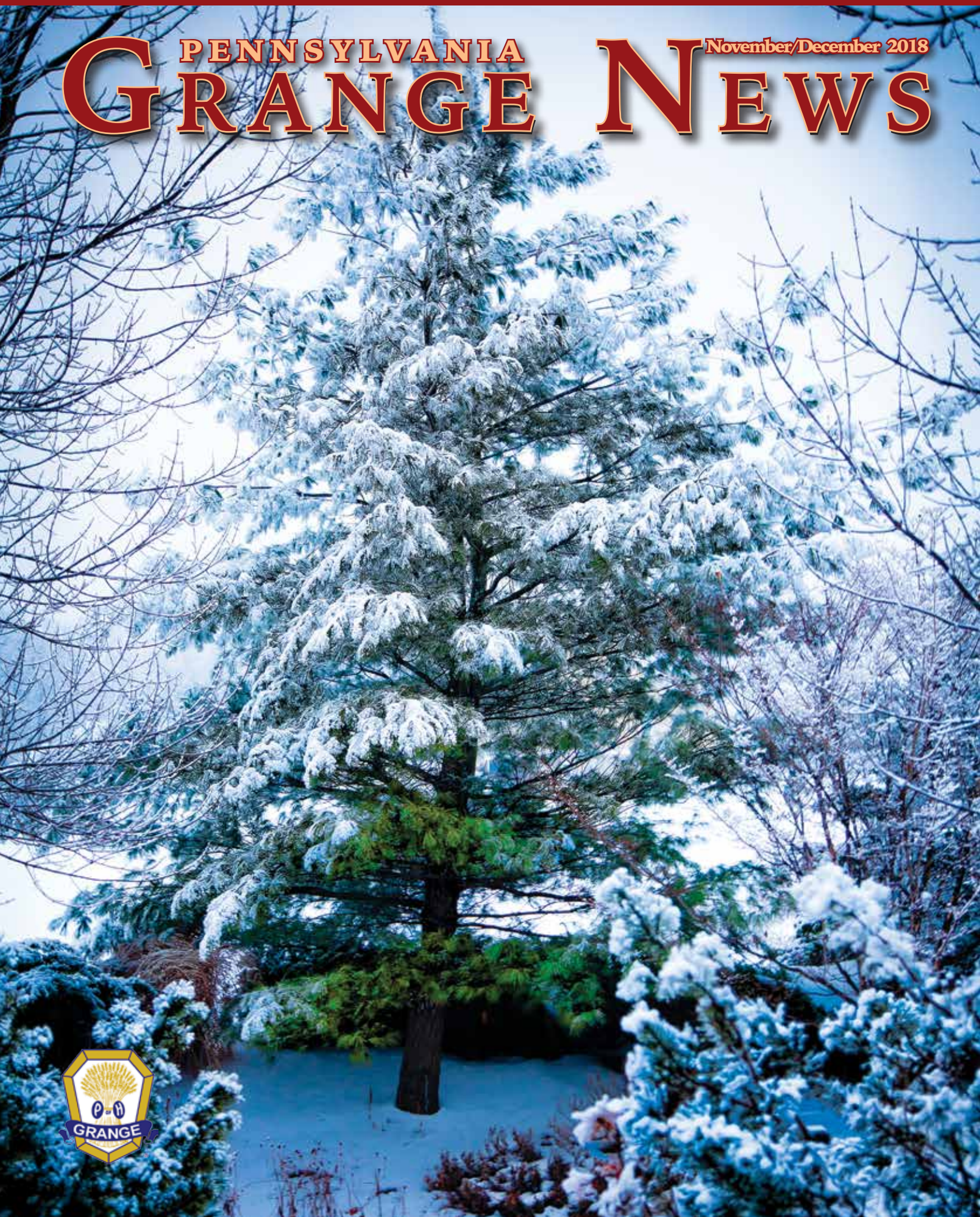


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From the President's Desk

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

Another year is almost gone by. Policy was adopted at the 146th annual session of the Pennsylvania State Grange that will guide us in the upcoming year. This is a good time to look back at what we've accomplished and look ahead to where we are going.

We reorganized two Granges that want to make a difference in their communities. Ginger Hill Grange in Washington County closed and people in the community became concerned right away. A few started calling others and in a matter of a few days we had 15 people ready to make a difference. By the night they held the re-organizational meeting they were up to 29 people. People ready to commit to helping their community. They continue to grow in membership and commitment.

Plainfield Grange in Cumberland County saw a place for Grange. They reorganized and are working with Dickinson College to bring college students into the Grange. They want to become involved in the Sustainable Farm operated by the University. They see a way to help shape the future.

We made legislative gains in the past year. We worked to get legisla-

tion passed that would exempt high tunnel structures from costly storm water management plans. This was signed into law April 15, 2018 as ACT 15. We've worked across the state promoting Dairy and trying to educate the public on the nutritional value of milk. We've written letters to Washington encouraging them to allow whole milk back into our schools. We've supported bills on Education, programs to feed the hungry, and legislation to promote Agri-Tourism. This is just a partial list of the things we have worked on in both Harrisburg and Washington this past year.

The National and State Grange are still waging the battle to get fair and reasonable Broadband everywhere. Today's electronic soci-

The Building Blocks To A Stronger Community



ety punishes those without high speed internet or cell service. Children must stay late or come early to school so that they can use the school's Wi-Fi to complete homework assignments because they don't have adequate service at

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Put On a Happy Face!!

When your PGN arrives, you will have just passed, or will shortly, the time of the year when we are allowed to "put on a false **face**." Luckily, it is done in fun and we get a chance to be someone we dream of or someone we would never dream of!!

Fast forward to the next holidays on the horizon and it is time to put on a different **face**. It is time to put on our own true **face**....When you look in the mirror, what face do you see?

Is it a **face** with sad eyes, forehead lines and a frown which reflects personal unhappiness, hopelessness, and a feeling of abandonment due to job loss, broken relationships, unsurmountable bills, and/or a longing for a purpose and a support network?

Is it a **face** with a smile that reflects compassion for those less fortunate, for those suffering from a disease or physical problems, for those who are or have a family member who is fighting an addiction, for those who are grieving the death of a loved one, for those who have lost possessions in a natural disaster like tornados, floods and fires, or for those who are lonely because their loved ones are serving in the military or have jobs far away.

Is it a **face** that sees Thanksgiving as a holiday when we pause and say thanks for everything and then move on to the next holiday?

Is it a **face** that sees Christmas as the holiday that means gifts, fancy wrappings and fun times and then it is over until next year?

Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain

Here's a thought to tie these two holidays together: if we are indeed thankful for the life, families, friends, and opportunities we have been given, we should adopt Thanksgiving as an everyday way of living which then leads to our being thankful for the baby Jesus who is the center of the Christmas celebration. He came to save us from our sinful selves if we accept Him into our hearts and lives.

He only asks us to love one another as He has loved us (enough to give His life for us!). If we do that, our true **faces** will reflect His love. He promises to be with us all times. Knowing this, we will have a purpose to let His light shine and we will be part of a network of those who are thankful for and who are sharing the true gift of Christmas.

At this time of the year and always,

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord Make His **Face** to Shine Upon You and Be Gracious to You
The Lord Lift Up His Countenance (**face**) Upon You

And Give You Peace.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

P.S. What kind of **face** do you show when you're leaving your Grange meeting or whenever you're talking about the Grange? Is it a lifeless one full of boredom and disenchantment or is it a glowing one with sparkling eyes and an ear-to-ear smile? Let your Grange **face** shine: Be thankful for your Grange experiences and invite others to celebrate the opportunities of a Grange family!!

God Bless You and Yours!

Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler





Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

As a child, my mom worked tirelessly to make the holidays memorable. She made everyone's favorite cookies, pies, sweet breads, homemade fudge and taffy. There would be popcorn balls, clear toy and ribbon candy too. Family would come to visit and mom took great care of every visitor by sharing coffee, hot cocoa, goodies and conversation. These traditions are branded in my mind as to what Christmas was and is today for my family.

I'm sure you are thinking what does this have to do with membership and growing the Grange. Well, let's reminisce a bit on your Grange. What do you think of when you ponder on what your Grange is known for? Ask several people in your community what they know about your Grange. When you look at these answers to your ques-

Make this a discussion at your next meeting. Review the answers and ask yourselves these questions.

- What do we like about our brand?
- What should we change or include in our brand that would attract new people?

All these answers are in your community. How has it changed over the

cluding some new things, and it will need to include letting new people into your organization taking leadership roles that will incorporate new ideas.

