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SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

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Last issue we learned how to identify the Spotted Lanternfly. In this issue, let's learn what we should do if/when we find it.

Lycorma delicatula, commonly known as the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), is a new invasive insect that has spread throughout southeastern Pennsylvania since its discovery in Berks County in 2014. SLF presents a significant threat to Pennsylvania agriculture, including the grape, tree-fruit, hardwood and nursery industries, which collectively are worth nearly \$18 billion to the state's economy.

Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Extension are at the forefront of education and research aimed at stopping the spread

of this exotic species. Following are resources to help growers, property owners and others understand how to identify the insect, what to do if they find it and how to comply with agency regulations.

What to Do If You Find Spotted Lanternfly?

Learn what steps to take if you discover Spotted Lanternfly on your property.

This insect is a potential threat to several important crops including grapes, peaches and timber trees. Many sites within the infested area have high populations of spotted lanternflies. Every landowner who effectively uses control measures will help to reduce the potential for this insect to spread to new territory.

As of August 22, 2016 confirmed



populations of the spotted lanternfly are known to exist in only the following Pennsylvania municipalities in the United States of America:

- Berks County: Amity, Colebrookdale, Douglass, District, Douglass, Earl, Hereford, Longswamp, Oley, Maxatawny, Pike, Rockland and Washington townships and the boroughs of Bally, Bechtelsville, Boyertown, Kutztown and Topton.
- Bucks County: Milford Township and Trumbauersville Borough.
- Chester County: South Coventry Township.
- Lehigh County: Lower Macungie and Upper Milford Townships, and the boroughs of Alburtis, Emmaus and Macungie.
- Montgomery County: Douglass, New Hanover and Upper Hanover townships and the boroughs of East Greenville, Pennsburg and Red Hill.

If you find a spotted lanternfly in a municipality where it is not known to exist:

You should try to capture it and put it into a vial filled with alcohol to kill and preserve it, or at least take a good picture of it. Report it to the



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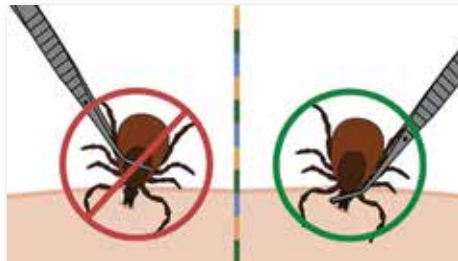
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From the President's Desk

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PA State Grange President
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Dear Fellow Grangers,

Youth Camp and Junior Camp are just coming to a close. Not only is there a lot of fun and education at these camps, but many lifelong friendships and memories are made. I always enjoy hearing the stories of how people met at Grange Camp many years ago. How many couples do you know that will tell you they met through the Grange?

We are also entering into Fair time. Fairs are another place where stories are created, memories are made, and lifelong friendships started. Lizzie Bailey, our Public Relations and Membership person, loves to hear people's stories. An excellent place to get these stories are at any Grange food stands at the local fair. Look inside at the people working and you can just imagine the stories that could be told. I'm 63 years old and many still refer to me as "the young pup".

Those people and their stories are our heritage. They are our history books. Listen to their stories, they will tell you how the fair started, how that food stand started, and how things have changed over the years. They will tell you of the summer they will never forget, "it was so hot we thought we were going to die." "It rained every single day and the stand was surround-

ed by water but people still came to buy that good Grange food." One we heard at our stand several times, "could we please have a bucket of warm water to help clean up? One of our cows just had a calf." Memories that are forever etched into our minds that we can pass onto other generations.

The theme for the 2018 fairs is Farms, Families, Fairs, Fun. Imagine the possibilities you can come up with using this theme. This really says what a fair is all about. As



Grangers, let's continue to make sure that opportunity to create lifelong friendships and memories is carried into the future. Volunteer at your Grange stand at your fair, invite friends and neighbors to help in the stand too. You just might get a new Grange member at your Grange from it. No matter what, you will be a part of someone's memory, you will have an effect on someone's life. You will have an opportunity to grow the Grange!

See you at the fair!
IT'S THE GRANGE WAY

Fraternally,
Wayne Campbell
Pennsylvania State Grange
President



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Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain

pened! We know how it happens!

Once the seed is in the ground, the growth process begins. It never stops, cannot go backwards, cannot go back into the pod or ear it came from. Perhaps weather or other external hindrances may inhibit its growth, but it perseveres and waits for some sunshine and mild air and then moves forward again on its way toward perfection.

So it is with the good seed of God's love in our hearts. Trials, temptations, surgeries, illnesses may confound or stymie our faith, but once there is the slightest glimmer of SON LIGHT through prayer, Bible Reading and meditation, HOPE renews the growth and it begins to move forward again. We know how it happens! Waiting fosters endurance and the capacity to

trust in God's love. He loves you too much to see you wilt on the vine!

As you enjoy the fruits of your labors (and God's goodness) in your gardens this summer, remember the

WAITING will be worth it. As it is written in the book of Romans, "Perseverance produces character and character produces hope and hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit."

Thought for the day: God is never in a hurry, but He's always on His time.

God Bless You and Yours!

Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler

As you open your Grange News today, you will undoubtedly be able to look around and see all the signs of summer. Wonderful!! However, as I began to write this article, I look around and see all the signs of a lingering winter that will not let go!!

The hardy spring flowers are persevering (as good Grangers do) and are brightening up the brown, desolate landscape with the message of HOPE that there is more to come. There is a good message in that Del Monte commercial, "WAIT... WAIT... PERFECT!! Corn is picked at its peak of perfection..."

So it is with our seasons and our lives. In the middle of the night following disc replacement surgery, I picked up a devotional I had taken along and the three words at the top of the page for April 6 were PRAY, HOPE, WAIT. Now how appropriate was that message, written possibly a year before but right there for me to see that night. We had prayed, we hoped and we were now waiting for results.

Just as we read in Mark 4:26-29 (and here I will paraphrase a bit...but please take the time to look it up in your Bible)...man scatters the seed and then goes about his business (sleeps and rises). Then the seed sprouts and grows....first the blade, then the ear and then the full kernels in the head and the man knows not how it hap-





Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

Several months before my Dad died in 1996, we had started working on our family tree together; collecting dates, pictures, and stories. We were very interested in our heritage!

On one of my visits home that summer, my Dad presented me with a box that had his WWII medals in it. He said that he wanted me to have them. He shared that there were three medals and I could pass them on to my daughters whenever I felt the time was right to do so. It wasn't long after receiving this gift from him, that he died. It consoled me that he had made the effort to give the medals to me while he was alive. He was entrusting a part of our family heritage to my family and I... with the expectation for me to pass it along to future generations.

As I share this story, it makes me think of the importance of our long, rich Grange heritage. Our founder, Oliver Hudson Kelley; whose roots ran deep in the history of our nation, and his realization of the importance of agriculture by starting the Grange in 1867. Kelley's keen insights about farming, and giving women the right to vote within our organization right from our beginning tout him as a "visionary."

I recently had the pleasure of visiting a Grange that had the Pomona charter hanging on their wall.

This particular charter was dated 1879! Can you imagine? The Cumberland Valley Grange that I am a member of is only twelve years old. What a heritage this Grange Pomona has with its longevity to 1879!

May I ask, have you thought about the future of your Grange? What steps have you taken to secure it for the next generation? It is a community birthright for a Grange to exist through the generations! The Grange has come a long way, but it has much farther

Grange is a Community Birthright!

to go...how can you assist its future journey? I would enjoy meet-



Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

wraps on Saturday. The workshop runs from 2 - 4 on Saturday and the tour runs from 1:30 - 4 on Friday. The FA dinner is on Friday night, so come with an appetite!

Remember Ag Progress Days are coming on August 14, 15, and 16. If you are willing to sell tickets and cookbooks, please call the state office so they can put you on the schedule.

All reports need to be in my hands on September 15. If anyone needs more tickets, please get in touch with me. I wish you all the best.

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius
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Youth News!!!

Greetings from the Youth and Young Adults Department!

I hope you are enjoying the warm days of Summer! The Youth and Young Adults Department is busy with events and deadlines all summer long! Youth Camp is being held 29 June through 1 July. Many youth and young adults will be helping at Junior Grange Camp from 1 through 7 July. Just around the corner is Family Festival, including many youth activities from 19 through 22 July. By the end of the Family Festival weekend we will have a new slate of youth royalty to celebrate so stay tuned for those exciting announcements!

If you are interested in serving as a Youth Officer for State Grange

Session in Cranberry Township this October, look for the application in this issue of the PGN and on the PA State Grange website. The deadline for this honor is 31 July. Any youth or young adult can submit an application! This is your chance to reduce your expenses to attend the State Grange session as well as getting to hang out with some cool youth members!

National Grange Convention is being held in Stowe, Vermont this November. This is definitely a driv-



able and flyable distance. If you are thinking of attending, why not try to go as a member of the National Youth Officer team, or as a Trimble Legislative Experience or Communications Fellow. Check the National Grange website: www.nationalgrange.org for these opportunities and applications. Deadlines for the NYOT and Trimble are 1 September 2018! Another great way to attend a fantastic event for less impact on your wallet!

Keep up with all of the activities and deadlines for the youth: online at www.pagrange.org and on the **Pennsylvania Youth and Young Adults Facebook page**.

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History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

If you haven't visited the History Committee pages on the State Grange website recently, you may be surprised to see all the documents that have been added over the past few months. Although it's a time consuming process to prepare digitized files in a size that can be uploaded, we are pleased to report that many of the earliest newsletters starting in 1905 can now be accessed on the website. Many more newsletters and *Journals of Proceedings* will be added as those files are ready.

Microfilming and digitizing of Subordinate Grange charter applications from 1871 to the present is currently underway, along with digitizing of some *Journals of Proceedings* that had originally been filmed by the PA State Archives when that agency was accepting Grange records. The Pennsylvania State Grange has purchased a duplicate set of those microfilms so Journals are both permanently preserved and will soon be viewable on the website as PDF files.

