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GRANGE NEWS



On a Mission to the Nation's Capitol

Members Volunteer and Visit National Grange Monument for Restoration Project

Washington, DC- A small group of PA Pomona members (York-Adams Pomona #40) in April visited the only "private" monument on the National Mall in our nation's Capital. They were on a mission with one major objective in mind, restore beauty and luster to the National Grange Marker that had become severely tarnished and rather dingy.

York-Adams Pomona President Carl Meiss (former PA State Grange President) was part of the team dedicated to restoring beauty to this national historical marker. According to Mr. Meiss, "After seeing a photo of the condition of the historical marker I just knew we had to do something." I asked our Pomona Vice-President Bob Bair to check into what can be done."

Bair said he contacted Congressman Scott Perry, PA 10th District to initiate how to volunteer to restore the patina and condition of the Grange marker on National Park grounds.

Congressman Perry, a member of Valley Grange No. #1360 in Lewisberry, immediately realized how meaningful this memorial in Washington is to Grange members and the entire Grange organization. Bair said Congressman Perry initiated contact with the National Park Service (NPS) on our behalf. "Everyone associated with the National Park Service (NPS) was exceptional," claims Bair. He added, "When the April date to visit Washington was established our small delegation arrived in DC and we were greeted and treated magnificently by all of the National Park officials."



A BEFORE SHOT- Carl Meiss, Carrie Schwartz, Barbara Bair, Bob Bair Lindy Gulick, Architectural Conservator / National Mall and Memorial Parks.

Courtesy National Park Service (NPS) Volunteer Coordinator James Pierce

Lindy Gulick from the National Park Service is the Architectural Conservator for the National Mall and Memorial Parks. She was on site waiting and welcomed us at the marker as we arrived on the Mall and was fully prepared with all the special materials and equipment needed for our team to clean, wax and polish the bronze plaque.

A very special and impressive official greeting was also given by the National Parks Service Park Ranger and Volunteer Coordinator, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant James Pierce (Ret.) upon our arrival. He thanked the group in advance for volunteering their time to the park service and this project. He told us he had volunteer t-shirts and NPS souvenir water bottles for us, too! Then, unexpectedly, he asked us if we ever heard of the suicide bomber in the Khost Province in Afghanistan on October 1, 2012.

Pierce went on to describe that he was with the 514th Military Police Company out of Winterville, North Carolina when he was injured in Afghanistan. He lifted and then tapped on his leg, we heard metallic sound of his metal appendage. He shared with us how the attack killed three of his teammates and he was one of three that were wounded. James spent 3 years recovering at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center as a member of Able Company in the Warrior Transition Unit.

"Thank you for your service," were the first words quickly uttered by Carl Meis and our volunteer team as we listened to this military hero and Park Ranger welcome us. Bair recalls struggling a bit to hold back tears as Staff Sergeant Pierce described how much he gave and lost. He offered encouragement by welcoming and thanking Grange members for volunteering to attend to our historic marker that was suffering and needed our attention.

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From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell

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We recently returned from another very successful Family Festival event held at the Centre County Fairgrounds with 162 people registered. This number is up slightly from 2021. The weather cooperated and we had a beautiful weekend which was not too hot. Folks enjoyed crafts such as quilt block painting, Christmas Paper Piecing, sip and paint, Deaf and Community Service poster workshop, collecting food items for food pantry, Christmas hot pad making, Bike-A-Thon, Corn Hole tournament, corn bread and Chili cook off, and Junior and Youth water games.

There were educational workshops such as Legislative updates, Media alert/Press release round table, Talent show, History Committee meeting and the opportunity to just set, watch, and talk to people as they strolled by. One evening we enjoyed Orange and Root Beer floats and Ice Cream Sundaes another evening. The "Hot Potato" walk was a favorite as there were some absolutely delicious cakes for a prize if you ended up with the "Hot Potato."

This year a new event was going on while we were there called the People's Choice Event. This was previously held in Boalsburg but had grown in size to where they needed a larger venue. Even

though thousands of people attended the People's Choice event, we never even knew they were there due to the sheer size of the fairgrounds. The horse show was also being held at the other end of the grounds. Many of our participants enjoyed walking over to the People's Choice event and walking through the many vendors. Children sometimes enjoy a walk out to the horse event with parents to watch the competition. If you have never attended Family Festival, I would encourage you to consider attending and enjoying time with your Grange family. One thing you never have to worry about is going hungry!! There is always more than enough food and lots of choices so there is something to please everyone's palate.

Our next event is Ag Progress Days. The Pennsylvania State Grange has a booth where you can learn more about the Grange, purchase a raffle ticket for the Family Activities quilt, or discuss your concerns with Grange representatives on issues you'd like to see the Grange address. You can purchase the Grange cookbooks including the new 150th Anniversary Cookbook. This new book has been a hot seller with the first 5000 books already almost gone.

We are into the fair season across Pennsylvania and I would urge you to attend your local fair. Check out the animals in the barns that our youth have worked so hard to prepare for showing. Take the opportunity to visit vendors on products you may be needing to purchase in the next year for your home. This is a unique chance to shop many vendors in one location. Of course, we cannot forget that delicious fair food. Many of us will be helping in our local Grange food stands. I've had people tell me they traveled many miles just to eat at a Grange food stand! Your food stand is a great place to sell the Grange cookbooks and Pennsylvania State Grange Apple Butter. At our Perry County Pomona Grange food stand, for breakfast many of our customers look forward to covering their Scrapple with State Grange Apple Butter! Who doesn't enjoy a nice piece of Scrapple with dippy eggs and toast for breakfast??

We are rapidly approaching our annual State Grange session. Please consider sending a representative from your Grange to participate in the activities. This is your chance to have your Grange's voice heard and your issues advanced by passing resolutions that will direct the actions of the Pennsylvania State Grange in the next year and into the future. Information is available on our website at www.pagrange.org.

Fraternally,
Wayne D. Campbell, President
Pennsylvania State Grange





Chaplain's Corner
Jodi Keith Kensinger
 PA State Grange Chaplain

Happy Fall!

Happy Fall ya'll..... Can you believe its fall already!? Where has this year gone? Right now, the temperatures feel far from fall temperatures! In fact, today it is in the mid-80s at the end of July. As the summer is winding down, I am finding myself in the garden, clearing out the weeds and trying to keep them at bay. Between caring for grandpap and preparing for our first child, putting in the garden was a little later this year. But the worst part about gardening is the dang weeds..... I just wish there was a magic spray or something that will make the weeds just disappear forever!

Matthew 13: 18-23 reminds me of those weeds and how they are like sin! "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed

falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."



If you think about it, the weeds in the garden are just like sin. The weeds grow in all of the nooks and crannies of the garden.... In between the rows of vegetables and produce..... in the flower beds..... they just grow all over the place! With our sin, it grows in the nooks and crannies of our soul. It digs down deep and buries to unfathomable depths in each one of us.



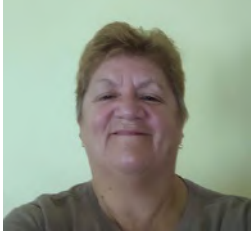
With our sin, like the weeds, our lives, like our gardens, do much better without them. For our sin, Jesus has his hand out ready to take them if we confess them to Him and hand them over. For our gardens, I guess you and I both will just have to do some pulling. My prayers go out to all of you.

On a personal note, my family and I want to thank everyone for their congratulations on the birth of our son, Riggs. He has been a great blessing in our lives and is the sweetest little guy ever! We also want to thank those for their condolences on the death of our dad, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Harry Keith. He was an incredibly special individual, and we miss him greatly. But we know that he is watching over us, every day.

Enjoy the colors of God's masterpieces this fall and remember how blessed we are to live in God's great land! Happy Fall friends!

Love Always,
 Jodi Keith Kensinger
 PA State Grange Chaplain
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Melanie Melius
PA State Grange
Family Activities Director

Thank you for your support!

Hi Everyone,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer. The temperatures were too hot for me, but Merle enjoyed the heat, sharing it was just comfortable for him.

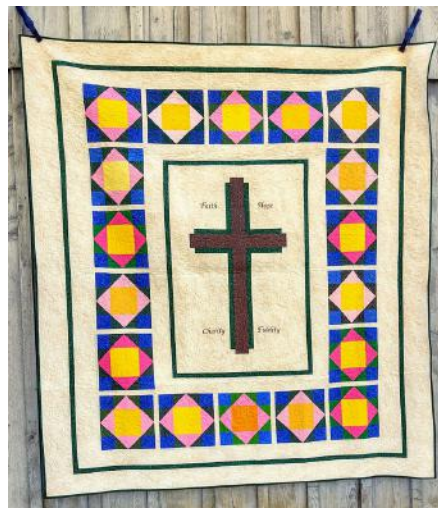
Family Festival has come and gone by so fast. It looked like everyone had fun. The Family Activities committee says, "Thank you" to everyone who donated food and personal care items. It warms my heart when I think about the generosity of Grange members.

