

PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS

September/October 2019



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
- B. Adult, wings open
- C. Nymph, early stage
- D. Nymph, late stage
- E. Egg mass, fresh
- F. Egg mass, older



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Elaine Sestakowicz

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!



See it? Report it! extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly

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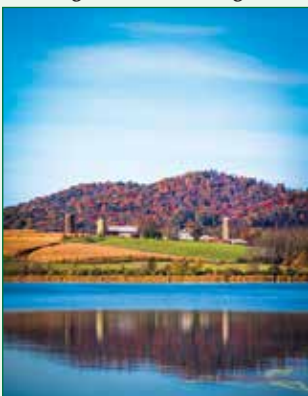
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WANTED: QUILT BLOCK PAINTERS
We are in need of Grangers willing to paint 2' x 2' Quilt Blocks this fall due to the request for additional blocks to be placed within the PA Farm Show Complex. Quilt Block patterns will be chosen and graphed on the boards so all you have to do is paint the designated colors!
If interested please e-mail berglen@verizon.net or call 724-290-3783 and make your desires known.

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From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
PA State Grange President
president@pagrange.org

Dear Grangers

As we start to look forward to the fall season with the shorter days, longer nights, and cooler temperatures, what else is coming? There is the fall harvest, conventions, holidays, and yes, maybe even snow!! What will you spend your time doing over the next few months? Hopefully a major part of your time will include family. There are the football games, field hockey, softball and baseball depending on your area. Farmers will be busy bringing in the harvest, planting the winter crops, and preparing for the long cold winter ahead.

With the start of Fall also comes the Legislators coming back to Harrisburg. We had a new budget that passed on time but there are still items that need attention. We have an election coming up in just a few months. If you remember the example I used in my last article, let's not let a few decide the path of the majority. The next PGN will arrive just before the general election date of November 5, 2019. Please be sure to exercise your right to vote on that day!

It has been an interesting year in Harrisburg. We've seen the sign-

ing of the first ever Pennsylvania Farm Bill. There have been several pieces of legislation introduced to help advance Pennsylvania's number one industry, Agriculture. There is a push for additional milk processing plants to provide cheese and specialty dairy products that are in demand by today's society. If we can produce these items here in Pennsylvania using milk from Pennsylvania farms, we can market it with the Pa. Preferred label.



This is a very important marketing tool that benefits our Pennsylvania farmers. More and more people want to "buy local" and shop for food marketed with the Pa. Preferred Label. There is a strong push to get whole milk back into our school lunches along with flavored milk. Let's give our children a nutritious drink they will drink and not deposit in the trash can.

We also saw movement on the issue of Broadband. Several pieces of legislation were introduced that will help advance Broadband in our state. There is a long way to go but at least all recognize its impor-

tance and are at the table working for a solution.

There was and still is the issue of Sunday hunting. The Pennsylvania State Grange has stood firm on our policy opposing Sunday hunting. In 2005 the Delegate body adopted our policy opposing Sunday hunting. The Delegates at that time proposed adding an extra week to the rifled deer season along with an extra Saturday. This

was never adopted by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. I urge you to contact your Representatives and voice your opinions to them. Our Representatives will be addressing this issue very early in their Fall session I'm sure. 2019 will certainly be a year

for the history books legislatively and we still have several months to go.

As we begin our harvest season let us diligently work to harvest not only the crops, but the many different things in life that help us to grow every day.

Continue to be a Grange Super Hero, after all, it's the Grange way!!

Fraternally,
Wayne D. Campbell,
Pennsylvania State Grange
President





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Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves

that special treat on home-made bread AND raise some money!

Those loads of golden grain represent the reward for the planting and nurturing process that occupied our thoughts and time from early spring until now so we can fill the barns for the winter ahead.

Fall also reminds me of a song we sang when I was younger at EVERY September or October Grange meeting. I used to inwardly groan every time the Lecturer

Bringing in the Sheaves

It's challenging to think ahead as we prepare for the next issue of the Grange News. We're just starting to enjoy some warm summer weather (after the rains) and now I must turn my thoughts and prayers to Autumn!

When I think about September and October, it conjures up pictures of excited little faces peering out school bus windows, apple butter kettles steaming over open fires, and tractors and large equipment moving methodically back and forth blowing grain into the trucks.

Those orange buses mean school has resumed and life has settled back into a familiar routine now that vacations, camps, and family reunions are over until next year.

Those copper kettles signify a traditional get together to snit and stir before we get to "lick the kettle." All this work so we can enjoy

"Bringing in the Sheaves"

*Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

*Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze
By and by the harvest and the labor ended
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves*

*Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves
When our weepings over He will bid us welcome
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves*

Refrain:

*Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,*

would announce **"Bringing in the Sheaves."** I don't know to this day why I dreaded singing it. Maybe it was the way we sang it, e.g., the tempo of the whole thing seemed like it dragged on and on! Maybe it reminded me that summer was

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Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

The Cumberland Valley Grange has been working with our local Summer Lunch program for a couple of years, and we find it a joy to provide kids programming for our local community. We love that the program is open to all at no charge. All the kids are there to have fun, socialize, and if they can learn a little bit about agriculture, we are thrilled. But there are also kids in the group that experience food insecurity and we are their food resource for the day. We

the kids eating their lunch. We are notorious for overcooking and we had plenty of food to share, I extended the offer for them to come eat with the kids. They were a little hesitant to accept, but I insisted. They were hungry and it showed. I offered seconds and the dad asked if he could take a plate home for his mom instead who wasn't with them as she hadn't eaten yet that day. I fixed up the to-go container while preparing a second helping for them.

I cried when I shared this story with my daughter Kinsey, who was helping me that day. I don't

ever remember being without food, and knowing this kind of hunger. Growing up, my parents grew a big garden, I remember home cooked meals, breads, pies, sticky buns etc. When we wanted something for our meal you went to the root cellar

grabbed some potatoes, stopped at shelves of canned goods and found yourself at the dinner table with a fabulous meal. These are things my parents taught me to do, and as an adult I am much like my parents stocking my cabinets and making sure there is plenty to eat. But not everybody was raised to learn how to garden, and preserve their food. Schools have dropped programming teaching life skills and it shows with some of the kids

and families that we work with now.

I bring up this subject as it is a great way for your Grange to be involved with families in your local community. It seems that there is more interest in learning about cooking, canning, and sewing. Incorporating programs into your Grange to include classes on these subjects is a great way to have new people attend and learn how to garden, preserve food and skills such as sewing, crocheting etc. Programming can grow your membership and also offer value to your community in teaching life skills.

One never knows how you make an impression on others, but I like to think that I make a difference in others by sharing stories, and teaching things that I learned growing up. Maya Angelou once said, "When you know better, you do better." I try to keep that statement close to my heart and say it daily in working on programs to serve the community. What programs are you doing or can you do to address problems in your community?

Look forward to seeing you at State Session,

Yours in Grange service,
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Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hi everyone... I'm writing this as I sit at the Remington Ryde Bluegrass Festival at Centre County Grange Park. Just thinking, and imagining how much fun we'll all have, when we're back here in 2 weeks for Family Festival. I'm sure everyone will have a GREAT weekend. We have a good tour of the Pasto Argiculture museum scheduled, which I'm sure will be a hit with all who attended. I hope you are still working on contest entries and getting your entries judged at your subordinate level! Don't forget to please send them on to State level. When you get this issue of Grange News, it will be in time for State Session.... I hope to see a lot of you there. It will soon be Autumn; the leaves

will be turning pretty shades of red, orange, and yellow. Where did the time and days go this year? If you still have Quilt Raffle tickets to sell, or if you sold them, please get them to me or bring them to State Session. So until I see all of you at State Session... I'm going back to my Bluegrass show to enjoy some really good music.

