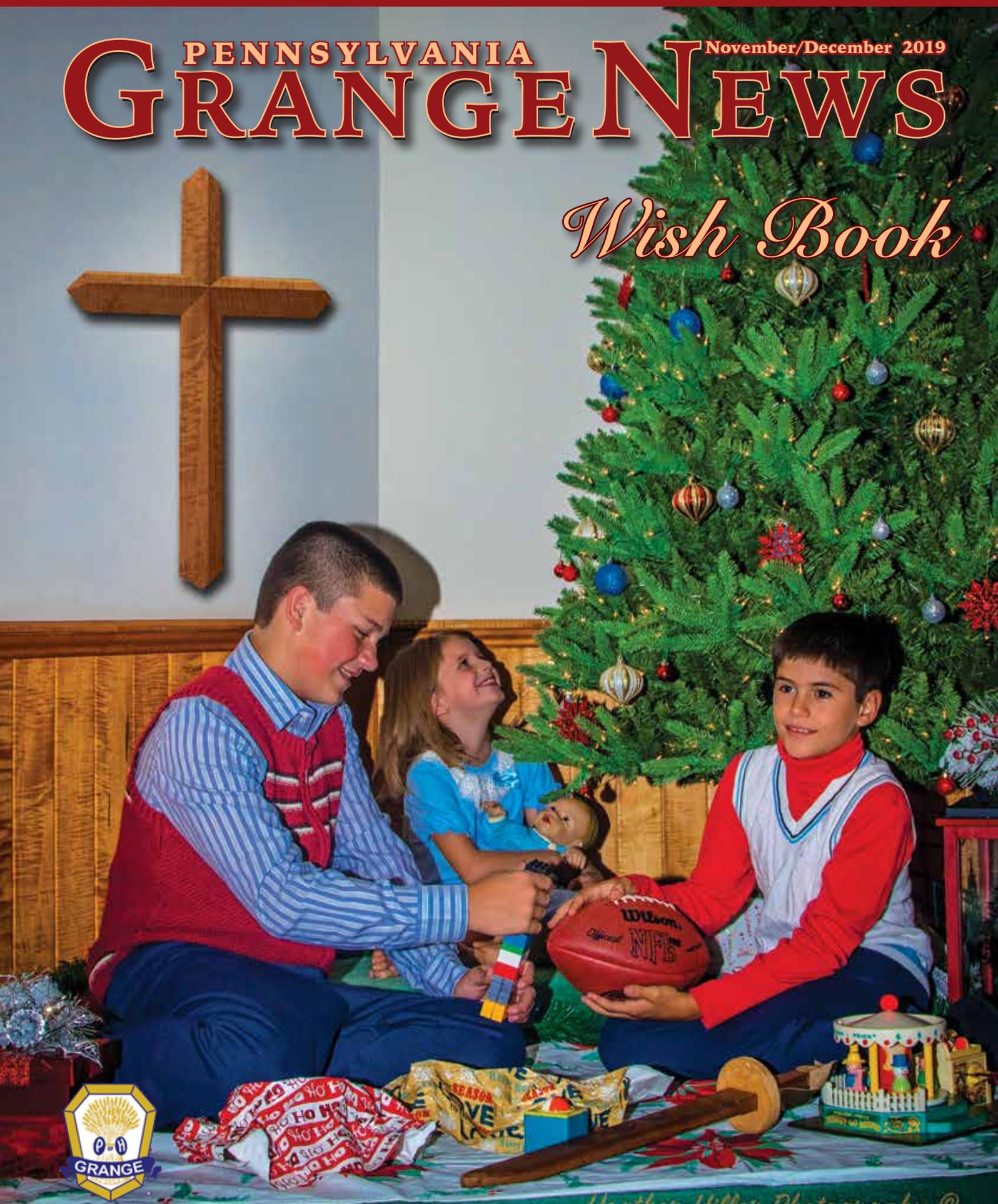


# PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS

November/December 2019

## *Wish Book*



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# YOUR P.D.A. NEWS TIDBITS

## Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

18 Feet - Attention farmers! There's a new, relaxed limit on implements of agriculture husbandry. It is now legal to have equipment up to 18 feet wide on PA roadways, thanks to the PA-FarmBill.



Mushrooms - 63% of mushrooms grown in the U.S. are grown right here in Pennsylvania. PA mushrooms support 9,500 jobs and turn out over 570 million pounds of product each year. Not to mention, they're particularly good sautéed in butter with a bit of thyme.



Pennsylvania milk - Before you buy your milk, look a little closer for a 42! Milk with a plant code beginning with "42" was processed in PA and predominantly sourced from PA dairy farms. Buy local, support PA dairy farmers. Retailers of PA milk: <https://choosepaday.com/retailers/>



Hemp - the crop of a million uses. Join in as hemp farmers, processors, supporting industries, and hemp industry experts from across the country and internationally, come together. The PA Hemp Summit will provide an occasion to learn, network, and grow the businesses that comprise Pennsylvania's hemp industry. Learn more: <https://teampa.com/pa-hempsummit/>



Spotted Lanternfly - This insect is easily moved if no one is looking. If you are in the quarantine area, please "Look Before You Leave" Inspecting your vehicles, trailers, or any outdoor items before you move around or out of the quarantine is important. If possible, don't park in tree lines and keep windows rolled up when you park your vehicle. Know the life stages of the insect and when to look for them.



Beer - With over 3.7 MILLION barrels of beer produced in 2018, the Keystone State really puts the PA in IPA. PA leads the nation in craft beer production - we make nearly 12 gallons for every resident who's 21+! From just 88 breweries in 2011, we've grown to have over 350 craft breweries in Pennsylvania, and many of them rely on local farms for grains and hops.



No matter what you're drinking to celebrate, you can know that people all over the world are enjoying something special brewed right here in Pennsylvania. In 2018, PA exported over \$7 million worth of beer (and almost \$13 million in brewed beverages overall)!



All across Pennsylvania - 580,000 people work day-in and day-out... pushing agriculture forward... contributing \$135.7 billion to the state's economy. Thank you for doing what you do.





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**WANTED: QUILT BLOCK PAINTERS**  
We are in need of Grangers willing to paint 2' x 2' Quilt Blocks this fall due to the request for additional blocks to be placed within the PA Farm Show Complex. Quilt Block patterns will be chosen and graphed on the boards so all you have to do is paint the designated colors!  
If interested please e-mail [berglen@verizon.net](mailto:berglen@verizon.net) or call 724-290-3783 and make your desires known.

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**From the President's Desk**  
 Wayne D. Campbell  
 PA State Grange President  
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Dear Grangers

Don't forget to vote!! You should be receiving this issue of the PGN just a few weeks prior to election. Be sure you exercise your right to vote. Make a difference one vote at a time.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. Our annual State Grange Session will have just been completed and National Grange is right around the corner. We will be working on setting action into place to achieve the goal of resolutions approved at the 147th Pennsylvania State Grange Session. I am proud to be a member of an organization where our direction comes from the local communities and not from an office in Harrisburg or Washington. We are able to address issues in our communities that are important to our friends and neighbors.

In the coming weeks look around your community. Determine how you as an individual can make a difference. Talk to your Grange about what it can do to correct an issue or address a concern within your area. We have been using the phrase, "Grange Super Heros" over the last year. Let's continue to be a Grange Super Hero throughout the year 2020.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching, what in life are you thankful for. I hope one of your first thoughts are your family. Debbie

and I will have welcomed a new Grandchild into our lives in October. This gives us the opportunity to make a difference in yet another life. To tell them stories and provide guidance as they grow. To teach them things that will enable them to make a difference in their world. To be that comforting shoulder, lend an ear to listen, or a hand to help. We all can be thankful for being able to watch a child grow, to develop, and to become an independent individual. It's hard when they don't want a hug anymore or they won't kiss Grandma in front of their friends. But hopefully, our love, our guidance, and our inspiration will help them tackle the world and make a difference. We need to be thankful for all the wonderful things God provides for us each and every day.



a mitten tree at your church and knit a pair of warm mittens. You can cut a load of firewood for the man down the road who was injured at work and was unable to get his firewood in early. You can help at a homeless shelter, cook a meal for a neighbor and invite them over because otherwise they would spend the day alone. You can go on and on with ways we can give that, in some cases, won't cost us a cent. One big thing to remember, this should not end when Christmas is over.

**VOLUNTEER**  
*do good. feel good*

With the Christmas season we think of giving. What can you give to help someone else? We don't have to have extra money in order to be able to give. You can volunteer at the local food bank, shovel a sidewalk for an elderly neighbor, make a repair to someone's home who is unable to do it themselves. There are so many ways we can give. You can take a name from

We need to be generous, caring, loving, supporters to those less fortunate around us every day of the year. Be a Grange Super Hero, be that person that put a smile on another's face, be that person that stepped up and said, "I'd be delighted" all year long.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*  
 Fraternally,  
 Wayne D. Campbell,  
 Pennsylvania State Grange  
 President





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## **Chaplain's Corner**

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain



## **HAPPY THANKSGIVING & MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

This is the issue for Thanksgiving and Christmas and I know you have heard the same messages over and over: Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! Having written articles for this time of the year several times, I thought I would suggest something different this year. Using the Acrostic for THANKSGIVING, start with November 1 and try a letter each day. If you finish before Thanksgiving, start over!! Do the same for CHRISTMAS and start with December 1 and start over! OR choose to repeat days that were your favorites!! See if this makes a difference for you on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day!!

### **THANKSGIVING**

**T** Thank God for His presence in your life

**H** Help provide meals at a homeless shelter

**A** Appreciate all His numerous blessings you have received

**N** Notice the beauty God creates every autumn

**K** Kneel in prayer daily

**S** Supply food to your local Food Bank

**G** Give of your time and talent to a local charity

**I** Identify a family who could use a gift card to WalMart

**V** Visit a shut-in who has no family living nearby

**I** Invite someone to share

*your holiday meal*

**N** Nurture your relationships with your family and friends

**G** Grow your faith by studying the Word

### **CHRISTMAS**

**C** Celebrate the birth of Jesus

**H** Hope for world peace for the holidays and beyond

**R** Recognize the importance of the birth of the Christ Child

**I** Imagine yourself at the manger so many years ago

**S** Share the good news like the shepherds did

**T** Treat others as Jesus said you would like to be treated

**M** Minimize your emphasis on material things this Christmas

**A** Acknowledge the real reason for the season

**S** Savor the time spent with your loved ones

May God bless you richly, may you have a bountiful Thanksgiving, and may you have a magnificent Christmas!

### **Sharing God's message and love,**

Prayerfully yours,  
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## Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR  
Director

Holiday music is playing, and the cookie baking has begun at the Bailey home. Our favorite cookie recipes are tabbed in our Grange



cookbooks, which are spread out on our table. Cookie baking is a tradition that goes back to when I was a little girl. Mom would start making goodies for the holidays at the beginning of November. Wonderful sugar cookies, homemade fudge, raisin filled cookies. While she worked in the kitchen, she would tell us stories about family, and things they did as kids growing up. Stories that have stayed with me through all these years, and it is because of family storytelling that I still love hearing them. I value all the Grange stories about family, friends, experiences, and the stories of your Grange halls. I often say

when entering a Grange hall if the walls could talk to me, and then I smile because they often do tell me stories with the pictures and plaques, and memorabilia hanging on the walls!