Additional contributions to the work of the History Committee have been received from York-Adams Pomona #40 and Vernon #936, Crawford County since our last report in the Grange News. Continued fi-

nancial support from Granges and individuals will enable records preservation work to move forward and may be sent any time to committee treasurer: Anna May Nauss, 10 W. Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

The History Committee will be leading a 90-minute workshop on Friday evening, July 20th during Family Festival at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall. Come to learn all about the historical resources now available electronically and view a PowerPoint highlighting the history of the National and Pennsylvania State Granges. A special Grange version of the board game "Cranium" is planned to get everyone attending involved in a fun, learning activity on many interesting facts about our organization.

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PA State Grange Program Director

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Hello Summer! By the time you receive this summer weather will be here. Today as I write this it is 90 degrees (early May)! I recently attended the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference in Westminster, MD. It was great to see so many Grangers of all ages from surrounding states; sharing ideas, having workshops and having fellowship. National Lecturer, Chris Hamp, was also in attendance. Tickets for the American Handicraft Raffle were handed out. The funds raised will go towards the Grange Foundation. President Wayne Campbell has tickets for the state or you can contact myself if interested, they are \$5 each.

Family Festival will be soon after this issue of PGN comes out. The talent contest will be held there we are hoping for a great turnout. Results will be posted in the next issue.

Take time out this summer to go out and take pictures for the photography contests! This is a great time to be out capturing life on film! This year the categories are: Flowers, Sunrise/Sunset, Baby Animals, Trains and Churches.

As with all of the contests, please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs 2017-2018 for the rules. If you have questions, please contact a committee person, or you can contact me. The report forms and the Guide to Contests and Programs is also available on

PROGRAM IDEAS

July:

1st: National Creative Ice Cream flavor day

6th: National Fried Chicken Day;

9th: National Sugar Cookie Day... everyone brings their favorite for refreshments

14th: National Mac & Cheese Day... have a covered dish social featuring mac & cheese

17th: World Emoji Day

28th: National Day of the Cowboy

(4th Saturday in July)

August:

5th: National Family Day

7th: Purple Heart Day...have a recipient speak

12th: National Vinyl Record Day

13th: Left Handers Day...have everyone do things with the opposite hand they normally do

24th: National Peach Pie Day...refreshments

30th: National Toasted Marshmallow Day—have S'mores for a snack

September:

5th: National Cheese Pizza Day

14th: National Eat A Hoagie Day

20th: National String Cheese day

27th: National Chocolate Milk Day

Until next time,

Denise L. Clare

PA State Lecturer

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Deaf Activities & Community Services Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Family Festival:

Anyone know of a better way to participate in our annual family festival than to be a real-life superhero? I don't! Our community service projects this year will allow us all to be a superhero to someone in need. Last year we began raising money to sponsor an autism service dog. We will continue to raise money by again holding our annual Bike or Hike fundraiser. We encourage all to participate. Get your local subordinate Grange, local stores, and friends to sponsor you for our event. We are again asking for a \$10 minimum donation. The overall individual turning in the most donations will win a prize, and the individuals with the most laps (walking and biking) will be awarded with a prize for each

age category.

In honor of our 150th year of Grange, we will be creating "birthday boxes" for a local food pantry. Each box will contain the essentials for someone to bake a cake for a birthday. Bring as much as you feel comfortable with to support a great cause. We will be putting the birthday boxes together during the weekend and delivering them to a local food pantry the following week after Family Festival.

Please consider bringing along the following items:

- Cake Mix Boxes
- Icing
- Candles
- Aluminum Cake Pan (preferably

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- Any other birthday related items (balloons, plates, forks, napkins)

We will also have our cake walks on Friday and Saturday night with proceeds benefiting the food pantry.

Finally, we will also be collecting new or gently used CHILDREN'S BOOKS. We will be donating these to a hospital/doctor's offices in the area for children.

Thank you in advance for your support!

State Session:

For state session we will again be doing the book sale. Please bring any books to donate and come by our table to purchase/donate for a new to you book. In addition, we will be collecting items for Gleaners Food Bank and the Western PA School for the Deaf. Below are items that can be collected. If any more information becomes available, I will be sure to update you in the next Grange News and will post updates of the PA Grange Community Service Facebook page.

Gleaners Food Bank

- Non-perishable food
- Paper Products
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Monetary Donations (donations payable to "Gleaners Food Bank")

Western PA School for the Deaf

- Tissues
- Crayons/Markers
- Pencils/Erasers
- Folders
- Notebooks

I continue to look forward to hearing about all of your awesome work and hope to see you soon.

Gail Switzer

Deaf Activities/Community Service Committee

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State Session 2018

The following information is for Pennsylvania State Session (October 19-21, 2018):

HOTEL:

Pittsburgh Marriott North
(Headquarters for 2018 State Session)

ADDRESS:

100 Cranberry Woods
Cranberry Twp., Pa. 16066

RESERVATION PHONE NUMBER:
1-800-228-9290.

ROOM RATES:

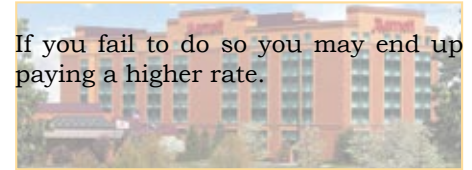
Grangers are \$124.95 per night.

Full service hotel, refrigerator in all rooms, complete with full hot breakfast buffet for each person in the reserved room, and free parking.

YOU MUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF

and mention that you are attending the Pennsylvania State Grange Convention in October at the Pittsburgh Marriott North.

If you fail to do so you may end up paying a higher rate.



PA Grange Family Festival 2018

Bike or Hike

Saturday, July 21 at 10:30am

Raising money to
sponsor an Autism dog

Two prizes per age group: Most laps walked and Most laps biked

5-14 year olds
15-35 year olds
36 and over

Top Prize – Most Money Raised

Minimum amount required: \$10

Name _____ Age _____

Circle one: Bike or Hike

Amount raised \$ _____

**** Money must be handed in at Family Festival ****



**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!**

Thank You!

March 6, 2018

East Franklin Grange #1709
2262 Smith Creek Road
Waynesburg, Pa. 15370

Dear Wayne:

This letter is an acknowledgement of the appeals that came in from our family of Granges in regard to the flash flood damage to the East Franklin Grange # 1709 that occurred on June 23, 2017. That flood resulted in 6 to 10 inches of water in the building.

A total of 91 Subordinate Granges and 19 Pomona Granges responded to the plea for a total of \$13,735.00. We are simply amazed at this response. It shows that Granges do work together.

As of this date, we have paid all bills for remodeling work which includes lumber, paint, furnace repair, a dumpster, Clorox, supplies, 4 steel work tables in the kitchen, and labor. This total comes to \$12,260.41.

The day after the flood, several grange members, one church family and some of the local residents helped to move the flood damaged contents out onto the porch so that clean-up could begin. Unfortunately, the church board voted to no longer use the Hall because they were concerned about mold, even though our contractor guaranteed there would be no mold when he was finished. And we have found none as of this time. Therefore we lost about \$500.00 of monthly income. That loss mounts up over time.

The owner of a local free monthly newspaper came and interviewed Grange members and took and published several pictures showing the flood damage. We invited her back for our recognition dinner in November, but she had a prior engagement.

I, personally, have never had to deal with a flood before. To say it was overwhelming is an understatement. To stand there and see all the destruction that was done and the thought of "Where do we begin" runs through the mind.

We have lost many things, including file cabinets that were toppled and all records lost, going back several years. We also lost an upright deep freezer that cost \$1000.00, along with the contents. In the kitchen, we lost 2 Crock Pots, an electric buffet server, a griddle, and numerous small appliances. We lost our piano and several wooden tables and wooden chairs. The majority of the supplies in the storage room were lost.

We were able to save the plastic 6' and 8' tables and all of the plastic chairs by scrubbing them with Clorox and a scrub brush.

The force of the flood waters damaged some of the outside fixtures and some blocks. We had to replace 2 windows and siding on the Junior room. We also lost 3 truckloads of cut and split wood we were going to use to make apple butter, along with most of 3 tri-axle loads of gravel in the parking lot.

We are still working on floor tile that lifted and cracked and needs to be replaced. We have some inside doors that need to be replaced because they won't close. Also some work on the outside that can't be done until the change of seasons.

While we are able to meet at the Hall, the kitchen wooden floor cabinets had to be removed and discarded. We still have major repairs to bring the kitchen up to State inspection specifications. We will be having fundraisers to try to raise money.

In our time of need and in our bleakest moments when we thought all was lost and we were ready to give up, our family of Granges throughout the State joined together by answering our appeal and brought hope into our life. Today our faith has been restored.

In Faith, Hope, Charity and with perseverance, we are able to meet in fellowship with others in our Grange Hall.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to get our Grange reopened.

Fraternally yours,

Members of
East Franklin Grange # 1709



Pennsylvania State Grange

the 146th Session



At the 146th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session all offices will be up for election. Some officers have fulfilled their term in a specific office and will not be able to seek re-election to that office. Pennsylvania State Grange By-Laws state in Article VI, paragraph 1.6.1, "With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer, no office holder's name shall be printed on the ballot for an office if that officer shall have held the same office continuously for six years immediately preceding."

If you are interested in serving as a State Officer, suggestions for office will be received on Friday afternoon, October 19th at 1:15 P.M. If you would like more information about serving as a State Officer, or know that you would like to be suggested, please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office for the contact information of the Nominating Committee or have someone pre-arranged to suggest your name. The election will take place Saturday, October 20th, just before the lunch recess.

The By-Laws do not allow nominating speeches in the Grange, but, in Article VI, paragraph 1.6.6, it states "Each person suggested for a state office shall be permitted to appear and speak before the delegate body for a maximum of two min-

utes at a designated time prior to the election." These presentations will be allowed immediately after the suggestions from the floor are received Friday afternoon.