Yours Truly,
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**2019 Quilt Raffle
Tickets are available
now! If you're interested,
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Pennsylvania State
Grange Office,
or Melanie Melius at
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Program Director
Jenn Nauss
 PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central Pennsylvania,

Where did the summer go? It seems impossible that it is already nearly fall and that we are only a few weeks away from the Pennsylvania State Grange session in October. I hope to see many of you at the State Grange session in State College, and hope to see many contest entries in the many Lecturer's contests.

The most important thing to take note of is the rapidly upcoming deadline for Subordinate and Pomona Lecturer's Reports. Reports and notebooks/scrapbooks are due to me by SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 for judging prior to the State Session. Report forms were sent out in a mailing to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange and are also available on the Pennsylvania State Grange website. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or clarifications.

Please take note of the Lecturer's contests included in the Guide to Contests and Programs available on the Pennsylvania State Grange website. Now is the time to be working on and completing contest entries! Summer is a great time to take some photos for the Photography contest. The categories are: Pennsylvania – My Home, Sunrise/Sunset, Pets/Animals, Plants, and Churches. Photos must be a minimum of 5"x5" and must not exceed the maximum of 11"x14". Please reference the

Guide for more details about the Photography and other contests.

Raffle tickets are available for the National Grange Quilt Raffle. This year's quilt is a Tender Heart quilt that was pieced together from quilt block entries from last year. Tickets are \$5 each and the winner will be drawn on November 8, 2019 at the National Grange Session in Minnesota. Please contact me or the state office if you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets.

Look for more information in the 2020 Guide to Contests and Programs about some new contests and programs for next year. The committee and I have been hard at work brainstorming some new and exciting ideas and we are excited to share them with you!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions! I look forward to seeing you in State College for 2019 State Grange Session!

Program Ideas

September:

9/26 – Johnny Appleseed Day – Have an apple tasting contest – cut up a variety of apples into small pieces and have your members taste each and guess which variety of apple it is. Educate members about varieties of apples and what their best uses are (cooking, baking, snacking, etc.)

October:

10/9 – Fire Prevention Day – Invite a local fire company to lead the program on fire safety and the

importance of emergency plans for your Grange, your place of work, and your homes. Work with your community service chair to consider making a donation to the fire company.

Cookie Month – Have a cookie swap! Each member or family bakes their favorite kind of cookie and brings a container. Then members fill up the containers with one or a few of each kind of cookie, so that each member takes home a sampler of cookies. Bring your recipes along to share.

November:

11/11 – Veteran's Day – Contact your local Quilts of Valor Foundation chapter to honor local veterans by presenting them with a quilt of valor. The National Grange has partnered with the Quilts of Valor Foundation (<https://www.qovf.org/>). Have a ceremony to present the quilts to the veterans.

Third Week of November – Game and Puzzle Week – Have a game night before or after your meeting!

Jenn Nauss
 Lecturer
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History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

Preservation of State Grange Records Completed -

By the time this article reaches the homes of Grange members



*American Values.
Hometown Roots.*

throughout Pennsylvania, your History Committee expects that the third and final phase of micro-filming/digitizing records will be done. Soon the historical information available on the State Grange website will include Executive Committee minutes, officers' registers and the published histories of the Pennsylvania State Grange in addition to all the other documents available on-line. Thanks to the generosity of dozens of Subordinate and Pomona Granges and some individual Grangers, in excess of \$10,000 has been given over the past several years and used for this one-time project to preserve the documents of our nearly 150 year history. Learn more about the proud heritage of the Pennsylvania State Grange at: <http://www.pagrange.org/history-committee.html>.

Local Grange Records -

With the preservation of State

Grange records now complete, the State Grange's vendor IMR Digital can now begin to microfilm and/or digitize records of Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Local Granges will be able to preserve their records under the contract negotiated by the State Grange History Committee. Contact Jennifer Nauss at Jnauss89@gmail.com for details about preparing your records and the estimated cost.

State Grange 150th Anniversary -

Now efforts will focus on preparations for the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange

coming up in 2023. The brainstorming step to plan for this celebration began with a committee meeting in July at Family Festival. Although we have many months of work to do before any specific details can be announced, we are hopeful that the celebration will take place with special events in all regions of the

state over an extended period rather than the anniversary confined to the several days of a State Grange session. We continue to envision the 150th anniversary of Pennsylvania's first Grange - Eagle #1 near Williamsport - in early 2021 as the kick-off for two years of special activities across the state.

Become a Friend of Eagle Grange #1 -

It's quite unusual for any organization to exist for 150 years and we are extremely proud to say that the Grange that started it all in Pennsylvania has been active continuously since its founding in 1871. But Eagle Grange with its small active membership struggles



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Deaf Activities & Community Service Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Thank you to all those that donated to the different organizations we collected items or money for during Family Festival. Please see my department report at state session for updates about the total amount of items donated and money raised for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Speaking of state session, please ensure that you send your community service reports to me by September 15. It is crucial for

as well as a food bank. We will be collecting items for Centre Safe: Empowering Survivors, Eliminating Violence, formerly known as the Centre County Women's Resource Center (CCWRC) and the State College Food Bank.

We will also be having the book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange (no VHS tapes). Bring these items to our table in the exhibit room and then come back and buy some new ones. Money from this will be donated to Dogs for Better Lives. A committee member may not be at the table at all times. A container will be left out for those interested in taking a book to donate.



Below are items that can be collected. If any more information becomes available, I will be sure to up-

date you in the next Grange News and will post updates of the Pennsylvania Grange Community Service Facebook page. you to do this no matter how many projects you've completed in order for our state to receive funds from nationals. I have been notified that my state report page was not included in the mailing. If you need a printed copy, please contact the state office. Otherwise, it is posted on the website under the Deaf Activities/Community Service Page. Also, the National Grange Firefighter/EMT, Law Enforcement Officer, and Teacher of the Year Nominations are due to me on September 1st. Last year our teacher of the year nomination (who is a Grange member) won at Nationals.

This year at State Grange Session we will be focusing on collecting items for a resource center targeted for those who are survivors of sexual or domestic abuse

date you in the next Grange News and will post updates of the Pennsylvania Grange Community Service Facebook page.

State Session Donations:

Centre Safe: Empowering Survivors, Eliminating Violence:
<http://ccwrc.org>

Always Helpful

- Gas and Grocery Cards (\$10-\$25 cards)
- Wal-Mart and Target Gift Cards (\$10-\$25 cards)
- Bus Tokens

Kitchen Items

- Sponges and dish scrubbers
- Paper plates and napkins (prefer no Styrofoam)
- Bowls (serving, mixing, cereal/soup)
- Stock pots

- Frying pans
- Can opener (manual or electric)

Bedroom Items

- NEW Blankets, Quilts, and Comforters
- Pillow Protectors (prefer plastic lined)
- Fitted Sheets (full and single)
- Bed Pillows

Bathroom Items

- Toilet Paper (Scott brand – septic safe only)
- Shower Curtains and Rings
- Bath Mats
- Hair Conditioner

Cleaning Supplies

- All purpose cleaners
- HE Laundry Detergent
- Dish gloves including non latex
- Bleach
- Dryer Sheets

New Clothing (female and male adult sizes)

- PJs, T-shirts, Lounge Pant/Jogging Pants
- Women's underwear (size 5) and sports bras
- Slippers

Items for Individuals and Families Moving into New Homes

- Rolling Suitcases (large)
- New small appliances (especially coffee makers)

Food Bank of State College: <https://www.scfoodbank.org>

Updates to this list may occur as there are changes in needed items. Please watch the Pennsylvania State Grange Community Service Facebook page or the e-mail blasts closer to state session for updates or use the above link to search for up to date needs. Updates will NOT be available in the Grange News as the deadline for the magazine is too far in advance to give an accurate update. Thank you! But, with that being said, any non-perishable item or gift cards will be helpful.