Family Festival is an annual event that takes a lot of volunteers to happen. The Family Activities committee says, "Thank you" to all the kitchen volunteers who devoted their time to feeding us! A shout to the Centre County Granges for making cookies for the Friday night dinner.

Get your Reports Submitted.
Deadline is Fast Approaching!

State Grange session will be here before you know it. I hope everyone is working on their contest entries and will deliver them to us. Please remember the deadline is September 15th. If mailing, the report must be postmarked by September 15th!

Please remember that the Family Activities Committee needs the bright pink judging sheets with all entries submitted at the State session. Remember, Quilt block entries don't need preliminary judging at Subordinate or Pomona levels. You can have multiple quilt blocks entered, but only one quilt block per Pomona is allowed for judging.



The 2022 Pennsylvania State Grange Family Activities Quilt which will be raffled in October at our state session.

Unsold Quil Raffle Tickets

If you have Pennsylvania State Grange Family Activity Quilt raffle tickets not sold, now is the time to make efforts to sell them! Please return them to me asap! If you have stub entries from your sold tickets, please get in touch with me so we can discuss their return to me.

Please don't put any unsold tickets or stubs in the mail!!! I may not receive them in time when mailing them this close to State Session. If coming to PA State Grange State Session, please bring them or send them with a delegate from your region to turn in for your Grange.

We will announce all winners in the November-December issue of the Pennsylvania Grange News.

I am looking forward to having many entries for our contest tables this year and many Grange members in attendance at the session at the Wyndham Hotel in York, Pa.

I look forward to Fall, with cooler temperatures and the beautiful rustic colors that greatly inspire our craft projects.

I will not say goodbye, but I hope to see you in October at our State session! Thank you again for all your generosity!

Thank you
 Yours Truly

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GAME COMMISSION UPDATES PUBLIC ON CWD SURVEILLANCE

HARRISBURG, PA - With deer seasons over for the 2021-22 season, the busiest time for chronic wasting disease (CWD) surveillance has ended. CWD, a fatal neurological disease, is a threat to both white-tailed deer and elk and has been detected within the wild deer population in several areas of Pennsylvania. Monitoring for CWD is a year-round endeavor, but the most intense efforts revolve around Pennsylvania's deer hunting seasons. The public can view the results of these efforts on the CWD Surveillance Dashboard available online.

The CWD Surveillance Dashboard continues to be updated weekly and allows the public view past and current information related to CWD, and for hunters who submitted their deer for testing to access the results online.

Since July 1, 2021, the Game Commission has collected more than 11,000 CWD samples from deer. Hunters across five Disease Management Areas (DMAs) submitted more than 5,000 of those samples. More than 2,900 samples were collected from processors as part of the Game Commission's statewide surveillance efforts.

Of the number sampled, CWD was detected in a total of 253 deer.

"CWD surveillance is crucial to managing the disease," said agency CWD Section Supervisor Andrea Korman. "The Game Commission manages wildlife for, and in partnership with, the public. This partnership is exemplified by the willingness of hunters to harvest and submit deer for testing,"

Determining the extent of CWD infection in high-priority areas, such as around a new detection or on the leading edge of disease expansion, is critical to managing the spread of the disease. One way this is accomplished is through CWD Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) units. For 2021-22, there were 10 specific CWD DMAP units across the state.

Hunters could purchase up to two additional antlerless permits to be used within these CWD DMAP areas. Increased surveillance in these CWD DMAP Units is essential to understanding if these cases were the first signs of disease in the area or a symptom of established disease. Results from these samples help guide future management efforts.

In addition to CWD DMAP units, the Game Commission selected three areas last fall as Containment Zones (CZs). CZs are small areas – about a 1-mile radius, or the average size of a deer's home range – around the location of an outlying CWD-positive deer.

Landowners and hunters within these smaller CZs are offered additional opportunities to harvest deer to remove those that may have come into contact with the infected deer. These opportunities include both special regulations and extended hunting seasons. The Game Commission continued to work with these landowners after the hunting seasons and conducted additional removals in two of the three CZs to reduce the risk of CWD establishing in and spreading from the immediate area surrounding the initial CWD detection.

"The results of this year's efforts in these areas around recent

detections were encouraging" said Korman. "We received good cooperation from landowners and hunters, increased sampling close to the detection, and found no new CWD positive animals. Moving forward, we will continue working with hunters to get more samples in these areas to properly assess the presence or absence of CWD."

As with previous years, most of the deer that tested positive for CWD in the 2021-22 hunting season came from DMA 2 located in south central Pennsylvania. Specifically, they have been concentrated within DMA 2 in the Established Area (EA) that covers portions of Bedford, Blair, Franklin, Fulton, and Huntingdon counties. This area, where CWD is considered to be established within the deer population, has produced nearly 90% of Pennsylvania's CWD-positives since the disease first was detected here in 2012.

"Based on the number of CWD-positive animals we continue to detect in this area, it's clear that CWD is a persistent problem and will require long-term management," Korman said. "People in Pennsylvania believe that responding to wildlife disease is one of the Game Commission's most important roles. Therefore, the Game Commission must act to address CWD for the benefit of both the resource and the public."

While disappointing for the hunter, harvesting a CWD positive deer protects the resource by removing a diseased animal from the landscape and helps manage CWD," she said.

More information about CWD in Pennsylvania, including access to the CWD Surveillance Dashboard and the CWD Response Plan, is available online at www.pgc.pa.gov/cwd.



Membership News
Lizzie Bailey
PA State Grange
Membership & PR Director

Diversity, and how we all have commonalities...

Well, here we are saying goodbye to Summer and embracing Fall with the diverse harvests. I have been excited with having eggplants, beets, potatoes, as well as the many varieties of apples at the local farm stands!

Earlier this year I worked on a garden plan that provided guidance in having a diverse garden. I was intrigued learning that different plants growing together bring resources and strengths in successful growth. The early American Indians were experts at this. My neighbor taught me about planting corn,, beans, and squash. She said it is called, "The Three Sisters". Each plant brings nutrients that assists the other with its resources for growing and thriving as a team.

I am talking about garden diversity as I have a story to share about something I experienced recently with diversity among people.

Before Family Festival I was in desperate need of a perm for my hair. Tired of it looking so flat and no body. I was able to secure an appointment at a local salon that I have never been to before in Harrisburg. My stylist, Maya and I hit it off

immediately talking about kids, camp, and the things they have her doing. Maya said that she has lived in the city her whole life and was never an "outdoors" person. The kids are coming home from summer day camp and have her outside sharing everything that they learned that day. We laughed and I shared that I was headed to Grange Family Festival in Centre Hall. She asked me about Grange and I shared several stories about things that we do and talked about camping. She told me her husband loves to camp, and she doesn't camp. She said she was scared of animals, like bears. We talked about camping and I shared how scared it would make me also if a bear showed up, then we laughed when I shared a funny story about a skunk I encountered one time in my little forest, told her how i relocated a groundhog to our property to save its life.

Maya and I discovered we had several things in common through our conversation. When first meeting her, our obvious diversity was ethnicity, but we discovered it included living in the city vs. living in the country.

I invited her to come visit me at Family Festival, to day camp with

with us to experience Grange. What she said to me after extending the invitation broke my heart. Maya said, "You seem friendly enough, but would I be accepted there?" My immediate response was, "Absolutely!" I asked her what experiences did she have that she needed to ask this question. She told me that they have recently moved out of the city to a smaller community. They love it there and that 75% people are so wonderful and nice. She added that there is another 25% who are not nice. She elaborated that ugly comments are made to her in attempts to make her and her family feel they are "less than" those people who are saying the ugly things.

I continued telling her about how Grange members become extended family, and we create bonds that are carried through a lifetime and beyond generations. I added that we are not as diverse of an organization that we want to be, but new members joining Grange, evolves our diversity.

In time, I think we will get to see Maya in one of our Granges. I ask that when new people visit our Granges, that you remember this story. We never know other

people's stories until we talk with them, get to know them, discover our commonalities.

When we find our common things with each other, we are able to build a bond. When we work on that bond, we build stronger ties to each other as the relationship goes on. That is a great strength of the Grange.

We all have our own suitcase

of biases, it doesn't just involve around ethnicities. It is young views vs old views, our interests vs other's interests, The way we do things vs the way others do things, and what we think vs what others think.

