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Spotted Lanternfly

Know what to look for

Spotted lanternfly adults are about 1 inch long and a half inch wide with wings folded.

Nymphs are ¼- to ½-inch long and develop through four stages, all of which are wingless.

Egg masses have a gray, mud-like covering, which can become dry and cracked over time. Older egg masses may lose their covering and appear as columns of 30-50 seed-like eggs. Egg masses can be found on trees, rocks, and other hard surfaces.

A. Adult, wings closed



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B. Adult, wings open



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C. Nymph, early stage



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D. Nymph, late stage



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E. Egg mass, fresh



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F. Egg mass, older



Kimberly Swanson

Report a Sighting

1. Check if you're in or out of the quarantine zone by visiting extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly
2. Kill and collect the specimen by freezing it or placing it in rubbing alcohol. If you are able, take a picture of it.
3. Report the sighting online at extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly. If you cannot access the internet, call 888-4-BADFLY (888-422-3359) toll-free. Please only use this hotline for sightings outside of the quarantine zone.

Stop the Spread

1. Destroy all life stages of spotted lanternfly that you find.
2. Check your car and outdoor equipment for spotted lanternfly eggs, nymphs, and adults before moving within or out of the quarantine zone. Don't move firewood.
3. Share your spotted lanternfly knowledge with others!



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Jodi Keith Kensinger &
Andrew Kieffer!





From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
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Dear Fellow Grangers,

The temperatures are warming up and we are looking forward to a new planting season. We all hope and pray for a good year for crop production after the rainy year we all endured last year.

April is Grange Month and I encourage everyone to promote the Grange in your area. We are planning a "Day on the Hill" April 09, 2019. This would be a great time to gather your friends and neighbors and come to Harrisburg for the day. This gives you an opportunity to meet face to face with your Legislators or their staff. You can ask questions as to where your Legislator stands on various issues. It gives them a chance to hear where you and the Grange stand on the issues. We live in an electronic society, but meeting face to face has more of an impact than just words in an email.

I have experienced the difference between an email and personal contact with a Legislator. Just like in our daily lives, when they see and hear from you on a regular basis and in a productive way, you develop a relationship. Government should be built on relationships from all walks of life coming together for the common good of all. Government works when there is good communication!

When you visit with your Representatives and Senators tell them your "story". Express to them real life experiences that show how a bill will or has affected your life or others you know. By telling your "story" you make it real, especial-



ly when it comes from the heart. Thank them for their service and offer your contact information so they can communicate with you on the issues.

National Grange Legislative Fly In will be April 28 – 30, 2019. Consider putting together a car load, a van, or even a bus trip to Washington D.C. from your area. Visit the National Grange Headquarters while in the Nation's Capitol. Everything I just spoke about can apply to our National Legislators as well. Make your voice heard!

This Spring let's plant seeds of many different kinds. Seeds to generate legislative action, seeds to grow into food to nourish ourselves and our animals, and seeds to grow our Grange.

We are all GRANGE SUPER HEROES!!!

Fraternally,
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Chaplain's Corner

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PA State Grange Chaplain

Seasons of Life

As I write this article, I am reminded of the scripture verse in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." You see we have just celebrated the Christmas season and now as you receive this newsletter, we are entering the Lenten season.

I found a neat quote the other day: Don't put Christ away when you put your Christmas ornaments away! What a good piece of advice that is. So often we just move on and don't think about the "reason for the season" until it is time to begin shopping for next year's Christmas. However, we can rejoice in the fact that He is with us every day in every way if we acknowledge Him. And we become more aware of that as we approach Holy Week and the Easter season.

My, how things change from the excitement and happiness at the birth of the baby to the ridicule and shame they heap on Jesus' head right up to the cruel and painful crucifixion. However, our ray of hope emerges with the glorious resurrection, just as He promised, on Easter morning! A tangible example of this for us is the caterpillar: just when it thought its life was over, it turned into a beautiful butterfly!!

Well, March and April finds us in the throes of changing seasons also, at least in Pennsylvania where we go from frigid winter to sunny springtime.

We put away the snow shovels, wooly scarfs and ear muffs and drag out the rototiller, packages of seeds and the garden gloves! At our house, it also means raking all the sticks and dead leaves that have accumulated over the winter so the new grass and Crocus have a fighting chance to come to life and grace our lawns and flower beds. Life is not over, it is a new beginning!

So it is with our lives. Birthdays have a way of changing us and our abilities to accomplish tasks. Days and years pass by and we no longer can run 10 miles, or clean our houses, do laundry, bake bread and prepare an elegant meal ALL IN ONE DAY! And it takes longer to repair, restore, and paint a tractor than it did 10 years ago. However, as the seasons of our lives change, there is still a purpose for us: we can rejoice in the fact that we can still study and share the Word of our Lord, minister to the needs of



others with visits, phone calls or cards AND as Paul encouraged the Thessalonians, "pray without ceasing."

This way we can remember that Christ is the reason for the season of Christmas and Christ is the reason for the season of Easter AND Christ is the reason we can rejoice in each new season in our lives!

God Bless You and Keep You in His Presence this Easter Season and Always!

Prayerfully yours,
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Membership News

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My husband, Cliff, and I love history. We often go to Gettysburg to immerse ourselves in the Civil War by walking the battlefield, researching, and discussing what we discover. Cliff loves details like tactical locations on the battlefield, what happened where, what made battle maneuvers successful etc. He leads the way on hikes where we jaunt off the "beaten path" to explore the area. Hiking the hills isn't my first choice of learning history, but I do it. What really draws me in is looking at artifacts, antiques, and learning about the many personal stories documented from the people who were involved in the war. Cliff fills in gaps with details to the stories that make the stories even more meaningful.

It is no wonder that we are drawn to the Grange with such grand history and the many, many stories. I've been reading about Oliver Hudson Kelley and his being commissioned by President Andrew Jackson to go to the South after the Civil War and assess the condition of the farming community so plans could be put together for revitalization. Kelley toured the Southern farms and was surprised how inefficient-

ly they were run. He kept a journal of his tours on this trip. When he returned, Caroline, his niece compiled his notes, which eventually turned into a book.

Oliver Hudson Kelley was a visionary. He saw the issues, and he was able to see a bigger picture to resolve the problems. He fell in love with his dream, which created passion that turned into a vision that created the Grange. I tell peo-



ple all the time that the Grange is a wonderful organization based on family values and sense of community. Family values never go out of style and I think people crave them more now than ever. We need to share our historical stories, and then add a more modern spin to them to make them relatable to a younger generation. It is important that we continue to embrace

Kelley's passion and his vision and look to our future on how to advance the vision for future generations.

Here are some very basic guidelines to accomplish a vision:

1. So you have a dream that you love and you have a burning desire to make it a reality. The first thing you need to do is put your vision in writing.
2. After successfully writing the vision down, study it and start to generate some ideas that can create a plan.
3. Next, set goals that are small obtainable steps to accomplish your plan. These steps are so important and they guide your success in achieving the goals.
4. Remember, establish your steps and get them put into place. Once the steps are done, revisit them, and adjust them as necessary.

