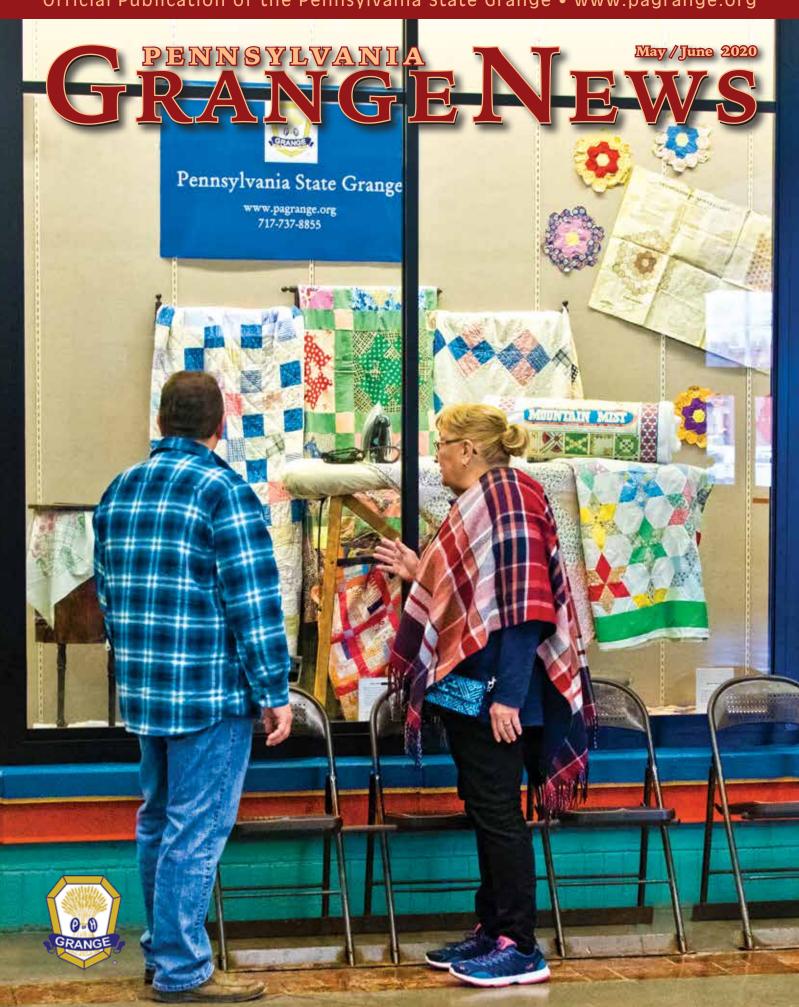
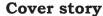
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windows to the Past...

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... Farm Show Quilt Display Case

In 2012 the Pennsylvania State Grange placed two 8' x 8' wooden quilt blocks in the Cameron Street Lobby pf the Pennsylvania State Farm Show Complex in honor of 4-H and FFA. In 2019 the Giant Corporation took over sponsorship of the Expo Hall just off of the Cameron Street Lobby and the quilt blocks came down. In April of 2019 Lizzie Bailey and Barbara and Glenn Gross met with the Farm Show Administrators, Sharon Altland Myers and Heidi Svonavec, to ask if the blocks could be placed somewhere else in the complex. At the conclusion of that meeting not only were the two blocks going to be remounted, we also had agreed to make 100 small 2' x 2' wooden quilt blocks to be placed throughout the complex as well as decorate a 30' display case with quilting history! Upon leaving the complex, our first reactions were, "Oh my, what did we agree to?"

The 30' display case is located in the McClay Lobby which is open

daily to the public since offices are located in that portion of the building. The two original quilt blocks For many, it was the quilting tools we had all gotten rid of but now again were searching for.



honoring 4-H and FFA are mounted in this area anchoring each end of the lobby. You are welcome to stop in any time and view the blocks and display case.

The McClay Lobby display case features quilting items and tools from the 1850s through the

1950s. It is the "things" our mothers and ancestors held dear because it was the tools of their trade. In order to create this display, Grangers searched their own stashes as well as second hand stores and appealed to friends for quilt related items.

In the 1850s quilting was done out of necessity - quilts were not only used for warm bed coverings but were often used as room dividers and covers over windows and walls to keep out the cold. Ouilts were made from scraps of fabric left over from making clothing with little thought to coordination of colors and accuracy of design, quilts were made for utility purposes only. The quilt on the frame in the display case is an excellent example - no coordination of fabric colors and no attention to aligning the blocks when piecing them together. This quilt is pinned on a large wooden quilting frame with small metal straight pins while wooden pins hold the corners the frame together to keep it square. The quilt is made in the typical sandwich style of a decorative top, cotton batting and a fabric backing. If ladies did not have enough floor

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

Debbie and I just returned from the National Grange President/Master's Conference in Maryland as I write this article. What an amazing conference it was! Thank you to Kay and Allen Stiles for organizing the event. Allen is the President of the Mary-

land State Grange and Kay, his wife, is the National Grange Pomona. Pennsylvania and Delaware provided assistance to Maryland in hosting the event.

We began Friday evening with a panel discussion on organizing and reorganizing Granges. There is a need today as much as ever for what a Grange

has to offer to each community. Family values, includes the entire family, community service, legislative action to improve life in urban and rural communities, and a way to make a difference in your community.

We attended workshops all day Saturday, each being approximately 45 minutes in length. The workshops covered a variety of topics from Grange record keeping, bonding, Junior program, program preparation, and how to develop an interactive program. An interactive program is one you would use at a fair or community event that requires those who stop by to get involved in a learning presentation. These are espe-

cially attractive to those who have no knowledge of the subject or to a younger age group who could "get their hands dirty" and learn at the same time.

Another workshop was on all the benefits offered to our members through the National Grange and how to register on the National Grange website to gain access to the benefits. It was really interestto our members through both the Pennsylvania State Grange and the National Grange.

I would encourage all of you to ask your Lecturer/Program Director to invite Lizzie Bailey our Public Relations/Membership Consultant, a State Officer, a History Committee member, Vince Phillips our Legislative Consultant, or myself to your Grange to present

a program. We are an amazing organization with so much to offer, let's share it with others in our community. It's how we can cultivate connections in 2020!!



ing to hear how many of us there have saved by taking advantage of one or more of the benefits.

Pennsylvania State Grange offers many member benefits that allow our members to save money on vacations or memberships to other businesses like Sam's Club that will save you money every time you

shop. Lizzie Bailey has written an article that is in this edition on the benefits and the advantages of the benefits a vailable

Fraternally, Wayne D. Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange President president@pagrange.org







Chaplain's Corner Judy Pressler PA State Grange Chaplain

in my readings, I had come across the admonition to **"DO NOT WOR-RY!"** Don't worry about what to

eat, what to wear, what to write, or even what about tomorrow. By worrying, can I add one inch to my height (actually, as expected for someone my age, I'm

shrinking!) or can I add one more hour to my life (which, looking at the big picture, has been a blessed run)?

I began thinking of things I have been worrying about *in addition to my article*: medical diagnoses for some friends, grieving family members, news headlines, qualifications of the painter we hired, what clothes I will need for our anniversary trip, how old I will be on my next birthday, etc.

You know, worry can damage your health, consume your thoughts, disrupt your productivity, affect your treatment of others

AND most importantly, **reduce** your ability to trust in or your reliance on God. Worrying is time well wasted!

His suggestion is to **seek Him first**. Pay attention to what God has done, what God is doing, and what God promises. **Be still and know that He is God**. If He cares so deeply for the livelihood of the birds, the beauty of the wildflowers and even knows how many hairs (or bare spaces) on your head, we must realize how very much He cares for us. We are **special** in His sight!. He has promised to never abandon us and will be with us each step of the way.

So put **WORRY** aside. **RELY** on and **REJOICE** in God's promises.

REMEMBER "His Eye is on the Sparrow and *We* Know He Watches *Us*"

Worry Happy

If Punxsutawney Phil, that famous Pennsylvania groundhog, was correct that we'd have an early spring and if April sent her refreshing showers, we should be enjoying May flowers. Tulips, daffodils and crocuses will be finishing up their grand show just in time for lilacs, forsythia and roses to make their splendid debuts. Robins, bluebirds, sparrows, and various other summer-time birds will have begun their "nesting" routines.

What a glorious time of the year! One of those times that remind us of how great God's love truly is. It is so important for us

to remember how much God cares for us compared to the lilies of the field and the birds of the air.

Finally, one day, standing in my kitchen peeling apples for sauce, I had been fretting to Lee and agonizing because I hadn't gotten any ideas from God and my deadline was approaching FAST. Then, maybe because I was "still" and "listened", I started thinking of how many times in the past week

Excerpt from a Mormon Tabernacle Hymn

Consider the lilies of the field,
How they grow, how they grow.
Consider the birds in the sky,
How they fly, how they fly.
He clothes the lilies of the field.
He feeds the birds in the sky.
And He will feed those who trust Him,
And guide them with His eye.