I hope sharing this story raises our awareness to the importance of the evolving need for diversity.

Let's make it a goal to talk to people about Grange more, and look for what we have in common to form new friendships.

Enjoy the Fall, I can't wait to see everyone in York for state session!

Yours in Grange service,

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Book your seat for the ag/wine tour before it sells out!



Pennsylvania State Grange Agricultural Wine Tour Wednesday, October 12, 2022



9:30 a.m. - Board the Bus
Wyndham Hotel
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York, PA

10:00 a.m. - Ag Farm Tour
PA Dairy Princesses
Milk and Cheese Sampling

11:30 a.m. - Fun on the Bus
Box Lunch
Scenic Drive
Games and Sampling

1:00 p.m. - New Oxford Square
Dawg Gone Bees - Mead/Honey
Brookmere Winery
DEJA BREW Coffee & Bakery



D. Scott Hartwig
Historian-Author

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3:00 p.m. - National Cemetery in Gettysburg

Featuring Historian-Author - D. Scott Hartwig
Discussing Abraham Lincoln, the Gettysburg Address,
as well as William Saunders - a Grange Founder and
Landscape Architect of the National Cemetery

4:15 p.m. - Pickett's Charge (drive-by tour)

5:30 p.m. - Dinner at The Lodges of Gettysburg

Appetizers, Salad, NY Strip Steak & Parmesan Crusted Chicken topped
with Tomato Bruschetta, Chef's choice potato, vegetable
Sweet Tea/Coffee, and Cake.

Speaker: Secretary Russell Redding
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Sec. Russell Redding
PA Department of Ag

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Includes box lunch, wine sampling, snacks on bus, and dinner. Coordinators of fun on the bus: Terra Ingram, Rachel and Lizzie Bailey.



Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director

NEW ROYALTY!!



Announcing two new Youth Ambassadors and a new Outstanding Young Patron!



Congratulations to Logen Smith, (Elizabethtown #2076, Lancaster County), and Bryce Danko, (Oliver #1069, Perry County), as our new Youth Ambassadors for 2022-2023. You will hear more from these two in the next PGN issue, but know they are already hard at work representing the Youth and Young Adults of Pennsylvania. More on that later in this article. And Congratulations to Glenn Wilkins, (Valley #1360, York County), as our new Outstanding Young Patron.

Here is a little more about Glenn: Charles Wilkins, known to most as Glenn was born in the small rural town of Bangs, Texas. Growing up in small town rural America has taught him the needs many citizens of these areas struggle with and why it is important that the Grange continues to fight for rural America. Glenn joined Alamo Grange #1446 in Texas in 2010 shortly before marrying his wife,

Samantha. Even before Glenn officially joined the Grange he had jumped in with both feet. Glenn has spent much of his time volunteering with the organization for many different events and helping organize many service projects. In Texas, he served as the Steward in his local Grange and on many different committees. Glenn works as a licensed plumber/pipefitter and utilized the skills learned in that trade to volunteer his time to help members of his community and his church with household maintenance. It has been important to him to be a role model for his 4 boys and teach them to be good citizens and help others in need.

In 2019 Glenn and his family moved to Pennsylvania and joined Valley Grange #1360 in York County. In his time with Valley, he has volunteered to help install new flooring for Eagle Grange #1, participated in other service projects, such as annual road clean ups, and join in on some other fun activities. Glenn has also had the opportunity to attend several regional conferences around the country and attend the last two Grange Revival events.

In Glenn's free time he enjoys

coaching football for one of his sons football teams, watching his boys play sports and participate in other extracurricular activities, riding his bike, fishing, and being outdoors. To Glenn his family is the most important thing to him so anything he can do to spend more time with them is what he strives to do.

Glenn is looking forward to serving as the 2022-2023 Pennsylvania State Grange Outstanding Young Patron because he feels it is important to be a mentor to youth and Junior Grange members. He hopes that during his reign he will be able to help the Grange develop programming to teach others outside the Grange about the opportunities that the Grange provides. He is also excited to use his voice to meet with the congressional leaders across the state and advocate for rural Pennsylvania on issues that are important to the Grange. Glenn is honored for this opportunity and to continue building onto his Grange Story.



Our outgoing Youth Ambassadors and Outstanding Young Patron had a great final few months in their positions. Here are some pictures from Royalty Days, Eastern Leaders Conference and Youth Camp.



Eastern Regional Leaders Conference was held in Washington DC at the National Grange building. Youth and Young Adults participated in games, workshops and the public speaking contest.

Youth Camp was held on June 24-26th and was a blast! The theme was [H2O22 - It's Just Water](#) and we had a lot of water! Unfortunately so did Sylvan Hills Christian Camp just 36 hours prior to our arrival. During a severe storm the Wednesday before arriving, the camp experienced a massive flooding event which wiped out several outdoor activity sites. True to Grange form, the youth and young adults at camp pitched in Saturday morning and performed some clean up and restoration of the property. We have a GREAT group of youth!!



This year for Royalty Days, we spent a day at the Capitol meeting some of the legislators and that night the Royalty members threw out the first pitch at the Harrisburg Senators baseball game.



SAVE THE DATE

We have scheduled our PA Young Adults Weekend for September 16-18, 2022. Tentative location for this event will be the Centre County area. Watch the Facebook group page for sign-up and schedule coming out soon. If you are over 21 years old, you are invited to join us for this fun, relaxing weekend.

PA Family Festival introduced two new contests for the Youth and Young Adults - the **Chili Cook-off and Cornhole Tournament**. We had a great turnout and awesome participation in both events! The Chili winners were: 1st - Turkey & Bean (Philip Vonada); 2nd - Tootin' Good (Janet Fishovitz); 3rd - Winter Heat (Ken Danko).



The winning Cornhole Teams were: Juniors - 1st - Mad Dogs (Tyler & Hunter Eckert); 2nd - Weird Team (Grace Tempel & Jacob Schroeder) and Joe Team (Zach Wilkins & Brayden Covey); 3rd - Texas Boys (Tilden & Jacob Wilkins). Adult Winners were 1st - Kehs Team #2 (Tom & Dani Kehs); 2nd - Schroemen Team (Derek Schroeder & Isaac Mengel); 3rd - Soup Team (Tyler & Mike Davis). Cornbread was also included this year with Cindy Keith placing 1st. We are looking forward to hosting these contests again next year so start practicing! Also happening during the weekend was the Grange Knowledge Test - high test scores went to Isabella Boone in the Youth Category; Jenn Nauss in the Young Adult Category; Derek Schroeder in the Seasoned Adults Category. Congratulations to all of our participants!

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 at the info at the end of this article to schedule a royalty visit. Our Youth Ambassadors and Young Patron are eager and willing to help in almost any possible way. Below is an example as our new Youth Ambassador, Bryce Danko, was invited to help work the National Grange booth at Wonderama in NYC Times Square and was interviewed by the host, David Olson, about his work in the Grange and career opportunities in rural America to include his passion for firefighting.



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Youth Officer Team Sponsorship

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



Jenn Nauss
PA State Grange
Lecturer

Regional Leadership Conferences

Greetings from South Central PA!

It's hard to believe that the summer is coming to an end. With the beginning of fall comes a new Grange year, with new election of officers in local Granges and in the State Grange. The beginning of a new Grange year is a perfect time to reflect back on the past year - what did your Grange do well? What were your successes? What did not go as planned? It is also a great time to begin thinking about the Grange year ahead - What are your goals? What new programs and activities would you like to see?

2023 is a big year for the Pennsylvania State Grange and for all Grangers across the Commonwealth - the celebration of the State Grange's 150th Anniversary! Isn't this the perfect time to renew your Grange's purpose of serving your communities? This is the time to find a renewed energy for the Grange! Plan new programs, try new things, hold new service projects and activities.

**Pennsylvania State Grange
Regional Leadership Conferences**
The Pennsylvania State Grange is again sponsoring regional

leadership conferences to provide training to Grange leaders and members across the state. By the time you are reading this, the conferences will be quickly approaching. If you have not already registered, please contact me at 717-512-1261 or jnauss89@gmail.com to sign up for an upcoming conference. The registration fee is \$15 and covers lunch and all materials. Three conferences are scheduled - one in the west, one in the east, and one in the central part of the state - and will run from 10am-3pm.

- September 10th** - Big Knob Grange, Beaver County
- September 17th** - Progress Grange, Centre County
- October 1st** - Kutztown Grange, Berks County

I hope you will join us for this great opportunity to gain leadership skills, learn new information, and meet other Grangers.

State Session Reminders
Deadlines for the following contests and programs is September 15th. If you have not already submitted these, please do so as soon as possible!

