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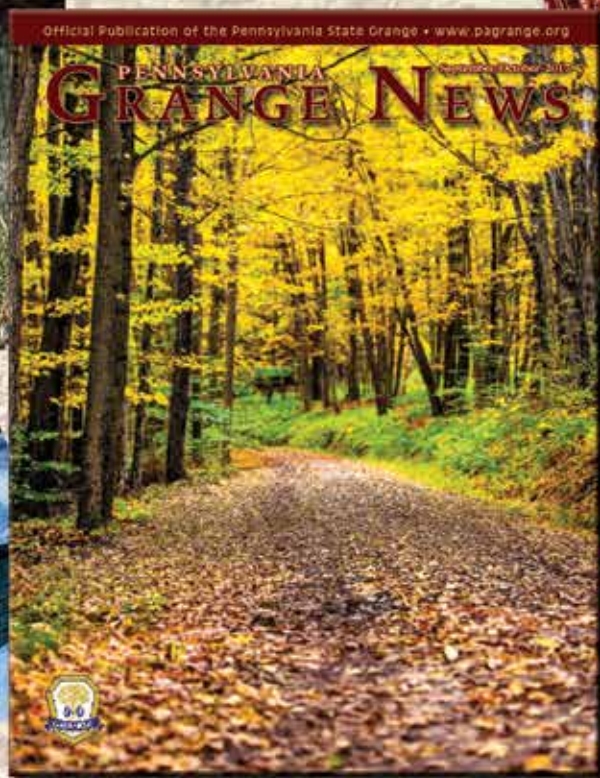
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Cherry",
Lycoming
County, PA



From the President's Desk

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

We are hearing a new phrase as we mingle among our Grange friends, "It's the Grange Way." The first thought that comes to my mind is the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

Community Service is the way of the Grange. We work every day to make our communities a better place. Subordinate Granges all across our state and nation work to address issues that exist in their local areas that will help to improve the lives of our neighbors.

Our organization is fortunate enough to have Vince Phillips, Pennsylvania State Grange Legislative Consultant as well as Burton Eller, National Grange Legislative Director, to work on our behalf in Harrisburg and Washington to lobby for issues that affect our members, state and nation.

We help our fellow members as they fall upon hard times through our appeals. It's the Grange Way. While at the National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington, Debbie and I heard a story. . . . Many years ago a Granger, who was part of the Youth at that time, was traveling through Central Pennsylvania with a friend. They began to experience car problems and had to pull off the road. Her friend asked, "What are we going to do now? We are in the middle of nowhere and don't know anyone?" She thought for a minute and said, I think Bill and Betty Buffington live in this area. She called

the Buffingtons and discovered they lived only 10 minutes from their location. They came right away, and Bill was able to repair their car. Then they insisted the two young ladies come back to their home for dinner. When they were back on the road, her friend said, "Only you would know someone in the middle of nowhere to call for help and receive a free meal." She replied, "As a member of the Grange, you are always near a friend". "It's the Grange Way".

As I was preparing to write this, Debbie and I were watching the Rose Parade, with the Theme of "Making a Difference" on Near Year's Day. I instantly thought, WOW, I wonder if any of the members of the parade committee who create the themes are Grangers? This theme was a perfect fit because "It's the Grange Way" is truly making a difference.

Spring is just around the corner and Grange month is almost here. Join us in Harrisburg during the Legislative

Grange Day (details to be announced on Constant Contact and your local Grange mailings) to meet with your local legislators as well as attend the National Fly-in, April 15 - 18, 2018 in Washington DC.

Youth and Junior Camps are approaching quickly. This year, why not ask to volunteer and encourage your Grange to financially assist your Youth and Juniors to be able to attend camp.

"It's the Grange Way", together we can make a difference!

Fraternally,

Wayne Campbell
Pennsylvania State Grange
President



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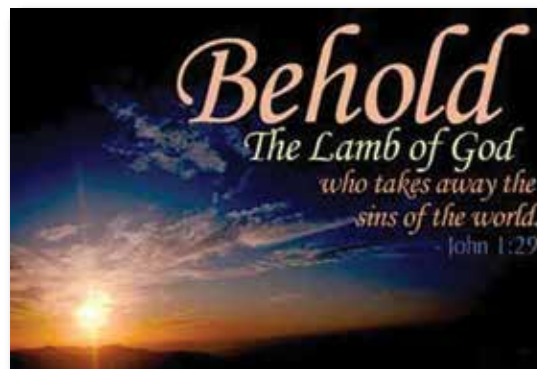
Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain

Watch out for the Lion of Winter! The old saying that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb may just be so this year! We were so fortunate where we live to have had a White Christmas and then some bitter cold weather settled in, so we'll see what the last days of winter have in store for us. It officially ends on March 21, the first day of Spring... so it can't last forever!

Speaking of lambs, we will be celebrating the resurrection of the Lamb of God on Easter morning. Remember the message to the shepherds at the birth of the baby Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of



God, who takes away the sin of the world!" We will watch the procession to Calvary where Jesus was led like a lamb to the slaughter. But true to His word, God delivered His Son from the dark, cold grave and in so doing, he conquered death and took away the sins of the world!

