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## May/June 2021

# PENNSYLVANIA RANCES



The summer months give us many opportunities to fly our American flag. Many families decorate the graves of loved ones on Memorial Day and veterans' organizations, as well as other volunteers put flags by the gravestones of our deceased veterans. This is usually the first day of the year when families put out the flag in celebration of the holiday.

It is inspiring to see many houses in a neighborhood showing their patriotism by displaying the flag.

Memorial Day, formerly called Decoration Day, became a tradition after the Civil War. May 31 is designated as Memorial Day, but the day is celebrated on the last Monday in May. That day is usually considered the first day of the summer season.

A little-known fact, on Memorial Day the flag should be flown at half-staff until noon and then raised to the top of the staff.

### Here are a few reminders on how to properly display and care for the flag.

### Hanging the flag:

The flag can be hung either horizontally or vertically. The blue field with the stars or union, should be at the top and to the left of the person looking at the flag.

### Displaying the flag on a pole:

When flying the flag from a pole the union should be at the top of the pole and next to the staff.

### Remember to Cherish Our Grand Old Flag

By Carol Ann Gregg



patriotism by wearing a flag emblem, as long as it is not made from fabric of an actual flag. If you are raising a flag on a pole, it should rise briskly. When retiring the flag, the flag should be lowered slowly and ceremonially. Always take care to not have the flag touch the ground.

### Storing the flag:

When a flag is not rolled onto the flag staff, it should be properly folded. We have seen military personnel, fold a flag that has been draped over the casket of a deceased soldier. This flag that has been folded into a triangle is given to a member of the family. When a flag is taken down from a pole, it should also be properly folded for storage until it is raised again.

### Folding the American flag:

It takes at least two people to fold the flag properly. Here are the steps as outlined on the American Legion website,

https://www.legion.org/flag/fold ing . On the website each step is illustrated.

 Straighten out the flag to full length and fold lengthwise once.
 Fold it lengthwise a second time to meet the open edge, making sure that the union of stars on the blue field remains outward in full view. (A large flag may have to be folded lengthwise a third time.)
 A triangular fold is then started by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to the open edge.
 The outer point is then turned inward, parallel with the open edge, to form a second triangle. (continued on page 28)



Members of Grove City Pack 76 fold the American Flag. From the left are: Jace Gorrell - Star Scout, Thomas Hicks - Tenderfoot Scout, Evan McCreary - Eagle Scout, Carl Bubenheim - Tenderfoot Scout The photo was taken by Scott McCreary, assistant Scout Master.

### Care of the flag:

Hours of display:

stormy weather.

The flag can be displayed from

having them illuminated with

sunup to sundown. Though flags

can be displayed 24 hours a day by

bright lights. Unless a flag is made

of weather resistant materials, it

should be taken down in rainy or

The flag should always look its best. It should never be flown when ripped, dirty or damaged. When the flag is used in Grange meetings, it is carefully rolled off the staff. When one of the Graces puts the flag into the flag stand, she carefully arranges the flag with the stars and stripes showing. Following the retirement of the flag at the end of a meeting, the flag is carefully rolled back onto the staff. This practice helps to eliminate fold and creases in the flag.

### Respect the flag:

The flag should only be used as a flag. It should never be used as clothing. It should not be used as bunting or as a tablecloth. It is very acceptable to show your



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From the President's Desk Wayne D. Campbell PA State Grange President president@pagrange.org

Now is the time to invite your community...

It has been a long hard road since March of 2020. We all know people who have lost their fight with this Covid virus, others hospitalized, some who got very ill but were able to stay out of the hospital, and still others who experienced very mild symptoms. Thank goodness many of our most vulnerable were able to avoid the virus altogether, but in many cases, this meant a very long time of isolation from loved ones.

I hope and pray that many of you are fully vaccinated or at least partially vaccinated by now. I am fascinated by the medical advances being made every day. It was due, in part, to these advances that companies were able to quickly adapt the vaccine engineering formulas to fight the Covid Virus. I am thankful for all who gave so much of themselves to get to where we are today. I'm really looking forward to enjoying a much more "normal" summer of camps, festivals, and most of all, fairs.

Granges continued to "Cultivate Connections" throughout the entire Pandemic. We adapted to what our communities need. I've said in many of my recent articles: you made masks, you turned your halls into food distribution centers, you took friends and neighbors to doctor's appointments, and picked up groceries, to name a few. You did this out of love for your fellow man. It's just who we are!! Now, what's next? For one thing, we continue all these things. Much like the need for generosity during the holidays, that need continues throughout the year. Hunger is a need that doesn't have a calendar. Thank you to our government, our farmers, and you for creating new ways to ensure everyone especially our children, has food on their table. Thank you for your contributions to food banks. Please keep in mind; contributions do not have to be in the form of money!



Your time and your talents are just as valuable, and sometimes, more so. If we didn't have the volunteers to make these efforts work, all that food would still be going to waste, as we saw at the beginning of the Pandemic. During March, April, and May, we do our Spring planting. We put tiny seeds into the earth to begin a new life and spring forth with what we hope will be a bountiful harvest. Now, we already see those early plantings spring forth. It's time to cultivate to prevent the weeds from overtaking our efforts. This cultivating is what will enable us to reap a bountiful harvest. The same is true for our daily lives! We must cultivate every day to allow the seed within us to grow and yield a bountiful harvest.

Now is the time to invite the community into our meetings and introduce them to the Grange. Show them what puts that sparkle in your eye. Make them want to be a part of the change and positively influence your community. Explain to them how the efforts of over 150 years of Grangers before us contributed to the way of life we enjoy today. Show them how our member benefits will contribute to a better financial year for them. Invite them to experience that inner joy that shows in your life every day. Remember our charge to new members, "we bid you welcome." Let's use this Spring season as the time we plant new seeds, watch them emerge, cultivate, and look forward to reaping a bountiful harvest. Thank you again for all you have done and all you continue to do to "Cultivate Connections."

### Fraternally,

Wayne D. Campbell, President Pennsylvania State Grange





Chaplain's Corner Jodi Keith Kensinger PA State Grange Chaplain

Where is your faith?

It is Spring time here in central PA! The birds are chirping and visiting our bird feeder outside our window (which our cats, Muffy & Casper, absolutely love!); my tulips are starting to come up and the daffodils are in full bloom. People are mowing their yards again and the sun is shining brighter and brighter each day! Even though there is a slight chill in the air, I can finally take my kayak out onto the lake! Last fall, my sister and I bought 2 kayaks together and spent as much time on the lake as possible before it got too cold to do so.

One day last fall, we went out onto the lake and it was incredibly windy, and the waves were quite rocky! It prompted me of the story of Jesus and his disciples in the boat on a very stormy night in Luke 8:22-25: "One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So, they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!' He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and

all was calm. 'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement, they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'" This story came to mind because I could sense what the disciples felt,

questioned his disciples and asked, "Where is your faith?" How many times are we faced with storms in our own lives and have no faith in a good outcome? It is in those times that our God is testing us to trust him in all things, great and small! Jesus says that very thing in Matthew 19:26: "With man things are impossible, but with God all things are possible." The last few days, this verse has been on repeat in my head and is a constant reminder to me that God is in control. I just need to let him direct my life which is no easy task and guide



trying to maneuver their ship through the wild seas in just my tiny little Kayak! What took no time at all to get to our destination took over an hour to get back to dry land. The winds were harsh and made paddling back extremely difficult. Water was splashing up into our kayaks, getting us very soaking wet. I referenced this story not only because of the boat in the storm, but because Jesus

my path in the days ahead. Remember, with God all things are possible.

Happy Spring my friends! May God direct his light on each one of your paths! God Bless you all.



Jodi Keith Kensinger PA State Grange Chaplin Sunflowercow19@yahoo.com



Melanie Melius PA State Grange Family Activities Director

### Looking forward to Grange activities!!!

Hope you are enjoying the warmer weather we are having. It is so nice to sit on the porch and enjoy the birds, watch the bees and breath in the air, and warm sun hitting the face.



### **Family Festival**

Family Festival is right around the corner. Come enjoy the time with your OTHER Family for the weekend. Remember Family Activities and Youth are doing Dinner for Friday evening. With Centre County Pomona Grange #13 making the cookies for Dessert that night.



Family Activities will collect food and gift cards for the Food Bank this year at Family Festival. Soon I hope to see my OTHER Family at Family Festival. Take care till we meet in July – can't wait. The tour is going to be good: come enjoy the day at Leonard Rhone's farm. A picnic is planned for lunch and good music. Walk around the garden and look at all the sculptures on the grounds and see all there is to see.

### Volunteers Needed!

The Family Activities Department could use your help. We will be at Ag Progress Days at the Russell Larson Research Farms located in Pennsylvania Furnace. The event starts August 10th and runs through the 12th. We could use help each day at the Pennsylvania State Grange booth where we will be selling the Family Activities Quilt Raffle tickets. if you are available to help, please call me or send an email with your availability.