- Lecturer's Reports and Scrapbooks
- Community Connections Reports
- Pen In Hand
- Design a Program
- Lecturer's Grant
- VIRTUAL Photography Contest

Entries for the **My Favorite Anything** and **Art** contests will be accepted at the annual State Session in York, beginning at 6pm on Thursday, October 13th.

More details about each of these contests is available on the Lecturer's page of the Pennsylvania State Grange's website - <https://www.pagrange.org/lecturers.html>

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions!

Jenn
717-512-1261
jnauss89@gmail.com

Program Ideas **October**

Adopt a Shelter Dog Month - Invite a volunteer or employee of a local animal shelter to lead your program to educate your members about the services shelters provide and information

on how to adopt a pet. Invite the community to learn more about your local shelter. Bonus - make it an event! Work with your event community service committee to collect items to donate to the local shelter. Consider holding an animal adoption drive at your hall (or other community space) and invite the community to meet some of the pets that are up for adoption.

October 31 - Carve a Pumpkin Day
- Give members some helpful hints on how to best carve a pumpkin and then set them to it! Hold a pumpkin carving contest with members working independently or in small teams.

November

Third Week - Game & Puzzle Week
- Hold a potluck supper to celebrate Thanksgiving and then enjoy some fellowship - and friendly competition - with a game night. Have members bring some of their favorite games to play. Encourage members to try a new game they have not played before or to teach a favorite game to someone who has not played before.

November 26 - Small Business Saturday - Invite local business owners to come to a meeting to talk about their businesses and encourage members and guests to support local businesses during the holiday season. Make it an event! Consider donating the use of your hall (or sponsoring in another community space, like a local church or even a park) to local business owners and hold a Vendor Fair to highlight these local businesses. This is a great way to build partnerships with local businesses and invite the community into your hall.

Family Festival Highlights

The Lecturer's Department coordinated several activities at the recent Family Festival, held July 14-17 at the Centre County Fairgrounds.

Guided Tour of the Penn State Arboretum

18 Family Festival attendees received a guided tour of the Arboretum at Penn State. Three wonderful tour guides led attendees through the beautiful exhibition gardens and explained the significance of the different plants and flowers. The group posed for a picture at the conclusion of the tour.



Paint & Sip

42 attendees enjoyed a relaxing afternoon of painting and sipping (on mocktails, of course!). Instructor, Jackie Gianico, expertly led the group through painting a field of wildflowers. Jackie painted with the group and gave step-by-step instructions on how to recreate the painting. Everyone enjoyed some delicious fruit punch and tropical punch mocktails - as well as fellowship - as they painted. Thank you to Jackie for leading us again this year!



Talent Contest

Congratulations to the following entrants in this year's Talent Contest, which was held Saturday, July 16, during Family Festival.

Variety/Other Acts

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

Vocal

1st Place (and Best of Show) - Cassy, Dani, and Abby Kehs



Rachel Bailey
PA State Grange
Deaf and Community Service Director

Continue to do good deeds!

We are quickly approaching Fall... one of my favorite seasons. The weather gets cooler, the leaves are changing, everything is pumpkin spice... it's a magical time. Unless that is, you are struggling financially, dealing with mental illness and trying to keep a roof over your head.

That is the reality for thousands of veterans across the state. Thanks to JFT (Just For Today) they work with a multitude of services in connecting veterans struggling with addiction and recovery, distribute food and also have housing available to acclimate veterans back into society. While

we head into the season of abundance and indulgence, share where and what you can.

This year at state session, please organize with your subordinates and pomonas to support JFT through monetary and supply donations. Items that are highly suggested and needed during the Fall/Winter months are:

-Paper Products: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins. Winter Hats and Gloves, Socks, Longjohns, thermal underwear. The need is great for any donations of Non-perishable food items , they are always appreciated.



This year at state session, please organize with your Subordinates and Pomona Granges to support JFT through monetary and supply donations. Items that are highly suggested and needed during the Fall/Winter months are:

Paper Products: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins

-Winter Hats/Gloves -Socks -"Longjohns"

-Non-perishable food donations

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT CONTEST: Prize : \$150

The committee will review all submitted reports and highlight the participating Granges activities in the PGN to help build awareness within our Grange Community. All Granges that submit a report will receive a certificate of recognition from the State Grange Office.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT OF THE YEAR: \$100

Granges should always be searching for innovative ideas to enhance their community service activities. This contest highlights one project your Grange completes between September 1st and August 31st that you consider to be the most impactful. This is a separate competition, that takes place outside of your scrapbooks/notebooks. The entries will be voted on by the attendees at State Convention.

Sign-A-Song Contest Prize : \$50
 The Sign-a-Song contest happens at State Convention. The contest uses American Sign Language (ASL) to provide musical interpretations of songs.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Poster Prize \$100
 Help us create awareness by educating others on people in our communities that are deaf or hard of hearing. Use your creativity to spread the message by creating a poster or display that can be used to highlight the importance of this issue.

Rachel Bailey
 Email: rachel.bailey120255@gmail.com
 Phone: 717-816-1317



History Committee
Doug Bonsall
PA State Grange History Chair

COUNTDOWN! After planning for more than two years, we are about to enter a year of celebration commemorating 150 years of service by the Pennsylvania State Grange. A kick-off banquet program in 2021, anniversary candle lighting ceremonies at State Grange events in 2021-2022 and several fund raising initiatives have been the prelude to this sesquicentennial celebration which culminates with an extended state session being held in Morgantown, PA, October 19-22, 2023. There are many different aspects of this anniversary which individuals, Granges and businesses may be involved.

Delegates at the 2020 and 2021 state sessions affirmed that all Granges would accept responsibility to make the 2023 anniversary events successful. Here's a summary of the ways that you and your Grange can become involved:

- **"Light the Cake"** - financial contributions in amounts from \$1-\$150 continue to be accepted to finance the celebration; contributors will be listed in the historical program booklet
- **Sponsorships** - larger contributions in six categories ranging from \$250-\$5000; 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 your ad in one-eighth, quarter, half, three-quarters 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 year+ Sixth Degree members** - help us identify and contact persons who received the Sixth Degree
- **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 featuring the 150th anniversary logo is a 10 ounce vacuum tumbler - only 50 available
- **Pennants** - every Grange (Subordinate, Pomona and Junior) is encouraged to make a pennant that will be part of the hotel decorations; specifications forthcoming
- **Door Prizes** - every Grange is asked to donate a door prize of an approximate \$25 value - gift

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

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

baskets, gift cards, handcrafted items, etc.

A mailing will be sent this fall to all Subordinate and Pomona Secretaries with complete details about all these anniversary opportunities.



**Order while they last...
 the 2022 Commemorative
 Anniversary Tumbler**

Available at State Session in York. Orders will also be accepted while supply lasts to reserve one or more tumblers @ \$15/each by contacting Anna May Nauss, 10 W Schoolside Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055, (phone) 717-512-9628 or (email) annauss@aol.com.

Acts of Service - Brief descriptions of many new, unique service projects to benefit the community are now being posted in the State Grange Facebook page in addition to the State Grange website. Check out both to see what local Granges are doing to make a positive difference in their local areas. Planning and implementing Acts of Service are a wonderful way to involve your members in an anniversary initiative and get the Grange's name before the public.

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



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 email (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 _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ - -

Monthly 150th Anniversary Candle Lighting Ceremonies to Begin in November

Beginning at the 150th Anniversary Kick-Off last September, the Pennsylvania State Grange has held candle lighting ceremonies to signify the Grange "light" coming to Pennsylvania from the National Grange - first to Eagle Grange #1 in Lycoming County and then spreading across the Commonwealth. The State Grange candle lighting ceremonies have highlighted important values of the Grange, including leadership, youth and juniors, community service, and family.

Beginning this November, local Granges will have their chance to "spread the light" at each of their monthly meetings. These brief

ceremonies - only about 5 minutes in length - will feature other important lessons and values of the Grange and will hopefully inspire us all to let our lights shine brightly in our communities.

Each Grange will receive a packet of monthly readings to accompany the candle lighting ceremony, as well as instructions. Granges that will have representatives present at State Grange functions this fall - specifically the Regional Leadership Conferences in September and October and the annual State Grange Session in October - will also receive an etched glass votive holder and candles to use in their Grange



halls. If your Grange will not be represented at these events and you would like to receive one of these votive holders and candles, please make arrangements with someone in your area to pick up and deliver your Grange's materials. If you do this, please contact Jenn Nauss at jnauss89@gmail.com or 717-512-1261 so that we have enough votive holders prepared.

