

PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS

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STATE GRANGE CONTEST & PROGRAM GUIDE 2017-2018

Part 1

As we begin a new Grange year, strive to try at least two new things with your Grange. Encourage your members to enter the contests. Have a program focusing on one of the contests. Invite a local photographer to talk about taking good pictures. Have an "Artist in Residence" program and invite a local artist to demonstrate their craft and bring some of their works for display and/or sale. A local librarian could make suggestions of books to read for the "Pen In Hand" contest. Wow! That's three potential Literary Programs for the year (and maybe three new things!). I challenge you to put on your thinking caps and get creative. Your members will thank you! And for all of you non-Lecturers, remember to compliment your Lecturer from time to time. Let them know when you liked a program, maybe even offer to do a program for them or suggest an idea for a program. They'll thank you!

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The success of your program depends on the planning you put into programs. Whether you plan three, six, or twelve months in advance depends on what works best for you. But whatever you do, plan in advance.

Organized and well-planned programs make your literary program time run smoothly and your members will be more attentive and look forward to what will be presented next.

Always watch for the special talents of your members and keep them involved. This will give them a reason to continue attending meetings.

An important aspect of being Lecturer is having a Lecturer's Committee. Allow them to assist in the planning and presentation of programs. They will be better prepared to carry on if you are unable to attend every meeting. Don't hesitate to ask others for assistance in planning and presenting your programs.

LITERARY PROGRAM

1. Select a theme or topic.
2. Include education, inspiration, and entertainment that compliment your topic.
3. Distribute skits, readings, etc. the meeting before their intended use.
4. Utilize your members and family members in programs.
5. Review your program to make sure all props are ready before your program begins.
6. Write down your program from beginning to end.
7. Publicize your topic at the meeting and also in your local newspaper.
8. Be enthusiastic!!

SUBORDINATE VISITATIONS

Sharing with other Granges in your county can promote fellowship and provide educational opportunities.

The Pomona Lecturer should organize the planning meeting and aid in determining the details. The Pomona Lecturer should plan the Schedule of Visitations in conjunction with the Subordinate Lecturers. After the schedule has been determined, members and non-members should be notified as well as publicizing the meetings in local papers.

During your planning meeting, determine the length of each portion of the program. The opening and closing of the meeting should also be included. Make sure that all of the Granges participating know exactly what part of the program is their responsibility. Start promptly at the appointed time and end at the designated time.

The Subordinate Lecturer should inform the Pomona Lecturer what program topic, (using the current themes) will be utilized in order to avoid duplication of programs.

It is important that members and non-members are greeted and made to feel welcome. Several members should be assigned to be greeters when your Grange serves as "host".

2017-2018 VISITATION THEMES

To add diversity to our programs across Pennsylvania this year, we are providing you with three suggested themes to select from (including your choice) as you plan your visitation programs:

1. Current Health Care (in your area).
2. Have you talked to your kid(s) lately? Sex, drugs, money, and alcohol.
3. Investment, retirement, management, digital footprint.
4. Lecturer's Choice.

PUBLICITY

During the planning meeting, determine who is responsible to handle the before and after publicity which is a very important part in telling the Grange story and should not be overlooked. Whoever is responsible for publicity in your Grange (it is not totally the Pomona Lecturers' job) should make sure that the Visitation is well publicized both before and after the program.

Participating Lecturers are responsible for setting time limits with the speaker. A good program, including education and entertainment, should not last more than 1 to 1 1/2 hours from start to finish.

The more members you have participate, the larger your attendance. The Visitations will provide an excellent opportunity to seek out potential talent for the Talent Contest or other Lecturer's programs and contests. Be encouraging and motivate your members!

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Exploring the bi-
ways of PA on a
late May day.

Mrs. Hiller is a
4th generation
Granger





From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
PA State Grange President
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Dear Fellow Grangers,

My thoughts and prayers go out to Past Master Beth Downey and her family as she resigns from her position as PA State Grange President. I would like to thank her for all her time and dedication to the Grange. She has worked very hard to make this a better organization.

When I was suggested for and was elected to the office of Overseer in October, I knew part of the requirements of the office was to step in as President/Master if it was necessary.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and tell you a little about my background.

I have been involved in the Grange all my life. I was born into a Grange family. I was a part of the family Dairy farm until I sold my part out at the age of 26. At that time in 1981 we were milking 100 cows by pipeline and farming approximately 500 acres on 7 different farms. I eventually went to work repairing farm equipment for the company we used to buy equipment from.

In 1987 I went to work for Forbes Chevrolet in Camp Hill, PA. I was the warranty administrator there for about 15 years

at which time I also accepted the position of Service Manager. The dealership closed in 2007 when the owner wanted to retire and GM bought the franchise back and closed the facility.

I then went back to Agriculture and was employed by Valley Ag and Turf, a large John Deere dealership. They own a total of 5 locations. I was the Service Manager at the Harrisburg/Hershey location for 2 years after which I accepted position as Store Manager.

In July 2010 I went back into the Auto Service business working in a smaller used car dealership closer to home as the Shop Foremen. In December, 2015. I semi-retired and went to work driving a shared ride transit bus. I have now left that position to be full time President/Master of the PA State Grange.

During my Grange career I of course started as a Junior Granger and then moved on to Subordinate, Pomona, State and finally a member of the National Grange. I joined National Grange when the convention was held at Denver, Colorado.

I have held the offices of President/Master in both the Subordinate and Pomona Grange and I currently am on the Executive Committee of the Pomona Grange. I served on the State Grange Agriculture Committee for 6 years. We are also members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in

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Newport where I am currently on the Church Council.