### The PA Farm Show

The Family Activities Department could also use help at the 2022 PA Farm Show held in Harrisburg in January. We also sell the Family Activities Quilt Raffle tickets during the 10 day event. Plan on spending some time with us at the Pennsylvania State Grange Farm Show booth. Please give me a call if you would like more information on volunteer opportunities with Family Activities!

#### **Quilt Raffle**

So, by now everyone should have gotten your packets, with the tickets and Family Activities papers. Just pass, the papers on to your Family Activities person and if you know of anyone needing any of the other papers



just let me know. If you do not need them, just pass them on. If your Grange is not going to sell the tickets, please send them back to me. It would be nice to buy or sell them because if your Grange would win the Quilt that is an easy fundraiser for your Grange. Call the State office get a small games of chance number and get tickets printed and sell tickets any price you want to charge for them, any money you make is your money from the quilt that you won and raffled off again.

Thank you Yours Truly

Melanie Melius Family Activities Director melmelius59@gmail.com Cell (814)360-7058





Membership News Lizzie Bailey PA State Grange Membership & PR Director

### What are your defining moments?

Defining moments? What are they? A defining moment can be many different things and unique for each person. When you reflect back on your life what comes into your mind? Is it the events like marriage, having children, graduations, or a career? Or is it situations, a problem, a challenge or crisis that you had to overcome?

John Maxwell shares that a defining moment is a challenge or crisis that demonstrates the leadership capacity that lies inside a person.

When I was in the 8th grade, I was shy and very quiet. I was socially awkward in many ways. My English teacher, Mrs. Robinson apparently saw something in me and she worked closely with me to draw me out of the shell I chose to be in. Her goal was to teach us to write and give speeches and learn the art of being persuasive. The main project was to be ready to give a persuasive speech in front of the class.



I was terrified and this was a huge crisis for me. I had no clue what I could possibly talk about that would be of any interest to anyone else.

Mrs Robinson took time with me to ask me questions about. myself, things that interested me, Like what did I do in my spare time. She emphasized the importance to talk about something I know and love because talking persuasively would be easy for me because I would talk from experience.

Well this was in the 1970's and cb radios were all the rage. Dad belonged to a "CB Radio Club" and I loved it! On the radio I could talk and interact with others. It was fun and a hobby that I loved.

So with dad's help, I took our home cb radio and tiny car antenna to school and gave a presentation on using the radio. Dad made sure that a few of his



friends were on the radio during my speech that I could talk to and demonstrate how the radio worked. I had many questions from my classmates and the speech was a huge success! At that moment I discovered the power of words and presentation and it cultivated a self confidence in me.

I wanted to talk about defining moments because we all have them. Ask yourself what makes you be a leader in your Grange and community? How can you make choices that will influence others, just like Mrs. Robinson chose to take the extra time to cultivate something in me that truly changed my path.

A leader can make an impact and bring out the best in others. Don't let fear stop you from doing what you need to do. I ask that you find your courage and words to cultivate your leadership skills in Grange!

Indulge me as I share one more John Maxwell quote, " A leader who produces other leaders multiplies their influences."

Yours in Grange service,

Lizzie Bailey PR/Membership Director 717-254-9550 Cell 717-737-8855 Office publicrelations@pagrange.org



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Youth Committee Ellen Wadsworth PA State Grange Youth Director

# Youth Camp Info

The Youth and Young Adults Department is gearing up for Summer Camp!!! At this point, we are very hopeful that we will be able to conduct our Summer Youth Camp in person. Sign up online or mail in the application in this PGN.

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

https://form.jotform.com/210325 685322147. **Deadline is June 1st**.



WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE FOLKS TO JOIN US IN THIS NEW

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

To sponsor a member of the Youth Team and receive your own



black vest, we are requesting a donation of at least \$100 to the PA 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 below. The Youth Team will be wearing their vests while participating in any Grange activity to show their pride in this great organization. Thank you for your help in recognizing our amazing Youth and Young Adults!

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Address:	
Phone: I/We would like to sponsor	_Email:
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Select one:

Sponsor Name:

\_\_\_\_ \$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

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

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

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QUESTIONS?? Email: Youth@pagrang Registration and Camp Fee Dead	

#### Youth (Continued from page 8)

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

### Join us for GYM fun on Sunday May 23rd at 7pm We will not have a GYM on June 27th if we are in person for Youth Camp, but join us again July 25th at 7pm, and so on.

It's easy to join in the fun either by computer or phone. The Zoom link is:

### https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8671 9178861?

pwd=RXRxZEF0TUVXam93NHFO NytPNDdEZz09 or call +1-301-715-8592. The meeting ID: 867 1917 8861 and the Passcode:224121. This information will also be posted on the Youth and Young Adults FB page prior to each GYM so make sure you are a member of the FB group to receive the reminder. Drop in on any 4th Sunday and see what's happening around the state!

Our March GYM was a paint night with our favorite instructor, Jackie! Here is a photo of our great talented Grangers!

### CALLING ALL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS! Anyone interested in applying to be on the Youth Officer Team this year (2021-2022) please send an email to youth@pagrange.org with the following information: Name / Address / email / phone Grange name & number / position interested in The Youth Officer Team will be doing several "events" in addition to the standard Opening of the

Grange at State Session. You don't want to miss being a part of this trend-setting team.

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



July 15-18 - PA State Grange Family Festival. Youth activities for this great weekend will include a Volleyball Tournament (start practicing now!), an exercise class (maybe Pounds this year), and a Road Rally! All attendees are eligible to participate in the Knowledge Test and our new PA State Grange



Outstanding Young Patrons will also be selected. The MALC Regional Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song contests will also be held during this weekend.



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

Fraternally,



Ellen Wadsworth PA State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director

Enjoy your youth. You'll never be younger than you are at this very moment. - Chad Sugg

### **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.

> Plumsteadville Grange, Bucks Co. Jane Birk 610.657.7668 Union Grange, Susquehanna Co. Wayne Oakley 570.575.9978 Progress Grange, Centre Co. Tammy Jurkowski 814.404.2460 Hickory Grange, Clearfield Co. Debra Kramer 814.771.8459 Scrubgrass Grange, Venango Co. Barb Gross 724.290.3783 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.

### **QUILT RAFFLE**



Family Activites Quilt Raffle Tickets! - \$1.00 each

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

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

### Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbooks



\$30 each Order Cookbooks at: www.pagrange.org/

Call 717-737-8855



Jenn Nauss PA State Grange Lecturer

Greetings from South Central PA!

Spring has arrived and I hope you and your family are enjoying the warm weather! As more and more people receive their vaccinations and as the weather becomes nicer, I hope your Grange is thinking "outside the box" to find ways to keep your members safe, but also continue the work of the Grange. Although the pandemic has certainly presented some roadblocks, many Granges across the state and country have seized opportunities to continue community service and educational opportunities in new and inventive ways. If you are struggling to think of ways to continue - or return to- your Grange work, please reach out to myself or the State Office to help brainstorm some ideas!

#### Virtual Leadership Workshops

This year, the State Grange is hosting a series of Virtual Leadership Workshops. Thank you to everyone who has attended or watched the recordings on YouTube afterward! Mark your calendars and plan to attend the remaining workshops.

- May 1st Youth/Young Adults
- May 8th History Committee
- May 15th Community Service
- May 22nd Juniors
- 12 May/June 2021

All workshops begin at 10am on Zoom. See the schedule that is included in the Grange News for more details and information about each workshop. Zoom login information is also included. Everyone is invited to attend or watch any of the workshops that are of interest to you! For anyone who is unavailable on Saturday mornings for the live workshops, the recordings will be posted to YouTube.



#### **Family Festival**

This year's Family Festival is scheduled for July 15th-18th at the Centre County Fairgrounds in Centre Hall. There are many fun activities and workshops scheduled for the weekend. Check out the schedule and plan to join us! The Lecturer's Committee is hosting a "Paint and Create" workshop during Family Festival. The group will be led in how to create a painting on canvas stepby-step. The Art contest is within the Lecturer's department and paintings created at Family Festival may be submitted in that contest! Registration for this workshop is \$10 and will cover the expenses of all materials, which will be provided.

# Think outside the box

#### **Talent Contest**

The Talent Contest is scheduled for Saturday, July 17th at 7pm. The Talent Contest offers Grangers a great opportunity to share their gifts! This is a National Contest; the Best of Show winner advances to the Evening of Excellence at the National Grange Convention. Preregistration by contacting the State Lecturer is recommended, but not required. Please contact me at jnauss89@gmail.com or 717-512-1261 to let me know if you plan on participating. The details and rules are included below:

### Classes:

1. Instrumental

- 2. Vocal
- 3. Variety/Other Acts

#### **Division**:

1. Subordinate (14+)

### **Rules**:

1. Time Limit: No minimum, all acts will be held to a 5 minute maximum.

2. Participants must provide their own accompaniment (either live or recorded).

3. Best of Show winner from the previous year may not enter the Talent Contest in the same class the following year.

Ribbons will be awarded to the top three entries in each class. First place entries in each class will receive \$25.00; second place -\$15.00; third place - \$10.00. A Best of Show winner will be selected from across all classes.

