued from page 21

generation is running the farm operations, has purchased an additional farm which is 280 acres. In addition to this acreage, Dina added that they rent an additional 500 acres, which makes Zugstead Farm Inc. quite an operation. Dina says, "It is important for a farm to have a succession plan, and we are pleased that Zugstead Farm Inc. has our family's involvement." Dina said, "many times, she has seen farms sold with no family interest in maintaining the farm business." The future of family farming hinges on good succession plans and being involved in Farm Preservations programs.

There are many jobs behind the scenes on the farm that most people don't think about. Dina is the secretary and handles all the bookkeeping at Zugstead Farm, Inc., a significant responsibility that keeps her busy. She has great pride in her other job on the farm; she provided a tour down past the barn area on their farm. Several little white hutches stood in a row that house the calves. Dina smiled, saying, "This is my other part-time job; I enjoy caring for all the calves on the farm.

Congratulations, Dina, on winning the 2022 Pennsylvania State Grange "Granger of the Year" Award!



Dina Zug and her granddaughter Brie are checking in on the calves at their hutches at Zugstead Farm, Inc.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES WINNERS

Quilt Blocks: Class 1 - Lights and Shadows

- 1st - Jane Reppert
- 2nd - Alice Hartman
- 3rd - Shirley Swires

Quilts: Class 2 - Hand Quilted by an individual

- 1st - Ginny Mangel
- 2nd - Marybeth Southworth

Quilts: Class 3 - Hand Quilted by a group of Grangers

- 1st - Marybeth Southworth

Quilts: Class 4 - Baby/Crib, Hand Quilted

- 1st - Marybeth Southworth

Quilts: Class 5 - Baby/Crib, Machine Quilted

- 1st - Barb Gross

Quilts: Class 6 - Wall Hanging, Hand Quilted

- 1st - Ginny Mangel
- 2nd - Marybeth Southworth
- 3rd - Shirley Swires

Quilts: Class 7 - Wall Hanging, Machine Quilted

- 1st - Karen McElhenny
- 2nd - Barb Warden
- 3rd - Sue Courson

Quilts: Class 8 - Machine Quilted, Judge top ONLY

- 1st - Sue Courson
- 2nd - Barb Gross
- 3rd - Barb Warden

Quilts: Class 9 - Preprinted Top Quilt, All by hand

- 1st - Marybeth Southworth

Baking/Cooking: Class 10 - Apple Dumpling

- 1st - Joanne Heim
- 2nd - Cindy Keith
- 3rd - Evelyn Cottrell

Baking/Cooking: Class 11 - Snickerdoodles

- 1st - Ben Haagen
- 2nd - Becky Beckert
- 3rd - Joanne Heim

Baking/Cooking: Class 12 - No Bake Cookies

- 1st - Joanne Heim
- 2nd - Laura Sharpnack
- 3rd - Mary Lee McElhaney

Afgans: Class 13 A - Full Size, Crochet

- 1st - Ginny Mangel
- 2nd - Gloria Hahn
- 3rd - Amelia Mitchell

Afgans: Class 14 A - Baby, Crochet

- 1st - Victoria Wagner

2nd - Gloria Hahn

3rd - Jill Cavalero

Afgans: Class 14 B - Baby, Knitted

1st - Nettie Martsof

2nd - Sharon Heck

Embroidery: Class 15 A - 12" and under

1st - Nettie Kauffman

2nd - Nettie Martsof

3rd - Ashley Kolpak

Embroidery: Class 15 B - over 12"

1st - Gladys Kieffer

2nd - Marybeth Southworth

3rd - Jeanette McDonald

Cross Stitch: Class 16 A - 12" and under

1st - Ashley Kolpak

2nd - Lisa Butler

3rd - Gladys Kieffer

Cross Stitch: Class 16 B - Over 12"

