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From the President's Desk

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

Summer is now in full swing. As I write this, Debbie and I are preparing to attend Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Camp. We will be presenting a workshop associated with the Masterchef theme on cheese as well as helping Ellen with other activities for the weekend. We will then be heading to the "Wild Wild West" to help in the kitchen for the week of Junior

Camp and assist Lurae in several other projects. I always get very excited when we are invited to participate in any event with the Juniors and/or the Youth. We say they are the Grangers of the future; no, they are the Grangers of today. These in-

dividuals have the energy and vitality we used to have during our childhood days. They have the ambition to change the world and the fresh, creative ideas that will lead us into the future. I so enjoy interacting with these young people

and sharing my stories with them. The stories that tell how God has used events in my life to lead me down the pathway he chose for me. God uses us "seasoned" Grangers to pass on the knowledge and wisdom that life has taught us. We must be an example to them. It is important to give them the support and encouragement to try new things.

Each of us can remember a few special people who made a difference in our lives. These individuals had no idea at the time they were molding and impacting our future. This is what we must be, an example; Not only to the Juniors and

Youth, but to all who come into contact with us. We must live our lives everyday knowing we are impacting our future generations. This upcoming week is going to be filled with many exciting events and activities. Who knows which one may change the world???



Fraternally,

Wayne Campbell
Pennsylvania State Grange
President



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Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain

It is the first day of Summer as I write this article, so it is challenging to write about the Autumn Season! However, I must Fast Forward to September and October, in my mind at least. I really enjoy the four-season climate we have here in Pennsylvania and the Fall of the year has its own special points of interest.

It's referred to Harvest Time in our Grange ritual...a time to reap the benefits of our labors. If we have planted good seeds in good ground and weeded, watered and watched for intruders, our plants should be bearing the fruits and vegetables we hoped for.

Now it is time to gather the equipment we need in preparation for the harvest. Where are those freezer boxes? Do those canning jars need run through the dishwasher? Do I have enough lids, sugar, salt, spices, etc.?

Next, choosing a day when I can I pick those beans, husk that corn or peel those peaches may not be at my leisure. After all, when they are ripe, NOW is the time to act. If we wait or put it off, we lose the peak of the crop, the juiciest tomatoes and the firmest peppers!

Reminds me of Jesus' prompting in one of his examples for his disciples. He told them not to wait

four months until the time for the harvest: "Look NOW for the fields are white for the harvest!" He was telling them how important it is to do it NOW....Of course, Jesus meant more than harvesting peas and pears....he was referring to winning souls...to gather fruits for eternal life! We must remember that we can reap what we have sown, but sometimes we also reap from what those before us have sown (like picking wild blueberries?). The urgency is that by waiting we lose the opportunities to share God's Word and give Him the chance for a bountiful harvest.

You realize that I must relate this parable to our Grange experiences....how many times do we



procrastinate inviting someone to one of our meetings or to a family function to show them what the Grange actually means to us. By waiting, we could be losing a valuable chance to reap the benefits of a new member who would then tell his or her friends and the harvest might just be white for us!!

The optimum word is NOW. Don't wait...remember that saying, "you snooze, you lose...in the garden, in your Christian walk and in the Grange.

HAPPY HARVESTING

(And when you sit down for a rest, check out John 4:35)

Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler





Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

The Everly Brothers released a hit song in 1958 called, "All I Have To Do Is Dream." The first line goes, Drea-ea-ea-ea-eam, dream, dream, dream, drea-ea-ea-ea-eam, dream, dream, dream. The song

shot to the top of the billboard charts within a couple of months. Granted the song is based on the love of a girl, I would like you to focus just on the line about dreaming and let's talk about your love for your Grange!

Dreams are very important, and they can motivate us into action to set goals to obtain them. Since I work on membership for the Pennsylvania State Grange, I like to assume you all dream about growing your Grange!

So, let's talk about attaching some goals to these Grange dreams to make them a reality.

Setting the goals and talking about an action plan is a great start. When you have your action plan, each member needs to be responsible for their part to reach your goals.

If you are in need of recruiting material, or need any help in set-

SHORT-TERM GOALS

- 1. GOAL: INCREASE MEMBERSHIP BY 2 FOR THE QUARTER:**
 - CREATE A LIST OF PEOPLE TO INVITE TO JOIN YOUR GRANGE.
 - REQUEST MEMBERSHIP SUPPLIES FROM STATE OFFICE.
 - ASK EACH MEMBER TO HAND OUT MEMBERSHIP FLYERS/APPLICATIONS.
- 2. GOAL: REVIEW AND SCHEDULE LECTURER PROGRAMS:**
 - DISCUSS LOCAL ISSUES AND ADJUST SPEAKERS TO COVER THESE ISSUES.
 - CREATE FUN AND INTERESTING PROGRAMS.
- 3. GOAL: PERSONALLY INVITE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO EVENTS:**
 - EACH MEMBER TO INVITE 5 PEOPLE TO EVENTS.
 - CREATE FLYER OR INVITE TO BE GIVEN TO INVITEES.
 - SEND INVITE TO OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.
- 4. GOAL: ONLINE & MEDIA PRESENCE:**
 - UTILIZE WEBSITE PROVIDED BY NATIONAL GRANGE
 - CREATE FACEBOOK PAGE
 - SET UP AN EMAIL ACCOUNT FOR YOUR GRANGE
 - SEND PRESS RELEASES TO ALL NEWS MEDIA

ting goals, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Pennsylvania State Grange... Time Machine

Our History

On December 4, 1867, in a small Washington D.C. office building, the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry was born. Here, sitting around a plain wooden table, a small group of seven earnest men, planned what was destined to become a vital force in preserving and expanding American democracy. They were all men of vision – they had faith in God, in their fellow man and in the future.

The seven founders of the Grange were Oliver H. Kelley, William Saunders, Aaron B. Grosh, John R. Thompson, Francis M. McDowell, William Ireland and John Trimble. They were assisted by Caroline Hall, a niece of Kelley.

Oliver Hudson Kelley is regarded as the father of the Grange. In 1866, serving as a staff member of the Department of Agriculture, he was sent to make a survey of the farm conditions of the South following the Civil War. During this time, Kelley conceived the idea that a fraternal organization, composed of farmers from all sections of the country, would help heal scars caused by the war, as well as improve the economic and social position of the farm population.

Upon his return to Washington, Kelley communicated his ideas to some of his friends in government service, and enlisted their support. They framed an organization based on seven degrees and a constitution. Caroline Hall was the first to suggest that women be admitted to membership on a basis of equality with men.

In 1873 the Grange movement took root in Pennsylvania and on September 18th 1873 in Reading PA a meeting was held to organize the Pennsylvania State Grange. At the time there were 25 local Granges in PA. We now have 219 local Granges and about 6,785 members all over the Commonwealth.



History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

Just a couple weeks after an appeal was distributed by the Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee requesting financial support to microfilm important and irreplaceable historical records of the Pennsylvania State Grange, generous support is already being received. As of July 19th, 12 contributors have given about \$1,400 toward this big project that was described in detail in the previous issue (July-August) of

the Grange News. Special thanks to the following for their quick response to support this appeal (listed in order of receipt):

Perry Valley #1804, Perry County
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Dawson #419, Fayette County
Stony Point #1694, Mercer County
Elk Creek #997, Erie County
Fairdale #1157, Susquehanna County
Kimberton #1304, Chester County
Chester County Pomona #3
Oliver #1069, Perry County

Future issues will include a list of contributors to give recognition for both individual and Grange

contributions. The actual micro-filming work is expected to begin very shortly and will be completed in stages as funds are available; the total cost to microfilm records for permanent preservation and to make a PDF copy of records accessible on the Grange website is expected to cost up to \$9,000. Please continue to send contributions for this undertaking to: Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee, c/o Anna May Nauss, 10 W. Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Checks for the history project should be made payable to Pennsylvania State Grange, indicating History Committee in the memo line. Thank you.

Additional information about the ongoing work of the State Grange History Committee may be obtained from Doug Bonsall at douglas.b@verizon.net.