My wife, Debbie, is also a very active Granger. She was PA State Jr. Director for 6 years, State Pomona for 6 years, National Jr. Committee for 2 years and is currently the State Secretary and Treasurer of Perry County Pomona Grange.

We have been blessed with 3 children, Jennifer Danko and husband Ken, Ashley and Nathan and 3 Grandchildren, Bryce, Riley and Nathan Jr.

We are part of the group who does the cooking for Family Festival. We have cooked every year except for the first year when the meals were catered. We also operate our Pomona Grange food stand at the Perry County Fair. This stand is dedicated to the youth and families in the various barns.

I step into the position looking forward to helping the Grange to grow. My goals are to continue the drive for membership, to grow the list of grange benefits and to continue to promote the wonderful Junior and Youth programs that the State of PA has.

I would like to make visits across this great state as I am invited. Debbie and I are great believers in God leads our way. We don't always know or understand where He is leading us. As I step into this new chapter of my life, I pray for God's help and guidance. I look forward to working with all of you.

Fraternally,

Wayne Campbell
PA State Grange President



Greetings from your Chaplain in Central Pennsylvania,

Jesus commanded that we honor our fathers and our mothers and we celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day during May and June. Whether you are a birth parent, an adoptive parent, a foster parent or a "feel like a" parent, this is your time to be honored.

As a parent, think about the emotions you had the first time you grasped that tiny hand, the first time a little voice said "da da," or the first time you felt that awkward squeeze around your neck (or your legs) and heard the words, "I wuv you." That's what it's all about, isn't it? It is a love connection and it is a gift from God.

As a child, on your first day of school, you excitedly raced onto the bus unaware of the tears in your mother's eyes. The first time you proudly drove off in the family car, you didn't notice the lump in

Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler
PA State Grange Chaplain

your dad's throat. The night you were in the ER getting stitched up, you didn't see the worry in your parents' eyes. That love connection becomes more tangible as you grow older. Perhaps you've had to hold the hand of a parent as you both said your final farewell and "I love you" for the last time.

Think about examples of the love connection in these parent-child relationships in the Bible: Joseph & Mary's anguish when they couldn't find Jesus, Hannah who prayed for a miracle child and then gave him back to God, Moses' mother who saved him in the basket, Jarius who asked Jesus to cure his daughter, Joseph who wept when he finally saw his father Jacob, Timothy's mother who taught him at her knee, the disciples' fathers who watched their sons leave their nets to follow Jesus. Of course, most of all, Jesus exemplified the devotion of a child for his mother when, as he was dying, he made sure John would take care of his mother!

One way to acknowledge God's gifts of loving fathers and mothers is to thank him and honor them. In addition to cards, phone calls or flowers, why not spend time with your parents, children, or even someone else's parents and/or children at a Grange family activity this summer....this issue is full of information and registration forms. It's a great way to strengthen that love connection....Be a DOER!

Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler



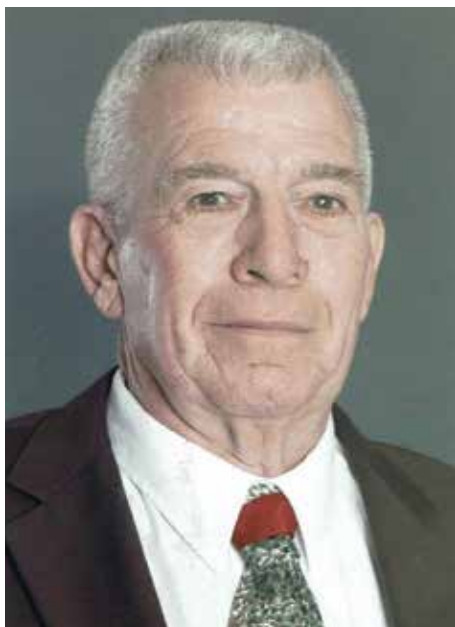


2017 PA Grange Endorsement of Penn State Agriculture Trustees

by Past President Beth Downey

The PA State Grange is endorsing J.V. Lamb and Keith Masser for the two seats up for election for the Penn State Ag Trustees, scheduled for May 4, 2017.

J.V. Lamb, a lifelong member of Grange is also a member of Pa Farm Bureau, PSU Ag Council, PSU Extension Board Lawrence County, active in his church, 4-H, Mt Jackson Museum Foundation and other organizations and memberships. He served 19 years as a district judge, teacher, is owner of Lamb's Greenhouse and oversees production at Dawsons Orchards, past Pa State Grange Executive Committee officer. His awards from 4-H to FFA to his community are extensive. He will bring a strong sense of integrity and experience to the position of Trustee.



Keith Masser was elected to the Board of Trustees by delegates from Agricultural Societies effective July 2008 and elected to serve as Chairman of the Board in January 2013. A 1973 graduate of Penn State with a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering, he is president of Stermann Masser, Inc., a family farm in Sacramento, Pennsylvania, and a member of the Mount Nittany Society, the Alpha Epsilon Ag Engineering Honor Society, and the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society.

Both these candidates come with strong recommendations of outgoing PSU Trustee and National Grange President Betsy Huber. It is important for our Grange membership to attend their county caucus and then if elected to vote, go on May 4 and VOTE. I can't emphasize this enough. Let's not be disinterested and risk losing Ag Trustees. Thank you!