This past year the challenges have been many, but for those of you actively working on growing your Grange, you are creating success stories! Our salutation, "A good Patron places Faith in God, nurtures Hope, dispenses Charity, and is noted for Fidelity." So, I would like to share a story with you about faith, hope, charity, and fidelity as I share a story of the Duttreys and Hickory Grange in Dubois, Clearfield County.

### Fidelity

Doyle and Norma Duttrey and their little dog, Peaches had been making the trek from Tyrone to Dubois for years to be part of the Hickory Grange located in Clearfield County. I received a phone call from Doyle inquiring about



the workshops we were providing to the Granges. He had mentioned he first joined Grange in 1952 and at one time they had as many as 80 members in their Grange. He was sad to share that their Grange was down to 13 members and they didn't have enough money to pay their current bills. He was worried about the future of Hickory Grange as he was the president, secretary and treasurer as no one stepped up to hold offices.

### Faith and Hope

We went into planning mode for a workshop and Doyle and Norma were willing to do whatever was asked of them. We scheduled an interview for the Duttreys with the local TV news station to share their Grange story. We shared meeting info with newspapers and relied heavily on social media. We all were saying prayers for a positive outcome for Hickory Grange. Local people had seen the news story on TV and they came to the meeting! Wayne talked about Grange and answered many questions.

### Charity

One pivotal moment was when one of the gentleman in the audience looked over at a young man sitting nearby, who we now know was Jeremiah, and said that if Jeremiah would make a commitment to be part of this project and or-

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## Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities  
Director



Hi, Everyone! I have one question... where did our Summer go? I have been so busy this last month and a half I don't know where my summer went. I hope everyone had a good summer. The Family Festival went Great. Wayne said we had about 175 people through the festival for the weekend. The tour to the Pasto Ag Museum was attended by 49 people, who all enjoyed the antique machinery of the yesterday years. For dinner, Friday evening, 135 people attended for all the good food that the youth cooked. Saturday there were loads of good workshops to be enjoyed by all.

I hope you are working on Contest entries for next year from the new 2020/2021 Guide to Contests

your Grange received at State Session. If your Grange doesn't do any judging, you can bring your entries to State Session in 2020 to be judged.

Thank you, and I hope each and every one of you has a very merry and joyous holiday season.

Yours Truly,  
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*"Membership" continued from page 6*  
ganize it, he would write a check that moment to cover the several hundred dollars worth of bills for Hickory Grange that needed paid. Jeremiah stepped up, said yes, the check was written, and this group of new members has been busy ever since. Doyle said these members are "go-getters" as they are having breakfast and dinner events, musical entertainment, and they did a huge yard sale. The Hickory Grange, a year and a half later, now has over 50 members!

So, let me end with this...in the Bible the book of Matthew, Jesus was talking to the disciples about the kingdom of God and he told the parable of the tiny little mustard seed when it is planted grows into a huge tree. If you too can have the faith of the mustard seed, you will see great things happen!

May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas filled with love, joy, and happiness!

Yours in Grange service,  
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**Program Director**  
**Jenn Nauss**  
 PA State Grange Program Director



Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the cool weather of fall. By the time you read this, State Session will have recently ended, bringing with it a new Grange year. As we start this new Grange year, I encourage you to think of a few goals that you would like to accomplish in your Grange in the next year. Plan some new, engaging programs; invite speakers from your communities to lead programs; organize a Lecturer's Committee to assist you with program planning for the year. Don't hesitate to reach out to myself or a member of the committee with any questions or for any support!

Congratulations to Jennifer Beamon, the winner of our Talent Contest who will be singing at the National Grange Evening of Excellence in Minnesota! She will be a wonderful representative for Pennsylvania this year. Start planning now for your talent entries for next year's Talent Contest, which will be held at Family Festival in July. National Session is in Pennsylvania in 2020, so I hope to see many more talent entries vying for an opportunity to represent Pennsylvania in Valley Forge next November!

The new Guide to Contests and Programs is available and there are several new contests. There will be a new program contest; contest entries will be judged and will all be compiled into a Program Idea Guide. There will also be a new Lecturer's Grant to financially support Lectur-

ers to put on high-quality, engaging programs in their Granges. Check out the Guide for more information and details.

**Program Ideas**  
**November**

- Veteran's Day: Honor veterans in your local Granges or communities. Reach out to your local Quilts of Valor chapter to find a time to give a quilt to the veterans in your Grange
- Thanksgiving: Have a holiday recipe exchange with a covered dish dinner for members to share their delicious recipes

**December**

- Christmas: Organize a Christmas party for your Grange members – sing carols, share

interesting facts about Christmas and how it is celebrated around the world, or have a gift exchange. Consider working with your community service director to "adopt" a local family in need to purchase gifts or provide the holiday meal. Plan a program or special event to wrap the gifts as a group!

Jenn Nauss  
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## History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee  
Director



### State Grange Records Preservation

The third and final phase of microfilming/digitizing State Grange records has taken a bit longer than anticipated due to delays experienced by the contractor for this work. Nevertheless, in the foreseeable future all these documents – Journals of Proceedings, newsletters, officer rosters, Executive Committee minutes, published histories, etc. - from the past nearly 150 years will have been microfilmed for permanent preservation and also digitized so images are readily available on the website at: <http://www.pagrangle.org/history-committee.html>. The process to load the digitized files onto the website is a slow, labor intensive process but will be a good project to tackle during the coming winter months.

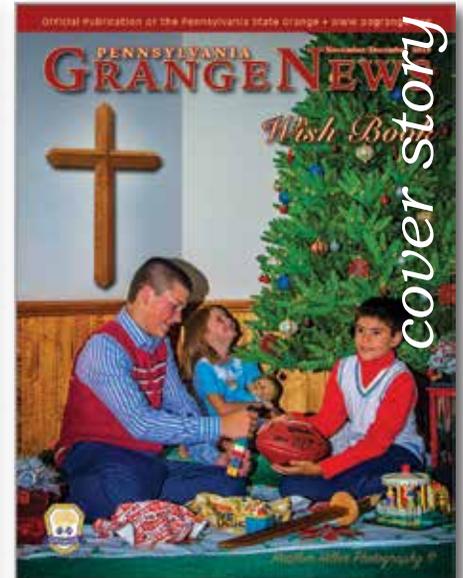
### State Grange 150th Anniversary

Last January President Wayne Campbell appointed the standing History Committee to assume leadership for the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange which was founded on September 18, 1873 in Reading, PA. Recognition of this significant milestone will climax at the 2023 state session, but preliminary thoughts are for about 18 months of special observances across the state to precede the final celebration. A primary goal for celebrating a century and a half of Grange history/accomplishments will be for all Granges and their members to “own” the

observance. Discussions and preliminary planning have been on-going throughout the year and continued at the state session in State College; look for details to be released later in 2020.

**Eagle Grange #1** – There’s still time for Granges and individual patrons to become “Friends of Eagle Grange #1” to provide the extra financial and moral support needed to keep this historic Subordinate alive. After all, it was the vision of Montgomery area farmer Luke Eger after reading about the new Grange movement that led to the founding of this very first Grange in Pennsylvania during March, 1871. From this one small pioneer Grange grew all the 2,100+ Granges that were organized and served this state since then. For more information and to access the “Friends” donation forms, visit <http://www.pagrangle.org/pennsylvanias-first-grange---eagle-1.html>. A mailing was also sent recently to all Subordinate and Pomona Granges about this opportunity to help a Grange in need; thank you for providing the usual generous support for which our fraternity is known.

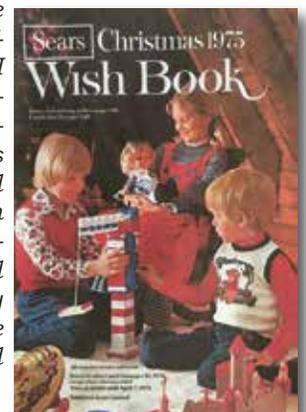
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By Heather Hiller

Happy Holidays! Last year, for our November/December Issue, we featured a number of festive articles. So many people complimented us on the content, we thought it would be a great idea to continue the theme this year. You’ll notice that this “Holiday” Issue has an undercurrent of “Traditions” & “Gifting”. This idea was actually planted by my husband a few months ago. He told me how, as a child, he couldn’t wait to see the postman deliver the seasonal SEARS and MONTGOMERY WARDS Gift Books. He and his sister would spend hours going cover to cover... dreaming of the goodies they’d love to find under the tree Christmas morning. His story made me think of how Grangers kinda do the same thing as those “Gift Catalogs”... Grangers fill charities with hope and dreams. Almost all our Granges donate time and money to local charities and causes... building a strong tradition of compassion and giving.

In honor of the original inspiration... a SEARS “Wish Book”, I recreated one of the covers I was able to find (with some creative differences). I hope you enjoy the cover and this issue... and share it with your neighbors and friends. May you all have a blessed Christmas!





## Deaf Activities & Community Service Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Thank you to all those that donated to our Family Festival projects. We had a full table of items that our PA State Grange Junior and Youth royalty delivered to Pets Come First during the Family Festival weekend. We also raised \$715 for Big Brothers Big Sisters during our "cake walks" (\$168) and our annual Bike/Hike \$547. Thank you everyone for your continued support. Next year we are considering doing a silent auction throughout the weekend to help raise funds for another organization. Please keep your eyes out for more information about this.

This year at State Grange Session we were focusing on collecting items for a resource center targeted for those who are survivors of sexual or domestic abuse as well as a food bank. We were collecting items for Centre Safe: Empowering Survivors, Eliminating Violence, formerly known as the Centre County Women's Resource Center (CCWRC) and the State College Food Bank.

We had the book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange Session. People brought these items to our table in the lobby, and then came back to buy some new ones. Monies from this event will be donated to Dogs for Better Lives. When a committee member was unable to man the table, a container was left out so those interested could still take a book to donate.

Below are items that can be collected. These lists are updated regularly, please check online for any updates to the lists. If any more information becomes available, I will be

sure to update you in the next Grange News and will post updates of the PA Grange Community Service Facebook page

### State Session Donations:

Centre Safe: Empowering Survivors, Eliminating Violence: <http://ccwrc.org>

**- Special Request -**  
**New or Gently-Used Refrigerator**  
**Towels of all kinds (bath towels, hand towels, kitchen towels, wash clothes)**

### Always Helpful

- Gas and Grocery Cards (\$10-\$25 cards)
- Wal-Mart and Target Gift Cards (\$10-\$25 cards)
- Bus Tokens

### Kitchen Items

- Sponges and dish scrubbers
- Paper plates and napkins (prefer no Styrofoam)
- Bowls (serving, mixing, cereal/soup)
- Stock pots
- Frying pans
- Can opener (manual or electric)

### Bedroom Items

- NEW Blankets, Quilts, and Comforters
- Pillow Protectors (prefer plastic lined)
- Fitted Sheets (full and single)
- Bed Pillows

### Bathroom Items

- Toilet Paper (Scott brand - septic safe only)
- Shower Curtains and Rings
- Bath Mats
- Hair Conditioner

### Cleaning Supplies

- All purpose cleaners
- HE Laundry Detergent
- Dish gloves including non latex
- Bleach
- Dryer Sheets

### New Clothing (female and male adult sizes)

- PJs, T-shirts, Lounge Pant/Jogging Pants
- Women's underwear (size 5) and sports bras
- Slippers

### Items for Individuals and Families Moving into New Homes

- Rolling Suitcases (large)
- New small appliances (especially coffee makers)

### Food Bank of State College: <https://www.scfoodbank.org>

Updates to this list may occur as there are changes in needed items. Please watch the Pennsylvania State Grange Community Service Facebook page or the e-mail blasts closer to state session for updates or use the above link to search for up to date needs. Updates will NOT be available in the Grange News as the deadline for the magazine is too far in advance to give an accurate update. Thank you! But, with that being said, any non-perishable item or gift cards will be helpful.