Praying for love in all aspects of your lives, Judy Pressler, Chaplain jxp2@psu.edu





Grange Benefits

Who doesn't like to save monev? I encourage each and ev-

ery one of us to look closely our Grange Member Benefits on Pennsylvania the State Grange and National websites. Do you know that we offer insurance

coverage for health, life, property, and vision options?

We have two credits union that are options for you to join. Members 1st offers great investing options and PSECU can't be beat with their rates on home or car loans and credit card offerings.

If you are planning on a summer vacation, concerts, or even going to the movies make sure to register for Tickets at Work. There are discounts for just about everything that you would want to do for summer fun!

Get up to 40% Cash Back at over 2,500 stores No points. No fees. No forms. Stores pay Rakuten a commission for sending you their way, And Rakuten shares the commission with you as Cash Back.

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When you sign up and make a purchase you receive \$10. The Pennsylvania State Grange receives a referral stipend... If asked for a referral code use: pagrange

Membership News Lizzie Bailey PA State Grange Membership & PR Director

We also have the discount online program Rakuten. When you register and make your first purchase you receive \$10.And the Pennsylvania State Grange receives a one- time stipend. Use the following link to register for Rakuten: https://www.ra-

> kuten.com/r/ PAGRAN24?eeid=28187

> What better way to help assist the Pennsylvania State Grange with

funding and receiving cash rebates for yourself!



Grange Benefits = Saved \$\$\$!

I know that we all talk about the cost of membership to the many differorganizations that we belong to, but quite honestly, my Grange membership is my most treasured! I love spending time with my Grange family,

> working on events

and programs that benefit my community and beyond. We all are interested in the many rural and urban issues that we can address through legislative policy. The investment of 12 cents a day for an adult membership is a huge bargain for the return.



Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail

We are looking for few volunteers who enjoy doing some online research in reference to the

> Heritage Quilt Blocks. If you are interested in learning a little bit more and how you can help from the comfort of working on this project at home, please call Lizzie at 717-254-9950 email:

publicrelations@pagrange.org.









Family Activities
Melanie Melius
PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hello everyone! I hope you all are well. I have a few things I need to share with you. There is a new contest this year... it is under the **Embroidery, Counted Cross Stitch, and Plastic Canvas**. It is 16A and it will be Cross Stitch. These entries will be judged separate from each other.

Also, if you didn't get Quilt Block tickets, or you sold all of your tickets and need more, PLEASE let me know call me (814)-360-7058 or email me, melmelius59@gmail. com I will be glad to mail you tickets. Tickets have to be back to me no later than the end of September. We will be drawing a name at State Session, and the State Office has a

new rule for this year that we can not sell tickets at State Session. If you have tickets you are not going to sell please send back to me, and if you sold your tickets get the stubs to me before September.

Next, I want to share with you that we collected and delivered 60 pounds of food, to the food bank, at one of our recent meetings! "Way to go" to everyone who donated!

The Family Activities community service this year is Veterans Home in Hollidaysburg and VA hospital. Here is a list of the things they need:

Men's clothing (Sizes: Small - 5x)

- Sweatpants & Lounge Pants
- Sweatshirts (pullover & zip up)
- Buttondown Flannel Shirts

- Winter Coats
- Tshirts (short & long sleeve)
- Underwear /Boxer Briefs (new, unopened package)
- Sturdy Sneakers/Boots/ Slippers (Sizes 8 - 14... Med & Wide)
- Socks

Women's Clothing (Especially 2x-4x):

- Elastic waist pants and Sweatpants
- Shirts/Sweaters/Cardigans
- Socks.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Postage stamps
- Headphones (No Earbuds)
- Umbrellas Batteries (AA, AAA, C & D)
- Body Wash (Men's & Women's)
- Toothpaste
 Women's Hair Ties/Pins/
 Clips
- Amazon Gift Cards Men's Wallets
- Reading Glasses
- Suspenders
 Board Games
 Unopened Puzzles
- · Universal Remotes
- Wristwatches
 Men's Belts
 Slippers (all sizes)

Just bring the items to Family Fest in July. Hope to see you all There and Everyone stays Well.

Yours Truly, Melanie Melius Family Activities Director melmelius59@gmail.com or mle103@comcast.net cell (814) 360-7058







Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope this article finds you well and getting ready for the summer.

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

The first regional leadership conference was held on March 7th at Logan Grange in Centre County and was a success! More than 50 people attended the conference, including members of the Bald Eagle FFA who led a Parliamentary Procedure demonstration. Attendees prepared 99 gift bags to donate to local police stations. The workshops provided leadership training from many of the PA State Grange departments. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated!

As I write this article, the March 28th conference at Big Knob Grange in Beaver County is in the process of being rescheduled for Saturday, May 30th. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! At this time, the Kutztown Grange conference scheduled for May 2nd is still on. Please check the State Grange website, the Facebook page, and the weekly email blasts for more information.

FAMILY FESTIVAL

This year's Family Festival is scheduled for July 16-19 at the Centre County Fairgrounds in Centre Hall. There are many fun activities and workshops schedProgram Director
Jenn Nauss
PA State Grange Program Director

uled for the weekend. Check out the schedule and plan to join us! The Lecturer's Committee is hosting a "Paint and Create" workshop during Family Festival. The group will be led in how to create a painting on canvas step-by-step. By breaking down the process stepby-step, everyone can participate and create a beautiful work of art, even those who do not consider themselves to be artists. The Art contest is within the Lecturer's department and paintings created at Family Festival may be submitted in that contest. Registration for this workshop is \$10 and will cover the expenses of all materials.

TALENT CONTEST

The Talent Contest takes place each year at the Family Festival held at the Centre County Fairgrounds in July. The Talent Contest is a great opportunity for Grangers to share their gifts with others. This is a National Contest; the Best of Show winner advances to the Evening of Excellence at the National Grange Convention. Preregistration by contacting the State Lecturer is recommended. but not required. Please contact me at jnauss89@gmail.com or (717) 512-1261 to let me know if you plan on participating

This year's Talent Contest will be on Saturday, July 18th at 7:00 pm. Please strongly encourage your members to participate in the Talent Contest! This year, the National Convention is in Valley Forge – right here in our own state! What an honor it would be to represent Pennsylvania in the Evening of Excellence while the

National Convention is here! The details and rules are included below:

Classes:

- 1. Instrumental
- 2. Vocal
- 3. Variety/Other Acts

Division:

1. Subordinate (14+)

Rules:

- 1. Time Limit: No minimum; all acts will be held to a 5 minute maximum.
- 2. Participants must provide their own accompaniment (either live or recorded).
- 3. Best of Show winner from the previous year may not enter the Talent Contest in the same class the following year.

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

REPORTS AND CONTESTS

Now is the time to work on preparing your reports and contest entries for the State Session in October. Please reference the 2020-2021 Guide to Contests and Programs that was distributed to your Granges last October and is on the website (pagrange.org). Reports and Scrapbooks are due to me by September 15th.

New for this year are the "Design a Program" contest and the "Lecturer's Grant". The "Design a Program" contest is open to all Grange members. Entries should include a detailed plan for the program, including the name of the program, what materials are needed, an outline of the program, the number of participants, and the length of the program. Entries are due to me by September 15th. Winning programs will receive a



monetary award of \$30 for first place, \$20 for second place, and \$10 for third place. All entries will be compiled into a "Lecturers' Idea Book," which will be available to Lecturers and other members.

The "Lecturer's Grant" aims to provide support for those Lecturers who are preparing – or who would like to prepare – high-quality programs, but may lack the financial resources to make them a reality. The "Lecturer's Grant" will provide at least one grant of \$100 to winning Lecturers. Entries should include a program proposal, budget proposal, and a brief letter of need (500 word maximum). Entries are due to me by September 15th for judging prior to the State Session.

Please look at the Guide to Contests and Programs for more details about these and other Lecturer Contests.

NATIONAL GRANGE

2020 is an exciting year for Pennsylvania as we prepare to host the National Convention in Valley Forge in November. The host committee has been hard at work making sure that it will be a successful and enjoyable convention. Please plan to visit the con-

vention this year, whether this is your first National Session or you attend every year. Pennsylvania does not host the National Convention very often, so this will be the closest National Session is to us for several years. Come get your 7th Degree, see the delegates at work, and join the tours that are scheduled (see more information on tours in this issue of the PGN)!

