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LEGISLATIVE OFFICE**

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE
STATEMENT REGARDING REP.
MARK KELLER APPOINTMENT
AS AG COMMITTEE CHAIR**

LEMOYNE... Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell issued the following statement because of the appointment of PA Representative Mark Keller's (R-Perry) to serve as Majority Chair of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee:

"The Pennsylvania State Grange is delighted to see that Perry County Rep. Mark Keller is the new Majority Chair of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee. He is a leading proponent for farmers and has always been effective as an advocate for rural interests to fellow legislators because he is a hands-on farmer. He is a loyal friend to the Pennsylvania State Grange and other agricultural groups. We applaud his work and his continuing legislative efforts on behalf of Pennsylvania Agriculture as Committee Chair."

"The Pennsylvania State Grange also wants to thank immediate past Chair Rep. Marty Causer for his stewardship of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee. During his tenure, the Committee led on so many issues affecting the Agriculture Community that run the gamut. The PA Farm Bill, Broadband legislation, milk hauling during emergencies, and many other pieces of constructive legislation are a few that show his handiwork. We wish him the very

best in his new role as new House Majority Policy Committee Chair."

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE
GRANGE STATEMENT REGARD-
ING WOLF ADMINISTRATION
BROADBAND ADVOCACY**

LEMOYNE... Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell issued the following in the wake of a letter sent by Governor Tom Wolf and ten other Governors urging Federal policymakers to fund Broadband expansion.

The Pennsylvania State Grange appreciates the intent of the Governor's letter asking the President and Congress to fund expansion of high-speed Broadband in unserved and underserved areas. We respectfully point out that good intentions are best demonstrated at home.

While the Governor established the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives with fanfare, he never funded it. In each State Budget he proposed, there continues to be no line-item for this important office. There is no resource so that the Office could actually coordinate Pennsylvania's efforts to secure Federal funding and serve as a liaison

between the FCC and State Government. The Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives has no dedicated staff. The lone staff person is 'borrowed' from the Department of Community & Economic Development.

The Pennsylvania State Grange urges Governor Tom Wolf to reinforce the leadership he has shown in advocating Federal Broadband funding by helping his own Office of Broadband Initiatives function as it should. We fear that without funding, the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives will become irrelevant.

Following as a reference, is the letter from the Governor's Office, joining other state Governors. It was sent to President Trump and congressional leadership.

June 25, 2020

As Governors, we have seen and appreciate your quick and much-needed COVID-19 economic

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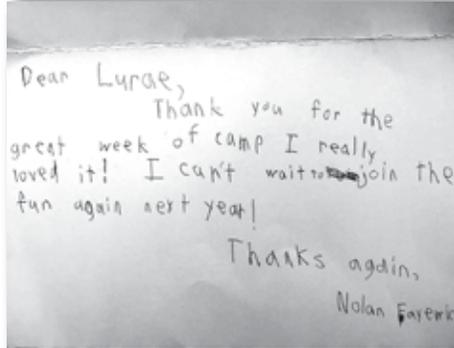


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From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
PA State Grange President
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*American Values.
Hometown Roots.*

In my last article I talked about these unusual times and the many things Grangers have been doing. I questioned if we would or when we would return to life as we knew it. I still ponder those two questions. But what I do know is that Grangers are still cultivating connections and making an impact.

We are still working very hard to get adequate Broadband across Pennsylvania. We continue to do everything we can to keep this at the top of Legislators and the Governor's priorities. The Pandemic has made it even more obvious how important an issue this is. Educating our children, providing health care for everyone, not only our seniors, and for farmers to be able to utilize Smart farm equipment and have access to the internet to be able to use programs that work in conjunction with the Smart farm equipment.

In many of my conversations I have found a strong desire of our citizens to help their neighbors. I say this because of what many have told me about the terrific response that not only Grangers have seen at their fundraisers, but other groups like fire companies have experienced. People have said chicken BBQ's, Fish Fries, etc. have sold out very quickly. We have posted on our website, www.pagrange.org, the CDC guidelines you will need to follow when holding any events or reopening to have meetings. All fundraisers that I am aware of have been held as drive through events.

Please take a moment to look at the benefits we offer in the member benefits page on our website. If you have trouble registering for the member benefits page, please call Lizzie or myself for help. One of our benefits, Tickets at Work, are offering some really good discount tickets to amusement parks, discounted hotel rates, and other discounts nationwide.

Yes, these are unusual times, but we have the tools to still cultivate connections. We have ZOOM Conferencing, we have the CDC guidelines to be able to safely do drive through events, and we have the perseverance to push on. Be willing to step out of your comfort zone and try something new.

The Pennsylvania State Grange office continues to operate on an appointment basis with everyone working from home as much as possible. Please call any of us with questions that we can help you with. President Wayne Campbell 717.275.5045, Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary Debbie Campbell 717.275.4469, Brittany Covey Office Secretary 717.743.9787, Lizzie Bailey Public Relations/Membership Consultant 717.254.9550, or Vince Phillips Legislative Consultant 717.728.1217.

Fraternally,
Wayne D. Campbell,
Pennsylvania State Grange
President
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PGN ARTICLES: Effective Jan/Feb 2021 Issue!!!

I would like to thank Heather Hiller for the time and dedication she has given to the Pennsylvania Grange News over the last several years. Heather has done an outstanding job of providing interesting and informative articles to our members and publishing a great magazine for us.

Effective with the January/February, 2021 issue of the Pennsylvania Grange News, the publishing of it will be moving back to the office of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Please email all articles, photos, and other information for in the PGN to pagrange@pagrange.org or mail it to:

Pennsylvania State Grange, 20 Erford Road, Suite 216, Lemoyne, Pa. 17043.

Questions can be directed to Lizzie Bailey at 717.254.9550 or Brittany Covey at 717.743.9787.

Wayne D. Campbell, President
Pennsylvania State Grange



Chaplain's Corner
 Judy Pressler
 PA State Grange Chaplain

God's Abundance

I heard a minister say once that God is a **"God of Abundant Love."** What exactly does the word abundance mean? From a couple of different dictionaries: *an extremely plentiful or over-sufficient quantity or supply; overflowing fullness;* and from a Bible dictionary: *full of everything you need to sustain yourself in joy and purpose.* The **antonym for abundance** is *scarcity or dearth!* So what does that mean to us?

As autumn settles in, it is a time to reap the benefits of our planting and tending to our gardens. When we planted our gardens, we used new seeds and tilled the ground until it was just right. The corn, beets and onions came up and looked great. The tomato and pepper plants took root and began to look healthy. A few bean stalks popped up here and there and the cucumbers never came up. We bought more plants but couldn't find more bean seeds. Then the hot, dry weather hit and everything began wilting!

When we shopped for toilet paper, paper towels and hand sanitizer, the shelves were empty with warning signs: one per customer! Church doors were closed, restaurants only offered take-out meals and surgeries and ER trips were limited to patient only while family members waited in the parking lots! Person to person visits were taboo.