### Holiday needs

- Gift Cards to Wegmans to purchase fresh potatoes and hams
- Canned Yams (less than 40oz)
- French Fried Onions
- Flour (2-5 pound packages)
- Sugar (2-5 pound packages)
- Oil
- Canned Pineapple

**Current Needs** (June 2019, latest update - see link above for updates throughout the year)

- Laundry detergent
- Canned pears and pineapple
- Salt, pepper, and spices
- Tomato products (stewed, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Canned pasta sauce and Sloppy Joe sauce (Chef Boyardee, Man-

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# My Journey Thru Grange History

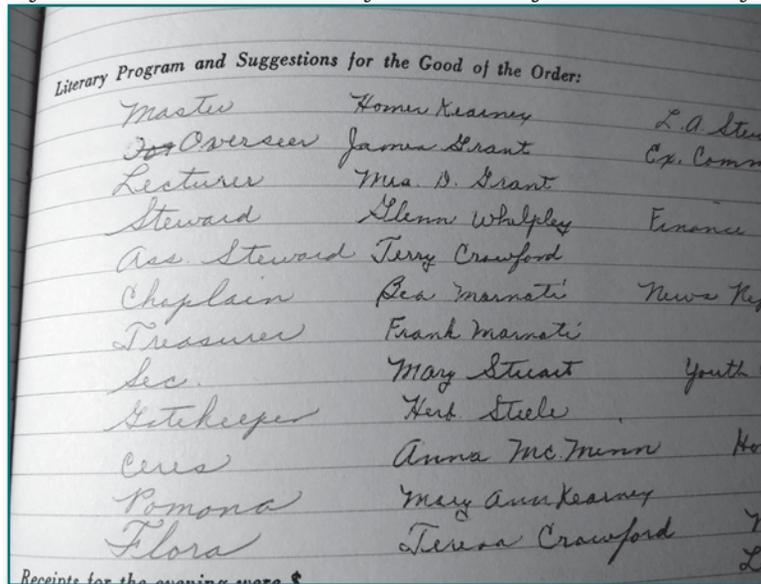
By Lurae Benzio

I mentioned in my Junior Grange article that I was writing this column to share with others my discovery of something wonderful to me...Grange History! More specific... my family Grange History! When I joined the Grange with my husband and 2 daughters 10 years ago, we knew we both had parents and grandparents who were once Grange members. My husband's Grandma is still a member at age 95. I barely remember when my parents were members and for some reason there was not a Junior Grange back then...because if there was, I would have been in it!!

I went digging for some information after filling out the application for the National Grange Family Legacy Award and have fallen deep into the Record Books of Sugar Hill Grange #1969, Jefferson County (they merged with another Grange a few years ago). On May 17, 1929 the Sugar Hill Grange #1969 was chartered with 40 members. A month later, on June 18th my Grandparents, Frank & Anna B Marnati joined the Grange. My Grandpa was 29 and Grandma 20. My Grandparents had 9 children and almost all of them joined the Grange when they turned 14.

I LOVE seeing the names of

my relatives in office positions, on committees or being mentioned for a project or award. My Mom joined when she was 14 in 1955 and had been dropped from the rolls in 1960 only to be reinstated in 1976. My Dad then joined



in March of 1977 and to my surprise, my older sister joined the next month in April 1977. I am 5 years younger than my sister and would have only been 9 years old at the time... and remember some Grange potluck dinners and activities, but no Junior Grange.

I have enjoyed looking through the Record books and seeing so many familiar names. It wasn't until April 1978 that I felt the sadness in reading such history. It was listed under "members who are sick or distressed" that my Grandma was in Danville hospital. That was when we found out she had a cancerous brain tumor. In just 3 short months, at the July

13, 1978 meeting, the charter was draped for my Grandma. To read those words brought a tear to my eye. My parents stayed involved for just a few more years. The only relative to continue their Grange Journey until they passed was my

Grandpa. He passed away at age 93 in October 1993. He was a Grange member for 64 years serving in many office positions, committees and participating in skits, performing violin solos and sharing jokes and stories. I know without a doubt that my Grandparents would have been over the moon proud of me and my Grange journey - and even MORE happy that my children and grand-children are Grange members. We

have helped to bring our Grange Legacy to 5 Generations!!

My thanks to Jim & Evelyn Grant for welcoming my husband and I into their home and letting me bring the Sugar Hill Grange Record books home to look through. They have been Grange members for over 50 years and have been able to keep the Grange alive in the Brockway area for many years, until recently. I plan on attending a Jefferson County Pomona meeting soon so I can share my Grange Journey with them and how grateful I am for the Grange Family I now have across the state.



## Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio

PA State Grange Junior Committee  
Director

# Junior News

Happy Holidays to all the Juniors and JG Alumni, Supporters and Friends!!

We are entering the season when we will be hearing Christmas Songs and see many TV shows (most specifically from the Hallmark channel) about "...the Most Wonderful Time of the year...". Many of us enjoy the Christmas season which begins shortly after Thanksgiving with the Season of Advent. We are in full preparation mode for the coming of Jesus...as a baby...given to us by our Spiritual Father. We begin to prepare our homes with festive decorations, smells of baked goods and gifts of love.

It is also a time when we reminisce about the 11 months prior to the holiday. We talk about the vacations we took, Grange camps we attended, picnics we went to and backyard fun we had with family and friends. We think about things we accomplished or didn't yet finish. People we met, new families that joined us or the loved ones we lost. We smile thinking about babies that were born - we especially love our new future Junior Grangers: Aurora Zvarick, Cyrus Reburn, Charlotte Furman & Waylon Wadsworth (there might be others I am not aware of). There are so many times throughout the year that we can say are WONDERFUL! It is great "therapy" to jot down those "wonderful times of the year" and tuck them away someplace special so as we age, our children and grand-children can find them

and enjoy the little moments that occupied our years.

As a Junior Grange member, if you were lucky enough to join at the very young age of 5 and mature to the age of 14, when it is time to move to the "next level", you have MANY moments of Wonderful times tucked away in your memory. If you are still young, hopefully your parents are recording your Grange Journey through photos and journaling. It makes me smile just thinking about all my family has done in the 10 years that we have been Grange members. So many of you have years and years of amazing memories and so many more years to add to them. You will read in another part of this edition of the Grange News a column I wrote about a great Grange History adventure that I am on. Hopefully it will warm your heart and make you understand why I feel strongly about recording your Grange years and taking photos and having keepsakes.

You often times hear people say that "Change is a good thing - it brings forth new ideas, involvement and energy". As a Grassroots Organization, we have the ability to embrace change when we see a need. We can have a discussion on many levels about what is needed to move our great Organization into the Future. From the Junior Grange Level all the way up the ladder...we can embrace the needs of our members and make adjustments where needed...all while staying true to our Founders groundwork. I bring up the mention of CHANGE because the PA State Junior Grange Department

will be announcing some changes in 2020. Some of them will make sense to you, some of you will question why it is being done. Know that none of the changes are coming without first having a lot of discussion. I feel strongly that the changes that are coming will benefit the Junior Grange program and move us into the future with our red sneakers on!!

Whether it is celebrating "The most Wonderful Times of the Year", journaling your Junior Grange Journey or embracing Change to come, I hope that all of you have a wonderful end of 2019! Enjoy these last couple of months and prepare your hearts and homes with joy and love. I pray that you and your families have a beautiful holiday! See you in 2020!!

*PS: Please enjoy the collection of Junior pictures, on the facing page, taken throughout the 2019 year.*

See you all soon!  
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# It's A Winter Wonderland!!!

We hope you're able to get out and enjoy one or more of these incredible events. There are so many ways you could incorporate these tried and true events into events held at your local Granges!

**Make 2019 the year you get out and explore a few of the many unique holiday-inspired festivals & events around Pennsylvania! Pennsylvania truly is a "Winter Wonderland" over the Holiday season!**

## 2019 Gingerbread House Display & Contest



September 04 - November 19  
Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts  
222 Market St  
Harrisburg, PA  
717-724-3880  
<https://www.whitakercenter.org/events/detail/2019-gingerbread-house-display-and-contest>

## A Bird-in-Hand Christmas to Remember - Our Day in Paradise



October 30 - December 28  
Bird-in-Hand Stage  
2760 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bird-In-Hand, PA  
800-790-4069 | 800-790-4069  
<https://bird-in-hand.com/2019-on-the-stage/>  
In this live holiday musical, Mat-

thew and Mary face unforeseen challenges as the new owners of a thrift shop and caregivers for an elderly parent with Alzheimer's.

## 3rd Annual Small Works Sales Exhibition

November 01 - December 30  
Black Moth Gallery  
18 East Lancaster Avenue  
Ardmore, PA  
610-642-1500  
<https://www.blackmothtattooand-gallery.com>

A holiday art show and sale from some of the area's most talented artists. A wide variety of affordable pieces from under \$450.00.

## Koziar's Christmas Village in Bernville



Opens November 3  
782 Christmas Village Rd. Bernville, PA 19506  
<https://www.koziarschristmasvillage.com>  
Walk through Koziar's Christmas wonderland, which features more than one million lights, and get ready for this festive season. You might even see Santa.

## Magic & Wonder: A Magical Merry Christmas - Holiday Wishes Come True



November 06 - December 31  
Bird-in-Hand Stage  
2760 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bird-In-Hand, PA  
800-790-4069 | 800-790-4069  
<https://bird-in-hand.com/stage/>  
Join Brett and his cast in a heartwarming new show for the holiday season. Family and friends of all ages will enjoy the illusions, comedy, costumes and music in this spectacular holiday production...

## 28th Annual Distelfink Country Christmas



November 08 - November 10  
Market 106 North Street Intersection of Rt. 897 and Rt.419



Schaefferstown, PA  
717-228-2790  
Thomas Brendle Museum  
<https://www.distelfinkcrafters.org>  
Dedicated to the decorative arts and committed to excellence in craftsmanship, Distelfink Country Christmas is a unique show. The theme is country/ primitive so don't expect anything flashy.

**Hersheypark Christmas Candyland**



November 15 - January 1  
100 W. Hersheypark Drive,  
Hershey, PA  
<https://www.hersheypark.com/explore-the-park/christmas.php>  
Experience our most festive seasonal event of the year, Hersheypark Christmas Candyland®! Join us for more than 4 million lights, your favorite rides and coasters, a visit with Santa, and so much more! Don't miss our sweet holiday celebration!

**It's a Wonderful Life Festival and Parade**



Indiana, PA  
November 16-December 16  
<https://wonderfullifestival.com>  
For more than 20 years, Indiana has celebrated the start to the holiday season with the Lucy Donnelly Holiday Parade and Festival on the Friday evening before Thanksgiving. In addition to the kickoff event,

Downtown Indiana will play host to five Saturdays of Santa, entertainment and holiday treats in IRMC Park. Sunday afternoons families can enjoy holiday favorites at the Indiana Theater.