The PSU Board of Trustees is vital to the operation of Penn State and as a Land Grant University it's important that rural Pennsylvania is properly represented through the election of Agriculture Trustees. Thank you for participating in this extremely important process. Please encourage your Grange representatives to participate in this election by attending your county caucus and the election itself if chosen as a voting representative. Please recall our resolu-



tion passed unanimously at 2016 State Session (which was provided the PSU trustees) in which we requested that all caucusing only be done at the county level and not also on the day of election at PSU. Encourage your county to do so. As the delegates from your Grange prepare to attend the Penn State University Ag Trustee elections, please be sure they have the information on the candidates the PA State Grange has chosen to endorse.

Secretaries must provide the voting delegate information to Holly Brown, Office of the Board of Trustees, The Pennsylvania State University, 205 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802 by April 4.





Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

joy the warmer weather. And remember if anyone needs anything Please Call.

Melanie Melius
Family Activities Director

Greetings Fellow Grangers!! My name is Melanie Melius and I'm the new State Grange Family Activities Director. I live in Pine Grove Mills, Pa. with my Fiancé Merle and our 2 dogs, Brittany & Saddle and a 25lb. cat, Hailey. My grand-daughter, Isabella Boone is in Jr. Grange also. We belong to Baileyville Grange #1991 where I'm Pomona and the Family Activities Chairwoman. We also belong to the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 where I'm Lady Assistant Stewart and Family Activities Chairwoman. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 814-234-4943 and I will try to answer them for you if I can.

I hope some of you received the 2017 Contest papers and Quilt Block pattern I gave out at our planning meetings. If not, please ask around in your area to see if anyone has them and if you may copy them. I will be sending out packets to all the Subordinate and Pomona Grange secretaries with all the information. Sorry it took so long to get everything out to you. I hope to see a lot of contest entries and quilt block patterns at the State Session this year.

Come and see me at the Family Festival in July and say Hi, Family Activities will be serving the dinner Friday evening with hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni salad, baked beans and dessert, I'll be there. Have a great spring and en-

From the Past President's Desk

Elizabeth Downey

PA State Grange Past President

Farewell

Sisters and Brothers, it was a very difficult decision to step down as your President. You placed your trust in me and I so appreciate and am greatly humbled by that. However, due to many circumstances I simply could not continue. You can't place so much of your life in your professional career and leave a meager amount for family. My faith knows that won't work. I love Grange and loved working for you. I look forward to seeing all of you at future Grange events.

So many of you have sent texts, emails, cards and have called and that really touches my heart. I truly treasure the friendships made over the last two and a half years. I will always have wonderful memories of your kindnesses, enjoying special events at your Granges and sharing tea or coffee



in your kitchens the morning after a stay with you. Thank you.

President Wayne will serve you well. He has that same desire for increased membership and renewed volunteerism in Grange. I know you will all welcome and help him along.

Love one another as brothers and sisters as God tells us to do every moment of our lives. If you disagree, talk to one another in private and work it out. God bless each of you.



2017 PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR GRANGE

Camper Application

July 2-July 8, 2017 at Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA

For Junior Grange age: 7-14

THEME: "WILD WILD WEST"

Name: _____ M _____ F _____

Street: _____ Phone: _____ /Cell: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of Jan 1, 2017 _____

Grange Name and Number: _____

Is this your first year at State Camp? _____



Camper fee - \$140.00 (This reflects a \$15.00 credit from the Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund)

THERE IS ALSO A SIBLING DISCOUNT: 1st child = full price of \$140 and then a \$15 reduction for every child after. (2nd child = \$125, 3rd child = \$125 4th child = \$125 and so on)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR GRANGE

Mail Application with attached photo to: Director Lurae Benzio, 103 Highland Dr., Industry, PA 15052

REGISTRATION and CAMP FEE DEADLINE: JUNE 5, 2017

Any application postmarked after June 5, 2017 will be charged 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. Your food donation item will be listed in your camp packet that is mailed to you a few weeks prior to camp.

_____ YES, I am willing to bring a food donation to camp.

T-shirt Size: (circle one below)
Child Med. / Child Lrg.
Adult Sm. / Adult Med. / Adult Lrg.
Adult XL / Adult 2XL

*All Counselors/Helpers must contact Director Lurae Benzio for consideration and an application





**2017 PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE
YOUTH CAMP**

“MASTER CHEF” – YOUTH CAMP EDITION
JUNE 30 - JULY 2, 2017

JOIN US for “MASTER CHEF” – YOUTH CAMP EDITION!
Camp Sylvan Hills
Howard, PA 16841
(814) 355-5652

Name _____ M _____ F _____

Address _____ Age _____ DOB _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Grange: _____ County: _____

E-Mail: _____ 1st Year Youth Camper: Yes _____ No _____

Shirt Size: ___S___ ___M___ ___L___ ___XL___ ___XXL___ ___XXXL___

Cooking Experience (1 to 5 scale with 1 = No experience and 5 = I should be the head chef in a restaurant) _____

FOOD ALLERGIES _____

Emergency Contact & Telephone Number(s): _____

Camp Fee for the Weekend: \$65.00 per person
(\$15.00 will be paid by the Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund Account)
Each person will pay \$50.00
*******SPECIAL – 1ST TIME CAMPERS ONLY \$25.00*******

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 emailed or sent to you after your application is received.