Registration should be live – or will be going live soon – so please keep checking the website, the PGN, the Facebook page, and the weekly email blasts for more information and details! You won't want to miss this!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

PROGRAM IDEAS May

- National Blood Pressure Month – Plan a program about heart health and arrange for free health screenings. Invite the community!
- National Barbecue Month
 Plan a program about summer safety. Have a covered-dish barbecue meal be-

fore or after.

June

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

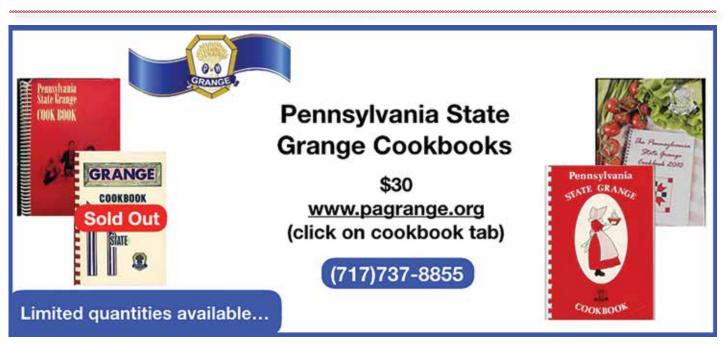
 Plan a program about pet adoption. Work with your Community Service chairperson to coordinate a collection of items to donate to a local shelter.

July

As I write this, it is still unknown whether the 2020 Olympics will still continue. Host your own "Grange Olympics!" Plan fun activities with some friendly competition among your members. Do an egg and spoon relay race, have a horseshoe or corn-hole tournament, or any other fun relay/contest. Get medals (from the dollar store or Walmart) or prizes for your winning teams!

Jenn Nauss Lecturer jnauss89@gmail.com







Junior News

Happy Spring/Summer to all the Juniors and friends!

This is one of my favorite seasons and not just because the sun is shining more or the birds are singing their songs. Not because of the beautiful flowers blooming or the trees in their full green glory again. The reason I love this sea-



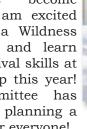
son, is because it is Junior Grange Camp Season!! Whether it is a County camp or the State Camp... it is a great time to be a Junior in PA! In this edition you will find a copy of the State Camp Application. At the top in a box is a link to complete the application online with a payment option as well. If you are able to do the online version - please do. I think it will be less paperwork in the end for evervone. Also, PLEASE share the camp opportunity with all of the Juniors and let them know they can invite a friend to join them. Sometimes new ventures are more fun with a friend by your side. Of

Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio

PA State Grange Junior Committee

course new friends are always made at camp, and many of those friendships become lifelong! I am excited to go on a Wildness Adventure and learn some Survival skills at State Camp this year! The Committee has been busy planning a fun time for everyone!



I want to share a little bit of my workshop that I presented at the Regional Leadership Conferences this Spring. The first was held at Logan Grange in Centre County, then we went to Big Knob Grange in Beaver County and will be finishing up on the Eastern side of the state at Kutztown in Berks County. One of the key points that I made was to embrace and accept change in order to grow. You have heard over and over that the Youth are the future of

our Organization. While I truly believe that, I also know that without the young people in our "Family Fraternal Order" we are missing part of the "Family". Our young people are being asked to do more community service and care about their environment more than ever through their school lessons. What better time AND place to give them the opportunity to continue their service than within our Grange Family. They need us as much as we need them. But do the young people or younger families know you (we) even exist as an Organization? We have the opportunity to invite FFA members and with the



financial help to pay their dues for their first year...we should all have an increase in our membership! Don't stop at the FFA youth. Invite the Boy/Girl Scouts and their families to be a part of us. Partner with them on a community project. Help the older Scouts earn their Eagle Rank or Gold Stara Rank by discussing how they can help out your Grange with a project. Another Organization that is flourishing is the Miss Agriculture USA program. These young girls, ladies and women are implored to promote Agriculture. Aren't we doing the same? There are Miss Ag Queens in nearly every county in PA and the program is also National. These families are whom we want and need to help us grow as an Organization. Let me know if you want more information and I can help you reach out to any of these groups.

Springtime is a Season of Growth... lets also Grow our Granges!

Fraternally, Lurae Benzio Junior Grange Director Benz4@comcast.net 724-643-5750

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LIGHT THE CAKE!!!

The State Grange's 150th anniversary celebration, beginning with the April 2021 kick-off and continuing through the 2023 session in Reading, PA will be a significant milestone and one that requires a significant amount of funding to be raised. Delegates at the 2019 state session approved a resolution that suspends the normal convention hosting responsibilities by geographic regions of the state and calls upon all Granges in Pennsylvania to provide the manpower and financial resources to

History Committee
Doug Bonsall
PA State Grange History Committee
Director

SAVE THE DATE!!!

make a really special session possible. At this point, plans are in the early stages for a historical pageant, special acts of service, an anniversary banquet and the conferral of the Fifth and Sixth Degrees in full form (including the beautiful and uniquely Pennsylvania Ceres, Pomona and Flora drills). A fund raising campaign was started earlier this spring at the regional leadership conferences, inviting Granges and individual members to sponsor one or more of the anniversary candles to light our birthday cake. This initial project provides the opportunity to purchase one of 150 candles at any of 150 amounts of support - \$1 for candle #1 through \$150 for candle #150. Some candles have already been purchased; you can find out what candles remain and how to make your contribution by contacting: Steve & Karen Mohn, 308 Mill Road, Womelsdorf, PA 19567. Our goal is to have all candles sponsored and the cake ablaze by the time of the state session in Erie this fall.

Friends of Eagle Grange – Last fall an appeal was issued asking for financial assistance to Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County. It if from this Grange that the Patrons of Husbandry movement came to Pennsylvania in 1871 when Montgomery (PA) farmer Luke Eger contacted the National Grange for information about organizing a local unit. After some persuasion among his family and neigh-





bors, Brother Eger was finally able to find 40 persons willing to form this new fraternity. Although he thought that "there will be little difficulty in raising other clubs in this county", it was more than two years before other local Granges began to be organized in Pennsylvania, leading to the formation of the PA State Grange in September, 1873. Although Eagle Grange #1 has been continually active for the past 149 years and is planning for its 150th anniversary next year (2021), the Grange membership is small and their circa 1888 Grange Hall is in need of significant renovation to become handicapped accessible and functionally updated for more use community use. Many thanks to those Granges and individuals that have contributed over \$3,300 in answer to this appeal, providing a much needed boost to the renovations and improvements currently being planned:

- Buckhorn Grange #1119, Cambria County
- Gordon Hiller, Williamsport, PA
- Doug Bonsall, Dauphin, PA
- Michael & Jane Adams, Hamburg,

PA

- Roseville Grange #1290, Jefferson County
- Perry Valley Grange #1804, Perry County
- Jennifer Nauss, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Dayton Grange #1819, Armstrong
 County
- Star Grange #993, Northampton County
- Virginia Phillips, Edinburg, PA
- Oliver Grange #1069, Perry County
- Sanatoga Grange #25, Montgomery County
- Bernard & Elizabeth Downey, Montoursville, PA
- Delaware Grange #1895, Northumberland County
- Betsy E. Huber, Lincoln University, PA
- Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County
- C. Lamont & Ruth Wallis, Montgomery, PA
- London Grange #1492, Mercer

County

- Carmichaels Grange #1389, Greene County
- Robert F. Pardoe, Jr., Milton, PA
- Harold & Marjorie Brown, Liberty, PA
- Kimberton Grange #1304, Chester County
- Westfield Grange #1514, Lawrence County
- Valley Grange #1360, York County
- Mary Sproat, Kennett Square, PA
- Fayette-Westmoreland Pomona Grange #49
- Washington County Pomona #16
- Beaver County Pomona Grange #66
- Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28
- York-Adams Pomona Grange #40

Doug Bonsall, Chair Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee douglas.b@verizon.net



Mark Your Calendars!

Join us to kick-off the celebrations for the PA State Grange's 150th Anniversary! Saturday, April 17, 2021

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Eagle Grange #1 Open House

Celebrate the 150th Birthday of Eagle Grange #1 and drop by to learn more about Pennsylvania's historic first Grange near Williamsport 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm PA State Grange 150th Anniversary

Kick-off the celebrations for the 150th
Anniversary with a luncheon and program at the Country Cupboard in Lewisburg (a short drive from Eagle Grange #1)

Kick-Off Luncheon and Program

Turn the day into an outing! Visit some of the many unique sites in the Williamsport-Lewisburg area. Email Doug Bonsall at douglas.b@verizon.net for a list of attractions to visit before and after these Grange events.

For tickets, contact Anna May Nauss at (717) 697-5104 or amnauss@aol.com.

Tickets - \$25/person Checks made payable to the PA State Grange History Committee

Mail payment and self-addressed stamped envelope (for tickets) to:

Anna May Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



Youth News

Youth Committee Ellen Wadsworth



The Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults just completed their yearly planning meeting and have initiated several new programs for this coming year.