New people will join and young people will join! I ask you to imagine it and then believe it! Believe it, because we at the state office are traveling to every corner in Pennsylvania to help you grow this organization. We are revitalizing Granges and seeing success stories come from the recruitment meetings! Ginger Hill Grange in Washington County took in 29 new members at their recruitment meeting, Hickory in Clearfield County enrolled 19 new members, Pleasant Valley Grange in Mercer County has 7 new members. Plainfield Grange in Cumberland County and Brokenstraw Grange in Warren County have reopened. There is a resurgence in Grange and we all can be part of it! As we go into 2019 let's make this our New Year's Resolution to grow our Grange!

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
Year!

Yours in Grange service,
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years? What are the needs of the people?

If you can address your local needs and include fun into the process you can grow your membership. It may mean tweaking your image, in-



Junior News

Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio

PA State Grange Junior Committee
Director

from high school with a diploma and an associate degree.

As her first act of service as the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Princess, she visited the Heritage Valley Medical Center located in Beaver, PA on July 7, 2018 to deliver hand-made thank you cards on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange as a way of thanking the nurses and doctors for their service to the community. She also plans to deliver thank you cards to the Jennersville Regional Hospital and the Rehab Care Group at Jenners Pond located in West Grove, PA. She looks forward to continuing to actively serve local communities across the state through various community service projects.



Pictured above: R-L: Cari Marker and Heather Rice at Heritage Valley Medical Center in Beaver County



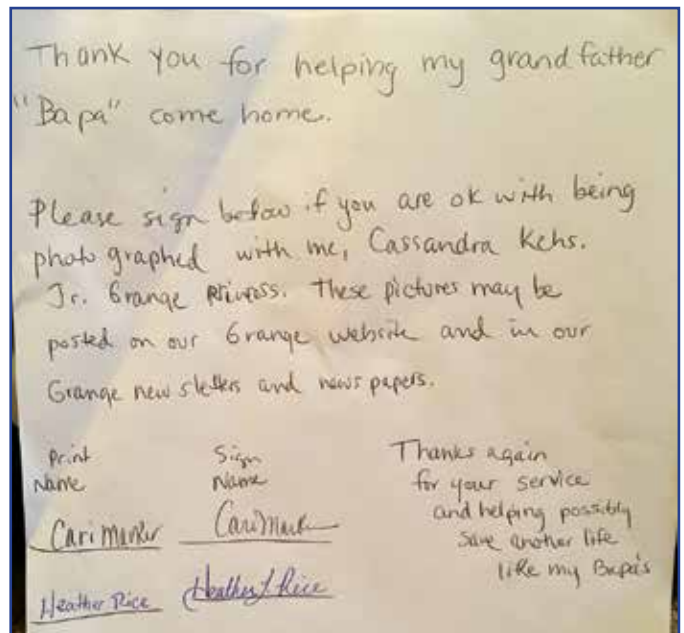
On July 7, 2018, Cassandra "Cassy" Kehs (from Cochranville, PA) was named the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Princess along with Zak Persagetti (from Greenville, PA) as Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Prince. They were thrilled to have been selected for these positions.

Cassy is a member of the Russellville Junior Grange located in Upper Oxford Township in Chester County, PA. She has been a member of the Russellville Junior Grange since 2009 and has held a number of positions including Secretary, Pomona, Overseer and Steward.

Cassy is the daughter of Thomas and Jennifer Kehs. She attends Oxford Area High School where she is enrolled as a sophomore and participates in the Early College Academy program with dual enrollment in high school and college classes. This program will allow her the opportunity to graduate

Thank you,
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See you all soon!
Lurae Benzio
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Pictured above: On July 7, 2018, Cassandra Kehs, 2018/2019 Pennsylvania Jr. Grange Princess, passed out life-saving thank you cards to the doctors and nurses at the Heritage Valley Medical Center in Beaver, PA where her grandfather, "Bapa" Richard Sattler, had been hospitalized and treated for pneumonia from June 30, 2018 to July 6, 2018. Under the care, close treatment and supervision of the staff, he was released to return to his home to be reunited with his family on July 6, 2018. These thank you cards were handed out as a way of expressing our appreciation for the service that these staff members provide to our local communities every day and specifically to thank those individuals involved in bringing "Bapa" home.



Program Director Denise Clare PA State Grange Program Director

Happy Fall Y'all! As I write this it is 56 degrees and almost lunchtime. What a difference from the last few weeks. Soon we will be experiencing snow (hopefully) instead of torrential rain. I know parts of the state (including here in Berks County) there has been flooding. I hope everyone made it thru without any damage.

Family Festival was in July and the annual talent contest was held. Here are the results:

Vocal:

1st place - Philip Vonada
2nd place - Reyburn Family

Instrumental:

1st place - Gayle & Jessica Reyburn

Variety:

1st place - Redneck Jeopardy
2nd place - Doris Koenig
3rd place - Virginia Straub

Philip Vonada will be representing Pennsylvania State Grange at the National Grange talent contest in Stowe, VT. Thank you to everyone who participated!

By the time you receive this issue, State Session will have occurred. There will be a recap in the next issue of PGN. The 2019 contest guide will

be released soon so now with the winter months coming it is a great time to start working on projects.

As with all of the contests, please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs 2019 for the rules and information. If you have questions, please contact a committee person, or myself. The report forms and the Guide to Contests and Programs are available on the Pennsylvania State Grange website: www.pagrang.org.

PROGRAM IDEAS:

January:

- 4th-National Spaghetti Day
- 13th-National Sticker Day
- 28th-National Have Fun @ Work Day

February:

- 9th-National Bagel Day
- 14th-National Organ Donor Day
- 20th-National Love Your Pet Day

Until next time,
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Family Activities Melanie Melius PA State Grange Family Activities Director

THANK YOU again for your Help. Another big THANK YOU to Amy Koenig for her workshop on stained glass. We had 70 signed up, but when all was said and done she had 85 people. We had a lot of fun learning a new project. We had 57 wraps for the "Wraps

Hi everyone! I hope your summer was fun and you did all you set out to do this summer. I want to tell everyone a big THANK YOU for making Family Fest GREAT this year. We had 54 people for the tour at the Military Museum in Boalsburg. We had 125 or more people for Family Fest dinner Friday evening. If you didn't make it, you missed a good dinner of hamburgers and hotdogs cooked up by the Youth and Juniors, mac and potato salad, baked beans, and cookies made by Centre County Pomona Grange #13 members. I want to say



*Pictured: Agnes Homan from Progress Grange #96
Centre County*

for Hugs" project. I hope you are not getting tired of them. Dewendy Johnson from Gift of Life said a big THANK YOU to everyone that made wraps. She said they use about 300 to 500 wraps a year... so I hope we can keep on helping. I hope everyone enjoyed the weekend. Hope to see more of you next year. Come and stay in a tent for the weekend... you'll be able to say "I stayed in one of the tents used for the Centre County Grange Fair; the only tenting fair in the USA".

Now on to Ag Progress on Aug 14,15,16... Thank You to everyone who came to the Pennsylvania State Grange booth and helped sell raffle tickets. We sold 100 tickets. Now looking forward to State Session in October. State Session will be over before you read this, so I hope there were a lot of entries to be judged. I will talk more about State Session in next issue. Hope all is well with everyone...and I'll chat with you in the next issue.

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius
Family Activities Director
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Deaf Activities & Community Services Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Thank you to everyone for their support this past year, especially, most recently, at State Session. In the next Grange News, I will update the information of how much you donated, which Granges won awards for their community service reports, and the total amount of hours we collectively completed this year. As always, you can reach me via e-mail or cell.

Personal thank you:

On a side note, I want to sincerely thank all of the Granges and individuals that are Grange members that have supported my personal trip with the Global Autism Project either through donating and/or supporting a fundraiser. I am more than willing to do a program for you in the future to tell you all about my experience. Many of you know that my trip had to be changed. Unfortunately, there were a lot of issues in Nigeria and the Global Autism Project wanted nothing but our safety. As you are

reading this I am probably at the end of my trip to India with the Global Autism Project. Although I was extremely excited to go to Nigeria and Africa, going to India and Asia will also provide me with a new prospective and allow me to give back to another type of community. I can't wait to hear about state session and continue to help you develop and expand on your community service projects.

I am hoping I got everyone who donated. This may not be everyone as some may have donated after I submitted my article. Thank you again!