We hope you and your members will eagerly participate in these ceremonies to "spread the light" and build the excitement for the 150th Anniversary!



Tentative Schedule
150th Annual PA State Grange Session
The Wyndham Garden York (HQ)
2000 Loucks Rd, York PA 17408

Thursday, October 13, 2022

1:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
1:00 pm	Exhibit Room Set-up by Committees
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Convention Registration
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Exhibit Entries Accepted
6:00 pm	Legislative Meet & Greet or Workshops
7:30 pm	State Officers Rehearsal
8:00 pm	K9 Demonstration – Lt. David M, Godfrey, York County Sherriff's Office

Friday, October 14, 2022

Committee Meetings at their discretion	
8:00 am – 6:30 pm	Convention Registration
8:00 am – 10:30 am	Exhibit Entries Accepted
9:00 am	OFFICAL OPENING
12:00 pm	Luncheon (General and Past Officer Luncheon) Mtg. Room C
1:00 pm	Judging of Exhibits
1:45 pm	Session Reconvenes
	Suggestions for Officers
	Two-minute comments for candidates
	Continue work on Resolution
5:30 pm	Dinner Recess
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Exhibit Room Open
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Quilts of Valor Presentation
7:30 pm	Presentation of the 3 rd and 4 th Degrees
9:30 pm	Youth Officers Rehearsal

Saturday, October 15, 2022

8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Convention Registration (Registration will have someone "on call" the rest of the day)
9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Exhibit Room Open
8:30 am	Session opens with Youth Officers
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Junior Jam Registration *Depending on Jam Schedule*
11:30 am	Additional Suggestions for Officers and Election of Officers
12:00 pm	Youth Luncheon
2:00 pm	Session Reconvenes
5:30 pm	Dinner Recess
7:00 pm	Conferral of 6 th Degree
8:00 pm	Installation of Officers
	Closing of Session
	Foundation Scholarship Auction
TBD	Youth party

Sunday, October 16, 2022

8:00 am	Church Service
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Junior Grange Meeting/Degree
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Pick-Up All Exhibits
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Sign-A-Song & Public Speaking
12:30 pm	Milk Punch Reception
1:00 pm	All Granger Banquet





REGISTRATION FORM

Pennsylvania State Grange – 150th Annual Session

October 14-16, 2022

Wyndham Garden, York PA

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please complete a separate form for each person attending. Additional forms are available at www.pagrange.org or by calling the State Grange office. (717-737-8855)

Please check all that apply:

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

Junior Chaperone _____ Pomona Delegate _____ Subordinate Delegate _____

Dept. Director/Comm. _____ Youth Officer _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY FOR NAME BADGE

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ Email: _____

Grange Name & No. _____ County _____

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

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

Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____	
Wine Tour; Ag Farms; National Cemetery and more – Wednesday	\$55.00	_____	
<i>Includes Bagged Lunch and Dinner (50-person limit)</i>			
Historic York County tour – Thursday			
Leg Up Farmer Tour and Market; Turkey Hill Experience			
Natl Watch & Clock; Round-the-Clock Diner (<i>Dinner on your own</i>)			
Leave at 11:30 – return around 7:00 pm (48-person limit)	\$25.00	_____	
Junior Jamboree (age 5-14)	\$25.00	_____	Include all activities and food
Past Officers Luncheon – Friday (buffet)	\$25.00	_____	Open to Everyone
Children (4-10)	\$12.50	_____	
Youth Banquet – Saturday – 12:00 pm	\$25.00	_____	Open to Everyone
Children (4-10) meal available at	\$12.50	_____	
All Granger Banquet – Sunday – 1:00 pm	\$36.00	_____	Open to Everyone
Children (4-10) (Chicken Fingers; French Fries or Mac & Cheese; Applesauce & Dessert)	\$18.50	_____	
Adults – for the All Granger Banquet (indicate your choice)			
<i>Parmesan Crusted Chicken</i> _____ <i>Herb Crusted Beef Round Top</i> _____ <i>Vegetarian Lasagna Roll</i> _____			

Continental Breakfast will be available Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please check if you will be participating in the following:

Public Speaking _____ Sign a Song _____ Youth Outing _____

Send form and payment **by September 15, 2022**

Make Checks payable to PA State Grange South Central Convention District

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

Questions can be directed to Lizzie Bailey (717) 254-9550 lbailey13@comcat.net; Robert Bair (717) 873-8275
grange2022Session@yahoo.com

NOTICE: Gluten Free and/or Vegetarian meals are available. Any dietary or allergy concerns must be known prior to State Session.
Please list them here: _____



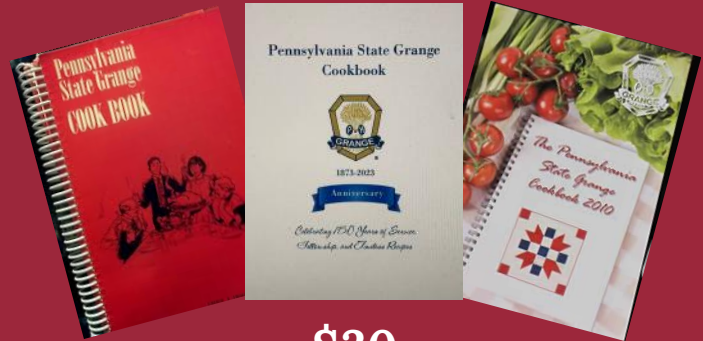
MARKETPLACE

Pennsylvania State Grange Lapel Pins



\$5

Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbooks



\$30

Visit our website to order:

www.pagrang.org/

Call 717-737-8855

Apple Butter

The Pennsylvania State Grange has been able to purchase one batch of Apple Butter to sell for this year. The 91 cases of Apple Butter have been distributed throughout the State for your convenience in picking it up. Please contact one of the following people to arrange picking up Apple Butter if your Grange would like to sell it. Contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office at 717.737.8855 or call Wayne at 717.275.5045 for pricing.

Union Grange, Susquehanna Co. Wayne Oakley 570.575.9978
Progress Grange, Centre Co. Tammy Jurkowski 814.404.2460
Crawford Pomona, Crawford Co. Sherman Allen 814.671.9947
Fairview Grange, Beaver Co. Chuck Campbell 727.601.3184
Pennsylvania State Grange office, 717.737.8855 or 717.275.5045

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

2022 Pennsylvania State Grange 150th Annual Session Hotel Reservation Information



Wyndham Hotel Reservations Information:

Call: 717-846-9500 Press "0"

Room Block: PA State Grange

Queen double beds - \$149. a night

King Bed/pullout sofa sleeper - \$149. a night



York County K-9 Program Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022 8 p.m.

2022 Pennsylvania State Grange

150th Annual Session

Wyndham Hotel

2000 Loucks Road, York



The York County Sheriff's Office will be providing a presentation and demonstration about their K9 unit at the Wyndham Hotel, 2000 Loucks Road, York on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 8 p.m.

(Youth continued from page 12)

Quickly approaching is the PA State Grange Session, October 14-16 in York, PA. We are looking forward to an exciting time for the Youth and Young Adults. Come cheer the Youth Officer Team on as they open session on Saturday morning. Don't forget to finish up your contest entries and bring them to State Session on Friday morning. Our contests for this year are: Start with a Cake Mix; Cupcake Decorating; Scrapbook Page; Recycled Craft; Building Block Creating; String Art; Grange Display; Create a Grange Flyer; and Public Speaking. All of the rules and guidelines are in the Guide to Contests booklet.

Our future depends on investing in our youth!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW FOLKS TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

Become a sponsor for a member of the Youth Officer Team for 2022. The Youth Officers selected for the 2022 Youth Officer Team will be presented with an official Youth Team vest (if they don't already have one), 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 black vests for the Youth Team and gray vest for the sponsors.

To sponsor a member of the Youth Team and receive your own gray vest, we are requesting a donation of at least \$100 to the PA State Grange Youth Department.

Donations can be made by Granges, individuals or small groups but only 1 supporter 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 on page 12.

Thank you to 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
PA State Grange Youth Director
youth@pagrange.org
417-967-6474



Sponsor a Youth!

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: Ellen Wadsworth, 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352

All **NEW** 2022 PA State Grange COLLECTABLE "FOREVER" CALENDAR TOWEL

This beautiful *special edition* wall-hanging cloth tea-towel calendar features the Grange logo that is sure to brighten up any kitchen, bath or room décor. Plus, the entire 2022 calendar year is readily available for your quick reference anytime.



The Pennsylvania State Grange is celebrating the historic 150th Session of the fraternal Order of Patrons of Husbandry (P of H) October 13-16, 2022.