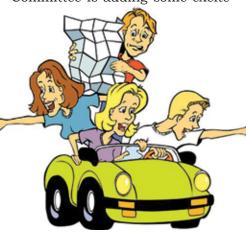
With the cancellation of the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference, plans are being worked to hold the regional contests public-speaking, sign-a-song and Grange baseball sometime over the next few months. Stav tuned for more updates on these great contests.

If you are a young adult, 21 or over, and you marked your calendar to participate in the annual Young Adults Weekend, April 17-19, we have postponed that weekend activity to 21-23 August. The sign-up link is: https://form. jotform.com/200697787218165 and we will be staying in the Harrisburg area. Plan to arrive anytime Friday evening for an optional activity and then be ready to kick off the exciting weekend Saturday morning! More info will be posted on the sign-up link, State Grange website as well as the Youth and Young Adults Facebook page soon.

Youth Camp is coming up quickly and this year we are celebrating the Summer Olympics. Sign up today to join in the fun with the 2020 Grange Olympics! The sign-up link is: https://form. jotform.com/200735641693154 or use the paper form in this issue of the PGN. Bring your friends

to help your "country" win the Grange Olympics!

The Youth and Young Adults Committee is adding some excite-



ment to the Family Festival weekend this year! We are planning a Volleyball Tournament and hope to see teams from all around the state - both youth and old timers! Come up for the day (Saturday) or join us for the entire weekend. Eliminations will be held in the morning and the final round will be held at 4 pm Saturday afternoon. Sign-up for the Volleyball Tournament is: https://form.jotform.com/200735828888066 and rules will be sent out to all who



sign up by email as well as posted on the State Grange Youth webpage and Facebook.

Also coming to Family Festival is the 2020 Grange Road Rally! The Youth and Young Adults Department is hosting a Road Rally on Saturday afternoon, July 18th. Sign up for this exciting Grange Road Rally is: https://form.jotform. com/200736086540149. Similar to the Volleyball Tournament, the rules will be posted at the above link as well as the State Grange Youth webpage and Facebook.

Calling all Young Adults, 22 to 35! Are you interested in representing the Pennsylvania State Grange and the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Department for the next year? If so, come to Family Festival and participate in the selection process for this honor! If you have questions, email youth@pagrange.org.

We are always looking for new ideas and ways to help our fellow Grangers. We also have our Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors, Young Patrons, as well as our committee and myself, who are ready and willing to provide a program for your Grange or event. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions or requests for assistance!

Ellen Wadsworth PA State Grange Youth and Young **Adults Director**

Cell: 417-967-6474, email: youth@pagrange.org





PA State Grange Youth Camp 2020 Olympics!!! June 26-28, 2020

JOIN US for the 2020 Grange Olympics at Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA 16841 / (814) 355-5652

| Name | M F |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Address | Age DOB |
| City: | State:Zip: |
| Telephone:Cell: | Grange/County: |
| E-Mail: | 1 st Year Youth Camper: Yes No |
| Shirt Size:SMLXL _ | XXLXXXL |
| *** ALLERGIES*** | |
| Emergency Contact & Telephone Number(| s): |

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

Each person will pay \$60.00

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

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

Participants need to bring their own bedding, towels, washcloths and personal toiletries.

Additional information and directions will be posted online or emailed or sent to you after your application is received.

Look for details/registration online: https://form.jotform.com/200735641693154
PA State Grange Webpage and the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults Facebook page!
Or mail in paper copy to: PA Grange Youth, c/o Ellen Wadsworth, 362 University Road,

Lincoln University, PA 19352

QUESTIONS?? Email: Youth@pagrange.org / Cell: 417-967-6474 Registration and Camp Fee Deadline: 1 June 2020





NEW: ONLINE APPLICATION and PAYMENT OPTION AVAILABLE by going to this link

https://form.jotform.com/200615538875158

2020 Pennsylvania Junior Grange **Camper Application**

June 28 – July 4, 2020

Camp Sylvan Hills Christian Camp - Howard, PA For Junior Grange age 7-14



"WILDLIFE ADVENTURE & SURVIVAL"

| Name: IVI F |
|---|
| Address: |
| Phone/Cell: Email: |
| Date of Birth: (NEW) Age they will be on <u>12/31/2020</u> |
| Grange Name & Number: |
| First year at Camp? Yes No How many years in Jr Grange? |
| CAMPER FEE - \$155.00 (This reflects a \$15 credit from the Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund) |
| **Sibling Discount: 1st child = full price of \$155 and then a \$15 reduction for every child after. (2nd = \$140, 3rd = \$140) |
| PAYMENT OPTIONS: |
| Enclosed is my check or money order payable to: Pennsylvania Junior Grange Please email me at the above email address with a way to pay with debit/credit card online. |
| REGITRATION AND CAMP FEE DEADLINE: JUNE 8. 2020 |
| Any application postmarked after June 8, 2020 will be subject to an additional \$20.00 and will not be guaranteed a camp t-shirt |
| A full Camp packet will be mailed with more information to all who submits this application. |
| ****Once again we are making it OPTIONAL to bring a food donation. PLEASE put an "X" on the line below if you are willing to bring a food donation to camp. Your donation will be listed in your cmap packet or emailed directly to you. Thank you! |
| YES, I am willing to bring a food donation to camp |
| T-SHIRT SIZE: (Circle one below) |
| Child Med / Child Large / Adult Small / Adult Med / Adult Large / Adult X-Large / Adult 2XL / Adult 3XL |
| **MAIL THIS FORM AND CHECK (if applicable) to Director Lurae Benzio: 103 Highland Dr. Industry, PA 15052 |





Family Festival

"SURVIVAL ON GRANGE ISLAND" Schedule of Events July 16-19, 2020



| 1:00 - 4:30 | Registration- Bldg A | | Saturday, July 18 |
|--------------|--|---------------|--|
| 5:30 - 6:30 | Dinner - Bldg D | 7:30-8:30 | Breakfast - Bldg D |
| 7:00-8:00 | Welcome & Betsy Huber & Wayne | | (Announce Young Patron Finalists) |
| | Campbell Workshop - Bldg A | 8:30 | Group Photo – Location TBD |
| 8:00-8:30 | Rootbeer; Coke; Orange Floats | 9:00-11:30 | Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B |
| 8:30-9:30 | Bring your Favorite Game | 9:00-10:00 | English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 - Limit 5 |
| | Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C | 9:00-10:30 | Youth Activity - TBA - Bldg A |
| 9:30 | Vespers - Bldg A | 10:00-11:30 | Young Patron Interviews – Bldg B |
| 11:00 | Quiet Time & Lights Out | 10:00-11:00 | English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 - Limit 5 |
| | | 10:00 - 11:30 | Lecturer's Workshop – Paint & Create |
| | | 11:00-12:00 | Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit |
| | Friday, July 17 | 12:00-1:00 | Lunch - Bldg D |
| 7:30-8:30 | Breakfast - Bldg D | | (Impromptu Question to Young |
| 7.50 0.50 | Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C | | Patron Finalists) |
| 9:00-10:00 | English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5 | 1:00 | Youth Activity – Road Rally |
| 9:30-11:30 | Registration - Bldg A | 1:00-3:30 | Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C |
| 10:00-11:00 | English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5 | 1:00-2:00 | PR Workshop – Grange Survivor 101 - |
| 10:00-11:00 | Legislative Updates - Vince Philips | | Lizzie-Bldg A |
| 11:00-12:00 | English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5 | 2:00-4:00 | Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B - |
| 11:00-2:30 | Tour-Rhoneymeade Farm - Carpool - | | Small - \$5.00; Large - \$10.00 |
| | 3 mi. Bagged Lunch Included | 4:00 | Volley Ball Tournament |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch - Bldg D | 5:00-6:00 | Dinner - Bldg D |
| 2:00-4:00 | Registration - Bldg A | | Baked Ham; Scalloped Potatoes; |
| 3:00-4:30 | Meeting Grease – Dr. Diamond | | Corn; Sweet Potatoes; |
| | Basic Meeting Parliamentary Procedure | | Applesauce; Tossed Salad |
| 3:00-5:00 | Junior/Youth Water Games | 7:00 | Talent Contest - Bldg A |
| 5:30-6:30 | Dinner - Bldg D - Hamburgers; Hot Dogs; | | Introduction of Royalty |
| | Macaroni Salad; Baked Beans; Cookies | | Ice Cream Social |
| Hosted by th | ne FA; Assisted by Youth Department | 44.00 | Vespers |
| 7:00-9:00 | Survival Challenges Bldg A | 11:00 | Quiet Time & Lights Out |
| 9:00 | Vespers-Bldg A | D. C. C | ittae is baying a Silant Austian all |
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Knowledge TEST - Bldg C

Quiet Time & Lights Out

Rhoneymeade Sculpture Garden and Arboretum Leonard Rhone Family Farm Sunday, July 19

D&CS Committee is having a Silent Auction all

weekend and donations are appreciated!

