

PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS

January/February 2020

Cultivating Connections





2020 PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

January 5th-12th Schedule (highlights)

Please find full schedule at: <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/plan/schedule/full-schedule/Pages/default.aspx>

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 9 PM

8:00 a.m.

- Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association Championship (NHA)

10:00 a.m.

- Opening Ceremonies with Governor Tom Wolf & Secretary Russell Redding (SA)
- Blue Ribbon Pie Contest (GFA)
- Maple Production Demonstration by the PA Maple Syrup Producers (CCS)

11:00 a.m.

- Chef Instructor Mike Ditchfield and Students from the Pennsylvania College of Technology (CCS)

11:30 a.m.

- Cumberland County Drill Team (NHA)
- Beginning in Beekeeping Perry Arlia (LFS)

12:30 p.m.

- Pennsylvania State Police Drill Team Demonstration (NHA)

1:00 p.m.

- Wine Competition Awards Ceremony (MHS)
- Thermador Challenge – “Iron Chef” Competition with local Chefs and Media Personalities (CCS)
- Basics of Maple Syrup Production, Andy Dewing (LFS)

2:00 p.m.

- Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Meet and Greet (NHA)
- David Santucci, Regional Sales Manager, Country Fresh Mushrooms (CCS)
- PA Preferred Junior Baking Cookie/Brownie Bar Contest (GFA)
- Cheese Competition Awards Ceremony (MHS)

2:30 p.m.

- Cider Competition Awards Ceremony (MHS)

mony (MHS)

- Basics of Maple Syrup Production, Andy Dewing (LFS)

3:00 p.m.

- Beer Competition Awards Ceremony (MHS)

4:00 p.m.

- Sheep Herding Demonstration (EA)
- PA Preferred Chocolate Cake Contest (GFA)

5:00 p.m.

- Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association Championship (NHA)
- Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania Beekeepers Association (CCS)
- Basics of Maple Syrup Production Andy Dewing (LFS)

5:30 p.m.

- Owning and caring for Small Ruminants Dr. Pesato Upenn (LFS)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 8 PM

10:00 a.m.

- Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association (CCS)
- Non-Denominational Worship Service (BH)
- Basics of Maple Syrup Production Andy Dewing (LFS)

12:00 p.m.

- Draft Horse Hitch Competition – 6 Horse Hitch and other Team Classes (NHA)
- Angel Food Cake Contest (GFA)
- Raising Alpacas PA Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (LFS)

2:00 p.m.

- Junior Market Steer Show, followed by Showmanship (EA)



pennsylvania
FARM SHOW COMPLEX
AND EXPO CENTER
2300 N. Cameron St.,
Harrisburg, PA 17110

LOCATION KEY:

BH	PA Preferred® Banquet Hall
CCC	Crossroads Conference Center
E	East Hall
KCC	Keystone Conference Center
NHA	New Holland Arena
CCS	Culinary Connection Stage
LFS	Lancaster Farming Stage
EL	East Maclay Street Lobby
GFA	Good Foods Area
MHS	Main Hall Stage
SA	Small/Sale Arena
GEX	Giant® Exposition Hall
EA	Equine Arena
EB	Equine Barn
M	Main Hall

2:30 p.m.

- Differences in Honey, Perry Arlia (LFS)

3:00 p.m.

- Celebrity Chef Demonstration (CCS)

4:00 p.m.

- Grand Champion Junior Market Swine, Followed by Showmanship (SA)
- Thumbprint Cookie Contest (GFA)

5:00 p.m.

- Grand Champion Junior Market Steer, Followed by Showmanship (EA)
- School Cooking Challenge with Students from the Pennsylvania College of Technology (CCS)
- Basics of Maple Syrup Production (LFS)

6:00 p.m.

- Horse Vaulting Demonstration (NHA)
- Showmanship Clinic (SA)
- Maple Production Demonstration by the PA Maple Syrup Producers (CCS)
- Raising Alpacas PA Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (LFS)

6:30 p.m.

- Horse Logging Demonstration (EA)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 9 PM

8:00 a.m.

- Open Beef Angus, Simmental, Hereford & Limousin Judging (EA)
- Junior Market Goat (SA)

10:00 a.m.