During these next couple of months, we will emerge from the

long dark, cold days of winter and step into the warm sunlight of spring. The flowers and fruit trees have been covered by snow and suffered the brutal cold. Again, as Jesus told his disciples, there is a time to die and a time to be born anew. So it is with the daffodils and tulips and the blossoms on the fruit trees. They come to life as a symbol of life after death.

Easter is our symbol of life after death. We spend the 40 days of the Lenten Season facing the dark, cold regrets that we have sinned and fallen short on how Jesus would like us to live. But when the sun rises on Easter morning, we once again feel the warmth of the love that Jesus would die for someone such as us!

It seems so appropriate to celebrate Grange Week during the month of April with a plan to invigorate our Granges so they spring forth in the sunshine and become a showcase of beautiful friendships, fruitful community service, and love for each other in a family comradery that is unlike any other organization. It is a great time to forgive the past differences and forget the saying, "we always did it this way," and rejoice in the promise of a brighter future.

Have a Blessed and Happy Easter and Celebrate National Grange Week with fervor that will arouse interest in your (our) Grange fraternity!

God Bless You and Yours!

Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler





Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

National Grange Month is fast approaching and I know from talking to many of you, there are events scheduled at your Granges. Let's review some event planning basics that will help to ensure a successful event.

- Contact your local newspapers, TV, and radio stations. Write a short press release, keep it simple but make sure that it answers these questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why? Include your contact information if they have additional questions. (If you need help with writing a press release, or need me to send your press release, please contact me.)
- Make sure that you reach out
- to your local officials and invite them to attend your event. Make sure to include people like the Mayor, township supervisors, school district representatives, etc. Create a guest list, and send a personal invitation. Follow up with a phone call to discuss the event in more detail with them.
- If honoring your local Veterans, community volunteers, and/or dignitaries, make sure to invite their family members or any guest(s) they would like to have in attendance.
- Certificates of Appreciation are nice to present to honor your dignitaries for their service to your community.
- Review your menu, is it a luncheon or dinner? Appetizers? Refreshments? Go through your Grange cookbook as there are many great recipes!
- Just like throwing a party at home, your Grange Hall or meeting room should be "spruced up" with a little Spring cleaning.
- You have bragging rights at

your events! Make sure you have some displays highlighting what your Grange is doing in your community. Make sure to provide each guest with a membership brochure and an invite to come to your next meeting or event.

- Take pictures of your event. Send pictures to the PGN, State Grange office and local news media. Make sure to include what the picture is about and who is in the picture.
- Always make sure that you send thank you notes to all those who attended your event. Thank you's are just as important as the invite!



If I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

Yours in Grange service,

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**MEMBERS
GET MORE**



Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hello Everyone!

I guess it is time to start thinking about the months ahead. With spring right around the corner, and all the summer activities ahead of us...now is the perfect time to be looking forward.

Here is a picture of this year's quilt that will be raffled off at State Grange Session. Family Festival in July is being planned

at this very moment. During Family Festival, we will not only be touring the Pennsylvania Military Museum in Boalsburg, we also have loads of Family Activities workshops scheduled: the How-to's of Stained Glass with Amy Koenig, a photography workshop, Quilt Block Painting, Zumba lessons, and much more. Friday night's dinner will be a Hotdog Dinner, with the Juniors and Youth cooking. Hope to see a lot of Grangers come to the Family Festival in July (19-22)! For now I will say "see you later and hope your days are good".

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius
mle103@comcast.net



State Grange 2018 Raffle Quilt



Program Director

Denise Clare

PA State Grange Program Director

Hello Grangers,

I hope everyone is having a great start to 2018! We had lots of entries in the Lecturer's contests at State Session in 2017 and now is the time to start on your 2018 contest entries. Being inside and warm during these cold and snowy days is the perfect time to work on entries. There is something for everyone! See your 2017-2018 con-

test list for information.

Mid-Atlantic Lecturers Conference will be held in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Youth & Junior conferences. The joint conference will be held in Westminster, MD on March 16-18. Please see your information packet from State Grange for more details or contact me.

Program Ideas:

March

- 1st: National Peanut Butter Day
- 11th: National Johnny Appleseed Day

- 24th: National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day

April

- 1st: National One Cent Day
- 5th: National Deep Dish Pizza Day...have a pizza making party and enjoy for refreshments
- 20th: National Look Alike Day...have a contest and award prizes for look alike

May

- 9th: National Lost Sock Memorial Day...bring remaining sock to meeting and have services
- 19th: National Devils Food Cake Day
- 29th: National Paperclip Day

Enjoy your winter!!