We have to expect disappointments along our way, but we must not get bogged down and forget that God's love is always present no matter what we are going through. We must remember that God's love is so wide, long, high and deep that it surpasses anything we could imagine. *He is at work in all things for the good of the people who love Him.*

At this writing, our corn is in tassel, we have small tomatoes on the vines, peppers and beans are hanging on the plants, cucumbers are in blossom. **We are expecting an abundant harvest to share with the local Food Bank.**

We never ran out of toilet paper, we found ample hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes and we are eating well...I have used my Grange cookbooks more these past several months than I did the other 50+ years!

We are now in good health and looking forward to attending State Session. We have kept up to date with friends and family by phone and computers and I was delighted to receive a nice letter from a Junior Granger asking about my welfare!!

I would say we are experiencing the **abundance of God's love**

even if it is in a different way than we had expected. God doesn't just love a little, He loves a lot! His **abundant mercy and compassion** are always extremely plentiful and overly-sufficient for all our needs. **He is a God of Abundance not Scarcity!**

God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
 II Corinthians 9:8



Praying for love in all aspects of your lives,
 Judy Pressler, Chaplain
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Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

Zoom Meetings

Just a reminder that we have Zoom available for our Granges who want to have a virtual meeting or fun gathering. You can call in on a phone or use a computer to participate in the meeting.

Membership Workshops

I know the past several months have been unusual times as we have abided by "Stay at home" orders to limit our socialization with others due to COVID-19.

Don't let these times distract you from our goals of growing membership. Actually, now is a great time to be discussing Grange!



You're Invited...
Pennsylvania State Grange Zoom Bingo
 Wednesdays
 7:00 p.m.
 (zoom room will open at 6:30 to socialize!)
Come join us for Bingo!!!
 Please email, or text/call Lizzie with any questions!
 Email: publicrelations@pagrange.org or Text/call: 717-254-9550

Don't forget to call me to schedule some time so we can work together on growing membership at your Grange.

Zoom Bingo

The Pennsylvania State Grange is playing Virtual Bingo every Wednesday night on Zoom. It is a fantastic way to have some fun, fellowship and maybe win a prize or too! The more the merrier is our philosophy, so invite a friend, family members, and neighbor to join the fun! Contact Lizzie to receive a bingo card and more information.

Email Blasts

If you are not receiving the Pennsylvania State Grange Email Blasts you are missing updates and pertinent news! Please call Lizzie at 717-254-9550, email: publicrelations@pagrange.org, or text: 22828 in message type: PAGRANGE hit send and then a message appears to enter your email address. If you have any questions, let us know.



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Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hello everyone. I hope you are staying safe and healthy. By now everyone should know that both State and National Sessions have been modified for this year. Subordinate and Pomona Reports were initially scheduled to come to me by Sept.15, 2020, however, I'm going to CANCEL reports for this year. I will not be judging anything this year. Instead, I'm asking for next year's report to contain this year's 2019/2020 activities. This means that I will be judging 24 months on next year's 2020/2021 report. The 2020/2021 report will be due Sept. 15, 2021. In that report, please include all activities completed before the COVID-19 shut down and any activities in 2020.

If you have a National Quilt block that needs to be sent, please get it to me as soon as possible. I will be sending them in at the end of this September.

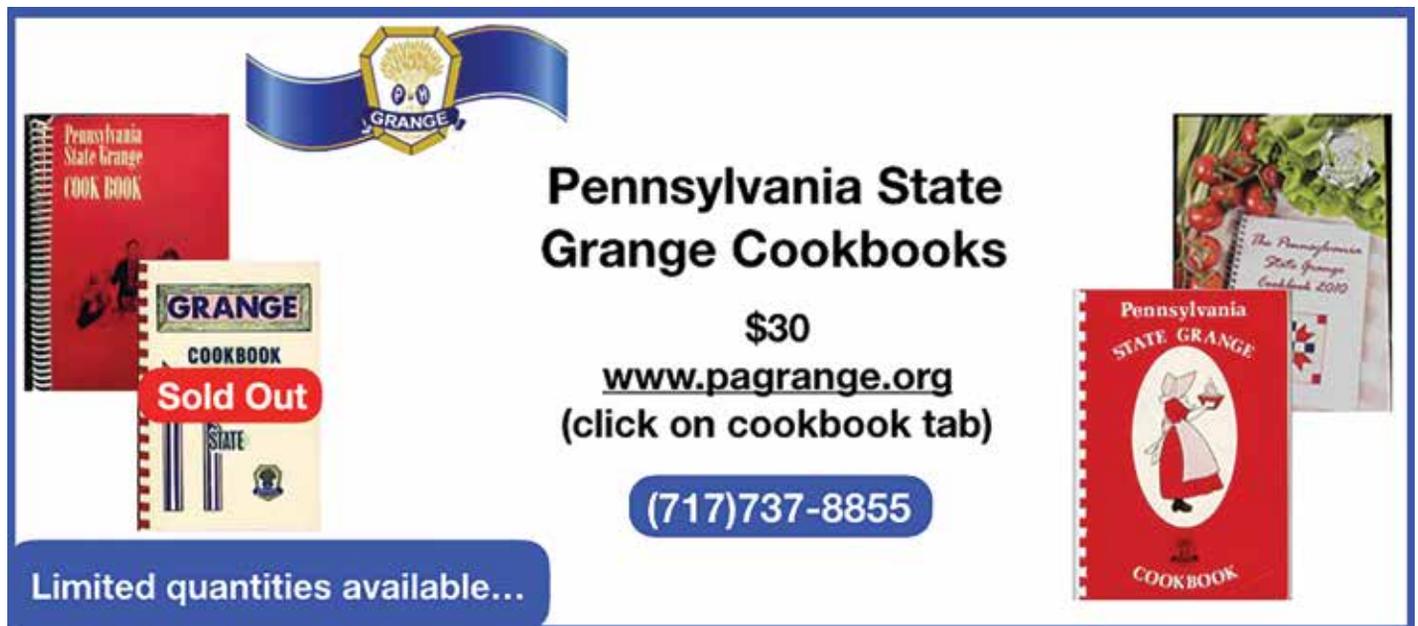
Quilt Raffle Tickets need to be sold or bought and returned to me NO later than Saturday OCTOBER 3, 2020. The Committee will be getting together and draw the winners at the State Office this year. We will announce the winners at the modified State Session and send home prizes with those who can attend. For those winners who are not attending the modified State Session, I will be mailing you your prizes. If your Grange is donating a prize for the Quilt and More Raffle, please send it along with someone that is attending modified session (Please have the

Grange name attached, so I know which Grange it is from). Thank you for sending prizes that help the Family Activities Quilt and More Raffle.

With all that said I hope to see all of the new contest entries in 2021. I'm looking forward to my Family Activities room overflowing with contest entries next year!- Can't wait to see everyone again... it has been a long year. Everyone stay safe and healthy.

Any Questions PLEASE call or email me.

Yours Truly,
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Program Director
Jenn Nauss
 PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope that you had a wonderful summer, despite these unprecedented circumstances because of COVID-19. I certainly have missed seeing you at Youth and Junior Camps and Family Festival, the events that are the high-lights of my summers. So many things have changed in the last few months and continue to change on a daily – sometimes hourly – basis. I hope that your Granges have found new ways to connect to your communities and your members despite the need for physical distance and other precautions.