### State Session

Now is the time to work on your Lecturer's reports, scrapbooks, and other entries for the Lecturer's Department contests. The deadline for submissions in the following contests is September 15th:

- Lecturer's Reports and Scrapbooks

- Creative Connections Reports
- Pen In Hand
- Virtual Photography Entries
- Design a Program Contest
- Lecturer's Grant

Start preparing your entries and mark your calendars. Make sure to consult your Guide to Programs and Contests for details about all of the contests and programs sponsored by the Lecturer's Department. September 15th will be here before we know it! Entries can be submitted, when appropriate, by email to jnauss89@gmail.com, or by mail to: Jenn Nauss 10 West Schoolside Drive

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

### **Program Ideas**

May

- National Teacher's Day (May 4) and National Nurses Day (May 6) The last year has been especially stressful for teachers and nurses (as it has been for all of us) - Plan an appreciation program to thank teachers and nurses in your Grange and community.



- World Plant a Vegetable Garden Day (May 19) - Plan an educational (and hands-on) activity for your members about how to successfully plant a vegetable garden. Invite a member of your Grange or a local community member who is an avid gardener to lead the program.

June

- Dairy Month - Invite your county Dairy Princess to lead a program on the dairy industry. Invite a local dairy farmer to talk about the issues facing the dairy industry.

- International Yoga Day (June 21) - Yoga is about more than flexibility, balance, and poses. It also teaches and emphasizes meditation and mindfulness. Plan a program about mindfulness and finding peace during these stressful times.



Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions!

Jenn Nauss Lecturer/Program Director 717-512-1261 jnauss89@gmail.com



### 2021 Family Festival MEALS

Any items are subject to change

Thursday Dinner - Baked Ziti; Chicken Wings; bread sticks/rolls; tossed salad



### Friday; Saturday; Sunday Break

Pancakes-French Toast/Syrup/Butter Scrapple/Sausage/Bacon Eggs made to order Toast; English Muffins; Bagels Milk; OJ; Coffee; Hot Tea Cold Cereal Fruit Cocktail



### Friday Lunch

Hoagies — Ham; Hard Salami; Bologna; Meatballs: Tuna Salad: Tossed Salad Fruit - Watermelon; Cantaloupe; Blueberries; Grapes Pickles; Pickled Eggs-Red Beets Nacho's & Cheese Chocolate & Tapioca Pudding; Dessert



### Friday Dinner

Hot Dogs; Hamburgers Macaroni Salad; Baked Beans Chips; Cookies

#### Saturday Lunch

Taco Salad; Tossed Salad Nacho's & Cheese Grilled Cheese; Beef BBQ Tomato; Chicken Corn Soup Chocolate & Tapioca Pudding & Dessert





Saturday Dinner Baked Ham; Corn Scalloped Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Apple Sauce; Tossed Salad Dessert

#### Virtual Leadership Workshops

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

Saturday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> – 10:00 am	Youth / Young Adults	How can we maintain connections – and create new ones – with youth and young adult members during COVID and as we emerge from the pandemic? (Led by Ellen Wadsworth, State Director of Youth/Young Adults)
Saturday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am	History Committee	For Grange Secretaries, Historians, and anyone interested in preserving the work of their Granges: How to take – and keep – Grange records that will stand the test of time. (Led by Doug Bonsall, State History Committee Chair)
Saturday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am	Community Service	If traditional projects cannot continue because of COVID, what can community service look like during the pandemic and afterward? (Led by Rachel Bailey, State Director of Deaf/Community Service)
Saturday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 10:00 am	Juniors	How can we find new ways to connect with our Granges' youngest members, during the COVID pandemic and beyond? (Led by Philip Vonada, State Junior Director)

### Pennsylvania Leadership Workshop Zoom Instructions

#### **For Computer Users**

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

1. Type the following link into your web browser: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86722620746? pwd=NllqUTJUdGFyMVMrVU1kd25uZURoQT09

2. You may need to enter a Meeting ID and Password. **Meeting ID:** 867 2262 0746

#### **Password:** 1873

3. You will be asked how you wish to join your audio. Select
"Join Audio by Computer" or "Join with Computer Audio".
4. You may next see a window asking you if you wish to join by video. Select which option you would prefer – "Join with Video" or "Join without Video"

**5.** Now you should have joined the meeting!

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

#### For Phone Users

**1. Dial** 1 (929) 436-2866

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

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

4. Next you will hear: "Enter your Participant ID followed by #. Otherwise, just press # to continue."
5. There is no Participant ID, just press the # key.
6. Next you will hear: "Please enter the Meeting

Password followed by #." 7. Meeting Password: 1873, Press #

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

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

### 2021 Pennsylvania State Grange Session Bus Trip

We are planning a trip on October 14, 2021, to the Independence National Park in Philadelphia. This is the Birthplace of American Freedom. You can visit the National Constitution Center, Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, and many others.

The Bus will leave the Valley Forge Casino Resort at approximately 10:00 a.m. We should arrive at the Park at approximately 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be on your own, but the Food Court in the bottom of the Bourse Building comes highly recommended, they even have the famous Philadelphia cheesesteak. You will have approximately 3 hours (including Lunch) to tour the Park. Maps of the Park will be provided. The total cost of the trip is \$27 / person, this price doesn't include the cost of Lunch.

We need at least 20 People to book this trip. If you would like to go, please contact: Terry Murray at (484) 643-0087 or he may be reached at: terrymurray911@gmail.com. No money is required now, you will pay when you get on the Bus. All seats on the Bus need to be reserved by September 1, 2021.



**Rachel Bailey PA State Grange Deaf and Community Service Director** 

Do good deeds!

Hello Grange Friends, I hope everyone is embracing the warming temperatures and gearing up for a beautiful Spring. It's a great time to get outside, start some seeds and yard projects. Do you have an elderly or disabled neighbor that could use your help? Just a few minutes helping someone rake up old leaves, plant a flower in the dirt or anything to spruce up their yard could make a huge impact on their day.

### **Family Festival**

These warmer days approaching can only mean one thing: Family Fest is approaching! Can you believe it - 15 years of being a Granger and this is going to be my first Family Fest. I am so excited! The D&CS committee has worked on putting together some fun spins on the beloved cake walk. We hope you can participate each night. During Family Fest this year, we will have the following going on:

-Please bring any ABC quilts you would like the D&CS committee to collect and donate on your behalf

- We are collecting leftover craft and baking supplies to be sold at the marketplace to raise funds for the D&CS committee. I am notorious for wanting to start a new craft hobby, buying supplies and finding out it wasn't my

"calling". Please call me if you have any questions if you're not sure what items this may include.

- We will be working with a local food bank in collecting non perishable items. Please consider bringing items that are hard to find and high demand during seasonal upticks in food banks, for example canned pumpkin and other holiday favorites.



### **D&CS Virtual Workshop**

I would like to invite everyone to attend the Deaf and Community Service virtual workshop on Saturday, May 15 at 10am. We will be discussing what community service looks like in the times of a pandemic, how things changed and what we can do during these ever changing times. We will talk with leaders who trailblaze with first responder volunteers and some who secure food and meals for our most vulnerable. If you would like to submit questions ahead of time, please call or email me prior to the 15th, however, we would love your participation on the day of as well. Please log in to

Zoom at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8672 2620746? pwd=NllqUTJUdGFyMVMrVU1kd2 5uZURoQT09 Meeting ID: 867 2262 0746 Password: 1873



Thank you to all the Granges across Pennsylvania who have been responding to the the Deaf and Community Service donation request letter. Your donations are so appreciated to assist our department with the Grange community service projects.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the members of the Deaf and Community Service Committee (Denise Clare, Jackie Clabaugh, Terra Ingram, Carlene Kleckner, James Knoerdel) who so graciously agreed to serve with me. If you have questions at your local Grange or want to discuss upcoming events or projects, please don't hesitate to reach one of the local committee members who can help provide answers. I also want to thank Gail Switzer for her service in establishing many great projects for this committee and making the transition seamless to continue Grange's good work.

Be well, do good deeds and stay in touch,

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





**History Committee** Doug Bonsall **PA State Grange History Chair** 

Sesquicentennial Anniversary Kickoff Events - Rescheduled to Saturday, September 18, 2021 exactly 148 years to the day since the organization of the Pennsylvania State Grange. The celebration includes an open house brunch at Eagle Grange #1 (Montgomery, PA) from 10am-1pm and a gala luncheon at the Country Cupboard Restaurant and Shoppes near Lewisburg starting at 1:30pm. Tickets reservations for the 150th anniversary kick-off luncheon are still available from Anna May Nauss at (717) 697-5104 or amnauss@aol.com. The prices \$25 for adults with children's prices ranging from \$2-\$12 depending on age.

The program at the luncheon will include the recognition of three outstanding Pennsylvania Grangers - the late brothers Leonard Rhone, John W. Scott and J. Luther Snyder - for their induction into the National Grange Hall of Fame and an inspiring candle lighting ceremony. Speaker Dr. Meecee Baker will challenge today's Grange members with the provocative topic **Honoring Our History & Preserving Our Future** which promises to ask the tough question "Is our history and its traditions hindering the Grange's future?"