**Overly's Country Christmas - Laurel Highlands**

Greensburg, PA  
November 22 - December 30  
[www.overlys.com](http://www.overlys.com)  
Featuring 2.4 million twinkling lights spread across 15 acres of the Westmoreland Fairgrounds, Overly's Country Christmas has been a tradition in western Pennsylvania for more than 50 years.

**Christmas Glow**



November 21 - January 05  
31st Street Studios  
77 31st Street, Pittsburgh, PA  
<https://www.glowgardens.com/pittsburgh-christmas>  
Glow is a seasonal community festival, bringing together the people you love to stroll, laugh and play under the twinkle of half a million lights. The playgrounds and interactive features will entertain the kids for hours, while Glow's illuminated sculptures and backdrops are perfect for snapping selfies and family photos.

**A Longwood Christmas in Kennett Square**

November 22 - January 5  
1001 Longwood Road  
Kennett Square, PA  
<https://longwoodgardens.org/events-and-performances/events/longwood-christmas>  
Every year, Longwood Gardens in



southeastern Pennsylvania decks itself out for the holiday season. One of the best holiday attractions in all of Pennsylvania, A Longwood Christmas should be on every PA travelers list. The Holiday Display Inspires and Dazzles ...

**Christkindlmarkt**



November 22 - December 22  
PNC Plaza  
645 E. First Street, Bethlehem, PA  
<https://www.christmascity.org/christkindlmarkt/>  
Christkindlmarkt is a one-of-a-kind family event that brings the spirit of Bethlehem alive with the season. Aisles of handmade works by more than 150 of the nation's finest artisans, the ring-ting-tingling sounds of live Christmas music and jolly, old St. Nick's hearty laughter, ice carving and glassblowing demonstrations!

**30th Annual Beaver County Christmas Extravaganza**

November 28 - November 30  
Bradys Run Lodge  
Bradys Run Rd., Beaver Falls, PA  
330-502-9882  
<https://visitbeavercounty.com/calendar/calendar-november/event/2861/>

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# Grange News

## CENTRE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #13



(Centre County Pomona) Penns Valley Grange #158 members Deb Immel (left) and Jeremy Breon (right) are manning the membership table

### Seeking New Members

The Centre County Pomona Grange #13 membership committee made its presence known during the 2019 Centre County Grange Fair. We used this time to promote the Grange organization and recruit new members. Throughout the week the table was manned by members of the subordinate Granges of Centre County. The members interacted with visitors highlighting the strong points of the Grange. They stressed that the Grange is a family orientated, hands-on organization. The members directed potential new members to a Grange in their area.

## CHESTNUT RIDGE GRANGE #1133



(Chestnut Ridge) Master Bill Devore presents certificates to Betty Naser, 75 years; Grace Mitchell, 65 years; and Jack Bauer, 60 years.

At a recent meeting of Chestnut Ridge Grange #1133, Washington County, members were honored for long-time service.

## PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738



(Plumsteadville) Brynn Barnhart, 2019 Middletown Grange Fair Queen, posing on the fairgrounds with her Karakul ram "Roy Boy" who she showed at the fair.

Plumsteadville Grange, of Bucks County, congratulates member Brynn Barnhart who was recently crowned as Bucks County's 2019 Middletown Grange Fair Queen. Brynn is a Junior at Palisades High School and a member of the Danboro 4H Club and raises sheep and other animals on her family's farm in Bucks County.

Plumsteadville Grange also



(Plumsteadville) l-r: Dan & Annette Crooke (parents of the late Ellen Elaine Crooke), Sydney Ochoco & Melissa Rosen (Scholarship recipients), Meg Lomax (Scholarship Committee Chair

recently awarded scholarships to two Bucks County 4H members.

Melissa Rosen, has completed her first year of study at Delaware Valley University with a major in animal science. She was also a 2019 summer intern with the PA State Extension (4H).

Sydney Ochoco will be attending PACE University in New York City with a major in marketing. She has presented posters at Delaware Valley University's A-Day as a member of Danboro 4H for 10 years.

## PIONEER GRANGE #1777



Scenes from July's Pioneer Grange #1777 annual picnic in Mertztown, PA. Fun & games, fellowship & obligated 2 new Grange members. All in all, a great day. We welcome Megan and John to the organization.



## ORIENTAL GRANGE #165



(Oriental Grange)



Members; Russ & Pat Gunton, Judy & Dale Shupp shown manning the Susquehanna/Wyoming Pomona Grange Cookie & Popcorn Booth at the 2019 Harford Fair

### ATLANTIC GRANGE #344



“What The Grange Promotes”! Atlantic Grange #344, Placed First at the recent Crawford County Fair with their “What The Grange Promotes” display.

### BUTLER COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #17



*(Butler) Butler County Pomona's display.*

Butler Co Pomona Grange attend the Butler Farm Show this year from Aug 5th to Aug 10th. We do a basket raffle as well as giving out information on the Grange. The money raised is used back in our community. We are in the Ag. Building along with other Ag. organization. Just another way to keep the Grange name in the community. Thanks to all those who helped from all 4 local Granges.

Butler Co Pomona Grange attends the Big Butler Fair each year. This year the fair ran from



June 28th to July 6th. At the fair grounds there is a Grange building with a kitchen. Each year we run the kitchen to raise money to be able to do Community Service projects within Butler Co. We want to thank the New Castle Rainbow Girls, the Grove City Rainbow



Girls, the Butler DeMolay, and the Butler high school football team for their help in manning the kitchen for the Grange. If it were not for this help we would not be able to run the kitchen. Also, you



will see the attached picture of the quilt that we gave away this year and the hospitality area where we promote the Grange. Along with pictures of the three displays done by our local Granges. First place



went to Donegal Grange, Second place went to Jefferson Grange, and Third place went to Unionville Grange. Thanks to all who helped.

### HICKORY GRANGE #1285

Everything has been going very well at Hickory Grange! We were successful in reaching our goal of putting a new roof on the building in July. Our annual yard sale, which raised \$2750, helped us secure enough money to cover our heating expenses for this coming winter. By the time you read this article, we will have held our breakfast fundraiser in September. We feel as though we've accomplished so much in the past year... and we now officially have 51 fantastic members!

### ONDAWA GRANGE #174

Onondaga Grange held a special meeting on Tuesday, May 28th, at the Big Pond U.M. Church to honor many of our long-term members. The meeting started with a lovely meal, served by Vaughan and Kathy Harkness. Master Dilmun Dunbar presided over the evening's events. The evening gathering opened by singing “America The Beautiful” and saluting the American Flag. Opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Kathy Harkness, followed by opening the Bible on the altar. Master Dunbar then shared many of the projects that Onondaga Grange has worked on.

Gerald Pratt, of Windfall Grange, presented certificates and seals to the following members: LaRue & Carlene Austin for 30 years, Robert & Pam Haden for 35 years, Richard & Mimi Eaton for 45 years, Lyle & Ardith Harkness for 50 years, Vaughan & Kathy Harkness for 50 years, Charlette Stevens for 65 years, and Keith Robbins and Dilmun Dunbar for 75 years of continuous membership in the Grange.

Master Dunbar then introduced Clint Owlett, our State Representative, who presented citations to Dilmun Dunbar & Keith

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# Pennsylvania Holiday Traditions

Article compiled Heather Hiller

## THE UPSIDE-DOWN CHRISTMAS TREES

With roots reaching back to old Europe, the upside-down tree was once part of many traditions. During



the Middle Ages, they were hung from the ceiling in a central part of the home and decorated.

Legend has it that England's St. Boniface was furious when he saw pagans revering an oak tree in 7th-century Germany where he was teaching. He cut it down, but a fir tree sprang up on the same spot. Boniface used the triangular shape of this fir tree as a tool to describe the Holy Trinity of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Pagans who converted to Christianity later continued the practice, believing that the shape of the tree symbolized Christ's crucifixion. Today, it is still popular in some parts of Eastern Europe.

In the modernized Western world, you'll see these trees mounted as huge displays in hotel lobbies, shopping centers, or other businesses. It's gained a lot of traction in terms of becoming holiday décor in many homes around the world this year. Just ask social media. Some people hate the idea. Some love it. Some are very confused. Others are indifferent.

Upside-down Christmas trees can be hung from a sturdy bracket on the ceiling or mounted tip-down on the wall.

An upside-down tree offers a few benefits not available with its right-side-up cousin. If you have small

## What do Pickles, Putz & Pizzelles have to do with Christmas?

children, you can keep most of the ornaments away from their little hands. Pets aren't able to race around and knock decorations off the tree, and you'll be able to pile many more packages under the tree.

### OYSTER STEW FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

A Christmas meal in Ireland usually had a simple stew made from dried ling, milk, butter and pepper, according to History. However, Irish cooks weren't able to find any dried ling in the United States and used oysters instead. Oysters have a similar taste to ling, as it's salty, briny and chewy. They didn't even need to be close to the ocean to get oysters



as, by the 1860s, it was available canned, pickled and dried throughout the country.

### MORAVIAN STARS

Many families decorate their homes with a multi-pointed Moravian star during the holidays, according to the Monroe County Historical Association.

The Moravian church started as a Protestant denomination during the 14th century in Bohemia and Moravia, which is now part of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, according to the association. The Moravian stars were made as a geometry exercise at a Moravian school in Niesky, Germany, in 1850, according to The



Morning Call. A student later learned about how popular Moravian stars were and started to sell them.

The Moravians brought this tradition with them when they settled in Pennsylvania in the 18th Century.

### DRINKING BOILO DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON



Boilo is a popular holiday drink in coal country, according to previous reporting by PennLive. It's an alcoholic cocktail that's either served warm or hot. Boilo is the invention of Lithuanian immigrants. You can find a recipe for the drink here.

*(I've included a yummy recipe for this on page 22 if you'd like to try it!)*

### DECORATING THE HOME WITH PUTZ



Another tradition that German-speaking immigrants introduced to Pennsylvania in the 18th century was the putz, a diorama of the Nativity scene, according to Lancaster Online. Every Moravian home used to have a putz in the 18th and 19th centuries, and it helped families tell the story of Jesus' birth. Every putz was different, so families used to visit each other's homes to see their creations.

### EATING PIZZELLES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Some Italian-Americans observe the tradition of having sweets the



closer they are to religious events, such as Christmas, and one such treat is the pizzelle, according to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. It's a cross between a waffle and a cookie and resembles snowflakes or doilies. Pizzelle are usually flavored with anise.

### PORK & SAUERKRAUT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Eating slow-cooked pork with a side of preserved cabbage on New Year's Day is said to bring good luck, according to Billy Penn. The Pennsylvania Dutch brought the German tradition along with them when they settled in the central and south central parts of the state.

The reason for this tradition is that butchering often took place be-



fore Christmas or New Year's Day, and pork would be served as part of the holiday meal, according to the site. It's believed that since pigs root forward that it represents progress.

As cabbage is often harvested in the fall, cooks would pickle and serve it alongside those same meals. Pennsylvania Dutch parents would tell their children if they ate sauerkraut on New Year's Day that they'd be in for a "sweet year." Long strands of sauerkraut also represents long life, and its green color it starts out as symbolizes money.