- Maple Production Demonstration

“PA Farm Show” continued on page 24



PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS

January/February 2010

"Cultivating Connections in 2020"

2
2020 Pennsylvania Farm Show Schedule

4
From The President's Desk

5
Chaplain's Corner

6
Membership News

7
Family Activities Director

8
Program Director

12
Deaf Activities & Community Services

13
History Committee

14
Junior News

16
Youth News



18
Grange News:

Judy Pressler (Chaplain), South Auburn Grange, Port Matilda Grange, Butler County Pomona, Crawford County Pomona, Hayfield Grange

20
Granger Of The Year

22
Government Matters
Sunday Hunting Heats Up

26
Heads Up!

27
News Release
Getting a bus to go to the PA Farm Show

28
2020 Grange Regional Conference Registration

29
Medicare 101

30
New Members / In Memoriam

31
Calendar of Events

32
Grange Benefits



Cultivating Connections





From the President's Desk

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

Happy New Year to everyone and WOW, it's 2020!! As we start off our new year, let's set some goals. Let's each resolve to introduce at least two new people to the Grange. Let's resolve to become involved in something new within our Grange. Join a new committee, help at a fund raiser you've never helped at before, or take on a new project within your community.

I am very pleased to announce that Matthew Espenshade was chosen as the Granger of the Year. He is a member of Elizabethtown Grange #2076 in Lancaster County. Matt was presented the award at the All Granger Banquet which is held at the conclusion of the Pennsylvania State Grange convention. Matt was surprised to say the least. He is one of those Grangers who works very hard but prefers to be behind the scenes. Matt made the statement, "When I graduated from college and was looking to get more involved in my community, I joined Elizabethtown Grange. They have never told me no in trying new ideas".

We all can take a valuable lesson from his statement. It's a new

year, let's try a new idea. Let's hold more public meetings to educate our communities on subjects that affect them every day. Let's reach out to other organizations and see how we can partner to reach mutual goals.

January always starts out with a flurry of activity as we are preparing for the Pennsylvania Farm Show. We would be glad to have your help at the Pennsylvania State Grange booth during the week. It's a great opportunity to see old friends, meet new people as they visit our stand and introduce them to the Grange. It gives you a great opportunity to explain our roots in agriculture, our strong family values, and tell people about the many legislative achievements of the Grange. You would be amazed at how many are

cessing plants, and better health care.

As we talk about achievements, remember to talk with your legislators regularly. The only way they can know your position on the issues is if you tell them. They want to represent their constituents, so attend their town meetings, write to them, and email them. Remember to say thank you when something you feel strongly about is passed into law. We all like to know someone appreciates what we are doing.

Consider holding a public meeting at your Grange and inviting a Pennsylvania State Grange officer to speak. Contact a local newspaper and see if they will cover the event. I believe the Grange is the best kept secret out there.

RESOLUTIONS

- Hold Public Meetings
- Create Communittee Partners
- Introduce 2 People to Grange
- Talk With Your Local Legislator
- Help at a Fund Raiser
- Mentor a New Member
- GET INVOLVED!!!

We need to let people know what we do, how we can help them, and how together we can help our communities. People need to know we are more than just that building down along route so and so.

I'm looking forward to an exciting new year. Let's make resolu-

tions we can keep and set them as goals!!!

unaware that it was a Granger who started the push for mail delivery out into the country side. That we were instrumental in the creation of the rural electric co-ops, and that today we are working for adequate Broadband, more dairy pro-

Fraternally,
Wayne D. Campbell,
Pennsylvania State Grange
President





Pennsylvania Grange News

20 Erford Road, Suite 216
Lemoyne, PA 17043
1-717-737-8855
www.pagranger.org

Editor in Chief

Wayne D. Campbell

Pennsylvania State Grange President
president@pagrange.org

Assistant Editor

Jane Birk

Publishing Editor

88 Dragon Design Studio
570-772-4441

Advertising & Editorial

Heather Hiller

Wellsboro, PA
info@88dragon.com
570-772-4441

2020-2021 Deadlines

January/February 2021 (Issue 1)
November 6th, 2020

March/April 2020 (Issue 2)
January 3rd, 2020

May/June 2020 (Issue 3)
March 1st, 2020

July/August 2020 (Issue 4)
May 1st, 2020

September/October 2020 (Issue 5)
July 3rd, 2020

November/December 2020 (Issue 6)
September 4th, 2020

Follow the

Pennsylvania State Grange

Twitter - @PAGrangePR

Facebook - PaStateGrange

A portion of members' dues is paid as a subscription.