This momentous 150th Grange Session will be observed in historic York County, PA home to York Town where the 13 original colonies united to form the first U.S. Constitution known as the "Articles of Confederation." A full color photo of the 1976 Bi-Centennial reconstructed Colonial Courthouse and PA Historic Museum Commission marker are featured on each calendar, along with "Little General" Count Casimir Pulaski perched on the weathervane of the recreated courthouse today.

A great gift idea for that special Grange member or calendar collector! A truly wonderful way to proudly display the distinctive official Grange registered trademark emblem. Set upon stripes of red, white and blue and a wheatfield sky together with the Grange logo are the eloquent words:

FAITH ~ HOPE ~ CHARITY ~ FIDELITY

Make your "forever" calendar towel live on! At the end of the year, don't discard it - collect it or use it as an environmentally-friendly kitchen towel. If you are crafty, there are many projects that allow you to reuse this textile art - sew it into a pillow or apron, frame it, make curtains - your creativity creates the possibilities! Start a tradition by hanging this lovely calendar towel in your home or give them as thoughtful gifts!

- Grange calendar with insignia design features all 12 months
- Full color image depicting York Town, PA Courthouse
- Dimensions: 26" H x 17.5" W
- Re-use as an environmentally-friendly kitchen towel
- 100% Cotton; All natural sustainable fibers
- Dowel and cord hanger included
- Perfect for hanging in the kitchen, bath, den, office or any room.
- Use once as a beautiful wall-hanging calendar, and then forever as a kitchen towel

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ORDER TODAY

_____ (Quan.) 2022 Grange Calendar Towel @ \$14.99 + PA Sales Tax and shipping = \$17.50 each TOTAL \$ _____
PLEASE ENCLOSE CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR COMPLETE CREDIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION BELOW.

Name _____ Phone _____

Shipping Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Credit Card Payment: Card No.: _____ Expire: ____/____ CVV _____

Print Name: _____ Please charge: \$ _____ Signature: _____

Mail to: Grange Calendar, 59 2nd St., Windsor, PA 17366 ~ **Order by Phone:** PA State Grange Office: 717-737-8855
Make checks payable to: South Central Convention Committee (S.C.C.C.) **Email:** grange2022session@yahoo.com

Calendar towel proceeds benefit the 2022 150th PA State Grange Session and S.C.C.C. program in York, PA. The Grange is a 501(c)(8) non-profit organization.



Junior Committee
Philip Vonada
PA State Junior Grange Director



It's so hard to believe that summer is over and the kids are already heading back to school. I truly hope every student and teacher (at all levels) is having a fantastic start to the school year.

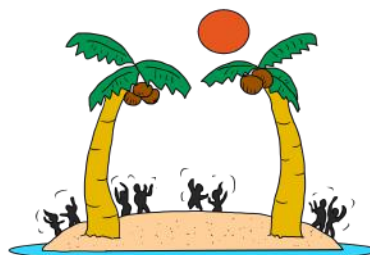
Fall - my favorite season - is approaching. There's nothing I love more than a hike in the woods on a crisp, cool fall day, followed by some apple cider and maybe a bonfire... Or going to a football game and enjoying some fantastic tailgate food with my friends! What are you looking forward to with the fall?

And talking about fall reminds me that we spent a week this summer celebrating....**winter!** From June 26-July 2, 57 campers and 51 counselors, helpers, and staff took to Camp Sylvan Hills for our annual Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Camp. What an incredible treat to be able to be together with one another again, for a week of fun, learning, and adventure in a **Winter Wonderland!**

Special thanks to National Junior Grange Director Samantha Wilkins and National Junior Grange Ambassadors Ryleigh Hartsell and Cade Howerton who joined us for the week; to every counselor, helper, and workshop

leader who truly made the week a success; to Ruth Vonada, Thelma Brodzina, Ginny Straub, and Wayne and Debbie Campbell for keeping us all fed, Tammy Schaeffer for keeping us healthy; to Lindsay Schroeder for all of her amazing photography, and Rebecca Anzueto Estrada for compiling the camp newsletter. And thank you to the whole Junior Committee for your incredible work.

I also want to thank the Granges who sponsored campers, for ensuring that Juniors and their families have the ability to attend camp. Did you know that the fees paid by campers, helpers, counselors, and staff don't cover the true cost of camp? It is thanks to Granges who contribute to the PAJG appeal that we are able to put on our camp every year, at a low and reasonable cost to families. We are already planning the 2023 camp: **BEACH PARTY**, which will be held July 2nd-8th. **SAVE THE DATE!**



During Friday's banquet at camp, we presented several awards, and I just wanted to take a moment to list them here: Grange Knowledge Test High Scores

- Group 1 - Savannah Beamon
- Group 2 - Nolan Fayewicz
- Group 3 - Gayle Reyburn
- Group 4 - Danni Wilcox

Superlatives

- Group 1 - Elsa Kehs
- Group 2 - Christopher Anzueto
- Group 3 - Ruby Reyburn & Gayle Reyburn
- Group 4 - Danni Wilcox

Helper of the Year - Jackson Reich
Counselor of the Year - Isaac Mengel

Thank you to Harvey Reyburn and Sadie Johnson who had an incredible year as PA Junior Ambassadors. From Harrisburg to Wichita to Washington DC, they made Pennsylvania's Juniors proud.

And congratulations to our new Ambassadors:
Danni Wilcox, a +1 Junior member of Allegheny Grange in Lycoming County
Tyler Davis, a member of Ontelaunee Junior Grange in Berks County.



If you would like the Junior Ambassadors at your meeting or event, please contact me to make the arrangements! They are already off to a fantastic start to their year!



Later in July, we celebrated Family Festival at the Centre County Fairgrounds in Centre Hall. There were crafts, water games, seed starters, and tons of fun to be had while trying to beat the heat. On Saturday evening, several Juniors competed in the Talent contest:

Instrumental
Age 5-9
1st Place - Elsa Kehs
2nd Place - Foster Kehs

Variety
Age 5-9
1st Place - Savannah Beamon

Variety
Age 10-14
1st Place - Cadence Tempel and Danni Wilcox

Congratulations all!! We'd love to see even more Juniors in next year's talent contest!

And speaking of contests...State Session is just around the corner, and there are a TON of contest

opportunities for our Junior Grangers. Junior contests begin on page 30 of the current Guide to Contests! Entries will be accepted at Session on Thursday evening and Friday morning in York.

Junior Contests this year include Recycled Craft (Buttons), Cooking Contest (Cereal or Granola Bars), Design a t-shirt (Junior Grange-themed), Creative Writing ("If I was President for a day..."), Building Blocks, Pumpkin Decorating (mini pumpkins/gourds or the virtual contest), Scrapbook page ("Me & My Friends"), and the Art and Photography categories. There are also options to participate in contest held by the Youth, Lecturers, and Deaf & Community Service departments - check them out!

Also, take a look at all the National Grange contests for Juniors. Those deadlines will be quickly approaching. That guide can be found at www.nationaljuniorgrange.org.

Stay tuned to the Pennsylvania Junior Grange Facebook group and the State Grange email blasts for information about upcoming Junior Online Gatherings and other special events coming up soon!

Thank you all, and remember to **be kind**,

Phil



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Government Matters
Carrie Nace
Novak Strategic Advisors

I hope this article finds every Grange family having had a wonderful summer filled with family, friends and good health. Summer has been filled with many great Pennsylvania State Grange events from Royalty Day to Family Fest to Ag Progress Days. I enjoy each and every event as a chance to connect with members from all over Pennsylvania.

June started and ended extremely busy in the Capitol with the crafting of the 2022-23 state budget. As I mentioned in the last edition of the PGN, at times this process became contentious as political divisiveness continues among the caucuses.

Thankfully, this did not extend to funding for Agriculture. When it comes to Pennsylvania's Number One industry, legislators are civil and when there are differences, opponents are treated respectfully. Mostly, everyone tries to get along. Case in point, look at some legislative votes before the legislature's summer recess:

- \$45.2 billion State Budget **Senate Bill 1100**. **Status:** Enacted into law in early July; House vote: 180-20; Senate vote 48-1.
- **House Bill 1694** limits liability for volunteers and organizations who help improve private property for

recreational use providing that the property owner has given permission. **Status:** Passed House 200-0; on Senate voting calendar.

- **Senate Bill 251** is a major re-write of the state's Fertilizer Law. **Status:** It was signed into law as Act 83 of 2022. Votes: Senate 48-1; House 184-16.

- **House Bill 223** authorizes creation of Keystone Opportunity Dairy Zones to stimulate investment in milk processing facilities in PA. **Status:** Passed House 198-0; Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee voted 11-0.