Mercer Co. Pomona #25
Cumberland Co. Pomona #2
Beaver Co. Pomona #66
Berks Co. Pomona #44
Pomona Grange #31
Crawford Co. Pomona #26
Marion Grange #1853
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Community Grange #2048
Pioneer Grange #1777
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David and Ellen Wadsworth
Heather and Matt Druckenmiller
Rebecca Anzueto and Family
Wendy Kerschner and Family
Betsy Huber
Isaac Mengel
Philip Vonada
Braden Gourley
Samantha Gourley Charmo
Joel and Christie Straub
Ginny Straub
The Schroeder Family
Lindsay Schroeder
The Samsel Family
Jennifer Nauss
Brad and Anna May Nauss
Michael and Jane Adams
Robert and Jennifer Beamon
Mike Davis and Family
Hannah Leibensperger
The Koller Family
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Oliver Grange #1069

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History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

A detailed report of the History Committee's progress during the past year was presented at the State Session in October and will appear in the 2018 Journal of Proceedings. Be sure to read all about the significant work that has been completed in Phases 1 and 2 to microfilm/digitize many Grange records and irreplaceable documents. You can also see those results by visiting the History Committee pages on the State Grange website <http://www.pagrange.org/history-committee.html> where the digitized files have been posted in PDF format for easy access.

The third and final phase of microfilming/digitizing will be undertaken as funds become available. The State Grange Executive Committee in July 2018 approved a second appeal so that Phase 3 work can be started and (hopefully) completed within the next year. Phase 3 will microfilm/digitize Executive Committee minutes, officer registers/directories and history publications written for the State Grange's 75th, 100th and 125th anniversaries. Many contributions have already been received in response to this appeal; both Granges and individuals are invited and encouraged to consider donating to this work.

Recently we've been very pleased to learn that the National Grange is following the lead of Pennsylvania and has been in talks with IMR Digital (our microfilming/digitizing contractor)

about the preservation of Grange records in other states and at the National level. Our work is being recognized for its quality results and we are pleased that other Granges might decide to follow Pennsylvania's efforts.

Plans for the coming year include:

- Complete Phase 2 records preservation work, including the posting of all Journals of Proceedings to the State Grange website
- Finish the remaining summaries of the terms for State Masters Ringler through Campbell
- Begin Phase 3 records preservation, pending availability of funds
- Maintain the Charter Ledgers to reflect current status of all Granges
- Work with Granges which may want to preserve their own records through the IMR microfilming/digitizing contract
- Continue brainstorming ways to celebrate the 150th anniversaries of Eagle Grange #1 in 2021 and of the State Grange in 2023
- Get started on video interviews to record the recollections of Grange leaders

Steve & Karen Mohn from Berks County will be joining the History Committee for the coming year to work on the video interviewing project while other members of the committee continue with the projects for which they are responsible.

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home. Farm equipment that utilizes GPS and other internet access capabilities are no better than the equipment of years gone by without adequate Broadband. Senior citizens can't utilize Tele-Medicine without sufficient internet service. Instead they may have to travel hours on shared ride transportation for a fifteen-minute doctor visit. Rural economic development suffers because businesses won't settle in an area without adequate internet or cell service. We have made progress in the legislature with both parties coming together and jointly passing legislation to study and try to resolve the problem. We still have a long way to go before this battle is won!

The Pennsylvania State Grange gained several new member benefits including PSECU, health and dental insurance, Hershey Park discount tickets, and a group that offers major discounts on amusement parks, sporting events, concerts, car rentals, movie tickets and much more. These and many other benefits offered by both the Pennsylvania State Grange and the National Grange are putting money back into our members' pockets every day.

As we look back at 2018, yes, we have gained, but we still have plenty of work to do in 2019.

Please remember this is a season of giving, of caring for each other, and thanking God every day for the gift of his Son and the many blessings he has bestowed upon us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you!!

IT'S THE GRANGE WAY

Fraternally,
Wayne D. Campbell,
Pennsylvania State Grange
President



AG PROGRESS DAYS

Ag Progress Days at Penn State, held annually during three days in August, is Pennsylvania's largest outdoor agricultural exposition.

By Lizzie Bailey

The Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail is excited to announce a new location at the Red Barn on the Ag Progress Days property located in Pennsylvania Furnace.

Grange President Wayne Campbell shares, *"The Pennsylvania State Grange is proud to be able to place a quilt block on a building that is a part of Penn State University's research center. They, like the Grange, are working everyday to improve life for Agriculture, rural, and urban America."*

Coordinators of the trail, Glenn and Barbara Gross, designed the quilt block and they are thrilled with the exposure that it will receive at this new location. Penn State College of Ag Sciences estimates that 42,000 attendees were at this year's event, which is the largest outdoor farm exposition in Pennsylvania. The Gross' have traveled across the state teaching workshops on making the quilt blocks. They set up every year for several days at the Pennsylvania State Grange's Family Festival in Centre Hall where many of the blocks were created that are on the statewide trail.

Quilting is a strong part of Pennsylvania's heritage and the Grange realized this and wanted to do something to highlight this part of our heritage, and help Granges become more visible in their communi-



(L-R). Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell, National Grange President Betsy Huber, Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail Coordinators, Barb and Glenn Gross, Penn State Dean of College of Agricultural Sciences Dr. Richard Roush, and Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding

ties. The trail started in 2009, to date has over 60 blocks on display on Grange halls, fairgrounds and community buildings across Pennsylvania.

An interactive map can be found on the Pennsylvania State Grange's website at <http://www.pagrange.org/quilt-trail.html>



If you would like more information on how you can be part of the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Trail, please email Barb and Glenn at: berglen@verizon.net



Pennsylvania State Grange

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Will Come In!*

Directory

by Region & County

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SOUTHWEST REGION

ALLEGHENY

1872 - MT. NEBO
Sewickley, PA
2005 - MONTOUR VALLEY
Clinton, PA

ARMSTRONG

0915 - LAUREL POINT
Meet in local restaurants.
1396 - KAYLOR
1750 - RURAL VALLEY
Dayton, PA
1803 - SPRING CHURCH
Apollo, PA
1819 - DAYTON
Dayton, PA
1908 - SOUTH BUFFALO

BUTLER

1373 - JEFFERSON
Butler, PA
1495 - DONEGAL
Chicora, PA
1971 - UNIONVILLE
Bulter, PA
1972 - ROYAL
Cooperstown, Valencia

BEAVER

1351 - FAIRVIEW
Industry PA
1980 - HOOKSTOWN
Hookstown, PA
1989 - FRANKFORT SPRINGS
Burgettstown, PA
2008 - BIG KNOB
Rochester, PA

FAYETTE

0419 - DAWSON
Dawson, PA
1091 - MENALLEN
Uniontown, PA
1699 - YORK RUN
Locations vary
1948 - RIDGEVIEW
Locations vary throughout the year

GREENE

1389 - CARMICHAELS
Carmichaels, PA
1444 - HARVEYS ALEPPO
Graysville PA

1709 - EAST FRANKLIN
Waynesburg, PA

WASHINGTON

1133 - CHESTNUT RIDGE
Washington PA
1434 - NORTH STRABANE
various restaurants
1502 - BURGETTSTOWN
Bulger, PA
1523 - BUFFALO
Washington, PA
1549 - GINGER HILL
2072 - LONG BRANCH COMM
Center, Pa

WESTMORELAND

1897 - SEWICKLEY
West Newtown, PA

SOUTHCENTRAL REGION

BEDFORD

1954 - HYNDMAN
Hyndman PA

BLAIR

0484 - SINKING VALLEY
Altoona, PA.
0510 - SCOTCH VALLEY
Hollidaysburg, PA
1390 - BALD EAGLE
Tyrone, PA

CAMBRIA

1115 - BANNER
Ebensburg, PA
1119 - BUCKHORN
Summerhill, PA
1861 - PLEASANT HILL
Chest Springs, PA

CUMBERLAND

1725 - MIFFLIN
2104 - CUMBERLAND VALLEY
Shippensburg

HUNTINGDON

0353 - SHAVERS CREEK
Petersburg, PA.
0375 - HARTSLOG VALLEY
Alexandria, PA
0444 - TROUGH CREEK
Todd, PA

0914 - LINCOLN
Huntingdon, PA
0974 - WARRIORS MARK
Warriors Mark, PA

JUNIATA

0772 - SPRUCE HILL
Port Royal, PA
0773 - MILFORD
Mifflintown, PA
0774 - TUSCARORA
East Waterford, PA
0781 - TURBETT
Port Royal, PA
0786 - WALKER
Mexico PA
1852 - GREENWOOD
Millenstown PA

PERRY

1069 - OLIVER
Newport, PA
1767 - COMMUNITY
Newport PA
1796 - SHERMANATA
Duncannon, PA
1804 - PERRY VALLEY
Millerstown, Pa
2064 - MADISON
Loysville PA

SOMERSET

1674 - HILLCREST
Berlin, PA
1690 - WILLS
Somerset, PA
1765 - KINGWOOD
Markleton PA

YORK

1360 - VALLEY
Lewisberry, PA
1781 - RED LION
Windsor PA
1949 - WASHINGTON
East Berlin, PA