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

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

PRESIDENT/MASTER:

Wayne Campbell [1 year – by special election], Be available to work in the PA State Grange Office, make Grange and office management decisions; appoint Advocates/Deputies and committees; provide leadership in the absence

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

VICE PRESIDENT/OVERSEER:

JV Lamb [1 year – by special election], In the event of an emergency be prepared to fulfill the office of President/Master, fill in for the Master at workshops, meetings and activities as needed; serve on the Executive Committee; speak at engagements as requested by the President/Master, be available as needed by the State President/Master; and serve as a member of the Board for the Grange Foundation.



"Great leadership usually starts with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference."

-Mac Anderson



Officer Descriptions for

LECTURER:

Denise Clare [2 years], Develop the yearly Lecturer's program with the assistance of your Committee, provide support, assistance and guidance for Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers and the Lecturer's Committee via communications; plan and lead music at State Convention; promote and conduct the annual talent contest; plan and oversee the Lecturer's displays, exhibits, contests and judging of programs under the Lecturer's direction at state and district events; promote Grange projects and policies; budget income and expenses; file quarterly financial reports; visit Granges as available; write articles for the PGN.

STEWARD:

Michael Adams [4 years], Schedule State Advocates working at State Session; conduct the election of officers; assist in preparing the stage for the Session and Degree.

ASSISTANT STEWARD:

Andrew Kieffer (has served 6 years), Assist with conducting the Convention; aid the Steward in preparing for the meeting and degree.

LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD:

Lorena Baughman [2 years], Assist with conducting the Convention; aid the Steward in preparing for the meeting and degree; store, wash and iron the court ladies' gowns for the Degree.

CHAPLAIN:

Judy Pressler [2 years], Provide spiritual guidance and/or meditations at all sessions of the annual Convention and other state events; prepare and conduct the annual memorial service; write articles for the PGN.



TREASURER:

Henry Seidel (14 years), Assist the State President/Master in managing certain financial matters; report to the Executive Committee quarterly in writing regarding changes made in investments; manage the scholarship loan and grant programs, including payback schedules; be knowledgeable regarding investments, bookkeeping and financial planning; manage the lifetime membership program funds and Grange Trust Fund accounts; manage Grange Improvement Loan accounts; serve as a member of the Board of the Grange Foundation; be responsible for safekeeping of legal documents; present annual financial and audit reports.

SECRETARY:

Debbie Campbell (6 years), Prepare minutes of the Session and publish the Journal of Proceedings; communicate with Subordinate and Pomona secretaries; be available to the State Grange office staff on a weekly basis; be available to handle specific duties as assigned by the State President/Master and Executive Committee. Assist Office Secretary in logging and processing Quarterly Dues from Subordinate Granges and oversee prompt payment of Dues to National Grange as required by the By-Laws. Maintain Grange supply department inventory and sales; process 25, 50, and

50-plus year certificates for membership.

GATEKEEPER:

Gene Zvarick (3 years – by special election), Manage the flow of business at the State Session; assist with preparation of stage for meetings and Degree.

CERES:

Jennifer Beamon (has served 6 years), Launder, store, and press the Ceres drill costumes and accessories for the drill team; select court ladies.

POMONA:

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

FLORA:

Virginia Mangel [2 years], Select and teach each drill team for the Degree; launder, store and press the Flora drill costumes and accessories for the drill team, pillar girls and rose girls; select court ladies.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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





Pictured above: Centre County/ PA State 1st Alternate Dairy Princess Gretchen Little and Centre County Grange Fair Queen Megan Royer both were special guests and speakers at the Centre County Pomona Grange Legislative Banquet.

With excitement in the air, approximately one hundred Grange members, candidates, politicians and community members all enjoyed a wonderful meal on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the social hall of the New Hope Lutheran Church in Spring Mills, PA

Those attending once again enjoyed a meal of Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes and all the trimmings that were fit for a king and served by members of New Hope. Starting out the evening was a Cheese and Milk Punch reception sponsored by the Centre County Dairy Promotion and hosted by Gretchen Little and her mother Karen. Gretchen is the 2017-2018 Centre County Dairy Princess and the 2017 Pennsylvania State First Alternate Dairy Princess. Attendees enjoyed an assortment of cheese and crackers along with glasses of Maui Milk Punch, the official PA State Dairy Princess Punch.

Calling the meeting to order was Ashley Furman, Pomona Master who welcomed all those attending

CENTRE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE LEGISLATIVE BANQUET DEEMED SUCCESS!

and introduced the special guests. Guests for the evening were Gretchen, who was mentioned previously, Megan Royer who is currently the 2017 Centre County Grange Fair Queen and Wayne and Debbie who are the Pennsylvania State Grange President/Master and Secretary. Pomona Chaplain Ben Haagen gave the invocation.

Speaking first was Megan. Megan talked about a few things that happened on the way to her being the fair queen. She talked about being asked during her interview with the judges what color would describe your fair and why. She immediately answered Yellow and then realized by the looks of their faces that she wasn't anywhere near what they expected to hear so she contin-



Pictured above: Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Chaplain, Ben Haagen gave the invocation at the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Legislative Banquet.



Pictured above: Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Master, Ashley Furman welcomes everyone attending the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Banquet.

ued to explain why she stated yellow. She told them that when she thinks of Yellow she thinks of her Great Grandma Charlotte Albright. As a fourth generation fairgoer she stays where not only her mother and grandmother stay but also her Great Grandma slept in the past. Yellow also makes her think of the fair during which her Pap Randall Albright's birthday would fall. So to finish the explanation she informed the judge the following "Ma'am, if I had to pick a color that represents what describes my Fair it would definitely be Yellow, because my fair wouldn't be what it is if it weren't for my Great Grandparents. Megan also told everyone about what the fair means to her, what she has learned since being crowned and

that as much as she has always loved the fair she has fallen more in love with it during the past year.

Dairy Princess Gretchen Little spoke next. She talked about how hard life is for everyone in the farming industry and not just dairy farmers. Gretchen lives on a first generation dairy farm with her parents and brother and how it has made her the person she is today. She went on to talk about how consumers need to continue to help the farmers by purchasing the good rich dairy products that are out there. She reminded everyone that almond and soy milk are not milk. Milk comes from a mammal and not a bean or nut. She went on to talk about the many different promotions she has accomplished since being crowned in June. She will continue to hold the crown at the local level until June 1 and the state level until September during the PA State Dairy Princess Pageant. If I could quote Gretchen it would be this: "Dairy Farmers are some of the hardest working individuals in society who get paid the smallest amount of funds to live on for all their effort."

Lastly, the speaker was the Pennsylvania State Grange Master/President, Wayne Campbell. Wayne was the Pennsylvania State Grange Overseer when the then Pennsylvania State Grange Master Elizabeth Downey decided to step down. As per Grange protocol, Wayne stepped

into the position of Master and was installed by National Grange Master Betsey Huber and was elected to the position at the PA State Grange Session in October. Wayne, a lifetime Grange member, and his wife Debbie were dairy farmers in their early years of marriage. He went on to fair (farm) equipment and automotive repair before becoming a transit driver. He has served in many positions throughout his life in Junior, Subordinate, Pomona and State Grange levels and has served on the State Grange Agricultural Committee. He has been married to wife Debbie for more than forty years. Together they have three children and several grandchildren. Wayne spoke about the Grange's Initiatives for the community. First, the need for Broadband and the need to get it to everyone in the world. He asked how are our children supposed to be able to learn if they use computers or Ipads in their work and have no internet to make them work. He also went on to talk about the need for broadband to enable people to speak with doctors and nurses using Tele-medicine. He continued with the opioid crisis and how the Grange has vowed to work towards stopping it. He spoke also on nutrient management and protecting our watersheds, Sunday hunting and lastly the State Budget. He also had brochures to hand out to Grange members about some of the new and exciting benefits and perks that are available to members.



Pictured above: Legislative Committee Members who put together the Centre County Pomona Grange Legislative Banquet are L-R Ashley Furman, Pomona Master and Chairperson, Ruth Luse, Melanie Melius and Patty Bird, Community Service Director and committee co-chair.

All attendees were asked to stand and introduce themselves and say if they were Grangers, Politicians, Government officials or just community guests.

All politicians or their representatives were given a chance to give a 2-3 minute introduction and give their poli-



Pictured above: Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell, speaking about the Initiatives of the Grange at the Centre County Pomona Grange Legislative Banquet.

cy agenda and why they are qualified. Several current officials were in attendance. They were Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans Court Christine Millinder; Recorder of Deeds Joe Davidson; Rich Fornicola, County Treasurer; Centre County Commissioners – Michael Pipe, Steve Dershem and Mark Higgins; Sheriff Bryan Sampsel; Centre County Prothonotary Debra Immel; Centre County Judge Brian Marshall; Steve Miller, outgoing Chairman of the Centre County GOP; and Michael Hanna, Sr., retiring PA State Representative in the 76th Legislative District. Also attending were many candidates which included incumbents Kerry Benninghoff, candidate for the 171st Legislative District; Brandy Reiter representing Senator Jake Corman, candidate for 34th District of the PA Congress; Marcie Assetta, Campaign Director for 5th Congressional District GOP candidate and incumbent Glenn "GT" Thompson; Jay Young, representing Erin McCracken Democratic candidate for the 171st. District of the PA House of Representatives; Joann Tosti-Vasey who is a candidate for the Democratic Committee; Carver Murphy, Campaign Manager for Ezra Nanes Democratic candidate for the 34th District of the PA Senate; Wade Jodun, Democratic candidate for the 15th Congressional District; Judy Hershel, Demo-

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**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE CONVENTION
2018 YOUTH OFFICERS APPLICATION
CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

GRANGE NAME, NUMBER & COUNTY _____

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I would like to be considered as an officer for the Youth Team for the State Grange Convention.