### CHRISTMAS TREE PICKLE

Another German-American tradition is hiding a pickle in the branches of a Christmas tree, according to the Columbia Daily Tribune. The first

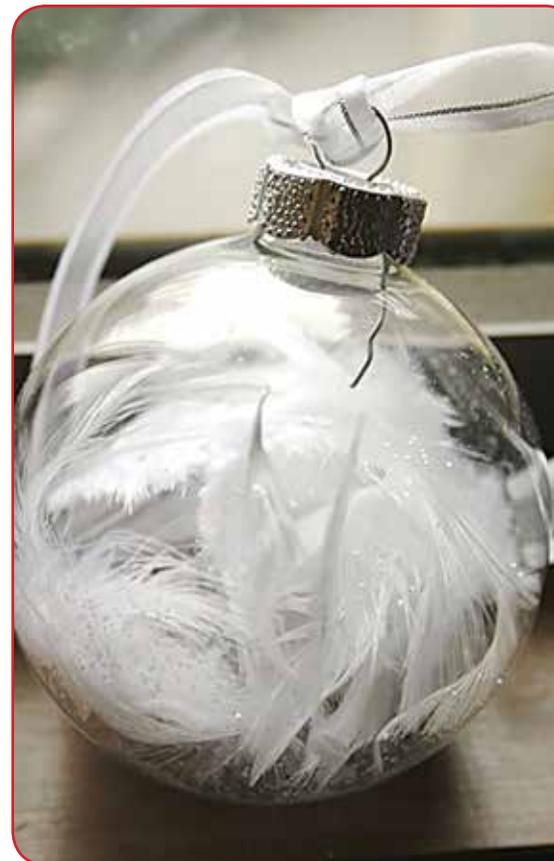


child to find it on Christmas morning would receive a special gift from Santa Claus. Another version of that story has the first adult to find it getting good luck for the rest of that year.

However, the Columbia Daily Tribune wrote that this tradition probably originated from an American business that imported German glass ornaments in 1890. That includes the weihnachtgurk, a blown-glass pickle ornament.

### DECORATING THE HOME WITH A GOOSE FEATHER TREE FOR CHRISTMAS

German immigrants also brought over the tradition of decorating their homes with goose-feather trees in the 19th century, according to the Mennonite Heritage Center. These trees could be found in homes until the 1940s and many of them are considered valuable today.





**Government Matters**  
**Vince Phillips**  
 PA State Grange Lobbyist

**IMPORTANT TO YOU!**

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

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

Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell told lawmakers of the critical need rural Pennsylvanians face because of insufficient access to the Internet and current technology. The event was a hearing convened by the PA Senate Communications & Technology Committee to document the need for Broadband in unserved and underserved areas.

Testifying on behalf of Grange members, their families and communities regarding the urgency behind the Pennsylvania State Grange's quest for universal access to high-speed Broadband, he gave a number of specific examples such as:

- A modern 'Smart' corn planter saved a farmer \$3,000 in one planting season by eliminating double planting where rows overlapped.
- A 'Smart' combine will not only record bushels per acre produced, but the operator can mark areas of poor weed kill by utilizing an onboard computer system.
- The farmer can then use the information recorded by the combine to program a "Smart" sprayer to increase or decrease as needed both herbicides and fertilizers on that field in the next growing season. This reduces the farmer's expenses, reduces the chances of runoff, and increases production on the same amount of ground.

Citing an August 23, 2019 report from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service showing an improvement in PA to 64% of farmers having Internet access, this year, up from 62% in 2017, Campbell asked

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if only a two-percent improvement in two years means that PA farmers will be forced to wait another 26 years before reaching the level where they should be now. Too often, he said, policy issues seem theoretical. "I want legislators to see the reality of what the lack of wide-width Broadband does to rural PA", he said.

A specific example occurred when he went to his local butcher shop in Perry County. When he went to pay the bill they could not validate his credit card because the Internet was down. He said that a store employee said that the Internet access is sporadic. Campbell said that was not a problem since the store owner knows him and he is a regular customer, but what if he were a stranger. This means that if the owner allows a customer they do not know to leave the butcher shop with a \$200 purchase of meat and when the credit card machine is able to get back on line, the card rejects, that sale just became a total loss.

Another example is campgrounds that are hurt economically when they cannot book a reservation online or when a prospective guest decides not to go there because there is no Wi-Fi.

A specific example involving health came from Campbell's personal experience transporting residents of Perry County on shared transpor-

tation. "I would pick up a resident who lived in western Perry County to take him to a doctor in Camp Hill. Travel time one way was often 2 ½ to 3 hours plus the waiting time in the doctor's office to get his 15 minutes of real time with a doctor. There were times when I got him home, I would help him walk from the bus to his house because he was literally too tired to fully function and I was afraid he might fall. With Telemedicine, he may have had the opportunity to utilize remote diagnostics and consultation and saved himself a full day of stress. Needless to say, where he lived, he did not have access to Broadband. Telemedicine only works when the tools are present to make it work", he said.

Campbell told legislators that these examples involved real people and businesses and should provide the needed incentive to push for policy action.

He also emphasized that Broad-



band is the Rural Electrification issue for this century.

Attending the Broadband hearing were these legislators:

- Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York), Majority Chair, Senate Communications & Technology Committee
- Senator Jay Costa (D-Allegheny), Senate Democratic Leader
- Rep. Bud Cook (R-Fayette/Washington)
- Rep. Ryan Warner (R-Fayette/Westmoreland)
- Senator Scott Hutchinson (R-Venango/Forest/Butler/Warren/Clarion), Majority Chair, Senate Finance Committee
- Senator Pat Stefano (R-Somerset/Fayette/Westmoreland), Majority Chair, Senate Law & Justice Committee
- Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Greene/Fayette/Washington), Co-Chair, House Broadband Caucus

Achieving universal access to Broadband is the top legislative priority of the Pennsylvania State Grange. For more information on the hearing or on how you may watch it, please contact Chloe Mandara, Esq., Office of Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York), Majority Chair, Senate



Wayne Campbell answers a question from Senate Committee Chair Kristin Phillips-Hill.

## LEGISLATION TO WATCH IN HARRISBURG

The General Assembly is already beginning to direct its energies towards expanding high-speed access. Please note these bills:

- House Bill 305 would require that PA State Government take an inventory of state-owned structures to identify which might be appropriate for telecommunications companies to ‘piggyback’ equipment to add more people who can access this technology. It would also provide income to the state from leasing agreements.
- Continue Universal Services Fund which preserves land line telephone service to rural areas. Currently, there is no bill number for this legislation.
- Senate Resolution 47 establishes a joint House-Senate Commission to keep the General Assembly focused on this issue.
- Senate Resolution 48 would audit telecommunication companies to determine compliance with existing laws requiring companies to provide basic Internet access.
- House Bill 1400 seeks to standardize local construction requirements for small cell facilities on utility poles to achieve shorter range expansion of Broadband, thus reducing installation costs.
- Senate Bill 835 would dedicate state funding for Broadband expansion.

Communications & Technology Committee. 717-787-7085; cmandara@pasen.gov.

learning. Overall, 28 percent of community colleges credits are earned online.

### WHAT ARE OTHERS SAYING ABOUT BROADBAND?

At the hearing, other testimony also highlighted the need. Some examples:

**School Director:** What can teachers do to help those students with no Internet at home? Realistically, nothing except reduce actual class time so that students can do their homework at school.

**University of California, PA:** The Internet is absolutely necessary for students with college admissions, scholarships and financial aid, course content, student exams which are done online. Besides, ‘renting’ an online book is cheaper for the student than buying hard cover texts.

**Butler County Community College:** Community colleges are the largest sector of higher education in PA. Butler CCC started out with 431 students and now has an enrollment of 20,000. Given commuters who must juggle jobs, families and schools, the Internet is essential for

**Maple Syrup Farmer:** Modern maple sugar production is very different from the old days walking around with a pail to collect syrup. Now, production is remotely monitored with sensors telling when the collection containers are almost full. 20 percent of our sales come from social media as we market worldwide and of course we take credit cards and cash at the retail level.

**USDA Rural Development:** Thanks to technology, farmers can plant straight rows with seeds planted in the same hole each year (the soil is not as hard and decaying material provides nourishment for the new crop). Urban hospitals can monitor rural patients’ conditions and can alert rural medical staff of a change – a lifesaver. The USDA presenter also said that in Pennsylvania, achieving universal access to high-speed Broadband means that advocates must keep making noise and develop strategic partnerships in order to succeed.

In addition, there were other topics raised such as the Penn State study for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania which concluded that FCC determinations of current Broadband access were woefully inaccurate.

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By Heather Hiller

# Pennsylvania Granger

*Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas to all of you! With this year's "Holiday" issue, I wanted to create a meal that mirrored the theme of this issue... TRADITIONS & GIVING. I've put together a number of recipes that might not be in our recipe cards, along with a couple that offer a slight variation on your usual favorites. I hope you enjoy... and consider the gift of "Giving", during this beautiful season, with someone who may be alone for the Holidays.*

## BOILO

- 4 cups water or 2 liters Ginger Ale
- 4 ½ pounds clover honey
- 4 oranges, quartered
- 3 lemons, quartered
- 1 cup raisins
- 6 cinnamon sticks
- 1 tsp caraway seeds
- ½ tsp whole allspice berries
- ½ tsp whole cloves
- 1 cup raisins
- ½ gallon 100 proof grain alcohol (whiskey preferred)

### Step 1

In a large pot over medium heat, mix the water with honey, and stir to combine. Stir in the orange and lemon quarters, raisins, cinnamon sticks, caraway seeds, allspice berries, and cloves, and bring



mixture to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer, and cook, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes. Remove from heat, and strain the liquid into a large pot. Allow to cool for a few minutes.

### Step 2

Slowly pour the grain alcohol into the honey mixture, and stir to combine. Pour into bottles, and cap; refrigerate until use. Serve gently warmed in shot glasses.

## OYSTER STEW

- 1 pt. shucked fresh oysters, undrained
- 2 cups milk
- Salt & pepper
- 1/4 cup butter
- ½ onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1 tablespoon sherry
- ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon celery salt
- Fresh Italian parsley, chopped
- Cayenne pepper
- Oyster crackers

### Step 1

Drain oysters, reserving oyster liquor. Heat milk and oyster liquor in saucepan until mixture begins to steam. Add oysters and season with desired amount of salt and pepper. Cook until the edges of the oysters just begin to curl. Transfer oysters to a plate to prevent over-cooking.



### Step 2

Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and cook until tender. Sprinkle flour over onion mixture and cook until completely incorporated and bubbly. Whisk in half-and-half, sherry, Worcestershire sauce, and celery salt. Bring to a boil. Whisk in reserved milk mixture. Add oysters. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook until warm. Season to taste with salt, pepper. Top with chopped parsley and Cayenne pepper. Serve with oysters crackers or crusty bread.

*\*I'll be trying this recipe this year, as I LOVE oyster stew!*

## BAKED CORN

- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 2 T sugar
- 2 cups canned corn
- 2 T melted butter
- 1-2 cups milk

### Step 1

Mix first 4 ingredients together, set aside. Add corn to above mixture. Blend butter and milk (amount of

# Holiday Dinner Table

milk depends on how damp you prefer your baked corn) together. Add to the corn mixture.