Updates to Contests and Programs

Since the last Grange News article, there have been some changes to the State Session Contests and Programs. These are summarized below.

Creative Connections

In understanding that Granges had to put many in-person events on-hold and to honor the work of Lecturers during these unprecedented times, we are introducing a new program – **Creative Connections**.

This report will take the place of the Open House report form. There will be three divisions.

- **Division A** – Granges who were able to hold their Open House – “We had our Open House and here is what it looked like...”
- **Division B** – Granges who had planned their Open House but could not hold it – “We had our Open House planned, but could not have it. Here is what it would have looked like...”
- **Division C** – Granges who could not hold their Open

House – “Because of COVID-19, we could not have our Open House. Here is what we did instead...”

There will still be membership classes in each division:

1. Pomona
2. Subordinate – Up to 50 members
3. Subordinate – Between 51 and 99 members
4. Subordinate – 100 or more members

Because of this change, winning Granges in each division and class will receive a framed Certificate of Excellence in lieu of a plaque for this year. Creative Connections reports are due to me by **September 15th**.

Pen in Hand

- NEW Class – “One thing I learned during Social Distancing...”
1. 500 word maximum
 2. All other Pen in Hand rules should be followed as detailed in the Guide to Contests and Programs

Photography – conducted VIRTUALLY this year

- NEW Class – “Beauty in the Midst of Crisis”
- Other classes continue: Pennsylvania – My Home, Sunrise/Sunset, Pets/Animals, Plants, Churches
- Photos (one per Subordinate Grange per class) should be submitted to Jenn Nauss via email (jnauss89@gmail.com) or on a flash drive or CD mailed to Jenn Nauss, 10 West School-

side Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

- Because there will not be a National Grange Photography Showcase this year, this year’s winner will not advance to a National Contest.

Design a Program and Lecturer’s Grant

Please reference the Guide to Contests and Programs for specific information about these two new programs. The “Design a Program” contest entries will be compiled into a Lecturer’s Idea Book that will be distributed and made available online. The Lecturer’s Grant is an opportunity for Granges to apply for funding to make their dream programs a reality. Entries for these programs are due to me by **September 15th**.

Lecturer’s Reports

Lecturers should submit their reports to me by **September 15th**. New this year is that Scrapbooks will be judged separately from reports submitted without scrapbooks. First place report winners in each class will be awarded \$10 and first place scrapbook winners in each class will be awarded \$50.

All report forms are available on the Lecturer’s page of the PA State Grange website and also were sent in a mailing to Granges. If you have not received a copy or cannot view the forms on the website, please do not hesitate to contact me.

My Favorite Anything and Art Contests – Canceled

Because of the changes with State Session, specifically that there will not be an Exhibit Room, the “My Favorite Anything” and Art Contests will NOT be held this year. Please continue to work on your creations and plan to enter them in the contests in 2021.

Please read the weekly Grange email blasts and check the Grange website for any other updates that may come up in the next few months. Circumstances with the virus change frequently, and therefore, some plans may also need to change as the circumstances do.

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Historic Pennsylvania Grange Celebrates New Look

By Jenn Nauss
Pennsylvania State Grange Lecturer/
Program Director



A little more than a year ago, Pennsylvania's first Grange – Eagle Grange #1 in Lycoming County – embarked on a journey to renew itself. Together with the help of Doug Bonsall and Jenn Nauss from

continue their work for the next 150 years and beyond.

Through keeping an open mind to new ideas and the hard work of the members, Eagle Grange #1 has made some impressive strides in their renewal. They hosted a successful Candidates Forum last October for the County Commissioner candidates, which drew more than 80 people from the community. Individuals

and families continue to use the building for family functions and other gatherings. The Susquehanna Valley West Coast Swing Dance Community regularly uses the Grange Hall for weekly dance practices and performances.

bell, have also replaced the floor throughout the first floor of the hall. Grange volunteers have also done extensive painting to make the building a more attractive site for community events. It is thanks to the generous donations from Friends of Eagle Grange #1 from across the state of Pennsylvania and a few larger donations from Perry Valley Grange #1804, Valley Grange #1360, and Red Lion Grange #1781 that this work could be completed.



(April 2020) Grange President David Troutman helps with the initial task of emptying all the kitchen cabinets for the upcoming renovation. (Photo Credit: Beth Downey)

the Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee, the members of Eagle Grange #1 have made tremendous strides toward renewing the Grange as a community hub in Montgomery, Lycoming County.

Eagle Grange #1 was founded almost 150 years ago, in March 1871, thanks to the organizational efforts of Luke Eger. Pennsylvania's first Grange has been continually active since its founding almost 150 years ago but, like many Granges around the state and the country, has faced several uphill battles including decreasing active membership and financial difficulties. Eagle Grange's renewal project aims to increase their active involvement in Montgomery and surrounding communities to con-

tinually uses the Grange Hall for weekly dance practices and performances.

In order to make the building more accessible and readily used for such community events, Eagle Grange has undergone some major renovations. These include making the Grange Hall ADA-compliant with accessible restrooms, an entrance ramp, and a reserved handicap parking area. Grange volunteers from Eagle Grange and Valley Grange #1360 in York County, as well as Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Camp-



(June 2020) The results of a long day of work - by 11 p.m. that evening, the floor was finally finished in the dining hall and kitchen. (Photo Credit: David Troutman)



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Youth News

Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director



What an interesting summer! No in-person Youth Camp, or Junior Camp or Family Festival which was very depressing for the dedicated Grangers who organize these events as well as all those who attend. Hopefully you have participated in virtual Grange events to help combat the blues and to stay connected!

We held a virtual Youth Camp this past June with over 20 participants each night. The youth and young adults connecting to our Virtually There 2020 Youth Camp were able to visit with friends from across the state, as well as talk about how this pandemic has affected them. The youth also participated in several games, including scavenger hunts and trivia challenges, a pet show and tell and learned about the changes in the youth contests for this year.

Several youth and young adult members were eager to connect again for another activity. This time we co-hosted a Virtual Paint Night along with the State Lecturer. This activity was held on August 1st and was enjoyed by many Grangers and non-Grangers of all ages.

UPDATES TO CONTESTS: An update to our Youth and Young Adults contests, especially those held at State Session follows.

State Public Speaking Contest – all four categories will be held virtually on October 10, 2020. The rules and guidelines are in the

Guide to Contests and Programs 2020-21. Sign up by **October 1st** on <https://form.jotform.com/201985749128164> to reserve your time slot for:

- Prepared Speech
- Radio Spot
- Impromptu Speech
- DIY Speech

Folding Display Contest - is now called the GRANGE DISPLAY Contest – The rules have changed slightly to fall in line with the National Youth contest rules. The goal of the Grange Display contest is to create either a digital or folding display that could be utilized at a county fair, library, Grange open house or other forum to promote the Grange, Grange program or Grange issue. All entries for the Grange Display Contest must be received by email or mail by **October 1st** to youth@pagrange.org or 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352. Winners will be displayed on the Youth and Young Adults webpage and Facebook page.

Revised Contest Rules:

1. All entrants must be youth or young adult members of a subordinate/community Grange
2. Two age divisions: Youth - Grange members between the ages of 14-21 as of Jan. 1; Young Adult - Grange members between the ages of 22-35.
3. The display theme must be Grange related.
4. The winning entries from PA will be sent to National Youth Director for judging and hopefully exhibited at the National

Grange Session.