1st - Ellen Schaller

2nd - Gladys Kieffer

3rd - Lisa Butler

Counted Cross Stitch: 16 C - 12" and under

1st - Nettie Martsof

2nd - Ashley Kolpak

3rd - Jane Reppert

Counted Cross Stitch: 16 C - 12" and over

1st - Karen Poorman

2nd - Nettie Martsof

3rd - Nettie Kauffman

Plastic Canvas: Class 17

1st - Tina Keen

2nd - Jane Reppert

3rd - Penny Whitman

Cotton Thread: Class 18 - Doilies/Centerpieces

1st - Diane Waxler

2nd - Tina Keen

3rd - Nettie Martsof

String Art: Class 19 - Large Art

1st - Kelly VanOrd

String Art: Class 20 - Small Art

1st - Judy Stevenson

2nd - Ashley Kolpak

3rd - Jill Cavalero

Jewelry: Class 21 - Necklace

1st - Cyndi Wetzel

2nd - Darlene Shinsky

3rd - Tina Keen

Jewelry: Class 22 - Bracelet

1st - Ashley Kolpak

2nd - Evelyn Cottrell

3rd - Karen Mohn

Jewelry: Class 23 - Earrings

1st - Darlene Shinsky

2nd - Jane Reppert

3rd - Tina Keen

Woodburning: Class 24

1st - Gerald Chambers

2nd - Darlene Shinsky

3rd - Jill Cavalero

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

QUILT RAFFLE WINNERS

Quilt - Janet Norman

150th Anniversary Mug - Jenny Bailey

150th Anniversary Mug - Alan Johnson

Platter w/ Dip Bowl - Arline Latourette

Witch Hat Decor - Melanie Mackowski

Christmas Shovel Decor - Jenny Bailey

Antique Metal Pitcher w/ Flowers - Shirley McIntire

Winter Greeting Candle Lamp - Marie Smoyer

Family Game Basket - Central Grange #1650

\$25 Target Gift Card - Carla Komar

Autumn Stool - Port Matilda Grange #1284

Stuffed Snowman Decor - Chester Tau

Apple Assortment - Laurel Point Grange #915

\$25 Target Gift Card - Evelyn Cottrell

Yankee Candle w/ Pumpkin Holder - Deb Nightwine

The JAR - Sandi Myers

2 Quart Slow Cooker - Cory Blocker

**DEAF & COMMUNITY SERVICE
WINNERS**

Deaf Awareness Poster - Ashley Kolpak

Community Service Report Subordinate

Under 25 Members - Sinking Valley Grange

26-60 Members - Wesley Grange

61+ Members - Big Knob Grange

Community Service Report Pomona - Centre County

Project of the Year - Jefferson Grange

LECTURERS WINNERS

Talent Contest Vocal

1st - Cassie, Dani and Abby Kehs

Talent Contest Variety

1st - Jessica, Kay, Gayle, Ruby and Molly Reyburn

BEST OF SHOW - Cassy, Dani and Abby Kehs

Lecturer's Reports Subordinate

Up to 50 Members

1st - Jacqueline Clabaugh

2nd - Tammy Schaeffer

3rd - Shirley Swires

4th - Marty Dinsmore

51-99 Members

1st - Drew Fegley

2nd - Kari Thompson

3rd - Nancy Sattazahn

4th - Debra Kieffer

100+ Members

1st - Lorrie Wesner

Lecturer's Reports Pomona

1st - Laura McMillin

2nd - Georgette Mummert

3rd - Douglas Bonsall

4th - Elaine Hoppes

Lecturer's Scrapbooks Subordinate

Up to 50 Members

1st - Cheryl Miller

2nd - Douglas Bonsall

3rd - Chester Tau

4th - Judy Stevenson

51-99 Members

1st - Jesse Garbrick

2nd - Linda Roan

100+ Members

1st - Dee Ruckert

Lecturer's Scrapbook Pomona

1st - Janet Fishovitz

2nd - Arvilla Allen

3rd - Cheryl Miller

Creative Connections Reports/Scrapbooks

Division A - Granges that held Open Houses

Up to 50 Members

1st - Judy Stevenson

2nd - Chester Tau

3rd - Marty Dinsmore

51-99 Members

- 1st - Kari Thompson
- 2nd - Jesse Garbrick
- 3rd - Drew Fegley
- 4th - Linda Roan