SOUTHEAST REGION

BERKS

1512 - SHARTLESVILLE
Shartlesville, PA
1617 - ONTELAUNEE
Leesport, PA



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0722 - MCKENDREE
near Shickshinny Lake

NORTHAMPTON

0993 - STAR
1692 - HARMONY
Northampton, PA

SCHUYLKILL

1384 - JEFFERSON
1639 - LEWISTOWN
Tamaqua, PA

SULLIVAN

0976 - ELKLAND
Estella, PA

SUSQUEHANNA

0152 - UNION
0798 - GIBSON
Gelatt, PA
1157 - FAIRDALE
Montrose PA
1188 - SOUTH AUBURN
South Auburn, PA

WAYNE

1063 - LABOR
Homes of members
1074 - PLEASANT VALLEY
Honesdale PA
1089 - BEECH GROVE
Honesdale, PA
1352 - ENTERPRISE
Honesdale, PA
1710 - UNITY
Damascus, PA

WYOMING

0165 - ORIENTAL
Tunkhannock, PA
1153 - FORKSTON
Forkston Twp, PA

NORTHCENTRAL REGION

CENTRE

0096 - PROGRESS
Centre Hall, PA
0109 - LOGAN
Pleasant Gap, PA
0151 - BALD EAGLE
Bellefonte, PA
0158 - PENNS VALLEY
Spring Mills, PA
0159 - VICTOR
Homes of members
0223 - MARION
Bellefonte, PA
0290 - HALFMOON
Port Matilda, PA
0325 - UNION
Unionville/Fleming, PA
1284 - PORT MATILDA
Julian, PA

1991 - BAILEYVILLE
Penna. Furnace, PA
2007 - WALKER
Bellefonte, PA
2105 - PENN STATE
Ag Sci Bldg. Rm 105

CLEARFIELD

0534 - PENN
0788 - GIRARD
Frenchville, PA
0885 - CENTER HILL
Morrisdale, PA
1201 - HARMONY
Westover, PA
1285 - HICKORY
DuBois, PA
2016 - SANBORN
Houtzdale, PA
2106 - SUSQUEHANNA COMMUNITY
Curwensville Community Center

COLUMBIA

2041 - ROARING CREEK VALLEY
Catawissa, PA

LYCOMING

0001 - EAGLE Master:
Montgomery PA
0027 - CANASARAGO
Muncy, PA
1301 - BOTTLE RUN
Williamsport, PA.
1604 - ELDRED
Warrensville, PA
1843 - ALLEGHENY
Montoursville PA

MONTOUR

0941 - CALIFORNIA
Watsonstown, PA

NORTHUMBERLAND

1895 - DELAWARE
Watsonstown, PA

POTTER

1183 - ULYSSES
Homes of members
1193 - VICTORIA
Westfield, PA
1216 - CENTRAL
Coudersport, PA
1254 - ODIN
Coudersport PA

TIOGA

1047 - SEBRING
Liberty, PA
1223 - TIOGA
Tioga, PA

NORTHWEST REGION

CRAWFORD

0110 - SPARTA
0344 - ATLANTIC
Atlantic, PA

0800 - HAYFIELD
Saegertown, PA
0871 - RUNDELLS
Conneautville, PA
0936 - VERNON
Meadville, PA
2030 - COCHRANTON
members homes

ERIE

0089 - UNION CITY
Union City , PA
0947 - EDINBORO
Edinboro PA
0997 - ELK CREEK
Homes of members

FOREST

0853 - FOREST
Tionesta, PA

JEFFERSON

1290 - ROSEVILLE
Roseville, PA

LAWRENCE

1505 - PLEASANT HILL
Homes of members
1514 - WESTFIELD
in members' homes
1536 - EAST NEW CASTLE
1649 - MAHONING VALLEY
Edinburg, PA
1780 - LIBERTY
New Castle, PA

MERCER

0608 - NEW VERNON
Clarks Mills, PA
1232 - FRIENDSHIP
Homes of members
1492 - LONDON
Mercer PA
1643 - PLEASANT VALLEY
1694 - STONY POINT
Greenville, PA
2040 - KENNARD
2057 - SHENANGO TWP
Farrell, PA
2110 - LOG CABIN UNITY
Greenville PA

VENANGO

1413 - RICHLAND
Emlenton, PA
1675 - WESLEY
Harrisville, PA
1705 - SCRUBGRASS
Emlenton, PA

WARREN

1068 - WATSON
Tidioute, PA

It's Looking A Lot Like... Christmas!!!

We hope you're able to get out and enjoy one or more of these incredible events. And maybe, next year, your Grange could host a Christmas bazaar... what a way to generate interest in your Grange as well as support your local community!

So when the weather turns crisp, and all the leaves have fallen, and before the white stuff starts falling from the sky... why not get out and explore a few of the many unique holiday-inspired festivals & events around Pennsylvania?

A Christmas to Remember - Unexpected Treasures...in Unlikely Places



November 06-December 29
2760 Old Philadelphia Pike,
Bird-In-Hand, PA
<https://bird-in-hand.com/stage/a-christmas-to-remember/>

Harmony Museum's annual WeihnachtsMarkt (Christmas Market)



November 10-November 11
Harmony's National Historic

Landmark District
Mercer Street, Harmony, PA
<https://www.visitbutlercounty.com/events/14991-m/harmony-museum's-annual-weihnachtsmarkt-christmas-market>

It's A Wonderful Life Festival Parade

November 16
Jimmy Stewart Museum
Indiana, PA

Hersheypark's Christmas Candylane



November 16-January 1
Hershey, PA
<http://www.hersheypark.com/explore-the-park/christmas.php>

Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland



November 16-January 06
Big Butler Fairgrounds
1127 New Castle Rd
Prospect, PA
<https://www.visitbutlercounty.com/events/29261-m/shadracks-christmas-wonderland>

Christmas City Villiage

November 17-December 23
556 Main Street
Bethlehem, PA
<https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/2016/10/25/christmas-city-village-weihnachtsmarkt/>



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A Pennsylvania

Happy Thanksgiving! I thought I'd submit a couple fun articles, myself, for this issue...getting into the wonderful Holiday spirit. I'd like to get everyone in the Holiday mood by, hopefully, inspiring everyone to dig out those fantastic Grange Cookbooks...and trying some new recipes. This is the time of year to enjoy the gift of family and breaking bread together over joyously prepared meals.

Beverage:

WASSAIL

- 1 Gallon cider or apple juice
- 1/2 C lemon juice
- 2 C sugar
- 10 cinnamon sticks
- 2 Tbs whole allspice

Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil and then simmer about 10 minutes. Pour through a cheesecloth or fine strainer before serving. Good warm and chilled. (Pearle Malone, Mendon #855)



Bread:

CHEESY MUFFINS

- Yield: 12 muffins
- 2 c flour
- 1 t salt
- 1 T baking powder
- 3 eggs
- 1 c milk
- 1 t tarragon
- 1 T parsley
- 2 T chives
- 4 C shredded Cheddar cheese



Combine flour, salt & baking powder in bowl. Beat eggs with milk. Pour into dry ingredients, stirring until mixed. Stir in tarragon, parsley, chives and cheese. Spoon into greased muffin cups. Bake at 425° for 15 minutes. (Becky Michalka, Burgettstown #1502)

Salad:

CRANBERRY SALAD

- Yield: 2 quarts
- 3 apples
- 2 oranges + 1/2 peel of 1 orange
- 1 lb cranberries
- 2 c sugar
- 1 (3oz) package lemon Jell-O



Make Jell-O according to directions on box, with 1/2 c less water; set aside. Grind apples, oranges, peel & cranberries. Add sugar. When Jello is cool, add ground mixture. (Mary Garman, Mifflin #1725)

Vegetable:

SOUTHERN STYLE BAKED CORN

Yield: 8-10 servings

- 1 16oz can whole kernel corn
- 1 16oz can cream-style corn
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 8oz pkg corn bread mix
- 1 c sour cream
- 1/2 c melted butter, cooled
- salt & pepper to taste
- Parmesan cheese, grated

Mix undrained corn, cream style corn, eggs, corn bread mix & sour cream in bowl. Stir in cooled butter. Add salt & pepper. Spoon into 10 x 10 inch baking dish. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 15 minutes longer. (Lisa Rodger, East Brook #1706)



Granger Thanksgiving

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

Yield: 10-12 servings

2 10oz packages frozen French-style green beans, thawed
2 10oz cans cream of mushroom soup
1/4 c slivered almonds (optional)
3 medium potatoes, chopped
1 6oz can mushroom pieces, drained
Pepper to taste
2 cans French-fried onions