Registration and Camp Fee Deadline: June 9, 2017

Please make checks payable to: PA State Grange Youth Department
Please complete form and mail to:
Ellen Wadsworth, PA Youth Director
362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352
417-967-6474
QUESTIONS?? Email: YOUTH@pagrange.org
or Join us on Facebook: Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults



PA STATE GRANGE TESTIFIES ON MILK MARKETING ORDERS



HARRISBURG...The PA State Grange called on the PA Milk Marketing Board to set the over-order premium payment at \$1.60 and to continue the fuel adjuster. Testifying on behalf of the Grange's 10,000 members, Lancaster County dairy farmer Matt



Espenshade said that increases in feed costs pretty much voided some improvement in milk prices late last year. He stated that the improvement yielded a price of \$16.80 and a margin of \$7.89 in January 2017. This showed an increase from a low point, \$13.81 in August 2016 – a level not seen since 2010. Despite improvement,

the January 2017 price was still \$1.53 lower than January 2016.

As an example, feed costs for Espenshade's dairy farm increased dramatically in 2016 from \$7.74 in April 2016 to over \$9.00 per hundredweight by November.

In advocating for the over-order premium, he said it "is not just supporting the local farmer, but the businesses they depend on as well. The decision the PA Milk Marketing Board makes on over-order premiums will have a direct impact on farm families across the state (by helping) dairy producers maintain farm equity and pay down debt which has accumulated."

PA State Grange President Wayne Campbell emphasized the importance of Pennsylvania's dairy industry. "While Pennsylvania is blessed with diversified agriculture, the profitability of dairy operations is central to the health of PA's Number One industry, Agriculture", he said. Campbell himself is a former Perry County dairy

farmer.

Matt Espenshade is a seventh generation dairy farmer with family ownership dating back to 1867. His farm milks 75 cows with a 19,600 pound rolling herd average. His family farms 260 acres and raises forage and replacement heifers. He is the Master (President) of Elizabethtown Area Grange, number 2076, one of more than 240 local Granges statewide. His farm is a member of Mount Joy Farmers Co-op which is affiliated with Dairy Farmers of America.





MEDIA STATEMENT ON AVIAN INFLUENZA

By: Wayne Campbell, PA State Grange President

The current news about an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Tennessee should not go unnoticed here in Pennsylvania. Safe food production and security must never be ignored in any aspect of agriculture. It is important now more than ever that all the sanitation guidelines be adhered to. Monitoring who or what comes and goes on your production facility can play a major role in prevention. Operators need to review their safety precautions and make sure their personnel are adequately trained regarding proper safeguards. Thankfully, the PA Department of Agriculture has spent a great deal of time and resources to develop strategies to cope with this concern, should it break out here.

Here is some of what is at stake in Pennsylvania based on the National Agricultural Statistics Service report issued March 1, 2017.

- Number of layers 27.2 million in 2016 (up from 25.9 million

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IS IN THE US!

KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS:



- ▶ Lack of energy and appetite
- ▶ Decreased egg production or soft/misshapen eggs
- ▶ Swelling of the head, eyelids and comb
- ▶ Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs and legs
- ▶ Stumbling, falling down, diarrhea
- ▶ Sudden death



HERE ARE SOME STEPS FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF BIRD FLU AMONG BACKYARD CHICKENS:

- ▶ Keep chickens and turkeys away from ducks and other waterfowl.
- ▶ Install solid fencing so chickens cannot come into direct contact with neighbor chickens and birds.
- ▶ If you have a backyard pond where migrating birds may stop, don't allow your chickens near the water. Keep your feed protected as well.
- ▶ Buy birds from a reputable source and keep new birds separate from the rest of your flock for at least 30 days.
- ▶ Do not share feeding buckets or other equipment and supplies with other bird owners.
- ▶ Wash hands thoroughly before and after working with birds. Wear clean clothes and disinfect cages, tools and other equipment that come in contact with birds and their droppings.



in 2015)

- Egg production 8.2 billion in 2016 (up from 7.778 billion in 2015)

Resources include USDA (866) 536-7593, www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock and the PA Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Health & Diagnostic Services, (717) 772-2852, RA-ahds@state.pa.us



How to protect birds from AVIAN INFLUENZA

1. Isolate your birds from visitors and other birds, including wild birds
2. Know all warning signs of the sickness
3. Keep all areas clean to prevent spread of virus
4. Keep a report of sick birds
5. Stay informed of all larger facilities that house birds near your home

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Government Matter's
Vince Phillips
 PA State Grange Lobbyist

example, during the Appropriations hearing on the current Department of Aging, the point was made that senior citizens need a Cabinet-level agency to make sure those citizens' needs are not overlooked. Absorbing the Department of Aging into a big-

PASSING THE STATE BUDGET...

...NOT AS SIMPLE AS BALANCING YOUR CHECKBOOK

Pennsylvania General Assembly is in the throes of coming up with a balanced State Budget. Consider these obstacles:

- For this year, the state is not taking in as much revenue as it expected. This means that the state will be short about \$600 million dollars for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.
- Next year, there is what is called an institutional budget deficit of \$2.1 billion that has to be taken care of in addition to provide monies for state programs and services.

Given these hurdles, how will the General Assembly get this job done...by June 30? Generally, just as with the family checkbook, there are two options – Spend less or collect more revenue. Governor Wolf said that he is not proposing an increase in the tax rate of the Personal Income Tax (PIT) or the rate of the Sales Tax. He did propose a new tax on natural gas (Marcellus) extraction, something that the legislature refused before.

The Governor seeks to expand the state's available dollars by trying to find savings in current programs. For example, he recently switched management of several state funds from Wall Street money managers to the Office of the PA State Treasurer to save an estimated \$5.5 million. These funds are no small change with the biggest one being the State Workers Insurance Fund (SWIF), the Workers' Compensation insurance of last resort which has over a billion dollars in its reserve fund.