Title: Pennsylvania Grange News
Issue: January / February 2020
Statement of frequency: Bi-monthly
Authorized organization's name & address:
Pennsylvania State Grange
20 Erford Road, Suite 216
Lemoyne, PA 17043



Chaplain's Corner
Judy Pressler
PA State Grange Chaplain

HAPPY NEW YEAR & VALENTINES DAY!

This article is intended to welcome in the New Year and set the scene for the "love" month!

When we finished up with the State Session in late October, it seemed like we were whisked right into "holiday mode" with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas breathing down our necks! Oh to "Be still and know that I Am God," in these busy times!

My question to my fellow Grangers is how did you make out with my acrostics in the last edition of the PGN magazine? Obviously, since I write this a couple of months in advance of publication date, I am just about to start on my adventure! I DO intend to "**walk my talk**" and work through them. As I have told many of you, when I prepare my articles, I pray and am led by what God puts in my heart and mind. I am excited because I put the suggestions down as they came to me and now **I am committed to seeing them through!**

As we begin another calendar year, my prayer is that you are looking forward to a *fruitful, meaningful* and *rewarding* year. *Fruitful* in that you will practice the fruits of the spirit; *meaningful* in that you will make some significant and/or profound differences in the lives of your friends, family or even strangers; and *rewarding* in that you will experience personal satisfaction.

If we practice the fruits of the Spirit (according to chapter 5 of Galatians) love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, think what an impact we will have in this New Year. Even if we accomplish some of them with the intent to keep on trying....indeed we will be **fruitful!**

If we use Jesus as our example we can respond to the emotional, physical, and/or financial needs of those around us no matter what their lifestyle happens to be. If we step out of our comfort zone and lend a helping hand, our actions will ripple out like a pebble in a puddle! It will **mean a lot** not only to those we have touched but to our Heavenly Father.

If we are fortunate enough to see results of our efforts, we have received our **reward**. However, we know that the real reward comes from pleasing our God and we will receive that final reward in His good time.

All these are good thoughts for the New Year and the months to follow so I will suffice it to say by accomplishing any or many of these objectives, we will be observing the sentiments expressed in **February, the month for LOVE**, and we know that **LOVE** is the greatest gift of all.

Praying for love in all aspects of your lives,
Judy Pressler, Chaplain
jxp2@psu.edu





Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

Happy New Year!

Ring in the new year means a new beginning and brings lots of hope and anticipation for many great things to happen. For Grange, great things are here and more to come for 2020!

Farm Show...

We hope that you will join us in our excitement this year as we show off the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail at the Farm Show Complex.

100 quilt blocks have been delivered and put in place by the farm show staff. We have a scavenger



hunt to go along with the trail to share the rich history of quilting.

The Grange has filled a 30ft. display case in the McClay Street lobby showcasing the history of quilting. You will find Grange on the Family Activities Stage two times during the week to talk about the quilt trail, and all things Grange!

It is estimated that 500,000 people flow through the complex and it

is a wonderful opportunity for people to learn more about Grange. We look forward to seeing you at Farm Show!

April is Grange Month...

It is the perfect time to host a community open house, entertainment, neighbor-night, etc. and celebrate with your community! Don't know what to do? Here are a few ideas to think or talk about. How about something Irish for St. Patrick's Day. When the kids were little we used to have a Leprechaun Hunt. We would hide foiled chocolate coins, other little goodies, and include some half dollars for them. Easter Egg Hunt and offer craft activities, free hotdogs for lunch. A community potluck dinner with nothing more than to socialize with your community members. Whatever you choose to do, have fun with everyone who attends, as that is what is important.

Please remember to share your upcoming events so they can be posted on the Pennsylvania State Grange's social media, website, and distributed to media outlets.

How is your Grange Family Tree...

We have had lots of discussion about growing our Granges and it is important that we don't lose sight of our goal of 11 members per Grange. Please schedule us to come out for a community workshop on the importance of Grange in your community. Who do you invite? Well start with your own family who are not members. Look at the people in your community. What about those who you work with, people at the post office,



bank, local officials, and stores? I look forward to seeing additions to your Grange family tree!