I understand this commitment involves a practice Friday night and opening the  
PA State Grange convention on Saturday morning.

I understand that it is my responsibility to know the speaking part, drill work and responsibilities  
for the office I have selected.

I would like to be considered for the following office  
(please list up to three offices in the order of your preference):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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The Youth Department will provide rooms for Friday and Saturday evening (up to 4 individuals per room)
and a ticket for the Youth Luncheon on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

I need a room for Friday night: Yes _____ No _____

I need a room for Saturday night: Yes _____ No _____

I would like a ticket for the Youth Luncheon on Saturday: Yes _____ No _____

Please return application to:
Ellen Wadsworth, 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352, or youth@pagrange.org.

Deadline: July 31, 2018



REGISTRATION FORM

146th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session

October 18 – 21, 2018 ~ Cranberry Twp., PA

~ RESERVATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 ~

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.pagrange.org

Please check **ALL** that apply:

State Officer _____ Past State Officer _____ Junior _____ Youth _____ Guest _____
Pomona Delegate _____ Subordinate Delegate _____ Dept. Director/Committee _____

Would you be willing to serve as a teller for the election on Saturday at noon. YES _____ NO _____

PRINT CLEARLY FOR NAME BADGE

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Grange Name & No: _____ County: _____

Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____
Junior Jamboree (Ages 5-14, incl. registration fee)	\$20.00	_____
Past Officers Luncheon (Friday noon)	\$23.00	_____
Youth Luncheon (Saturday Noon) Open to all; Grangers	\$20.00	_____
<i>(Seating limited to 120 people)</i>		
All Granger Banquet (Sunday 1pm)	Adult \$30.00	_____
	Child 12 and under \$14.00	_____

****NOTICE:**

Any dietary concerns must be know 10 days before state session. List on back of form.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____

Make checks payable to **PAGSW Convention District**

Send payment and the completed form(s) to:

Rita Kennedy 117 List Hill Rd. Valencia, Pa. 16059

Questions:

Contact Rita at 4season@consolidated.net or 724-898-1670 (call – M-F before 7 pm)

**Registration Forms MUST be post-marked by SEPTEMBER 14
or be subject to a \$10 Late Fee.**



Government Matters

Vince Phillips

PA State Grange Lobbyist

FARMING

- Farming is a business too. Like other businesses, farmers need access too.
- Newer equipment has the capability of helping farmers become more efficient. An ex-

THE CONTINUED BUZZ WITH BROADBAND

(Extra supplemental)

The top legislative priority for the Pennsylvania State Grange is Broadband access for rural Pennsylvania. To us, it is a critical issue because not having the same access as urban and suburban areas really puts Rural Pennsylvania behind the proverbial 8-Ball. There are two parts to this article. The first gives examples to remind everyone that the need is real and the need is urgent. The second talks about Grange advocacy.

SOME EXAMPLES OF THE NEED

BUSINESS

- Businesses need to be able to reach markets. Without Broadband (Internet and cell phone), they are at a competitive disadvantage.
- When deciding on a location, businesses and investors demand access to technology. Without it, they invest elsewhere.
- Some businesses such as campgrounds need to be able to take reservations over the

Internet like the rest of the hospitality industry.

- Authorizing credit card payments is an essential business function but you need the Internet.
- Businesses with employees on the road need communication tools so as to better meet customers' needs and to be able to communicate with the home office.

EDUCATION

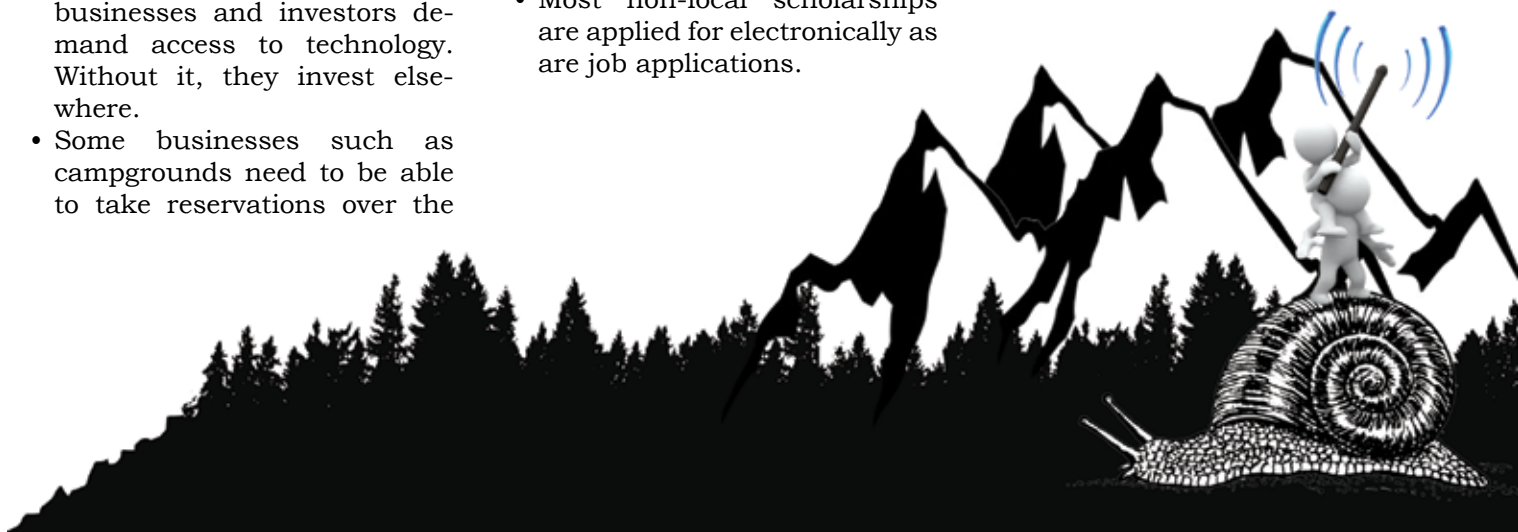
- A student needs Internet at home in order to keep up in school.
- Home study students have an even huger disadvantage.
- Students and parents need Internet access because college applications are mostly submitted electronically as is the U.S. Department of Education FAFSA (Financial Aid Determination)
- Most non-local scholarships are applied for electronically as are job applications.

ample might be the equipment identifying areas of decreased production, etc. and automatically remembering it so that next year more fertilizer is applied in those areas.

- Some equipment has self-diagnostic features that will upload a potential problem to the manufacturer to let the local dealer know so that the farmer can be contacted. Question: Would a warranty be voided if the farmer did not practice proper maintenance (because he or she was unaware of a potential problem)?

HEALTH

- Telemedicine provides medical care via technology. Without Broadband access,
 - Health care providers cannot take vital signs or scan a patient for symp-





toms.

- Remote monitoring of pacemakers and other medical equipment such as sleep apnea machines cannot take place.
- Without adequate technology, "Help! I can't get up" is just another TV slogan and a housebound person does not have this emergency resource.

GRANGE ADVOCACY

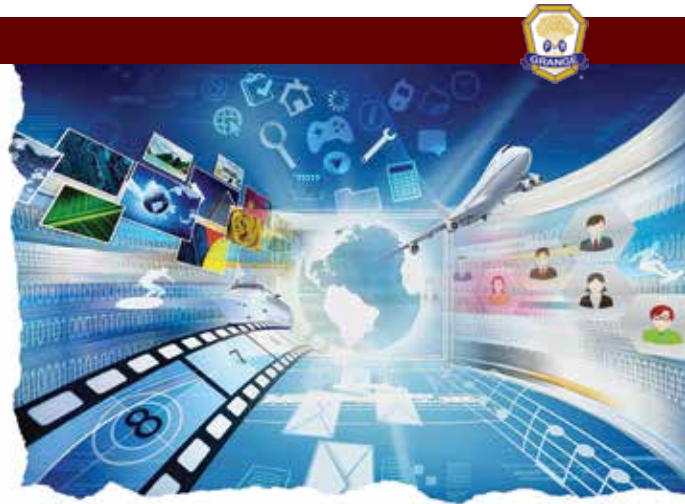
LEGISLATION

The Pennsylvania State Grange is actively working on legislation such as:

- Senate Bill 740 which preserves land line telephones for areas without cell service
- House Bill 2293 which safeguards monies that are supposed to be dedicated to Broadband access
- House Bill 1642 Mandates State Government to do an inventory of state-owned structures that could be used for technology expansion
- House Bill 431 requires that an audit be done of a special fund administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to make sure that funds are dedicated to Broadband
- House Resolution 430 which seeks to determine whether non-rural phone companies are complying with their legal obligation to provide limited Broadband band width access
- House Resolution 429 which

creates an advisory committee to study Broadband in underserved areas of the Commonwealth.