5. A Grange member may enter as an individual OR as a member of a group. All group entry members must be in the same age division.
6. Folding Display should be no larger than 3' x 4' and should be able to stand by itself. At least 3 photos of the folding display from different angles will be submitted for judging.
7. Digital displays must be on a flash drive and in .MP4, .MPG, WMA format.
8. Displays will be judged on content, organization, originality and neatness.

Create A Button Contest – This contest will be held following the same rules as in the Guide to Contests and Programs, however the button design must be submitted by **October 1st** to youth@pagrange.org or 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352.

NEW! Grange Commercial Contest - A Grange commercial is an advertisement promoting the Grange. The Commercial entry must be submitted by **October 1st** to youth@pagrange.org or 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352.

Contest Rules:

1. Contest participant(s) must film and edit themselves doing a commercial for the Grange.
2. Can include up to five people in the commercial.
3. Commercials should last between 30-60 seconds.

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History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

See the new 150th anniversary page on the
State Grange website found under
<https://www.pagrang.org/state-grange-150th-anniversary.html>

promote anniversary activities to every Subordinate Grange.

Light the Cake – Candles to light our 150th anniversary birthday cake are being purchased but there are still plenty of opportunities for members to sponsor one of the remaining candles. The cancellation of so many Grange activities has put this initiative a bit behind schedule but we re-

planned at the nearby Country Cupboard Restaurant and Shops north of Lewisburg featuring a motivational speaker, a historical candlelighting ceremony and the induction of two Pennsylvania patrons (John W. Scott and J. Luther Snyder) into the National Grange "Hall of Fame". For tickets and details, contact Anna May Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 (amnauss@aol.com).

Regional Coordinators for 150th Anniversary – Regional coordinators have been appointed to assist the 150th Anniversary general committee to communicate with Pomona Granges within their area and to encourage involvement in the State Grange's upcoming sesquicentennial celebration.

- Northwest Region (Granges in Crawford, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, and Warren Counties) – Kelly VanOrd; kvanord@verizon.net; 814-484-7295
- Northcentral Region (Granges in Centre, Clearfield, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter and Tioga Counties) – Cheryl Miller; miller.cheryl39@yahoo.com; 814-355-1139
- Northeast Region (Granges in Bradford, Carbon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Northampton, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming Counties) – Monica Turner; woakes@epix.net; 570-942-4627
- Southwest Region (Granges in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland Counties) – Janet Fishovitz; jfishovitz@gmail.com; 724-494-5472
- Southcentral Region (Granges in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Juniata, Perry, Somerset and York Counties) – Krista Pontius; kpontius@greenwoodsd.org; 717-385-6015
- Southeast Region (Granges in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Montgomery Counties) – Gene & Denae Zvarick; info@keystonegrange2.org; 484-663-3219



Help to light the PA State Grange 150th anniversary cake by sponsoring one or more of its 150 candles

main confident that we can wrap up this fund raiser by the close of 2020. The monies raised will help fund the State Grange's 150th anniversary celebration, beginning with the April 2021 kick-off and continuing through the 2023 session in Reading, PA. To find out what candles remain and how to make your contribution, contact Steve & Karen Mohn, 308 Mill Road, Womelsdorf, PA 19567 (askmohn@comcast.net).

Anniversary Kick-Off – Did you reserve the date of Saturday, April 17, 2021, to attend the kick-off of the State Grange's 150th anniversary? A big day is planned starting with an open house and brunch reception at Eagle Grange #1 near Montgomery, PA (just south of Williamsport) where the Grange movement began in Pennsylvania in 1871. A festive luncheon is

Looking for Degree Teams – In the last issue an invitation was issued for Granges, counties or other groups of patrons to exemplify the first through fourth degrees as part of 150th anniversary activities. We hope to present the first and second degrees at the state session in 2021 and the third and fourth degrees in 2022, complete with tableaux and speaking parts memorized. In 2023, the celebration will culminate with the exemplification of the fifth and sixth degrees in full form. To volunteer or for more information, contact Doug

Bonsall, PO Box 765, Dauphin, PA 17018 (douglas.b@verizon.net).

Free Regalia/Grange Items – The State Grange has an abundance of extra officers' regalia, songbooks, implements, staves, etc. from closed Granges that we'd love to share at no cost to your Grange other than arranging for transportation from the office. If your Grange needs any of these items, please contact Doug Bonsall.

Doug Bonsall, Chair
Pennsylvania State Grange
History Committee
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Pomona Granges will be asked to appoint an anniversary coordinator to





Junior News

Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio

PA State Grange Junior Committee
Director

HELLO Juniors, JG Families and JG Supporters!

WOW! What a hot summer we are having!! As I write this article in mid July, the temp is 91 and the humidity is 90%. I don't want to complain too loudly because it IS SUMMER - - but I prefer the cooler temps that come in the Fall. We are entering that beautiful time of year when the leaves begin to change, the nights are crisp and there is pumpkin EVERYTHING!! Speaking of pumpkins, you may have heard by now that the Pennsylvania State Session is not happening as normal this year. The Departments will not be setting up their contest areas and that includes the Juniors. There will be no JG Jam either. This is very sad to me. Sad to all of us. But, I want to still have a pumpkin decorating contest - - VIRTUALLY! Same rules apply as what is in the Contest Guide. I want you to work on the pumpkin, make it look great, take a photo of it and then email that photo to me BEFORE October 7th. Send the photo to benz4@comcast.net. I will then separate into the age categories and post online in the Junior Grange Facebook Page for judging. More details will be posted on the Facebook Page and in the Pennsylvania Grange Email blasts that goes out weekly. A copy of the Contest Guide can be found on the Pennsylvania Grange website: www.pagrang.org.

Many of you know that the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Camp was held Virtually this year. It was a GREAT time and I am happy to report that the comments from campers and parents alike were positive. We all had challenges to face but in the end - we succeeded and had a nice week. I kicked off the week by doing a LIVE welcome from Log Cabin Grange in Crawford County where Ginny Straub is from. Her son Joel and daughter-in-law Christie Straub helped to make the evening special with a campfire so we could



roast marshmallows for S'mores. The Perseghetti Children joined me in kicking off the camp week. Some of the other events held were a Camp Sing-a-long on Monday Night with Jen Beamon and Gail Switzer leading the campers. On Tuesday night the teams faced off for Trivia Night with Tina Reich (our newest JG Committee member). Wednesday Night was BINGO night with Suann Johnson. We had a Talent Night on Thursday Evening and had 12 Juniors sharing their talents. Those Ju-

niors are: Nolan Fayewicz - magic trick, Sarah Scharf - flute, Elsa Kehs - singing, Alexis Servin - piano, Connor Servin - piano, Logan Eisenhower - bass clarinet, Heidi & Julie Eisenhower - piano duet, Sarah Riegel- piano & singing, Harvey Reyburn - Bassoon, Gayle Reyburn - singing, Cameron Narad - poster/art lesson. We have some amazing talent among our kiddos!!