I ask that when you invite your community that you tell a positive story. I want you to tell them what you love about Grange. If you tell your story from your heart with passion, people will listen, and they will ask you questions. Please share that you are wanting to do new things, have new ideas to do things to better serve your community. Guess what? They will come check out your Grange. Talk about what Grange is currently working on, use the tool kit with resources (that you received at State Session), refer them to our website, share your newsletters, talk about legislative policy.

Our Granges are our past, present, and future. It is important to share our history, live in the moment, and look to the future! It is our responsibility to pass our Grange onto the next generation of members to ensure our legacy!

Yours in Grange service,
Lizzie Bailey
PR/Membership Director
717-254-9550 Cell
717-737-8855 Office
publicrelations@pagrange.org





Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hi Everyone! I hope you all made it through State Session, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year 2020.

We had a good time at State Session with a total of 144 entries (from 20 counties). The 2019 Outstanding Subordinate Family Activities Director is now Jane Repert, from Berks County Pomona #43, and the 2019 Outstanding Pomona Family Activities Director is Virginia Mangel, from Butler County Pomona #17. People's Choice Award went to Karen Poorman, of Baileyville Grange #1991, in Centre County.

We will be shipping out 2020/2021 contest packets in Jan/ Feb 2020... so Secretaries...

watch your mail, please. If you are getting a packet... please make copies of the contest papers to share with your Grange members. Anyone needing contest papers please let me know and I will make you copies and send them out to you.

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius
Family Activities Director
melmelius59@gmail.com or
mle103@comcast.net
cell (814) 360-7058



VALLEY GRANGE #1360

**WE ARE SEEKING
VOLUNTEERS TO
HELP TO MAKE THE PA
DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION
FAMOUS FARM SHOW
MILKSHAKES.
JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 11**

**CALL DOT TRAVER (717) 938 2986
EMAIL: DOT.FARMSHOW@GMAIL.COM**




**Pennsylvania State
Grange Cookbooks**

\$30

www.pagrang.org
(click on cookbook tab)

(717)737-8855

Limited quantities available...







Program Director
Jenn Nauss
 PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central PA!

As I write this, Halloween is on the horizon, but by the time you're reading this, the New Year will be here (or right around the corner). I hope you and yours had a joyous and blessed Holiday Season.

State Session

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Lecturer's Department contests this past year! Congratulations to our winners, who are listed at the end of this article. I am excited to report that Pennsylvania was represented well at the National Session in November. Jen Beamon, from Hamburg Grange #2013, performed during the Evening of Excellence. Ashley Mohn, from Marion Grange #1853, won Best of Show in the Photography Contest and represented Pennsylvania in the Photography Showcase. Congratulations!

Updates to the 2020-21 Guide to Contests and Programs

There are a few updates to the Lecturer's Contests and Programs since the Guide was printed. Contests and Programs were updated over the summer for publication, but a few challenges arose during judging that I would like to update moving forward. A revised copy of the guide will be available on the website.

First, starting in 2020, Lecturer's Reports and Scrapbooks will be judged separately. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 4th places for reports AND scrapbooks. Addi-

tionally, monetary prizes will be given for the 1st place winners in each class for reports (\$10) and scrapbooks (\$50). Community Night/Day (Open House) Reports will be judged as they have been with 1st place winners in each class receiving a plaque.

Second, the membership classes for Subordinate Lecturer's Reports/Scrapbooks and Community Night/Day (Open House) Reports were quite unbalanced this past year. In an effort to create more equitable competition, the membership classes have been revised to 1) Up to 50 members; 2) 51-99 members; and 3) 100 or more members.

Finally, this past year, we had no entries in the **Pen-in-Hand** contest. This is a great opportunity for members to showcase their creative writing skills. A new class has been added to replace the "Book/Film Review" class. The new class is **"My Favorite Grange memory..."** with a word limit of 500 words. So, the three classes for **Pen-in-Hand** are: 1) Poetry (300 words max); 2) Short Story (1,500 words max); and 3) My Favorite Grange Memory... (300 words max).

Please refer to the updated Guide on the website and feel free to contact me with any questions about these changes or any of the contests and programs within the Lecturer's Department.