Consolidation is seen as another way to reduce state expenses. For the next year, Governor Wolf wants to consolidate four state Cabinet-level departments into one Department of Health & Human Services. To be combined are Departments of Aging, Health, Drug & Alcohol Treatment, and Department of Human Services. Opponents have already spoken out to say that important functions will be lost in a bigger bureaucracy. For

ger government department means less access to the Governor and more internal bureaucracy which prevents Aging programs from getting the attention they need.

There are spending cuts too and Agriculture was not spared the woodman's axe although some Agriculture programs like PA Preferred were preserved. Likewise, Penn State and Extension funding seem OK for now and the General Operations Budget for the PA Department of Agriculture actually received more money in order to cope with rising employee benefits and pensions costs. Still, the Department of Agriculture took some hits with proposals to eliminate spending for the PA Center for Dairy Excellence, Center for Beef Excellence, Center for Hardwoods Development, agriculture research (not to be confused with Penn State research dollars), etc.

The biggest proposed cut to Agriculture would eliminate \$30 million for the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, arguably one of the best in the Nation and the world. Opposition to this is intense. Consider Senator Tom Killion (R-Delaware)'s reaction after the Senate Appropriations Committee hearing: I am worried this cut will have some debilitating effects on Pennsylvania's largest industry, Agriculture. The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine is not only the only veterinary school in the Commonwealth, but it has a reputation of being one of the best programs in the nation. This large budget cut could hurt one of Pennsylvania's greatest educa-



House Agriculture Majority Chair; Stan Saylor (R-York), who convened the hearing. Member of Red Lion Grange.



tional and economic assets that is right in our backyard.

In the House Appropriations Committee hearing, Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding tried to explain that the cut was not a value statement because no one doubts the value of the University of Pennsylvania's program. Rather, he said, it was a fiscal statement showing a trade-off. Rep. Kevin Boyle (D-Phila.) asked if that was a trade-off PA is prepared to make since that program is responsible for training most vets in the state, particularly large animal veterinarians. He was joined by fellow Democrats Mary Jo Daley (Montgomery) and Tim Briggs (Montgomery) in opposing the cut. Rep. Dean said that there would be unanticipated consequences and asked "Do we want to no longer train large animal veterinarians given that Agriculture is a major industry in Pennsylvania?"

Welcome to Harrisburg during Budget Season!

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PA State Grange President Campbell, talking with PA Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding at the House Appropriations Committee budget hearing



Program Director

Denise Clare

PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings PA Grangers!! It was great to see so many people at the State Grange Planning meeting in State College and the special budget meeting at Logan Grange. At the annual State Planning Meeting there were many great ideas being shared between Grangers. I enjoyed meeting with my committee while we went over the Report Forms, Guide to Contests and Programs for 2017-2018, and made plans for Mid-Atlantic Lecturer's Conference which PA hosts this year. Hopefully by the time you read this you will have received your Lecturer's packet. Enclosed with the letter is either the Subordinate or Pomona Report Forms, and also information on the talent contest. Once again this year the Talent Contest will be held at the PA State Grange Family Festival in July. There will not be any regional eliminations. ALL talent entries will perform at the Family Festival. First place winners in each class will perform at State Session. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! If you are only attending for the Talent contest then you MUST state this with your registration. Please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs for the Talent Contest rules. It would be great to see more talent entries this year. Remember, if you place first in your category, then you will perform again at State Session in October. This gives you the chance to share your talent with many different Grangers from across the state.

CONTESTS

It's never too early to start on your reports and scrapbooks. We received many reports and scrapbooks last year and would like to see many more. Please refer to the

Guide to Contests and Programs for the rules. Scrapbooks for Subordinate and Pomona MAY include all programs for the entire year. Get started with decorating a container pot and enter in the funny, pretty, and Grange theme categories. Wood, plastic, or foam frames can be made by everyone. Juniors and Subordinates can enter in the prettiest, funniest, or Grange theme categories. Get creative in making wreaths and tissue box covers. There is still the My Favorite Anything Contest, along with the Pen in Hand Contest. Enter in the Art and Photography Contests. There are five categories for photography: Flowers; Sunrise/Sunset; Baby Animals; Trains and Churches.

As you can see, there is a lot to participate in, so get the word out to members. Hold a program night to work on a project. I want to see LOTS of entries!!! As with all of the contests, please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs for the rules. If you have questions, please contact your regional committee person, or you can contact me.

The report forms and the Guide to Contests and Programs will also be available on the PA State Grange website: www.pagrange.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

PROGRAM IDEAS

April: Grange Month! National Poetry Month (Write one for the contest!), National Pecan Month, National Soft Pretzel Month

May: National Photo Month (Take pictures for the contests!), High Blood Pressure Awareness Month, National Salsa Month, National Pet Month

June: Adopt a Cat Month, National Iced Tea Month, Dairy Month, National Bathroom Reading Month

Until next time, Denise Clare



Grange News

BUTLER COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #17, is holding a traveling program on Bees on June 5, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Unionville Grange Hall number #1971. The program is open to the public and anyone interested in learning more about Honey Bees. The program will be presented by Joe Zgurzynski from Country Barn Farms. His



farm operation includes producing local honey, teaching beekeeping classes, selling beekeeping equipment, and producing queen bees for other beekeepers. Joe runs the Country Barn Beekeeping Club, is a member of the Beaver Valley Area Beekeeping Association as well as the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association. Joe's degrees include a BS in Biology from Richard Stockton College, an MS in Public health from the University of Pittsburgh and a MBA from Carnegie Mellon. He has also taken college level courses in entomology and beekeeping and takes an active role in mentoring new beekeepers. This program should be of interest to all those interested in learning more about bees, beekeeping, and how bees effect our everyday lives.