- House Resolution 630 which urges the Federal Communications Commission to favorably consider Pennsylvania's petition for Broadband assistance



We are monitoring other legislation like:

- House Bill 1620 which puts limits on local municipalities' restrictions on placement of cell towers
- House Bill 2062 and House Bill 2117 which endorse net neutrality

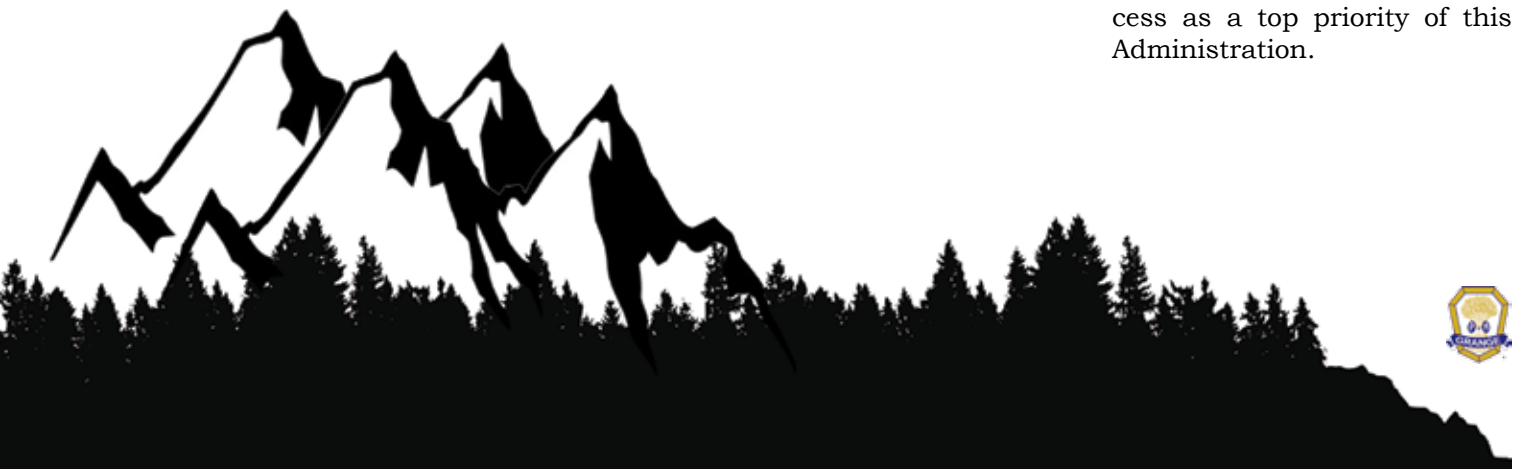
HEARINGS

Testimony was submitted to two hearings in April 2018, one convened by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania and the other by the PA House Republican Policy Committee. The major point made was that, like rural electrification in the 20th Century, universal Broadband access is a critical need for rural Pennsylvania in this century.

In January, the Pennsylvania State Grange organized a panel of experts to discuss the need for Broadband access in January. This was done at the Farm Show and received strong media interest.

REGULATION & GOVERNMENT

- Pennsylvania State Grange supports the effort by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to have the Federal Communications Commission reconsider a denial of Broadband expansion dollars that would have gone to Pennsylvania.
- In Washington, DC, Pennsylvania State Grange members teamed up with National Grange to lobby seven Members of Congress from Pennsylvania about the need for Federal resources to expand Broadband in rural areas and to use alternate technologies where feasible.
- Pennsylvania State Grange was invited to Governor Wolf's announcement of PennDOT monies being re-directed to help vehicle to vehicle communication along rural highways such as Route 6 along the Northern Tier.
- We are active in the Governor's Rural Development Council which has set Broadband access as a top priority of this Administration.





Grange News

BUTLER GRANGE

25+ years ago the Butler County Pomona Grange started doing an Easter project with and for the children at LifeSteps. LifeSteps is a community learning center for special children and those who need help getting ready for kindergarten or first grade. This year we packed 135 paper bags full of goodies for the Easter holiday and delivered to the children prior to the holiday. Ginny Mangel, FA Chrm. for Butler Co. arranged the activity.



This is something that the children look forward to each year and some remembered me bringing the bags for them.

BRADFORD-SULLIVAN POMONA GRANGE #23

Pomona Grange recently met, and after the evening dinner, Charlie Lorensen, of Fassett Grange and Master of Pomona Grange



#23, presented a 65 year seal to Paul Brackman of W. LeRoy, PA for 65 years of continuous membership at Windfall Grange #257. Paul has been an active member, holding many offices in the Windfall Grange, as well as many offices in the Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange over his 65 years. Paul is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

HARVEY'S-ALEPPO GRANGE #1444

Recently Harvey's-Aleppo Grange received the Distinguished Grange Plaque from Pennsylvania State Grange Master; Wayne Campbell. This plaque is the given



Photo above: Community Citizen Award Recipient Curt Hughes with three of his current FFA members. Left to right: Ashley Rogers, Courtney Ross, Mr. Hughes, and Destiny Keller

to Granges that have achieved the Distinguished Grange award for five consecutive years. Additionally, one of our member's; Curt Hughes, was awarded with the Community Citizen Award.

SEBRING GRANGE #1047

On March 22, 2018, Sebring Grange #1047 met in regular session. During the meeting Grover



Photo above: Don Norman, Don Hess, Marjorie Brown, Grover, June Teague, Lee Kaltenbach, and Harold Brown.

Cleveland was honored for his 90th birthday with a cake and singing. Grover is a very dedicated member serving as Chaplain of Sebring and Tioga County Pomona Granges and is very supportive of the organization.

JEFFERSON GRANGE #1373

Members of Jefferson Grange #1373 show a small sampling of the projects for the State Community Service. Shown, in the 2 included photos are just some of the Wraps for Hugs for the Family Festival and fleece wraps for Fair Winds Nursing Home in Butler



(Harvey's-Aleppo) Pictured above, left to right: Carla Rogers, Ashley Rogers, Tracey Stewart, Sandy Jacobs, Becky Davis; Lecturer, Mary Jane Kent; Master, Wayne Campbell; PSG Master, Marty Dinsmore; Secretary, Mary Finch, Mark Schoos



County. Our members support all community service projects both for state and local.



CHESTER-DELAWARE POMONA GRANGE #3

On April 14, 2018, we held a youth program at the Romano 4-H Center in Honey Brook, entitled "Outstanding Youth in Agriculture". The program was based on the major youth organizations as



Photo above, left to right: Michaela Gerhart; Twin Valley FFA President, Grace Wadsworth; 2018 Grange Youth Ambassador, and Julia Jumper; State 4-H Council Sentinel.



*American Values.
Hometown Roots.*

their base for teaching the values and lessons that are associated with farming and agriculture.

The program involved students of 4-H, FFA, Grange and youth not associated with any of these organizations to give the Grange members and their fellow youth an idea what their respective organizations have meant to them, and how their respective organizations have benegited them as young adults.

Representing the Grange youth were: Danae Zvarick; outstanding youth patron, and Grace Wadsworth; Youth Ambassador. Representing the 4-H State Council were: Julia Jumper and Jared Rose. Representing the Twin Valley FFA were the Officers. Also, the piano soloist was 10 year old Grace Lair.



On April 10th, 2018, Chester County Commissioners; Michelle Kichline, Kathi Cozzone and Terence Farrell, proclaimed April 2018 as Grange Month at their Sunshine Meeting. Those present from Chester-Delaware Pomona were: William Perdue; President, Clyde and Alda Scheib, Mary Sproat, and Terry and Melanie Murray.

KEYSTONE GRANGE #2

Keystone Grange would like to invite everyone to come visit us during our coming events:

July 18th: Picnic at the Joyce Farm

August 15th: Regular Meeting - John James Audubon Center. Refreshments: Denae/Gene Zvarick

For additional information on any of our events, please contact Keystone President, Gene Zvarick, at 484-948-6916

BRANDYWINE GRANGE #60

Recently, Brandywine Grange (of Chester County), helped Brother Edwin Cook celebrate his 90th birthday at their March meeting.



Brother Cook has been a Granger for 70 years! He is the widower of the late A. Elaine Cook.





Government Matters

Vince Phillips

PA State Grange Lobbyist

IMPORTANT TO YOU!

Please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange on issues that are important to you. After all, our legislative goals come from members. Please let us know: legislative@pagrange.org : 717-737-8855 or 717-346-1063. If you

want help in drafting a resolution to be considered by your local Grange which then gets voted on at State Session in October, please utilize the PA State Grange as a resource. If you want to see the positions taken by the PA State Grange on legislative and regulatory issues, please refer to the web site, www.pagrange.org.

GRANGE LOBBYING...FROM A TO Z

Most people are not going to spend hours looking at all things legislative. Other things are much more immediate like taking care of the family, earning money to pay the bills, operating a farm or small business, worshipping, and serving one's community through public service or volunteering.

Except for TV and newspaper coverage of Big Events like the State Budget or the opioid crisis, most are unaware of a huge variety of issues that affect them. Many issues are simply too small to register in the news media but they are still of vital importance to rural Pennsylvanians. The job of the Pennsylvania State Grange is to watch the General Assembly to identify those small things (and big things) and to lobby for or against – or try to amend a piece of legislation to make it better.

Following is a selection of some of the topics on which the PA State Grange is working -- from A to Z!

Agricultural Research and Extension

Every year, Pennsylvania State Grange aggressively defends Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences for resources needed for agricultural research and Extension.

Budget

In the enactment of the State Budget for FY 2018-19, Pennsylvania State Grange believes that Agricultural programs are faring much better than expected but that is not good enough. When you read this article, the State Budget will probably be finalized. Pennsylvania State Grange

is fighting to restore proposed elimination of programs in the PA Department of Agriculture such as Center for Dairy Excellence, agriculture research separate from Penn State Ag research support, etc. We also try to make sure that other programs such as conservation, County Fairs, farmland preservation, etc. are protected from the budget knife. Earlier this year, Pennsylvania State Grange also weighed in against proposed cuts in USDA's budget.

Cell Phone and Internet Access

Also termed 'Broadband Access', the Pennsylvania State Grange hosted a program at the Farm Show to make the issue more visible and received significant media coverage through the PA Radio Network, Pennsylvania Cable Network and others. We are lobbying for legislative action of a package of bipartisan bills introduced by Rep. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York) and Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Greene/Fayette/Washington). In addition, the Pennsylvania State Grange is pushing for Senate Bill 740 (Senator Ryan Aument-R-Lancaster) which would preserve land-line telephone service to rural Pennsylvania. We support House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee Chair Rep. Martin Causer's House Bill 2293 that would make sure that Broadband access monies are sheltered from improper access. Additionally, Pennsylvania State Grange submits testimony on Broadband access, making the point that Broadband is to this century what rural electrification was to the 20th Century. Two hearings where Pennsylvania State Grange submitted testimony in April were convened

by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania and by the House Republican Policy Committee.