What is your dream for your Grange?

Yours in Grange service,
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Family Activities

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Hi everyone! Hope all is well in the new year. My year for Grange has started already! I've ordered the tickets for the quilt this year: "Railroad Crossing", and then I headed off to the Farm Show, on January 5th, to sell tickets.

I'm now getting ready for our tour this year for Family Festival in July. This year we will be going to the Pasto Ag Museum. The Pasto Ag museum is on the Ag

Progress Days grounds, and is a learning center that will do hands on programs for our tour. I hope everyone will sign up for the tour. I think you will like it there, as it should be very interesting. Any questions about the contest or quilt pattern... just call or email me please.

Yours Truly,
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Penn State University... Need To Know!

The college is working with PDA and USDA in surveillance, management, and public education regarding the invasive spotted lanternfly in Pennsylvania. Towards that end, we are creating educational materials for distribution both online and in print.

All of our content and a process to report any sightings of SLF across the state are on our website at extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly (or you can just search PSU SLF). We also have a SLF hotline set up to answer questions from the public and to report sightings outside of the quarantine zone - **888-4-BADFLY (888-422-3359)** toll-free.

Spotted lanternfly permits are required for businesses and organizations if you are moving within or from the quarantine zone in the course of your work. We are working with PDA to create an online course for training and permitting purposes for businesses operating within the quarantine

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Program Director

Jenn Nauss

PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope this article finds you enjoying the start of 2019!

Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference

Pennsylvania is hosting the 2019 Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference March 15-17 in Gettysburg. A busy, exciting weekend has been planned for ALL Grange leaders, including Lecturers. Some sessions include trainings in how to develop high-quality programs, a Lecturer's roundtable to share program ideas, an introduction to the 2019 National Grange Quilt Block Contest, and a PR workshop on how to advertise and publicize programs. Check out the registration information on the State Grange website – I hope to see many of you there!

Family Festival

Family Festival will be here before we know it – July 18-21, 2019 at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds. The theme this year is "The Fifties—The Movers and The Shakers". The Lecturer's Committee will be hosting two workshops that weekend – one on program development and another on wreath-making. Come prepared to design and create a wreath that can be entered in the contest at this year's State Session.

The annual **Talent Contest** will be held during Family Festival. Contestants may enter in **Vocal**, **Instrumental**, or **Variety** categories.

The Best-of-Show winner will be selected and share their talent at this year's National Session in Minnesota.

Contests

It is not too early to begin working on your contests for State Session! Please reference the 2019 Guide to Contests and Programs, which can be found on the State Grange website or with your Subordinate Secretaries.

Lecturer's Committee

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the Lecturer's Committee. Please feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions about the Lecturer's Department.

- Sara Benizio, Beaver County
- Miranda Irons, Warren County
- Tammy Shaeffer, Berks County
- Denae Zvarick, Montgomery County

Program Ideas

March:

National Women's History Month. Did you know that the Grange was ahead of the times in granting women the right to vote, decades before the 19th Amendment was ratified? Plan a program to educate your members and the community about this important part of Grange history!

- 3/10: Daylight Savings Begins
- 3/17: St. Patrick's Day
- 3/30: National Doctor's Day; Invite a local medical professional to talk about the health-care system

April:

- 4/15: Tax Day; invite a local

accountant to talk about how to file your own taxes, or local resources that offer tax services

- 4/21: Easter
- 4/22: Earth Day; Invite a representative from your county Conservation District to present a program

May:

- 5/6: National Nurse's Day
- 5/7: National Teacher's Day; Work with your Community Service chair to collect classroom supplies to donate to local teachers; invite a teacher to talk about public education and accept the donation
- 5/12: Mother's Day
- 5/27: Memorial Day

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the many Grange events planned for this year!

Jenn Nauss

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zone. That course should launch in mid-August.

Until then, you will find existing permitting instructions at:

https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/quarantine/Pages/default.aspx

All the best,
Mary

Mary F. Wirth
Director

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Editors note: as we did in 2018, each 2019 issue of the PGN will contain additional information about this devastating pest.



So You Want To Be A Code Reader?

In 2017, the National Grange Youth Department began sponsoring a Code Reading contest in conjunction with the Assembly of Demeter. The secret work of the Grange, including the signs, salutations, and procedures of the organization, can be found in the Code Book. The Code Book is written in code and requires a Cipher to be read.

In the first year of the contest, fellow Outstanding Young Patron, Phil Vonada and I competed and were awarded first and second prize in the Novice Category; we both read the required sections with no errors.

This year, Phil again read the required sections with no errors and took first place in the Novice Category. I advanced to the Patron Category, which required that I read nearly the entire Code Book. I had the honor to read with the High Priest of Demeter, Bruce Croucher. The Patron Contest follows the Code Reading Award of Merit card requirements. In completing this task, I was awarded first place in the category and was also granted my Code Reading Card. I received an award for my accomplishments, which I was proud and humbled to receive. High Priest of Demeter, Bruce Croucher, handcrafted a beautiful gavel made from cherry wood from his property.

More information about the contest may be found in the National Grange Youth Program and Contest Handbook. It is interesting – and a lot of fun – to decode the Code Book and learn more about our Grange history and heritage. For any one who is interested in learning more, please feel free to contact me. Code Books and Ciphers may be requested from the High Priest of Demeter, Bruce Croucher.

Jenn Nauss
Lecturer and Past National Grange
Outstanding Young Patron



MID-ATLANTIC SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR RENEWED FOCUS ON TARIFF STANDOFF



Lemoine, PA...

The Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association (MASA) called upon Federal policymakers not to lose sight of agricultural trade even as other issues like the government shut down and The Wall appear to be dominating policy discussions now.

Representing soybean growers in PA, NJ, MD and DE, MASA said that agricultural trade should be at the center of trade negotiations and that Congress and the Administration must keep its focus on regaining the Chinese market for U.S. soybeans. The six months of the Chinese retaliation to U.S. tariff actions have halted sales, reduced crop prices, and severely impacted U.S. soybean growers.

The value of U.S. soybean exports to China grew 26-fold in ten years, from \$414 million in 1996 to \$14 billion in 2017. China imported 31 percent of U.S. production in 2017, equal to 60 percent of total U.S. agricultural exports and nearly one in every three rows of harvested soybeans.

U.S. soybean growers realized a nearly 20 percent drop in soy prices since last summer, and the future of soy growers' relationship with China continues to be in jeopardy. China has pursued new avenues from which to procure soybeans and other protein crops, including maximizing soybean imports from other exporting countries, particularly Brazil.