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

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

Wishing you a safe trip Home!

9:30

11:00





Survival on Grange Island

*** Please note: PA State Grange is discounting

each space \$5.00 for Tents & Campers. Centre Co.

Fair have increased their prices.

R.S.V.P by June 15, 2020

Pennsylvania State Grange **Family Festival** July 16-19, 2020

Make checks payable to: PA State Grange

PA State Grange Attn: Family Festival

20 Erford Rd, Suite 216 Lemoyne PA 17043

Send Registration & Payment to:

| Name: | MEALS (please check desired meals – | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Email: | (Adult meals only) \$5.50 Discount if you get ALL Meals Children 4 and under are Free, ages 5-11 half price. | | | | |
| Phone: | All Meals \$41.00 | | | | |
| | Thursday Dinner \$8.00 | | | | |
| Grange: | Friday Breakfast \$4.50 | | | | |
| County: | Friday Lunch \$5.50 | | | | |
| county. | Friday Dinner \$6.00 | | | | |
| Tent (\$15 per night/ NOT per person) | Saturday Breakfast \$4.50 | | | | |
| - N. W. W. W. W. M. H. | Saturday Lunch \$5.50 | | | | |
| Tent mates: | Saturday Dinner \$8.00 | | | | |
| | Sunday Breakfast \$4.50 | | | | |
| | Tent Fee Per Night X \$15.00 | | | | |
| NOT per person) (Fees have increased) | RV/Camper Fee Per Night X \$25.00 RV Dumping Fee(\$25.00) | | | | |
| RV/Camper-mates: | | | | | |
| kv/camper-mates: | Registration Fee (\$5.00/person-4 and under Free) | | | | |
| Length: Ft. Trailer or Motor Home (Circle) | Rhoneymeade Sculpture Farm (\$6.00) Includes a bagged lunch | | | | |
| Dump <mark>prior to le</mark> aving (Fee \$25) | English Paper Piecing Workshop (\$3.00) Choose 1 st ; 2 nd and 3 rd Choices | | | | |
| Day of Arrival: | Fri <mark>-9</mark> :00;Fri-10:00;Fri-11:00 Sat- <mark>9</mark> :00;Sat-10:00 | | | | |
| Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday | Quilt Block Workshop (\$40.00) | | | | |
| Hotel- Please make your own reservation Reservations block reserved at— | Paint & Create (\$10.00) | | | | |
| Ramada Conference Center | Stained Glass Workshop | | | | |
| 1450 South Atherton St. | (\$5.00 - Small \$10.00 - Large) | | | | |
| 814-238-3001 | TOUR | | | | |
| \$77.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT | T-Shirt Child S M L XL (\$8.00) | | | | |
| Use Group Code PAGRANGE20 | | | | | |
| | Adult S M L XL (\$10.00) | | | | |
| MUST STATE WITH PA STATE GRANGE TO GET OUR RATE. | Adult 2XL 3XL 4XL (12.00) Pocket — No Pocket (Please Circle Size) | | | | |
| Deadline for rate is June 18, 2020 | Total Cost | | | | |

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New Hampshire Civics 101

Article & Photos by Lizzie Bailey

New Hampshire's residents take great pride in their political history as they celebrated their centennial of being the First in the Nation to vote this year.

The few years prior to 1920, some states cancelled their primaries due to low voter turnout and the state of Indiana moved their primary to May which put New Hampshire as the first presidential primary election in the country in 1920. The opportunity of being first may have come about more by happenstance, but NH embraced it.

The Grangers who attended were very fortunate to have as their legislative fly-in hosts, Bob Haefner and Tara Sad. They both have served in the New Hampshire legislature for ten years and brought a wealth of information about the political processes.

Haefner shared what makes the primary election so special. He said, "The NH Primary is the first Primary contest for both parties

to choose their candidates to run for/ be nominated to run for President. In most states the Primary season is pretty short, but in NH and Iowa, it is a two-year process. It is retail politics at its best. Anyone that wants to run for president has the opportunity to join the

race for a relatively cheap cost. Most of the two-year process of running in NH is very small gatherings in people's homes, where you can hear a candidate speak. You are able in those small gatherings, and there are hundreds of them, you have the opportunity to ask questions and just have a chance to have a conversation with the candidate".

Haefner adds, "This New Hampshire process affects us all because the press follows each serious candidate for the two years, the rest of the country is introduced to them as well. We also have a tendency to narrow the field. For those across our country who do not get to see candidates

up close in person, in the larger

states, almost all of the exposure they have is with press reports or TV Ads."

New Hampshire has 400 legislators. Sad shared details of what it means to be a legislator in New Hampshire. "The New Hampshire



Civil War Flags on display in the lobby of the New Hampshire State Capitol

representative is paid \$100. a year, before taxes. There is no office fully staffed to handle the daily work. Days start early and can be long." The legislators are very hands on reading, writing, and revising bills. Sad included that there is no housing budget, so if





New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner talking to Grangers about the NH political primary

you are coming from a distance, you are responsible for overnight accommodations.

Why would someone want to serve for such meager pay and such a heavy workload? "Well" said Sad, "In speaking to everyone I served with over the 20 years, the universal answer is 'Because it's my civic duty'. We take that very seriously in NH. "She also adds, "they

take their jobs as representative seriously, too (at least most of them, that Another is that becoming a representative is inexpensive and relatively easy to do. You don't have to worry about buying TV advertisements or radio spots. There aren't intense debates or stressful campaigns. You do knock on doors, but that's fun. And being a representative is something you can take

pride in. I think that's the biggest

part."

The discussion of politics swirled through the air everywhere the Grangers went. The locals spoke with such passion about the political process, which was contagious, as you learned more about what makes this NH primary tick. The Grangers

had a busy time as they toured the New Hampshire State Capitol, and were welcomed by Speaker of the House Stephen Shurtleff, Secretary of State Bill Gardner, and Commissioner of Agriculture Shawn Jasper who all spoke to the group.

We were served a fabulous breakfast at the NH State Grange and all the local Grangers were fabulous to volunteer their services to make this trip such a wonderful adventure and learning experience.



The Co-Hosts for the National Grange Legislative Fly-In that was held in New Hampshire

Tara Sad is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a degree in business administration. She had careers in the film, television, and legal professions in Los Angeles and New York City before moving to Walpole, New Hampshire more than 25



years ago. Tara served for 10 years in the New Hampshire House of Representative, four of those as chair of the Environment and Agriculture Committee and four as the ranking member. While in the House, she also served on the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules and the Dairy Task Force, in addition to chairing the state's Rural Affairs Commission and the Milk Producers Emergency Relief Fund Board. Tara is a longtime and active member of The Council of State Governments Eastern Regional Conference.

Bob Haefner has a master's degree in management from Lesley University and a B.S. in business administration from Hawthorne College, magna cum laude. He served his military obligation in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and spent 36 years with Fortune 500 companies in people, process, and program management. After retiring from HP, Bob ran for the New Hampshire House of Representatives and spent 10 years on the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, four of those as ranking member and four as chair. Bob is a fellow of the Eastern Leadership Academy. During his time in the legislature Bob chaired the Dairy, the Department of Agriculture, and the Cooperative Extension Centennial committees as well as the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab funding study. Bob is a county director of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau and a member of the Farm Bureau government affairs, policy, and dairy committees. He has been active in State Agriculture and Rural Leaders (SARL). He has been a member of the NH State Grange Executive Committee and the Legislative Director for the State Grange.



NATIONAL GRANGE TOURS

Mark your calendars for the week of November 17-22 to attend the National Convention in Valley Forge, PA! There are several tours planned for this year's National Convention - make a trip and plan to join us!

Register, today, at www.nationalgrange.org!

General Tour - Option 1 Friday, November 20 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$30

Tour of Historic Philadelphia and Valley Forge

Visit the city at the heart of the American Revolution. Depart the Valley Forge Casino Resort for a morning in Philadelphia! Visit the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were signed. Tour participants should have time to explore other historic Philadelphia locations, as well.

Enjoy lunch in Philadelphia; suggestions will be provided to participants.

After leaving Philadelphia, participants will travel to Valley Forge National Historical Park for a private bus tour of the park with a few stops at important sites along the way.

Youth Tour Friday, November 20 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$20

Tour of Historic Philadelphia and On-Site Service Project

Visit the city at the heart of the American Revolution. Depart the Valley Forge Casino Resort for a morning in Philadelphia! Visit the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were signed. Tour participants should have time to explore other historic Philadelphia locations, as well.