100+ Members

- 1st - Lorrie Wesner

Pomona

- 1st - Arvilla Allen
- 2nd - Georgette Mummert

Division B - Granges that held a designated activity to "tell their Grange's story"

Up to 50 Members

- 1st - Robert Warden
- 2nd - Jacqueline Clabaugh

Pomona

- 1st - Janet Fishovitz

My Favorite Anything Subordinate

Wood

- 1st - Matt Swartz
- 2nd - Donald Kauffman
- 3rd - Jeanette McDonald
- 4th - Cindy Keith

Plastic

- 1st - Cindy Keith
- 2nd - Tina Keen

Material/Yarn

- 1st - Cyndi Wetzel
- 2nd - Shirley Swires
- 3rd - Nichole Rubenacker
- 4th - Jodi Keith Kensinger

Miscellaneous

- 1st - Cindy Keith
- 2nd - Dee Ruckert
- 3rd - Ashley Kolpak
- 4th - Ashley Mohn

My Favorite Anything Junior

Miscellaneous

- 1st - Chase Kosciuszko
- 2nd - Lillian Casselberry

BEST OF SHOW - Cyndi Wetzel - Material/Yarn

Pen In Hand: Class 1 - Poetry

- 1st - Sara Newman
- 2nd - Daniel Ramsey
- 3rd - Gail Switzer

Pen In Hand: Class 2 - Short Story

- 1st - Daniel Ramsey

- 2nd - Sara Newman

- 3rd - Carol Reed

Pen In Hand: Class 3 - Grange of the Future

- 1st - Gail Switzer

Art: Nature/Animals

- 1st - Ashley Kolpak
- 2nd - Jane Birk
- 3rd - Jodi Keith Kensinger

Art: People

No entries

Art: Still Life

- 1st - Jodi Keith Kensinger

BEST OF SHOW - Jodi Keith Kensinger - Still Life

Photography: Class 1 - Bridges

- 1st - Daniel Ramsey
- 2nd - Philip Vonada
- 3rd - Bud Snyder
- 4th - Ashley Kolpak

Photography: Class 2 - Wildlife

- 1st - Wendy Martin
- 2nd - Ashley Kolpak
- 3rd - Daniel Ramsey
- 4th - Charles Stevenson

Photography: Class 3 - Landscape

- 1st - Philip Vonada
- 2nd - Bud Snyder
- 3rd - Ashley Kolpak
- 4th - Shelley Fayewicz

Photography: Class 4 - People

- 1st - Daniel Ramsey
- 2nd - Cindy Keith
- 3rd - Shelley Fayewicz
- 4th - Ashley Mohn

Photography: Class 5 - Celebrations

- 1st - Wendy Martin
- 2nd - Marci Schlegel
- 3rd - Shelley Fayewicz
- 4th - Ashley Kolpak

BEST OF SHOW - Wendy Martin - Wildlife

Design a Program

- 1st - Ashley Kolpak - "Childhood Cancer Awareness"
- 2nd - Marybeth Southworth - "Quilts of Valor"