Program Director

Denise Clare

PA State Grange Program Director

Summer is in full swing, go out and enjoy it! Family Festival was fun spending time with fellow Grangers, having workshops and even a field trip. The talent contest was also held and the results will be in the next issue. Thank you to all who had a hand in this great activity.

There is still time to work on contest entries. Now is a great time to get pictures for the pho-

tography contest. Please see your contest guide for information on what kind of pictures to take and information on the other contests.

Reports and scrapbooks are due to me by September 15th (prior to State Session). If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Please see your packet for rules on the scrapbooks.

Program ideas:

September: honey month and chicken month

September 7-Grandparents day
September 12-Chocolate Shake day
September 17-National Apple Dumpling day

October: popcorn popping month
October 3-World Smile day
October 10-World Egg day
October 25-World Pasta day



Until next time,
Denise Clare
Pennsylvania State Lecturer





Overseer's Notes

Barbara Schroeder
PA State Grange Overseer

Hello fellow Grangers,

My name is Barbara Schroeder and I have been serving as the Pennsylvania State Grange Overseer since March. My Grange story starts in 2005 when Michael Adams chartered Hamburg Grange #2103 in Hamburg. My parents had already discussed the Grange with Mike and thought I would be interested. I was looking for a local community service organization to be involved with after I moved home from grad school in Michigan. Up until this point, I had only heard of the Grange in passing, and I actually thought it was just the name of a building in Virginville where Nancy Hoffman's (now Nancy Dusko) 16th birthday party was held. As I learned more, I loved how the Grange is grassroots, both with legislative issues and community service. I loved how it is both local and national. I loved that while it focuses on rural issues, it is not exclusively about rural issues. It seemed like a perfect fit, but at the time I didn't realize it would change my whole life.

In 2006, State Session was held in Reading, Pennsylvania and Mike suggested getting involved with the Youth Drill team. To say this was out of my comfort zone was an understatement as it truly is a form of performing, but I said I could try. Mike put me in touch with Derek Schroeder who was in

charge of the drill team. We chatted online some initially (back in the days of AOL Instant Messenger!), and I decided to introduce myself to Derek in person at the Fifth Degree presentation held at Fleetwood Grange on September 30, 2006. He ignored me. He said hi, but that was it. He claims he was just too busy because he was involved in the degree. But I heeded the lesson I was taught that night and I persevered. We started dating a couple weeks later, got engaged on New Year's Day 2008 and were married on January 3, 2009. We now have two Junior Grangers, Jacob (7) and Ellie (5). If you meet Jacob sometime soon, ask him why he loves the Grange. He gives really great answers.

In February, soon after Wayne Campbell assumed the position of State Master, I received a call from him asking if I would serve as State Overseer. Derek and I had several discussions about this, as it would take commitment from both of us to make it work for our family. At one point in our conversations, Derek mentioned the way that elections are done at National Grange, where there are no nominations. He said it was more like the office was seeking the individual rather than the individual seeking the office. Sometimes things find us when we aren't even looking for them. This was definitely the office seeking me and I felt (cautiously) ready to step up and serve.

So here I am, about 12 years after joining the Grange serving as Overseer of the second largest State in Grange membership. I am proof that we can recruit adult members who want to be involved and can be fully involved... you just need to find them. You need to ask them

to join by showing them all the wonderful things we do as Grangers. While our work fundraising is important, you do not want someone to feel as though you are asking them to join as a new generation of workhorses. Show them that even if you don't have a Junior Grange, we have a ton of ways to be involved with Juniors in other Granges or at the State level. While the Dairy Princesses were at State Junior Camp, the two princesses who aren't already Grange members asked if they could go to State Camp if they joined a local Grange. Ask new members for ideas, because they may have a community service project idea or fundraising idea you haven't thought of in the past. I also think it is important to show them our history and explain to them why we have our ritual, degrees, and offices. While this is not the most exciting lesson to teach new members, it is often something we hear as something that makes people uncomfortable. If they understand that it is important as a part of our history, they may see it in a different light.

As I write this, I am approaching the end of my tenure as Overseer of the State Grange. It has been an amazing experience and I have learned a lot about the day-to-day dealings of the Grange. Starting next year, I am planning on going back to work full time and some of the duties of Overseer would be much more difficult while working a full time job. I would not feel comfortable accepting another year in the position knowing that, if I would need to step up as Master, I wouldn't be able to fully commit the necessary time and energy needed in the role. I have enjoyed this time as Overseer and my time over the last six years on the Good of the Order committee and hope to find another way to serve the Pennsylvania State Grange in the future.

- Barbara Schroeder





Family Activities

Jodi Keith

PA State Grange Family Activities
Committee Member

Hello!

My name is Jodi Keith and I am a member on the family activities committee. I am an active member of Lincoln Grange #914, where I am currently Secretary and Huntingdon Pomona Grange #6 in Huntingdon County, where I hold the office of Master. I work in State College as an X-ray/ Mammography Tech. In my spare time, I help to care for my grandparents and I'm currently planning a wedding to my fiancé, Ben Kensinger, in October.

By the time, you read this, fair season will be winding down and kids will be going back to school. And let's not forget about State Session in Scranton, October 20-22, where I know they are planning an awesome convention!



Have you started working on your state session entries? Are you a sewer and like to quilt? We have a fantastic quilt block contest for you! Our theme this year is "Around the block" made up of various light to dark shades of solid greens with medium printed greens. They need to be 12-1/2" X 12-1/2" finished square, which includes 1/4" seam allowance. These entries will NOT be returned, as they will be used for future family activities quilts fundraiser.

Or are you a baker? How about making some angel food cake or potato candy or even sticky buns? Each entry needs 6 pieces of candy or 4 sticky buns on a disposable plate or plastic container. All food articles must be made from scratch. Please, no store mixes may be used!

Christmas will be here before we know it.... And it'll soon be time to hang those Christmas stockings... So why not make some this year for our Christmas stocking contest? There is a variety of ways to make your stocking personalized. The maximum size for your stocking is 15 1/2" long and 8" wide. You could quilt it with or without a lining, Appliqué line it (or not), counted cross stitch it, or some other way to make it.

These contests and many others are available in this year's Guide to Contests & Programs for 2017 & 2018, which can be found on the Pennsylvania State Grange website. We'd love to see every one of these contests filled to the max with entries! See you in October at State Session!

MEMBER PHOTO OF THE MONTH



We'd like to thank Richard Mangel, of Butler Co. Pomona Grange, for sending us such a beautiful picture of a flower many of us are accustomed to seeing in our flower gardens...the Clematis.

Clematis is a genus of about 300 species within the buttercup family Ranunculaceae. Their garden hybrids have been popular among gardeners, beginning with Clematis x Jackmanii, a garden standby since 1862; more hybrid cultivars are being produced constantly. They are mainly of Chinese and Japanese origin. Most species are known as Clematis in English, while some are also known as Traveller's Joy, a name invented for the sole British native, C. Vitalba, by the herbalist John Gerard; virgin's bower for C. Viti-cella; old man's beard, applied to several with prominent seedheads; leather flower for those with fleshy petals; or vase vine for the North American Clematis Viorna.





Youth News!!!

Jennifer Nauss, Outstanding Young Patron

Greetings from South Central PA! My name is Jenn Nauss and I hail from Mechanicsburg. I have been involved in the Grange my entire life and I have had the honor to serve as one of the Pennsylvania State Grange Outstanding Young Patrons for the last year. For those who do not know, the Outstanding Young Patron contest replaced the Young Couple contest and Philip and I were the first selected OYPs for the state of Pennsylvania.