Enjoy lunch in Philadelphia; suggestions will be provided to participants.

After leaving Philadelphia, youth will return to the King of Prussia area for an on-site service project.

General Tour - Option 2 Friday, November 20 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$30

Tour of the Muhlenberg Properties and Valley Forge

For anyone who has already experienced Philadelphia or for those looking for less hustle and bustle – Visit the home of Frederick Muhlenberg, the first Speaker of the House of US Representatives, in nearby Trappe. Also tour the home of his father, renowned Lutheran pastor, Henry Muhlenberg, and Augustus Lutheran Church, the oldest Lutheran church building in the United States.

After leaving Philadelphia, participants will travel to Valley Forge National Historical Park for a private bus tour of the park with a few stops at important sites along the way.

*Note: Wheelchair accessibility is difficult

Junior Tour Saturday, November 21 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$20

Tour of the Franklin Institute and the Liberty Bell

Juniors will have the opportunity to visit the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. The Franklin Institute was founded in 1824 in honor of America's first scientist – Ben Franklin. Since then, it has been one of America's most celebrated museums! Experience interactive exhibits that are fun for kids of all ages!

After leaving the Franklin Institute, juniors will tour the Liberty Bell, one of America's most famous symbols of freedom and justice.



PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

2020 National Grange Convention – Eastern Region

November 14-21, 2020 Host Committee Meeting Volunteer Information Sheet

| Name: | Phone: |
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| Check if we can text you | |
| Email Address: | |
| Days & Times Available: | |
| Date Saturday, November 15 Sunday, November 16 Monday, November 16 Tuesday, November 17 Wednesday, November 17 Thursday, November 1 Friday, November 20 Saturday, November 2 Sunday, November 22 | r 18 |
| Host Office help (bus/a Registration Van Driver Store help Showcase monitor Foundation Mercantile Ironing/Laundry Hospitality room Crochet and knitting de | pers or teachers lector/counter (National Grange rule that you must be registered in Safe Gatherings) |
| Email the form or inform | ation to Debbie Campbell at secretary@pagrange.org. Cell number 717.275.4469. |



February 26, 2020

GRANGE PRESIDENT SEEKS PENN STATE TRUSTEE SPOT

LEMOYNE, PA... Pennsylvania State President Wayne Campbell announced that he is seeking a position on the Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees. In submitting his nomination, Campbell pointed to his service as Grange President as a way of helping Penn State "provide a link between the university and our grass roots constituencies."

A lifelong Grange member and serving as President of the Pennsylvania State Grange since 2017, Campbell pointed to the Pennsylvania State Grange's advocacy for rural and urban residents in seeking universal access to high-speed Broadband, increasing dairy consumption to create more demand, improved health care, and many other concerns of Pennsylvanians.

"Many of these are inter-related with Penn State. Broadband ties into improvements in rural health because Telemedicine cannot work without connectivity. Dairy consumption may be a consumer matter but agricultural research is the foundation of the Dairy industry. The success of Agriculture depends on innovative research that improves technology, developing new ways to improve conservation practice and educating the brilliant minds of our youth, "he said. "The common denominator for these is the Penn State Land Grant University. Much of my work with the Pennsylvania State Grange has been to help leg-

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 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.

islators better understand the vital role Penn State plays in keeping Agriculture the Number One industry in PA, promoting their research to protect our livestock, bees, forests, and all aspects of agriculture and the need to fund Penn State properly."

Wayne Campbell's dedication to, and the love of agriculture began early, having been born into a family dairy farm and owning his own Holstein cows by the age of 14. He went on to assist farmers by working as a Certified farm equipment technician for New Holland and J.I. Case. For over 25 years he worked for General Motors dealerships where he served as Warranty Administrator, Service Manager, and performed diagnostic trouble-shooting. His background includes service with a transportation firm providing transportation for the elderly and others to medical and other destinations. "That work in particular gave me a real awareness of the needs of seniors and the consequences of isolation and difficulties in receiving nearby health care," he said. Early in his Grange career, Campbell served six years on the Pennsylvania State Grange Agriculture Committee, created to advise the Grange on policy matters.

Agricultural Delegate elections of the Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University will take place in University Park on May 7, 2020. Preceding that, each county with agricultural groups must select three delegates at county caucuses April 16. Details on the Trustee process: Shelly Zeigler-Byers 814-865-2521.

March 4, 2020

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE TESTIFIES on DAIRY FEED CHALLENGE

HARRISBURG...The Pennsylvania State Grange called on the PA Milk Marketing Board (PMMB) to maintain the over-order premium payment at \$1.00 per hundredweight on qualifying milk at a hearing March 4. Testifying on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Lancaster County dairy farmer Matt Espenshade noted the recently higher blend price for the milk his family has shipped. He also walked the PMMB through the year with a family dairy farm where the mounting challenge was feed availability.

"The strengthening of milk prices since the last PMMB over-order premium hearing has been a welcome and long overdue development for our state's dairy farm families. In January the price we were paid for our milk eclipsed the twenty dollar per hundredweight level for the first time since January of 2015, "said Espenshade.

Despite some improvement in 2019, he pointed to 2018's weather saturation which caused difficulties in a more immediate way in 2019 – supplying feed to his milk cows. Since 2018, adverse weather conditions at planting and harvest have impacted the quantity and quality of the homegrown forages that are vital for his herd's dairy feed ration.



"The inability to raise and harvest crops at the right time has had a cascading effect since that time. We have been dealing with more shortages of feed at critical times over the past two years", he said. "It is a precarious situation to be in, and we are hoping the weather this spring is more conducive. Shortages in quality and quantity of our homegrown forages will lead to increased feed purchases during the upcoming year, putting even more strain on margins. "

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. "Part of promoting rural development in Pennsylvania is making the climate for business investment more desirable. As a dairy farmer, distance means something and the Pennsylvania State Grange believes processing closer to production would be of benefit to all involved in the state's dairy industry."

Espenshade's testimony concluded with a reminder to all parties involved in bringing milk from the farm to the consumer. "It is good to remember that all of us in this room want the same thing; that Pennsylvania milk is the first choice to be served on Pennsylvania dinner tables. I hope you will consider the plight of our farmers as you set the over-order premium for fluid milk produced, processed, and sold within Pennsylvania".

Matt Espenshade is a seventh-generation dairy farmer with family ownership dating back to 1867. His farm milks 70 cows with an 18,000-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.

March 5, 2020

GRANGE QUESTIONS COMMITMENT BY ADMINISTRATION TO BROAD-BAND

LEMOYNE... The Pennsylvania State Grange announced a position to oppose the Wolf Administration's desire to impose a severance tax to fund the Restore PA program. Restore PA would have the state borrow \$4.5 billion to fund numbers of state projects in six areas including Broadband. The Governor has not indicated how much of the \$4.5 billion would be allocated for Broadband or the other five areas, flood control, green infrastructure, transportation, remediation of contaminants (from mines). The failure to give these figures in itself is concerning.

This was predicated by the House Appropriations Committee hearing today (March 5) when a question about Broadband funding was raised by Rep. Jonathan Fritz representing Susquehanna Wayne Counties.

He asked why the Administration's State Budget contained zero monies to fund the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives. This Office was created by Governor Wolf to demonstrate the Administration's commitment to universal high-speed Broadband for rural Pennsylvania.

The answer by Budget Secretary Jen Swails was that PA should pass Restore PA first.

"This answer is completely unacceptable," said Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell. "To create the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives and provide no resources is totally inconsistent with the Administration's stated goal. It appears the Governor is saying Restore PA is the only way the Administration will work to achieve this goal. The Administration apparently felt that a Broadband promise would get rural advocates behind him."

Campbell said that this strategy backfired and will not work. "We have so far held our tongue because Broadband access is our top legislative priority. But it appears that there is little willingness on the part of the Administration which created the Governor's Office of Broadband initiatives to actually make it work unless Restore PA is passed and they are using that as a pressure tactic on legislators".

The Pennsylvania State Grange is supporting a different way to fund Broadband that does not tax the natural gas industry. The Grange's plan would allow for a minor per month surcharge on every cell phone similar to the 9aa item on telephone bills. This revenue would go into a dedicated fund which would fund the Office of Broadband Initiatives, but primarily it would provide matching funds to companies choosing to invest in expanding connectivity to residents of the Commonwealth. In essence, this means that those of us using the service are helping to expand it.

Nationally, Pew Research Center reports that 77 percent of the U.S population have and use cell phones. Statistica reports that this translates into 285.3 million smartphone users nationally. While that is a national figure, Pennsylvania doubtless reflects those numbers on a state scale.

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.