Combine green beans, soup, almonds, potatoes, mushrooms, pepper & 1/2 of the onions in bowl; mix well. Spoon into 2 qt baking dish. Top with remaining onions. Bake, loosely covered, at 350° for 35 minutes. Remove cover. Bake 10 minutes longer.
(Erla Florelle Haas, Shermanata #1796)

Stuffing

SLOW COOKER STUFFING

Yield: 8 cups

12 c bread crumbs
1 1/2 t poultry seasoning
1/2 t salt
1/8 t pepper
1 c finely chopped onion
1 c finely chopped celery
1/4 c butter
2 T parsley flakes
2 eggs, well beaten
1 1/2 c chicken broth

Place bread crumbs in large bowl. Mix seasoning, salt & pepper in small bowl; sprinkle over crumbs. Melt butter in large skillet; add onion & celery. Saute until tender; stir in parsley. Pour over crumb mixture. Add eggs & broth; toss well. Spoon into slow cooker. Cook, covered, on High for 1 hr; stir. Reduce heat to Low. Cook 1 1/2-2 hrs until liquid is absorbed.
(Alta Sadler, Mahoning #1732)



Dessert:

PUMPKIN ROLL

Yield: 1 roll

3 eggs
1 c sugar
1/2 t cinnamon
3/4 c pumpkin
1 t baking soda
3/4 c flour
1 c chopped walnuts (optional)
8 oz cream cheese



2 T butter
1 c Cool Whip
1 1/2 t vanilla
1 c powdered sugar

Mix first 6 ingredients. Grease & flour jelly roll pan lined w wax paper. Pour batter into pan. Top with walnuts. Bake 15 minutes at 375°. Let cool in pan 5-10 minutes; turn onto lint-free dish towel dusted with powdered sugar. Roll up and let cool 2 hrs. Mix cream cheese, butter, Cool Whip, vanilla and powdered sugar. Fill cake and roll up. Chill overnight. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, slice and serve.
(Darla Gould, Bell Township #2047)

I didn't include any ham or turkey recipes...however, there are dozens of delicious recipes for both in all of the Pennsylvania Grange Cookbooks! Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

- Heather Hiller





Government Matters

Vince Phillips

PA State Grange Lobbyist

IMPORTANT TO YOU!

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

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

GETTING READY...

If you are like most people, you are just beginning to orient yourself to the end of the year. Uncertain weather could be one marker, but wait! The weather is always uncertain in Pennsylvania. Christmas advertising kicks in, but wait! Christmas advertising began in earnest last summer. You may actually be making a list and checking it twice, unless you did all your holiday shopping on Amazon last April.

Transitions can be humorous like the ones above or more serious such as looking at one's financial picture given the Trade War going on nationally. On a positive note, now also begins a time of reflection – what unfinished business do I have for this year? Who did I mean to reach out to but have not yet? What projects, physical or spiritual, have I yet to do this year? Most important, getting ready for year's end means taking time to value connections you have with family, friends, business associates, and the general community. This introspection means taking stock of relationships.

On a professional level...

As the lobbyist for the Pennsylvania State Grange, here is what I am doing to mark the transition. The General Assembly session for 2017-18 ends on November 30. What that means is that the terms of the many retiring legislators end and the new ones accelerate the process of getting oriented to their new jobs starting on December 1st. It also means that all the bills and resolutions that were introduced during the two-year session that are

not yet laws are gone. The slate is wiped clean and starting in January 2019, they would have to be re-introduced.

True, there is cleanup from this session. Many allies of the Pennsylvania State Grange need to be thanked for their service not only as a public service but also because of their loyalty to the many issues on which the Pennsylvania State Grange works.

Following are some of the highlights of Pennsylvania State Grange lobbying and advocacy for this legislative session just now ending.

SUCCESSIONS

Broadband was the Top Issue

- Broadband access was the top legislative priority for Pennsylvania State Grange. In January 2018, we held a program at the Farm Show which attracted a crowd and considerable media attention. It brought leading 'players' into the same room, Governor's Office, Public Utilities Commission, General Assembly, PA Telephone Association and the PA Association of Campground Owners (*who gave real-world examples of hardship caused by lack of Internet – a campground without access cannot receive online registrations or verify credit cards.*)

• Legislation:

1. Preserving landline tele-

phone access in rural Pennsylvania

2. Supporting the Governor's PennDOT initiative to "wire" highways in Pennsylvania

3. Building a firewall to protect Broadband access funding from being raided

4. Promoting installation standards for smaller scale wireless facilities

5. Supporting a bipartisan package of Broadband bills sponsored by Rep. Kristin Phillips-Hill and Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Fayette/Greene/Washington)

6. Working to get legislators to join the newly formed Pennsylvania House Rural Broadband Caucus

7. Testifying often in Harrisburg and around the state, notably at a joint hearing of the House and Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committees at AG Progress Days in August

• Granger Participation in the Legislative Process

1. A Grange Day on the Hill in June including Grangers from the Northern Tier, Lehigh Valley and South Central Pennsylvania to lobby on universal access to Broadband and other issues

2. Got the word out to local Granges about legislative events where they could press the case for Broadband (and other issues) directly to law-



makers

3. Got the word out to local Granges about at least ten of Governor Wolf's Cabinet in Your Community program where Cabinet-level officials would visit communities informally – more direct opportunities to talk about Broadband (and other issues)

The 2018 Legislative

Although a good track record, this is just the start of our efforts to make sure there is universal access to Broadband in Pennsylvania. To us, the Broadband issue is to this century as Rural Electrification was to the 20th Century. Not succeeding means that rural Pennsylvanians will be second-class citizens without the advantages going to others in today's ever more technology-oriented world.

OTHER SUCCESSES

Pennsylvania State Grange works hard to push for adequate funding for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, and University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in the State Budget. For the current fiscal year, which started July 1, 2018, agriculture did really well. Of course, next year is a new year where we will fight for this funding again.

- The second success for the Pennsylvania State Grange was our active lobbying for legislation making it much more difficult for school districts and local government to seize protected farmland under eminent domain.
- Success number three for the Pennsylvania State Grange and the Agricultural Community was a law which exempted high-tunnel buildings from expensive storm water management plan requirements.
- The Pennsylvania State Grange also helped to get increased funding for a program that dis-

tributes farmers' surplus crops to food banks (hunger issue) and worked to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

DISAPPOINTMENTS

There were some specific disappointments in this legislative session where ideas proposed by Pennsylvania State Grange did not succeed.

- Equity loan on the Farm

Year Had Both Successes & Deep

Disappointments

Show Complex where the state borrowed \$200 million from investors with a three-decade payback obligation to Pennsylvania taxpayers

- The General Assembly taking money out of dedicated funds to help balance the State Budget
- Not enough action on reducing liability for farmers who use agri-tourism as a way to make ends meet and reducing liability for property owners who allow others to use their property recreationally for free
- Securing a Property Tax exclusion for historic Grange Halls
- Lack of legislative action protecting the royalty rights of property owners with Marcellus Shale natural gas leases

OTHER ISSUES ON WHICH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE WORKED

Following is a partial list of additional issues and areas where the Pennsylvania State Grange worked this legislative session.

Please know that the Pennsylvania State Grange is your advocacy resource. Specific positions and advocacy areas pursued by the Pennsylvania State Grange come from our members.

- Abuse of power by the Delaware River Basin Commission (pre-empting Pennsylvania law)
- Agricultural career resources legislation
- (Agricultural Permits) Exempting certain Department of Environmental Protection public

hearing requirements for agricultural permits such as biosolid application

- (Dairy) Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board testimony
- (Dairy) Whole milk in schools
- Distracted driving
- Drones and public safety
- Farm Bill (federal)
- (Food Safety) Risk management training for farmers -- compliance with Federal law
- Grandparents temporary custo-

dial rights (opioid issue)

- (Health Insurance) Ending surprise billing
- (Health) Telemedicine
- Hospice Care drug disposal (Cancer Drug Bank)
- Long-term care
- Pollinator issues
- Prescription drug price transparency
- Rural development
- Rural school grant availability
- Rural health grant availability
- Rural museum grant availability
- Sunday hunting ban
- Urban agriculture

In addition, Pennsylvania State Grange resolutions were adopted by the General Assembly: Recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the National Grange; Recognizing the Women of the Grange; and resolutions commending the youth of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

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Grange News

BUTLER COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #17

had a booth at the 2018 Butler Farm Show. They were promoting the Grange and it's work to attract new members as well as doing a basket raffle. The baskets and items were donated to the Grange for the raffle by Harvest Farm Market, Nextier Bank, Jefferson Grange #1373, and Unionville



Grange #1971 of Butler County. The proceeds of the basket raffle will help Butler County Pomona Grange in doing more community Service projects.