"Once, Agricultural exports were the bright spot in America's trade picture", said MASA Executive Director Vince Phillips. "Soybean growers fear that China will conclude that America is no longer a desirable trading partner and will decide to keep their soybean business elsewhere. Resolving this lingering trade war with China will help restore certainty and stability to the soy industry."



cover story

Leading Our Youth

JODI KEITH KENSINGER

State Grange Outstanding Young Patron

My name is Jodi Keith Kensinger and I am the 2018-2019 Pennsylvania State Grange Young Patron. I currently reside in Martinsburg (Blair County) with my husband, Ben and our 2 cats, Muffy & Casper. We built a house on my husband's family land, near the family dairy farm where they milk over 100 cows and farm over 200+ acres of hay, corn and soy beans. I work off the farm for Geisinger, working in the Radiology Dept. doing mammograms. But in my spare time, I am enjoying time with family and friends, Grange & Church functions, scrapbooking, and reading. I am the secretary of Lincoln Grange #914 (Huntingdon Co.), Master of Huntingdon Co. Pomona #6 and Jr. Chair of our Junior Grange #509.



I feel like I have been a Grange member my entire life.... my parents, John and Cindy Keith, met in the Grange, at Junior/Youth camp whenever it was held at Camp Kanesatake. So, I have gone to every Grange function and can remember playing on the floor behind Dad's Master station while he was conducting the meeting. I also traveled to many Grange functions with my grandparents, Harry & Joan Keith and my aunt and uncle, Betty & Dean Grove. Now that I am grown up, I have taken an active role in my local and county Granges and also on the State level as well, serving as State Pomona & Flora (2008-2016). I have served as State Youth Ambassador and went on to serve as National Youth Mentor (now known as National Youth Ambassador). I have learned a great deal through the Grange.... how to speak in public (through the public speaking contests), how to use sign language and speak to deaf people, how to conduct a meeting and get business done, etc. People have asked me why I like the Grange so much..... The reason is it's a family organization in which everyone is welcomed, from babies to adults! I have "family" all over the state of Pennsylvania and across the nation. I love the Grange and honestly cannot imagine life without it. When my husband & I got together.... he had to join the Grange.... and someday our future children will be part of this great organization!

When Wayne asked me to write this article, he was curious to get my insight on what it was like to marry a dairy farmer.... So here it is.... Being married to a dairy farmer is hard and tough and comes with its own challenges, but also its own rewards. There are many days that we barely see each other, usually at 5:30 A.M. when I leave for work and then again at 10 P.M. when he gets home. Often many of our date nights consisted of late night tractor rides with supper, under a moonlight sky. But at the end of the day, he was always hap-

py to see me and hear about my day. There were other times when I would be sitting on our front porch swing, listening to the evening breeze when he would roll up in his pick up truck and sit with me, listening to the corn blow in the breeze and the crickets crick in the darkness. Those are the times that I am grateful for.... Quiet times with just him and me, enjoying some of God's great masterpieces.

I am very excited about my year as the PA Young Patron and would gladly love the opportunity to come and visit your Grange! Please contact me today so that I can come visit you and your members. Please contact me at 814-644-1481 or email me at sunflowercow19@yahoo.com.

May you all have a wonderful Easter and spring season! God Bless!

Love Always and Forever,
Jodi Keith Kensinger
2018-2019 Pennsylvania Grange Outstanding Young Patron

ANDREW KIEFFER

National Junior Mentor Award Recipient

*(article by Lurae Benzio
Pennsylvania State Grange Junior Grange Director)*

The Pennsylvania Jr. Grange Department had no problem deciding who should be their first nominee for the new National Grange Award Honoring Youth age Grange members who mentor Jr. Grangers within their state.

Andrew Kieffer was our nominee without any question and we had confidence that he would do well "competing" against other states' nominees. To be clear, there wasn't an actual physical competition where the nominees had to jump through hoops or run laps around the Grange hall. The judges were given the applications to look over and determine who

Through Example

was worthy of this award, the first to be given at the National Convention, held in Stowe, VT.

If you are not familiar with Andy, as many of us call him, let us enlighten you so you can better understand why he was our nominee for this awesome honor. Andy was born into a dairy farm family in the mid 80's and entered this world with his twin sister, Vicki, leading the way. As a young boy he enjoyed all the joys and work of farm life and grew to love it. Today, Andy is a hardworking farmer who has gained valuable work skills, learned many lessons from working the land and helping with the everyday farm operations. He is dedicated to the family business and takes humble pride in being one of our Pennsylvania Farmers.

Andy became a Junior Grange member at a young age. He attended events in Berks County and enjoyed years at state camp and other events. As Andy moved into the Youth age, he enjoyed spending a week of summer vacation being a counselor at camp and helping with workshops, activities and keeping the oldest boy's cabin, aka Cabin #7, in line. For nearly 2 decades, he has been an avid supporter of Junior programs and does so without asking for much fanfare. In fact, Andy oftentimes doesn't recognize his own worth or value in his talents and sometimes doubts his own worth. When Lurae Benzio attended her first camp as the Junior Grange Director she immediately saw that Andy had to be a part of her "team" and told him sternly - with a smile - that he is NOT permitted to miss camp as long as she was "in charge". Lurae recognized that Andy was a silent leader and enjoyed working with the youngest Grange members and helping them learn many lessons of the Grange. Each year Lurae tells Andy that he is not "too old" to be at camp and that he is not permitted to retire from his camp duties.

The Junior Grange Camp is full of fun activities and exciting events. Along with the fun and games there are many times during the week to teach Grange ritual and conduct a full Junior Grange meeting complete with entrance and exit drills. The campers all have a part to play when it is their time to run a meeting. Andy not only takes time to write the drills for the campers to learn, but teaches it to them within a couple of hours. For those who have marched in drills and been an officer, you know the time it can take to learn a drill. Along with teaching the drill, Andy brings appropriate and often times themed music to march to and we are in suspense to see what he comes up with each year.

Besides conducting the meetings and teaching drills, Andy is willing to do anything to help keep camp running smoothly. He has formed many long lasting friendships with young and young at heart Grangers and continues to offer his skills year after year. But his work of the Grange doesn't stop there. Andrew is a member of Marion Grange #1853 in Berks County and serves as an officer in both the local and county levels. He has also been a State officer for many years and was recently elected to the position of Steward at the 2018 PA State Session. Andy helps at many of the local and county events volunteering his time and supporting the Grange in all areas. Some would wonder how he has time to work at the family farm or sing in a local quartet or enjoy spending time with his family.

Andrew was honored at the 152nd National Grange Convention in Stowe, VT in November while attending the G.R.O.W. Club Dinner. He had just found out a few weeks prior that the Pennsylvania Junior Grange Dept. had nominated him as they announced it at the Pennsylvania State Session in October. Andy was awarded with a plaque along with fellow Elizabeth and Kegan Williams of Ore-

gon who were also inaugural winners of this award.

In a true humble way, Andy responded to many words of congratulations on the Junior Grange Facebook page with these words; "Thank you all for the congratulations and kind words. I thank the committee for even nominating me. However, I must point out that teaching drills at camp would not be nearly as successful without such a great group of campers. I must also thank the helpers and counselors who assist with the teaching and execution of the drills."

Once again, the Junior Grange committee wants to thank Andy for his talents and help with the Jr. Grange program, especially at State Camp and we offer our Congratulations in receiving the National Junior Mentor Award.