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Pennsylvania State Grange

Officer Descriptions for the 147th Session

October 24-27, 2019
State College, PA

At the 147th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session one Executive office position will be up for election. Pennsylvania State Grange By-Laws state in Article VI, paragraph 1.6.1, "With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer, no office holder's name shall be printed on the ballot for an office if that officer shall have held the same office continuously for six years immediately preceding."

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Executive Committee, suggestions for office will be received on Friday afternoon, October 25th at 1:45 P.M. If you would like more information about serving as a member of the Executive Committee, please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office. You must have someone pre-arranged to suggest your name at



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

-Mac Anderson

Barbara Gross is the Executive Committee member whose term is expiring this year. Barbara has served 4 years.

Following is a very brief job description for a member of the Executive Committee.

the time of suggestions for office. The election will take place Saturday, October 26th, just before the lunch recess.

The By-Laws do not allow nominating speeches in the Grange, but, in Article VI, paragraph 1.6.6, it states "Each person suggested for a State office shall be permitted to appear and speak before the delegate body for a maximum of two minutes at a designated time prior to the election." This presentation will be allowed immediately after the suggestions from the floor are received Friday afternoon.

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

Ramada (Headquarters)

\$92 night plus taxes
1450 S. Atherton St.
State College, PA 16801
814-238-3001
Not all rooms have elevator access, please ask about handicap accessibility. When making reservations, you MUST tell them that you are with the Pennsylvania State Grange in order to get the special rate by Sept. 24, 2019.

HOTELS

SUPER 8

1663 S. Atherton St.
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Pennsylvania State Grange the 147th Session

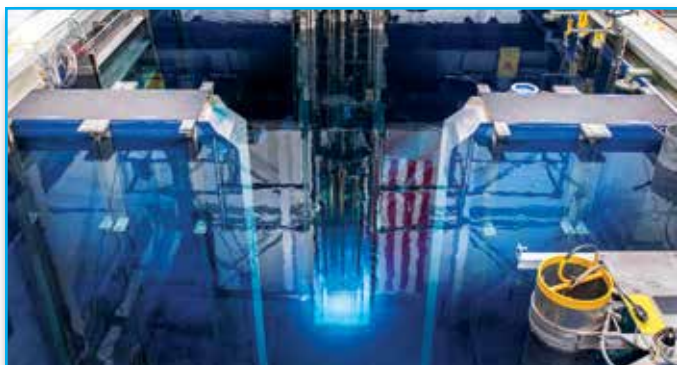
October 24-27, 2019
State College, PA

Proposed Schedule

Hosted by: North Central Host Committee

Thursday, October 24

10:00 Executive Committee Meeting
 1:00p State Officers, Committees Arrive
 Exhibit Rooms set-up
 1:00-4:00 Registration
 1:00-4:00 Tour -Travel to Penn State Campus
 to see a Nuclear Reactor followed by
 a stop at the Creamery
 4:30 Depart for Host Banquet
 (by invitation only)
 6:30-10:00 State Officer Rehearsal
 6:30-9:00 Registration
 7:00-9:00 Exhibit Entries Accepted



Friday, October 25

8:00-6:00 Registration
 8:00-9:00 Session Committee Meetings
 8:00-10:30 Exhibit Entries Accepted
 9:00 State Session Opening
 12:00-1:30 Lunch Recess
 12:15-1:30 Past Officer Luncheon
 1:00 Exhibit Entries Judging
 1:45-5:30 Session Reconvenes
 1:45 Suggestions for Officers
 5:30-7:00 Dinner Recess
 5:30-10:00 Exhibit Rooms Open
 7:00 Presentation of Awards
 9:30 Youth Officer Rehearsal

Saturday, October 26

7:30-8:15 Youth Officer Rehearsal
 8:00-6:00 Registration
 8:30 Session Opens - Youth Officers



9:00-8:00 Exhibit Rooms Open
 10:00-11:00 Junior Jam Registration
 11:00 (tbd) Junior Jam Depart Hotel
 11:15 Election of Officers
 11:30-1:00 Lunch Recess
 11:45-1:00 Youth Luncheon
 1:15-5:00 Session Reconvenes
 5:00-6:30 Dinner Recess
 6:30-8:00 Conferral of 6th Degree /
 Installation of Officers /
 Closing of the Grange
 8:00 Exhibit Rooms closed /tear down
 8:00 Foundation Auction
 9:15 Board Buses for Youth Party

Sunday, October 27

8:00-9:00 Church Service
 9:15-10:15 Junior Meeting
 10:30-12:00 Pick up Exhibits
 10:30-12:30 Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song
 Competition
 12:30 All Grangers Banquet

Tour Information:

2019 State Session Tour scheduled October 24, 2019 for 1:00 P.M. The tour will depart (via car pool) from the Convention Center. We will be going to the Penn State Radiation Science & Engineering Center to tour an onsite nuclear reactor. A valid photo ID will be required for admission. There is no charge for admission. We will park in a parking garage and then walk approximately 1 1/2 blocks to the center. For those with problems walking they can be dropped off at the center and then the driver park in the garage with the rest of us. Once we are finished at the RSEC, we will then head over to the Penn State Creamery... ALWAYS a favorite!!!

Please call Ruth Vonada at 814.404.7989 or
 Melanie Melius at Home - 814.234.4943 or
 Cell - 814.360.7058 to reserve your spot on the tour.



REGISTRATION FORM

Pennsylvania State Grange – 147th Annual Session

October 24-27, 2019

Ramada Conference Center – State College, PA

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please complete a separate form for each person attending. Additional forms are available at www.pagrang.org, Facebook: North Central Host Committee or by calling the State Grange office.

Please check all that apply:

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY FOR NAME BADGE

Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone (____) _____ Email: _____
 Grange Name & No. _____ County _____

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2019.

There will be a \$10 late fee assessed for after deadline registrations.

Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____
Junior Jamboree (ages 5-14)	\$25.00	_____
Breakfast Buffett- Friday	<i>Complimentary for Thursday night hotel guests</i>	
Past Officers Luncheon – Friday	\$21.00	_____
Child ages 4-12 (Smaller portion)	\$10.50	_____
Breakfast Buffett- Saturday	\$15.00	_____
Child ages 4-12 (Smaller portion)	\$7.50	_____
Youth Luncheon – Saturday	\$20.00	_____
Child ages 4-12 (Smaller portion)	\$11.00	_____
Breakfast Buffett- Sunday	\$15.00	_____
Child ages 4-12 (Smaller portion)	\$7.50	_____
All Granger Banquet – Sunday -Adult	\$23.00	_____
Options: Vegetarian	\$23.00	_____
Gluten-Free	\$23.00	_____
Child Banquet ages 4-12 (Smaller portion)	\$10.50	_____

Total Enclosed _____

NOTICE:

Any dietary or allergy concerns must be known 10 days prior to state session. Please list them here:

Please check if you will be participating in the following:

Public Speaking _____ Sign a Song _____ Youth Outing _____

Send forms and payment by September 15, 2019 to:

North Central Host Committee

c/o Ashley Furman

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Any questions call Ashley Furman at 814-360-2265, Patty Bird at 814-359-2851 or
 Ruth Vonada at 814-404-7989

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: SEPTEMBER 15, 2019.