The camp week ended on Friday with a special camp video, some special words from me (Lurae) for the Vesper service and then Philip Vonada sang "Pass It On" which is a tradition to sing on Friday night of camp - around candlelight. I want to thank my Junior Grange Committee for helping out, the Virtual Counselors and Helpers for sitting in on the Cabin Chat Times, those that did Vesper services, the families who sent me flag raising videos, Lindsey Schroeder for helping with the camp video and the many Grange members who supported the whole idea of having a virtual camp. Together we can accomplish great things!! I am sharing a few photos from camp (most taken by parents in their homes) and also sharing 2 sweet thank you notes from 2 Juniors who I can't wait to meet in person next summer!!

As we move into a new season and continue to have concerns about the Corona Virus and other obstacles, please remember to be kind to one another. We are all dealing with these challenges and we all have ways of dealing with adversity. Listen to each other, help each other, share ideas with each other and care about each other! A great Big VIRTUAL hug to all of you!

Fraternally,
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2020 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED!

Pennsylvania State Grange is pleased to announce the awarding of 3 scholarships and 3 interest free loans to Pennsylvania State Grange Youth.

The Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation Scholarship was established in 1996 by delegate action, this scholarship is available to any Grange member, in good standing, entering their Junior or Senior year in college. The following People have been awarded scholarships from the Foundation:

1. Dori Kralj is the daughter of Rick and Gretchen Kralj of Emlenton, Pennsylvania. Dori is attending Iowa State University where she is majoring in Animal Science and has a minor in International Agriculture.
2. Sara Benzio is the daughter of Mark and Lurae Benzio of Industry, Pennsylvania. Sara is attending Penn State University where she is majoring in Animal Science and Ag Business and has a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries Science.
3. Jessica Cain is the daughter of Gregory and Cindy Cain of Howard, Pennsylvania. Jessica is attending Lock Haven University where she is majoring in Secondary Social Studies Education.

The Rhone Grant is given in honor of Leonard Rhone who was the third Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange. This scholarship is given in his name to honor the great

things he did for the Grange. This scholarship is only available to those pursuing a degree in Agriculture or Human Development & Family Services at Penn State University. The Grant is being awarded this year to:

1. Sara Benzio is the daughter of Mark and Lurae Benzio of Industry, Pennsylvania. Sara is attending Penn State University where she is majoring in Animal Science and Ag Business and a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries Science.



The Grange has a Grange Scholarship Endowment at Penn State University. The recipient of this scholarship is selected by the Penn State Office of Student Aid Scholarship Committee. Applicants apply to the Pennsylvania State Grange who then forwards the applications to the committee for review. This year the recipient is:

1. Mikara Anderson is the daughter of Gerald and Holly Anderson of Three Springs, Pennsylvania. Mikara is attending Penn State University where she is majoring in Animal Science, Business and Management, and a minor in

each Agribusiness Management and Wildlife and Fisheries Science.

The Pennsylvania State Grange also offers an interest free loan established by Ellis M. Santee who was an active Grange member and country doctor who knew the importance of a good education. This loan fund was established by the late doctor to help young members get that education. This year that assistance will be given to the following:

1. Dori Kralj is the daughter of Rick and Gretchen Kralj of Emlenton, Pennsylvania. Dori is attending Iowa State University where she is majoring in Animal Science and has a minor in International Agriculture.
2. Sara Benzio is the daughter of Mark and Lurae Benzio of Industry, Pennsylvania. Sara is attending Penn State University where she is majoring in Animal Science and Ag Business and has a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries Science.
3. Mikara Anderson is the daughter of Gerald and Holly Anderson of Three Springs, Pennsylvania. Mikara is attending Penn State University where she is majoring in Animal Science, Business and Management, and has a minor in each Agribusiness Management and Wildlife and Fisheries Science.





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stimulus for the American people. We know that much more needs to be done and we look forward to our continued work with you to respond to this crisis together.

As COVID-19 continues to impact both urban and rural communities, we are gravely concerned about the compromised digital access that now threatens entire communities, and people’s livelihoods, educational access, quality of healthcare and lives.

Our rural communities are particularly less prepared to mitigate the pandemic itself and adapt to what will certainly be a different world in a post-COVID economy, in large part because of the lack of access to Broadband. Some 18 million Americans lack access to Broadband internet connectivity, 14 million of whom reside in rural America. In today’s economy these communities, businesses and families without adequate access are left behind, and the consequences are staggering from an economic, health, education, and social standpoint.

Broadband is not a luxury, but rather a critical infrastructure that’s vitally important to our economic future and national security. While the investment to-date is much appreciated, we believe it is only a down payment in the total investment needed to close this gap.

An FCC estimate from 2017 estimates it would cost \$80 billion to bring high-speed internet to the remaining parts of our country that do not have access. Last year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a report, citing Deloitte data, that estimated it would require “between \$130 and \$150 billion over the next five to seven years, to adequately support rural coverage and 5G wireless densification.”

Additional Broadband investment must meet the level of the challenge and be made at the speed that is clearly now required. This investment will unleash economic potential, promote stable job growth that’s resilient in times like these, and ensure all businesses and families can participate in the digital economy.

This investment will unlock the potential of a new generation of technologies for healthcare advancement, ensure that school children across America have access to the best educational tools, foster new ways of doing business, stimulate the advancement of agricultural and food production technologies and give states and communities the opportunities to capitalize on smart infrastructure deployment.

Mr. President, Congressional Leaders – we must work together as past generations have done to provide a service fundamental to life in America today. It is time for the Rural Electrification Act of our generation. As you consider this investment, we urge you to look to the lessons of the past and ask ourselves not how we can afford to embrace innovation and bring new technologies to all communities, but with all we stand to lose, how we can afford not to.

As Governors, we are all ready to partner with you to ensure an efficient and effective strategy to quickly deploy these resources to bridge the digital divide. We call on Congress to act immediately and together to pass a groundbreaking package that provides the necessary digital access to all Americans.

Sincerely,
Governor Doug Burgum, North Dakota
Governor Tom Wolf, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Governor Kristi Noem, South Dakota
Governor Tony Evers, Wisconsin
Governor Kim Reynolds, Iowa
Governor Kate Brown, Oregon
Governor Mike DeWine, Ohio
Governor Laura Kelly, Kansas
Governor Eric Holcomb, Indiana
Governor Jay Inslee, Washington
Governor Tim Walz, Minnesota

TO: Members, PA State Council of Farm Organizations and Interested Parties:

Good morning all,

I am forwarding this information from Penn State. I hope you and others who look to you will find it to be a resource.

Since pollination and the health of bees are critical to Pennsylvania Agriculture (and this is Pollinator Week), please distribute this information widely.

Thanks,

Vince
Vince Phillips
Executive Director
PA State Council of Farm Organizations

Hi everyone,

I wanted to pass along some resources that have been developed by our colleagues that you might find useful!

First, WiBee (<https://pollinators.wisc.edu/wibee/>) is a new citizen science app developed by the Gratton Lab at University of Wisconsin. It is smart-phone accessible and can be used to track bee visits to flowering plants. It has a data dashboard that can be used to work with the submitted data. This is a great tool for growers, gardeners and students!