Vince Phillips Legislative Director Pennsylvania State Grange 717-346-1063 FAX 717-232-7005 legislative@pagrange.org





Lee Pressler's Antique

Article by Judith Albright



Secretary Redding greeted by Lee Pressler and his grandson William Gartner

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding sat on one of Pennsylvania's finest products at the annual Farm Show in January: a 1954 SD-4 Sheppard diesel tractor! Having grown up on a farm in a neighboring county to the factory that manufactured these tractors from 1949 to 1956, he never had an occasion to sit on one. Lee Pressler of Centre County was only too happy to provide that opportunity!

During the Secretary's visit to the 2019 Pennsylvania State Grange Convention dinner in October 2019, Lee issued the invitation, assuring him that he would take his Sheppard tractor to the



Secretary Redding seated on the Sheppard

Farm Show if he'd like to check it out. And, so the rest is history.

Although Lee never lived on a farm, he spent a lot of time on his

"Farming" Museum

grandfather's farm and it apparently "grew" on him as is evident in his collection of antique tractors and farm machinery. He began restoring them in 1981 when he hauled a 1929 McCormick Deering home.

He decided this was the year for the Sheppard since he had taken other antique tractors pre-



1929 Hart Parr

viously. Of course, he had several to choose from in his museum including two with sentimental value: the 1929 Hart Parr that belonged to his grandfather and a 1936 Farmall similar to his wife's grandmother's that burned in a fire (which displays the original drawbar). Each of the other tractors have its own story: an English Ferguson dropped off by a distant cousin, a Minneapolis Moline purchased with his dad in Belleville, an Allis Chalmers WD-45 that belonged to a long-time neighboring farmer, etc.

Through the years, Lee was not satisfied to just restore antique tractors, he branched out to include a hayloader, a John Deere grain binder, a drill, mowers, and a manure spreader. Then he added a few trucks to his collection: a M-35A2 military truck, a 1955 Chevy roll back, a 1966 OSH KOSH snow plow (which took 9 gallons of yellow paint to refinish it!).

Finally, he added cubicles with smaller antiques of interest: his grandmother's Maytag washing machine and her blue & white cookstove, vaccum cleaners, baseball memorabilia, milking items from the farm and military mementos from that period of his life.

What started out as a challenging hobby has turned into a showcase of equipment and items that provides an opportunity to journey back in time and appreciate the "good ole days" in the life of our forefathers. Lee is only too happy to welcome visitors if you call ahead.



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148TH PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE ANNUAL SESSION

October 15th-18th Erie, PA

Article by Barbara Gross

For the fifth time in the history of the Pennsylvania State Grange we are once again meeting in Erie, the fourth largest city in Pennsylvania. Past sessions were held in Erie in 1904, 1927, 1956 and 1963. It has been 64 years since we have had the honor of State Grange Session in the far Northwest corner of PA. We hope you plan on joining us.

Lots of great activities have been planned starting with choice of tours Thursday after-Erie County is known for Lake Erie with Presque Isle State Park and the Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) as well as the agriculture impact of grape growers.

A self-driving tour of Presque Isle State Park and TREC will be outlined for you. esque Isle State Park is a 3,200acre sandy peninsula that arches into Lake Erie featuring Pennsylvania's only "seashore," The park creates Presque Isle Bay, a wide and deep harbor for the city of Erie. The bay attracts many pleasure boats and worldwide freighters -- making Erie an important Great Lakes shipping port. TREC is dedicated to teaching visitors about Presque Isle and the many different forms of life that inhabit this unique peninsula. Admission is free to the interactive exhibits and the 75-foot observation tower provides a great view of the Lake.

The second tour will focus on the grape industry. Pennsvlvania's moderate climate and rolling terrain provides some of the best grape growing conditions on the East Coast. With approximately 14,000 acres of grapes, Pennsylvania ranks 4th nationally in the amount of grapes grown and 8th in wine production. The warm waters of Lake Erie are ideal for grape growing. Lake Erie Wine Country is the largest grape-growing region east of the Rockies and produce an exciting diversity of wines. A motor coach tour of three wineries with a catered dinner at the end of the tour will cost \$40 and be lim-

ited to the first 56 people who sign up! Look for this tour listed on the **BANQUET & CONFERENCE CENTER**



7792 Peach Street • Erie, PA 16509

registration form.

A few miles north of Erie in a town called Northeast is the Welch's Grape Juice Plant that has enough tanks to hold 1.8 million gallons of grape juice in cold storage to make juices, jams and jellies year-round. They process an average of 125,000 tons of grapes delivered from their family farmer-owners during each harvest season. Welch's is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year so it is just a little older than the PA State Grange! Unfortunately,

Welch's does not offer tours of their plant but if you drive the country side you will probably see grape harvesting in process.

Session will officially open on Friday at 9:00 am. With the officer's drill followed by official business. Exhibit entries will be accepted up until 10:30 with judging to take place and exhibit rooms to open from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Being a full officer election year, suggestions for officers will occur at 1:45 immediately followed by candidate's

comments. Friday evening will host the Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Competition for everyone to enjoy.

Saturday Session opens at 8:30 am and will continue with the Resolutions and break at 11:00 am for the election of officers. They Junior Grange Jam will register at 11 am and will continue through Sunday. Sixth Degree will be presented at 1:30 pm followed by announcement of new officers and completion of business. The Youth Banquet will be held Saturday evening followed by the Foundation Auction and the Youth Party.

Sunday morning church service will start at 8:00 am followed by the Junior Grange Meeting. Pick up of Exhibits will occur between 9:30 and 10:30. Granger Banquet will begin at 11:00 am with Installation of Officers and Awards. A fun filled, full schedule has been planned at the Ambassador Center which is on Peach Street - the heart of Erie's business and shopping center.

We hope you can come join us!!



Grange News

SANATOGA GRANGE #25

Granger's Celebrate 100th birthday of Adam Wambach at Sanatoga Grange #25!! At the March 4, 2020 meeting, the Sanatoga Grange #25 celebrated the 100th birthday of Adam Wambach. Adam turned a spry 100 in January and the group hon-



ored his participation in the local Grange. Adam has been a member for 65 continuous years from 1955 and served as Master of the North Coventry Grange #2011 for about ten years. Adma currently serves as Overseer of Sanasota Grange. When the North Coventry Grange consolidated, he became a member of the Sanatoga Grange #25.

Adam received a Certificate of Recognition for 65 years of Grange membership and a congratulatory letter from Wayne Campbell for both his grange membership also a happy birthday for his 100 year milestone.

Congratulations Adam!

CENTRE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #13

Centre County Pomona Grange members who serve on the Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair Committee are congratulat-



ing the 2019/2020 Centre County Grange Fair Queen Morgan Bair for her sucesss. Morgan placed in the top five finalists at the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs Convention held in January at Hershey.

At their February meeting, Centre County Pomona Grange



(Centre County Pomona Grange) 1-r: Master Ashley Furman & member Carol Ann Corman

#13 Master Ashley Furman was presented an appreciation award from Penns Valley Grange #158 member Carol Ann Corman representing the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association. Each year the Grange supports the FFA Organization by funding 10 blue and gold FFA jackets to the FFA Organization to be given to deserving freshman members.

UNION GRANGE #325

Union Grange Went Boldly

Many of us grew up with syfy program Star Trek we memorized



the opening dialog, the voyages of starship USS ENTERPRISE on its five-year mission, "is to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before!". Union Grange #325 went boldly in to the Bald Eagle School District seeking their assistance to provide a drug and alcohol prevent program in the fall of 2019. Our objective was to increase the public awareness of the negative impacts of addiction to alcohol and drugs. To help the public renounce their pride and become alert to the symptoms of addition in their communities, their neighborhoods and their families. To help the public to become heroes when they proactively seek posi-

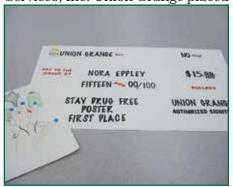


tive, caring intervention for the individuals that needs help.

Union Grange was welcomed to offer a program to the community at the Bald Eagle High School. We



worked diligently with the support of school districts superintend, Jeffrey D. Miles. We scheduled a panel discussion with the following agencies Centre County Drug and Alcohol office, Crossroads, Centre County Law Enforcement, Centre County Probation and Parole, Centre County Youth Services Bureau, Pyramid Healthcare/Quest Services, Inc. Union Grange placed



an article in the local medias and school publication. Unfortunately, the public did not attend.

Yet, we did have success. We created a poster contest for the, new life and new civilization, of the middle school sixth-grade students. The theme of the contest was, STAY DRUG FREE. The students employed their creative talents. The art and health teachers selected the first, second, and third place poster. Union Grange rewarded the student's work with a monetary award. The prizes went to Nora Eppley, first place \$15.00, Jacob Moore, second place \$10.00 and third place \$5.00 was given to Talon Tice.