I have had a busy year and am sad to see it coming to an end. In the past year, I have had the opportunity to attend the Pennsylvania State Grange Session in Shippensburg in October and the National Grange Session in Washington, D.C., in November. I attended the PA Farm Show in January, where the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Royalty were honored during the Opening Ceremonies and staffed the State Grange booth. In March, Philip and I were invited to attend a Berks County Pomona Grange meeting, where we participated in the Youth Drill and led the literary program on Grange Jeopardy. In April, we were invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Lecturer's Conference to lead the group in Get Acquainted Games. The summer has been a busy one. On June 7th, I participated in the State Grange Royalty Day, where I had the honor to be recognized on the House floor and to meet with both my Representative and Senator. The following weekend, I traveled to Delaware for the Eastern Regional Youth Conference. I attended Sunday of Youth Camp in the beginning of July and, as I write this, am wrapping up a fun week of Junior Grange Camp as a counselor and workshop leader.

I am looking forward to Family Festival in a few short weeks where new Outstanding Young Patrons will be named. I am looking forward to visiting Crawford County Pomona in September and traveling to National Session in November to represent Pennsylvania in the Outstanding Young Patron contest there. I would like to thank Ellen and the Youth Committee for this opportunity and would like to thank everyone for their support, especially my family. A special thank you to Granges who welcomed us to their meetings. I



look forward to seeing many of you at the many Grange activities later this summer and in the fall.

Philip Vonada, Outstanding Young Patron

My year as Outstanding Young Patron has been incredible. I have been honored to serve with Jenn Nauss for the year, and to have worked with an incredible Youth Committee, led by Ellen Wadsworth. I was fortunate to have been able to attend many Granges and Grange

activities throughout Pennsylvania (and beyond), including Ag Progress Days, the Centre County Grange Fair, Pennsylvania State Grange, National Grange (where I had the honor of serving as Master/President of the Youth Officer Team), Mid-Atlantic Lecturer's Conference, Eastern Regional Youth Conference, and State Youth and Junior Camps. It has been an extreme pleasure to have been able to spread the good news of the Grange, especially encouraging Youth and Junior members to take on a more active role in their Granges and communities. You may remember me talking about the #AskAYouth movement at the PA State Session in 2016, and I will continue encouraging this - Ask A Youth to get involved, to take on a leadership/mentorship role, and to do more in their Granges and beyond.

This November, Jenn and I will be flying to Spokane, Washington to compete for National Grange Outstanding Young Patrons. Wish us luck as we represent Pennsylvania on the National level.

I encourage any Youth between the ages of 21 and 35 to learn about the OYP program and how you can be a bigger part of your Grange community. This year has helped me to see some of the bigger and broader issues in our Order and the community, and has encouraged me to work harder to solve them.

Thanks again to Ellen and the committee - Jen & Robert Beamon, Matt & Miranda Irons, Lindsay Schroeder, Sara Benzio, Casey Kerschner, Grace Wadsworth and Jake Mengel. Thanks to each Grange and organization who gave me the chance to speak on Grange Youth issues, to my parents for putting up with me, and to Lurae Benzio and the Pennsylvania Junior Committee for "sharing" me for the year.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Pennsylvania State Grange for the past year, and I look forward to serving in many other ways in the years to come.

- Ellen Wadsworth
(Youth Director)





Deaf Activities & Community Services Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Hello Grangers,

For those who don't know me, I am Gail Switzer, the Director of the Deaf Activities and Community Service Department. I am originally from Berks County and am a lifetime member of Marion Grange, but currently reside in Chester County with my 1.5 year old Chocolate Lab and attend Goshen Grange. I am a former Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Princess, Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassador, and National Grange Youth Mentor. I also represented Pennsylvania as the John Trimble Legislative Experience recipient in Washington D.C. at National Session and had a wonderful time watching, listening, and participating in the work of the National Grange. I have been involved in Grange going on 17 years now and plan to be heavily active for many more. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and have stayed cool on the hot days. I would again like to thank all of the Granges that sent money towards our appeal. We are very excited about the difference we can make as a state department with our funds. As we approach State Session I would like to remind you of the items we are collecting for two organizations.



St. Francis Commons

- TRAVEL sized toiletries
- Shower Curtains
- Towels
- Twin bed sheets
- Pillows and pillow cases



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for Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Children

The Scranton School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

- Tissues
- Crayons/Markers
- Pencils/Erasers
- Folders
- Notebooks
- Any other school related material (glue, construction paper, etc.)

We will also be having the book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange (no VHS tapes). Bring in these items to our table in the exhibit room and then come back and buy some new ones. Money from this will be donated to Dogs for the Deaf.

We will also be collecting greeting cards this year. If you haven't brought them to Family Festival you may bring those to State Grange Session. The whole card is need-

ed - front and inside. They will be given to a home that makes new cards and sells them to raise money for the home.

The annual Community Service Report Form is due September 15th. Remember that the National Grange looks at the percentage (25% of all the Granges in our State) of reports to determine if we qualify for funding. You do not have to do a scrapbook, but please send this report in. They are due to me by September 15th, so the judges have time to judge before state session and before sending them on to National Grange.

Also, please be reminded that if you have a Facebook account I would like you to e-mail pagrange.dacs@gmail.com when your Grange completes community projects. This allows others around the state (and nation) to see the work you have done and get ideas for more community service projects.

Looking forward to hearing about all of your awesome work and hope to see you soon. Feel free to reach out to me to my personal



e-mail: g_switzer09@hotmail.com
phone 610-750-4290, or e-mail the address in the above paragraph with any community service/deaf activities projects.

- Gail





Government Matter's
Vince Phillips
 PA State Grange Lobbyist

LIBRE'S LAW... ...NEW ANIMAL CRUELTY LAW

What most captured the public's attention to the General Assembly in June was a piece of legislation named after a dog.

A year ago, a battered mutt was rescued from a farm by a delivery person. Despite all odds, the dog survived and became a symbol for animal rescue. Senator Richard Alloway (R-Franklin) and Rep. Todd Stephens (R-Montgomery) sponsored legislation known as "Libre's Law" after the name given to the rescued animal. House Bill 1238 was signed into law June 28, 2017, by Governor Tom Wolf. "Libre" was the honored guest at the Governor's signing ceremony along with the driver, animal rescue advocates, and the Dillsburg, PA, veterinarian who saved his life.

The new law seeks to update PA's animal cruelty law by increasing penalties against abuse and expanding enforcement powers. It defines cruelty to animals. *"if a person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly ill-treats, overloads, beats, abandons or abuses an animal".* Examples given are where a violation causes bodily harm to the animal or places the animal at risk of injury. The offense of aggravated cruelty to animals applies if a person intentionally tortures, neglects or does something causing serious bodily injury or death to the animal.

For example, taunting or hurting a police animal is a felony. Other punishments are not

as drastic such as for a person or business giving away a live animal as a prize who might get a \$250 fine. (Exempt are fish or for domestic animals in connection with an agricultural, vocational, or educational program sponsored or sanctioned by the Department of Agriculture.)

What is included in Act 10 of 2017? There are a number of sections relating to specific kinds of abuse:

- Selling or using disabled horses
- Transporting horses and other animals in a cruel manner
- Cruelty to cow to enhance appearance of udder ("kneading, beats, or pads the udder of a cow or not milking for 24 hours or more so as to enhancing the udder's size or appearance or by using a device preventing a less than six-week old calf from obtaining nourishment for 24 hours")
- Animal fighting and possession of animal fighting paraphernalia
- Skinning and selling or buying of dogs and cats' pelts
- Killing homing pigeons
- Limiting the hours a horse, mule, or ox can be worked to less than 15 hours in a 24-hour period or more than 90 hours per week
- Debarking (cutting vocal cords) or cropping ears or docking a tail without using a licensed veterinarian

Food Security

Bees are also protected by this law against an intentional attack with a biological agent as well as attacks against other animals with exposure to harmful viruses or bacteria. Examples cited are foot-and-mouth disease, mad cow disease, Avian Influenza, and Varroa mite. Making this an offense

strengthens the clout of the Agriculture Department's animal safety and quarantine programs.