CENTRE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #13

made 7 shawls for people at Mount Nittany Hospital. The lady collecting the shawls is Marilyn



Konachik. She thought of the project for people in the hospital that get cold all the time on certain meds. She was very pleased with what I (Melanie Melius) gave her to start out with. Centre County Pomona #13 will keep on making the shawls.

LEWISTOWN GRANGE #1639

Group Exhibit placed First & Best Of Show at the 2018 Schuylkill County Fair. Celebrat-



(Lewistown) Exhibit entered by Arlene Felty and Family

ing the Fair's 35th Anniversary and the Schuylkill County's 4-H program's 100th Anniversary. We also promoted our Grange Member accomplishments such as honoring Charles and Arlene Felty's 50th year in the School Bus



(Lewistown) Grange Members: Charles Felty Sr, Arlene Felty, Charlene Hoffman, James Hoffman, Jaclyn Hink, Jordan Hoffman, Charles Felty Jr, and Chad Felty.

Business

WESLEY GRANGE #1675

Wesley Grange, of Venango Cty, will be holding a Buckwheat Cake and Sausage Meal Novem-

ber 3rd...and invites everyone to join them for a meal. It is held at the Wesley Grange on Old Rte. 8, 2 miles north of Barkeyville. All you can eat old fashion buckwheat cakes, pancakes, blueberry cakes, whole hog sausage, applesauce, cookies and drink. \$8 for adults, \$3 for children. We start serving at 7:00 a.m. and serve til we run out or 6:00p.m. which ever comes first.



(California) Article published in the local paper

CALIFORNIA GRANGE #941

Recently California Grange was mentioned in their local paper for recognition of it's Community



(California) John & Viola Pfleegor, Nelson Fisher, Betsy & Katie Finn

Service Award.

Additionally, the following members were honored with mem-



bership awards: Nelson Fisher (5 yrs), Katie Finn (10 yrs), Betsy Finn & Barbara Fenstermaker (15 yrs), John Pfleegor, Viola Pfleegor & Vivian Hagerman (20 yrs), Helen Hummel (30yrs), Elizabeth Green (35 yrs) and Elsie Meehan (75



(California) Elsie Meehan

yrs). A special presentation was made to Elsie for her remarkable achievement of Diamond Grange



(California) California Grange & Pomona Grange

certificate.

Separately, both California Grange and Pomona Grange #30 recently attended UCC church service in Washingtonville, PA and enjoyed lunch together following services that were conducted by Pastor McNett.

BEECH GROVE GRANGE #1089

Honesdale High School seniors; Emma Olver and Tim Brown were each recipients of a \$1500.00 scholarship award from the Beech Grove Grange. This Grange is celebrating its 125th anniversary

this year and over many years, the Grange makes these presentations to worthy seniors who will be continuing their education in agriculture and related fields.

Emma will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania majoring in Biology – pre-Veterinary Medicine. Tim will be attending Johnson College in Scranton and will be studying diesel truck



(Beech Grove) Leroy Spoor (Grange Master), Tim Brown, Emma Olver, Jane Bollinger (Grange member) and John Kretschmer (Assistant High School Principal)

technology.



RUSSELLVILLE GRANGE #91

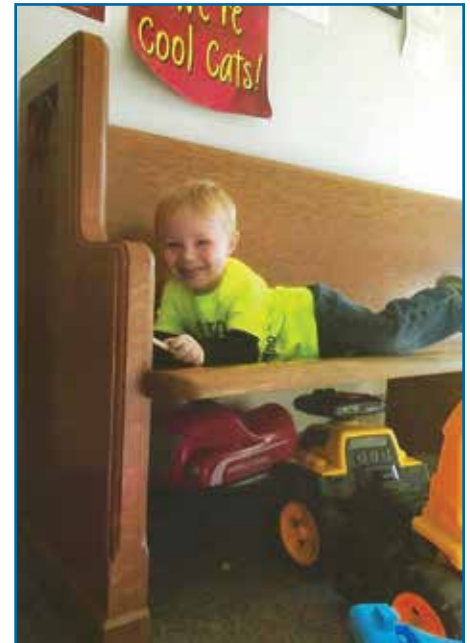
We're proud to have presented, recently, a certificate for 75 years of continuous membership in Russellville Grange to Francis Watterson. Seated next to Mr. Watterson is Charles Harris; our oldest member at 94 years young!

WARRIORS MARK GRANGE #974

I would like to "toot" the horn for our neighboring Grange, Warriors Mark # 974 in Huntingdon County. Their Grange is relatively small in number, but incredibly large at heart!

In addition to their monthly fund-raising dinners for their own Grange, they recently held a

charity fund-raiser for a local family whose little four-year old boy is fighting leukemia. The Wirtner family has been faced with medical decisions as well emotional strain and financial burdens in this jour-



(Warrior's Mark) Liam

ney with Liam.

According to Dan Durbin, Master of the Grange, the response from the community was phenomenal. They served 583 dinners and the income for the dinners was \$7400. In addition, the free-will donation jar netted \$1200 from patrons.

This was truly a "community service" project that involved not only their community, but neighboring communities who came together to support a local family.

Don't forget to take pictures of your Grange's Holiday events and send those pictures, along with a 50-60 word paragraph, to us by DECEMBER 28th for our March/April Issue of 2019!!! You can email those pictures and stories to us at: info@88dragon.com. or mail your stories and a picture or two to the Grange office: 20 Erford Road, Suite 216 Lemoyne, PA 17043





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PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE STRESSES BROADBAND AS TELEMEDICINE KEY

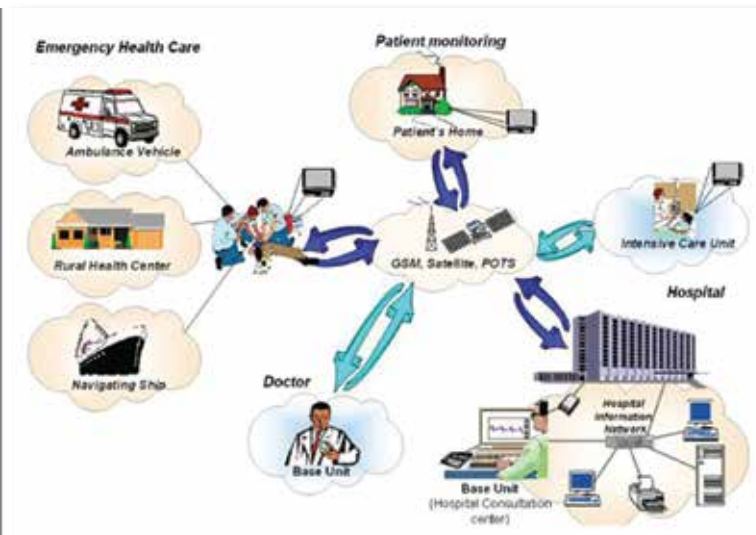
The Pennsylvania State Grange urged the Pennsylvania House Professional Licensure Committee to see the need for Broadband access in order for Telemedicine in rural areas to be effective. In testimony submitted to the committee in supporting Senate Bill 780 sponsored by Senator Elder Vogel (R-Beaver), Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell said that access to rural health care is critical given the shortage of health professionals and health care facilities.

"A person needing care travels farther and has fewer options for health care. Isolation compounds the mileage. Sometimes an elderly disabled person is literally cut off from the world. It is too difficult physically for him or her to travel 2-3 hours for care. Sometimes, medical care is neglected because it is simply too hard to access it," he said.

Campbell pointed to advantages with Telemedicine such as remote counseling, monitoring of vital signs and specific applica-

tions such as reviewing glucose levels. He pointed out that lack of access to the Internet and cell phone service takes away those advantages. *"If there is no Internet or cellular telephone access, there are no virtual visits and no remote*

panion to Senate Bill 780, which it supports. Concluding the testimony was a statement by Campbell: "We also hope that Pennsylvania will provide Telemedicine with what it truly needs to be effective, universal access to Broadband and adequate band width to under served areas."



automatic checks on a heart monitor or sleep apnea device. There is no visual opportunity for the health care professional to actually see the patient. To paraphrase the old television commercial, "Help! I can't get up and I can't tell anyone that I can't get up!"" he said.

The Pennsylvania State Grange urged legislators to look at universal Broadband as a com-

BACKGROUND NOTE: The Pennsylvania State Grange began in 1873 to serve as an advocate for rural Pennsylvanians. Broadband access is its top legislative priority. The Grange supports Telemedicine by advocating both the subject of the hearing, Senate Bill 780, and its House counterpart, House Bill 1648 sponsored by Rep. Marguerite Quinn (R-Bucks).