Denise L. Clare
PA State Lecturer
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History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

Good progress continues to be made by your State Grange History Committee on preserving important documents of our fraternity's history and making that information more readily available to interested persons by posting on the State Grange website <http://www.pagrang.org/history-committee.html>. The committee is pleased to report the following accomplishments since the last article in the Grange News:

1. Completed/posted historical summaries of significant events and accomplishments during the terms of the first 14 Masters (Mauger through Scott). Additional summaries will be posted as research and writing are finished.
2. Completed/posted Charter Ledger of all 2,110 Subordinate and 73 Pomona Granges organized in the state from 1871-present
3. Sorted, organized, and boxed records and other paraphernalia (regalia, manuals, implements, etc.) of local Granges that were in the conference room at the State Office
4. Negotiated a contract with IMR Digital to microfilm, digitize and index documents; Phase 1 (Journals of Proceedings and newsletters) were completed in January 2018 and Phase 2 (charter applications, Executive Committee minutes and officer registers/directories) are currently underway

Local Granges that may wish

to preserve their records will be able to have them imaged (microfilmed) and/or digitized (PDF) through the PA State Grange contract. The maximum cost would be around \$0.31 per image (images cover 1-2 pages depending on the size of the book), but could be less depending on the type and quality of the records. Granges who are interested in pursuing this should contact Jenn Nauss via email at jnauss89@gmail.com or by phone at (717) 512-1261.



Generous financial contributions continue to be received in response to the History Committee financial appeal issued last summer. As of 1/8/2018, donations totaling in excess of \$6,800 have

been received from Pomona & Subordinate Granges and several individuals. Received since the last report were funds given by (in the order received):

- Honey Brook Twp. #1688, Chester County
- Virginville #1832, Berks County
- Berks County Pomona #43
- Star #993, Northampton County
- Crawford County Pomona #26
- Edinboro #947, Erie County
- Kimmerlings #1529, Lebanon County
- Washington County Pomona #16
- North Strabane #1434, Washington County
- Forest #853, Forest County
- Middletown #684, Bucks County
- Lawrence County Pomona #65
- Mt. Nebo #1872, Allegheny County
- Chestnut Ridge #1133, Washington County
- Bucks County Pomona #22
- Past State Master William A. Steel in honor of Fairview #1351, Beaver County, and Valley #1360, York County
- PA State Grange Past Officers
- Watson #1068, Warren County
- Progress #96, Centre County
- Beaver County Pomona #66
- Big Knob #2008, Beaver County
- Venango County Pomona #57
- Westfield #1514, Lawrence County
- Community #2048, in Dauphin County

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



Youth News!!!



Greetings from the Youth and Young Adults Department!

We have a great year of events and activities planned for 2018 and can't wait to see you at some, or all, of these events. The first event will be the **Eastern Regional Youth Conference**, now part of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Leaders Conference. This event will be held on **March 16th-18th**, in Westminster, Maryland, just south of Gettysburg. Everyone is invited to attend this weekend. The youth will conduct the Jeopardy contest, public speaking and sign-a-song contest and the drill contest. Detailed registration information will be posted on the State Grange webpage as well as the Youth Facebook page.

The second event is the **Young Adults Weekend**. This fun-filled weekend is being planned for the Williamsport area on **April 6th-8th**. This weekend is geared towards ages 21 and older and we request no children. It is designed to be a relaxing weekend full of reconnecting with friends from across the state. Detailed registration information will be posted on the State Grange webpage as well as the Youth Facebook page.

Our Outstanding Young Patrons have been busy this winter with visiting Granges and working at the Farm Show. Here are some words of encouragement from each of them:

"The Grange has given me so much as a young adult. Often it seems the youth and young adults around us are looking for a way

to get involved. The Grange offers that sense of purpose through volunteerism, community service programs, legislative training and involvement, and enriching fellowship. The friendships I have built in the Grange are friendships that last for a lifetime."
-Denae Zvarick

"My favorite highlights of the Grange are of the young adults age category and the fellowship and opportunity it provides to know people around the state. I am often amazed how many people I've met before when going to other group functions. We need to find a better way to promote the enjoyment we get out of our great

organization. Please share your fun Granger stories with the other youth and young adults."
-Andrew Kieffer

Add these dates to your calendar now and be on the lookout for additional information and registration deadlines because we want to see you there!

Ellen Wadsworth
Youth Director
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OTHER GRANGE ACTIVITY ON BROADBAND

The Pennsylvania State Grange was able to gain media exposure on the Broadband issue by way of coverage in Lancaster Farming magazine, PA Radio Network, Morning Ag Clips, House Republican Communications Office which supplied a streaming video of the Farm Show Panel, PA Cable Network, Channel 69 from Allentown, WITF-Radio, and others.

Pennsylvania State Grange is on record as supporting Senate Bill 740 sponsored by Senator Ryan Aument (R-Lancaster) to continue rural land-line telephones. This bill continues Universal Service Fund support, necessary

since many telephone companies are pulling back from support of land-line phones in favor of Broadband-based systems. Pennsylvania State Grange sees this as crucial for many in rural Pennsyl-

vania and necessary at least until Broadband access is universal.



Pennsylvania State Grange President, Wayne Campbell, on live TV regarding the state of Broadband service in Pennsylvania



PAINT YOUR OWN QUILT BLOCK

The Paint Your Own Wooden Quilt Block workshop will once again be offered at Family Festival.