Lecturers Grant - each received a \$100 grant

"Pollinator Awareness and Garden Creation - Chester Valley Grange

"Spam Scam Telemarketing Seminar" - Progress Grange

YOUTH WINNERS

Start with a Cake Mix - Chocolate Variation

- 1st - Kelly VanOrd
- 2nd - Dina Zug
- 3rd - Nick Sattazahn

Start with a Cake Mix - White/Yellow Variation

- 1st - Jessica Reyburn
- 2nd - Tina Keen
- 3rd - Nancy Sattazahn

Start with a Cake Mix - Spice/Fruit/Nut Variation

- 1st - Nancy Sattazahn
- 2nd - Tina Keen
- 3rd - Dina Zug

Cupcake Decorating: Ages 5-13

- 1st - Molly Reyburn
- 2nd - Ruby Reyburn
- 3rd - Gayle Reyburn

Cupcake Decorating: Ages 14+

- 1st - Nancy Sattazahn
- 2nd - Nick Sattazahn

Scrapbook Page: Grange

- 1st - Ashley Kolpak

Scrapbook Page: Other

- 1st - Ashley Kolpak
- 2nd - Gail Switzer

Building Block Creation

- 1st - Daniel Ramsey
- 2nd - Ashley Kolpak

Recycled Craft: Plastic

- 1st - Ashley Kolpak

Recycled Craft: Fabric

- 1st - Lisa Butler
- 2nd - Ashley Mohn
- 3rd - Ashley Kolpak

Recycled Craft: Wood

- 1st - Ashley Kolpak
- 2nd - Ashley Mohn

Grange Display: Youth Ages 14-21

- 1st - Connor Czurick

Grange Display: Young Adult Ages 22-35

- 1st - Lisa Butler
- 2nd - Ashley Kolpak

Create a Grange Flyer

- 1st - Ashley Mohn
- 2nd - Ashley Kolpak

Public Speaking: Prepared - 14-21

- 1st - Kay Reyburn

Public Speaking: Prepared - Ages 22-35

- 1st - Gail Switzer

Public Speaking: Prepared - Ages 36+

- 1st: Jodi Keith Kensinger

Public Speaking: Grange Commercial - Ages 22-35

- 1st - Ashley Mohn

Public Speaking: Impromptu - Ages 14-21

- 1st - Bryce Danko
- 2nd - Isabella Boone
- 3rd - Connor Czurick

Public Speaking: Impromptu - Ages 22-35

- 1st - Hannah Leibensperger
- 2nd - Gail Switzer
- 3rd - Ashley Mohn

Public Speaking: Impromptu - Ages 36+

- 1st - Michael Pratt
- 2nd - Ruth Vonada

Public Speaking: DIY - Ages 36+

- 1st - Jodi Keith Kensinger

JUNIOR WINNERS

Recycled Craft: Buttons - Practical - Ages 5-9

- 1st - William Keen
- 2nd - Savannah Beamon
- 3rd - Riley Beamon
- 4th - Makenna McGuire

Recycled Craft: Buttons - Practical - Ages 10-14

- 1st - Madelyn Warham
- 2nd - Chase Kosciuszko
- 3rd - Addison McGuire

Recycled Craft: Buttons - Decorative - Ages 5-9

- 1st - Sawyer Straub
- 2nd - Aubrey Check
- 3rd - Brayden Covey
- 4th - William Keen

Recycled Craft: Buttons - Decorative - Ages 10-14

- 1st - Savina Ford
- 2nd - Emilee Book
- 3rd - Sarah Scharf
- 4th - Ruby Reyburn

Cooking: Cereal/Granola Bars - Ages 5-9

- 1st - Riley Beamon
- 2nd - Savannah Beamon
- 3rd - William Keen
- 4th - Sawyer Straub

Cooking: Cereal/Granola Bars - Ages 10-14

1st - Sarah Scharf
2nd - Danni Wilcox
3rd - Addison McGuire
4th - Chase Kosciuszko

Design a T-Shirt: Ages 5-9

1st - Kayleigh Covey
2nd - Molly Reyburn
3rd - Brayden Covey

Design a T-Shirt: Ages 10-14

1st - Grace Tempel
2nd - Gabriella Lindsay
3rd - Chase Kosciuszko
4th - Ruby Reyburn