Tethering of Dogs

This part of the law seemed to attract the most attention, possibly because it was seen by the public (and legislators) as a poster image of animal cruelty. It is now illegal to tether an unattended dog outdoors for more than nine hours within a 24-hour period, with no access to water or shade, or tethered for longer than 30 minutes in 90 degree temperatures or below freezing. Tether sizes are regulated too with permissible tethers being those *"commonly used for the size and breed of the dog and is at least three times the length of the dog or ten feet, whichever is longer."* In addition, the tether must be "secured to a well-fitted collar or harness by means of a swivel anchor, swivel latch, or other mechanism designed to prevent the dog from becoming entangled." There are exemptions to the tethering law when:

- Tethering while the dog is engaged in lawful hunting, exhibition, performance events or field training
- Tethering a hunting, sporting or sledding dog where tethering is "integral" to training, conditioning, or purpose of the dog
- Tethering to comply with camping or recreational site requirements
- Tethering for one hour or less

when the dog or person is engaged in a temporary task.

New Enforcement Powers

An agent of a society for prevention of cruelty to animals now has the same powers as the police to initiate criminal proceedings and to ask a court for an injunction.

Uncertainties

Looking past the "Libre Law" celebration and ceremony, there are issues that are not clarified in this statute. First, does Act 10 mean that someone from the Humane Society may monitor animal treatment on someone's private property away from a visible area such as along side of a road? Act 10 spells out conditions to warrant an accusation of cruelty to animals (excessive animal waste in an area where the dog is tethered, open sores or wounds on the dog's body, use of a tow or log chain, or a choke, pinch, prong, or chain collar) but not how the abuse can be observed on private property. Also, a humane society police officer acting in good faith shall not be liable for civil damages as the result of an act or omission in the course of an investigation or en-

forcement action.

Likewise, the law exempts normal agricultural operations from Section 5532 (neglect of animal), Sections 5533 and 5534 (cruelty to animals and aggravated cruelty), Section 5536 (tethering of unattended dog), and section 5543 (animal fighting). The law says that these sections "shall not apply to activity undertaken in a normal agricultural operation." These exemptions set up another area where animal rights' activists and the farming community may conflict.

Please feel free to contact me with questions and concerns. www.legislative@pagrange.org, 717-346-1063.

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YOUTH CAMP

The Pennsylvania State Grange Youth joined forces in the ultimate cooking competition at Youth Camp, June 30th through July 2nd at Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA. “Master Chef” – Youth Camp Edition kicked off as campers gathered on Friday evening. They were given some basic kitchen safety rules and instructions by “Head Chef” David Wadsworth. The cooking competition began with an individual event where each camper was given a wide range of dessert items and had to create their dessert masterpiece for judging. Celebrity guest judges during the weekend includ-

ed Pennsylvania State Grange Master Wayne Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary Deb Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange Junior Director Lurae Benzio, and “Child Cooking Prodigy” Bryce Danko. Campers wowed the judges with their creative concoctions and designs. Vespers closed the evening activities.



Bright and early Saturday morning, campers were at the prep tables again, this time divided into teams, for the breakfast competition. In each team’s basket was a box of pancake/waffle mix, a bag of frozen shredded potatoes and a bag of raisins. Each team could select other ingredients from the pantry but were required to use these three ingredients in their breakfast creation. Again, the judges were impressed with the variety of items that were created for all to enjoy. After breakfast, groups went through work stations including learning about cheese, making turkey garnishes out of apples, table etiquette and how to create icing flowers and designs. The annual Spoons Tournament was conducted just prior to lunch with Hannah Leibensperger taking

home the trophy!

Lunch brought the next competition for the groups – creating a picnic lunch with the bread/starch item provided. Again the teams could make any type of lunch plate using the starch item in their basket. The campers once again amazed the judges with the imaginative dishes that were created.

The 2017 Court was announced for the Youth Ambassador Competition, including: Isaac Mengel, Joshua Mengel, Jacob Mengel, Lexus Johnson, Anna Benzio, Grace Wadsworth and Mikayla Davis. Each was asked an impromptu question following lunch. Each group worked on a menu planning exercise using only \$25 to feed a family of 4 for a day or to feed a single person for a week. Another round of work-



shops were conducted Saturday afternoon including napkin folding, cupcake decorating, kabob making and couponing.

The Youth Committee decided to change things around a little this year and hold the coronation ceremony for the new Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors first, then to continue the festivities with a 4th of July Barbecue. Congratulations to Grace Wadsworth and Jacob Mengel, named the 2017-18 Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors. They will spend the next year attending various local and statewide events representing the Grange Youth of PA. Following coronation, the campers were treated to barbecued kabobs that they assembled earlier, along with roasted potatoes, corn on the cob, and beautifully decorated cupcakes. Campers played 9-square, gaga ball, Frisbee stick, and various other games during the evening. The activities were concluded with a few Minute-To-Win-It games inside and then vespers.

Sunday morning campers enjoyed a hearty breakfast prepared by Chef David and Chef Derek S. Everyone planted a few herbs in jars to take home with them. Jennifer Nauss provided a thoughtful church service Sunday morning. "Master-Chef" – Youth Camp Edition wrapped up with discussion on how to be a "Do-er" and completing camp evaluations. The traditional friendship circle officially closed the 2017 Youth Camp – until this time next year!

Article by: Ellen Wadsworth
Photos by: Lindsay Schroeder



AGRICULTURE GET'S BUDGET REPRIEVE

On June 30, 2017, the General Assembly completed work on a spending plan for the Commonwealth which showed spending increases in some areas such as a new \$100 million for education for kids K-12 but generally did not increase spending. Happily, many programs of interest to rural Pennsylvania which had been on the chopping block were restored. In particular, the funding level of the General Government Operations line item of the PA Department of Agriculture was not decreased. This is important because this is where the money comes from to pay salaries and benefits for plant, animal and food safety inspectors – a core function of the Department of Agriculture. This is one of many State Budget items on which the Pennsylvania State Grange worked this spring.

On July 1, Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell issued the following statement: *"Pennsylvania State Grange feels that the June 30-passed State Budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1 is a reflection of the important role PA Department of Agriculture, Penn State, Cooperative Extension, County Fairs, the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, and many more play in keeping Agriculture as a primary industry in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania State Grange is thankful that many disastrous spending cuts were reversed in the final legislation we thank those legislators advocating for rural PA to keep these programs foremost during budget negotiations."*

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

This chart shows a comparison between what the Governor originally proposed in February, what House Republicans voted on in April (House Bill 218), and the final, passed Budget.

Budget Item	Governor	HB 218	Final Budget 6/17
General Government (Operations)	31.612 million	29,557 million	31.110 million
Centers for Excellence	0	1.029 million	1.331 million
Food Market Coupons	2.079 million	2,079 million	2.079 million
Ag Research	0	0	1,687 million
Ag Promotion (Education, Exports)	0	0	303,000
Hardwoods (Research & Promotion)	0	328,000	428,000
Livestock Show	0	0	215,000
Open Dairy Show	0	0	215,000
Youth Shows	154,000	131,000	169,000
Food Purchases	19.188 million	19.188 million	19.188 million
NOTE: The 6/30/17 version includes one million dollars for PA Agricultural Surplus Program.			
Transfer (Nutrient Fund)	2.714 million	2.307 million	2.714 million
Transfer (Conservation Districts)	869,000	739,000	869,000
Land Scrip (PSU Ag Research/Ext.)	51.813 million	51.813 million	52.313 million
PA Preferred	605,000	514,000	605,000
UPenn Vet School	0	0	30 million



A WILD WILD WEST WEEK

AT JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP

HOWDY GRANGERS!!!

I am writing this from the backroom "office" of the Junior Grange Camp and the Juniors, Helpers, Counselors and staff are partying and dancing out in the Mess Hall! They are having a BLAST! It is the last night of our State Junior Grange Camp and WOW what a Wild Wild West week of fun we've had. I wish I could share every detail of our week but I would rather you ask a Junior who went to camp and feel the energy and see the excitement in their eyes. We were so blessed to have had 59 Juniors, 5 Helpers, 10 Counselors and numerous staff members at camp. The Juniors came to us from 13 Junior Granges/Granges. Thank you to those who supported their Juniors and helped them get to camp in one way or another.