The 2' x 2' wooden blocks will be designed and painted by youth and adults. The initial meeting to learn about the project, materials and methods will begin on Thurs. eve and will continue throughout the Festival. All materials will

be provided for the cost of \$40. - paint, brushes, special board, etc.

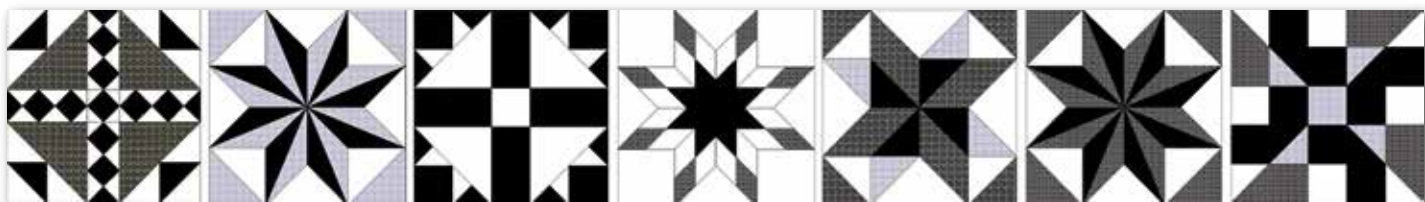
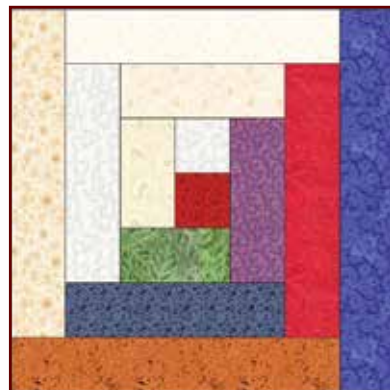
The choice of design will be that of the individual. If you have a favorite Quilt Block pattern you wish to

painter and go home with you to be hung where ever you desire. Pre-registration is required

for this project! If you wish to paint a 4' x 4' or an 8' x 8' block please contact Barbara (724-290-3783) to make arrangements and secure the cost. Remember if you paint a larger quilt block you must have arrangements to transport it home

use, please bring it with you. The blocks become the property of the

- They usually do not fit in a car!





Family Festival
SUPERHEROS GET IT DONE
"THAT'S THE GRANGE WAY"
Schedule of Events
July 19-22, 2018



Thursday, July 19

1:00 - 5:30 Registration- Bldg A
 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
 7:00-- Registration - Bldg A
 7:00-8:00 Welcome & President's
 Workshop - Bldg A
 8:00-8:30 Rootbeer; Coke; Orange Floats
 8:30-9:30 Bring your Favorite Game
 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 9:30 Vespers - Bldg A
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Friday, July 20

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
 9:00-10:00 Resolution Workshop
 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 10:00-11:00 Chrismons Workshop - \$5.00
 10:30-12:00 Registration - Bldg A
 11:00-12:00 Advocate Workshop
 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
 1:30-4:00 Tour-Boalsburg Military Museum
 Board bus in area b/w tents & Bldgs
 2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg A
 2:00-3:00 Storyteller Session- Bldg A
 3:00-5:00 Junior/Youth Water Games
 5:30-6:30 Dinner - Bldg D

Hosted by the FA & Youth Departments

7:00-8:30 History Committee Presentation
 Bldg A
 8:30-9:15 Bingo-Bldg A
 9:15-9:30 Cake Walk
 9:30 Vespers-Bldg A
 9:45 Young Patrons TEST -
 -Bldg C
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



Saturday, July 21

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
 (Announce Young Patron
 Finalists)
 8:30 Group Photo - Bldg A
 9:00-11:30 Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B
 9:00-10:30 Zumba Class - Bldg A
 10:00-11:30 Young Patron Interviews - Bldg B
 10:30-11:30 Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit
 11:30-12:00 Gift of Life Presentation-Bldg A
 Blessing of Wrapped in Hugs
 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
 (Impromptu Question to Young Patron
 Finalists)
 1:00 Youth Activity - TBA
 1:00-3:00 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 Rope Making Demonstration-Bldg A
 2:00-4:00 Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B - \$5.00
 3:30-4:30 Photography Workshop-Bldg A
 5:00-6:00 Dinner - Bldg D
 Ham; Scalloped Potatoes; Corn
 Sweet Potatoes; Applesauce;
 Salad
 7:00 Talent Contest - Bldg A
 Introduction of Royalty
 Ice Cream Social
 Cake Walk
 Vespers
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Sunday, July 22

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

*Assistance in cleaning and packing up of
 Bldg D is much appreciated*

Thank You!
Wishing you a safe trip home!



When: July 19-22, 2018
Where: Family Festival (Center County Fairgrounds)
Theme: SUPERHEROS GET IT DONE
THAT'S THE GRANGE WAY



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Grange: _____

County: _____

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

Tentmates: _____

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

RV/Camper-mates: _____

Length: _____ Ft. Trailer or Motor Home
(Circle)

_____ Dump prior to leaving (Fee \$20)

Day of Arrival: _____

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Hotel- Please make your own reservations

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Ramada Conference Center

1450 South Atherton St.

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MEALS (please check desired meals)

Children 2 and under are Free, ages 3-10 half price.