All Granger Banquet seating is based on first responses.

There will be a \$10 late fee assessed for after deadline registrations.



Youth News

Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director



Happy September!

State Session will be here before we know it. Have you started your contest entries? Here are some of our fun contests you can enter.

Start with a cake mix, and cupcake decorating are our two baking categories. The recycled craft has three different classes- container, fabric, and wood. Building block creation, scrapbook page, create a commercial, and create a button are also other options to participate in! Make sure you label all of your entries with your name, address, Grange, age, contest title, and with the class, category, or division written on it.

You may also sign up and enter in any of the four public speaking categories. Prepared speech, radio spot contest, impromptu, and public speaking with visual aid(s).

Remember, all the contest rules with heavier descriptions can be found online at www.pagrang.org under "Documents" and choose "2019 Guide to Contest & Programs" link. See you in State College!

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Youth Camp European Adventure:

Youth and young adults from around the state traveled far and wide to take a virtual trip through Europe during Youth Camp, June

29-30, 2019. Many of our travels revolved around trying food from different countries, such as French and German Continental Breakfasts, Spanish Empanadas, and British Shepherds Pie. The youth and young adults also played foreign language Bingo, made kites and terrariums, and completed a service project of decorating Kindness Boxes for a PA Food Bank. The weekend finale was the Coronation of our new 2019-2020 Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors, Isabella Boone from Centre County, and Josh Mengel from Berks County. We conducted an International Fair following coronation and had several youth, young adults, and young at heart bring in items to share with the campers.

(See pictures on page 15)

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Words from the new Youth Ambassadors:

Isabella Boone -

Hi Pennsylvania Grangers! I am Isabella Boone, your new Pennsylvania State Grange Female Youth Ambassador for 2019-2020. I am from Baileyville Grange #1991 in Centre County. I've been involved in the Grange since I was very little due to my grandparents being in the

Grange. My grandma, Melanie Melius, is the Family Activities Director for the state and I've always loved being with her at state functions and meetings. I can't wait to meet many of you at open houses and Grange meetings across the state. I'm looking forward to talking about the Youth Grange and what we really do for Pennsylvania! Thank you for all your support!

Isabella

Josh Mengel -

Hi everyone! My name is Joshua Mengel and I am the new PA 2019-2020 male Youth Ambassador. I am a member of Fleetwood Grange in Berks County. I love to hunt, fish, hang with friends, play soccer, sing, and be outside. This fall I will be a Junior at Elizabethtown College majoring in Environmental Science. I am the co-captain of my club soccer team and the treasurer of Phalanx, Elizabethtown's all male accapella group.

During my time as Youth Ambassador, I would like to work on



bringing back some activities in the Grange that used to be such a huge part of the organization when my parents were my age. I want to restart the softball, volleyball, and bowling leagues, along with the skit nights that took place at the local Granges. Not only would these activities increase membership, but also youth membership that the Grange really needs right now. I encourage all of you to bring this idea up at your local meetings.

Ellen Wadsworth
Youth Director
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Junior News

Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio

PA State Grange Junior Committee
Director

Hello Juniors and Junior Supporters!

We had an AWESOME State Camp this year and there are several photos to show you how much fun we all had! The Disney theme was great to work with! It was heartwarming to have so many State officers either on staff for the week or visit/attend camp and support the program! I am one lucky Director! There were 4 former JG Directors who came to visit and reminisce about the "good ole days"; Kelly Van Ord, Mike and Janet Pratt and Deb Campbell. It was nice to have them back at camp, singing songs and seeing the smiles on the campers' faces!

The new 2019-2020 Junior Grange Royalty were announced on Friday evening after several days of interviewing with the judg-

es. The new Princess is Elisabeth Reich from Valley Grange #1360 in York Co. Elisabeth has been a Junior member for many years and is also one of the graduating Juniors. She has helped out with many fundraisers at Valley Grange including the BIG ONE – Farm Show Milkshake Booth!

The new Prince; Bryce Danko from Community Grange in Perry County, has been a member for many years. Bryce has the unique opportunity to do many Grange events when he travels with his Grandparents, Wayne & Deb Campbell. Just days prior to attending this year's camp, Bryce returned from a special Boy Scout trip which took him and his troop hiking over 100 miles through the mountains of New Mexico on what is often referred to as the "Philmont Trip".



The theme for next year's camp is "Wilderness Survival" and the committee and other staff members are already planning activities and events. Our goal is to bring in 10 new campers (to make up for the 10 that graduated)...or have 10 Juniors return to camp. We have room for more...so plan on sending your child to camp next year!

Our next BIG Junior event is the Junior Jam held every year during the State Session. This year, session is in State College and the planning committee has some fun things planned for the Juniors. You can register them online or by using the form in this edition (page 13) (or past editions) or contact me and I will send you one. Note: the registrations are NOT mailed to me! I hope to see many of the Juniors at State Session. And I hope all of our Juniors send (or bring) their Contest entries to State Session. We have so many different things to make or do. From Photography and drawing to baking and scrapbooking – there is surely something to interest all Juniors.





As we approach the upcoming school year, and school shopping for supplies begins, please consider buying one or two extra packs of pencils or crayons or other supplies and send them to school so the teachers have a supply. So many children go without



an end and the Autumn season moves in to greet us with cooler temps and good harvests!
God Bless

See you all soon!
Lurae Benzio
Junior Grange Director
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ets to make sure everyone is taken care of. If everyone bought just one more notebook, folder or glue stick, (or other items) it would help out many!!

Enjoy time with family and friends as the summer months come to

the needed school supplies and many times teachers reach into their own pock-





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.

AGRICULTURE LEGISLATION

The PA General Assembly passed numbers of bills designed to help PA Agriculture which were signed into law. By way of reference, there were two sets of farm legislation. One was the PA Farm Bill, a package of bills relating to different components of PA's number one industry. Second was a package of bills put forth by Senate Republicans called 'Farming First'. In some cases, specific bills were included in both groups.

Signed into law: These are in both PA Farm Bill and Farming First.

- **Senate Bill 585 (Act 66)** establishes the Dairy Future Commission. NOTE: Pennsylvania State Grange will have a place on the Dairy Future Commission.
- **Senate Bill 338 (Act 28)** increases the allowable width for farm equipment to be 18 feet, up from the current 16 feet.
- **Senate Bill 478 (Act 65)** provides a personal income tax credit for landowners who sell or lease land or equipment to beginning farmers.
- **House Bill 370 (Act 33)** provides flexibility for protected farms regarding an additional residence. Its companion was Senate Bill 145, part of the Farming First package of bills.

Parts of the PA Farm Bill signed into law

- **House Bill 1520 (Act 36)** provides grants to small meat processors to help them comply with Federal inspection requirements. It was amended to include other parts of the PA Farm Bill found in other pieces of legislation. These include details of PA Preferred and establishment of a program to help veterans go into farming.
- **House Bill 1516 (Act 35)** establishes a special account to deal with major threats to food such as Avian Influenza.
- **House Bill 1526 (Act 37)** restores the Agriculture-Linked Investment Program (low cost loans to farmers to implement best management practices).
- **Senate Bill 661 (Act 40)** creates the Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Fund. It allows resources to go for specialty crops such as hemp and hops that are not

eligible under the USDA Specialty Crop Grant program. It also establishes the PA Agriculture Business Development Center to serve as a business planning and succession planning resource it also restores the Agriculture & Rural Workforce youth grant program and creates a new financial resource for urban agriculture projects.