WINDFALL GRANGE #257, recently met to honor their 60 year, 50 year, and 25 year members with a dish-to-pass dinner.



Jasper Smith, of Beech Flats Grange (middle), presented Donna Sheddon (left) of Granville Center with a 50 year Golden Sheaf Certificate, and Ruth Wicker (right) of Schnecksville with a 60 year Membership Seal.

At our February Grange meeting, Leo Newell, Jr. (left), of Can-



ton, was presented his 25 year Certificate by Owen Brackman (right), Master of Windfall Grange.

It is our deepest honor to have so many 50, 60 & 65 year members! They are (pictured left to



right - front row): Kathie Fleming,

Ruth Wicker, Marjorie Pratt, Bruce Metzger & Gerald Pratt, (pictured left to right - back row): Larry Fleming, Owne Brackman, Paul Brackman & Jim Denkenberger.

VICTOR GRANGE #159, This picture is from when we collected 159 perishables for our local food bank in State College. This was



one of our community projects of the year. Standing in the picture is Master Art Reede.

EDGEWOOD GRANGE #688, in Bucks County, is a small Grange, with 14 members. We might be small, but we are very active in our community helping and volunteering at different organizations. In November, we col-



lect and donate warm clothing and blankets for homeless and those in need. This has been one of our ongoing projects for several years.





Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

Ways to help our membership grow?

I've heard from so many of our members that it is hard to attract new people to join their Grange. I've been pondering on thoughts of how do we grow our Grange's. Let me ask some questions, "How do we interact with people in our community?" It is usually through meetings and our programming. Are we creating programs that are fun, engaging, and educational? Have you created a list of programs that would be of interest to

your community? Is your community experiencing any issues that would make great speaker topics for a program? I ask questions to stimulate your thoughts about new programs and resources in your community.

I'm asked about gardening a lot as our Grange provided classes on how to container garden. Our Grange provided containers, and tomato, pepper, and oregano plants. We called it "Pizza in a Pot." We are a small Grange, so we teamed up with our local FFA and Young Farmers groups to join us in the planning and management of the program. We scheduled two Master Gardener volunteers from our local extension office to

be our instructors. Our committee thought about our local community. We are a small town where people don't have a lot of space for gardening. We contacted other organizations, sent out press releases to our local media, and visited the senior centers and area food banks to sign people up to attend our classes.

Now, review the questions in the beginning of this column. Ask yourself, what can my Grange do for programs and events. Make a list of ideas and talk about it at your meetings. Then, think about what resources you have in your community to join forces with that would enhance the program or event.

I look forward to hearing from you on what programs and events you are planning!

- Lizzie Bailey
Membership/PR Director

Youth News!!!

Outstanding Young Patron Contest:

The PA Youth and Young Adults will be holding the Outstanding Young Patron Contest again this year at Family Festival. Official rules are available on the National Grange Youth webpage and in the 2017-2018 PA State Grange Program Guide. The contest is similar to the Youth Ambassador contest but for ages 22-35. Contestants can be married or single and must be willing to represent the Grange at several events. During Family Festival those interested in competing will have a knowledge test, impromptu question and an inter-

view. If you are interested in competing, please contact Youth@PAGrange.org to sign up.

- Ellen Wadsworth
(Youth Director)



PA State Grange Secretary

Hi my name is **Debbie Campbell**. I joined the Grange after marrying my husband, Wayne. I am a member of Community Grange #1767, Perry County. I have held many offices in my local and Pomona Grange. My husband and I are co-chairs for the Perry County Pomona Fair food stand. I have also served on the State Junior Committee for 6 years, State Junior Grange Director for 6 years, State Pomona for 6 years and State Secretary for 4 years. My husband and I have been blessed with 3 children and 3 grandchildren. We are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Newport where I currently serve as Treasurer. Wayne and I were co-chairs for St. Paul's Lutheran Church Youth Group for 13 years. I am retired from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania after 35 years of service. I look forward serving as your State Secretary for another 2 years.



Back to the Land:

ABC's Of Backyard Chickens

Backyard poultry is a fun enterprise whether it is a project for your children or a project for you. There is so much to think about when it comes to raising live animals, such as a small flock of chickens. Breeds, purchasing birds, bio-safety issues, and equipment are just a few topics that should run through your mind.

When people think about chickens they think about three main topics: odor, mess, and noise. All three can be curtailed depending on how you decide to run your small flock operation. First, chickens can smell just like dogs and cats can if they are not taken care of. Maintenance and daily manure removal from the chicken coop or housing can reduce odor and mess issues. The noises from the chickens mainly come from the loud crow of the rooster. Many people believe that you need a rooster to have eggs every day, which is not true. You only need a rooster if you want your eggs fertilized to eventually have chicks. Some research has even proven that hens might actually lay eggs more consistently when there is no rooster in the flock.

When you are starting to think about raising chickens, you need to check your local laws to see if you are allowed to raise poultry in your backyard. County, city, community laws and ordinances all need to be looked at when determining if you may raise chickens. In the past few years, more and more cities and towns have been allowing chickens in the backyard.

The first decision you need to make is why you want to raise poultry. Do you want meat or eggs? Depending on how you want to use the chickens will determine what breeds you will need. Each breed has different characteristics. For example, Leghorns are known for producing large amounts of white eggs, while Rhode Islands are known as a dual purpose breed and have brown eggs.