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_____ Thursday Dinner	\$7.00	_____
_____ Friday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____
_____ Friday Lunch	\$5.50	_____
_____ Friday Dinner	\$5.50	_____
_____ Saturday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____
_____ Saturday Lunch	\$5.50	_____
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_____ Sunday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____

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Chrismons Workshop (\$5.00) _____

Stained Glass Workshop (\$5.00) _____

Quilt Block Workshop (\$40.00) _____

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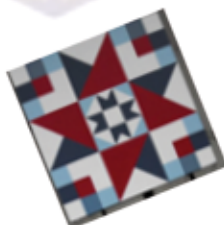
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2018 Pennsylvania Junior Grange Camper Application

July 1-July 7, 2018

Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA

For Junior Grange age: 7 -14

"All Star Sports Camp"

Name: _____ M _____ F _____

Street: _____ Phone: _____/Cell: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of Jan 1, 2018 _____

Grange Name and Number: _____

Is this your first year at State Camp? _____

Please
Attach school
photo here

Camper fee - \$150.00 (This reflects a \$15.00 credit from the
Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund)

THERE IS ALSO A SIBLING DISCOUNT: 1st child = full price of \$150 and then a \$15 reduction
for every child after. (2nd child = \$135, 3rd child = \$135 4th child = \$135 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, 2018

Any application postmarked after June 5, 2018 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 submit 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.

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Grange News

VICTOR GRANGE #159

held it's annual Christmas Party @ Hoss's in State College on December 18th 2017. In the first picture (below) are Wayne Campbell, State Master Rita Wasson,



and Art Reede Victor Grange Master. Rita Wasson was awarded a 50 year certificate. In the next picture (below) are Anna Mary Ishler, Wayne Campbell State Master, & Art Reede Victor Grange Master,



Anna Mary Ishler was awarded a 75 year certificate. There were several other certificates handed out, 6 for 5 years, 10 for 10 years, 1 for 15 years, 2 for 20 years, 1 for 40 years and 1 for 45 years. They then exchanged gifts and sang songs it was a very joyful night.

PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

Members and friends of Plumsteadville Grange braved the first snowfall of the season to celebrate Christmas "1917 style" in honor of the Grange's 100th anniversary. Food, Fellowship & Fun were shared with all in attendance. "Mrs. Santa" arrived with early



presents for the children. Entertainment included a history of "Silent Night" from its humble beginnings in a small German church to the beloved carol as it is sung today 'round the world', and concluded with carol singing by all. 2018 Outstanding Young Patron Denae Zvarrick and PA State Grange Gatekeeper Gene Zavarick were our special guests.

LOGAN GRANGE #109

Logan Grange, in Pleasant Gap, held it's Community night/dues paying covered dish dinner recently at the Grange hall in Pleasant Gap. Approximately 60 members and invited guests. Among the guests were County Commissioner Steve Dershem, Christine Millinder, the Centre County Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans Court, Deb Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary and Wayne Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange Master/President. The evening began with everyone enjoying a delicious meal made with loving hands by

Grange members. After speeches by the invited guests, Secretary Kris McCloskey and Master Dotty Houtz presented the years of service awards. There were thirteen awards presented but sadly only two members were able to attend. Master Houtz presented a 25 years of Service Award to Martha Yarnell and a 75 years of Service Award to Janet McClellan. Both ladies were happy to receive them. Others receiving awards were Twenty-five years to Richard Fisher, Helen Solt and Mary Ann Zimmerman. Forty year awards were Timothy Bowmaster and Elizabeth Pyfer. Fifty-year award recipients were Joan Andrews, Edward Biddle and Janet Houser. Fifty-Five year award went to Ellen Rishel. Sixty-Five year award winner was Paul Hartle and Eighty-year award recipient was Donald Biddle.

Also awarded that evening was the Logan Grange Community Service Award which was presented by the committee members. This year the award was presented to Ashley Furman. Furman serves as the Logan Lecturer and as a Logan Grange representative to the Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair Committee where she serves as Dairy Chairperson. She also serves as the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Pomona Master/President and is chair of the Legislative Committee. Among



From L-R in photo are:

PA State Grange Master Wayne Campbell and Deb Campbell, PA State Grange Secretary, Martha Yarnell, 25 year receiptant, Ashley Furman, Member of the Year, Janet McClellan, 75 years, Logan Master Dotty Houtz and Logan Secretary Kris McCloskey.



her other past Grange duties, she served as the Logan Grange Junior Grange Matron, Centre County Pomona Chaplain and Lecturer and as the Pennsylvania State Grange Pomona. Ashley is married to husband Jason and has two children Lincoln and Catie. She lives on her families first generation beef and grain farm and is a kindergarten teacher in the Mifflinburg Area School District.

After awards, members played a "Name That Price" game of food products which are used for Thanksgiving dinner and listened to a report about the PA State Grange Session held in October. It was a fun evening for everyone.