- **House Bill 1590 (Act 38)** establishes the Dairy Investment Program and Dairy Investment Program Account.
- **House Bill 1514 (Act 34)** provides for the Farm to School program.
- **Senate Bill 634 (Act 39)** establishes the Conservation Excellence Grant Program to provide financial and technical assistance to farmers to install and maintain best management practices. The companion bill is **House Bill 1517** which passed the House and was referred to the Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee.

Summer Produced A Bumper Crop in Harrisburg!

Pending Legislative Consideration this fall are:

- **Senate Bill 583** establishes guidelines for agritourism on protected farms. It passed the Senate and is now in the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee. It is part of Farming First package of bills.
- **Senate Bill 453** exempts wedding barns from Uniform Construction Code building requirements. Status: Passing the Senate, SB 453 is now in the House Labor

ral Affairs Committee. SB 623 is part of the PA Farm Bill package.

- **Senate Bill 623** provides for an exemption from the Real Estate Transfer Tax for a transfer of protected farmland to a beginning farmer. It is part of the PA Farm Bill.

One part of the Governor's original PA Farm Bill that was not introduced was an attempt to repeal certain audit procedures for agricultural cooperatives.

GOVERNOR VETOES DAIRY BILL

Despite the euphoria in the Agriculture Community from all the legislation signed into law, there was a casualty with Governor Tom Wolf's veto of **House Bill 915** sponsored by House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Majority Chair Martin Causer (R-McKean/Cameron/Potter). This legislation would have permitted milk haulers to continue picking up milk from dairy farmers even after a weather emergency was called and commercial traffic on the Interstates was banned. Governor Wolf vetoed HB 915 a day after he held a signing ceremony to celebrate other parts of his PA Farm Bill which passed the General Assembly.

Following are two documents. First is the veto message from Governor Wolf. Second is the reaction from Chair Causer.

Governor Tom Wolf:

"After careful consideration, I must veto this legislation due to very serious public safety concerns. A declaration of disaster emergency carries the gravest considerations insofar as the traveling public is concerned. Furthermore, prior declarations have proven effective in lessening the danger to the public at-large during precarious time periods. Providing for an exemption

to the travel ban under the declaration puts the public in jeopardy, which, in turn, endangers our State Police and first responders and even our milk haulers. In my view, such an exemption runs counter to the safety of the driving public.

I think it is important to note several things about the travel ban under consideration in this legislation. Typically, the bans are short in duration; however, they may be extended due to vehicle accidents or stranded motorists due to hazardous conditions on the highways. For example, on November 15, 2018, a severe winter weather event occurred in this Commonwealth. Interstates 83, 81, 80, and 78 were closed for up to 15 hours while commercial vehicles were removed from the snow and ice that had built up around their stopped vehicles. Commercial vehicle bans were then initiated for the next five storms spanning from January to March 2019. With the bans in place, there were no significant closures on the interstate highways in this Commonwealth. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the commercial vehicle bans implemented during this time averaged only 18 hours in duration. This time seems like a small price to pay when considering the public safety benefits of the travel bans."

Chair Martin Causer:

"The governor's decision to veto this bill is very much at odds with what he says about his support for our farmers. Every single agriculture organization across the state supports this bill because they know dairy farmers have only two options for the milk produced on their farms – they have to ship it out or they have to dump it. Period. Cows are going to produce milk no matter what the weather forecast – you can't change their milking schedules and you can't just turn them off!"

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& Industry Committee. Its companion bill in the House is **House Bill 1037** which is on the House calendar. SB 453 is part of Farming First package of bills.

- **Senate Bill 623** promotes organic farming in Pennsylvania through the PA Preferred Program. It is currently in the Senate Agriculture & Ru-



Grange News

LIBERTY GRANGE #1780

A very happy note to report: the baby, Summer, that we held our Super BINGO for, just got discharged 2 weeks after her surgery to the Ronald MacDonald House near Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Both she and her donor, Michele, are doing very well. Our Grange worked with the Scott Township Fire Dept and other Community members and raised \$6000 that was split evenly between the families to help with expenses not covered by their insurance. Many fellow Grangers across the state contributed to the cause!



(Liberty Grange) Summer

STONY POINT GRANGE #1694

Representatives of Stony Point Grange, in Mercer County; Ralph

and Pat Boyd, Bernie Fulton, and Ken Ammann presented a check to Tim McGee and Wayne Stratos of Mercer County Disabled American Veterans Chapter 55 on Friday, May 17th. The Grange held a pancake dinner in observance of Veterans' Day this past November with proceeds to benefit Mercer County DAV transportation program.



(Stony Point Grange) l-r: Tim McGee, Ken Ammann, Ralph Boyd, Pat Boyd, and Wayne Stratos.

On Saturday, July 13th, Stony Point Grange hosted a hunter safety class. Lunch was prepared by Stony Point members for 110 youth and adult attendees and the certified instructors that were in charge of the class.



(Stony Point Grange)

VALLEY GRANGE #1360

Valley Grange, in Lewisberry, PA, had a fantastic meeting on June 10, 2019. Our guests; PA Jr royalty Cassy and Zach, PA Youth Ambassadors Mikayla and Isaac, and PA Young Patron Jodi, led us in a great Grange trivia tic



(Valley Grange)

tac toe game, and we ended the evening celebrating Dairy Month with an ice cream sundae station!

BUCKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #22

Bucks Co. Pomona Grange, in Bucks Co, recently donated a total of \$1,000 to local charitable organizations: Bucks Co. SPCA, Meals on Wheels of Upper Bucks, Woodside and Central Bucks, A Wom-



(Bucks County Pomona) l-r with Jim Diamond: Linda Reider from Bucks County SPCA, Donna Gordon from Woodside Meals on Wheels and Bonnie Gepner from Central Bucks Meals on Wheels.

an's Place and Chandler Hall Hospice. All of these groups receive no public funding. Donations were presented at Plumsteadville Grange's weekly farm market where hot dogs were also sold to raise additional funds.

MARION GRANGE #223

As most of you are aware, we are slowly rebuilding. We recently held our first community activity, during a physical meeting, in a very long time. We had old members and new members join us. A fun night giving back to the community by creating Jared Boxes. We created 24 boxes for toddlers and will donate then to the Mount Nittany Hospital. Here is the website for the Jared Box project: <http://www.thejaredbox.com/pages/index.html>



(Marion Grange) l-r: Erika Stover, Scott Smith, Jennie Rogers, Eileen Cramer, Courtney Fettes

CRAWFORD COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #26

The June Pomona meeting was hosted by Atlantic Grange and featured a program on the Revitalization of Conneaut Lake. The program was presented by Bill Eldridge which outlined the accomplishments of the Conneaut Lake Development Committee. The Committee is comprised of 32 volunteer citi-

zens from the Conneaut Lake area. Funds raised and spent during the past five years for these projects amounted to \$3,440,000 with the Borough contributing \$150,000. They are currently in Phase II of the project which will continue into 2020.



(Crawford County Pomona) l-r: Arvilla Allen, Pomona Lecturer, Bill Eldridge, 2019 Public Service Award Recipient, and Michael Tau, Pomona Master.

Following Mr. Eldridge's presentation, Pomona Lecturer Arvilla Allen presented the 2019 Public Service Award to Mr. Eldridge for his work in the Conneaut Lake Revitalization and involvement in the community. Mr. Eldridge retired from the Department of Defense where he served as a Civilian Program Manager at Defense

Information Systems Agency, and as Operations Researcher at the Army Depot System Command, both located in Chambersburg, PA. He is a continuing member of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences and the Production and Operations Management Society with membership exceeding 30 years in each organization. He currently is an elected member of the Conneaut Lake Borough Council, currently in his second term of office. Mr. Eldridge serves as the Chairman of the Conneaut Lake Community Development Committee. In January 2012 he completed Chairmanship of the Crawford County Citizen's Advisory Group that examined County Courthouse

facilities and made recommendations to the Commissioners for the most cost-effective solution needed for renovations to County Government facilities with the estimated cost of the recommendations of \$25 million. He serves as a member of the Pastoral Council of Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church and resides in Conneaut Lake.