Second, Cornell University released its 432 page analysis of the economic benefits and risks to pollinators of neonic use in NY agricultural systems:
<https://pollinator.cals.cornell.edu/pollinator-research-cornell/neonicotinoid-report/>
Scott McArt summarized the main results on his Twitter thread:
<https://twitter.com/McArtLab/status/1275774701214863363>

Third, The Pollinators movie is now available digitally for download:
<https://www.thepollinators.net/how-to-watch>

This movie has received numerous awards, and is a great summary of the complex interactions between our food systems, commercial beekeeping, and pollinator health. This is an excellent resource for education and outreach.





Pennsylvania State Grange

Officer Descriptions for the 148th Session

October 15-18, 2020
Erie, PA

At the 148th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session all offices will be up for election. Pennsylvania State Grange By-Laws state in Article VI, paragraph 1.6.1, "With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer, no office holder's name shall be printed on the ballot for an office if that officer shall have held the same office continuously for six years immediately preceding."

If you are interested in serving as a State Officer, suggestions for office will be received on Friday afternoon, October 16th at 1:45 P.M. If you would like more information about serving as a State Officer, or know that you would like to be suggested, please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office for the contact information of the Nominating Committee or have someone pre-arranged to suggest your name. The election will take place Saturday, October 17th, at 11:00 A.M. just before the lunch recess.

The By-Laws do not allow nominating speeches in the Grange, but, in Article VI, paragraph 1.6.6, it states "Each person suggested for a state office shall be permitted to appear and speak before the delegate body for a maximum of two minutes at a designated time prior to the election." These presentations will be allowed immediately after the suggestions from the floor are received Friday afternoon.

Following are brief job descriptions for each State Office, along with the current officer's name and length of time served in that office. A complete description of officer duties can be found at www.pagrange.org.



All officers are to memorize their part in the Degree work; be available for speaking engagements as approved by the State President/Master; support and promote the policies and programs of the State Grange; submit articles for the Pennsylvania Grange News as requested by the editor or President/Master; attend the State Convention, special events, officer's meetings; and prepare an annual report for the Journal of Proceedings.

PRESIDENT/MASTER:

Wayne Campbell [3 years], Be available to work in the Pennsylvania State Grange Office, make Grange and office management decisions; appoint Advocates/Deputies and committees; provide leadership in the absence of policy and/or when adjustments are appropriate; hire and supervise the State Grange office staff; represent the

State Grange at various functions; speak where invited; oversee all State Grange programs and projects; develop and implement new programs, serve ex-officio on all committees; provide leadership in legislative matters; visit Granges as needed; hear concerns of rural Pennsylvania, help members resolve problems; inject new ideas and provide the tools needed to encourage membership growth; oversee status of all Subordinate and Pomona Granges; organize and reorganize Granges; write articles for the Pennsylvania Grange News [PGN] and letters of communication.

VICE PRESIDENT/ OVERSEER:

JV Lamb [3 years], In the event of an emergency be prepared to fulfil the office of President/Master, fill in for the Master at workshops, meetings and activities as needed; serve on the Executive Committee; speak at engagements as requested by the President/Master, be available as needed by the State President/Master; and serve as a member of the Board for the Grange Foundation.

LECTURER:

Jennifer Nauss [2 years], Develop the yearly Lecturer's program with the assistance of your Committee, provide support, assistance and guidance for Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers and the Lecturer's Committee via communications; plan and lead music at State Convention; promote and conduct the annual talent contest; plan and oversee the Lecturer's displays,



exhibits, contests and judging of programs under the Lecturer's direction at state and district events; promote Grange projects and policies; budget income and expenses; file quarterly financial reports; visit Granges as available; write articles for the PGN.

STEWARD:

Andrew Kieffer [2 years], Schedule State Advocates working at State Session; conduct the election of officers; assist in preparing the stage for the Session and Degree.

ASSISTANT STEWARD:

Robert Kleckner III [2 years], Assist with conducting the Convention; aid the Steward in preparing for the meeting and degree.

LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD:

Lorena Baughman [4 years], Assist with conducting the Convention; aid the Steward in preparing for the meeting and degree; store, wash and iron the court ladies' gowns for the Degree.

CHAPLAIN:

Judy Pressler [4 years], Provide spiritual guidance and/or meditations at all sessions of the annual Convention and other state events; prepare and conduct the annual memorial service; write articles for the PGN.

TREASURER:

Henry Seidel (16 years), Assist the State President/Master in managing certain financial matters; report to the Executive Committee quarterly in writing regarding changes made in investments; manage the scholarship loan and grant programs, including payback schedules; be knowledgeable regarding investments, bookkeeping and financial planning; manage the lifetime membership program funds and Grange Trust Fund accounts; manage Grange Improvement Loan accounts; serve as a member of the Board of the Grange Foundation; be responsible for safekeeping of legal documents; present annual financial and audit reports.

SECRETARY:

Debbie Campbell (8 years), Prepare minutes of the Session and publish the Journal of Proceedings; commu-

nicate with Subordinate and Pomona secretaries; be available to the State Grange office staff on a weekly basis; be available to handle specific duties as assigned by the State President/Master and Executive Committee. Assist Office Secretary in logging and processing Quarterly Dues from Subordinate Granges and oversee prompt payment of Dues to National Grange as required by the By-Laws. Maintain Grange supply department inventory and sales; process 25, 50, and 50-plus year certificates for membership.

GATEKEEPER:

Gene Zvarick [5 years], Manage the flow of business at the State Session; assist with preparation of stage for meetings and Degree.

CERES:

Hannah Leibensperger (2 years), Launder, store, and press the Ceres drill costumes and accessories for the drill team; select court ladies.

POMONA:

Jennifer Beamon [2 years], Launder, store and press the Pomona drill costumes and accessories for the drill team; select court ladies.

FLORA:

Virginia Mangel [4 years], Select and teach each drill team for the Degree; launder, store and press the Flora drill costumes and accessories for the drill team, pillar girls and rose girls; select court ladies.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Richard Mangel [4 years] Be available to attend meetings of the Executive Committee in Harrisburg or other areas of the state as needed; contribute to decision making and be available to explain decisions made throughout the year; bring ideas to aid in the development of programs, policies, and projects; provide oversight of property and funds of the State Grange; serve as a member of the Board for the Grange Foundation. (Other Executive Committee members are Janet Pratt, Barbara Schroeder and Dr. James Diamond.)

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As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Program Ideas

September

Back to School: The plans for returning to school this fall continue to be in flux and are changing rapidly. Regardless of whether students are back to school in person, learning remotely, or doing some combination of the two, schools, educators and students need all the support they can get. Consider inviting a local teacher to educate your members – and the community – about the challenges facing schools in these unprecedented times. If it is safe to meet in person, invite them to speak at a meeting. If it is not, consider having a Zoom meeting or having the teacher write an article to put in your newsletters or on social media. Work with your Community Service chair to make a donation of cleaning supplies to your local school district or reach out to a local district to see what types of materials they may need to support safe, in-person education or remote learning.

October

October 24 – Make a Difference Day – Celebrate the ways your Grange has made a difference in your community. Reflect back on the programs and projects your Grange has conducted in the last year and have a planning discussion about what sorts of programs and projects your Grange should have for the coming year.