Rural Broadband Access

By Thomas A. Barstow
Contributing Writer
January 10, 2019

C. Sherman Allen finds himself getting up at 4 a.m. to send emails and use the internet because his connection might not work later in the day from his home in rural Conneaut Lake in western Pennsylvania.

If he gets a buffering symbol, as he often does, he has learned to just walk away and go do other things involving his home-based business, C. Sherman Allen Auctioneer & Associates.

“Where I live, we don’t have cable,” said Allen, who was among about 25 people who attended a rural broadband seminar Thursday morning at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Allen is among perhaps millions of Pennsylvanians who either don’t have access to broadband internet or who don’t have the internet speeds needed to run modern tools for small businesses, students and farmers. The panel was arranged by the Pennsylvania State Grange, which has made rural broadband its main issue in recent years. Panelists included State Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill of York County; Betsy Huber, President of the National Grange; Steve Sa-

mara, President of the Pennsylvania Telephone Association; and Sheri Collins, Deputy Secretary of the State Office of Technology and Innovation with the Department of Economic and Community Development.

ment – or telemedicine. Students also find themselves without the ability to do basic homework assignments.

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Progress still agonizingly slow for rural regions

The Grange held a similar meeting at the Farm Show a year ago, so the panelists updated the audience on developments since. They outlined how the broadband issue is a suburban problem, not just a rural issue, and how even parts of some urban areas also have access issues. Those lacking broadband cannot take advantage of features such as GPS – which is needed to run modern farm equip-

ment – or telemedicine. Students also find themselves without the ability to do basic homework assignments. Huber has been on national committees that have been studying the problems for years. A number of recommendations have been made to federal agencies that could help alleviate the problems. Model municipal codes and streamlined administrative reviews might help companies gain easier access to communication poles, for example, so new infrastructure could be erected, she mentioned. In Pennsylvania, a company trying to run 20 miles of new broadband might have to go through four different



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municipalities and their various zoning rules, she noted. Standard best practices would help accelerate deployment of new systems, she said. She added, however, that there is no timeframe for when the recommendations might be adopted.

No quick fixes

While the problems are evident, the solutions have been slower to develop, the panelists noted, partly because the deployment of new systems is costly. In December, the efforts got a boost when the U.S. Department of Agriculture said it would be offering up to \$600 million in loans and grants to build broadband infrastructure nationwide. That might sound like a lot, but the panelists noted that in Pennsylvania alone the cost could be up to \$1 billion to extend broadband to all corners of the state by 2022, which is a stated goal of the Wolf administration.

"It is a billion-dollar proposition to get us to 100 MBPS in rural Pennsylvania," said Samara. "That is a B, not an M."

Collins said that she was made a point person for the State in the fall, so she is still learning about the issues. She noted that Gov. Tom Wolf is committed to solving the problem. The State has invested in infrastructure through various funding sources, such as an initiative to leverage federal dollars with State Department of Transportation money to extend broadband along highways.

Some of the panelists noted that funding always will be an issue and that it is difficult to get agreement on consumer fee increases, even if it is something like a relatively modest 25 cents tacked onto existing monthly fees. Because it is a largely rural problem, Samara noted, fee increases are tough sells in urban areas.

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Wayne Campbell, President of the Pennsylvania State Grange, noted that many urban projects, such as sports arenas, get financial help from all state residents, so all sides should work together on broadband solutions. Knowing that issues exist in suburban areas, as well, should help garner widespread support through education, the experts noted.

Allen, whose family also runs a dairy farm from his home, said he is a Grange member and attends the Farm Show every year. He attended the first forum on rural broadband last year.

"In my business, I use the internet to do searches on items we are selling," he said, noting that he also does a lot of work on his smartphone. "I do a lot of email."

He said he has tried to gauge his internet speed by using an online tool, but the speeds were so slow he couldn't get an actual

gauge. He is not exactly sure what the issues are, but he is concerned that customers might be paying for speeds they are not getting.

"I am not a techy person," he said. "But I don't think there was a whole heck of a lot accomplished since last year. That is my take on it. I guess that is the way the wheels of government turn."

Campbell and others noted that the successes are there, including a recent announcement about a plan to make improvements in Potter County.

"This is a project that is not going to be completed in one year or two years or even three or four years," he said at the start of the meeting.



DAY ON THE HILL



On Tuesday April 9, the Pennsylvania State Grange is inviting you to make a difference here in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania General Assembly is considering legislation which can affect you, your families and communities.

Think about some of these issues:

- Rural PA does not have equal access to Internet or cell phone service. PA State Grange advocates for sufficient Internet speed and cell service for all.
- There is a threat to continued land-line telephone service. PA State Grange advocates this service be maintained.
- Some want to curtail print advertising of legal notices in your newspaper. PA State Grange believes this would exclude many rural and urban communities with insufficient Internet access.
- There is legislation regarding Telemedicine which would be helpful to parts of rural PA... and much, much more.

And of course, the State Budget is the BIG issue in the spring! Will there be adequate funding for Pennsylvania's Number One industry, Agriculture? Will Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine get the funding they need? Will there be legislation to protect farmland? Will property owners' Marcellus Shale royalty payments be preserved? These are questions you can help answer by coming to Harrisburg.

Relax. We will make the appointments for you. There will be training on how to talk with legislators and staff for best results. There will be talking points. No one travels alone. You will always be with your fellow Grangers.

Please return the attached registration form, found on page 15.

You have a personal stake in protecting your community!



PA State Grange Legislative Day in Harrisburg

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

GRANGE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please register me as an attendee:

I am a: _____ Grange Member _____ Friend of the Grange

Please schedule appointments with:

My State Representative: _____

My State Senator: _____

Other Legislators with whom I would like to meet:

_____ / _____ / _____

Schedule

Before 8:30 a.m.

Arrive at the State Capitol, East Wing Rotunda
(East side of building)

8:30 – 9:00 a.m

Briefing on issues and on how to communicate
effectively with legislators and staff

9:00 a.m.

Appointments begin

9:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Meetings with lawmakers, committee chairmen
and others; Lunch is Dutch treat
between **11:30a.m. and 1:00 p.m**
in the Capitol Cafeteria depending on your
individual legislative visit schedule.