Acts of Service - The Grange makes its impact most clearly known in the local community where Granges can make a difference in the lives of others. The sesquicentennial of the Grange in Pennsylvania should be as much about improving the future as it is about celebrating the past. We are challenging every community Grange to plan at least one **new** service project between now and October 2023 and to use this opportunity to tell others about the Grange story of serving rural Pennsylvania for the past 150 years.



Our theme for this initiative is "PA State Grange 150 Years - 150 Acts of Service". A spreadsheet to share these acts of service may be found at: Pennsylvania State Grange 150 Years...150 Acts of Service - Google Sheets. Note the dial of measuring our projects and beyond. 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; please follow the format of the

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

https://www.pagrange.org/stategrange-150th-anniverary.html

> first several projects already recorded, being as brief yet descriptive as possible.

Lighting the Cake - Many special events are planned over the next two years to celebrate this major anniversary. Granges will be provided with historical and program materials to celebrate the milestone at their meetings in 2022-2023. The October 2023 state session in Reading has been extended to allow for the addition of historical tours. exemplification of the Fifth and Sixth Degrees in full form, an anniversary banquet and a historical multimedia pageant to be held. Funds must be raised (up tp \$20,000) to fund this session and rent the various facilities that can host these special events. The current "Light the Candle" campaign is well on its way to raising funds to underwrite the cost of 150th anniversary events. The History Committee thanks all the Granges and individual members who are supporting the effort by purchasing candles on the anniversary cake. Contact us if you can help "spread the light" by sponsoring one or more candles.

Doug Bonsall, Chair PA State Grange History Committee douglas.b@verizon.net 717-921-1957 or 717-460-0723



On Saturday, March 27th, Eagle Grange #1 in Lycoming County hosted their first Road Rally. The Rally was essentially a scavenger hunt completed by teams in their own vehicles and was held as a way to involve members of the community, support some local small businesses, and increase awareness about the Grange. The Road Rally required teams to travel to ten local historic sites, notable places, and small businesses. The route was

### Eagle Grange #1

they might see on the route. Prizes were then given in a number of categories, including:

- First team to complete the rally
- Best costume/decorations (the theme for the Road Rally was "Decades" in honor of the 15 decades that Eagle Grange has been active)
- Most creative team picture taken at one of the stops
- Most bonus items found
- Most supportive of the small businesses



Road Rally participants gathered near this vintage car parked outside the Eagle Grange Hall, in Montgomery, Lycoming County, early on the morning of Saturday, March 27th to register for a mobile family-friendly scavenger hunt. The rally was sponsored as a community service by Eagle Grange #1 which is observing its 150th anniversary in 2021

around 80 miles in length and took teams around 3.5 hours to complete. Teams were given clues that they opened when they arrived at each stop. Once solved, the clues directed the teams to do a specific task at each stop, including posing for certain pictures or certain items to purchase at a business. Teams were provided a list of stops, but each team was responsible for developing their own route. Additionally, teams were provided a list of "bonus items", which included places and things Although this was the first of this type of event that Eagle Grange had planned, the event was a success! Thanks to advance planning and publicity, the community response exceeded all expectations. Seventeen teams, comprised of around 50 people, participated in the rally. While some of the teams had connections to the Grange, many did not. This event served to introduce these community members to the Grange and showcase the organization in a new and fun way. The participating teams complimented Eagle Grange on the organization of the event and shared that they could not wait to do it again next year.

In addition to the interest of the local community, the Road Rally had also garnered the attention of several other Grangers across the country who have wondered how they can plan a similar event. Although the locations and other details may be specific to a local Grange or local community, a Road Rally event can certainly be conducted by any Grange, regardless of its location.

As with most other events, planning and publicity were the keys to success of the Road Rally. Start the planning process early. Work with a group of members to plan the event to bounce ideas off of one another and double-check each other's work. Build relationships with local media outlets and share press releases and upcoming event information with them regularly and frequently. Share the information on social media, have members and supporters share it with their friends and families, and hang up flyers in the area.

For more detail, information, or questions about planning a Road Rally or similar event, contact Eagle Grange member and PA State Grange Lecturer/Program Director, Jenn Nauss, at jnauss89@gmail.com.



1:00 - 4:305:30 - 6:30

7:00-8:00

8:00-8:30

9:00-11:00

8:30

11:00

### **Family Festival "QUARANTINE SURVIVOR ON GRANGE ISLAND"** Schedule of Events July 15-18, 2021



### Saturday, July 17

	Registration- Bldg A	7:30-8:30	Breakfast - Bldg D
	Dinner - Bldg D		(Announce Young Patron Finalists)
	Welcome & Betsy Huber & Wayne	8:30	Group Photo – Location TBD
	Campbell Workshop - Bldg A	9:00-11:30	Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B
	Rootbeer; Coke; Orange Floats	9:00-10:00	English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
	Vespers - Bldg A	9:00-??	Youth Activity - Bldg A
	Bring your Favorite Game	10:00-11:30	Young Patron Interviews – Bldg B
	Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C	10:00-11:00	English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
	Quiet Time & Lights Out	10:00 - 11:30	Lecturer's Workshop – Paint & Create
	( all	11:00-12:00	Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit
		12:00-1:00	Lunch - Bldg D
	Friday, July 16		(Impromptu Question to Young Patron Finalists)
	Breakfast - Bldg D	1:00-4:00	
	Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C		Youth Activity – Road Rally
	English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5	1:00-3:30	Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
	Registration - Bldg A	1:00-2:00	PR Workshop – Grange Survivor 101 -
0	English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5	2.00.4.00	Lizzie-Bldg A
0	Legislative Updates – Carrie Nace	2:00-4:00	Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B -
0	English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5	3:00-4:00	Small - \$5.00; Large - \$10.00
	Tour–Rhoneymeade Farm – Carpool –	3:00-4:00	Boy Scout Survivor Information
	3 mi. Bagged Lunch Included		Volley Ball Tournament Championship
	Lunch - Bldg D	5:00-6:00	Dinner - Bldg D
	Registration - Bldg A		Baked Ham; Scalloped Potatoes;
	Meeting Grease – Dr. Diamond		Corn; Sweet Potatoes;

shop-Bldg B rge - \$10.00 Information nent Championship alloped Potatoes; tatoes; Applesauce; Tossed Salad 7:00 Talent Contest - Bldg A Introduction of Royalty Vespers – Bldg. A Cake walk immediately after Vespers Ice Cream Social

11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

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

### Sunday, July 18

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

Assistance cleaning and packing up of Bldg. D is much appreciated Thank You! Wishing you a safe trip Home!

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

Thursday, July 15



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



Quarantine Survivor on Grange Island

### Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival July 15-18, 2021

Name:	MEALS (please check desired meals –
	(Adult meals only) \$5.50 Discount if you get ALL Meals
Email:	Children 4 and under are Free, ages 5-11 half price.
Phone:	All Meals \$41.00
	Thursday Dinner \$8.00
Grange:	Friday Breakfast \$4.50
County:	Friday Lunch \$5.50
County:	Friday Dinner \$6.00
Tent (\$15 per night/ NOT per person)	Saturday Breakfast \$4.50
	Saturday Lunch \$5.50
Tent mates:	Saturday Dinner \$8.00
	Sunday Breakfast \$4.50
	Tent Fee Per Night X \$15.00
RV/Camper (\$25 per night/space, NOT per person) (Fees have increased)	RV/Camper Fee Per Night X \$25.00
RV/Camper-mates:	RV Dumping Fee (\$25.00)
	Registration Fee (\$5.00/person-4 and under Free)
Length: Ft. Trailer or Motor Home (Circle)	Rhoneymeade Sculpture Farm (\$6.00) Includes a bagged lunch
Dump prior to leaving (Fee \$25) Day of Arrival:	English Paper Piecing Workshop (\$3.00) Choose 1 <sup>st</sup> ; 2 <sup>rd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Choices Fri-9:00;Fri-10:00;Fri-11:00 Sat-9:00;Sat-10:00
Thursday F <mark>riday</mark> Saturday Sunday	Quilt Block Workshop (\$50.00)
Hotel- Please make your own reservation	
Reservations block reserved at—	Paint & Create (\$10.00)
Ramada Conference Center	Stained Glass Workshop
1450 South Atherton St.	(\$5.00 - Small \$10.00 - Large)
814-238-3001	T-Shirt
\$77.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT	Child S M L XL (\$8.00)
Use Group Code PAGRANGE21	Adult S M L XL (\$10.00)
	Adult 2XL 3XL 4XL (12.00)
MUST STATE WITH PA STATE GRANGE	Pocket – No Pocket
TO GET OUR RATE.	(Please Circle Size)
	Total Cost
Deadline for rate is June 18, 2021	Make checks payable to: PA State Grange
*** Please note: PA State Grange is discounting	Send Registration & Payment to:
each space \$5.00 for Tents & Campers. Centre Co.	PA State Grange
Fair have increased their prices. R.S.V.P by June 15, 2021	Attn: Family Festival 20 Erford Rd, Suite 216 Lemoyne PA 17043

### Pennsylvania State Session 2021

Registration is now open for the 2021 PA State Grange Session, October 15-17, 2021, beginning at 9:00am Friday and closing Sunday afternoon. The schedule includes exemplification of the First and Second Degrees in addition to conferral of the Sixth Degree. We look forward to again meeting with all of our fellow Grangers in person. As this year's session is the earliest it could be for the 3rd weekend in October and the hotel's requirements for space and meal commitments, we wanted to make sure everyone has time to plan and register before the cut off date on the registration form.