CENTRAL GRANGE #1216

On Tuesday, May 2nd, the Potter County Republican Committee, along with Central Grange, hosted a "Meet the Candidate" forum at the Central Grange hall starting with coffee and tea and a light luncheon at 5:30 PM. At 6:00 PM, twelve candidates for several Potter County Offices were introduced and each were given five minutes to tell the approximately forty five attendees what their plans are if/when they are elected to the Office.

Potter County Register and Recorder; Nicole Larson, Prothonotary; Kathy Schroeder, and Sheriff; Glenn C. Drake were unopposed. All of the action in the May primary

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**HOT OFF THE PRESS...
FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA
STATE GRANGE
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE**

MILK MAKES HEADWAY

Dairy advocates received a boost with adoption of **House Resolution 222**. It reminds the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of its legal responsibility to enforcing existing rules about mislabeling non-milk products as 'milk'.

BUDGET BLISS

Overall, the State Budget as relating to Agriculture contained much to please the Agriculture Community. Overall investment increases \$19.5 million. Animal Health & Diagnostic Commission received \$2 million. Restored and funded were programs originally eliminated by in Governor Wolf's original State Budget proposal. These include hardwoods research, agricultural research, agriculture promotion, and the livestock open dairy and livestock shows. PA Department of Agriculture general operations budget increased to \$33.731 million from 33.481 million. Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences received \$54.96 million. Funding for Agriculture Workforce, PA Fairs, PA Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) delivering fresh farm products to food banks, and the University of Pennsylvania's Veterinary program are stable.

RESEARCH CHALLENGES FCC BROADBAND POLICY

Research done by Sascha Meinrath, Palmer Chair of Penn State's College of Communications points to inaccurate measurement of Broadband access by the Federal Trade Commission (FCC). Speaking to

the Governor's Rural Development Council, he pointed to research that he conducted for the Center for Rural PA which measured 11 million Broadband widths in Pennsylvania. It showed a stark contrast from the FCC assertion that all PA counties have acceptable 25 MB Broadband width. His finding was that zero counties have reached that level. Greene County for example had a median speed of 7.22 MB.

This disconnect stems from FCC's determination that access is universal in a Census block if one potentially has access. In contrast, the Center for Rural PA study used real measurement data from actual readings of speed width.

There are two major complications that this generates. First, the FCC numbers do not explain why much of rural Pennsylvania has no or limited access to Broadband. Second, PA has lost out of millions of dollars of Federal assistance because government funders use the FCC measurement to determine the need. If the FCC says we have 100% coverage, then there is no reason to provide grant monies. There are exceptions, for example with a \$15 million grant to rural PA from the Appalachian Regional Commission and possibly from HHS with the Rural Health Model initiative. to boost rural hospital community outreach.

OTHER BROADBAND NEWS

Senate Resolutions 47 and 48 were adopted by the Senate before its summer recess. Both are sponsored by Senator Kristin Phil-

lips-Hill. **Senate Resolution 47** establishes a legislative commission to help the General Assembly keep its attention focused on the need for more access to Broadband width. Senate Resolution 48 directs the Joint State Government Commission to investigate whether or not non-rural telecommunications carriers are compliant with existing PA law regarding supplying minimum Broadband width.

SENATE BILL 147 UPDATE

Even though we lost, the Pennsylvania State Grange did not bargain away what its members wanted. The Pennsylvania State Grange opposes Sunday hunting and will continue to do so in the House. We believe that Sunday hunting is a short-sighted way to resolve the really complex question as to why hunting license numbers continue to decline.

Here is the score card. The vote was 36-14 in favor of Sunday hunting.

14 Senators (6 Republicans and 8 Democrats) voted for the Pennsylvania State Grange position against Sunday hunting.

Regards,

Vince
Vince Phillips, Legislative Director
Pennsylvania State Grange



Without any reservations...

the people want whole milk back in schools!!!

Guest Editorial with photos
by Arden Tewksbury, Manager

June 25, 2019

The enthusiastic crowd that attended the Dairy Day on Tuesday, June 18 in Harrisburg, PA clearly shows that adults, high school

Even Nelson Trautman was at the dairy rally, and he started the very successful hay bale campaign to advertise milk.

Pro-Ag has been passing out flyers for over 40 years to various consumers, and these same consumers are putting them on Facebook to their friends all across the United States. Our flyers support the need of using whole milk and butter in the consumer's diet. Our supporting information has mainly come from author Nina Teicholz, who spent 8 years writing her book, "The Big Fat Surprise; Why Butter, Meat
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from left to right: Congressman GT Thompson (R-PA), Arden Tewksbury, manager of Pro-Ag, and Congressman Fred Keller (R-PA) hold up bottles of whole chocolate milk in Harrisburg at June's Dairy Day.



Arden Tewksbury, manager of Pro-Ag, delivers thousands of dairy farmer petitions to the USDA office of the Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue, earlier in June 2019.

students, and dairy princesses are enthusiastic about the possibility of getting whole milk back in our schools.

The enthusiasm to place whole milk back in the school has now just caught on. The people who put together the rally deserve a lot of credit, and the members of the PA House of Representatives' Ag Committee needs to be thanked for having a meeting at the State Capital building and passing a resolution to get whole milk back in our schools.

VALLEY GRANGE #1360

**WE ARE SEEKING
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DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION
FAMOUS FARM SHOW
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JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 11**

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Back to the Land:

Raised Beds: Version 1.0

By Heather Hiller

Late last year, my husband and I were finally able to sell our old farm and move closer to his work territory. We'd had our farm on the market for years...and I refused to plant a garden on the chance I'd have to leave it for someone else to harvest. So this spring, I was FINALLY able to pull out those raised-bed plans I've been drooling over for a good three to four years. We created a "master plan", then figured out what we could afford to spend each year in order to make it work. This year we decided to start with three raised beds, with the goal of adding three-four more each year until we've created an enclosed fruit and garden yard.

Once we decided how many beds we'd build when the weather broke, I got to work testing my green thumb by planting dozens of microscopic seeds and pampering those little buggers... FOR MONTHS! Lessons I've learned... most herbs are a real pain to start indoors, seeds don't like mold (so ventilate often!), if following the instructions doesn't work... try something different before throwing out that batch of started seeds, and NEVER give up! Eventually those little guys will poke their heads out of the ground and it'll make you SOOO darn proud!

I started all my seeds around the end of February, and by April I was rewarded with a tiny family of seedlings. So we kicked our building plans into full gear and started to get kinda excited about actually having a garden. We couldn't wait until May finally rolled around and we were able to break ground on our big adventure. We'd planned on it being just the two of us building the beds, but our nephew, Jordan Downey, came up and pitched in a hand.

Now, two months later... SUCCESS!!! A few days ago I froze our first batch of snap peas and last night we enjoyed our first green beans. I have to tell you...this is SOOOO incredibly COOL! I HIGHLY recommend raised beds... as bending over to weed is NOT a highlight of the growing experience!

This first year we planted to-

matoes, green beans, snap peas, five types of peppers (because I like spicy), onions, rhubarb, mint, basil and asparagus. The rhubarb and asparagus won't be harvested until next year... so that was a long game plan. Based on lessons learned this year, next year we'll give the tomato plants their own bed (they DON'T play well with others), and we'll plant a lot more onions, beans and peas, while adding zucchini and yellow squash. I will add this... I planted ONLY organic, non GMO, seeds, and I'll be harvesting seeds from this years crop to see if I can get them to grow next year.