Send or Fax Your Registration Form to
Vince Phillips, PA State Grange
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Family Festival

THE 50'S

"THE MOVERS AND THE SHAKERS"

Schedule of Events

July 18-21, 2019



Thursday, July 18

1:00 - 5:30 Registration- Bldg A
5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
7:00-- Registration - Bldg A
7:00-8:00 Welcome: Betsy Huber & Wayne
Campbell 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

9:00-10:30 Youth Activity - TBA - Bldg A
10:00-11:30 Young Patron Interviews - Bldg B
10:30 - 11:45 "Meeting Grease" - Dr. Diamond
Basic Parliamentary Skills
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
1:00-3:30 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
Food Safety Workshop
2:00-4:00 Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B
3:30-4:30 Program Development Workshop-
Bldg A - Lecturer Committee
5:00-6:00 Dinner - Bldg D
Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes,
Corn, Sweet Potatoes, Applesauce &
Tossed Salad
7:00 Talent Contest - Bldg A
Introduction of Royalty
Ice Cream Social
Cake Walk
Vespers
11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Friday, July 19

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
Quilt Block
Painting-Bldg C
10:00-11:00 English Paper Piercing Workshop
10:30-12:00 Registration - Bldg A
11:00-12:00 PR Workshop - Vision Boards
w/ Lizzie-Bldg A
12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
1:30-4:00 Tour-Pasto Ag Museum @
Penn State Research Center
2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg A
2:00-3:00 Make your Own Wreath Workshop
Bldg A (State Contest -
Lecturer's Comm.)
3:00-5:00 Junior/Youth Water Games
5:30-6:30 Dinner - Bldg D - Hamburgers,
Hot Dogs, Macaroni Salad,
Baked Beans & Cookies
Hosted by the FA & assisted by
Youth Departments
7:00-9:00 Sock Hop - Dress the Theme Plus
Soda Floats Bldg A
9:00-9:15 Cake Walk
9:15 Vespers-Bldg A
9:30 Knowledge TEST - Bldg C
11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



Sunday, July 21

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

Assistance cleaning and packing up of Bldg. D is
much appreciated
Thank You!
Wishing you a safe trip Home!

Saturday, July 20

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



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Family Festival

July 18-21, 2019

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THE MOVERS AND THE SHAKERS

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RV/Camper-mates: _____

Length: _____ Ft. Trailer or Motor Home
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Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

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_____ Friday Dinner	\$6.00	_____
_____ Saturday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____
_____ Saturday Lunch	\$5.50	_____
_____ Saturday Dinner	\$8.00	_____
_____ Sunday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____

(please check desired meals)

Tent Fee X \$15.00 _____

RV/Camper Fee X \$25.00 _____

RV Dumping Fee(\$25.00) _____

Registration Fee (\$5.00/person-4
and under Free) _____

Pasto Ag Museum @ Penn State
Research Center Tour (\$10.00) _____

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Workshop _____

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Total Cost _____

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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.

If you are like most Grangers, you have strong feelings about things which are important to you, your family, and your community. You know that these views are important – even vital. Sometimes, these beliefs that you have are life-saving, community-enhancing, or represent the values you hold so dearly. You care about schools. You care about jobs and economic well-being. You care about being able to farm efficiently and restoring profitability to farming, particularly dairy.

YET... For many in rural communities, these areas may be important but not important enough to actually do something.

If the above applies to you, please consider this article as a heads-up.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly debates issues and then tries to come up with solutions to problems that they see. Inherently, with some exceptions, the work of the legislature is reactive. Something is wrong that needs correcting. Something is good and needs to be protected. And, there is no shortage of divisive issues. An example is the continuing public debate over fracking. Consider:

- Fracking is good and means economic development and rural prosperity

VERSUS

- Fracking is bad and constitutes an environmental catastrophe just waiting to happen.

So, legislation is proposed that guarantees royalty payments to property owners having natural gas leases. Legislation is also pro-

posed limiting or prohibiting pipeline construction. One new legislator elected in 2018 won because of her anti-fracking activism.

Members of the General Assembly respond to what their constituents and interest groups sharing their political philosophy are saying to them.

Staying with fracking for a moment, Grange members have strongly differing views on the issue of fracking itself but the Pennsylvania State Grange does not have a formal position per se on fracking itself. Pennsylvania State Grange has taken a position in favor of the royalty legislation since property owners deserve to receive the full amount of royalty income as guaranteed by law. Pennsylvania State Grange took a position against pipeline construction on preserved farmland. We have tak-

WHAT IS IMPORTANT... ...TO YOU?

en a position against a proposed regulation from the Delaware River Basin Commission that would ban all fracking in part of northeast PA – not because we like fracking necessarily but rather that Penn-

Understand that my message is harsh.

sylvania State Grange opposes an unelected body like the Delaware River Basin Commission saying that it chooses to ignore PA's Act 13 which has the state regulating fracking.

Whether it is fracking or some other issue – funding for Broadband expansion, the Grange's number one legislative priority – or funding for education, law enforcement, Penn State Extension, etc. – the General Assembly will be making decisions with or without you.

If they are not listening to you (because you are not communicating with them), understand that legislators will be listening to someone else.

As your lobbyist, I argue that a person choosing not to contribute to the public discussion is giving

up an opportunity to defend the things in which he or she believes. In deciding not to advocate for rural communities, they are saying in effect to lawmakers, 'Do, what you will, listen to others who do not represent rural interests, and ignore me and what is important to me.'

HOW TO BE HEARD

How, then, can a member of the Grange make his or her views felt? The best grass-roots lobbying is done by people who really don't like politics or getting involved in this process. Their effectiveness is shown by the fact that they do not want to advocate but do so because the issues are too important to stay silent.

Add to that the fact that individual Grange members have the credibility that comes from being part of the community, living, working and being affected by public policy.

If you do not speak up, plan on being ignored!

There are many ways for Citizen Lobbyists to be heard and you know all of these:

- Letter to the editor to the local newspaper
- Coming to a legislator's town hall meeting or community forum
- Getting involved in a campaign and supporting someone running for office who shares your values
- Getting an appointment to a zoning committee of the township
- Having coffee with a legislator, talking with them at the grocery store checkout, chewing on their ear after church service (not recommended), etc.

GRANGE DAY ON THE HILL

Another way is to come to Harrisburg and tell legislators and staff persons what is important to you.

The Pennsylvania State Grange holds a Day on the Hill each year where Grangers come to Harrisburg for the better part of a day to discuss issues. For those who find this daunting or uncomfortable, the Pennsylvania State Grange has developed some protections for a person who is uncomfortable with advocacy.

First, the schedule is made up for you ahead of time. It is based on who your legislator is and who you want to see.

Second, no one travels alone. People to whom this is unfamiliar are paired with people who have done this before.

Third, issues will be discussed before legislative appointments take place. Given the scores of issues out there, the Pennsylvania State Grange likes to focus on one or two to make sure that legislators are getting a consistent message. For this session of the General Assembly, the issue is how to make sure that every person in Pennsylvania has as much access to the Internet that they

want or need. It means having telephone reception, something critical when one is talking about how Telemedicine can be effective.

The bottom line is that your views on how to make your community better should not be kept to yourself. It should be shared with legislators so that they can represent you better.

As always, please contact me with your questions or issues on which you feel the Grange should focus.

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Grange News

HAYFIELD GRANGE #800



(Hayfield Grange) Front: Raymond Ferry, 10 yrs; Rebecca Jordan, 20 yrs; Middle: James Reichel 55 yrs; Debra Merritt 5 yrs; Denise Clark 50 yrs & Geraldine Reichel 55 yrs; Back: David & Jonathan Merritt 5 yrs.

The Annual Thanksgiving Christmas dinner was held at Hoss's Steak and Sea House on Sunday, November 11th. Master Michael Tau welcomed the 29 members and guests. Walter Clark returned thanks prior to the meal.