BAILEYVILLE GRANGE #1991

Mary Ellen (Homan) Kean celebrated her 100th Birthday! She was born in Pennsylvania Furnace on December 4, 1917, and attended the Baileyville School. In February 1934 Baileyville Grange was chartered and at the age of 17,



Mary Ellen joined that same April. She has always been devoted to the Baileyville Grange and participated actively as did her parents Margaret and Samuel Homan and two brothers Elwood (95) and Earl (98) who passed away this year. In fact, Mary Ellen still has the dress she wore participating on the Baileyville Grange Degree Team in the 1930's. She has been a member of Baileyville Grange for 83 years. She lived in her home in State College until April of this year and has

been spending her time with her two children; John Kean and Connie Phillips.

BUTLER COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #17

Recently Butler County Pomona Grange, represented by Virginia Mangel had the honor of presenting 13, 4-H members with certificates & money for their 4-H scrapbooks showing the work they did all year in raising beef cattle,



Pictured above: some of the 4-H members who received awards along with Ginny Mangel pictured in the back row in the middle along with our 3 Butler County Commissioners and State Representative.

sheep, hogs, rabbits, horses, and other projects. Members of Butler County Pomona Grange Jill Cavaleiro, Rich & Ginny Mangel judged 72 scrapbooks that were given to them and asked to come up with 13 winners. The reports were all very well documented by all the 4-H'ers from 6 to 18 years of age. The evening banquet was very well attended and many awards were presented for all of the 4-H'ers hard work and efforts.

BIG KNOB GRANGE #2008

People are always asking what is the Grange about and what do you do. We are a Community Service Organization and try to come to the aid and service of others in any way possible.



ble. The following two pictures are of an annual project where we make homemade cookies for the Clients of the Food Pantry. We also shared with the Zelenople Meals on Wheels.



VIRGINVILLE GRANGE #1832

December 20th, during our annual holiday gathering, the Juniors played us Christmas tunes, performed the Christmas story, and Santa made an appearance.



We also presented \$12,000 to the Kunkel family and \$4,000 to Tina Argot. Thank you everyone for joining us tonight. Merry Christmas and have a healthy Happy New Year!





Government Matters
Vince Phillips
PA State Grange Lobbyist



WHY THE BUZZ ON BROADBAND?

At the 2018 Farm Show, the Pennsylvania State Grange assembled a top-tier lineup of panelists to discuss what it will take to bring equal access to Internet and cell phone service to rural Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell convened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the statement that Broadband access is a major priority of both state and the National Grange.

Bev Gruber, Executive Director, PA Campground Owners' Association and a Grange member, led off the discussion by presenting real-world examples of campgrounds in counties across PA which have seen their business hurt because of inadequate access to Broadband. She said that just a few years ago, the number one question asked by prospective campers was 'Does it have a pool?' Now, questions asked every time are 'Do you have Internet access?' and, 'What speed is it?'

because of the national economy which forced a re-thinking towards lower cost camping vacations near home versus resort travel and because campers are getting younger. Gruber pointed to statistics showing a decline in the average age. Younger people want access to the Internet-connected world even when on vacation and even while at a campground. Connection speed is important too since there will be multiple users from one family. In addition, it is a matter of basic business. Not having Internet access or having insufficient Broad-

She said that this is in part





band width poses serious barriers to people being able to make reservations and to campground owners who need to process credit cards. Besides, the state requires submission of tax filings and payments electronically – another expensive obstacle.

Following Bev Gruber were two officials from the Wolf Administration. Mark Critz, Executive Director of the Governor's Rural Development Council, and Mark Smith, newly appointed "Broadband Czar" by Governor Tom Wolf, recognized Broadband access as an essential need for rural parts of the state. They pointed to specific situations where Broadband access is critical such as in education where a school may have access but the student does not have the Internet to do his or her homework. They said that lack of access shows a direct result in students who do not have the skill set being at a disadvantage entering higher education because they were not given the proper learning tools in their rural setting.

The issue is most urgent when it comes to rural economic investment. Businesses looking to locate

want all the things they have traditionally desired such as adequate transportation, location of resources, proximity to markets, etc. But, the two speakers cautioned, the number one thing investors look at now is whether the location has access to sufficient Broadband width to sustain their business activity. Smith said that the goal of Broadband equity was obtainable within five years.

Both officials sounded a cautionary note though. They said that more research needs to be done since there is no one-sized solution. They reasoned that some want extensive Broadband width while others are content with medium or little access.

Regina Matz, Esquire, attorney with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) and counsel to the PUC Commissioner David W. Sweet, recognized the need as did the other presenters but presented a different perspective on access. Current Pennsylvania law she said guarantees the right to Broadband access at 1.544 megabits per second download and 0.128 megabits per second upload. According to the PA Broadband Bill of Rights,

a document produced by the PUC to explain the law, service must be made available by a local telephone company within ten business days. This means that rural Pennsylvanians do have potential access.