I encourage you to continue to think of ways to provide programming for your members, even if you are unable to meet at this time. Maintain communication with newsletters, phone calls, and emails. Consider using Zoom (the Pennsylvania State Grange has an account) to hold meetings virtually if it is unsafe to meet in person. Share any creative ideas you have been using to reach your members; I'd love to share the great work you are doing in future articles.

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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.

The understatement of the year goes as follows: This has been and is a trying time for Grangers, their families, their communities and frankly for all of rural Pennsylvania. A recent cartoon showed people blowing horns and throwing confetti. When asked, they replied that regardless of what the calendar says, they were done with 2020 and preferred to be in 2021.

In addition to the obvious such as what the business shut-downs have done to rural economies, an underlying issue has emerged that illustrates how non-metropolitan Pennsylvania has been specifically hurt by the coronavirus. This impact is similar to what our non-rural friends have faced but it affects rural PA far worse. The reason is that a resource other communities have simply is not available in much of the rural parts of the state.

That resource is access to high-speed Broadband. Here is the conventional wisdom: use technology to overcome adversity caused by the coronavirus crisis.

- School buildings are not open or only partially open? Solution is learning remotely from your computer at home!
- Business closing or forced cut-backs? Solution is on-line commerce!
- Ag meetings or training? Solution is to go virtual!
- Difficulty in receiving in-person health care? Solution is Telemedicine!

In other words, no worries. Technology can save us. Right? WRONG.

If we do not have access to technology, all the modern Internet resources in the world become irrelevant to the fact that:

“REMOTELY” PROSPECTS ARE REMOTE FOR RURAL PA

- Rural students cannot do their homework or attend virtual (remote) classes.
- Businesses cannot market products and services remotely.
- Virtual meetings are ignored if you can't go virtual. Thus, the value of these meetings – whether an Extension workshop or a virtual event – is lost.
- Distance from medical care and isolation continue to be public and personal health issues.

Understand that these problems are not new. They were obstacles faced by rural communities long before the coronavirus crisis. What is different is that technology is hailed as a panacea and it is not a solution if the technology is not available.

Put another way, the Digital Divide between technology haves and have-nots has been very much there for some time but the lack of access to high-speed Broadband is felt more deeply because of coronavirus.

CORONAVIRUS UNDERSCORES GRANGE’S NO. 1 PRIORITY

As most know, the number one priority for the Pennsylvania State Grange is achieving the goal of universal access to high-speed Broadband. We believe that Broadband is to this century what rural electrification was

in the 20th Century.

Look at these parallels:

- Each involves technology where rural areas don't have it universally (electricity and Broadband).
- Each involves education. Electric lighting helped education just as the Internet is essential now.
- Health care: Can you envision medical care without electricity? Well, in this century, the challenge is access to the Internet as the new phase of medical care.
- What did electricity do for businesses? Storage, manufacturing, retail sales were all greatly enhanced because of electricity. In this century, it is digital technology.

So, how do we get to universal access to high-speed Broadband? Barring a multi-billion dollar Marshall Plan for Broadband, the efforts will remain piecemeal with all the little parts of the solution adding up to bridging the Digital Divide. The Pennsylvania State Grange is working on a number of these, a partial list of which follows.

How To Pay for It

- Pennsylvania State Grange believes that there needs to be a centralized office to coordinate PA efforts to gain funding. Now, the Governor's Office of Broadband



Initiatives exists, but the Governor has never requested any funding for the Office. There is only one employee and she is part-time. PA State Grange wants to see that Office funded as part of the State Budget.

- **House Bill 2348** (Causer-R-McKean/Cameron/Potter) would take an existing tax credit for telecommunication investment and convert it into a matching grant program.
- **Senate Bill 835** (Langerholc-R-Cambria/Clearfield) establishes a grant program to spur telecommunications investment in underserved areas.

Ways to Facilitate Development Without Tax Dollars

- **Senate Bill 1118** (Pittman-R-Indiana) and **House Bill 2438** (Owlett-R-Potter/Tioga) streamline the process whereby a rural electric cooperative can upgrade existing electrical lines to have a Broadband component.
- **House Bill 2055** (Snyder-D-Greene/Fayette) removes certain legal obstacles for small municipalities who are tired of waiting for Internet and decide to become an Internet Service Provider (ISP).
- **Senate Resolution 48** (Phillips-Hill-R-York) directs that an audit be done on whether or not telecommunications companies are meeting current legal obligations regarding access to Broadband.
- **House Bill 305** (Snyder-D-Greene/Fayette) and **Senate Bill 470** (Phillips-Hill-R-York) would have an inventory take place of state-owned structures to identify which ones could be marketed to host telecommunications equipment. Those spaces would be leased with proceeds going to the Commonwealth.
- Right now, telephone users pay a nominal 911 fee to pay for citizens' use of 911 to report emergencies. Pennsylvania State Grange wants policymakers to look at a similar Broadband fee for cell phone users. There are likely more cell phones in Pennsylvania than there are people. Since universal access to Broadband helps strengthen PA's economy, education, health care and its agricultural base, all people should play a part in getting us there.

Try To Develop a Comprehensive Broadband Plan

- **Senate Resolution 47** (Phillips-Hill-R-York) created a Broadband Task Force and Advisory Committee to compare different ways of reaching universal access to Broadband. **Pennsylvania State Grange is the ONLY rural advocacy group included in the Advisory Committee. The resulting report would help legislators figure out what to do.**

NOTE: This is not an encyclopedic list. Other bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate that address other pieces of the puzzle. The Pennsylvania State Grange supports all but one, the Restore PA plan proposed by the Wolf Administration. Our opposition presents several arguments:

- Restore PA is a \$4.5 billion dollar loan which would be paid back by taxing Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction (called a severance tax). If less gas is being extracted because of a low market price for natural gas, PA gets less money and taxpayers are left to make

up the difference in repaying the loan.

- Restore PA is supposedly meant to fund Broadband but there is no set amount dedicated for that purpose. Broadband must compete with flood remediation, downtown revitalisation, parks, transportation, and several other areas for this money. Any resources for Broadband would be diffused by money going to all these other purposes.

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PRESIDENT CAMPBELL'S LETTER PUBLISHED IN LANCASTER FARMING *on July 25th, 2020*

The Pennsylvania State Grange appreciates the intent of Governor Tom Wolf's recent letter to the President and Congress asking them to fund expansion of high-speed Broadband in unserved and underserved areas. We respectfully point out that good intentions are best demonstrated at home.

While the Governor established the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives with fanfare, he never funded it. In each State Budget he proposed, there was no line-item request for this important Office. How can the Office actually coordinate Pennsylvania's efforts to secure Federal funding and serve as a liaison between the FCC and State Government with no resources? The Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives has no budget or dedicated staff. The lone staff person is 'borrowed' from the Department of Community & Economic Development.

The Pennsylvania State Grange urges Governor Tom Wolf to reinforce the leadership he has shown in advocating Federal Broadband funding by helping his own Office of Broadband Initiatives function as it should. We fear that without funding, the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives will become irrelevant.

Following is a quote from the original letter from the Governor, joining other state Governors sent to President Trump and congressional leadership

Additional Broadband investment must meet the level of the challenge and be made at the speed that is clearly now required. This investment will unleash economic potential, promote stable job growth that's resilient in times like these, and ensure all businesses and families can participate in the digital economy.