Dairy

Pennsylvania State Grange focuses on increasing demand for milk as our approach to helping dairy farmers. In particular, we are advocating that whole milk be served in school meal programs. This spring, Pennsylvania State Grange commented on a proposed USDA national regulation on school meals and achieved media exposure on its linkage of national AG Day to good health and dairy consumption.

Education

House Bill 2204 (Rep. Gerald Mullery-D-Luzerne) sets up a database to help high school and post-high school students better see career options. While Pennsylvania State Grange certainly supports a database such as this, the original language calls only for the Education Department and Department of Labor & Industry to collaborate. The Pennsylvania State Grange said to the Senate Education Committee Chairs Senators John Eichelberger (R-Blair County) and Andy Dinniman (D-Chester), *"Hey, wait. Shouldn't the PA Agriculture Department be part of that given the numbers of jobs and career paths generated by Pennsylvania's number one industry, Agriculture?"*

Farm Bill

Working with the National Grange, Pennsylvania State Grange is defending Farm Bill's vital programs like Crop Insurance, ade-



quate funding for the Farm Services Administrations, rural development and more. In addition, Pennsylvania State Grange is urging members of Congress not to separate the nutrition parts of the Farm Bill from the agricultural parts since legislatively, both the farming community and the interests supporting nutrition programs are needed to push a bill through Congress.

Government Access

The Pennsylvania State Grange advises members of local Granges on opportunities to visit with legislators in their districts as well as advising them of a series of meetings across the state where citizens can meet members of the Governor's Cabinet.

High Tunnel Buildings

Along with other farm groups, Pennsylvania State Grange lobbied for House Bill 1486 sponsored by Rep. Dave Zimmerman (R-Lancaster) exempting most high tunnel buildings from costly storm water management compliance requirements. It was signed into law as Act 15.

Inside the (Washington, DC) Beltway

Each year, the National Grange holds a fly-in to the Nation's Capitol. This spring, Pennsylvania State Grange participated and lobbied seven PA congressional offices on federal issues like Broadband access, the 2018 Farm Bill, Farmers' Stress Programs particularly needed for dairy farmers right now, whole milk in school meal programs, etc.

Judicial (Tort) Reform

Pennsylvania State Grange supports legislation that streamlines our judicial system by enacting legislation designed to reduce the potential for frivolous lawsuits to be filed. One of these bills is legislation to provide civil liability immunity for farmers who wish to engage in agri-tourism or agri-entertainment. An urgent need for many farmers and particularly dairy farmers is to diversify income. Agri-tourism and agri-entertainment are promising but the fear of frivolous lawsuits holds them back. Pennsylvania State Grange is working to remedy that by supporting Senate Bill 820 sponsored by Senator Ryan Aument (R-Lancaster).

Keystone Retirement Program

Pennsylvania State Grange believes in saving for retirement. However, it also believes in people being self-sufficient – not the approach of House Bill 465 sponsored by Rep. Mike Hanna (D-Clinton) which would automatically enroll employees of small employers into a state-run retirement program unless the worker opts out.

Lending

Pennsylvania State Grange opposes excessive state borrowing to balance the State Budget. We believe that the state should live within its means. Those coming after us will bear the burden of paying back those loans with interest. Some current examples:

- Opposing the equity loan taken out by the state on the Farm Show Complex in the current State Budget
- Opposing the loan from future payments to Pennsylvania from the Tobacco Settlement in the current State Budget
- Opposing the raids on supposedly dedicated funds like those for conservation – successfully defended for the current fiscal year
- Raiding reserve funds of state-created insurance entities such as the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (which pays for environmental contamination from leaks and spills) and the Joint Underwriting Association, the medical malpractice insurer of last resort. The raids were done to balance this year's State Budget
- Opposing discretion being given to the Executive Branch to take money from dedicated funds to raise up to \$300 million in the current budget

Marcellus Shale

A strong advocate for House Bill 557 (Rep. Garth Everett-R-Lycoming), Pennsylvania State Grange urges adoption of legislation to make sure property owners receive the full Marcellus Shale Gas royalties that are owed them. We have allied ourselves with the PA Royalty Owners Association to further this goal.

Needy

Fighting hunger is a noble cause.

Pennsylvania State Grange is urging the General Assembly to increase funding for the PA Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) from the current \$1,000,000 to three million dollars. PASS integrates fresh farm products with food banks' distribution to give the needy a better selection of healthier foods. Most recently, Pennsylvania State Grange submitted comments to the House Democratic Policy Committee urging them to make PASS funding a priority in State Budget negotiations.

Opioid Crisis

Pennsylvania State Grange participated in national (USDA) and state events on the impact of opioids on rural Pennsylvanians. In addition, Pennsylvania State Grange identified grant opportunities on opioid treatment and forwarded them to legislators and Wolf Administration officials.

Property Taxes

A targeted property tax issue on which the Pennsylvania State Grange is working is to secure a sponsor of legislation that would exempt Grange Halls over 100 years old from property taxes.

Quality (Environmental)

Pennsylvania State Grange supports efforts to bring about water quality in the Commonwealth by recognizing and promoting farmers' efforts to reduce non-point pollution through (with the Conservation Districts) adoption of sound conservation practices such as planting riparian areas to reduce runoff, etc. There are too many bills out there to recite but suffice it to say that farmland preservation is also near the top of the list.

Recreation

We are lobbying for passage of House Bill 544 sponsored by Rep. Dan Moul-R-Franklin exempting property owners from liability who let their property be used for recreational purposes where an incident or accident could not be avoided (rocks or roots on ATV trails for example).

Safety: Food Safety

Local Granges such as the Lewistown Grange (#1639) from Tam-



Virginville Grange Celebrates

The Grange organization may be the nation's oldest farm organization, but during evening festivities on May 2, Virginville Grange 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.

More than 225 grangers and friends experienced miles of smiles as they traveled on a make-believe bus tour of the USA during the patriotic-themed event. The night was filled with recognitions, community donations, humor and entertainment resulting in a phenomenal production.

The Virginville Fire Company accepted a \$750 donation to benefit their volunteer group and the Berks County Junior Holstein Club received \$500 to assist with travel expenses to national competition in Traverse City, Michigan. Through efforts of a benefit bingo held in March by Virginville Grange's Community Service Committee, \$5,000 was raised to benefit the Historic Dreibelbis Farm, located just south of Virginville. The non-profit farm is dedicated to preserving the historic buildings on the property and opening the facility to the public for educational, historical and environmental purposes. "We are so blessed to have the support of the members of Virginville Grange. Your consistent commitment to your local communities is truly amazing and greatly appreciated," proclaimed Mark Dreibelbis, who along with his wife Janine, accepted the donation.

Founded in North Carolina by the Kyle Petty family, Victory Junction is a camp for children whose lives are filled with limitations and boundaries. For the second year, Melissa Blatt, granger and camp volunteer, summoned grangers to create stuffed teddy bears and afghans to donate to children participating in the camp. More than

one hundred bears and afghans were presented to take along to this year's camp.

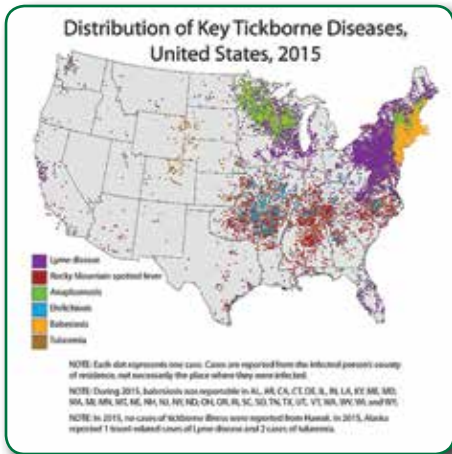
Dorothy Bechtel of Windsor Township was honored with the Granger of the Year Award, an annual accolade given for faithful service. Members of Virginville Grange honored for their commitment to the group - 75 years: Gladys C. Kieffer, Carl S. Miller and Esther K. Stitzel; 70 years: Stanley P. Christman and Lester C. Miller; 65 years: James H. Adam and Marie E. Moll; 60 years: Delores A. Adam, Dorothy J. Seidel, Nancy L. Seidel and Ray W. Seidel; 55 years: Douglas A. Mehrham and LeRoy E. Sunday; 50 years: Dianne H. Geschwindt, Mary M. Hoppes, Joan M. Moyer, Laila J. Sunday and Keith J. Treichler; 40 years: Roger A. Bollinger, Diane W. Leiby, Jean M. Mengel, Mylan H. Mengel, Leona K. Moyer, Randy A. Moyer, Donald G. Peters, Gerald R. Peters, Lee R. Stump, Beverly A. Wagner, Dennis F. Wagner and Konrad R. Weniger; 25 years: Sharon L. Shirk, Pamela J. Seidel, Frank Sloskey and David R. Sunday. Just shy of 98 years-old, Norman O. Merkel of Windsor Township, born the exact year Virginville Grange was organized, was decorated the order's longest membership holder commemorating 84 consecutive years with Virginville Grange.

An ice cream social, boasting oodles of toppings, concluded the celebration and offered a chance for friendly fellowship. Granger Jeffrey Wetzel of Rockland Township, emcee of the event, declared, "This annual occasion offers us a chance to showcase our community service efforts while offering family-friendly fun - and that's what we are all about!"

(pictures, top to bottom)

1. \$750 donation to Community Fire Co. of Virginville
2. \$500 donation to Berks County Junior Holstein Club
3. \$5000 denifit bingo proceeds to the Historic Dreibelbis Farm in Virginville
4. Membership Awards
5. Members performed comedy skits to entertain the crowd
6. Juniors & Youth members sing Mickey Mouse Club March





Back to the Land:

TICKED Off!