**Registration Fee** - All delegates and guests at the convention must be registered and pay the \$20 registration fee. There is a \$10 late fee for registrations post-marked after the cut-off date on the registration form. Sixth Degree candidates not participating in Session, Junior members and chaperones, and those only attending only meal functions do not have to pay the registration fee, although they must register. Junior chaperones must also obtain clearances from the Junior Director and State Office.

**Ticketed Meals** – All meals listed on the registration form are open to all delegates and guests, and advance tickets are required. We are offering optional breakfasts as the only other option at the hotel is Dunkin Donuts. This year we are also offering an alternate lunch on Friday for those not attending the Past Officers' Luncheon. The menu will be the same, but the two meals will be separated. Please indicate your preference on the registration form.

### Independence National Park

**Tour** - We are offering an optional bus tour on Thursday to visit the Independence National Park in Philadelphia. Bus transportation to and from the event and admission is included in the fee. Advance registration is required.



**Host Hotel** - Valley Forge Casino Resort, 1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA 19406. The room rate at the Valley is \$126.00 per night, plus tax (single/double). The rate is also good 3 days pre- or postsession subject to availability. Book your room directly with the hotel to ensure you get the Grange's group rate and that the host region gets credit for their contracted room commitment.

Book by calling the hotel directly at (610) 354-8118 mention Group Block code A1021GR, PA State Grange and request rooms in the Valley Tower. Please indicate your room preference (King, Double), the number guests per room, and supply your contact information - First and Last Name, Address, Phone number, and E-mail - and a credit card to hold the reservation. A deposit of the first night's room fee + taxes will be charged to your card when booking, but is refundable if you cancel at least 3 days prior to your arrival date.

The Southeastern host committee has been working to plan a full session for 2021 including the traditional exhibits, banquets and activities for Youth and Juniors. While you are visiting eastern PA, consider taking an extra day or two to explore all that the region has to offer, including the Valley Forge National Historical Park and Longwood Gardens, among others, More information will be forthcoming in the the next PA Grange News.

We look forward to seeing everyone in October!

2021 Southeastern Host Committee



<b>REGISTRATION FORM</b> Pennsylvania State Grange – 149 <sup>th</sup> Annual Session October 15 – 17, 2021 Valley Forge Casino Resort; Valley Forge, PA								
<b>IMPORTANT:</b> Please complete a <u>SEPARATE</u> form for each person attending.								
Please check ALL that apply:								
State Officer Past State Offi	icer Junior `	Youth Guest						
Pomona Delegate Subordinate Delegate Dept. Director/Committee								
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Phone: ()	Email:							
Grange Name & #:	Pomona:							
There will be a \$10 LATE FE	nust be Postmarked by Sep E for registrations postmar are upon arrival at State Sec	ked after the deadline date ssion.						
Registration	\$20.00	All meals are open to everyone.						
Junior Jamboree (Ages 5-14)	\$30.00	Child prices apply up to age						
Junior Jamboree Chaperone	\$0.00	12.						
Friday Breakfast	Adult \$18.00	Please send completed forms						
	Child \$13.00	and payment (made payable						
Friday Lunch Buffet	Adult \$28.00	to Pennsylvania State Grange Patrons 2021) to:						
(General & Past Officer)	Child \$18.00	Barbara Schroeder						
Saturday Breakfast	Adult \$18.00	220 North 4 <sup>th</sup> St Hamburg, PA 19526						
	Child \$13.00							
Youth Lunch Buffet (Saturday)	Adult \$30.00	If you have questions, please contact Barbara or Derek						
	Child \$20.00	Schroeder at 610-698-3999 or						
Sunday Breakfast	Adult \$18.00	bschroeder0103@gmail.com						
	Child \$13.00	If you have any dietary						
All Granger Luncheon (Sunday)	Adult \$35.00	restrictions or allergies, please						
	Child \$15.00	indicate them on the back of this page.						
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Junior Committee Phillip Vonada PA State Junior Grange Director

### Camp Information

Is anyone else surprised that it's somehow already May? This is my favorite time of year - the days are warmer (I have rarely been so happy to put away my snow boots after this past winter!), family gatherings can happen again with cookouts and yard games, school is wrapping up and summer is going to start before we know it...and of course...**Junior Grange Camp** will be here at the end of June.

Because camp is a little earlier this year, please remember that registration forms are due **by June 1st**. The registration form is here in the PGN, and can be accessed online at https://tinyurl.com/jgcamp2021.

The PAJG Committee is incredibly excited to welcome everyone back to Sylvan Hills for **Wilderness Survival Camp** from June 27-July 3, with a bunch of fun activities planned. Campers can also bring a friend to camp – any child age 7 through 14 as of June 27 can come to camp for one year without being a Junior Granger! So be sure to invite them to share the fun! What do you hope we learn at camp? At Junior Grange Camp, we will also select our new **PA Junior Grange Ambassadors**. In order to better align with the National Contest, the PAJG is retiring "Prince and Princess", and there are some changes to the contest rules. Please look at the Guide to Contests on the PA Grange Website, or email me for updated rules and regulations.

Counselors and Helpers - Our committee is looking for Grangers age 15+ as of the start of camp who are dedicated to assisting in leading camp. Counselors and helpers will play an integral part of camp, and many will have additional responsibilities than they have had in previous years. Anyone under age 18 will be considered a 'helper', and counselors must be age 18. <u>All counselors and helpers</u> must provide current clearances. Please email me at pajuniorgrange@gmail.com to receive the link to the Counselor/Helper Registration. Please note: Just because you have been a helper/counselor before does not guarantee you will be on staff this year. This is due to making sure that everyone 'gets a chance and will be a part of an important team, ensuring that our Juniors are both safe and having fun.



At our last **Junior Online Gathering** on March 21st, we celebrated the arrival of Spring by learning about pollinators and how to plant gardens to attract bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other critters that help plants produce fruits and vegetables. We also made delicious milk and cereal bars, and had a LOT of fun! Our next **JOG** will be on <u>May 23rd at</u> <u>2:00pm!</u> We hope to see you there!



I want to thank all of the individuals and Granges who have contributed to the Junior Grange Department Appeal! It is thanks to your support that we are able to do these workshops, events, contests, and programs at low or no cost to Juniors from across Pennsylvania! You are directly impacting the future and the present of the Grange, by allowing our committee to work with these amazing kids! As of writing this, more than 40 Granges (Community and Pomona) from 20 counties have contributed - so THANK YOU!

This Spring and Summer, I encourage you to get your Juniors active in their communities think of things like litter pick-ups along roads and waterways, volunteering in **community** gardens or helping with the landscaping in front of community buildings like churches, post offices, or YMCAs, or helping prep for the Summer holidays like Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day. Community Service is good for your neighborhoods, but it also helps our Juniors learn responsibility and what it means to be a part of a team working for good, building character, resilience, and strong values. (This is also a great way to get more friends involved, to show them the good things we can do in the Grange!) Share pictures or stories of what you're doing by sending them to the State Grange and by posting in our Facebook group!

### **Contest Feature**

As we are in garden-planting season, this month, I'd like to highlight one of the National Junior Grange contests. More information can be found in the National Junior Grange Program Guide

www.nationaljuniorgrange.org.

This year's **Handy Craft** contest is "Seed Art" - so use whatever seeds don't go in the garden to make something awesome! You can either send these directly to the National Grange, or contact me, and we can make arrangements to send them.

### Rules

1) Must be a Junior Grange Member

2) Choose seeds of every shape, color, and size that you want3) Create a mosaic picture using

only seeds

4) Seed Art display should not exceed 8.5x11 in (standard printer paper size)

5) Be as creative and detailed as possible



Each entry must be labeled on the back with an index card stating, in clear handwriting or typed, the following information:

- a. Name
- b. Age (and birthdate)
- c. State
- d. Grange name and number
- e. Mailing address

Submissions must be postmarked by October 1st of the current year to be entered into the National Competition. Age will be broken into 3 age categories: Group 1: 5-7 Group 2: 8-10 Group 3: 11-14

Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of theme. Cash prizes for 1st-3rd place winners in each age category will be awarded during the Junior Breakfast at National Session. Winners not present in each group will have their awards mailed to them. All contest Entries are to be sent by mail to: Samantha Wilkins National Junior Grange Director 1616 H St NW Washington D.C. 20006

Note: This is also a part of the Junior at Heart competition for Subordinate Members - so, if you do this at a Junior Grange meeting, encourage your Subordinate members to get involved, too! Junior entries are free. Subordinate entries will be a donation of \$5.00. Cash or checks made payable to the National Grange Foundation. All Adult entries will be judged separately, and the top winners will be awarded a prize.