Hope you enjoy my photo essay... and that you give this a try next spring!



Leveled ground and used pressure treated lumber to build beds



5/18: Filled base layer with shale



Lined the beds with window seal to protect the plants from chemicals in the lumber



Next layer is gravel... for drainage



Lined the beds next with landscape fabric... to cut down on weeds



Fourth layer is made up of rabbit and horse manure



Fifth layer: leaves and grass clippings from around the property



Sixth layer: good quality topsoil purchased locally in bulk



And the fun begins... planting everything!



07/01: Starting to look like an actual garden



07/14: HOLY COW!!! I grew something!!!



7/20: Out of control tomatos!



7/20: Need to plant MANY more of these next year... so yummy



7/20: Just getting hotter every day... excellent!



7/20: Our little "bee house" is full of guests... pollinating away



7/20: Hard to not to harvest the onions... must wait... patience!



7/20: Mint is starting to multiply... yeah!



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ry election was for the three openings on the Potter County Board of Commissioners...with five running for the three openings. Paul Heimel was seeking to extend his position on the Board. Nancy Grupp, Barry Hayman, J. David Buckler and Larry Hinrichsen each spoke that evening.

Those present were given a challenge with different ideas on who would do more for the betterment of our area.

We were honored to have Pennsylvania State Grange President; Wayne D. Campbell, and his wife Deb, as our guests. In his message, Wayne stressed that a few people working together can accomplish much good.

We were grateful for David Castano, President of the Potter County Historical Society, who was MC for the evening and kept the event smoothly moving along.



(Central Grange) l-r: Karen Cahilly, David Castano, Donna Lehman, Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary Debbie Campbell and Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE #1074

PVG recently purchased FFA (Future Farmers of America) jackets for two deserving students at Honesdale High School. Both students are ninth graders at the high school and first year members of the FFA group.

PVG also, recently, awarded their annual scholarships, in the amount of \$750 each, to two lo-



(Pleasant Valley Grange) l-r: Ron Rowe (Grange member), Lexi Korb & Jacob Turner (jacket recipients), Rebecca Rowe and Louise Rowe (Grange members)



(Pleasant Valley Grange) l-r: Ron Rowe, Lily Fries, Rebecca Rowe, Brooke Rutledge & Louise Rowe

cal students. The scholarship is awarded, each year, to a student, or students, planning on majoring in agricultural related fields. This year's winners; Brooke Rutledge and Lily Fires, were both graduates of the Honesdale High School.

Brooke will be attending Penn State University to major in Animal Science and Lily will be studying Dairy Management at SUNY Cobleskill. Both girls are active members of a local 4-H program and the FFA club at their high school.

It is the goal of the Pleasant Valley Grange to make this scholarship available each year to the youth in our community to help them further their education.



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Holiday needs

- Gift Cards to Wegmans to purchase fresh potatoes and hams
- Canned Yams (less than 40oz)
- French Fried Onions
- Flour (2-5 pound packages)
- Sugar (2-5 pound packages)
- Oil
- Canned Pineapple

Current Needs (June 2019, latest update – see link above for updates throughout the year)

- Laundry detergent
- Canned pears and pineapple
- Salt, pepper, and spices
- Tomato products (stewed, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Canned pasta sauce and Sloppy Joe sauce (Chef Boyardee, Manwich, etc.)
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Carrots
- Canned Beets

PLEASE NOTE:

- We are not in need of the following: Baby Food, Baby Formula, Green Beans, Corn, or Protein Beans
- We cannot accept expired or opened food items. Please check the expiration dates on items before donating them. Our food donation guidelines provide assistance in determining what can be accepted.

Lastly, I did move in April. Please either e-mail me or call to get the updated mailing address. This has also been updated with the state office.

Fraternally,
Gail Switzer
Deaf Activities/Community Service Committee Director
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phone: 610-750-4290





2019 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED!

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE AWARDING OF 6 SCHOLARSHIPS AND 5 INTEREST FREE LOANS TO PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE YOUTH FOR 2019

The Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation Scholarship was established in 1996 by delegate action, this scholarship is available to any Grange member, in good standing, entering their Junior or Senior year in college. The following People have been awarded scholarships from the Foundation:

1. Hannah Leibensperger is the daughter of Robert Leibensperger and Cindy Leibensperger of Topton, Pennsylvania. Hannah is attending Elizabethtown College where she has a double major in Psychology and Occupational Therapy.
2. Dori Kralj is the daughter of Rick and Gretchen Kralj of Emlenton, Pennsylvania. Dori is attending Iowa State University where she is majoring in Animal Science and minoring in International Studies.
3. Maria Schall is the daughter of Kenneth and Carol Schall of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. Maria is attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she is majoring in Early Childhood Education and Special Education and minoring in Middle Level Math.
4. Grace Wadsworth is the daughter of David and Ellen Wadsworth of Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. Grace

is attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she has a major in Child Development and a minor in Spanish.

The Rhone Grant is given in honor of Leonard Rhone who was the third Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange. This scholarship is given in his name to honor the great things he did for the Grange. This scholarship is only available to those pursuing a degree in Agriculture or Human Development & Family Services at Penn State University. The Grant is being awarded this year to:

1. Sara Benzio is the daughter of Mark and Lurae Benzio of Industry, Pennsylvania. Sara is attending Penn State University where she is majoring in Animal Science and Ag Business and a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries Science.

The Grange has a Grange Scholarship Endowment at Penn State University. The recipient of this scholarship is selected by the Penn State Office of Student Aid Scholarship Committee. Applicants apply to the Pennsylvania State Grange who then forwards the applications to the committee for review.

This year the recipient is:

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The Pennsylvania State Grange also offers an interest free loan established by Ellis M. Santee who was an active Grange member and country doctor who knew the importance of a good education. This loan fund was established by the late doctor to help young members get that education. This year that assistance will be given to the following:

1. Hannah Leibensperger is the daughter of Robert Leibensperger and Cindy Leibensperger of Topton, Pennsylvania. Hannah is attending Elizabethtown College where she has a double major in Psychology and Occupational Therapy.
2. Mitchell Grove is the son of William and Michele Grove of Felton, Pennsylvania. Mitchell is attending Iowa State University where is majoring in Agricultural Engineering.

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Liberty Grange 100th Celebration

Liberty Grange #1780 held its 100th Anniversary Celebration on Friday May 10, 2019. Over one hundred guests and Grange members attended and were welcomed by Liberty's President Nancy Rodgers. Chaplin Sandra Moore read the opening prayer. After the pledge of allegiance, several honored guests were recognized. Secretary Bonnie Casselberry read a short history about Liberty Grange. Bonnie publicly thanked the members of the community, Scott Township Fire Department and fellow Grange members for supporting Liberty's recent Super BINGO fundraiser for liver donor Michele and recipient Summer.

Lawrence County Commissioner Dan Vogler read a Proclamation from the Commissioners. Commissioner Bob Del Signore was also in attendance. Pennsylvania Senator Elder Vogel read a Citation

versary and accomplishments. A Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from United States Representative Mike Kelly was read by Lawrence County Grange President Ric Jones.

Many Grange members from all over the state of Pennsylvania were in the audience and were recognized including Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Director Lurae Benizio from Beaver County, Pennsylvania State Executive Committee

Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary Deb Campbell and her husband Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell from Perry County.