Creative Writing: Ages 10-14

1st - Natalee Zug

Building Blocks: Practical - Ages 5-9

1st - Sawyer Straub
2nd - Molly Reyburn

Building Blocks: Vehicles - Ages 5-9

1st - Lincoln Furman
2nd - Makenna McGuire

Building Blocks: Vehicles - Ages 10-14

1st - Addison McGuire
2nd - Jacob Schroeder
3rd - Chase Kosciuszko

Mini Pumpkin/Gourd: Painted - Ages 5-9

1st - Catherine Furman
2nd - Lincoln Furman
3rd - Madelyn Vonada
4th - Molly Reyburn

Mini Pumpkin/Gourd: Painted - Ages 10-14

1st - Travis Riegel
2nd - Ruby Reyburn
3rd - Braden Thomson
4th - Sarah Riegel

Mini Pumpkin/Gourd: Be Creative - Ages 5-9

1st - Sawyer Straub
2nd - Madelyn Vonada
3rd - Dexter Irons
4th - Michaela Martin

Mini Pumpkin/Gourd: Be Creative - Ages 10-14

1st - Gayle Reyburn

Scrapbook Page: Me and My Friends - Ages 5-9

1st - Makenna McGuire

Scrapbook Page: Me and My Friends - Ages 10-14

1st - Addison McGuire

2nd - Madelyn Warham

3rd - Emilee Book

4th - Chase Kosciuszko

Art: Image - Building - Ages 5-9

1st - Madelyn Warham

2nd - Dexter Irons

3rd - William Keen

Art: Image - Building - Ages 10-14

1st - Sarah Scharf

2nd - Chase Kosciuszko

3rd - Natalee Zug

4th - Cameron Cannon

Art: Image - Nature/Landscape - Ages 5-9

1st - Molly Reyburn

2nd - Savannah Beamon

3rd - Michaela Marftin

4th - Madelyn Vonada

Art: Image - Nature/Landscape - Ages 10-14

1st - Danni Wilcox

2nd - Colt Mahon

3rd - Sarah Scharf

4th - Ruby Reyburn

Art: Image - My Family - Ages 5-9

1st - Savannah Beamon

2nd - Michaela Martin

3rd - Riley Beamon

4th - William Keen

Art: Image - My Family - Ages 10-14

1st - Chase Kosciuszko

2nd - Cameron Cannon

Art: Image - Abstract - Ages 5-9

1st - William Keen

2nd - Riley beamon

3rd - Molly Reyburn

4th - Michaela Martin

Art: Image - Abstract - Ages 10-14

1st - Danni Wilcox

2nd - Jax Mahon

3rd - Natalee Zug

4th - Emilee Book

4th - Sarah Scharf

Art: 3D - Nature/Landscape - Ages 5-9

1st - Michaela Martin

2nd - Molly Reyburn

3rd - Makenna McGuire

Art: 3D - Nature/Landscape - Ages 10-14

1st - Ellie Schroeder

2nd - Addison McGuire

3rd - Ruby Reyburn

Art: 3D - Abstract - Ages 5-9

1st - Molly Reyburn

2nd - Michaela Martin

Photography: My Hometown - Ages 10-14

1st - Gayle Reyburn

2nd - Chase Kosciuszko

3rd - Gretchen Reich

Photography: Flowers - Ages 5-9

1st - Sawyer Straub

Photography: Flowers - Ages 10-14

1st - Madelyn Warham

2nd - Chase Kosciuszko

3rd - Gayle Reyburn

Photography: The Cutest Thing - Ages 5-9

1st - Sawyer Straub

Photography: The Cutest Thing - Ages 10-14

1st - Gretchen Reich

2nd - Chase Kosciuszko

3rd - Madelyn Warham

4th - Gayle Reyburn

Photography: My Favorite Season - Ages 5-9

1st - Sawyer Straub

Photography: My Favorite Season - Ages 10-14

1st - Chase Kosciuszko

2nd - Madelyn Warham

3rd - Gayle Reyburn

Mini Junior Art Show (showcase only)