**How to make your backyard and yourself safe this year...
from TICKS!**

Ticks in Pennsylvania

Most of us were more than ready for winter to be behind us. However, warmer weather does seem to have it's "hickups"...namely...bugs. Specifically, we are worried about ticks...nasty, nasty little pieces of work! So what do we have in Pennsylvania? The top 3 species of ticks living in our state (and the diseases they carry) are:

- Blacklegged/Deer Tick: Lyme, Human Babesiosis, Human Anaplasmosis, Deer Tick Virus
- Lone Star Tick: Human Ehrlichiosis, Tularemia
- American Dog Tick: Rocky Mountain SPotted Fever, Rickettsia rickettsia, Tularemia

So how do you avoid ticks?

Wear protective clothing. Light-colored, long-sleeved shirts, and pants



Early Symptoms

It is really important to realize early symptoms of Lyme disease in order get right treatments as soon as possible. In fact, the most visible symptom of this disease is a rash that is similar to a bull eye as also called erythema migrans as a scientific name.

that extend all the way down to your feet are the best way to avoid ticks

- Avoid places where ticks "congregate"...brush, namely.
- Perform regular self-checks.
- Check your pets often...especially in the sneaky places (ears, pads of their feet, etc)
- Maintain your yard. Keep the grass nice and short.
- Replace deer-friendly plants.

Tick Deterrents/Repellants

Already, PA has begun to see a much higher than normal number of ticks out and about. It's tough going for even the shortest walk in the woods without picking up one of these nasty hitch hikers. Here are a few natural and conventional ways to make yourself much less hospitable to your local tick population:

DEET: Apply this to your clothing and footwear...NOT on your skin.

Permethrin: Apply this to your clothing and footwear...NOT on your skin.

Cedar Oil Spray is a non-toxic, natural tick and insect repellent. It can

be sprayed directly on clothing and skin. It is safe for use on humans and pets. Not only does cedar oil repel ticks and other irritating insects, but it kills them. Cedar oil spray can be purchased on-line and at most pet stores and big-box retailers.

Homemade Tick and Insect Repellent:

Try this simple recipe. Just mix and apply to exposed skin before heading outdoors:

- 9 drops citronella essential oil
- 6 drops Tea Tree essential oil
- 6 drops Peppermint essential oils
- 1 tablespoon almond oil or jojoba oil

Eucalyptus Oil is known as an effective tick repellent and killer. Just combine 4 ounces of purified or distilled water to a small spray bottle along with 20 drops of eucalyptus essential oil. Shake before using and spray on skin, pant cuffs, and shoes. Safe for use on dogs (eucalyptus oil must be diluted with the water before application on dogs).

Neem Oil is used as a natural remedy to repel and remove ticks. To use, add several drops to the palm of your hand and rub on exposed skin. It can also be diluted and mixed with almond or other light carrier oil. When diluted, it's safe for dogs.

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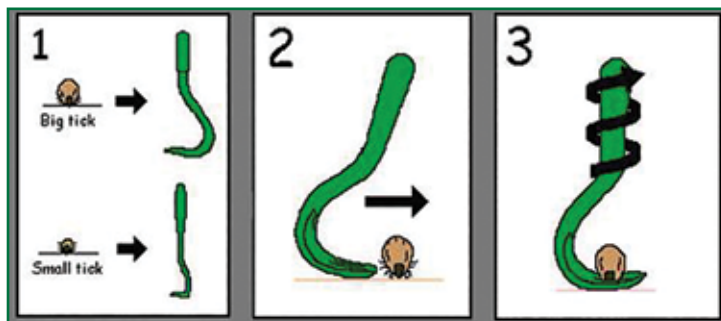
Apple Cider Vinegar: This wonderful natural remedy helps to remove and kill ticks. The following solution can be sprayed on clothing and exposed skin, even lawn furniture. Combine the following in a spray bottle:

2 cups of water

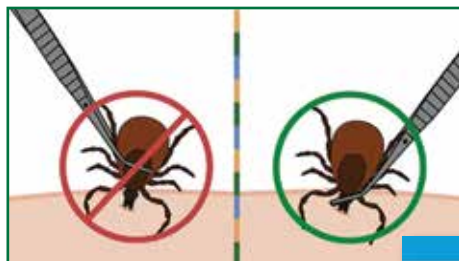
4 tablespoons of apple cider vinegar

2 tablespoons of organic Neem oil

What should you do if you find a tick crawling on you? Grab a lint roller..QUICK! Roll the lint roller over your



pant legs when you come in from outside, and see how many critters you've brought home. CAUTION...when finding a tick that has already attached it's self to you...be VERY careful in



your technique. What you don't want to do is squeeze it or make it regurgitate into you. Still the best tried and true method is the gentle twist method. See the

picture to the left to view a really nifty little tool I use all the time when removing ticks from my livestock, pets and fel-

low humans. This little gadget is easy to find in any pet shop. What you want is for the tick to back out, without stressing it and causing it to vomit anything

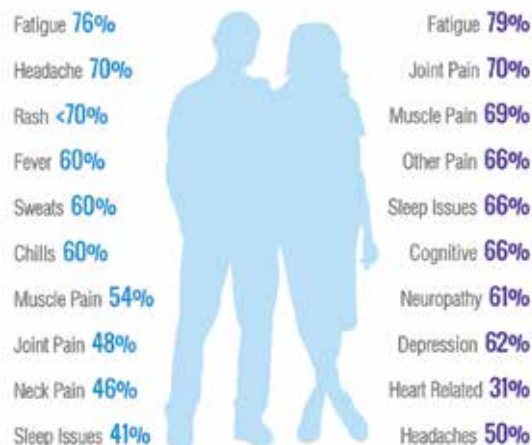
from it's stomach into your blood-stream.

Article submitted by Heather Hiller



LYME DISEASE SYMPTOMS

EARLY LYME* -vs- CHRONIC LYME**



* (Avcott 2013) ** (Johnson 2014, Moderate to very severe symptoms)
Estimates of rash rates range from 25-80% <http://tinyurl.com/kfvsu9t>



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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) by emailing to: badbug@pa.gov or call the Invasive Species Hotline at 1-866-253-7189. Your discovery could add additional municipalities to the quarantined area.

If you find spotted lanternfly in a municipality where it is known to exist:

You should try to kill it. This insect is considered a threat to crops and many people are working to try to prevent it from spreading. Soon the females will begin to lay eggs. Each female will lay up to 100 eggs or more this fall, so by destroying even one female, you are reducing the potential population for the future.

In the late summer and fall, the spotted lanternfly prefers feeding on *Ailanthus altissima*, commonly known as the "Tree of Heaven." They can be found feeding on other plants and trees, but if you have *Ailanthus altissima*, you should start searching for spotted lanternfly on those trees. <https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/420/420-322/420-322.html>

The spotted lanternfly is not known to bite humans. You can kill spotted lanternflies mechanically, by swatting or crushing them. However, when you threaten them, they are able to quickly jump far away from you, so mechanical control is not easy to achieve.



Are there any natural enemies of the spotted lanternfly?

Birds don't seem to like to eat them, and researchers have not found predatory or parasitic insects that are making a great impact on the population yet. Over time, natural enemies often do find invasive insect species,

but for now this does not seem to happen on a level that is making a difference.

Can you kill spotted lanternfly using pesticides?

In Pennsylvania, pesticide regulations require that a product may only be used according to the directions on the label. The label must list the site (or location) where a pesticide (in this case an insecticide) may be used. There are insecticides available with labels that list ornamental trees as an allowed site. It is legal to use them on ornamental trees, including *Ailanthus altissima*, to try to kill insects, including the spotted lanternfly. You can check at your garden center to see what they offer. Some of these products may be more effective than others, so you should take note if the product you tried works well or not.

Things to consider before you purchase an insecticide

In some infested properties there are thousands of spotted lanternflies and many of them are very high up in trees. It will be difficult to reach the insects with a small can of spray or even a backpack sprayer. In this case you might consider hiring a professional tree care service to do the application.

Also, when the canopy of a tree is sprayed, the insecticide can come into contact with beneficial insects including pollinators and other creatures. People are looking for more specific approaches to pest management to minimize off-target exposure. This type of strategy is known as Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The PDA has been using an IPM strategy for spotted lanternfly infestations, and



(*Ailanthus altissima* "Tree of Heaven" identification)

landowners may consider using the same IPM strategy on their properties, or hiring a professional service to do it.

IPM strategy for the Spotted Lanternfly

- Locate *Ailanthus altissima* trees on the site. For reasons not understood, spotted lanternfly seem to prefer some individual *Ailanthus altissima* trees over others. Try to identify the specific *Ailanthus* trees that are most attractive to the insects, based on how many are feeding on them.
- Destroy approximately 90% of the *Ailanthus altissima* trees, leaving only a few that are most attractive to the insect. They will serve as "trap" trees. It is recommended that you try to kill all the female *Ailanthus altissima* trees, because they produce seed and contribute to the spread of this invasive tree.
- Be careful handling *Ailanthus altissima* wood, leaves and branches. Chemicals in the sap of this tree can cause headaches, nausea and possible heart problems. Wear gloves and protect yourself from exposure.
- When you cut down *Ailanthus altissima* trees, they will sprout profusely from the stumps and can grow back in a few years. Because they regenerate so easily, it is recommended that you treat the stumps with an herbicide to kill them and prevent them from sprouting new shoots.
- Herbicides that are labelled for

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this use usually contain one of the following active ingredients triclopyr, dicamba, imazpyr or glyphosate. Use the herbicide carefully and according to directions on the label. Alternative methods for using herbicides to kill *Ailanthus altissima* trees include foliar sprays, basal bark applications and a method called frill application or "hack and squirt".