- **Senate Bill 1236** updates a funding program to help very small meat processors in PA. **Status:** It was signed into law as Act 52 of 2022 after a Senate vote of 50-0 and a House vote of 199-0.

- **House Bill 1598** streamlines the state's flood control efforts by placing them under the jurisdiction of the PA Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). **Status:** It was signed into law as Act 65 of 2022. House vote was 202-0. Senate vote was 50-0.

These results did not always come easy. It takes years of persistent lobbying, advocacy and education of lawmakers and their staff about the importance of supporting Pennsylvania Agriculture. This translates into literally thousands of meetings and communications over time.

The other key ingredient to this successful record is the membership of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Our members talk to their legislators at home and tell them about the real world impact of policy decisions. Grange members are at the heart of rural Pennsylvania and decision makers listen when they share their views.

This strong and persistent advocacy and education had a great part in waking the General Assembly to the need for universal access to high-speed broadband in PA. This led to the law which creates the Broadband Authority which will be a source of funding to get the job done. The Pennsylvania State Grange is proud to have been asked to participate on the authority. With a general election in November that will decide a new United States Senator, our new Governor and members of the General Assembly in Pennsylvania, our lobbying will continue advocating for the needs of agriculture and rural communities. I am asking all grange members to help out by :

- Being **registered to vote...AND VOTING.**

- Keeping up with issues so that you know what legislation affects your livelihood, your family, and your community. The Pennsylvania State Grange will do its part by keeping you up to date on the issues coming out of Harrisburg.

- Getting to **know your legislator.** Schedule a meeting on key issues in the district office or ask him or her to visit your farm if you are involved in production agriculture.

- **Sign up for your legislator's email newsletter** to keep informed on what is going on and up to date on issues.

-Please reach out to me at carrie@nsallc.com or 717-424-5832 if you need anything to help you with these issues.

Because agriculture is so important, there are always other legislative mountains to climb. For example, protecting the nation's food supply, reduce burdens facing rural PA due to federally-mandated stormwater management, making universal broadband a reality and striking a balance between alternative solar energy and preserving prime farmland just to name a few. How do we move forward to make our voice heard? The answer lies in effective lobbying by the Grange and active involvement by Grange members to achieve our goals. It is a team approach and both are vital to our continued legislative success.



Family Fest Legislative Session and Zoom meetings

I was thrilled to have many Grangers attend the annual legislative meeting at the 2022 Family Fest at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds. We had a robust conversation around many pressing issues facing rural Pennsylvania. It is always great getting perspectives from a diverse group of Grange members. While we discussed many familiar issues such as policy surrounding dairy, broadband and solar, one issue that is increasingly becoming a concern is preemption issues in regard to local governments.

In early July, Senator Yaw's legislation to prevent local governments to preempt state law on natural gas drilling was vetoed by the governor. This legislation was in response to a local government enacting an ordinance to restrict drilling within its boundaries on state parks. This is an issue that the Grange needs to monitor as it could have implications on broadband infrastructure, right to farm law restrictions among others in the future.

As a reminder we conduct a legislative zoom on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. If you are not already on the zoom invite list, please contact me at carrie@nsallc.com. I hope to see many of you attend.

Carrie Nace
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Members Volunteer (continued from page 2)

Next, Lindy Gulick, had the group of PA Grangers working on the ground, washing, scrubbing, brushing, and assisting with special blended coloring pigments for cold waxing and polishing. She applied heat from a torch onto the bronze that transformed the surface along with a special pigmented wax treatment. Then there was a final polishing and highlighting of the letters.

Bair commented that “getting up” (from the ground) was the hardest part of the job and was pleased to say that the event went very well. Lindy even suggested she would be delighted to have Grangers return on an annual basis to keep our National Grange Marker looking great! A jogger who passed by exclaimed that he can actually read the plaque now.

The marker was placed on the DC

Mall in 1951 by The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, commonly called the Grange and bears the following inscription:

Near this site The National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry was organized on December 4, 1867 in the office of the Superintendent of the propagating gardens Department of Agriculture The Founders of the Grange were: Oliver H. Kelley William Saunders Aaron B. Grosh John Trimble John H. Thomson Francis McDowell William M. Ireland Assisted by Caroline A. Hall This tablet erected by the National Grange, 1951.

Following the work of the day at the memorial plaque the group enjoyed an afternoon lunch. After a vigorous walk to the National Grange Building the group met with National Grange President Betsy Huber.

The PA group received a note from National Park Service (NPS) Volunteer Coordinator James Pierce thanking the Grange for being fantastic volunteers!

If anyone would like to volunteer individually, please see the following link...

<https://nationalmall.org/become-a-volunteer>



National Park Service Lindy Gulick works on the National Grange Plaque.



Pictured are Bob Bair, Carl Meiss and Barb Bair.



Lindy Gulick, Bob Bair and Carl Meiss work on cleaning the National Grange Plaque.



Washing and Scrubbing National Grange Plaque



Family Festival 2022



2022 Ag Progress Days



Terra Ingram and Liam Bailey looking at the bee hive in the College of Ag Sciences building.



President Wayne Campbell, Junior Ambassador Dani Wilcox, Senator Elder and Sue Vogel.



Senator Bob Casey



Maddie Gould enjoying the sunshine at Ag Progress Days!



Dani Wilcox, State Treasurer Stacy Garrity, and Wayne Campbell.



President Wayne Campbell and Secretary Russell Redding.



What's happening across PA...

Plumsteadville #1738

Plumsteadville's farm market opened for the season June 4th with new and returning vendors. Special features opening included a baby goat and presentations by Bucks County's Dairy Team and 4-H Pet Club. The market continues through October, so if you're in Bucks County on a Saturday morning, stop by and say "hello".



Gouglersville #1743

Upcoming Event

Tractor Engine Show September 24-25, 2022

Gouglersville Grange is hosting its annual Tractor Engine Show on September 24th and 25th 2022, from 9am-4pm. This event has free admission and has fun activities for kids, food, and a look into the past and future of farming and rural lifestyle.



The event takes place at:
1893 Old Lancaster Pike
Sinking Spring, PA 19608

Trexlerstown #1755

*** Upcoming Events ***



Chicken & Waffle Dinner September 30

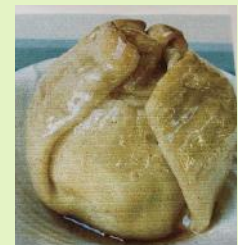
Chicken & Waffles Dinner
\$12 per person
4:30-6:30 PM

Dinner is at the Grange Hall

Eat In/Take Out

1183 Grange Rd, Wescosville, PA

Apple Dumpling Sale October 28



Apple Dumpling Sale
\$4 per dumpling
Pickup 3:30-6:30 PM

Order Deadline:
Monday October 24th

Please text/call 610-392-1423

Unity Grange #1710

On May 13, 2022, Unity Grange #1710, hosted the Old Time Fiddlers. This group has been playing at the Grange hall for over 40 years and are long time supporters of our Grange. During this sold out show, a plaque was dedicated in memory of William Gager who was a Grange member for over 50 years. His Grange legacy lives on with his children and grandchildren. Old Time Fiddlers will be back on October 14 for their annual fall performance.



Elizabethtown Grange #2076

Emily Bonsall was selected to receive the 2022 Outstanding Senior in Agriculture Education scholarship, sponsored by Elizabethtown Grange. The \$500 award was presented at Elizabethtown High School's Senior Awards Night on May 18. This scholarship recognizes a graduating senior for exceptional achievement in agricultural studies. Emily was accepted to Penn State University and plans to major in Animal Science. She hopes to become a beef or dairy nutritionist, or to one day have her own beef cattle operation.



Centre County Pomona Grange #13



Elwood was surprised with a cake at the Visitation Night event. Elwood's daughters attended to celebrate with him. Ellen Deno, Elwood Homan, and Lois Zimmerman

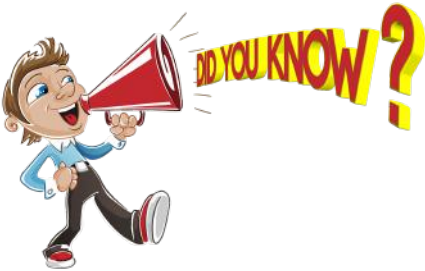
The Centre County Pomona Grange held its Visitation Night Potluck at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall on June 14, 2022. The Grange members celebrated with Elwood Homan, member of Baileyville Grange and his daughters as he just turned 100 years young!

Logan Grange #109

Logan Grange in Centre County held their annual picnic at their Grange Hall on Monday, August 8th. They invited President Wayne Campbell and Lizzie Bailey to have dinner and share highlights of Grange news. The meal was wonderful and the members enjoyed a raffle for prizes afterwards.