KEYSTONE GRANGE #2

Keystone Grange recently held a Hail and Farewell event for long





time members Connie and Bob Peck. Connie served as Mayor of Trappe for the past 12 years. The event included proclamations and certificates of appreciation from various civic groups such as the



local fire department and local nonprofits and State Senators including Senator Bob Mensch. The Pecks will be relocating to Ashville, NC."

STONY POINT GRANGE #1694

Members of Stony Point Grange #1694 prepared and served meals to more than 140 clients of the Good Shepard Center in Greenville, PA on Presidents' Day, February 17 th, as one of their annual community service projects.



(Stony Point Grange) 1-r: Martha Gruber, Jason Gruber, Ralph Boyd, Stan Gruber,-Bob Weygandt, Ken Ammann, Tom Harpst, Kathy Ammann, Ruth Gruber, and Vicky Metz. Missing from photo -Ron Amrhein.

National Session Hosting Committee "2020 Future in Focus"

Pennsylvania is one of several states hosting National Grange Convention this November 17-21, 2020 in Valley Forge, PA and we want you there!



We will need lots of volunteers for all types of jobs. If you have some free time in November and think you want to volunteer, fill out the volunteer form in this issue of the PGN and send it to the State Grange office or email to: secretary@pagrange.org.

If you want to check out what's so great about the National Grange Session, mark your calendar to attend. The schedule and registration links will be posted in April at www.nationalgrange.org.



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space to set up a large frame they would often use a wooden hoop to quilt small sections of a quilt at a time. The quit in the hoop is an appliqued quilt where by you cut out blocks in different shapes and sew them on to the background top fab-



ric. Appliqued quilts are done in a specific pattern with quilters striving for accuracy of pattern and design. All piecing and quilting was done by hand with the quilting stitches being quite close together and the lines of stitching being within a few inches of each other to hold the batting secure and prevent it from bunching.

The trunk next to the rocking chair holds several quilts including a red work quilt which has a white background fabric that is embroidered with red floss - this one has embroidered animal pictures which were often traced from coloring books. In the trunk you will also find a nine-patch block quilt and draped over the side is a red and white pieced quilt in the Irish Chain pattern.

The Singer treadle sewing machine for home use became popular in the late 1800's. The machine was manually powered by a large foot plate that was rocked back and forth with your foot to make the wheel turn and the needle go up and down creating a lock stitch. The sewing machine cabinet has three drawers on each side to hold your sewing notions. A roll of cotton batting and a pieced quilt block lay on top of the treadle with several more quilt blocks laying underneath.

The large sewing stand on legs in the display case is a replica of one that Martha Washington used and was marketed in the late 1800s. It has drawers for sewing needs as well as large cylindrical chambers

> on each side to hold fabric and notions. A smaller wooden sewing basket on the floor was also a popular item to store sewing and quilting notions as well as baskets and tins.

> Three quilts are displayed on the rack at the back center of the case, again very representative

quilts made from scraps of fabric left over from clothing projects. There was not money to purchase new fabrics for quilts. The designs continue to be very simple with mostly square blocks being used but you will notice they are now setting the blocks

diffferent look.

In the forefront of the display is a wooden ironing board with many. many layers of fabric and padding it was common to keep adding another layer of padding and muslin to your ironing board when it developed worn spots and holes instead of stripping it down to the wood

and starting over to cover it. Two quilt tops waiting to be quilted are draped over the ironing board - one in a star pattern and the other in a pinwheel pattern. Sitting alongside the quilts are two early electric irons which are very heavy! On the floor is a wooden table top ironing board often know as a sleeve board and two sad irons which had to be

heated on the cook stove when ironing. A roll of Mountain Mist cotton batting is also laying on the Ironing board. This popular batting always had quilt block patterns and quilting motifs inside the paper wrapper and often served as inspirations for quilters to try new and different blocks and designs. The inside of a wrapper is displayed on the wall showing the Grandmother's Flower Garden hexie design along with the pieced blocks.

And then comes the electric Singer Sewing machine which became very popular after WWI. The practice of door-to-door sales emerged with the electric sewing machines. It allowed salesmen to bring the machines into prospective customers' homes, and show them how such a novel machine could simplify their lives coupled with a installment payment plan that required sales men to collect weekly payments, thus starting the charge card system. This greatly increased sewing machine sales and excited the ladies. The sewing machines typically came in a wooden cabinet - either maple or walnut stain - that could be closed and used as an end table. A small front tip-out drawer



held sewing notions. Also available but not often affordable to many households was a matching bench seat that stored sewing materials.

Stands to hold sewing supplies were often hand made and came in a variety of patterns. The one in our display has a star cutout on each end. Plastic sewing boxes designed



to hold quilting items became available at the end of the era and were a must for every sewer.

Quilts were pieced together much faster with the electric machine. As the economy improved, women were able to purchase new fabrics that were specifically used to make quilts. During this period

quilting the drawn pattern. The last quilt in the display case is quite a contrast to the first quilt. It features a tulip pattern pieced in pink and green fabric with a white background fabric. It features a center design of tulips surrounded by rows of the same tulip block on all four sides.

220 which is still in use today. The General company was bought out by Singer in the early 1950's.

Scattered throughout the display are sewing notions - things you use when sewing. There are needle holders, scissors, sewing baskets, button boxes, jars with spools of thread, pin cushions, quilt

> blocks, pattern booklets, pamphlets and hand drawn stencils of cardboard to trace onto your quilt. The pieced Quilt blocks found throughout the display depict the following patterns: nine patch, 25 patch, hexagon pattern of Grandmother's Flower Garden, Friendship Fan, Dresden plate, as well as embroidered blocks.

> Special thanks go out to many, many Grangers and friends of the Grange who

freely gave of their items to create this display. Many of the items have little or no known history because they were found or discovered when cleaning out homes. And as all quilters know, "A bed without a quilt is like a sky without stars!"



of time quilting started to become an expression of art. Patterns were used with artistic designs as the last quilt in our display illustrates. Quilts were hand quilted with specific designs by using templates such as feathers or medallion patterns, tracing them on the fabric and then

The last machine in the display was made by the General Company. It is a small electric portable machine that sits on a table top and comes with a carrying case making it easily transported to different places. The machine is very similar to the popular Singer Featherweight



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2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2, 2020

PA Regional Conference, Kutztown Grange 10 am with follow-on Youth Activity at 4:30 pm

May 8, 2020 (8pm)

The Old Time Fiddler's Annual Spring Concert Unity Grange #1710 - Wayne County 554 Galilee Road, Damascus, PA 18415 Refreshments available for purchase. Family Friendly. Benefits: Unity Grange #1710

May 9, 2020

AYCE Breakfast (6am-10am) \$9 Adults/\$4 <12 yo Tuscarora Grange 10575 Rt. 75 S • East Waterford

June 7, 2020

Tool Bingo (1:00pm) Tuscarora Grange 10575 Rt. 75 S • East Waterford

June 13, 2020

AYCE Breakfast (6am-10am) \$9 Adults/\$4 <12 yo Tuscarora Grange 10575 Rt. 75 S • East Waterford

June 26-28, 2020

YOUTH CAMP Camp Sylvan Hills • Howard, PA

June 28-July 4, 2020

JUNIOR CAMP Camp Sylvan Hills • Howard, PA

July 11, 2020

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July 16-19, 2020

FAMILY FESTIVAL Centre County Fairgrounds • Centre Hall, PA

August 8, 2020

AYCE Breakfast (6am-10am) \$9 Adults/\$4 <12 yo Tuscarora Grange 10575 Rt. 75 S • East Waterford

August 11-13, 2020

AG PROGRESS DAYS Pennsylvania Furnace, PA https://agsci.psu.edu/apd/about



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August 21-23, 2020

Young Adults Weekend, Harrisburg area

September 12, 2020

AYCE Breakfast (6am-10am) \$9 Adults/\$4 <12 yo Tuscarora Grange 10575 Rt. 75 S • East Waterford

September 20, 2020

Quarter Mania (1:30pm) Tuscarora Grange 10575 Rt. 75 S • East Waterford

September 26, 2020

Youth and Young Adults Family Picnic

October 10, 2020

AYCE Breakfast (6am-10am) \$9 Adults/\$4 <12 yo Tuscarora Grange 10575 Rt. 75 S • East Waterford

October 15-18, 2020

148th Annual STATE SESSION Courtyard Erie Ambassador Conference Center 7792 Peach Street • Erie, PA

October 24, 2020

Jewelry Bingo (1:00pm) Tuscarora Grange 10575 Rt. 75 S • East Waterford

November 14, 2020

AYCE Vet. Breakfast (6am-10am) \$9 Adults/\$4 <12 yo (Veterans eat free w/ military ID)
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November 17-21, 2020

National Grange Convention, Valley Forge, PA

December 12, 2020

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