However, there are several complications. First, the PUC and this law only affects incumbent local exchange carriers (ILEC), established local telephone companies such as CenturyLink, Frontier, Windstream and other smaller telephone companies. That means that other carriers besides ILECs are not bound by this law. Second, although access is guaranteed, pricing is not. The PUC does not set the price and extending fiber optic cable is very expensive and out of the financial reach of many seeking access. Third, the PA requirement of 1.544 megabits is way behind the national standard which the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has just raised to 25 megabits. This means that PA law which was very forward-thinking in its day in guaranteeing access has fallen way behind current Broadband needs.

The PUC has been in the forefront of an effort to convince the

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PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE APPLAUDS FEDERAL BROADBAND DECISION

The Pennsylvania State Grange issued the following statement regarding President Donald Trump's January 8, 2018, Executive Orders regarding Broadband access for rural Americans:

"The Pennsylvania State Grange applauds the issuance of Executive Orders by President Donald Trump to facilitate rural access to technology. The Grange has a proud track record in helping bring about Rural Electrification in the last century. To us, Broadband access reflects the same type of critical need for this century.

The first Executive Order spells out the Administration's priority to 'use all viable tools to accelerate the deployment and adoption of affordable, reliable, modern high-speed Broadband connectivity in rural America, including rural homes, farms, small businesses, manufacturing and production sites, tribal communities, transportation systems, and healthcare and education facilities.'

The second directs the Secretary of the Interior to report on a plan within 180 days to 'support rural Broadband development and adoption by increasing access to tower facilities and other infrastructure assets.'

The Pennsylvania State Grange believes that these Executive Orders form the foundation of a national priority to bring technological equity to rural areas. Most important, it shows the willingness of the Federal Government to utilize its vast existing infrastructure as a resource to Broadband expansion. Granted, it is not enough to solve the problem of access by itself but it does show a commitment to work with the private sector and community-based organizations such as the Grange who also see this as an urgent issue for rural America."



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Federal Communications Commission to free up over \$100 million dollars that had been offered to Verizon for PA Broadband expansion. Verizon concluded that this did not fit into their business plan and rejected the FCC offer, not just in PA but elsewhere such as in New York State. Pennsylvania is requesting that the money turned down by Verizon still come to Pennsylvania but so far has been met with resistance from the Federal Government because PA's extremely difficult State Budget situation does not allow us to come up with matching funds, something the FCC wants.



From left to right:

Pennsylvania State Grange President **Wayne Campbell**, State Representative **Kristin Phillips-Hill** (R-York) (sponsor of Broadband legislation), Executive Director of the PA Campground Owners Association and Grange member **Bev Gruber**, President, PA Telephone Association **Steve Samara**, **Regina Matz**, Esquire, counsel to PUC Commissioner David W. Sweet, **Mark Smith**, Director of Broadband Initiatives, Office of Governor Tom Wolf, **Mark Critz**, Executive Director, Governor's Rural Development Council

Matz provided the PUC contact information for consumers 800-692-7380.

PA Representative Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York) explained some of the legislative initiatives she and fellow lawmaker Pam Snyder (D-Green/Fayette/Washington) have proposed. Among other things, the four-bill package includes a measure requiring that the state inventory its infrastructure including such resources as towers that could be used to piggyback private sector company investment. Using the state infrastructure re-

duces the amount that the private sector would otherwise have to invest.

She applauded President Donald Trump's January 8 two Executive Orders that make Broadband access to rural America a national priority. One of the Executive Orders tells the Interior Department to inventory its' infrastructure, similar to what is proposed in PA by Representatives Phillips-Hill and Snyder. Rep. Phillips-Hill also noted that a Trump Administration task force focusing on rural prosperity just released its' report. Of 100 recommendations presented

to USDA Secretary Perdue, Broadband access was at the top of the list.

Rep. Phillips-Hill provided several examples where technology makes a huge difference. First was the issue of student access. She said that it was disheartening to see parents having to bring their kids to a school parking lot to do homework since they had no computer access at home. Another example is in farming where

driverless tractors using GPS can be used, where sensors can measure soil moisture, and where sensors can even measure the number of steps a cow has walked – lost opportunities without Broadband access.

President of the PA Telephone Association Steve Samara rounded out the program. Samara's group includes those phone companies regulated by the Public Utility Commission who by law must provide 1.544 megabits. He said that his companies provide much greater access than that given current re-

quirements for commerce and communications. The difficulty is ascertaining differing needs and how to meet them. The other obstacle is cost of completing access for the proverbial 'last mile' in sparsely settled areas. He urged that both public and private sector resources be used.

Before coming to the PA Telephone Association in 1996, Samara served as Executive Director of the PA Senate Communications and High Technology Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. During his tenure there, PA enacted the legislation discussed by the PUC's Regina Matz. This law laid the groundwork for deployment of the Broadband telecommunications network in the state.