Although good advice to Washington, at a minimum, we should start by funding the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives.



Grange News

LIBERTY GRANGE #1780

Liberty Grange held a FREE drive-thru Strawberry Social on Saturday, May 30, 2020 for our Community Service event. We gave away Strawberry Shortcake "kits" that included: a cup of



strawberries, piece of white cake, an ice cream cup and plasticware. Although there was no charge,



many people wanted to make a donation. We raised \$134 for the Harlansburg Presbyterian Church Food Bank that has been serving families in our community.



SOUTH AUBURN GRANGE #1188

On July 25, 2020 the South Auburn Grange # 1188 held a virtual fundraiser via mail-in contributions along with a chicken barbeque and donation campaign for the benefit of the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Wyalusing, PA. The Grange is happy to report that over \$3,300 was raised for this worthy, non-profit food pantry. The Grange would also like to thank our Grange members and friends and neighbors that supported the fundraiser.



Peg Huyck of Helping Hands receiving funds from Charlene Tewksbury of the South Auburn Grange



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(June 2020) State Grange president Wayne Campbell, along with members from several other Granges, tackled the job of installing beautiful new laminate flooring. (Photo Credit: Beth Downey)

The work at Eagle Grange #1 is not done! In the next few months, Eagle Grange is planning several other community events. These include honoring three local fire companies on August 4th, when Eagle Grange hosted members of the fire companies to celebrate their essential work in the community. On September 5th, Eagle Grange is hosting a community yard sale at their Hall, which is prominently located off of Route 15. Community members will be invited to set up their own tables at this yard sale. Eagle Grange also

hopes to make the day a “Community Day” and include other important services to the community. These include sponsoring a blood drive with a mobile blood bank and inviting a shredding truck for community members to shred confidential paperwork. These are only a few examples of the types of events that Eagle Grange plans to coordinate to better serve the community and become a hub of community activities in Lycoming County.



(June 2020) The kitchen is now clean, bright and well equipped with stainless steel work counters. All the cabinets were painted to create this fresh and welcoming look. (Photo Credit: David Troutman)

Future building renovation projects when funding becomes available include the installation of wall-mounted ductless HVAC



(June 2020) The dining room is ready for its first event with new tables and curtains added. (Photo Credit: David Troutman)

units to add air conditioning to the building, updating the kitchen appliances, and renovations to the second floor of the building.

Eagle Grange #1 is excited to showcase their “New Look”, their

history, and celebrate their continued work in the future at an 150th Anniversary Open House held next spring in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Grange’s 150th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 10 am – 1 pm and plan to visit Eagle Grange #1 for this Open House!

If you would like to contribute to the ongoing work at Eagle Grange #1, please consider becoming a Friend of Eagle Grange. More information about Eagle Grange’s history and background and the Friend of Eagle Grange application can be found on the State Grange website at <https://www.pagrangle.org/pennsylvanias-first-grange---eagle-1.html>. Contact Jenn Nauss (jnauss89@gmail.com or 717-512-1261) or Doug Bonsall (douglas.b@verizon.net or 717-921-1957) for more information about becoming a Friend of Eagle Grange!



(July 2020) The new and improved entrance to the historic Eagle Grange Hall; note the accessible ramp and the reserved handicap parking area. (Photo Credit: David Troutman)



(June 2020) A panoramic view of the completed handicap accessible restroom. About \$35,000 plus countless hours of volunteer labor has been invested in the renovation work. Large donations came from Valley, Perry Valley & Red Lion Granges. (Photo Credit: David Troutman)



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4. The participants must include a written script.
5. Three age divisions:
 - Youth - Grange members between the ages of 14-21 as of Jan. 1;
 - Young Adult - Grange members between the ages of 22-35;
 - Youth Alumni ages 36 and older.
6. Commercials must be on a flash drive and in .MP4, .MPG, WMA format.

Youth and Young Adult Contests that will not be held this year: Start with a Cake Mix, Cupcake Decorating, Scrapbook Page, Recycled Craft, Building Blocks Creation,

At the time of writing this article, the Youth and Young Adults Department are still planning to hold the following annual events:

- 21-23 August – Young Adults Weekend
- 26 September – Youth and Young Adults Family picnic
- 10 October – Virtual Contest night
- Jan/Feb 2021 – Youth Winter Retreat

In this time of change and uncertainty, we are continually looking for new ideas and ways to help our fellow Grangers. If you are looking for a little something different for your Grange virtual meeting, let me know. Our Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors, Young Patrons, as well as our committee and myself, are ready and willing to provide a program for your Grange or event.

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 Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Union City #89**
Anne Hall
- New Vernon #608**
Shirley McIntire
- Middletown #684**
Nicholas Forsyth
Sydney Ochoco
- Tuscarora #774**
Linda Rowles
- Walker #786**
Joseph Zook
Kathy Zook
- Lincoln #914**
Holly Anderson
Mikara Anderson
Reba Clapper
- Buckhorn #1119**
Veronica Drenning
Vince Jerz
Susan Kotelnicki
- Chestnut Ridge #1133**
Ensley Clark
- Jefferson #1373**
Amy Curry
Susan O'Leath
Linda Cehily
- Donegal #1495**
Nick Cranmer
Angel Eppinger
Lakeir Rue
James Jones
- Ontelaunee #1617**
Peter Schiaroli
- Stony Point #1694**
Nicholas Ammann

- Plumsteadville #1738**
Neil Adams
Edwardine Adams
- Shermanata #1796**
Sue Dennison
Kenneth Hilbish
- Virginville #1832**
Harold Madeira
- Fleetwood #1839**
Sarah Berger
Rebecca Berger
Peter Rohrbach
- Long Branch #2072**
Mark Gazi
Anna Marie Gazi
- Cumberland Valley #2104**
Luke Herbert
Kiah Krall
Kendra Kent
Dan Gold
Kristen Nearhood-Gold
Cameron Gold

BIRTHDAYS

- Fred Hosler**
April 19 (93 years old)
- Betty Yinger**
June 28 (96 years old)
- Fae Snyder**
June 24 (88 years old)

IN MEMORIAM

- Red Lion #1781**
Dorothy "Dot" Lanis
Emerson T Knaper

- Kingwood #1765**
Loretta Sechler
- Halfmoon #290**
Roy Beck
- Marion #223**
Harold Hoy
- Madison #2064**
Leo Dobbs
- Bernville #1887**
Margaret Swope
- Mt. Nebo #1872**
Margaret Maier
- Valley #1360**
Janet Snyder
Dorothy Hykes
Lida Bear
- Virginville #1832**
Myers D Adam
- Edinboro #947**
Arthur Williams
- Buckhorn #1119**
Joseph Raptosh
- Bald Eagle #1390**
Anna Daughenbaugh
Marcella Hunter
- Westfield #1514**
Lloyd Raney
Richard Martin
- Plumsteadville #1738**
Elizabeth Dutterer
- Community #2048**
Charles Funk
- Central Grange # 1650**
Miriam Masters
Carolyn J. Mantz



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 Luncheon and Program

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)

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 annauss@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:

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

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