Lecturer Chester Tau presented continuous membership awards to David, Debbie and Jonathan Merritt for 5 years; Raymond Ferry for 10 years; Rebecca Jordan for 20 years; Denise Clark for 50 years; and James and Geraldine Reichel for 55 years. Mr. Tau also presented a Sixth Degree Certificate to Morgan Tau who received the Sixth Degree at the Annual Pennsylvania State Grange session on Saturday, October 20th in Butler County.

Unable to attend were Ron Yochum, 50 years; Nancy Poorbaugh, 55 years; and Elizabeth Novotny 60 years.

A total of 51 non-perishable food items were collected and delivered to the Saegertown United Methodist Church's Food Pantry. Also collected were 20 boxes of new Christmas cards that were donated to the Crawford County Care Center and Rolling Fields Elder Care to be used by residents. Nineteen hats, three pair of mit-

tens, 35 pair of gloves and 17 sets of hats/mittens/gloves were donated and will be used for the TLC Boxes for children in Cussewago Township and Conneaut Valley Elementary School, in conjunction with the Hickernell United Methodist Church. The remaining hats, mittens, and gloves will be donated to the Jimmy Moore Christmas Party as a project of Crawford County Pomona Grange.

ORIENTAL GRANGE #165



(Oriental Grange) Dale Shupp, Judy Shupp, Pat Gunton & Grange Master, Russ Gunton presenting a donation to Bill Ruark, a Seven Loaves volunteer.

This past November, the members of Oriental Grange participated in serving the Thanksgiving Dinner at Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen. Seven Loaves is located in Tunkhannock, Wyoming County.

PORT MATILDA GRANGE #1284

Port Matilda Grange has been busy! We honored David Richards of Julian for being a 75-year Grange member! A reception with friends and family was held on



(Port Matilda Grange) David Richards, of Julian, was honored as a 75 yr Grange member.



(Port Matilda Grange) Pumpkin growing contest at the local elementary school.

October 18, 2018 for David. Congratulations to him!

We also sponsored a pumpkin growing contest for the Port Matilda Elementary School. We distributed the pumpkin seeds last spring and the students grew them over the summer. The students then brought the pumpkins into the school and registered them in several categories. The pumpkins were judged and the winners are pictured above. Way to go!!

HARMONY GRANGE #1201

Harmony Grange recently hon-



(Harmony Grange) 25-yr members: (front left to right) Margaret Harkleroad, Sherry Hughes & Susan Hartman. (back left to right) Thomas Hughes, Berdina Beck & Janet Whited

ored their 25 & 50 year members for their many years of continuous service to the Grange. Twenty-five year members present were Margaret Harkleroad, Sherry Hughes, Susan Hartman, W. Thomas Hughes, Berdina Beck and Janet Whited. Those who were absent were Keith Bailey, Andy Neff, and Craig and Lou Ann Sneath. Fifty year members or golden sheaf were Richard Hartman, Orvis Leamer, Alden Beck Jr. and Joseph Harkleroad. Those who were



(Harmony Grange) 50-yr members: (front left to right) Richard Hartman & Orvis Leamer. (back left to right) Alden Beck Jr. & Joseph Harkleroad.

unable to attend were Shirley Fry, B. June Hughes, Kathryn Mackes, Helen Mulhollen, Nancy Toomer, Helen Young and Jean Young.

SCOTCH VALLEY GRANGE #510

Scotch Valley Grange of Blair County. Held its annual Silver Star recognition meeting on October 2,



(Scotch Valley Grange)

2018. State Master Wayne Campbell and his wife Debbie were recognized as guests. This evening was the night of recognition for Grangers years of service. We had 3 people who received awards this evening. Master Charles Brennehan and his wife Betty both received 70 years certificates; Ruth Griffin received an 85-year certificate. We also presented the Granger of Year Award. It was presented to Alan Johnson.

BUTLER COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #17

On November 12, 2018 Butler County Pomona Grange held their All Granger Banquet at Jefferson Grange #1373. All members present enjoyed a wonderful dinner served by Jefferson Grange. Three ladies singing patriotic music pro-

vided entertainment for the evening. Years of Grange Service certificates were presented by each Grange Master. Donegal Grange #1495- Marvin Davis for 40 years, Lou Holzwarth for 30 years, Mike Shake for 30 years, Ruby Cramer for 30 years, & Goldie Davis for 30 years. Jefferson Grange #1373- Jill Caveralo for 5 years. Unionville



(Butler County Pomona) Pat Weir receiving her Granger of the Year Award.

Grange #1971- Betty Davis for 40 years & Richard & Virginia Mangel for 50 years. Next the Community Service Award and the Granger of the Year Awards were presented by Pomona Master Richard Mangel. The Community Service Award was presented to Tim Shaffer of Unionville Grange #1971 for his service not only to the Grange, but also to the community. Then the Granger of the Year Award was presented to Pat Weir of Unionville Grange #1971 for her many years of service in the Grange, her Church, and her community. No matter what you would ask her to do she was always ready and willing to help. Congratulations Pat Weir.

WESLEY GRANGE #1675

Wesley Grange Buckwheat Cake and Sausage Supper April 6, 2019. At Wesley Grange (601 Old Rte. 8, (Wesley) Harrisville, PA 16038). Serving 7 am to ? \$8 for adults all you can eat Buckwheat Cake, pancakes, blueberry cakes, sausage, cookies, apple-sauce and drink.

GIRARD GRANGE #788



(Girard Grange)

The Girard Grange from Frenchville recently received an award for the fastest growing Grange under 20 members. The award included a check for \$1,000. The Grange was closed in the winter of 2016. The membership had dwindled to a few members and they were no longer able to keep the Grange going. A new group has been formed and we have given new life to this historic part of our community. We have put a new metal roof on the building, painted the exterior, updated the bathroom, replaced the stove and refrigerator, and added base-board heating.

All of the accomplishments were made possible because of the events held there. There have



(Girard Grange)

been neighborhood picnics, chicken barbeques, reunions, banquets and a soup meal. We hope to continue the enthusiasm we have generated and increase our involvement in the community.

GINGER HILL GRANGE #1549

In August 2018, Ginger Hill Grange (at their first year at the fair) won 1st place and best in

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show at the Washington County Agricultural Fair... a perfect way to celebrate the Grange members saving their Grange from closing its doors!

On June 5, 2018 new members were obligated (28 new members plus 4 lifetime members), election of officers held and officers installed! A wonderful evening was had by all!!!

Ginger Hill Grange building has a quaint stage that conjures visions of fiddlers performing live on the raised platform while square dancers spin on its polished wooden floors.

The building in Nottingham Township, which has held up well



(Ginger Hill Grange) Fair exhibit in 2018

for its age, also was known for hosting campaign speeches in the rural area where it was a challenge for politicians to go door to door for votes.

"There were so many roots here back in the day," said Jen Leach, who is among a group of local residents who met Thursday to begin plans to reopen the Grange.