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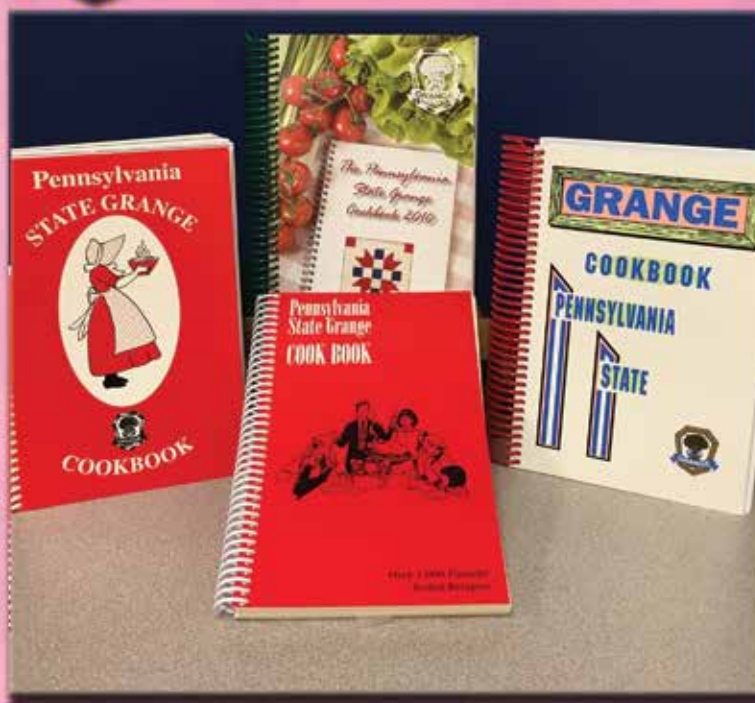
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Lemoyne, PA 17043
1-717-737-8855
www.pagrange.org (for order form)



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Christmas at Longwood Gardens

November 22-January 6



1001 Longwood Road,
Kennett Square, PA
[https://longwoodgardens.org/
events-and-performances/events/
longwood-christmas](https://longwoodgardens.org/events-and-performances/events/longwood-christmas)

Christmas Village in Philadelphia

November 22-December 24

Love Park

Christmas Village in Love Park,
Philadelphia, PA

<http://www.philachristmas.com>

Five Christmases at the Shriver House

November 22-December 15-

Shriver House - A Living History
Museum

309 Baltimore Street

Gettysburg, PA

<http://shriverhouse.org>

Saxonburg Christmas Parade



November 23

Main St., Saxonburg, PA
[https://www.visitbutlercounty.
com/events/26316-m/saxon-
burg-holiday-parade](https://www.visitbutlercounty.com/events/26316-m/saxonburg-holiday-parade)

Milton Model Train Museum

Christmas Open House

November 23-December 30

Milton Family Moose Center

139 S Front Street, Milton, PA

Christmas Craft Fair

November 24-November 25



Leesport Farmers Market
312 Gernants Church Road,
Leesport, PA
[https://leesportmarket.com/
events/event/christmas-craft-
fair/](https://leesportmarket.com/events/event/christmas-craft-fair/)

A Charlie Brown Christmas



November 28
FM Kirby Center
Wilkes-Barre, PA
[https://www.kirbycenter.org/
events/8a3/a_charlie_brown_
christmas/](https://www.kirbycenter.org/events/8a3/a_charlie_brown_christmas/)

Dickens of a Christmas

November 30-December 02

Ebensburg

300 West High Street,
Ebensburg, PA

Macy's Dickens Christmas Village

November 23-December 31



The Wanamaker Building at 13th
& Market Streets, Philadelphia,
PA [http://www.wanamakerorgan.
com/xmas.php](http://www.wanamakerorgan.com/xmas.php)

28th Annual Old Time Christmas



December 01
347 Quiet Valley Road,
Stroudsburg, PA
[http://quietvalley.org/old-time-
christmas](http://quietvalley.org/old-time-christmas)

Christmas With The Conductor



December 01-December 08
Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania
300 Gap Road, PA Route 741,
Strasburg, PA
<https://rrmuseumpa.org>

An Eisenhower Christmas

December 01-December 31
1195 Baltimore Pike,
Gettysburg, PA
<https://www.nps.gov/eise/index.htm>

Christmas Craft Fair (& Around the World Nativities)



November 30-December 1
Montrose Bible Conference
218 Locust St
Montrose, PA
http://www.montrosebible.org/OurEvents/tabid/113/page_550/2/eventid_550/103/Default.aspx

Avant-Garde Art and Craft Show December 1



Teamsters Local 249
4701 Butler St
Pittsburg, PA
<http://www.avantgardeshows.com/>

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

December 01-December 23



Walnut Street Theatre
825 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, PA
<http://walnutstreettheatre.org/season/kids.php>

The Nutcracker

December 01-December 02



Community Arts Center
220 West 4th Street,
Williamsport, PA
https://www.caclive.com/event/the-nutcracker/?spektrix_bounce=true

Dickens of a Christmas Celebration



December 2
Wellsboro, PA
<https://www.wellsboropa.com/index.php/dickens-of-a-christmas-celebration>

Christmas in Bloom Holiday Craft and Gift Show



December 8-9
Bloomsburg Fairgrounds
620 West 3rd Street
Bloomsburg, PA
<https://backwoodsgiftshows.wix-site.com/christmas-in-bloom>

The 30th annual Mifflinburg Christkindl Market



December 13-15
Mifflinburg, PA
<https://www.oldchristkindl.com>

Annual Holiday Tuba Carol Fest

December 14
Lincoln Square, Gettysburg, PA





NORWAY GRANGE #45
15 Whitman Street
Norway, Maine

By Heather Hiller

This past summer my husband and I again made our annual trek north to Maine for vacation. We've recently developed a habit of stopping off in an adorable little Maine town called Norway. Now, one of the cute traits of this area in Maine is the large number of towns named after foreign countries and cities. Within just a few miles you can find yourself in Norway, Naples, Sweden, Paris, Peru, Poland, Denmark, Carthage, Vienna, etc. One of the other extremely endearing aspects of Maine is the sense of "community" that most of the little towns have. Not only is most of their architecture period specific, creating a very cozy feel to most of the towns, but also the "locals" are incredibly friendly and helpful. Everyone says "hi", and eye contact is plentiful. What I've discovered, over the past five years of going up to Maine, is that most of the towns have one or two feature buildings that a vast majority of the citizens congregate around for community functions. In Norway, Maine, one of the buildings the townspeople gather at is the local Grange; Norway Grange #45. A few years ago, Norway Grange and Oxford Grange combined, as Oxford's membership seemed to be slipping away. Today, Norway Grange is a strong and vibrant part of the community social scene.

Norway Grange was first organized in 1874 and since its beginning, it has made it's self an in-

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A Community United

tegral part of the community. In 1918 the Grange was utilized as an emergency hospital during a flu epidemic. In 1922 a stable was built behind the Grange, which was then leased to local businesses and used as storage. In order to generate the funds needed to pay off all their debt, the Grange held dances, suppers, minstrel shows, sales and auctions... allowing them to pay off all debt on the building in 1940. Over the long history of Norway Grange, numerous members have served their country in the Armed Services...

dition, the Grange holds numerous free clothing giveaways, 2-3 free community breakfasts a year, and they even hold an occasional open mic night on Friday evenings. And lets not forget all the theater productions that are at home in Norway Grange!

In an age when getting younger members active in the Grange is harder than ever... maybe its time to take a lesson from one of our northern cousins... sometimes it's a great idea to think outside the box in order to become rele-



in fact, in World War II alone, 16 males and 1 female were active in the service!

More recently, in 2002 Norway Grange and OHMPAA signed an agreement allowing the theater use of the Grange building. In ad-

vant to your community. Norway Grange... rather than slide into the history pages, has chosen to keep up with the times and make themselves a cornerstone of local community services and the entertainment scene. This has allowed them to not only maintain a



healthy membership, but afforded them the ability to maintain their historic building as well as help out numerous people from their community and surrounding area.

If you would like to learn more about this fabulous Grange in Norway, Maine, please be sure to check out the website for the Oxford Hills Music & Performing Arts Association, the community theater which calls Norway Grange "home": <http://ohmpaa.com/grange.html>. Norway Grange also has a Facebook page... which is fun to follow... and may even give you some ideas for some activities at your local Granges.

Note from the Publisher:

Throughout this issue you will find many articles about holiday activities; cooking, decorating, entertainment, shopping, etc. In conjunction with this article about a Grange located in Maine... you may be picking up on a gener-

al "theme"... community. When I presented the idea, to President Wayne Campbell, to publish the entire list of Granges located in Pennsylvania in this issue... I didn't really give him a clear reason for why I wanted to do so; and we were reviewing the list, he asked me to remove the names of four Granges that were recently closed. The removal of those Granges is one of the reasons I chose to fill this issue with so many articles about "activities". We all make a choice to be active or inactive in our Granges. Those Granges that become inactive... they're no longer serving their community. Using Norway Grange (in Maine) as an example of how a local Grange transcends village boundaries, I believe we can ALL learn from their example... in order to stay relevant and grow our Granges!