One of the highlights of camp is crowning/sashing our new Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Prince and Princess. The Juniors who were on Court were Cassandra Kehs from Russellville Grange (Chester Co), Isabella Boone from Baileyville Grange (Centre Co), Autumn Tworkoski from Ontelaunee Grange (Berks Co), Tanner Davis from Ontelaunee Grange (Berks Co) and Ayden Reckner from Hookstown Grange (Beaver Co). The new 2017-2018 JG Princess is Autumn Tworkowski and the Prince is Tanner Davis. I am so excited for them to enjoy this next year as they travel around the state representing the Junior Grangers! The outgoing Prince and Princess are Kaylen Leiby and Jeffrey McCartney. I loved working with these two and I know they will continue to stay active in their Granges.



Thank you Kaylen and Jeffrey for being terrific Royalty! Their final remarks are below.

The next fun Junior Grange Event is State Session in October. The Junior Jam is on Saturday and the Junior drill and meeting is on Sunday. All of the Juniors can register on the form that is used for all attendees. Once we know who is attending the Jam, we will send out some other forms that must be filled out and sent back to the Host Committee. Those forms include the medical/health form, photo release, transportation release. PLEASE regis-





OR CAMP



ter your Junior ASAP so the Host committee can plan accordingly. You can always reach me through email: benz4@comcast.net.

Thank you to everyone who supports our Junior Program. We are blessed to have State Officers, State Committee Directors and members as well Junior Alumni who are always cheering us on! I am blessed to be surrounded by all of you!



Farewell from Junior Princess, Kaylen Leiby: "It's been a great year as Princess. Some of my favorite memories from this past year include going to Farm Show, State Session, visiting Harrisburg, and



going to many different Granges. I was also the Berks Co Jr. Grange Princess and got to hang out with our county royalty team and do some presentations on the host state for this year. It's been a busy year and I'm so glad I had the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania Juniors. This experience is one I will never forget and it has helped me grow as a person. Good luck to the new Prince and Princess, I hope you enjoy your year as much as I did!"

Farewell from Junior Prince, Jeffrey McCartney: "I

have had a great year - the Farm Show was my favorite! All of the great foods and sights. I would have never went if it wasn't for being JG Prince. Hershey was also fun on Royal-



ty Day - The Governor's Mansion is awesome! I don't understand why he doesn't live there more often. The House of Representatives is amazing, knowing that it was built so many years ago. With how heavy the chandeliers are, how do they stay up? Over all, I had a really good year with all of the fun things I did as Prince. Thank you!"

Article by: Lurae Benzio
Photos by: Lindsay Schroeder

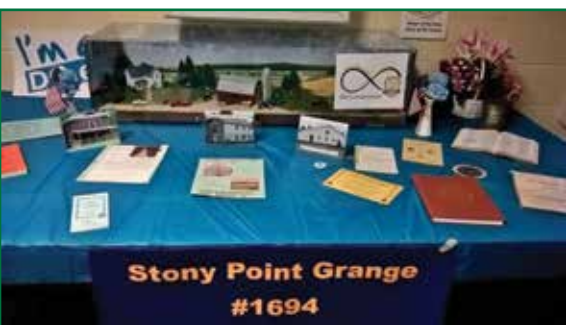




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STONY POINT GRANGE #1694

In recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the National Grange, Stony Point Grange #1694 in



Mercer County, held an advertised open house along with an Ice Cream Supper on Saturday, June 17th. Attached picture is a display table set up for the open house with the centerpiece being a rural farm scene enclosed in a glass case and built to scale by several Stony Point members.

ROYAL GRANGE #1972

100 Year old Grange Member Receives Award

Mable Molinaro has been a member of Royal Grange all her life. Which is longer than most people since she celebrated her 100th birthday this year! At her very well attended birthday party, Master Arthur King presented Mable with a much-deserved "Community Citizen Award".

Mable had served as lecturer



of Royal Grange for many years. She organized many grange activities like: picnics on her and her husband, Tony's farm, musical programs, theatrical plays, and games at meetings. "I think it is apparent to say that you have changed the face of our community through your involvement in the Grange over the years" said Master Art King when giving her the award. "We are grateful for all of your efforts over the years".

CRAWFORD COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

PRESENTS ANNUAL POMONA PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Master Kenneth Merritt presented the 2017 Pomona Public Service Award to Joe Vilkie



of COOL Radio WMVL-FM. The award is given in recognition of service to the community. Mr. Vilkie purchased the station April 1, 2003 from Art Cervi, Sr. upon his retirement. The studio was moved from Mr. Cervi's basement to the current location on Conneaut Lake Road, Meadville. The signal was increased as was local programming and local involvement. Upon the completion of the COOL Tower of Power, the station was signed on as WMVL-FM COOL 101.7 from its new site and to full power February 2005. COOL has cooperated with Pomona Grange in the live broadcast of Candidate

Forums, and provided PA systems for the Pomona Grange Veterans' Recognition Program.

Mr. Vilkie expressed appreciation to Pomona Grange for the recognition and noted that when you want to hear what is going on around you, you turn to local radio. The station is constantly broadcasting from sites around the area for numerous community events.

CENTRE COUNTY POMONA #13

For our Community Service Day project this year the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 chose to help the Boal Mansion and Museum. On the morning of April 29, Grange members arrived with their shovels, gloves, pruning shears and the willingness to help do whatever we were assigned. Approximately 13 adult members along with one child attended. Members were given options of

what area they would like to work in. Some of the men loaded and moved pallets along with brush that had already been cleared and it was burned in a designated area. Others worked on cleaning debris along with old leaves and weeded the existing flower beds. Several members worked to restore



(Younger Granger volunteers Caleb Davidson and Isabella Boone learning about and sitting in the Boal Family Stagecoach during the Community Service Day)

a memorial garden area. As we worked we all learned a little bit about the history of the mansion,

Boal Family and how Christopher Columbus and his chapel came to Boalsburg. As we all learned in history, Christopher Columbus



(Members pose with Boal Mansion Curator Bob Cameron doing cleanup of the grounds. L-R row 1 Caleb Davidson, row 2, Art Reede, Annie Reede Melanie Melius, Suzanne Davidson Isabella Boone, row 3, Merle Eyer, Bob Cameron, Bob Davidson and Ashley Furman. Missing from photo are Dale Vonada, Ruth Vonada, Mark Tressler, Jim Artley and Patty Bird)

is noted as discovering America. Well, maybe and maybe not. That is a discussion that I refuse to get into. However, one thing we did learn was that Christopher Columbus was instrumental in bringing farming technics to Pennsylvania and the new world. Mr. Cameron gave all of us a small insight into farm life at the mansion and how its board of directors and himself are working to take it back to its original beauty.

After we finished working members were given a tour of the Christopher Columbus chapel. The chapel was inherited and imported from Spain to Boalsburg in

1909 by the Boal family descendants of Columbus. It contains the Admiral's Desk owned by Columbus, 15th through 18th century paintings and sculptures and two pieces of the True Cross of Jesus. We learned a lot of information about the Boal family history. The Boal mansion has been the home of eight generations of the Boal family for over 200 years with the original furnishings still inside. The fourth generation member Theodore Davis Bold, who was known as Terry, went to Europe in the 1890's and married Mathilde, who was a descendant of Christopher Columbus,

who inherited the Columbus Chapel and brought it back to Boalsburg. We were offered tours of the mansion but declined since our clothing was soiled and muddy. We were also give a peak at one of the beautiful antiques stored in a barn at the mansion. It is an 1850's stagecoach. Two of our younger helpers were given the privilege of getting to sit in and learn a little bit more about its history and get special photos taken.