Comments from Attendees

Former Pennsylvania State Grange President/ Master Elizabeth Downey commented to the panel that service is spotty in Lycoming County. One example she gave to illustrate the problem was a farmer friend showing her his brand new top of the line tractor. It could use technology to track soil moisture and GPS to positively identify parts of the field needing special attention. The problem is, she said, he does not have technology access so now the new tractor is simply a tractor without him being able to use features that would make his farming more productive. Her other example is telemedicine in rural areas which is very helpful to people who cannot travel to receive medical care. Again, if there is no access to the Internet, medical equipment cannot electronically report a person's medical condition and telemedicine does not work.

Another commenter spoke on behalf of the Center for Rural PA, a legislative research entity that is beginning to focus on gaining a better understanding of the difficulties faced by rural communities with inadequate access. Research done in conjunction with Penn State should be released sometime in 2018.



Last to speak was King Whetstone, regional Director of USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service. He pointed to current NASS reports which document farmers' use of computers in the field. Unlike some types of research, NASS' reports include information from agricultural producers themselves.

The program was moderated by Pennsylvania State Grange Legislative Director Vince Phillips.

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

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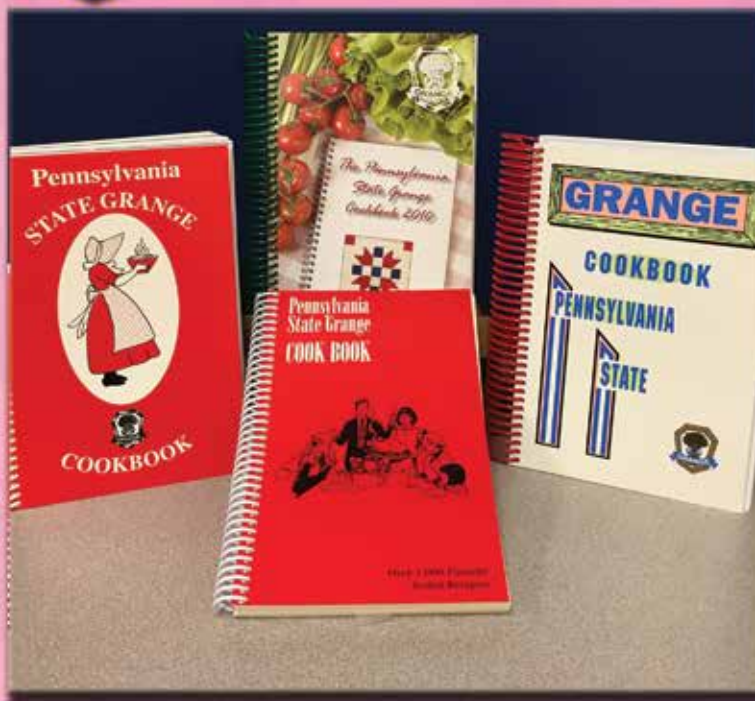
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Farm Show Butter Sculpture

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Farm Show Opening
Ceremonies

Photo 3:
Secretary of Agriculture
Redding

Photo 4:
Farm Show PA Fair Queen with
Youth & Junior Royalty

Photo 5:
Farm Show Ribbon Cutting

Photo 6:
Junior & Youth Royalty with
Miss Pennsylvania

Photo 7:
Youth & Junior Royalty with
their Directors

Photo 8:
Youth & Junior Royalty with
Secretary of Agriculture
Redding

Photo 9:
Junior Royalty Autumn &
Tanner

Photo 10:
Junior Granger Tanner
Mentoring a Future Junior

Photo 11:
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Pennsylvania Farm Show
Royalty at Opening Ceremonies

Photo 13:
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tic Youth/ Junior Regional with the Mid-Atlantic Lecturers' Conference, and adding workshops for Masters, Membership Directors, Family Activities, Legislative, and Public Relations/Communications directors. Attendees will have their choice among several workshops Saturday with outside speakers, crafts, discussions, and of course fun and fellowship!

The Youth will visit an Escape Room in addition to presenting their contests for the entire group Saturday evening.

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January	February	March	April
6-13th: Farm Show (Harrisburg)		16-18th: Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference	National Grange Month 5-8th: Young Adults Weekend
May	June	July	August
	Dairy Month 29-July 1st: Youth Camp (Howard)	1-7th: Junior Camp (Howard) 19-22nd: Family Festival (Centre Hall)	14-16th: Penn State Ag Progress Days. (Pennsylvania Furnace)
September	October	November	December
	19-21st: State Grange Session (Butler)	13-17: 152nd National Grange Session (Vermont)	

Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 16	Chinese New Year
Feb 19	President's Day
Mar 11	Daylight Saving (begin)
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Vernal equinox
Mar 31	Passover
Apr 01	April Fool's Day
Apr 01	Easter
Apr 25	Admin Assistants Day
May 13	Mother's Day
May 16	Ramadan begins
May 20	Pentecost
May 28	Memorial Day
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 17	Father's Day
Jun 21	June Solstice
Jul 04	Independence Day
Sep 03	Labor Day
Sep 10	Rosh Hashanah
Sep 23	Autumnal equinox
Oct 08	Columbus Day
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 04	Daylight Saving (end)
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 22	Thanksgiving
Dec 02	Hanukkah begins
Dec 21	December Solstice
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Kwanzaa begins
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

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