After deciding on what breed you are interested in you will have to de-

cide on the age of the birds you would like to purchase. Hatching chicks, purchasing birds from a breeder or buying from a hatchery are all possible options. Hatching chicks can be a challenging but learning experience. If you have children, hatching might be a great educational experience for them. Many people forgo the hatching stage and purchase day old chicks from hatcheries. The chicks can survive up to three days on the nutrition that they received from the egg before hatching. This means that sending chicks in the mail is a possibility. Purchasing day old chicks from a hatchery will allow you to choose only pullets if you are not interested in buying a rooster. Just remember when buying chicks, purchase from a quality source such as a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) participant.

Once chicks are received, you will need a brooder to keep them warm and dry. You can easily construct a brooder using cardboard box, bathtub, or plastic bins. Round the corners of the brooder to eliminate any piling that could happen when birds get too cold. Inside the brooder will need to be a heat lamp to keep the chicks warm as well as a food and water source.

After about six weeks, chicks will be ready to go outside. Make sure you have the proper type of facilities for your chickens. The chicken coop can be very basic, as long as it is efficient for the birds to use. Fresh water, dry food, shelter, and nest boxes for eggs are all important for the chicken coop. Predators are also an issue that will have to be

taken in consideration when building the chicken coop. Owls, hawks, raccoons, weasels, fox, dogs, and cats are possible predators. A strong fence buried about a foot under the ground is an option that many poultry owners decide to do to deter predators.

Raising chickens can be a huge benefit to your household. Chickens, of course, can provide the family with fresh eggs and meat. Table scraps and insects are no longer an issue. Chickens will consume your household food waste as well as reduce insect population in your backyard. Chicken manure could be a valuable part to your compost, which will add rich nutrients to your garden. Raising poultry can truly be a rewarding experience for the whole family.

Brooder and chicken coop plans as well information on raising and caring for poultry and more information can be found by contacting your local Penn State Extension office or by visiting the Penn State Extension Start Farming website (<http://extension.psu.edu/animals/poultry/factsheets/small-scale-poultry-housing>).

** A side note: Please always be aware of the health of your chickens and other fowl. Always check your chickens for signs of illness or disease, and always contact PA Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Health & Diagnostic Services, (717) 772-2852,*

RA-ahds@state.pa.us if you are concerned about the health of your backyard chickens.





**Family Festival
Schedule of Events
July 20-23, 2017**

Thursday, July 20

1:00 - 5:30 Registration- Bldg A
5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
7:00 Registration - Bldg A
7:00 Welcome & President's
Workshop - Bldg A
8:30 Evening Activities- Bldg A
Pin the Tie on the President
& other party games
Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
Vespers - Bldg A
11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Friday, July 21

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
7:30- 8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
9:00-11:30 Tour – Boal Mansion
Board bus in area b/w tents and
buildings
11:30-12:00 Registration - Bldg A
12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
2:00-3:00 Social Security
Workshop - Bldg A
Quilt Block Painting –
Bldg C
3:00-5:00 Junior/Youth games & crafts
Bldg B
3:15-4:15 To be announced - Bldg A
4:00 Registration - Bldg A
5:30-7:30 Dinner - Bldg D
*Hosted by the FA & Youth
Departments*
7:30 Tent/Camper Judging
8:00 Musical Entertainment –
Bldg A
Cake Walk – To be
Announced
Vespers
9:30 Young Patrons TEST –
Bldg C
11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Saturday, July 22

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
*(Announce Young Patron
Finalist)*
8:45 Group Photo - Bldg A
9:00-10:00 Jr. Grange Presentation –
Bldg B
9:00-10:30 Zumba Class - Bldg C
10:00-11:30 Young Patron Interviews –
Bldg B
10:00-11:30 Gift of Life presentation –
Bldg A
Blessing of Wrapped in Hugs
Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit
Gift of Life
11:30-12:30 Lunch - Bldg D
*(Impromptu Question to
Young Patron Finalists)*
12:30 Youth Depart for Activity
Meet in area b/w tents and
buildings
1:15 - 2:15 Quilt Block Painting –
Bldg C
2:30-3:30 Domestic Animal Bells –
Bldg B
4:00-5:00 Membership Workshop –
Bldg A
5:30-6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
Pulled Pork BBQ
7:30 Talent Contest - Bldg A
Introduction of Royalty
Cake Walk - TBA
Vespers
11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Sunday, July 23

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 Bldg D is much
appreciated.*



Happy 150th Birthday National Grange!

Let's Celebrate!!

When: July 20-23, 2017

Where: Family Festival

Theme: HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Grange: _____

County: _____

___ Tent (\$15 per night/ NOT per person)

Tent mates: _____

___ RV/Camper (\$15 per night/space, NOT per person)

RV/Camper-mates: _____

Length: ___ ft. Trailer or Motor Home (Circle)

___ Dump prior to leaving (Fee\$15)

Day of Arrival:

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

___ Hotel- Please make your own reservations. To be announced.

___ Wooden Quilt Block \$35 _____

Please check if you would like to complete this craft.

MEALS (please check desired meals)
Children 2 and under are Free, ages 3-10 half price.

___ All Meals	\$45.50	_____
___ Thursday Dinner	\$ 7.00	_____
___ Friday Breakfast	\$ 4.50	_____
___ Friday Lunch	\$ 5.50	_____
___ Friday Dinner	\$ 5.50	_____
___ Saturday Breakfast	\$ 4.50	_____
___ Saturday Lunch	\$ 5.50	_____
___ Saturday Dinner	\$ 8.50	_____
___ Sunday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____

Tent/RV/Camper Fee _____ x \$ 15 _____

RV Dumping Fee \$15.00 _____

Registration Fee \$5.00

Boal Mansion Tour \$10.00

T-Shirt Size:

Child S M L XL \$6.00

Adult S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL \$6.00

Total _____

Make checks payable to: PA State Grange
Send Registration & Payment to:

PA State Grange
Attn: Family Festival
20 Erford Rd Ste 216
Lemoyne Pa, 17034



R.S.V.P by June 9, 2017



Welcome New Members!