## Step 2

Pour into either 8"x8" or 8"x9" baking dish. Bake at 350° for 45-60 minutes (until knife comes out clear from center of corn)

\* *Recipe compliments of my Mother-in-law, Carlene Raemsch.*

## ROAST TURKEY

- 10-12 lb turkey
- coarse kosher salt
- 1 T black pepper
- 1 lemon, zested/quartered
- 1 bunch fresh thyme
- 1 bunch fresh sage
- 12 garlic cloves, peeled/smashed
- 12 oz hard apple cider
- dry white wine, as needed
- 2 onions, peeled/quartered
- 3 bay leaves
- olive oil
- 3 T butter, cut into ½" pats
- Herbs (use your favorite variety of herbs/spices) for placing under skin of bird

## Step 1

Remove giblets & reserve for stock/gravy. Pat turkey & neck dry. Rub turkey/neck w/ 1/2 tsp salt (per lb), pepper & lemon zest. Transfer to seal-able bag. Tuck herbs & 6 garlic cloves into bag. Seal & refrigerate 1-3 days, turning bird over every 12 hours.



## Step 2

Remove bird from bag & pat dry. Place turkey, uncovered, on baking sheet. Return to fridge for 4-12 hours... to dry out skin.

## Step 3

When ready to cook, remove from fridge & allow to come to room temp for 1 hour. Heat oven to 450°. In bottom of large roasting pan, add cider & enough wine to fill pan to 1/4" deep. Add half the onions, remaining 6 garlic cloves & bay leaves. Stuff remaining onion quarters & lemon quarters into bird. Brush skin, generously, w/ olive oil. Separate skin from breast & stuff butter & herbs into the pocket.

## Step 4

Place turkey, breast UP, on a roasting rack, set inside the roasting pan. Transfer pan to oven & roast 30 minutes. Cover breast with foil. Reduce heat to 350° & continue roasting until temperature reaches 165° (apx 1.5-2 hours). Transfer to cutting board & rest for 15-30 minutes before carving.

\* *This is my personal recipe for Turkey. I'm not a fan of bland roast turkey...so I created something that actually has flavor.*

## HERBED MONKEY BREAD

- 3-3.5 cups AP flour
- 2 T sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 pkg (1/4 oz) active dry yeast
- 1-1/4 cup fat-free milk
- 2 T Canola oil
- 4 T butter, melted/divided
- 1 egg
- 2 T grated Asiago cheese
- 1 T sesame seeds
- ½ tsp garlic salt
- ½ tsp smoked paprika
- ½ tsp each of parsley flakes,

thyme, rosemary, Cajun seasoning

## Step 1

In large bowl, combine 2 C flour, sugar, salt & yeast. In a small saucepan, heat milk, oil & 2 T butter to 120-130°. Add to dry ingredients; beat just until moistened. Add egg; beat until smooth. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. Turn onto lightly floured surface & knead until smooth & elastic (apx 6-8 minutes). Place in a bowl, coated w/ cooking spray. Turn once to coat top of dough. Cover and let rise in warm place until doubled... apx 1 hour.

## Step 2

In small bowl, combine cheese, sesame seeds, garlic salt and herbs & spices. Punch down dough. Divide dough into 32 equal pieces; roll each into a ball. Drizzle 2 tsp butter into a 10" tube pan coated w/ cooking spray; sprinkle bottom of pan w/ 1/3 cheese mixture. Top w/ 16 balls. Repeat layers. Drizzle w/ remaining butter & sprinkle w/ remaining cheese mixture.

## Step 3

Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes (golden brown). Cool 10 minutes before removing from pan to wire rack. Served whole and let people pull chunks off.

\* *I made this last year and it's delicious!*





# PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE



# WISH BOOK

**Valley Grange #1360** routinely supports several area groups on a regular basis:

- 4-H - <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/4-H> (We support 4-H programs at the county and state level annually)
- FFA - <https://www.paffa.org/> (We donate 15 FFA Blue & Gold jackets to several local FFA chapters annually)
- New Life for Girls - <http://www.newlifeforgirls.org/> (We provide financial support and invite the group to Thanksgiving Dinner with our Grange annually)
- New Hope Ministries: <https://nhm-pa.org> (We provide financial support and pack food for weekend backpack program during the school year)
- THON - Four Diamond's Fund - <https://thon.org/> (We provide financial support annually)
- Red Land Little League Baseball - <https://www.redlandyouthbaseball.com/> (We sponsor a team each year. In recent years one of our Junior Grangers plays on the team we sponsor)
- Golf "Fore" Jackie - <https://www.lithgowfoundation.org/charity-events> (We have provided signature sponsor financial support since the inception of the tournament that raises funds for brain trauma treatment)
- Holy Spirit Nurse's Walk: <https://runsignup.com> (We provide financial support to honor our Grange members who are nurses at Holy Spirit

Hospital)

- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank "Fill A Glass With Hope": <https://www.feedingpa.org/milk/> (We provide financial support annually to provide fluid milk in area food banks)
- PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation: <https://pafss-scholarshipfoundation.com/> (We support the scholarship fund for youth exhibitors of PA Farm Show)
- Cantate Carlisle: <http://www.cantatecarlisle.org/> (We sponsor two concerts annually to keep vibrant choral music available in the community)

The chair of our Community Service Committee, Tonya Traver, does an excellent job of keeping us connected to the community. She and her family are our primary liaison to the folks at New Life for Girls whom we support financially and invite them to join us for a Thanksgiving dinner each year before a regular Grange meeting. Tonya brings financial gifts from Valley Grange to them multiple times throughout the year for special occasions. For example, we supported them with gas cards to ease the burden of moms' and childrens' activities during the summer. That is just one example of Tonya's impact.

### **Fairdale Grange #1157**

Groups we support:

- Women's Resource Center : [wrcnepa.org](http://wrcnepa.org)
- True Friends: [www.truefriends.org](http://www.truefriends.org) (a no kill shelter)

- Trehab: [www.trehab.org](http://www.trehab.org) (A food pantry, food collections at holidays for food baskets to needy)
- Interfaith: [www.interfaithsc.org](http://www.interfaithsc.org) (thrift store, Christmas presents for children, new backpacks and new shoes for school each year)

### **Cumberland Valley Grange #2014**

in Shippensburg, Cumberland County works closely with The Shippensburg Boys & Girls Club and the Summer Lunch program as we provide Day Camp programming in the summer for them. We also are starting to be more involved with The Harbor in Shippensburg.

- Boys and Girls Club of Shippensburg: [www.bgccs.org](http://www.bgccs.org)
- Summer Lunch of Shippensburg: <https://www.shipresources.org/summer-lunch-program>
- The Harbor: [www.theharborofshippensburg.com](http://www.theharborofshippensburg.com)

**Perry Valley Grange #1804**, Perry County, works with the following charitable organizations on a regular basis:

- Greenwood High School FFA (<http://greenwoodsd.schoolwires.com/domain/41>)
- Newport Public Library (<https://pecoinfo.org/library-hours/newport-public-library/>)
- Millerstown Community Park (<http://www.millerstownpa.com/park.htm>)

*In church we are instructed to live life with a "Servant Heart". Too often, once we leave the sanctuary, that "Servant Heart" becomes hardened to current events and we lose track of the instructions gifted to us by Christ. Luke 6:38: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you". This time of year many people offer up their time to help those desperately in need. The beauty of the Grange... ALL year Grange members walk with a joyous Servant Heart. In this article, we celebrate just a few of the wonderful sacrifices our various Grange members have made for their communities.*

*May God bless all of you!*

**Plumsteadville Grange #1738**, Bucks County. I believe our most important charitable effort is our support of Bucks County 4-H. A number of the county's 4-H clubs meet at our hall (free of charge) including the Danboro community club, Beef, Sheep and Goat clubs. The hall is also used for special 4-H events such as the 4-H Fashion Revue. Grange Members are also 4-H leaders including Dan and Annette Crooke (Beef Club) and Shelia Wiltshire (Sew Much Fun Club), Bucks County 4-H (Penn State Extension)

Plumsteadville would also like to give special recognition to Nancy Young. Nancy has been a baking vendor at our Farm market for many years and has taken the role of co-manager of the market for the last two years. She has also taken on the responsibilities of Treasurer and membership/dues collection manager and getting our records aligned with those of the State.

#### **Keystone Grange**

Denae and Gene Zvarick have been volunteering at the Speakers House in Trappe for a number of years, through restoration work, garden and farm stand establishment. They have been active in the 300th anniversary of Trappe through its steering committee. They plan and coordinate most of the fundraising activities

at Keystone Grange. Denae and Gene are currently co-chairs of the 2020 National Convention in Valley Forge. They are the face of Keystone Grange at all community events.

#### **Stony Point Grange #1694**

- Members volunteer to provide weekly services at the Good Shepherd Center Food Pantry and annually provide a meal for Good Shepherd clients on Presidents Day.
- Stony Point supports local 4-H and FFA with an annual monetary donation
- A Stony Point member is a Veterans Administration volunteer that drives the Disabled American Veterans van to transport veterans to the Butler and Pittsburgh VA hospitals for medical treatment.
- Stony Point makes an annual monetary donation to the Mercer County Disabled American Veterans chapter from funds raised at the Stony Point Pancake Day.
- Stony Point works with a local Volunteer Fire Department for a joint reverse raffle fundrais-

er. West Salem Volunteer Fire Dept. for the last seven years.

- Stony Point participates in the Quilts of Valor Program making quilt awards to local veterans every year.
- Stony Point hosts a PA Game Commission certified Hunter Safety Program annually.
- Stony Point works with a local (Fredonia) Lions Club on projects of facility improvement while also assisting the Lions with one of their major fundraiser events.
- Stony Point makes a monetary donation to a local fair (Jamestown) and sets up a fair display and sets up displays at our summertime monthly ice cream suppers to promote the Grange.

Also, Stony Point has several members that contribute much time and effort toward the operation of the Grange but I'd like to take this opportunity to mention one.... Martha Gruber is the Lady Assistant Steward and the Activities Chair. She oversees many fundraisers and facilities rentals each year.





**HOT OFF THE PRESS...  
FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA  
STATE GRANGE  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE**

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE  
GRANGE TESTIFIES on  
DAIRY FEED CHALLENGE**

HARRISBURG... The Pennsylvania State Grange called on the PA Milk Marketing Board (PMMB) to keep the over-order premium payment at \$1.00 at its hearing September 4. Testifying on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Lancaster County dairy farmer Matt Espenshade also walked the PMMB through the year with a family dairy farm where the mounting challenge was feed.

Suffice it to say, per Espenshade, that 2018-19 presented one challenge after another beginning with overall low milk prices affecting all dairy farmers, down to \$14.91 per hundredweight at the end of 2018, the lowest in three years.

Despite some improvement in 2019, he said that 2018's weather saturation caused difficulties in a more immediate way in 2019 – supplying feed to his milk cows.

A core question for his farm was how to overcome the shortage of haylage for milk cows. As a vital source of protein in the milking cow's diet, his farm tried increasing corn silage and using alfalfa, even though it was early for the alfalfa to be harvested. By the late spring, milk prices climbed to \$18.15 per hundredweight but this news was offset by feed costs. Corn silage was in shorter supply, prompting more hay but the difference in price was \$30 per ton compared to \$60 per ton for haylage.