As we finished for the day the discussion turned to next year. It was the consensus of all those attending that this would be a great place to return to next year as our project. We all left tired but feeling fulfilled with the sense of accomplishment. Since then Centre

County was hit by a major rain and wind storm and it is our understanding the grounds of the Boal Mansion sustained some wind damage and that trees lost many branches and leaves. If you are looking for something to do or somewhere to volunteer, please think about offering your time to help make any clean up repairs necessary at the Boal Mansion. It is a really neat place to visit. They offer tours and hold plays at the barn. So, think about visiting there. You can contact the Columbus Chapel and Boal Mansion Museum at 814-466-6210, email at office@boalmuseum.com, or visit their website: <http://boalmuseum.com>. The physical address



(Members Ruth and Dale Vonada worked on cleaning up the Memorial Garden at the Boal Mansion Community Service Project on April 29, 2017 in Boalsburg.)

is located off Route 322 in Boalsburg, PA where you can do drop-in tours from May 1, 2017 through October 30, 2017 from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. and the mailing address is PO Box 116, Boalsburg, PA 16827. If you would like to speak with Bob Cameron the curator, his telephone number is 814-876-0129.

EAGLE GRANGE #1

The Lycoming County Pomona Grange met recently at Eagle Grange #1 and hosted Pennsylvania Grange Magazine publisher, Heather Hiller. Heather, a member of Allegheny Grange, spoke

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(Ashley Furman, Melanie Melius, Mark Tressler and Annie Reede work on cleaning a flower bed at the Boal Mansion)



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(Collection of both past and present local Grange Presidents, found at Eagle Grange)

about what it takes to put the State Grange publication together. She said it's important for Granges to report what is happening in their community Granges. She commended the popular legislative articles and excellent work done by our State Legislative Director, Vince Phillips.

Heather added that a missing important element to our Grange magazine is advertising. A Granger in the audience stated that we the members need to show our support by advertising our events and activities and seeking businesses to advertise. The alternative to lack of advertising revenue could be a return to the newspaper format or a subscription fee per household.

Pomona also discussed the upcoming fair season exhibits, Go To Church Sunday and brunch along with legislative issues. Members were reminded of the importance of voting at every election.

LONDON GROVE GRANGE #63

London Grove Grange #63 recently donated "Food for Thought" packets to the Chester County WIC program at its Toughkenamon office. WIC Outreach Coordinator Jenna Ali received the packets saying, "The information in these packets supports the nutritional concepts that we teach

our clients." The Sesame Street characters in the stories and on the accompanying CD encourage children to try new foods, and give hints to their parents on buying healthy foods on a budget. Each kit includes a CD and a story book that parents can read to their children. There are also recipes using healthy foods that families can purchase at the supermarket, farmers market or food pantry. The packets present the information in both English and Spanish, and can be obtained from the National Grange Office for the cost of shipping.



(WIC Outreach Coordinator Jenna Ali (right) receives Food for Thought packets from London Grove Grange Master Ken Pratt and Secretary Mary Sproat.)

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program is a free health and nutrition program that provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, nutrition education, and breastfeeding education for eligible women, infants, and children.

PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

In honor of its 100th anniversary and Grange Month, Plumsteadville Grange #1738 sponsored a Jazz Fest on April 22. Over 100 attendees enjoyed performances



by local and school jazz bands in the afternoon and a dance lessons, dinner and a professional swing/jazz band in the evening. With the theme of "1940's Era Canteen" attendees were encouraged to dress in period attire. Food, dance lessons and photography were provided by various local businesses. The "Paper Moon" photo booth was a big success

BUCKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #22

Recently, Bucks County Pomona Grange #22 presented donations totaling \$2,000 to numerous local service organizations at a luncheon held June 10th hosted by Plumstedville Grange #1738. Many of these organizations receive no public funding.

Recipients were: Bucks County 4H, Bucks County SPCA, Meals on Wheels (Upper Bucks, Central Bucks and Woodside),



(Pictured are award recipients (left to right): Elsie Wright representing Chandler Hall Hospice; Shirley Trinchieria, Upper Bucks Meals on Wheels; Sarah Gregory, Penn State Extension / Bucks County 4H and Donna Gordon, Woodside Meals on Wheels)



Chandler Hall Hospice, A Woman's Place, and the Pennsylvania State Grange Deaf/Community Service Department.

Bucks County Pomona Grange is comprised of the three community Granges in Bucks County – Edgewood #688, Middletown #684 and Plumsteadville #1738. Funds are raised in part by pizza sales at the annual Middletown Grange Fair. For more information about Grange in Bucks County visit www.plumsteadvillegrange.org.

CHIPPEWA GRANGE #1592



The history of the Chippewa Grange (organized in 1913) was on display at McKinley Schoolhouse (located in Beaver Falls, PA) during Beaver County Historic Days. Past minutes, the Charter and photos were on display for visitors to experience and learn about Grange history. Chippewa Grange merged with Big Knob Grange #2008 in January 2016.

HAMBURG GRANGE #2103 (Berks County)

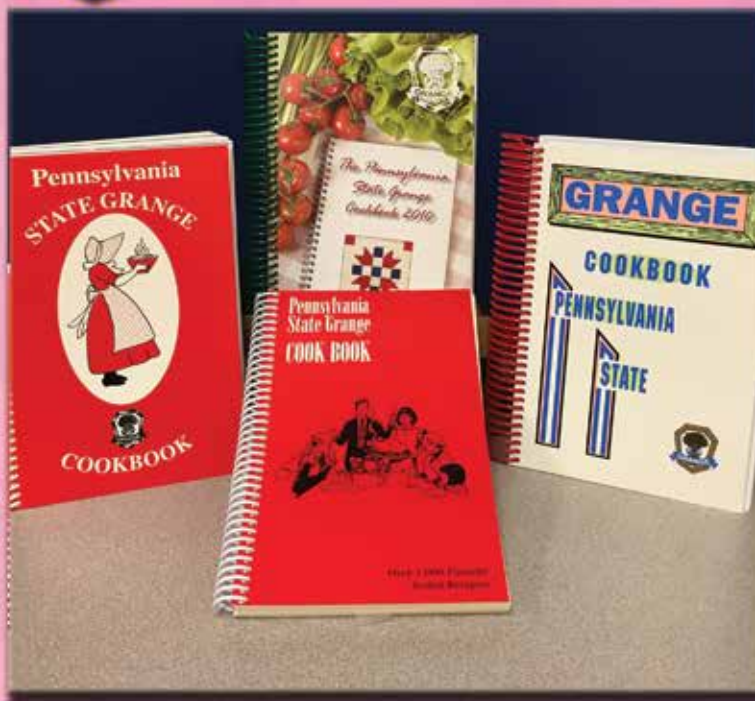
I want to personally THANK the Hamburg community for supporting the Hamburg Grange's recent Pot Pie Dinner. Back on March 18, 2017, we served 400 people, plus 30 volunteers. All the proceeds were presented to Shanda Mengel, who is battling Stage 4 inflammatory breast cancer. She has more treatments to go through. The picture shows Michael Adams, Ham-



burg Grange President, presenting a \$2270 check to Shanda and her 2 daughters, Kaitlyn and Brianna.



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PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Pennsylvania State Grange is pleased to announce the awarding of 8 scholarships to Pennsylvania 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. **Derek Snyder** is the son of James and Susan Snyder of Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. Derek is attending Penn State University and is majoring in Corporate Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship.
2. **Jenna Sattazahn** is the daughter of Kevin and Sherri Sattazahn of Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania. Jenna is attending Messiah College and is majoring in Accounting.
3. **Heather Wasson** is the daughter of Ronald and Candace Wasson of State College, Pennsylvania. Heather is attending Penn State University and is majoring in Agricultural and Extension Education.

4. **Halee Wasson** is the daughter of Ronald and Candace Wasson of State College, Pennsylvania. Halee is attending Penn State University and is majoring in Agricultural and Extension 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. **Cody Stoner** is the son of William W. and Mary Lou Stoner of Centre Hall, Pennsylvania. Cody is attending Penn State University and is majoring in Agricultural Sciences. Cody will also receive an interest free loan from the Ellis M Santee Program described below.

The Grange awards a Deaf Interpreter Scholarship. The Pennsylvania State Grange has had a long relationship with the deaf

community. This scholarship is just one way that we continue to support programs that assist the deaf and hearing impaired. The scholarship is being awarded to:

1. **Megan Brown** is the daughter of Brad and Lisa Brown of Garrett, Pennsylvania. Megan is attending California University of Pennsylvania and is majoring in Communication Disorders.