Pomona Granges were not part of the original Grange plan



Pomona Granges were not part of the original plan by the Seven Founders for the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. Originally the Fifth Degree was assigned to the State Grange and the Sixth Degree remained jurisdiction of the National Grange. The longer Granges functioned the more apparent it became that a need existed for some form of district organization that would bind together the local Granges within a given area. The initial response to this need was the formation of councils, usually on a county basis, but without uniformity and not intended to be a formal part in the established Grange setup. No ritualistic work was attempted at these council meetings

and in most instances they were informal gatherings of Grange members open to any interested parties. At the 1874 national session in St. Louis, Missouri, an amendment was made to the National Grange Constitution to establish district or county Grange units, but the organizational responsibility was delegated to each State Grange, whereas the organization of Subordinate Granges had been the responsibility of the National Grange from the very beginning. Pomona Grange meetings were often huge gatherings lasting one, two or even three days in an age when "taking in Pomona" was a welcome time away from the daily grind of the farm. In 1923 the National Grange took over the responsibility for the chartering of Pomona Granges and in 1924 action was adopted to give complete jurisdiction over the Fifth Degree to Pomona Granges.

The first Pomona organized in Pennsylvania was Dauphin-Perry #1 on May 11, 1875, but it was disbanded sometime prior to 1894 when the earliest officers' registers exist. The oldest active Pomona in the state is now Cumberland County #2, organized on May 24, 1875, later adding Dauphin, Lancaster, and York before those counties organized their own Pomona Granges; Pomona #2 disbanded about 1907 and re-organized June 15, 1912. Seventy-three Pomona Granges were organized in Pennsylvania between 1875 and 1931 when the last Pomona formed in the state was Franklin County #73.



Schnitzenknepp (A typical Pennsylvania Dutch dish)

Take some sweet schnitz (sweet apples dried with the skins). Put in kettle with good sized piece of bacon. Brown sugar enough to make them taste pleasant. About twenty minutes before you want to serve dinner add the knepp, which is simply dumplings made out of dough raised with yeast, cover tightly and serve altogether.

This dish was usually made on days when bread baking was in progress. Now when we want schnitzenknepp we send to the bakery and get a nickels worth of dough and work that up into dumplings.

Charlotte H Rupp, Ephrata Grange #1815

This recipe can be found in the 1993 reprint of the 1925 Pennsylvania State Grange cookbook.

Member Benefit Highlights

With the cost of everything rising, did you know you can earn CASH BACK for shopping online? From clothes to household items to office supplies you can earn money for everyday items!



Just for signing up for Rakuten you can receive a \$10 Cash Rebate. Using Rakuten also gets you discounts up to 40% in over 2,500 online stores. Just go to their website

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If you are asked for a referral code use: pagrange

There is nothing easier than getting paid to shop online!



**Do you take prescription medications? Do you have a CVS near you?
We may have the benefit for you!**

RX Pharmacy Card provided by CVS Caremark (also for pet prescriptions) –program offers the RxSavings Plus Card, a NO FEE exclusive benefit to National Grange members that is not offered to the public. The RXSavings Card allows members to go to almost any pharmacy. Unlike other savings plans, the CVS-Caremark program applies to 99% of prescription drugs. Save on Lipitor, Viagra, Plavix, high blood pressure medications and thousands more—even pet medications!

If your pet has been prescribed a medication, you may get a discount with the RxSavingPlus Prescription Discount Card at a participating pharmacy. During your pet's examination and ask if the treatment plan they are recommending includes medications that are also used to treat human conditions. If so, you can request a written prescription from your veterinarian instead of the veterinarian clinic providing the medications.



Welcome New Members!!!

Trexlertown #1755

Lynne Wetzel

Shermanata #1796

Elizabeth Bender

Barbara Melius

Christina Dudley

Meredith Wolz

Wayne Bender

Michael Conrad

Nichole Heinrich

Brent Yohn

Mike Horning

Joyce Cassel

Virginville #1832

Sarah Sekella

William Sekella

Steven Stetzler

Eli Blatt

Big Knob #2008

Brenda Greco

Frank Miklos

Gavin Palka

Middletown #684

Kathy Leas

Russell Stover

Jennifer Eagen McCloskey

Bella Kobrcynski

Miranda Vaders

Matthew Vaders

William Pasko

Kathleen Pasko

Donna McCloskey

Donald McCloskey

Lilly Van Buskirk

Forest #853

Jacklyn Schillinger

Peter Schillinger

Tioga #1223

Theresa Swain

William Patterson

Judy Thomas

Ryan Belz

Lindsea Jones

Robert Jones

Taylor Rae Jones

Madison Jones

Linda Jones

Rose McMillan

Sylvia Loveland

Jennifer Bousquet-Sutton

Hickory #1285

Lois Moore

Martha Smith

Fred Antes

Sam Spicher

Ron Ward

Myrna Ward

Ontelaunee #1617

Alexa Davis

Shirley Breining

Mahoning Valley #1649

Chelsea Tabak

Nicole Logan

Cassie Ruehle

In Memoriam

"Well Done Good and Faithful Servant..."



Union #152

Joseph Peteritis

Wanda Brooks

Shavers Creek #353

Confer Eberle

Jeanne Metz

Turbett #781

Robert Ditmer

Warriors Mark #974

Mary Durbin

Chestnut Ridge #1133

Charles Gayman

Port Matilda #1284

Belinda Bracken

Fairview #1351

Emma Lou Hammond

Enterprise #1352

Ruth Richter

Kimmerlings #1529

Charles Wagner

Joan Mauser

Ontelaunee #1617

Claude Ohlinger

Karl Engel

Helena Latshaw

Grace Reeser

Plumsteadville #1738

Arthur "Roy" Shull

Virginville #1832

Nancy Seidel

Fleetwood #1839

Agnes Noll

Jean Fegley

William Greenawald Jr

Bernville #1887

Barbara Eisenbrown

Unionville #1971

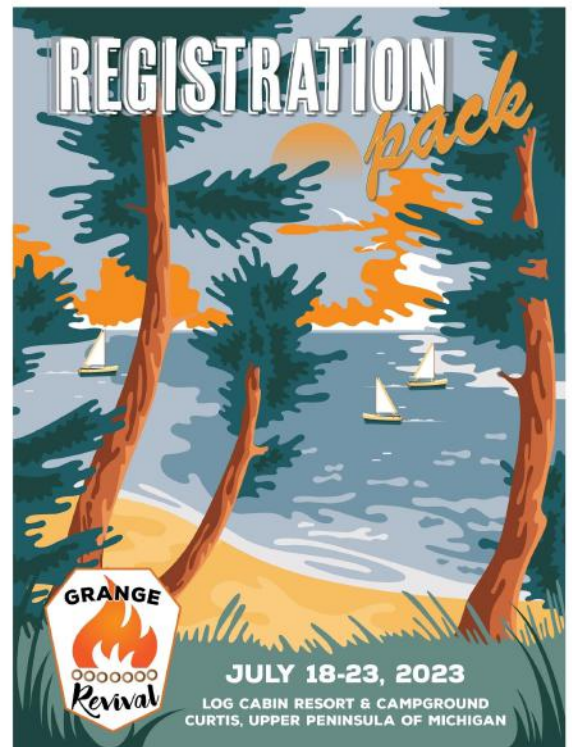
Dorothy Bupp

Tim Shaffer

Montour Valley #2005

Erma Wilson

Please submit your articles and pictures by **September 25th** for the next edition of the Pennsylvania Grange News!



2022-2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All dates are tentative and subject to change.

SEPTEMBER

5th: Labor Day



OCTOBER

14-16th: State Session;
York, PA
31st: Happy Halloween!



NOVEMBER

11th: Veterans Day
15-19th: National
Grange
Convention; Sparks,
Nevada
25th: Happy
Thanksgiving



DECEMBER

25th: Merry Christmas!

JANUARY 2023

1st: Happy New Year!
7-14th: PA Farm Show



FEBRUARY

20th: President's Day



MARCH

13th: Daylight Savings
Time (turn clocks
forward)



APRIL

9th: Easter
22nd: Earth Day



MAY

5th: Cinco de Mayo
29th: Memorial Day



JUNE

14th: Flag Day
30-July 2nd: Youth
Camp;
Camp Sylvan Hills

JULY

2-8th: Junior Camp;
Camp Sylvan Hills
4th: Independence Day
14-17th: Family Festival;
Centre County
Fairground

AUGUST

8-10th: AG Progress
Days; Pennsylvania
Furnace



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National Grange Benefits

- Wyndham Hotel: Members save up to 20%
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- 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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