The increased milk price early in the year showed that what goes up

must come down, dropping to \$16.63 in July. As Espenshade pointed out, the major impact on his family farm came from feed issues which dropped his Income Over Feed Cost (IOFC) to \$4.07 per hundredweight in July compared to \$9.65 in April.

One strategy was to switch from purchasing flaked corn at \$205 per



ton and soybean-based protein concentrate at \$477 per ton to a corn-soy blend at \$332 per ton.

Espenshade said that the consequence of changing feed because of the need to adapt to shortages is decreased milk production.

Dairy cows like consistency. They like a standard routine, day in and day out. Needless to say, these drastic swings in their feed rations were not well received. We watched as our efforts were met with decreased milk production and lower component averages from the herd.

In addition to urging continuance of the \$1.00 over-order premium, Espenshade asked policymakers to take a longer view of solving the problems facing the dairy farmer.

Reducing the financial stress dairy farmers are having involves actions way beyond the authority of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board or any individual farmer to resolve. Part of promoting a solid economic base for rural Pennsylvania is making the climate for business investment more desirable. Building up processing facilities right here in the Commonwealth means reduced transportation costs. We are fortunate to have a sizable number of dairy farms throughout our state. Having numbers of smaller regionalized processors seems to me to be a goal that we can achieve to promote Pennsylvania's rural development, with an added benefit of reducing costs for dairy farmers.

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Matt Espenshade is a seventh generation dairy farmer with family ownership dating back to 1867. His farm milks 70 cows with a 19,400 pound rolling herd average. His family farms 260 acres and raises forage and replacement heifers. He is the Master (President) of Elizabethtown Area Grange #2076, one of more than 200 local Granges statewide. His farm is a member of Mount Joy Farmers Co-op which is affiliated with Dairy Farmers of America.

Pennsylvania State Grange was founded in 1873 as an advocate for farmers, families, businesses and communities in rural Pennsylvania.

Regards,  
Vince Phillips, Legislative Director  
Pennsylvania State Grange



# And the Race is on... Paint, Paint, Paint!!!!

*Count Down to PA Farm Show!!!*

By Barbara Gross

About 7 years ago the Pennsylvania Grange Heritage Quilt Trail proudly presented two wooden Quilt blocks to the PA Farm Show Complex to be placed at the entrance to the Expo Hall. The blocks were 8' x 8' in size and one depicted the 4-H program and the other the FFA Program. However due to the Giant Corporation taking over sponsorship of the Expo Hall the PA Grange Heritage Trail blocks came down. Plans are now to place the two large quilt blocks in the MacClay Street Lobby which is open daily to the public because of offices upstairs in the building.

When talking with Sharon S. Altland, Executive Director, Farm Show Complex and Expo Center and Heidi Svonavec, Assistant Executive Director, Farm Show Complex and Expo Center, in the spring, concerning the placement of the two blocks, we were asked if the Pennsylvania State Grange could make additional wooden quilt blocks to be placed throughout the PA Farm Show Complex. Pleasantly surprised, we heartily agreed to providing at least 100 wooden quilt blocks prior to November 1st, 2019! And then reality set in and we realized what an awesome task we agreed to.

With the help of Grange members and friends of the Grange, blocks were designed and farmed out to be painted. Several were painted at Family Festival, many went home with people to finish at their leisure and some were donated from past painting classes. We are happy to say the first 50 blocks are completed and were on their way to the Farm Show Complex on 9/8/19. Sharon Altland herself was in Western PA and stopped to pick up a car load of the blocks to take back to Harrisburg! The Farm Show is as excited to mount them, as we are to have them displayed in the Complex. So now we are working on the next 50 blocks and will have them delivered by November 1st.

So make a point of attending the PA Farm Show in January 4 - 11, 2020, and view all 100 of the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail Blocks throughout the PA Farm Show Complex. And while you are there be sure to volunteer a couple hours in the Pennsylvania Grange Booth to meet the public, tell the work of the Grange and sign up some new members.





# Oh Christmas Tree



There's something absolutely magical about a beautiful Christmas tree. By Thanksgiving we might all be rolling our eyes at the endless Christmas songs playing on every radio station... and yet... we all experience a similar child-like joy when we place that first delicate glass bulb on the Christmas tree.

As everyone may know, last year my husband and I moved. In previous years we'd always gone into Williamsport and purchased a pre-cut tree from one of the many local tree vendors. Last year, we decided to create a new tradition... we picked and cut our own tree from a

local Christmas tree farm. I'm by no means an expert on picking a tree (I've been doing this only 7 years), but I do like to stand back and "visualize" the finished tree. Sometimes this "process" can take a while (to my husband's dismay, initially). I have to stand back from the tree and frame her with my hands (kinda like when I'm scouting a new photo shoot location). I take a mental picture of the gaps in the branches and try to figure out if she'll look good with our eclectic collection of ornaments.

This process was rather frustrating when we were originally purchasing our pre-cut tree from a ven-



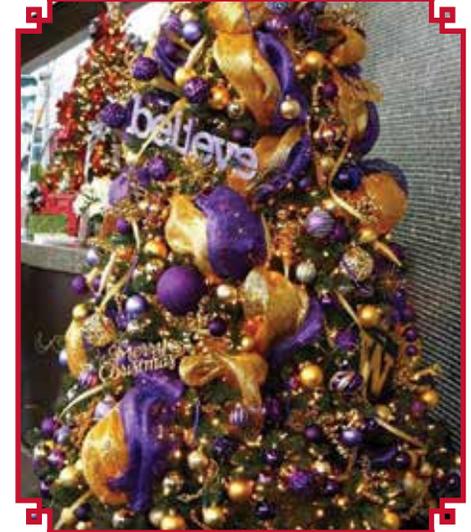


dor, however... picking a tree that's still in the ground... WOW!!! There's just SOOOOO many choices!!! And none of the trees are trimmed up... so they can be very wild looking. This new way of picking a tree is way more fun... for me, at least. My dear husband just trudges along, dragging the wheeled carry sled, patiently waiting for me to complete my "process". Last year, it took me over an hour to make a choice. And when we tugged my stunning 12 foot beauty into our foyer and cut the strings, and she poofed out to darned near fill the entry... SO EXCITING!

Last year my husband introduced me to Hobby Lobby, right before Christmas. Such a bad idea! Turns out... besides having a "collector" personality for baby chickens, I also have a "decorator bug" for Christmas ornaments! I believe our bank called us on the way home to verify our credit card hadn't been snicked.

We drive past the farm, where we got our tree last year, on a almost daily basis. I've been eyeballing my "chosen one" (that I'd picked last year for our 2019 tree) and the other

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day, I confessed to Mr. Hiller that I wasn't real thrilled with how she was looking. He simply groaned and resigned himself to wandering around with me for a couple hours... while I worked my "process". I grinned.

Traditions are important. We are all so busy and rushed nowadays... we need to take the time, when we can, to observe traditions. Traditions keep us in touch with our roots, our loved ones, our faith, our values. Nothing wrong, though, with creating new TRADITIONS!

**- Heather Hiller**  
*Publishing Editor*





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Robbins from the House of Representatives. The program continued with Karen Kilzer, daughter of Dilmon Dunbar, reading a poem "Day Dreaming of Grange Members Past", a tribute to our past Grange members, written by Master Dunbar.

Master Dunbar was joined by three of his children. His son,



*(Ondawa) State Rep., Clint Owlett, presenting Mr. Dunbar & Mr Robbins with citations.*

Gene, came in from England, while his daughter, Karen, came in from Pittsburgh, and his son, Dale, attended from Big Pond.

Many friends and Grangers from Beech Flats, Fassett, Windfall & Ondawa attended. Pastor Jennifer Wolfe, of the Big Pond U.M. Church gave the evening benediction.

**DAYTON GRANGE #1819 CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!!!**

Dayton Grange, in Armstrong County, was organized in 1919. Recently, we held our 100th Anniversary Banquet at the Dayton Marshall House Museum. Our membership enjoyed a delicious meal served by the singing waiters, enjoyed Barber Shop songs and heard the history about the 1800's farm house museum.

Master Robert Snyder gave the welcome and Secretary Betty Calhoun served as the Master of Ceremonies. Bill Calhoun read the history of the Dayton Grange before we honored Bruce Steele for his 30 years of service as Master. We also recognized various Grange members and Bill Calhoun received his 50 year Pennsylvania State Grange

and National Gold Seal Certificate.

The community service project honored the Dayton American Legion, Marshall House Museum (DALHS) and the Dayton Volunteer Fire Company, and presented each with a \$500 check.

We also had a display of treasured scrapbooks and books for guests to reminisce and appreciate all the good work and programs the Dayton Grange has done over the 100 years.

**BEECH GROVE GRANGE #1089**

Honesdale High School Seniors: Lily Fries, Camden Bannon and Brooke Rutledge were recently awarded scholarships from Beech Grove Grange #1089. Each year the Grange makes three presentations to worthy Seniors who will be continuing their education in agriculture and related fields.

Lily Fries will be attending SUNY at Cobleskill, to major in Dairy Production and Management. After college, she plans to take her management skills further in the Wayne County area. Lily hopes to continue her love of dairy farming while being able to incorporate new and exciting tech-



*(Beech Grove) l-r: Leroy Spoor (Grange Master), Lily Fries, Pam Box and Jane Bollinger; Grange Scholarship Committee*

niques that she has learned.

Camden plans to attain a BS degree in Biology or Animal Science and then apply to Veterinary School with aspirations of becoming

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The indoor and outdoor attractions will delight you. There is the North Pole Cafe, Candy Cane Lane Gift Shop, Santa Land and the large model train display and winter village. There will be chainsaw carving, pony rides and so much more!

### Christmas Village in Philadelphia



November 28 - December 24

LOVE Park

JFK Plaza, Philadelphia, PA

215-501-2680

<http://www.philachristmas.com>

Running in its 12th season, Christmas Village in Philadelphia will transform LOVE Park into an authentic German Christmas market. Over 80 vendors offer their unique giftware and delicious European food specialties! Always a must-see: the famous German vendor Käthe Wohlfahrt, which features genuine German ornaments and Christmas gifts. Christmas Village Carousel and more vendors are extending festivities to the City Hall Courtyard.

### Festival of Trees

November 29 - December 01

Bayfront Convention Center

1 Sassafras Pier, Erie, PA

814-397-1104

<https://www.supportahn.org/festival>

Festival of Trees is a community tradition featuring a gallery of uniquely decorated trees, local entertainment and live reindeer from noon to 5:00 PM each day, holiday displays and six rooms from Santa's castle filled with activities for children to explore.

### Holiday Magic! Winter Flower Show and Light Garden

November 29 - January 12

Phipps Conservatory and



Botanical Gardens

1 Schenley Drive, Pittsburgh, PA

<https://www.phipps.conservatory.org/holidaymagic>

Make plans to experience one of the best holiday attractions and treasured family traditions in Pittsburgh at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Garden's Holiday Magic! Winter Flower Show and Light Garden. There's more to explore at Phipps, with both indoor and outdoor holiday displays encompassing 15 acres.