"We're going to do our darndest to make this work," said Leach,

who operates a "hobby farm" in neighboring Somerset Township.

While there were once more than 100 granges in Washington and Greene counties, their numbers have dramatically dwindled as



(Ginger Hill Grange)

farming practices have changed, along with rural lifestyles.

Ginger Hill Grange closed earlier in the year after its membership dropped to fewer than 10 widows. Most of the interior furnishings, including kitchen appliances and tables and chairs, were donated to other area organizations, said Lizzie Bailey, public relations and Membership Director of Pennsylvania State Grange in Lemoyne.

An April 24 story about the Grange closing in the Observer-Reporter, in Washington, resulted in the State Grange receiving numerous inquiries from local residents who wanted to keep the Ginger Hill Grange alive, Bailey said.

She came to Nottingham Township Thursday to meet with about 10 people in a nearby horse stable to sign up new members of Ginger Hill Grange and to tour the 1913 hall.

"The community did not want to lose the Grange," Bailey said at Ginger Hill Acres, which is a short distance from the Grange at 3389 Route 136.

The Grange still has a ways to go before it's back to its early glory days...but with some hard work, loyal members and hopefully some much needed funding...the potential for Ginger Hill is limitless!

LONDON GRANGE #1492

London Grange celebrated the season by giving to BeLoved Mercy Ministries at the Grange's annual Christmas dinner. The executive director of the local charity Marty Pottinger shared how the organization was formed to help people in the Grove City area find housing. He shared stories of how they have been able to help families and individuals that have needed help to move forward with their lives. The ministry is currently renovating a mobile home to have available for families in need. The Grange collected cleaning products, laundry supplies, dishes, towels and other items to support the work of BeLoved Mercy Ministries. Grange Master George Gregg presented



(London Grange) Marty Pottinger receives a check from London Grange Master George Gregg to support the local ministry that helps the homeless

Pottinger with a check to further their ministry.

The following members received recognition for their long time commitment to the Grange: Carol Ann Gregg, 55 years; Amanda Kassi, 25 years; Virginia Richardson, 60 years; Walter Richardson, 65 years; and Hulbert Russell, 45 years.

HALFMOON GRANGE #290

Emily Hobbs Way was presented an award for her 80 years of loyal and long-standing membership in Halfmoon Grange #290 in Centre County. She joined Hookstown Grange #1980 in Beaver County as a young girl where her mother served for more than 20 years as Secretary.



In 1946, Emily's mother, who was not particularly fond of her current choice of a beau, arranged for Emily to attend a square dance at Penn State. It was there she met her husband-to-be, Elwood Way from Centre County. After a year's long distance romance, they married and she transferred her membership to Halfmoon Grange where Elwood belonged.

Elwood passed away in 2016 after achieving 81 years as a Granger. They both served in various capacities and Emily even followed in her mother's footsteps by serving as secretary for a number of years as one of the offices she held.

Carrying out the Grange family heritage, two of her sons and a daughter-in-law were presented with awards: Brooks Way received



(Halfmoon Grange) front: Emily Way; Back row left to right, Brooks Way, Sharon Way, Donald Way

his 50-year award; his wife, Sharon, received her 40-year award; and Donald Way received his 50-year award.

In addition to their Grange involvement, the Ways have been very active in their community as well as carrying on their family business, Way Fruit Farm, on the outskirts of Stormstown, Halfmoon Township. Jason and Megan Way Coopey are the fourth generation operators of the business.

Halfmoon Grange also recently updated their awards program and provided these long-overdue certificates and awards to the following Grangers:

Eighty Year Membership - Emily Way, Seventy Year Member-

ships - George Peters (post mortem) and Hugh Wilson, Sixty-Five Year Memberships - Doris Bickle and Martha Colbert, Sixty Year Memberships - Gloria Ellenberger and Rodney Reese, Fifty-Five Year Memberships - Terry Albright and Samuel Gray, Forty Year Membership - Sharon Way, Thirty-Five Year Memberships - Judy Pressler and Lee Pressler, Thirty Year Memberships - Edgar Jodon, Sharon Jodon and Andy Shore, Twenty-Five Year Memberships - Karen Brown, Paul Brown, Melissa Gartner and Rachel Neff, Twenty Year Memberships - Rosalie Fasick, Michael McLaughlin, Gloria McNeal, Barbara Simpson and Diane Snyder, Fifteen Year Memberships - Barbara Brodzina and Sharon Ludrowsky, Ten Year Memberships - Angela Auman, Gloria Reese and Samuel Reese, Five Year Memberships - Linda Barger, Deborah Griffin, Robert Griffin, Liz Spicer, Tim Spicer, Lana Sutton, Richard Sutton

PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

Members and Grange friends gathered on Saturday December



(Plumsteadville Grange)

8 to celebrate the holiday season with a potluck dinner, musical and comedy entertainment and a special visit from St. Nick and his



(Plumsteadville Grange)

merry elves, concluding with carol singing by all. Everyone in attendance had a good time.

In addition, Linda Ochoco, Danboro 4-H leader presented our Grange with its "Supporter of the Year" at the Christmas party. 4-H



(Plumsteadville Grange)

and Grange go hand-in-hand, and one supports the other.

Plumsteadville Grange quilters produce a work of art quilt annually to be raffled off. Tickets are sold at Grange events with the winner chosen at the last day of the Farm Market the Grange operates. this season's winner was Louann Zapicchi. Louann is one of our Farm Market vendors; she sells



(Plumsteadville Grange) pictured with quilt winner is Meg Lomax, quilting group chair.

very fine Alpaca products from her Alpaca herd in Ottsville. She is a very worthy winner because she bought tickets every week she was



Back to the Land:

Plan Ahead!



By Heather Hiller

By the time this issue of PGN is in your hands, HOPEFULLY we are starting to think about our grand gardening plans! I know I'm already thinking in that direction... trying to figure out where I want to place our garden at our new farm, deciding what style garden I want to develop (raised bed or traditional), do I want the new chickens to have access to the garden (for bug control), how am I going to utilize some of the horse manure my crew "gifted" me with this past winter, and certainly I'm contemplating how I'm going to be consuming all the wonderful tasty treats I grow with my own hands.

This leads me to the subject of canning. I grew up being absolutely terrified of pressure cookers. I heard horror stories of pressure cooking gone bad, and woes of cleaning enormous messes off the counters and ceiling of canning mistakes. So when I first decided to do some canning of my own, as an adult, I scoured every book on the subject for details on how to do it right, and then I made sure I had the very best supplies, and then I held my breath. Oh... wait... no, I actually didn't hold my breath! I'd discovered that all the treats I like... can be hot water bath processed! YIPPEE!!! No exploding pots of scalding water in MY kitchen!

That first year I processed pasta sauce (no meat), apple slices for pies (I'm sure you remember me telling the tale of THAT adventure) and pickles. We're still using the sauce (2 years later), and the pickles kinda went soggy... so I'll need to revamp that recipe.