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 recipients are:

1. **Hallee Wasson** is the daughters of Ronald and Candace Wasson of State College, Pennsylvania. Halee is attending Penn State University and is majoring in Agricultural and Extension Education
2. **Heather Wasson** is the daughters of Ronald and

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Plumsteadville, Elizabethtown & Beech Grove Granges 2017 Scholarship Awards

Plumsteadville Grange Awards Scholarships

Ellen Elaine Crooke Memorial Scholarships were awarded to five members of Bucks County 4-H clubs by Plumsteadville Grange at its June 14, 2017 meeting. The scholarships were presented by Meg Lomax, Scholarship Committee chair and Daniel and Annette Crooke.

Recipients are: Aaron Worthington of Doylestown, who will

at Cornell University and Madison Heilveil of Lansdale, presently studying Animal Science & Business at Penn State University. Brittany and Madison were awarded scholarships in 2016 are receiving scholarships for their second year.

The scholarship is named in memory of Ellen Elaine Crooke, a Grange and 4-H member who always encouraged others to excel. They are awarded based on an application and essay, and are avail-

able to members of Bucks County 4-H clubs and Plumsteadville Grange members and their children. Funds are raised in part by profits from the Snack Bar operated by Plumsteadville Grange at the Middletown Grange Fair each August.

Plumsteadville Grange meets at 7:30 pm the second Wednesday of the month at our Grange Hall on Rte. 611 in Plumsteadville. - New members and visitors welcome.. For more

information and upcoming events, follow us on Facebook or visit us at www.plumsteadvillegrange.org

Accompanying Photo: 2017-Plumsteadville-Grange-Scholars.jpg

Elizabethtown Grange Announces Ag Scholarship Recipients

Marie Bryant and Taylor Halbleib have been selected as the recipients of the Elizabethtown Area Grange No. 2076 "Outstanding Senior in Agriculture Education" scholarships for 2017. Both students received a \$500 cash award in recognition of their dedication to agriculture-related studies while in high school. Each was presented their scholarship at their respective high school's senior awards program.

"Elizabethtown Grange recognizes the importance of young men and women in the multi-faceted field of agriculture. The contributions of these individuals warrants acknowledgement by their fellow citizens and their communities, and we are pleased to assist as they further their education," said Scott Shank, scholarship committee chairman.

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(Pictured Left to Right: Daniel Crooke, Aaron Worthington, Madison Heilveil, Brittany Hardy, Annette Crooke.)

be studying Livestock Science as a freshman at DelVal University, Brittany Hardy of Perkasio, presently studying Animal Science

second Wednesday of the month at our Grange Hall on Rte. 611 in Plumsteadville. - New members and visitors welcome.. For more





2017 BIG BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

The Big Butler Fair which is held in Prospect, Pa. Butler County is 9 days long and was held this



year starting on Friday June 9th and ran until Saturday July 8th. This is a big event for Butler County. The Pomona Grange has a building on the fair grounds and the different Granges in the County have the opportunity to set up Grange displays as well as operating a kitchen during

the entire fair. The Pomona Family Activities Department, lead by Virginia Mangel sponsors a quilt raffle to raise money for Community Service projects. We also have a hospitality table where we greet people into the Grange Building as well as offering cookbooks for sale. During the fair week we had several dignitaries stop by the Grange building and a special visit from the 2017 Pennsylvania State Fair Queen, Madeline McEachin who is from Butler County. Attached is a photo of our Pomona Master Richard Mangel with the 2017 Pennsylvania State Fair Queen on his left and Butler County Fair Queen ShirlAnn Harmon on his right. Also there are photos of the



Grange building, Grangers setting up their fair displays and the Grangers enjoying a picnic following setting of their displays. This is a very long 9 days but we get to meet many people and talk about the Grange.

- Richard Mangel, Butler Co. Pomona Grange Master



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Candace Wasson of State College, Pennsylvania. Heather is attending Penn State University and is majoring in Agricultural and Extension Education.

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. **Ian Seaton** is the son of Mark and Sarah Seaton of Emlenton, Pennsylvania. Ian is attending Wheeling Jesuit University and is majoring in Communications.
2. **Grace Wadsworth** is the daughter of David and Ellen Wadsworth of Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. Grace is attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is majoring in Child Development and Family Relations.
3. **Mitchell Grove** is the son of William A. and Michele L. Grove of Felton, Pennsylvania. Mitchell is attending Iowa State University and is majoring in Agricultural Engineering.
4. **Matthew Hunter** is the son of Ron and Stacy Hunter of Red Lion, Pennsylvania. Matthew is attending West Virginia University and is majoring in Forest Resource Management.



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Marie Bryant, of Manheim, is the daughter of Patrick and Beth Bryant. While attending Manheim Central High School, she was ac-



tive in FFA, earning the Greenhand degree, and a chapter scholar award. While in school, she was also active in concert band and choir, National Honors Society, and National Art Honors Society. Bryant was also involved with the Lancaster County 4-H program. In addition, Bryant volunteered at Vacation Bible School, participated in humanitarian missions trips, and served at community breakfasts for her church. In the fall, she will begin classes at Penn State – Harrisburg studying agriculture as part of the university's 2 plus 2 program.

Taylor Halbleib, of Elizabethtown, is the daughter of Merle & Erin Halbleib and Jason & Angela Zellers. A graduate of Elizabethtown Area High School, she served as President and Reporter of the Elizabethtown

FFA. Halbleib was a 2017 SLLC Second Year Scholar, and is a 2017 State FFA officer candidate. In addition to FFA, she participated in chorus and National Honors Society. Halbleib currently works at Tractor Supply, as well as L and B Farms. Halbleib will be attending Wilson College with hopes to one day work in the field of large animal veterinary medicine.

Established in 1867, the Grange is a family-oriented fraternal organization dedicated to the betterment of rural America through community service, education, legislative action, and fellowship. To learn more about the Elizabethtown Grange, contact Matt Espenshade, Master, at (717)-361-2844, or visit the Elizabethtown Grange website at www.grange.org/elizabethtownarea-pa2076.



Beech Grove Grange Scholarships

Honesdale High School Seniors; Brianna Smith & Emily Ritter



(pictured l-r: Chris Pietrazewski (Honesdale HS Principal), Pam Box (Scholarship Committee Chairperson), Brianna Smith, Emily Ritter and Leroy Spoor (Grange President))

ter were each recipients of a \$1500 scholarship award from the Beech Grove Grange #1089. Each year the Grange makes these presentations to worthy seniors who will be continuing their education in agriculture and related fields.

Brianna will be attending Penn State University, majoring in Animal Science, and Emily will be studying Biology, with a focus in Animal Behavior, at Millersville University.

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





VIRGINVILLE

Virgenville Grange celebrates community donations and membership

The Grange organization may be the nation's oldest farm organization, but during evening festivities on May 3, Virgenville Grange

dle skirts, cat glasses and big hair paired with guys in white t-shirts, blue jeans and greased hair to perform skits and jokes. Membership

milestones and musical numbers blended with numerous community donations resulting in a phenomenal production.



proved that although the group has kept roots in rural America, it has evolved into so much more. Today, the Grange is a family organization dedicated to the betterment of the American way of life through community service, education, legislation, and fellowship. "Unlike many civic groups, we involve the entire family in serving our local communities," remarked Henry Seidel of Spring Township and current President of the order.