Roll call of Granges counted 17 members from Liberty, 2 from

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member Dick Mangel & his wife

Ginny, Pennsylvania State Grange Flora from Butler County, Pennsylvania State Grange Vice President J V Lamb of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania State Grange PR/ Membership Consultant Lizzie Bailey of Cumberland County, and Penn-

East New Castle, 15 from Mahoning Valley, 5 from Westfield, 1 from Log Cabin Grange in Mercer and 3 from Beaver County Granges and 6 Lawrence County Junior Grangers. Nancy Shively, age 99, was recognized as the oldest member of Liberty Grange attending that evening. Other Liberty Grange members Lillian Jeffrey, age 104 and Evelyn Smith, age 93 were also mentioned but unable to attend.

Nancy Shively reminisced about her memories of being a Grange member. Former member Lois Henneman, descended from Liberty Charter members Fran-





cis and Lloyd McCracken, spoke about plays that were performed on the stage. Lorraine McKibben, a descendent of Charter members Olive and Frank Forbes, shared her earliest Grange memory about the time her family took water in 4 ten gallon milk cans up to Liberty with a team of horses named Dick and Dan for an event. She also recalled about the time Liberty won first prize at a parade in New Castle with a bicentennial-themed float pulled by a team of ponies. They won the \$200 prize which the Grange donated to the County Home to buy needed clothing for the residents. Bill McChesney, a relative of Charter member Roy Alexander, recalled the story of how Roy had been the person who suggested that the Grange should be named "Liberty".

East of Enon, a blue grass Gospel group consisting of Dave Foster and his two daughters, Judy and Jeannine entertained the guests. They were joined for a couple songs by long-time friend and local Grange member George Caselberry, playing his harmonicas. Keynote speaker for the evening was Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell, who spoke about the history of the Grange and its accomplishments. He also explained some of the legislative issues that the Grange is currently working on and many of the benefits of being a member. Wayne publically thanked Senator Vogel for all his work supporting agriculture in Pennsylvania.

Castle Country Cloggers performed a couple numbers for the crowd, and Ric Jones read "So, God Made a Farmer" by Paul Harvey. Following the benediction, guests went downstairs to the social hall for cupcakes, ice cream, fruit and beverages. For more information about Grange, visit the Pennsylvania State Grange website: www.pagrang.org or call Ric Jones 724-944-9613.

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over. The only rejoicing I felt was no more riding that binder til next year!

But now that I am a "little" older, I took a closer look at this song and realize there is a deeper, more meaningful and even a biblical message here!

Since there were no monstrous, motorized combines to harvest the grain back in 1874, Knowles Shaw used the sheaves of grain as a metaphor to illustrate Psalm 126:5,6 (*feel free to look this up*).

We must sow seeds of kindness all times of the day, in all kinds of circumstances and, even if we don't feel like it! Jesus told His disciples that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. We must continue to sow the good seeds of His message and work toward the harvest. Life may seem hopeless at times, but we have the assurance if we continue to serve the Lord, there will come a time for rejoicing, for He has said there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who changes his heart and life than ninety-nine who didn't need to change!

With this insight, I will sow seeds of kindness, sing **"Bringing in the Sheaves"** with a smile on my face and look forward to a bountiful harvest when we all get to heaven.



Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler
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to survive and could use a great deal of extra help. Two members of the State Grange History Committee have been working monthly since March 2019 with the members on the "Renew Eagle Grange" program to set goals and make plans for the future. In addition to more activities to serve the area and attract new members, high on the list of priorities is the renovation of the Grange Hall kitchen, restrooms and first floor meeting space to make the hall a more welcoming and modern facility for both Grange and community activities. Its highly visible location along Route 15 makes the Grange Hall a real asset with the potential of once again becoming the hub for activities in this area. The recently announced "Friends of Eagle Grange #1" program will provide some of the funds needed to undertake building improvements. Local businesses, individuals, and other Granges are invited to become a "Friend" with an annual donation of \$50. Donations may be made directly to Eagle Grange or through the State Grange Foundation; donations contributed through the Foundation may be deductible for tax purposes. With support from Granges and individual patrons across the state, we hope to reach the goal of 150 friends for Eagle's 150th anniversary. For more information and to access the "Friends" donation forms, visit <http://www.pagrang.org/pennsylvanias-first-grange-eagle-1.html>. You'll have the opportunity to become a "Friend" at State Grange in October; just look for the eye-catching Eagle Grange banner there.

Doug Bonsall, Chair
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I understand the governor's concern for public safety in extreme conditions, but when we look at the travel bans issued this past winter, most of the 'storms' turned out to be nothing more than typical wintry weather conditions...if that, And when conditions do deteriorate, keeping these heavy milk trucks on interstates and off of secondary roads, which are plowed and treated far less often, is often the safer option. I'm not sure what the governor fails to understand about the problems his travel bans have caused for our dairy industry, which is already struggling to stay afloat. You can spend all the money you want on things like developing the market for organics and increasing processing opportunities, but if you can't get the milk off the farm, what's the point?"

The General Assembly can try to override the veto or the House could push for passage of House Bill 915's companion Senate Bill 588 which passed the Senate and is now in the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee.

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

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and Cheese Belong in a Healthy Diet" along with videos of Nina's work.



Sherry Bunting, a writer for the Farmshine magazine, has recently been doing a great job writing about getting whole milk back in our schools.

However, I am concerned that we now have different versions of the need to get whole milk back in our schools. I think it's time we unite everyone's efforts and get behind the same program. I'm not surprised that national milk and IDFA feel that 1 % milk is good enough to have in our schools. Let's push that thinking aside and let's unite together to get real, whole milk back into our schools.

Certainly our school children need it and want it.

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2019-20 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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STATE SESSION

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

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

January 4-12, 2020
Farm Show Complex
Harrisburg, PA

AG PROGRESS DAYS

August 18-20, 2020
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Tioga #1223

Rodney Fountain
Michelle Bousquet
Joan Stone
Monique Knapp
Kevin Knapp
Nathaniel Welsh

Liberty #1780

Cindy Iorio
Thomas Iorio

Shartlesville #1512

Beth Machmer
Joshua Sites
Kirby Sites
Nayley Sites

Fairdale #1157

Bonnie Miller
William Miller

Logan #109

Tara Mondock

Centre Hill #885

Richard Rothrock

Roseville #1290

John Johnson

Progress #96

Alaina McCloskey

Pleasant Hill #1861

Beth Skiles

Nicole Eckenrode

Ontelaunee #1617

Tanner Davis

Jayden Dennis

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Lois Tilly

Valley #1360

Robert Boyce

Tioga #1223

Mary Jane Brace

Star #993

Theresa Tonick

Bald Eagle #1390

Donald Kimmerling

North Strabane #1434

Dorothy Townsend

Bernville #1887

Charles Kissling

South Auburn #1188

James Luce

Big Knob #2008

Lloyd Brenner

Honey Brook #1688

Thomas Bamberger

Fairdale #1157

Jack Bechtel

Ontelaunee #1617

John Weist

Verna Kopicz

Hayfield #800

Richard Tobin

Odin #1254

Arnold Haskins

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3. Dori Kralj is the daughter of Rick and Gretchen Kralj of Emlenton, Pennsylvania. Dori is attending Iowa State University where she is majoring in Animal Science and minoring in International Studies.
4. Maria Schall is the daughter of Kenneth and Carol Schall of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. Maria is attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she is majoring in Early Childhood Education and Special Education and minoring in Middle Level Math.
5. Sara Benzio is the daughter of Mark and Lurae Benzio of Industry, Pennsylvania. Sara is attending Penn State University where she is majoring in Animal Science and Ag Business and a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries Science.



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