### Save the Date

Junior Online Gathering - May 23 at 2pm on Zoom PA Junior Grange Camp - June 27-July3 at Sylvan Hills Christian Service Camp, Howard -**REGISTRATION DUE JUNE 1!** Family Festival - July 15-18 at Centre County Grange Fairgrounds (Water Games on Friday, and Junior activities throughout the weekend!) State Grange (Contests, Junior Jam, and Junior Degree) -October 15-17 (Contest check-in on the 15th, Junior Jam begins on the 16th), Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia.

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





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

Age 7 - 14 as of the start of camp

Please fill out one application for each camper

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

Camper Name	M F
Address Phot	
City/State/ZIP	T-Shirt Size (circle one)
Email	YS YM YL Adult: S M L XL 2XL 3XL
Date of Birth / / Age on 12/31/2021 _	
Grange Name & Number	
First Year at Camp? Yes No How many years in Jr.	Grange?
DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2021       Any application postmarked after an additional \$20 and are not get an addition to camp, you WILL be get an additional \$20 and are not get an additional \$20 and are additional \$20 and are not get an addition \$2	er 6/1/2021 will be charged uaranteed a camp t-shirt. ampers about 2 weeks before camp! e Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund) ter. (2nd = \$150; 3rd = \$150; etc.) od donation of roughly \$10 to camp! ke you to bring will be included in your ou. e charged the additional \$10.
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PAYMENT OPTIONS: Enclosed is my check payable Please email me with a link to	to PA Junior Grange pay online
Mail completed forms and chec	<u>ks to:</u>
PAJG C/O PHILIP VONADA, 358 CLINTON STREET, SOUTH WILL OR SCAN AND EMAIL TO: PAJUNIORGRANGE@G Online form available at: <u>https://tinyurl.com</u>	MAIL.COM

# Herbs for your kitchen garden

Basil



(Ocimum Basilicum)

The leaves can be used fresh or dried to flavor fish, meats, soups, salads and sauces.

Blooms in summer

Plant seeds indoors 6 weeks before last frost.

Transfer to garden bed when soil is warm to 50 - 70 degree temps outside.

Plant seedlings 1/4" deep with 10 - 12" apart.

Basil likes moist soil. Also you can mulch around it to hold in moisture.

Basil grows well in warm weather in full sun.



(Thymus Vulgaris)

Thyme can be used fresh or dried to flavor soups, meats, beans, potatoes, eggs, and tomatoes.

Blooms summer and into fall.

Starting with seeds is hard, buy seedlings.

Transfer seedlings to garden bed when ground temperature is 70 degrees.

Plant 12 - 24 inches apart as they will grow 6 -12" in height.

Thyme grows well in full sun and heat.



(Salvis Officinalis)

Sage can be used fresh or dried to flavor meats, and bean dishes.

Blooms in summer

Plant seeds indoors 2 weeks before last frost.

Transfer to garden bed when soil is warm to 50 - 70 degree temps outside.

Plant seedlings 1/4" deep with 18-24" apart in well drained soil

Sagel grows well in full sun.

Not all sage is a culinary variety, make sure it is Salvis officinalis.

Sage is known to attract butterflies.

### Oregano



(Origanum Vulgare)

The leaves can be used fresh or dried to flavor fish, meats, soups, salads and sauces. Oregano is commonly used in Italian dishes for its zesty flavor.

Blooms in summer

Plant seeds indoors 6 weeks before last frost.

Transfer to garden bed when soil is warm to 50 -70 degree temps outside, usually after last spring frost.

Plant seedlings 1/4" deep with 8-10" apart.

Oregano grows well in full sun.

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Government Matters Carrie Nace Novak Strategic Advisors

### Broadband is highest priority for Pennsylvania State Grange.

### GOVERNOR WOLF INTRODUCES THE 2021-22 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Governor Wolf introduced his \$37.8 Billion budget proposal in early February and overall, the general government operations budget line for the PA Department of Agriculture was increased. Funding for Penn State Agricultural Research and Extension were kept intact although the Pennsylvania State Grange would like to see this amount increased. In addition, the University of Pennsylvania's Veterinary program funding as well as Conservation District funding were both included in the proposal.

Unfortunately, once again, the Governor has proposed taking \$199 million from the PA Racehorse Development Fund which is vital to support the equine industry. In addition, the Governor has proposed eliminating important agriculture programs such as the Open Dairy Show and the agricultural research line item (this is separate from Penn State's agricultural research budget). Another casualty in Governor Wolf's budget proposal was broadband which is of highest priority for the Pennsylvania State Grange. In the proposal, there is no funding for the now defunct Governor's Office of

Broadband Initiatives, no specified broadband funding within the Department of Community & Economic Development Department and no visible funding of Act 132 of 2020 which among other things, converted a telecommunications tax credit to a granting source.

The governor has since stated he is in full support of broadband and would like to see it funded through grant initiatives. Pennsylvania State Grange supports a dedicated line item for broadband.



**THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN** Now that Congress passed and President Biden has signed the American Rescue Plan Act on March 11, the focus changes to the States in spending the huge influx of federal dollars. Although general categories are known – aid for businesses, schools, local and State budgets, testing centers, and vaccine distribution efforts, etc. specifics on where those dollars go is still undefined. The Pennsylvania State Grange and other agriculture groups obviously want Pennsylvania's number one industry to see its share as food supply is a basic need and any transfusion of federal resources needs to make sure that food is of the highest priority.

One area where specific amounts are known is assistance to counties. The National Association of Counties (NACO) issued a county-by-county breakdown as to estimated amounts going to that level of government. (Source: https://www.naco.org/resources /featured/state-and-localcoronavirus-fiscal-recoveryfunds#table ).

In this category, \$65.1 billion is allocated nationally. Of this, Pennsylvania counties will receive \$3.96 billion with the least going to Cameron County (\$862,468) and the largest share (\$1.4 billion) going to Philadelphia County. The NACO document lists county amounts. A sampler from eastern PA: Adams \$20 million; Berks \$81.7 million; Chester \$101.8 million; Montgomery \$161.2 million; Lancaster \$105.8 million: Franklin \$30.1 million; Lehigh \$71.6 million; Perry \$8.97 million; and Juniata \$4.8 million.

#### **CAPITOL RE-OPENS**

The Pennsylvania Capitol reopened March 22nd to the general public after being closed due to COVID-19. Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell and Lobbyist Carrie Nace took full advantage of the opening by having meetings with Grange champions.



Wayne Campbell and Senator Phillips-Hill

The first meeting was held with Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill regarding her broadband proposals. As the General Assembly sifts through the federal stimulus money, Sen. Phillips-Hill is ensuring that adequate money will be funneled towards the deployment of broadband in unserved areas of Pennsylvania. Campbell offered to be a resource to the Senator and suggested that any deployment funded by public dollars be required to be verified to ensure the work was fully completed. The second meeting of the day was with another Grange champion, Rep. Pam Snyder. Discussed at the meeting was an idea to repurpose abandoned coal facilities in the

representative's district as vertical farming sites. While Snyder is very intrigued by the idea, she feels a funding mechanism must be found.



Carrie Nace, Rep. Pam Snyder, and Wayne Campbell.

Campbell is exploring options from private funds such as the Gates Foundation. A follow-up meeting with Snyder, Secretary Russell Redding and Penn State will be scheduled in the future.

### GRANGE LEADERSHIP VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

On March 20th, The Pennsylvania State Grange kicked off a series of Saturday morning virtual leadership meetings with a discussion with Wayne Campbell and Carrie Nace on Grange legislative priorities and how to become a citizen lobbyist/advocate. Nace emphasized she is here to work for all Pennsylvania State Grange members and to reach out to her at any time with thoughts and concerns. She can be reached at 717-424-5832 or

carrie@nsallc.com. Members can watch any of the workshops on YouTube..

### GRANGE TELLS VACCINE TASK FORCE 'DON'T FORGET RURAL PA'

The Pennsylvania State Grange contacted the bipartisan task force having the responsibility of improving PA's distribution of vaccines to tell them to include rural areas of the state. In the March 17 letter, Grange President Wayne Campbell said that rural PA was already on the wrong side of the Digital Divide as shown by the COVID-19 Crisis. "The Internet was the way to adapt to this new COVID environment. Remote learning, Telemedicine, and Internet marketing were advanced as the solution. The problem is that if there is no or limited access to high-speed Broadband, these technological solutions have limited effectiveness," he said. Campbell stressed that the vaccine distribution system is computer-based with the appointment process being online by stating, "PA residents must go on-line to register, to identify potential locations and (hopefully) land an appointment or at least be somewhere in the aueue.