Keystone #2

Patricia Webster

Wysauking- Sheshe #58

Katrina Roaf

Russellville Grange #91

Maria Zanfrisco

Scott Schwartzengraber

Progress #96

Dustin Houtz

Scotch Valley Grange #510

Virginia Yeckley

Helen A. Lafferty

Centre Hill Grange #885

Ronald P. Lizotte

Mahoning Valley Grange #1649

Wendy & Mackenzie Oczkowski

Plumsteadville Grange #1738

Kathryn Henderson

Gouglersville Grange #1743

Kathy Kline

Ronald Good

Red Lion Grange # 1781

Luke Criswell

Jillian Dettinger

Lauren Keeney

Alena Maldonado

Julia Manifold

Big Knob #2008

Eric Work

Dewight Young

Kelly O'Leary

Vickie Mack

Happy Birthday!

Russellville Grange #91

Francis Astle / March

Hayfield #800

Charlotte Henretty

California #941

Dolores Yost / December

Gladys Durlin / February

Fran Kessler / April

Star Grange #993

Thomas Hahn

Pearl Hanh

Miriam Forney

Anna Trach

Ethel Jones

Ontelaunee Grange #1617

Beatrice Kauffman / April

Verna Kopicz / May

Mahoning Valley Grange #1649

Martha Shannon / April

Dayton Grange #1819

Aliene Bussard

In Memoriam:

Keystone #2

Henry Reifsnnyder

Arden Bechtel

Wysauking- Sheshe #58

Robert Roof

Fulton Grange #66

Rose Hanks

Russellville Grange #91

Elizabeth Christie

Logan Grange #109

Martha Mensch

Halfmoon #290

John Simpson

Scotch Valley Grange #510

Helen Lynn

Centre Hill #855

Thomas Sankey

Elk Creek #997

Pat Mosier

East Lynn Grange #1263

John Singer

Valley Grange #1360

Miriam Boyce

Marshallton Grange #1394

Gilbert Gary

Beverly Stauffer

Buffalo Grange #1523

Dorothy Weaver

Russell D. Stuck

Mahoning Valley Grange #1649

Helen Zeh

Central #1650

Marilyn Bear

Plumsteadville Grange #1738

Margaret Bishop

Bernville Grange #1887

Lucille Ohlinger

South Buffalo #1908

Ruth Otterman

Big Knob #2008

Elder Vogel

Melvin Neely

Roaring Creek Valley #2041

Etta Longenberger

2017 CALENDAR

January

6-14th: Farm Show
(Harrisburg)

12th: (10AM) Legislative
meeting @ Farm Show
(Delaware Room)
(Harrisburg)

27-28th: Grange Planning
Meeting (State College)

February

March

April

National Grange Month

May

June

July

August

Dairy Month

30-July 2nd: Youth Camp
(Howard)

2-8th: Junior Camp
(Howard)

20-23rd: Family Festival
(Centre Hall)

15-17: Ag Progress
Days. (Pennsylvania
Furnace)

September

October

November

December

19-22nd: State Grange
Session (Scranton)
Radison Hotel,
Lackawanna Station
(800) 333-3333

7-11: National Grange
Session
Red Lion Hotel, Spokane,
WA
(509) 777-6300

Holidays & Observances

Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day
Jan 28	Chinese New Year
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 20	President's Day
Mar 01	Ash Wednesday
Mar 12	Daylight Saving (begin)
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Vernal equinox
Apr 01	April Fool's Day
Apr 11	Passover
Apr 16	Easter
Apr 26	Admin Assistants Day
May 14	Mother's Day
May 27	Ramadan begins
May 29	Memorial Day
Jun 04	Pentecost
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 18	Father's Day
Jun 21	June Solstice
Jul 04	Independence Day
Sep 04	Labor Day
Sep 21	Rosh Hashanah
Sep 22	Autumnal equinox
Oct 09	Columbus Day
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 05	Daylight Saving (end)
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 23	Thanksgiving
Dec 12	Hanukkah begins
Dec 21	December Solstice
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Kwanzaa begins
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

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WHAT CAN THE GRANGE DO FOR YOU?

BENEFITS

National Grange Benefits

- Choice Hotels International: Members save 20%
- Constellation Energy: Switch to CE and receive a \$50 Visa Prepaid Card
- CVS Caremark: Savings up to 50% with CVS RxSavings Plus Card
- National Grange Travel Center
- Safeguard Complete: Members receive 50% off first year
- TSYS Merchant Solutions

Pennsylvania State Grange Benefits

- American Income Life: All members receive a \$3000 Accidental Death Benefit
- Avis Rental Car: Discounted Member rates
- BJ's Wholesale Club: Discounted membership fee
- Comfort Keepers In-Home Care
- Fastenal: Member discounts up to 40% off specific products
- Vision Insurance
- AgraCo: Member discount of 5% on fly traps/mosquito patches
- Country Home Products: Member discount of 5% on all phone ordered products
- Florian Tools: Member discount of 10% on all tools
- Rohrer Seeds: Member discount of 5% on all seeds

The PA State Grange also offers scholarships and interest free loans



Contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office with questions about becoming a member...and start enjoying the many benefits of being a Grange Member... immediately!

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