Dylan Beamon

Carlee Book

Kenzi Irons

Brianna Keen

Junior Grange Shooting Stars

Riley Beamon

Brayden Covey

Kayleigh Covey

Samantha Davis

Lincoln Furman

Daxter Irons

Kenzi Irons

Foster Kehs

Connor Kunkle

Cyrus Long

Michaela Martin

Gretchen Reich

Molly Reyburn

Sarah Scharf

Emma Seidel

Sawyer Straub

Grace Tempel

Madelyn Warham

Junior Grange Superstars

Savannah Beamon

Tyler Davis

Elsa Kehs

Gayle Reyburn

Ruby Reyburn

Ellie Schroeder

Jacob Schroeder

Danni Wilcox

Jacob Wilkins

Tilden Wilkins

Zachary Wilkins

Junior Supporter of the Year - Wayne Campbell

Congratulations to all the winners!

We appreciate all the entries.

**For the list of winners with their
Grange and County, look in the
2022 Journal of Proceedings.**

HELP WANTED

We need your help!!

**The PA Farm Show is January 7-14, we are
looking for volunteers to man the PA
State Grange stand to help sell quilt
tickets, cookbooks, and tell the public
what the Grange does for them!**

**We will be offering 4 hour time slots
every day, so you will still have plenty of
time to walk around and grab your
milkshakes and farm show food! To be
added to the volunteer list please call the
PA State Grange office at 717-737-8855.**

What's happening across PA...

Eagle Grange #1



Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County, earned two first places with its educational exhibit at the recent 167th annual Bloomsburg Fair, billed as the largest fair in Pennsylvania with attendance in recent years approaching 400,000 people. Eagle's exhibit received blue ribbons both for overall best Grange display and for highest point total for the fair theme "Working Together to Keep the Tradition Alive". This theme and the National Grange theme "Raised Right Here" were meshed together to explain the importance of family farms in the production of food to feed America.

Trexlerstown Grange #1755

December 3
Brunch with Santa
11:30-2:00



For more information please call
610-392-1423 or 610-398-1110

Elizabethtown Area Grange #2076



Officer Cook from the Elizabethtown Borough Police Department attended a recent meeting and spoke to the Grange members about their duties as first-responders. The department was presented a check for \$580, the proceeds from Grange milkshake sales at the local National Night Out event.

Beech Grove Grange #1089

Beech Grove recently took first place at the Wayne County Fair for their exhibit on Supporting Local Farmers. The numerous farm markets and businesses were displayed and pin pointed on the map of Wayne County. We realize farms in Wayne County have declined, but we wanted to make people aware of the agricultural products still being produced and marketed in the area.



Where did the Grange Talent Festival get its start?



The Grange Talent Festival, one of the most popular programs at annual sessions of the State and National Granges for more than 60 years, got its start in Pennsylvania during the 1956-1962 term of Mary Shannon (of Beaver County) as State Lecturer. The talent festival placed emphasis on participation rather than winning; original categories were vocal, instrumental, square dance and other acts. The program was later adopted by the National Grange Lecturer's department with the rules changed and the contest enlarged over the years.

Member Benefit Highlights



VISION BENEFITS



The Pennsylvania State Grange has a partnership with the Alera Group to offer our members vision insurance. VBA is one of the largest and best-known providers of vision benefits in America. VBA offers 3 standard vision plans to choose from. Available Plan & Rates Effective 3/1/22 - 2/28/24.

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

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



Welcome New Members!!!

Forest #853

Stephan Gawlas
Becky Manley
Brian Manley

Walker #786

Jennifer Sparks

Tioga #1223

Darla Smith

Roseville #1290

Albert Bowish
Jeanne Bowish

Valley #1360

Amber Gunkle
Carrie Nace

Jefferson #1373

Cynthia Steele

Donegal #1495

Norma Piper
Harry Piper
Robert Rak
Kay Young

Scrubgrass #1705

James Sullivan
Maxine Sullivan

Unity #1710

Pamela Gager
Danielle Gager

Abigail Gager

Plumsteadville #1738

Becky Krout
Julia Krout
Patsy King

Red Lion #1781

Alex Grove

Perry Valley #1804

Debra Morrison

Fleetwood #1839

Amber Hollowell
Harley Stamm

Big Knob #2008

Jake Ruckert
Rochelle Ruckert
Christie Inman



In Memoriam

"Well Done Good and Faithful Servant..."