### Holiday Show & Open House



November 30 - January 05

Ohio Valley Lines

1225 Merchant Street

Ambridge, PA

724-266-4787

<https://visitbeavercounty.com/calendar/calendar-november/entry/2328/>

2019-20 Holiday Show & Open House. Come and see two great operating model railroads! Shop our flea market. Take a chance on the raffle baskets! And Bob Evan's 'Trains for Tots' program will be giving away 4 model train sets per day!!

### Pennsylvania Governor's Residence Holiday Tours

2035 N Front St

Harrisburg, PA

<https://www.residence.pa.gov/Tours/Pages/default.aspx>

During the 2019 holiday season, the Governor's Residence will be open for self-guided, public tours on December 2-4, 9-11, and 16-18 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Holiday tours are self-guided and

reservations are NOT required. For more information, please call the tour line at 717-772-9130.

### Juniata River Valley Festival of Ice



December 5-6

One West Market Street

Lewistown, PA

717-248-6713

<https://jrvvisitors.com/events/festival-of-ice/>

The 23rd annual Juniata River Valley Festival of Ice will include live ice carving, ice sculptures, wagon rides, live nativity, live music, 4K run, vendors, food, crazy parade, petting zoo, kids activities, and photos with Santa Claus.

### The Pennsylvania Christmas & Gift Show

Cameron & Maclay Streets

Harrisburg, PA

December 5-8

<https://www.pachristmasshow.com>

Christmas shop at one of the largest holiday shows in the country! Thousands come from all over the Northeast to visit The Pennsylvania Christmas & Gift Show, a festive celebration of the season's finest decorations, arts & crafts, cuisines, and musical & dance groups. Among the unique and exclusive gifts available are crafts, jewelry, clothing, Christmas decorations, toys, household accents, ceramics, furniture, dolls, flowers, paintings, holiday foods and much more.

### A Gettysburg Christmas Festival

December 6-8

Downtown Gettysburg

Gettysburg, PA

<https://www.agettysburgchristmasfestival.com>

Join us in historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for an unforgettable

holiday experience. Kick off the holiday season with food, entertainment, art and fun for the entire family as you experience Christmas through the years in Gettysburg. In addition, the festival includes a Christmas parade, Breakfast with Santa, the Gingerbread Celebration & Holiday Mart, Christmas Greens & Gourmet Gifts Sale, free carriage rides, Christmas carols by Gettysburg College's acapella group and so much more!

**36th Annual Dickens of a Christmas**



Downtown Wellsboro, PA  
December 7

Step back in time and celebrate the holidays Victorian style. Get your shopping done early amongst the many outdoor vendors that line the streets of downtown Wellsboro, in addition to the many stores that are a great way to warm up and get your gift list completed at the same time. There is something for everyone! There are many wonderful local restaurants as well as many food vendors on the streets. Street performers will be filling the day with Christmas carols, skits and dancing too.

**4th Annual Christmas on Main Street**

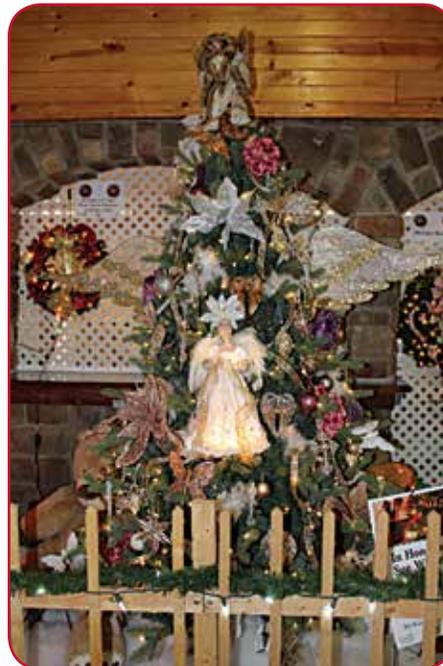


December 13-15  
Downtown Wellsboro, PA  
<https://www.wellsborochristmasonmainstreet.com>

Stroll along the gas-lit Main Street and enjoy the picturesque town.

Visit 24 displays of historic ornaments made locally in the early 1940's and learn how Wellsboro saved Christmas during World War II. It's a weekend filled with activities to warm your heart and fill you with Christmas spirit! Check it out on Facebook for updates and additions.

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For additional things to do, places to go, and festivals to enjoy, please visit the websites listed below for additional events happening around Pennsylvania this Holiday season!

- <https://visitpa.com/pa-events-festivals>
- <https://pa-vendors.com/events-in-pennsylvania-by-month/>
- <https://www.pennlive.com/events/?date=2019-11-01>



- Heather Hiller  
Publishing Editor

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This was brought up by presenters and legislators including Majority Chair of the Senate Communications & Technology Committee Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York). The testifier representing the cable TV industry disagreed, saying that the PSU study did not use the proper methodology to reach that conclusion.

Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa said that PA should enact RestorePA which involves a \$4.5 billion loan which would be paid back by severance taxes on Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction. This was echoed by Mark Critz, the executive director of the Governor's Rural Development Council. Senator Costa also stressed that access to technology gives rural Pennsylvania the opportunity to participate in a global economy.

Rep. Warner (R-Fayette/Westmoreland) asked if accelerating reliance on online teaching was being pushed too much in lieu of traditional classroom learning. Presenters said that the market says that America needs technologically skilled workers and that we must keep up with where the world is currently.

Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Greene/Fayette/Washington) said that the need is a reality. In 2019, if you cannot connect, you cannot compete.

Senator Pat Stefano (R-Fayette/Somerset/Westmoreland) said that a proper role for government is to help develop infrastructure, in this case the technology superhighway.

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

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ing a doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Brooke plans to attend Penn State University and major in Animal Science. Ever since she was little, she has had a passion for working with animals. Brooke's FFA Chapter gave her a chance to learn about animal science, animal care, management, and agri-

culture.

Grange Master, Leroy Spoor, stated; "The Grange, through the years, has been the foundation of agricultural activities in Wayne County. It tries, each year, to keep this tradition alive by making these scholarships available to young people as they continue their education in this field."

Grange members; Pamela Box

and Jane Bollinger, served on the scholarship selection committee.

The Grange wishes to thank Honesdale High School Guidance Counselors, Amy Neugebauer, Mrs. Pinto and Paul Reiprich, Carla Swendsen, Administrative Assistant, and Principal Christopher Pietrazewski for their assistance.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

### Harveys-Aleppo #1444

John "Buzz" Walters

### Marion #223

Wanda McCloskey

### Virginville #1832

Nancy Wheeland

Carrie Heckman

Holly Walker

### Pleasant Valley #1074

Brianna Metschulat

Julie Metschulat

### Bloomington #536

Harry Birth

Brent Birth

### Pioneer #1777

Megan Monahan

John Monahan

### Hickory #1285

Kim Peterka

Joe Peterka

### Russellville #91

Jessica Shaw

### Richland #1413

Michael Groner

### Lincoln #914

Ben Wingert

Sharon Wingert

### Spruce Hill #772

Charles Houser

### Walker #2007

Robert Yearick

### Logan #109

Lauren Brooks

Lisa Brooks

### Harmony #1202

Joshua Isenberg

Amanda Pennington

### Hookstown #1980

Richard Reese

Julianne Reese

Ariel Huffman

Larry Reese Jr.

Tryston Stewart

### Ginger Hill #1549

Resa Stauffer

Mai Brna

### Madison #2064

Chris Trahan

Peggy Trahan

### Plumsteadville #1738

Lester Heacock

Carol Rasmussen

Nancy Stephenson

Garrett Galluppi

Susan Galluppi

Maria Macri

Irene Macri

Barbara Macri

Brynn Barnhart

Kiera Barnhart

### Progress #96

Charles Coder Jr.

Deborah Coder

### Big Knob #2008

Lynn Patsiga

### Hartslog Valley #375

Katherine Stine

## BIRTHDAYS

### Canusarago Grange #27

Mary Brown: Sept 2, 1920

## IN MEMORIAM

### Penns Valley #158

M. Dale Vonada

### Victor #159

Kitty Rudy

### Trexlerstown #1755

Michael Hebelka

Harold Oswald Jr.

### Brandywine #60

Ralph Buckles

### Virginville #1832

Kenneth Fryer

### Fleetwood #1839

Harold Althouse

### Walker #786

Wilbur Zendt

### Plumsteadville #1738

Norma Knower

Lynn Litzenberger

### Roseville #1290

Norma Knapp

### Schnecksville #1684

Curtis Robert

### Middletown #684

John Thompson Jr.

### Wesley #1675

Cecil Ward

### Sinking Valley #484

Mahlon Lepperd

Margie Albright

### Perry Valley #1804

Avonell Waller

### Star #993

Miriam Forney

### Bernville #1887

Charles Kissling

### Hookstown #1980

Sue Gourley

### Mahoning Valley #1649

Martha Shannon

### Central Grange #1650

Walter J. Frisch

### Russellville #91

Jean Yarnall

Francis Watterson

### Richland #1413

Twila Dunlap

### Fairdale #1157

John Bechtel

### Shavers Creek #353

Orpha Hearn

### Ontelaunee #1617

Catherine Holcombe

### Forest #853

Melvin Sandrock

### Hartslog Valley #375

Janice Bowser

### Marion #1853

John Schueller

### East Franklin #1709

June Shriver

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wich, etc.)

- Cooking Oil
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Carrots
- Canned Beets

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- We are not in need of the following: Baby Food, Baby Formula, Green Beans, Corn, or Protein Beans
- We cannot accept expired or opened food items. Please check the expiration dates on items before donating them. Our food donation guidelines provide assistance in determining what can be accepted.

Lastly, I did move in April. Please either e-mail me or call to get the updated mailing address. This has also been updated with the state office.

Fraternally,  
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# 2019-20 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are working on our 2020 calendar, now. If your Grange is holding any yearly festivals or events, please email those dates to: [info@88dragon.com](mailto:info@88dragon.com) as soon as possible. Thank you!

**2019**

**All You Can Eat Buckwheat Pancake & Sausage Dinner**  
November 2nd, 2019 7AM-6PM  
Wesley Grange Hall  
information: Michael Pratt  
[westpratts@verizon.net](mailto:westpratts@verizon.net)

**2020**

**PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW**  
January 4-12, 2020  
Farm Show Complex  
Harrisburg, PA

**YOUTH CAMP**

June 26-28, 2020  
Camp Sylvan Hills  
Howard, PA

**JUNIOR CAMP**

June 28-July 4, 2020  
Camp Sylvan Hills  
Howard, PA

**FAMILY FESTIVAL**

July 16-19, 2020  
Centre County Fairgrounds  
Centre Hall, PA

**AG PROGRESS DAYS**

August 11-13, 2020  
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA  
<https://agsci.psu.edu/apd/about>

**STATE SESSION**

October 15-19, 2020  
Ambassador Center Hotel  
Erie, PA

# 2020

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**Federal Holidays 2020**

Jan 1 New Year's Day	Jul 3 Independence Day (obs.)	Nov 11 Veterans Day
Jan 20 Martin Luther King Day	Jul 4 Independence Day	Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day
Feb 17 Presidents' Day	Sep 7 Labor Day	Dec 25 Christmas Day
May 25 Memorial Day	Oct 12 Columbus Day	

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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 Rental Car: Discounted Member rates
- BJ's Wholesale Club: Save \$15 on Base, or \$30 on Rewards Membership, plus 1 free month
- Costco: Receive a \$10 Costco Cash Card for Gold Star Business Members
- 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



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