"The computer-based system simply does not afford access to the vaccines unless those people have a friend or relative that have the time and technology to try to help. As a reaction to this problem, the Department of Health allows for access via a toll-free telephone number. The idea was well-intentioned, but it was designed to help people walk through the digital system of registration and (hopefully) (continued on page 28)

#### (Government Matters cont. from 27)

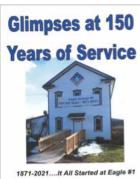
getting in line for the vaccine. If you do not have computer capability, the 800 number does not help".

The Pennsylvania State Grange suggested that the PA COVID-19 Vaccine Joint Task Force consider these ways of helping individuals without access to high-speed Broadband: - Penn State Extension

- PA Department of Agriculture Regional Offices

- USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices, assuming agreement by the Federal Government

The advantage to using this existing infrastructure is that rural residents already know to look at these locations as resources. The letter concluded by saying that utilizing the Extension/USDA/PA Department of Agriculture resources makes sense from a budgetary point of view and also reaches rural individuals and families successfully since that is what they do now. The COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force was created by Governor Tom Wolf. Its members include Hon. Allison Beam, Acting Secretary of Health, Hon. Randy Padfield, Director, PA **Emergency Management** Agency, Senator Ryan Aument (R-Lancaster), Senator Art Haywood (D-Phila.), Minority Chair. Senate Health & Human Services Committee, **Representative Bridget** Kosierowski (D-Lackawanna), and Representative Tim O'Neal (R-Washington).



#### It All Started at Eagle #1.....

### Become a Historical Booklet Sponsor

A commemorative history booklet is being prepared by Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County, as part of its sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary observance. Preliminary plans are for a 24page full size (8'1/2"" x 11") and full color booklet featuring narrative and pictures of the past 150 years for this first Grange in the state. A proposed cover page is shown. The finished

product will be available in time for the local celebration of the anniversary on August 7<sup>th</sup> and for the September 18<sup>th</sup> open house brunch and luncheon to kick-off the State Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary period.

Individuals, families, businesses and other Granges that wish to lend support to the printing of this booklet are invited to become a Sponsor. One-eighth page ads (business card size – approximately 2-1/4" x 3-3/4") are just \$25. Larger ad spaces are also available: quarter page - \$50, half page - \$100, and full page - \$150. The layout of ads may include text, art work and/or or photos to promote a business/Grange and/or express greetings from the sponsor. Copy must be submitted by July 1, 2021.

All sponsors will receive a copy of the commemorative booklet upon its completion. Contact Doug Bonsall at 717-921-1957 or <u>douglas.b@verizon.net</u> to become a sponsor or for more information.

#### (Cherish the Grand Old Flag cont. from pg 2)

**5.** The diagonal or triangular folding is continued toward the blue union until the end is reached, with only the blue showing and the form being that of a cocked (three-corner) hat.

**6.** The end is tucked in to secure the folded flag.

#### What to do with a worn flag:

If you have a flag that is dirty or damaged, contact an American Legion or VFW Post or Boy Scout troop to see if they accept worn flags. Many of these organizations conduct special retirement ceremonies where worn flags are burned. The ashes are then disposed of properly. After properly disposing of your worn flag, remember to purchase a new one.

#### Little known fact:

The current version of the flag has lasted the longest. When Alaska and Hawaii joined the union in 1959, 17-year-old Robert G. Heft designed a new 50-star flag as a history class assignment, using his mother's sewing machine to make it. The Ohio student got a B-. He decided to send his design to the White House. President Eisenhower was so impressed, he selected it as the new American flag. After his design was accepted, his project grade was increased to an A.

Carol Gregg is a freelance writer and member of London Grange #1492 in Mercer County.



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### Juntor Grange Campl



As we wait for camp to get here, try this word search with words that remind us of our favorite week of the year!

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Ambassadors Campfire Counselors Dining Hall Flashlight Helpers Morning Exercise Skit Night Staff Vespers Workshops Cabin of the Year Chapel Crafts Field Games GaGa Ball Junior Grange Nurse Tammy Sleeping Bag Swimming Water Games

Campers Community Service Devotions Flag Raising Ginny Meetings Ropes Course S'mores Sylvan Hills Wilderness Survival

Find the word in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

Answer key is on page 33.

# What's happening across PA ...

### **WALKER #786**

These are just a few of the Thank You cards Walker Grange #786 in Juniata County received for providing an Egg Hunt at the Juniata



Elementary School for 5 Kindergarten classes. There were 108 students participating and a total of 864 eggs Elementary School for 5 Kindergarten classes. There were 108 students participating and a total of 864 eggs were found in less than 20 minutes!!! were found in less than 20 minutes!!!

### **STONY POINT #1694**

At the Stony Point meeting on March 18th, Lecturer Marlene Boyd presented a program on the process of making maple syrup. There was discussion about maple syrup production in Pennsylvania, the United States, and Canada. Marlene tapped maple trees on her family's property for the first time this year, boiled the sap, and produced pure maple syrup for her family. According to Marlene, it takes approximately 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup.





Members of Stony Point Grange #1694 prepared and served home-delivered and carryout meals to more than 150 clients of the Good Shepherd Center in Greenville, PA on Presidents' Day, February 15th, as one of their annual community service projects. Pictured left to right: Martha Gruber, Marlene Boyd, Nick Ammann, Sarah Snyder, Tom Harpst, Stan Gruber, Jason Gruber, Kathy Ammann, Ruth Gruber, and Ken Ammann.

### **MARION #223**

Members of Marion #223 put together "Survival Kits" for their local fire department as part of their March meeting.



### **PIONEER #1777**

Members of Pioneer Grange #1777 made and sold 492 lbs of potato filling, for Easter, with approximately 115 man/hours of volunteer effort. Proceeds from the sale benefit first responders, local charities and hall maintenance.



### PERRY VALLEY#1804



Perry Valley Grange #1804 members Janette Wimer (left forefront) and Doug Bonsall (right forefront) were among the helpers who prepared and packages 100 free meals in March for delivery to community residents by volunteers from the Grange and several local churches. A different church will prepare the meal each month and the Grange plans to underwrite food costs.

### **BIG KNOB #2008**

The New Sewickley Township Police Department recently honored members of Big Knob Grange #2008 with the civilian Medal of Appreciation Award. This award is to thank a civilian for support of law enforcement by services or an act of valor. Bill Steel, Master/President of Big Knob Grange, accepted the award on behalf of the Grange. The New Sewickley Township Police Department honored the Big Knob Grange for their commitment and support of the community. The Grange organizes and serves benefit dinners for residents in need of help. The Grange also joins forces with the Police Department to raise money for unfortunate families in the township. These projects include "Give and Christmas" and "Toys for Tots". The Grange has served this community for over 84 years.





Peg Schweisberg, a member of Big Knob Grange and a lifelong resident of New Sewickley Township has spent much of her time volunteering. She has been instrumental with the Township's Recycling Program, Clean-Up Day and Tire Collection. You can find Peg either volunteering at the Grange, her church or cleaning up trash along the roadways.

### **PROGRESS GRANGE#96**



Progress Grange # 96 in Centre Hall (Centre County) has been a food distribution site since April 10, 2020. We have partnered with various organizations throughout this past year. We are still distributing food once a month serving over 100 households impacting over 300 individuals. Attached are a few pictures. Denny McCloskey & Tammy Jurkowski, Co-Leaders for the Progress Grange Food Site & food.

### **BUTLER COUNTY POMONA #17**

A Hoppy Day for the children at Lifesteps Children's Center, as Ginny Mangel delivered 78 bags of goodies for the children on Thursday March 31st. This is an annual activity which we have been doing for 38 years. Fellow Grangers from Butler County Pomona #17 met to fill the baskets



with eggs, candy and other goodies for the children. The center is for special needs and day care from infants to age 6, who have developmental challenges, all in preparation for them to begin kindergarten.

### **PROGRESS GRANGE#96**

Progress Grange #96 in Centre Hall would like to thank the Sons of the American Legion - Smith Pletcher POST 779 for their generous donation of \$1,000 to support our Progress Grange Food Distribution.

Their monetary donation will ensure that we will be able to operate the food distribution during the upcoming months and to make sure those that are in need of food will be able to get it easily.

SAL Detachment 779 Officers: Commander – John Knarr, Adjutant – Barry Yarnell, 1st Vice – Corby Woodring, 2nd Vice – Scott Bailey, Treasurer – Chris Evans, Sgt of Arms – Zach Smith, Chaplain – Danny Smith, Historian – Jim Clouse.



Pictured:

Front L-R: Marshall Stoner, LeDon Young (Chair of the Community-Service Committee)

**Back L-R:** Tammy Jurkowski (Secretary of Progress Grange #96), Denny McCloskey (President of Progress Grange #96), John Knarr (Commander of SALs Smith Pletcher POST 779), and Barry Yarnell (Adjutant of SALs Smith Pletcher POST 779)



### **Applesauce Cake Day**

This holiday is always June 4. Applesauce Cake Day is a time to enjoy an old and often forgotten goodie. This is a truly delicious day. The preparation of applesauce cake dates back to early colonial times in the New England Colonies of the northeastern United States. From 1900 to the 1950s, recipes for applesauce cake frequently appeared in American cookbooks. It doesn't take much to enjoy Applesauce Cake Day. Just eat a piece of applesauce cake.