The Pennsylvania State Grange in undertaking a large membership "push". While everyone in the State office is doing everything they can

to generate new and younger members, please don't forget that new members come from within your communities. The family that just moved into the neighborhood... have you knocked on their door with a smile, a welcome basket and information about your Grange? Not sure how to generate interest in your Grange? How about trying any number of the suggestions made in this issue? A Christmas Tree Decorating Contest open to the public, teach a public class on making wreaths, hold a fund-raiser to help out a few local flood victims, donate decorated trees to flood victims or "shut-ins", hold a holiday craft show and invite local artists and crafters to come in and sell their products... with a portion of the proceeds going to a local charity, etc. There are MANY ways to become a cornerstone within your community. Become relevant, and share the joy and fellowship which is **THE GRANGE WAY**.



2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We don't have many dates, yet, for 2019, but here's what we have so far. If your Grange is holding any yearly festivals or events, please email those dates to: info@88dragon.com by December 28th, 2018.

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

January 5-12, 2019
Farm Show Complex
Harrisburg, PA

FAMILY FESTIVAL

July 18-21, 2019
Centre County Fairgrounds
Centre Hall, PA

AG PROGRESS DAYS

August 18-20, 2019
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA

STATE SESSION

October 24-27, 2019
Ramada Inn & Convention Center
1450 N. Atherton Street, State College, PA

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Oh Christmas Tree!

Autumn...heading into winter... has to be my favorite time of year! People seem happier, friendlier, there's a snap to the air that makes you crave mulled cider, pumpkin pie and the wonderful scent of pine and cinnamon throughout the house. Yes... the holidays are a glorious time of year! While we are hustling and bustling about this season, let's please not forget the reason for the season... Christ. With the birth of Christ, we

were given hope. And with hope... anything is possible. The darkest days of deep winter become brighter with hope. Share that hope this year, at your Granges. This issue will find many ideas on how to make your Granges more a community centerpiece...and this article/pictorial is no different. How about holding a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest and Auction...



<http://christmastreedecoratingideas.balsamhill.com>



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with the proceeds going towards a needy family within your community. With all the flooding our state has witnessed this past summer, I'm sure there are local families who lost everything! Maybe donate the decorated trees to those families? Get your entire community involved...invite everyone to come in and decorate a tree. Charge each person enough to cover the

cost of the tree, they bring their own decorations, then either auction off the trees, or donate them to flood victims. This is the time of year for sharing hope... I hope these pages will give you many ideas on how to share that hope with others!
Peace be with you!
-Heather Hiller
Publisher





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Big Knob #2008

Beth Hawkins

California #941

Rob Welch

Chestnut Ridge #1133

Jason Clark

East Franklin #1709

Janna Bedosky

Steven L. Robison

Billy Jo Deluca Robison

Fassett #1567

Sarah Enos

Carolyn Lorensen

Linda Townsend

Ginger Hill #1549

Benn Bucchianeri

Ruth Bucchianeri

Melissa Giran

John Giran

Halfmoon #290

Philip Huey

Rev. D. Robert Ludrowksy

Maria Musselman

Drew Musselman

Harvey's-Aleppo #1444

Patricia L. Keller

Alexes F. Keller

Olga Jo Lewis

Gloria Smith

Hickory #1285

Carl Calliari

Wayne Daugherty

Barbara L. Daugherty

Tanya Duttry

Mack Duttry

Shawn Ebbert

Dr. James Godlowski

Francis Groves

Dorothy Harriger

John Harriger

Lynn Hitt

Gail Kalgren

Shawna Kalgren

Tammy Kalgren

James Keck

Jeremiah Keck

Mary Keck

Debra Kramer

Neria McFall

Thomas McFall

Conrad Milliron

Jennifer Milliron

Britt Shaffer

Phyllis Shaffer

Heather Shirey

Susan Smith

Hookstown #1980

Ashton Beckert

Sally Cain

Darryl Jenkins

Christine Jenkins Matthews

Jeffrey McCartney

Megal Muller

Ayden Reckner

Trevor Williams

Log Cabin Unity #2110

Danielle Perseghetti

Manequa #754

Marjorie Spencer

Stanley Strong

Sue Strong

Penns Valley #158

Amy Illgen

Plainfield #1727

Tracy Aichele

Steve Aichele

Michael Bates

Kristen Bates

Vonny E. Eckman

Cormine Eisenhart

Susan Getz

David Walton

Kathleen Walton

Plumsteadville #1738

Robert Gilbert

Kaitlyn Gilbert

William Penecale

Leslie Penecale

George Shaver

Amy M. Smith

Port Matilda #1284

Brooke Baker

Red Lion #1781

Heather Gibson

Schnecksville #1684

Matthew Breger

Lindsay Breger

Jason Conrad

Janna Conrad

Greg Duncan

Deborah Duncan

Robert Fahler

Suzanne Fahler

Brian Kern

Colette Kern

Scrubgrass #1705

Austin Brocklehurst

Sue Brocklehurst

Shirley Master

Wison M. Master

Sparta #110

Michael Cyphert

Cody Martin

Barbara L. Martin

Brian May

Brad Mifsud

Kathy Miller

Tioga #1223

Aimee Barton

Shenelle Brockway

April Campbell

Shannon Cossell

Jesse Dilly

Greta Foster

Penny Heffner

Jamie McCormick

Danielle Stone

Brittnee Warren

Virgenville #1832

Kaylen Leiby

Veronica Heckman

IN MEMORIAM

Sanatoga #25

Stanley J. Kopistecki Sr.

Canasatego #27

Shirley Temple

Wysauking Sheshequin #58

Aileen Learn

Brandywine #60

William D. Teter

Progress #96

Naomi Bolek

Logan #109

Lillian Boldin

Kenneth Runkle

Hazel M. Peters

Goshen #121

Helen Shaffer

Union #152

Albert Haagen

Halfmoon #290

Don Hazle

Unoin #325

Merrill A. Chambers

Dorothy Semple

Mike Bodle

Atlantic #344

Elizabeth Marsh

Hartslog Valley #375

James Finkle

Middletown #684

Elizabeth DeYoung

Milford #773

Esther Cramer

Retha Stone

Walker #786

Donald Q. Adams

Beatrice Wirt

Hayfield #800

Pauline Olin

John W. Hunter

Robert Mosier

Rundells #871

James Austin

Vernon #936

Robert Agnew

California #941

Anna Mary Yeager

Dolores Yost

Betty Roarabaugh

Edinboro #947

Joyce Nye

Oliver #1069

Rev James Gold

Beech Grove #1089
Marge Fritsch
Chestnut Ridge #1133
David Day
Victoria #1193
Sterry Root
Central #1216
Kathryn Vanwegan
Odin #1254
Elouise Haynes
Easy Lynn #1263
Philip Cloud
Hickory #1285
Lois Daugherty
Marshallton #1394
William E. Supplee
Harveys-Alleppo #1444
Janet Frye
Ontelaunee #1617
Geraldine Kauffman
Carol E. Schaeffer
Pauline Wagner
Central #1650
Lorraine Krause
Plumsteadville #1738
Anna Simons
Rural Valley #1750
Lois Himes

Betty Stewart
Kingwood #1765
Kathryn Livengood
Pioneer #1777
Jeannette Hess
Shermanata #1796
J T Phillips
Floyd Taylor
Spring Church #1803
Emerson Klingensmith
Perry Valley #1804
Arthur Fisher
Virginville #1832
Paul Seidel
Lillian K. Mengel
Fleetwood #1839
Ernestine Kniss
Pleasant Hill #1861
Olive Brawley
Delaware #1895
Dale Lose
South Buffalo #1908
Elizabeth Kucik
Homer L. Otterman
Baileyville #1991
Rachel Parsons
Arlan Temeles

Walker #2007
Doris Haagen
Madison #2064
J. Clyde McMillen

SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

Sanatoga #25
Kathryn Geist - 1928
Buffalo #1523
Joe DePetro - 1928
Alice Grimm - 1924
Eleanor Hunter - 1915
Robert Johnson - 1918
Irene Powell - 1928
Louise Stuck - 1925
Evelyn Wood - 1922

*[Correction to an error in the last issue:
Our apologies to Ms. **BETTY YINDER,**
of **VALLEY GRANGE #1360.** We
incorrectly placed her name under "IN
MEMORIAM", when we should have
helped her celebrate her BIRTHDAY!
Our deepest apologies...and we wish
Ms. Yinder many more BIRTHDAY'S!]*

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