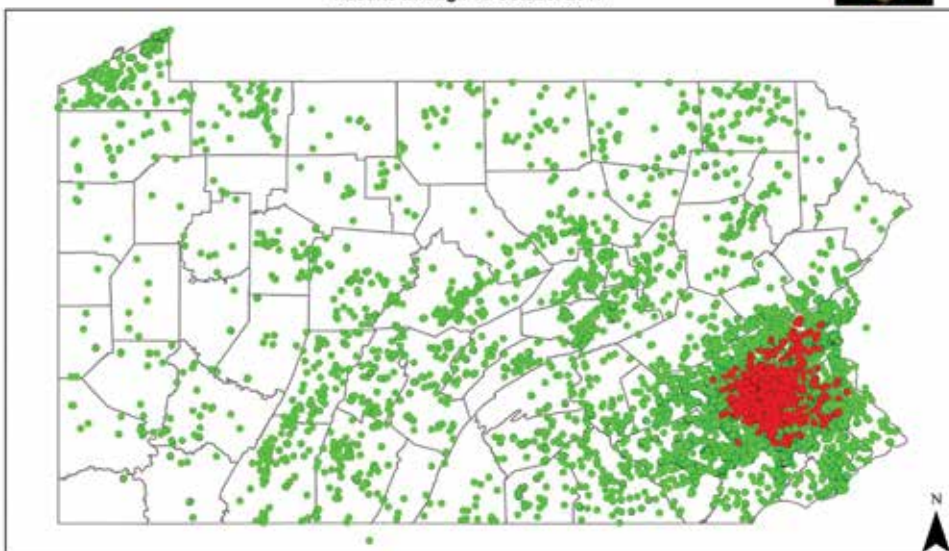
- The Penn State Extension publication-- Herbicides and Forest Vegetation Management, has more information about these methods. Whichever method you choose, remember that you will have dead *Ailanthus* trees which may eventually have to be removed.
- Treat the remaining *Ailanthus altissima* trees with a systemic insecticide that will move throughout the tree. The insecticide must be applied according to the label and at the right time of year for the trees to absorb it. When spotted lanternflies feed on correctly treated trees, they will die. Systemic insecticides that are labelled to treat ornamental trees usually contain the active ingredients dinotefuran or imidacloprid. The PDA is using dinotefuran in their IPM strategy.
- Treating only a few trap trees with a systemic product can reduce the amount of insecticide released into the environment and may help conserve beneficial insects.

Avoid spreading the spotted lanternfly

- It is important for landowners in the affected area to avoid spreading the spotted lanternfly. One



2014 -- 2017 Lycorma Detection Survey Results through 10 October 2017



Spotted Lanternfly Presence

- Positive
- Negative



good practice is to avoid parking your vehicle under trees because spotted lanternflies that are living in trees will lay eggs on the cars underneath.

- Inspect items, including the wood from killed *Ailanthus* trees, and destroy any living spotted lanternflies or egg masses before you move them out of the area. If you must move items from inside the affected area, complete this checklist to be in compliance with the quarantine.
- Requirements for handling brush and yard waste
- More information about the biology of the spotted lanternfly, most current distribution, volunteer opportunities, quarantine regulations and compliance.
- http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/plants_land_water/plantindustry/entomology/spotted_lanternfly/pages/default.aspx

This article is reprinted from the Penn State Extension website: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>

Please see the next issue for additional information.

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Additional resources:

<https://extension.psu.edu/pests-and-diseases/pest-disease-and-weed-identification/see-all-pest-disease-and-weed-identification/shopby/spotted-lanternfly>

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Pictured above: Centre County Commissioner Steve Dershem is speaking with constituents at the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Legislative Banquet.

cratic candidate for the 12th District of the US Congress; Michael Hanna, Jr. who is running for the position held currently by his father in the 76th District of the PA House of Representatives; Marc Friendenberg, candidate for the 12th Congressional District; Kris Eng, candidate for the Chair of the Centre County GOP; and Susan Boser, Democratic candidate for the 15th Congressional District.

The Granges of Centre County can proudly say that ten of the eleven Subordinate were represented and all eleven were generous enough to provide door prizes for the raffle along with several door prizes the politicians attending donated which allowed all attending a chance to go home with a beautiful gift.

This banquet is one way the Grange in Centre County tries to connect with the community leaders and candidates. This was particularly so since the new districts were announced. It is not a "fundraiser"; it is a "Community Service" project.

So next April, if you are interested in what is happening in the politics in Centre County, plan on attending the Centre County Grange #13 Legislative Banquet. Details will be announced when completed.



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aqua, Schuylkill County, Kutztown Grange (# 1836), and the Red Lion Grange (# 1781) from York County hosted Food Safety Modernization Act workshops for farmers in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations and the PA Department of Agriculture. Bedford Grange Mutual Insurance Company also hosted one of the workshops.

Transportation: Distracted Driving

A hearing by the House Transportation Committee heard Pennsylvania State Grange testimony on dangers associated with distracted driving caused by texting, cell phones, putting on makeup, reading a newspaper while driving, etc. One new distraction cited by Pennsylvania State Grange was that cars do not have standardized controls causing confusion when driving a different car. Legislation advocated was House Bill 1684 (Rep. Rosemary Brown -R-Monroe County) to make cell phone or texting while driving a violation.

Uniform Construction Code

Pennsylvania State Grange lobbied for farmer's roadside markets to be exempt from expensive Universal Construction Code requirements. House Bill 176 sponsored by Rep. Tina Pickett (R-Bradford County) was signed into law as Act 35

Vocational Agriculture

Pennsylvania State Grange urged the PA Department of Labor & Industry to include occupations related to agriculture in their list of priority jobs vocational education should be pursuing. In addition, we lobby for expansion of vocational training and in the case of House Bill 669 (Rep. Tom Murt-R-Montgomery County) suggesting that agricultural vocational training needs to be included.

Wellness

Wellness care and Internet medical care are crucial to rural residents who live farther away from medical facilities and doctors. Telemedicine is one helper where the health care provider can, through the Internet, monitor someone's condition, actually observe symptoms, and direct treatment. Pennsylvania State Grange supports two telemedicine

bills, Senate Bill 780 sponsored by Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Chair Elder Vogel (R-Beaver County) and House Bill 1648 sponsored by Rep. Marguerite Quinn (R-Bucks). Of course, you need Broadband access to make telemedicine work.

X (Excessive Authority)

The Pennsylvania State Grange weighed in what we feel is an excess of authority by the Delaware River Basin Commission which wants to ban fracking in all or parts of several northeastern counties that are located in the Delaware River Basin. The issue is **NOT** whether someone likes or hates fracking. Rather, the issue raised by the Pennsylvania State Grange is that PA already regulates fracking by state law (Act 13) and those activities are regulated by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The question is whether the Delaware River Basin Commission can overrule existing PA law just because it chooses to. PA State Grange says no.

Youth

In addition to the many youth activities sponsored by Granges, the Pennsylvania State Grange also brings youth leaders (The Royalty) to Harrisburg in order to meet with legislators and tour the Governor's Residence.

Zoning

Pennsylvania State Grange opposes local zoning decisions or restrictive ordinances that hinder normal practices of farming which are protected by state law. Examples include a previous attempt to impose property taxes on high tunnel buildings and several pieces of legislation introduced this session of the General Assembly that would allow local prevention of state-approved biosolid nutrient application on farmers' fields.

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Progress #96

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Rev Robert Ludrowsky

Scotch Valley #510

Bobbi Jo Johnson

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Bloomington #536

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Middletown #684

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Chestnut Ridge #1133

Patrick Hartman

Harmony #1201

Curtis Chambers

Chelsey Chambers

John Young

Roseville #1290

Kathleen Rogalski

Kimberton #1304

Robert Ottinger

Christine Ottinger

Beverly Bechtel

John Bechtel

Trudy Makan

Holly Sollenberger

Carmichaels #1389

Cindy Tokish

Beatrice Skiles

Bald Eagle #1390

Vicki Bell

Harvey's-Aleppo #1444

Carmie Smith

Taylor Grogan

Kimmerlings #1529

Tammy Bresinger

Plumsteadville #1738

Harry Dannehower

Red Lion #1781

Patty McCandless

Virginville #1832

Erica Berger

Matthew Pettit

Amy Pettit

Carter Smith

Frankfort Springs #1989

Wanda Poland

Tim Gamble

Walker #2007

Jillian Hockenberry

Rodney Kline

Sally Kline

Big Knob #2008

Wyatt Burry

Jordyn Kunsellman

Katily Muller

Tyler Pflugh

Dixie Wall

Julia Wright

Cole Chulapiak



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Izabella Montani

Morgan Swab

Mike Druschel

Bobbi Garcia

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Stanley Kopistecki Sr.

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Elizabeth Shaw

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Lloyd Rogers

Atlantic #344

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Betty Roarabaugh

Middletown #684

Elizabeth DeYoung

Walker #786

Donald Q Adams

Beatrice Wirt

Hayfield #800

Pauline Olin

Rundells #871

James Austin

California #941

Anna Mary Yeager

Dolores Yost

Forkston #1153

Clifton Furman

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Kathryn Vanwegen

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Janet Frye

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Lucy Sterner

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Rural Valley #1750

Lois Himes

Kingwood #1765

Kathryn Livengood

Pioneer #1777

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Virginville #1832

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Baileyville #1991

Rachael Parsons

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Walker #2007

Albert Haagen

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California Grange #941

Marjorie Lapp - 1928

Sebring #1047

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Mary Brown - 1920

Sanatoga Grange #25

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Mary Simmons - 1925

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Please don't forget to include your phone number, so we can contact you if we have questions.

2018 CALENDAR

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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BENEFITS

National Grange Benefits

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

Pennsylvania State Grange Benefits

- American Income Life: All members receive a \$3000 Accidental Death Benefit
- Avis Rental Car: Discounted Member rates
- BJ's Wholesale Club: Save \$15 on Base, or \$30 on Rewards Membership, plus 1 free month
- Comfort Keepers In-Home Care
- Fastenal: Member discounts up to 40% off specific products
- Vision Insurance
- AgraCo: Member discount of 5% on fly traps/mosquito patches
- Country Home Products: Member discount of 5% on all phone orders
- Florian Tools: Member discount of 10% on all tools
- Rohrer Seeds: Member discount of 5% on all seeds

The PA State Grange also offers scholarships and interest free loans



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

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