### **Applesauce Cake**

1/2 cup shortening or butter1 cup brown sugar1 beaten egg1 cup fresh or canned applesauce

13/4 cups sifted cake flour1 tsp baking powder1/2 tsp nutmeg1 tsp cinnamon3/4 cup seedless raisins



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream shortening or butter and blend in sugar. Add egg and beat until light. Stir in applesauce and mix. Sift dry ingredients. Combine with raisins and stir into the first mixture. Turn into an 8-inch loaf pan and bake for 45 minutes.

Ada Skiles - Big Knob Grange #2008

This recipe can be found in the 1984 Edition of the Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbook.

The 5th Annual Progress Grange Children's Fair July 17, 2021!

The Children's Fair is our biggest Community Service event every year. We are looking forward to your support to make the 2021 Children's Fair the best one yet.



We are excited to give families a fun, local event. 100% of the donations go into the fair for games and awesome prizes. We are mindful that guidelines could change but our goal is have this event. We appreciate you & your contributions to our event.

### Coming in October!!!

The 150th Anniversary Grange Cookbook is on track to be available at the 2021 Pennsylvania State Grange Session in October!

The Cookbook committee has been working hard on the data entry and layout of the new cookbook! Barbara Warden, committee chair is confident the new anniversary cookbooks will be ready by Fall!

The committee will release more information as it becomes available as far as pricing and how to pre-order the cookbooks!

We are all in this together!

### Grange Valentine Zoom Bingo

On Wednesday, February 10, the Pennsylvania State Grange sponsored "Mad Hatter Night" during their weekly Zoom Bingo. Participants were asked to dress up in their Queen of Hearts attire. Winners of the event included: Cutest: Joan Smith (Washington D.C.) Most Unique: Janice Brousselle (Vermont) Best of Show: the John Griffin Family (Florida)



Katie Griffin



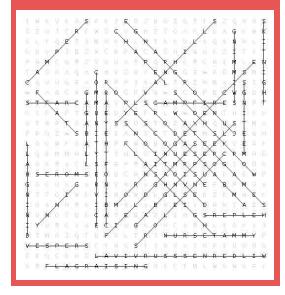
Janice Brousselle



Joan Smith

### Junior Grange Camp Word Search Answer Key

The Junior Committee hopes you all had fun with this game!



### **Contest Highlights**

Do you know anyone who is deaf? Create a Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Poster to educate others about hearing impairments. This contest is a part of the Deaf & Community Service Department. There are different divisions for everyone to enter the contest. Have you picked up a new hobby during quarantine? If so, the Family Activities Department has a Wood Burning contest. Any design is welcome (no kits please!). Let's see those wood burning designs at State Session!

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

Are you going on vacation this summer? Are you aware that Grange members have access to different hotel discounts?



The Grange also has different rental car discounts to complete your vacation getaway.

# WYNDHAM

### **HOTELS & RESORTS**

Grange members get 20% off at both Wyndham Hotel & Resorts and Choice Hotels. Wyndham has over 7.500 locations worldwide. There are also over 4,000 Comfort Inns, Comfort Suites, Quality, Sleep Inns, Clarion, MainStay Suites, EconoLodge, and Rodeway Inn hotels worldwide. Both of these hotel companies require an ID code for the discount, so please call 717-737-8855 or Brittany at 717-743-9787 to get the ID discount code.

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Middletown #684 Paul Delp Jr. Marilyn Franckowiak Minnequa #754 Karen Clark Patsy Baxter Tammy Tillotson Angela Jackson South Auburn #1188 Scott Tyler Jess Tyler Fairview #1351 Allison Parrish Ginger Hill #1549 Lori Shoemaker

### Welcome New Members!!!

Ontelaunee #1617 Sierra Merkel Scrubgrass #1705 George Honchar Matthew McSparren Liberty #1780 John Thompson Kari Thompson Carleigh Seeley Rylynn Seeley



Virginville #1832 John Epting Brayden Heckman Jasmine Wolfe Michael Moatz Pamela Moatz Cathlene Moatz Mt. Nebo #1872 Glenn Hoffman Frankfort Springs #1989 Marjorie Smitsky Jill Vehar William Nilon Jr. **Big Knob #2008** Nancy Schaffer Capital City #2111 **Claudia Phillips** 



### Happy Birthday to you!!!

Penns Valley #158 Jean Rishel (Mar. 1931) Valley #1360 Adela Detter (May 1928)



Canasarago #27 Ralph Dewald Viola Shaner Frances Soner Brandywine #60 Samuel Swayne Fulton #66 Evelyn Probst Anita Reed Progress #96 Emma Zimmerman Penns Valley #158 Jason Maddox Shavers Creek #353 Brenda Coy

### In Memoriam

"Well Done Good and Faithful Servant..."

New Vernon #608 William Straub Gerald Voorhies Middletown #684 Ruth Wright Ann Bishop Rundells #871 Tony Mattera Watson #1068 Archie Brittain Chestnut Ridge #1133 Marge Parsons Bill Horne Harmony #1201 Helen Young Valley #1360 Hilbert Whitmer Karen Mohler Chester Valley #1496 Charles Warren Pleasant Hill #1505 Marjorie Weiss Fassett #1567 Phyllis Robinson Ontelaunee #1617 Rufus Bashore Harold Kremser Marilyn Zimmerman

### Mary Nicklow James Torrence Liberty #1780 Sandra Moore Virginville #1832 Betty Dreibelbis Jean Luckenbill Kimberly Merkel Delaware #1895 Virginia Reynolds Big Knob #2008 Edward Murphy

Wills #1690

Edward Murphy Eugene Shaffer **Cochranton #2030** Tracy Woodrow Homer Peterson **Community #2048** Laverne Herman **Long Branch Comm #2072** Sandra Yuhas

### **"WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE IT THIS WAY " By James E. Diamond**

**2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS** 

Many organizations have innumerable years of existence with valuable, useful, profitable, beneficial, and rewarding successes within their communities. However, resting on past laurels is often a last-ditch effort to remain relevant. Relying on past achievements leads to organizational stagnation. Stagnation leads to a popular saying which says, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Past successes are no guarantee for the future, especially when there are constant changes within local societies. Past success should not stop members from being open to new ideas. If a membership, especially older members, exhibit resistance to change or new ideas, this is quite frustrating to them, especially new members, young members, or any member who has a new or different idea.

Based upon previous successes, long-time members firmly believe there is no better way to do things. Often times they are correct, however, other members become frustrated when a brilliant idea for organizational improvement or change is constantly scoffed at or ignored. When members cannot visualize their future, they become "change blind" which leads to dwindling membership. I have been asked numerous times, "Are there any cures for "change blindness?" Some ingredients to prevent change blindness include: Do not pull any surprises. Give a "heads-up" to the organizational leaders and discuss the significance of your thinking and its importance before presenting it to the group. Be prepared to explain how and why your idea(s) can benefit the organization. . Be prepared to meet some resistance from members. Even though you're aware past activities have been successful there are a few ways we could improve by emphasizing your idea(s). After a good job describing a new idea, it was still shot down. I know that's incredibly exasperating. You are allowed to feel a little glum, but, if you're going to attempt to thrive within a stagnate group, you need to be positive and bounce back.

Bouncing back within a stagnate group where you don't feel appreciated, can deflate your enthusiasm. However, stay positive! Being part of an organization where the members are intolerant to change presents some definite challenges. So, it's important to be adequately prepared when presenting your new ideas. Even if your suggestion is still turned down, in the long run, you can rest easy with the knowledge that you tried your absolute hardest to get the people's endorsement.

One of my favorite quotes which are frequently attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson but actually came from a lady named Muriel Strode goes like this; "I will not follow where the path may lead, but I will go where there is no path and I will leave a trail."

MAY 5th: Cinco de Mayo 31st: Memorial Day	<b>JUNE</b> 14th: Flag Day 25-27th: PA Youth Camp; Howard, PA 27-July 3rd: PA Junior Camp; Howard, PA	<b>JULY</b> 4th: Independence Day 15-18th: Family Festival; Centre County Fairground 20-25th: Grange Revival; Sturgis, SD	AUGUST 10-12th: AG Progress Days; Pennsylvania Furnace
SEPTEMBER 6th: Labor Day 18th: 150th Anniversary Luncheon; Lewisburg, PA	OCTOBER 15-17th: State Session; King of Prussia, PA 31st: Happy Halloween!	<b>NOVEMBER</b> 9-13th: National Grange Convention; Wichita, KS 11th: Veterans Day 25th: Happy Thanksgiving	DECEMBER 25th: Merry Christmas!

### All Dates are tentative and subject to change

### **Pennsylvania State Grange**

Pennsylvania Grange News 20 Erford Road, Suite 216 Lemoyne, PA 17043

### 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.



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