It was a step back in time for the 275 grangers and friends who attended the 1950s sock-hop-themed event. Even before entering the building, lively music, a fleet of classic cars, and festive dancers welcomed the crowd on the parking lot. In timely fashionable attire, gals outfitted in poo-

\$750 donation to benefit their volunteer group, and the Ontelaunee Region of the Antique Car Club of America received \$300 to aid their scholarship awards program. The most heart-warming donation of the night concluded the event. Through efforts of a benefit bingo held in late March by Virgenville Grange's Community Service Committee, \$9,000 was raised to benefit the Christy (Brett) Ryan Family of



Greenwich Township, Pennsylvania. Christy, a music teacher at Hamburg Area High School, is recovering from complications resulting from a brain tumor surgery last fall. She has overcome the odds, proving to be a fierce fighter, and continues to amaze all. "We are so blessed to reside in the most wonderful and caring communities





ty family, Victory Junction is a camp for children whose lives are filled with limitations and boundaries. She summoned grangers to create stuffed teddy bears to donate to each child participating in the camp. Filled with joy, Melissa accepted more than sixty bears and afghans to take along to camp.

of Kutztown, Hamburg, and beyond. The outpouring of support is truly unbelievable," proclaimed Christy's humbled husband, Don,



upon accepting the donation.

Grange members truly love a challenge. Melissa Blatt, Granger and volunteer at Victory Junction, presented a program earlier in the year to promote awareness of the charity. Founded in North Carolina by the Kyle Pet-

Linda L. Stump; 40 years: John A. Kunkel and Brenda E. Lengel; 25 years: Edmund J. Adam, Mary

Allen R. and Tracy L. Schaeffer of Perry Township were honored with a surprise award of Grangers of the Year, an annual award given for faithful service. Members of Virginville Grange honored for their commitment to the group – 70 years: Paul R. Seidel; 65 years: Betty J. Kerchner; 60 years: Carl E. Hollenbach; 55 years: Lillian K. Mengel and Helen A. Wanamaker; 50 years: Sandra P. Hill, Richard R. Kieffer, Wayne E. Mengel, James P. Miller, and

Ann Adam, Jane L. Sprecher, Jeffrey L. Sprecher, Donna M. Werley, and Phillip J. Werley. Just shy of 97 years-old, Norman O. Merkel of Windsor Township was decorated the order's longest membership holder commemorating 83 consecutive years with Virginville Grange.

Featuring an old-fashioned drive-in menu, the celebration came to a close with tasty treats and fun fellowship for all. Neil Merkel, vice president of the group, declared, *"This annual event is the climax of our grange year and promotes exactly what we are all about."*





Make Plans to Attend The 145th Annual Session

The Northeast Hosting Committee invites all Grangers to attend the 145th annual session of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Grangers will “Bring Their Grange Lights to the Electric City.”

The city of Scranton is located in the heart of Pennsylvania’s anthracite coal region and earned the “Electric City” title as its coal powered the eastern United States through the early 20th century.

Grangers from Bradford, Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming Counties are organizing an action-packed convention. The headquarters hotel is the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in downtown Scranton, Pennsylvania. The hotel was built originally as the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Station. The station was placed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1977. The hotel still retains its original clocks, doors, stairs and other historic elements throughout the building.

“2017 is a special year as Grangers celebrate the sesquicentennial of the National Grange,” said host committee chairman Ricky Oakley. *“The committee looks forward to showcasing the best of the northeast this year.”*

The hotel is located near the Steamtown National Historic site. Its historic displays include the Granger movement as part of the history of railroads. Grangers can also visit the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour near Scranton. Visitors

to the coal mine will descend 300 feet below ground into an anthracite coal mine for an interactive experience and learn about a coal miner’s life and the Pennsylvania’s coal industry.

State Master/President Wayne Campbell will open the 145th session at 9 a.m., on Oct. 20. Pennsylvania State Grange delegates will debate the resolutions sub-

mitted by the state’s Community and Pomona Granges. The State Grange officers will present the sixth degree, or the state degree, of the Grange Saturday afternoon. Susquehanna County Pomona Grange will present the fifth degree at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 20.

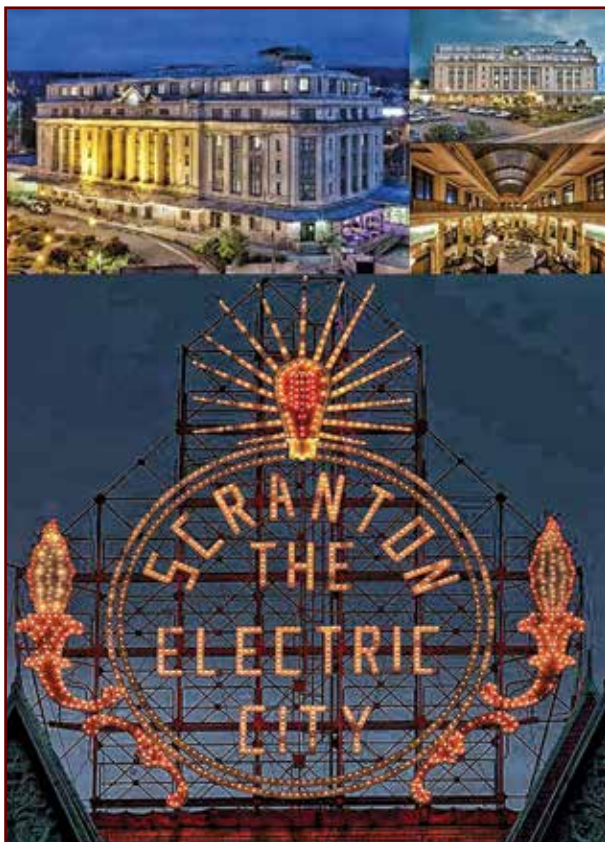
21. The Juniors will attend a portion of the State Session, visit the Lackawanna County Coal Mine, take a bus trip through the Endless Mountains to view the fall foliage with a stop at the Elk Lake High School for a pool party. The Juniors will have an overnight lock-in at the Union Grange Hall in Nicholson, Pennsylvania. The evening festivities include a community service project, campfire and game night.

The Berks County Junior Grange will present the Junior Degree at the Radisson hotel at 9:15 a.m. on Oct. 22 in the Platform Room at the hotel.

Department displays will be at the hotel. Contest entries will be accepted starting at 1 p.m. on Oct. 20 at the Grand Ballroom.

The Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Officer Team will take the floor at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 21 to open the Saturday morning session. The department’s banquet will be at 5:45 p.m. that evening. A coffeehouse-themed youth networking event sponsored by the Pennsylvania Crop Insurance Agents Association is scheduled for 9 p.m. On Sunday, the Youth Department will host the State Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song contest. They will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The registration, hotel and meal ticket information are available at the Pennsylvania State Grange
Website: www.pagrange.org



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The Junior Grange Jamboree will kick off at 9 a.m. on Oct.



REGISTRATION FORM

145th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session

October 19 – 22, 2017 ~ Scranton, PA

~ RESERVATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 ~

There will be a **\$10 LATE FEE** due at registration for reservations post-marked after the deadline.

IMPORTANT: Please complete a **SEPARATE** form for each person attending. You can copy this form or download and print it at www.pagrang.org

Please check **ALL** that apply: State Officer _____ Past State Officer _____ Junior _____ Youth _____ Guest _____
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Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

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___ Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____
___ Junior Jamboree (Ages 5-14, incl. registration fee)	\$20.00	_____
___ Junior Chaperone (Registration & Jamboree)	\$25.00	_____
___ Past Officers Luncheon (Friday)	\$20.00	_____
___ Youth Banquet & Foundation Auction (Saturday Evening)	\$25.00	_____

The Foundation Auction will be held at this Banquet.

You do NOT have to be youth age to attend.

___ All Granger Banquet (Sunday Luncheon)	___ Adult	\$25.00	_____
	___ Child (4-12)	\$12.50	_____
	___ Child (Under 4)	Free	No Meal

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Make checks payable to **The Northeast Hosting Committee**

Send payment and the completed form(s) to **Debbi Terpstra, 18681 SR 706, Montrose, PA 18801**

Questions: Contact Debbi at d_terpstra@yahoo.com or 570-396-1226 (text, or call – M-F after 6pm, sat, sun)

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Charles Brenckle

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Jarod Muller

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2017 CALENDAR

Holidays & Observances

January	February	March	April
6-14th: Farm Show (Harrisburg) 12th: (10AM) Legislative meeting @ Farm Show (Delaware Room) (Harrisburg) 27-28th: Grange Planning Meeting (State College)			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	

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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