This past December I decided to try my hand at processing more fruit products. I'd purchased a crate of delicious Empire Apples from my family's orchard...and as the cold started to creep into the garage I decided I better can those apples before losing them to freeze. I've always enjoyed apple butter (though I'm not real fond of apple sauce), and chutneys...



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present at the Farm Market. The total of money raised from the raffle was \$564, which will be used toward improvements to the farm market barn.

VIRGINVILLE GRANGE #1832

The Christmas season is a time of faith, family and friends. This was on full display at Virginville Grange's Christmas Social



(Virginville Grange) Virginville Grangers and friends surround Santa during the Christmas celebration.

held Wednesday, December 19 at Virginville Grange Hall, Berks County. After a potluck meal, Virginville Junior Grangers offered musical selections to entertain a crowd of more than one-hundred before acting out a nativity scene entitled, "Down on the Farm at Christmas." To compliment, Subordinate members sang the Twelve Days of Farming and Santa's arrival was marked with the joyful singing of Jingle Bells.

Community service donations as a result of a benefit bingo and benefit dance were presented to Kim Merkel (\$4,000) and Sandra Masters (\$3,065) to help with medical expenses.

Special guests for the evening included twenty-two fifty-plus year members of the order. Ninety-eight



(Virginville Grange) 90-year plus members: Norman O. Merkel (98), Edith G. Dreibelbis (91), Santa Claus, Gladys C. Kieffer (90), & May A. LaFaver (95).

year-old Norman O. Merkel, born the year Virginville Grange was chartered, was especially recognized for his eighty-four years of membership. Four of the eleven ninety-plus year-old Virginville Grangers were present. Everyone had the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and receive a candy and an orange. To conclude the festivities, Santa, with his big white sack, made his way to the center of the room to lead the annual peanut scramble.



so looked up a couple recipes for both items. I ended up canning a couple dozen half-pint jars of curried apple chutney, a dozen jars of spiced apple butter (though it has a consistency more of chunky apple sauce), and I even processed a dozen half-pints of blueberry chutney. The apple chutney and "apple butter" are FABULOUS! The blueberry chutney...well... I haven't quite decided if I like it or not.

Here's what I do KNOW, though... I've managed to put food in the pantry that otherwise would have possibly gone to waste. Instead of losing all those apples

use on turkey sandwiches, pork roasts, etc. And it's incredibly joyous to be able to just go to the pantry and grab a jar of decadently spicy apple "sauce/butter" on a cold winter evening when we're in the mood for a sweet treat. I also know that canning isn't the scary activity I always thought it was! Yes, you do have to be VERY careful of boiling water and incredibly hot processed foods, but the results are worth it!



So, though I know that we are likely to see more snow and cold weather during the months of March & April... I'll still be PLANNING AHEAD! I'll be designing my garden with the plan of canning most

everything I grow in excess. And yes, I'll be planting some unique fruit trees based solely on real-

ly creative canning recipes I've found. And next winter, when we get snowed/iced in during the winter... we'll be able to enjoy our own canned vegetables and fruit, grown on our property utilizing organic techniques, instead of buying food grown in a foreign country...and wondering what strange fertilizers those countries used.

So start getting excited about the growing season ahead... and start PLANNING!!!





WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS!

Girard #788

Francis Thomas

Warriors Mark #974

Jesse Kulak

Sara Kulak

Linda Smith

Roseville #1290

Robert Teeter

Kevin Weilacher

Chester Valley #1496

Marie Leach

Virginia Selfridge

Plainfield #1727

Barbara Gleim

North Jackson #1740

Laura Gogets

Doreen Griffe

Angie Church

Don Church

Red Lion #1781

Robert Barclay

Doris Kilgore

Eugene Kilgore

Ronny McCandless

Spring Church #1803

Alan Klingensmith

Frankfort Springs #1989

Sandra Olsen

Cochranton #2030

Kandy Foote

E-MEMBERSHIP!

Elliott Cooke

Lynda L. Cooke

IN MEMORIAM

Beech Flats #336

C. Richard Pratt

J. William Swingle

Hartslog Valley #375

Helen E. Fleming

California #941

Mary Lou Murray

Hickory #1285

Lois Daugherty

Mahoning Valley #1649

Carol Kushma

Gouglersville #1743

Ada Peters

Virginville #1832

Richard Kershner

Paul Stitzel

Fern Adam

Royal #1972

Mable Molinaro

Hookstown #1980

James Scott

Frankfort Springs #1989

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SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

Russellville Grange #91

Betty Spotts DOB: 1929

Beech Flats #336

C. Richard Pratt

J. William "Bill" Swingle

Hartslog Valley Grange #375

Belated Birthdays:

Martha Anderson: October, 1921

Joseph Kurtz: October, 1938

Larry Sather: December, 1940

January Birthdays:

Janice Bowser: January, 1934

William Anderson: January, 1928

Benjamin Dively: January, 1930

Charles States: January, 1942

Is your Grange at Risk?

Does your Grange rent a meeting space or own a Grange Hall? Do you host events, leadership training or do community service? Do you have volunteers on your property? If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, your Grange is at risk.

Property and liability losses can financially devastate your organization unless you have proper insurance protection. The following is a brief description of what insurance your Grange needs:

Property Insurance: This is purchased to protect the property your Grange owns or leases. This would include a hall, office equipment, furniture, fixtures (including podiums, flags, Bibles, sashes, etc.). It provides coverage, subject to a deductible for loss of property or damage to property. You do not need to have a physical location to purchase this coverage. There is a special coverage for items that you frequently transport. It is im-

portant to have a thorough inventory of all physical assets so that adequate coverage can be purchased.

Commercial General Liability Insurance: This includes protection for services, activities and products involving your Grange. This is typically the main coverage that is needed for a nonprofit. Most policies provide coverage for a wide range of acts or offenses which result in bodily injury, personal injury, advertising injury or property damage to others. A common occurrence covered by this type of policy is a "slip and fall" claim. Anyone working for your Grange, including volunteers working under your direction, are covered for liabilities that result from the work they are doing on your behalf. The legal costs to defend claims, including frivolous claims, could destroy your nonprofit organization. HOWEVER, if you have commercial general liability coverage, the insurance company will retain an attorney to defend you against such claims and pay any

judgements or settlements resulting from covered suits against your organization.

The cost for a Commercial Package Insurance Policy that includes property and liability coverage will differ depending on the individual needs of each Grange. You should consult with an insurance professional, so you can discuss your specific Grange operations. Call Gunn-Mowery Insurance and talk to Linda Willis at 717-761-4600 ext. 3405 or toll-free at 800-840-1243 or Mark Yost at 717-761-4600 ext. 3114 or toll-free at 800-840-1243. Gunn-Mowery is our Grange endorsed insurance agency for property and liability insurance. They will be happy to talk with you about your Grange insurance needs, as well as provide you with a free quote. You can also visit them online at www.GunnMowery.com.

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

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 13-15, 2019
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA

STATE SESSION

October 24-27, 2019

Ramada
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1450 N. Atherton
Street,
State College, PA

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Pennsylvania State Grange Benefits

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- 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

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