Keystone #2

Janet Hullinger

Russellville #91

Walter Ramsey

Logan #109

James Bowmaster

Penns Valley #158

Jean Rishel

Hayfield #800

Charlotte Henretty

Lincoln #914

Harry Keith

Vernon #936

Paul Holabaugh

Star #993

Pearl J Hahn

Elk Creek #997

Dale Sherman

Watson #1068

Alice Weaver

Buckhorn #1119

Paulette Fedorko

Port Matilda #1284

Carol McCloskey

Bald Eagle #1390

Francis R Brantner

Harveys Aleppo #1444

Betty Hollowood

London #1492

Robert Sewall

Hillcrest #1674

Cecil Petenbrink

Harmony #1692

Arlene George

York Run #1699

Paul F Werner

Plumsteadville #1738

Roy Shull

W Donald Fox

Virginville #1832

Ernest Heckman

Lila Newhard

May LaFaver

Allegheny #1843

Vivian Hall

Bernville #1887

Larry Newhard

Baileyville #1991

Carol Oliver

Big Knob #2008

Edward Robinson

Please send your
event
information
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2023 Pennsylvania Farm Show Program



The Pennsylvania State Grange

Presents

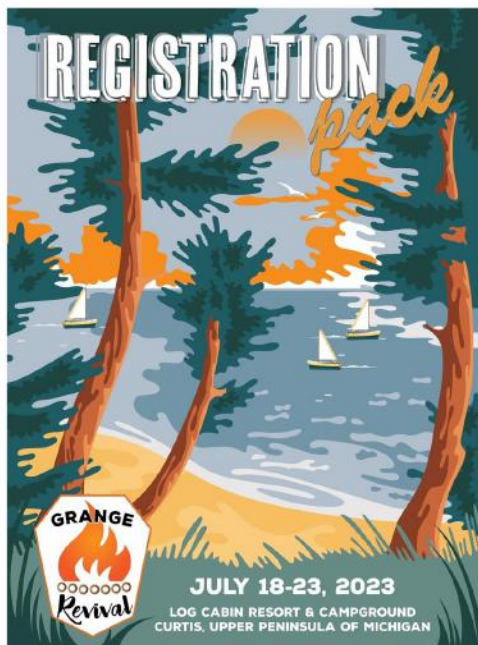
SCAM-dalous!

Protecting yourself from being a victim of a
digital crime in an online world

Giant Hall Expo Stage

Wednesday, January 11, 2022

3:00-4:30pm



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All dates are tentative and subject to change.

2022

NOVEMBER

6: Daylight Savings Time ends

11: Veteran's Day

15-19: National Grange Convention; Sparks, Nevada

24: Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER

25: Merry Christmas!

2023

JANUARY

1: Happy New Year!

7-14: PA Farm Show

FEBRUARY

20: President's Day

MARCH

13: Daylight Savings Time begins

APRIL

9: Easter

MAY

29: Memorial Day

JUNE

30-Jul 2: PA Youth Camp; Camp Sylvan Hills

JULY

2-8: PA Junior Camp; Camp Sylvan Hills

4: Independence Day

14-17: Family Festival; Centre County Fairgrounds

18-23: Grange Revival; Curtis Upper Peninsula of
Michigan

AUGUST

8-10: Ag Progress Days; Pennsylvania Furnace

Pennsylvania State Grange

Pennsylvania Grange News

26 CJEMS Lane

Mifflintown, PA 17059

What can the Grange do for you?

National Grange Benefits

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

Pennsylvania State Grange Benefits

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

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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