Regional Leadership Conferences

The Pennsylvania State Grange is offering a series of Regional Conferences across Pennsylvania in the spring of 2020. These conferences will aim to provide meaningful leadership training to ALL Grange lead-

ers and members and improve information-sharing between the State Grange and Subordinate and Pomona Granges. There will be 3 conferences, scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Logan Grange, Centre County (CENTRAL)
- Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Big Knob Grange, Beaver County (WEST)
- Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Kutztown Grange, Berks County (EAST)

We are still in the process of determining a specific schedule, but several workshops will be offered from many of the departments and committees of the PA State Grange, including Lecturer's, Youth, Juniors, Community Service, History Committee, and more.

The conferences will begin at 10:00 am and conclude by 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. The registration fee is \$10.00. The Registration Form is included in this issue of the Pennsylvania Grange News.

Look for more information about the schedule and specific workshops that will be offered early in the New Year. Please contact me with any questions or for more information!

Program Ideas

January: National Hobby Month – Have your members share information about their favorite hobbies. Have a Hobby Night with stations set up around the room for members to share a little about their favorite activities. Ask a member to lead a program about one of their favorite hobbies.

- January 4: Trivia Day – Celebrate Trivia Day by preparing an interactive trivia contest for your members. Play Jeopardy or Hollywood Squares and quiz your members on Grange trivia, Holiday trivia, or trivia about a topic of interest to you and your members!



February:

- February 2 – Super Bowl Sunday – Host your own team relay games or activities for your members. Host a Super Bowl collection, in conjunction with your Community Service chair, and have members donate cans of soup and other food donations for a local food bank. Have two boxes (one for each team) and have members place donations in the box of the team they are cheering for.
- February 14 – National Organ Donor Day – Invite a representative from Gift of Life or similar organization to lead an educational program for your members about Organ Donation.

2019 STATE SESSION CONTEST WINNERS

LECTURER'S REPORTS/SCRAPBOOKS

Subordinate:

Up to 75 Members

1. Cheryl Miller, Union Grange #325, Centre County
2. Chester Tau, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
3. Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County
4. Marjorie Craven, Edgewood Grange #688, Bucks County

76-149 Members

1. Ashley Furman, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
2. Linda Roan, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County
3. Tina Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County

150+ Members

1. Brenda Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
2. Heidi Berger, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
3. Dee Ruckert, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

Pomona:

1. Kenna Kurtz, Centre County Pomona #13
2. Nettie Kauffman, Berks County Pomona #43
3. Arvilla Allen, Crawford County

Pomona #26

4. Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County Pomona #66

COMMUNITY NIGHT/DAY (OPEN HOUSE)

REPORTS/SCRAPBOOKS

Subordinate:

Up to 75 Members

1. Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
2. Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County
3. Nancy Sattazahn, Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County
4. Cheryl Ruoss, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

76-149 Members

1. Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
2. Ashley Furman, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
3. Linda Roan, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County

150+ Members

1. Brenda Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

Pomona:

1. Arvilla Allen, Crawford County Pomona #26
2. Mary McMillin, Lawrence County Pomona #65
3. Georgette Mummert, Huntingdon County Pomona #6

CONTAINER POT DECORATING

Funny:

Subordinate

1. Miranda Irons, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
2. Debra Kieffer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
3. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

Juniors

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

Pretty:

Subordinate

1. Deanna Hollabaugh, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
2. Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
3. Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
4. Sandra Hill, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

Juniors

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
2. Alexis Servin, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
3. Julie Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
4. Heidi Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County

Grange:

Subordinate

1. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

Juniors

1. Sarah Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County

BEST OF SHOW: Deanna Hollabaugh, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County

TISSUE BOX COVERS

Holiday/Seasonal:

Subordinate

1. Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
2. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
3. Thelma Slippey, Shavers Creek #353, Huntingdon County
4. Ruth Kurtz, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County

Most Creative:

Subordinate

1. Walter McChesney Jr., Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
2. Laura McCardle, Shavers Creek Grange #353, Huntingdon County
3. Katherine Stine, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
4. Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

Juniors

1. Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

BEST OF SHOW: Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

"Program" continued on page 10



"Program" continued from page 9

CRAFT STICK ART

Prettiest:

Subordinate

1. Jen Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
2. Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
3. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
4. Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County

Juniors

1. Kay Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
2. Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Junior Grange #452, Berks County
3. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
4. Sarah Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County

Funniest:

Subordinate

1. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
2. Walter G. McChessney, Jr., Harslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
3. Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

Juniors

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
2. Julie Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
3. Connor Servin, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
4. Logan Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County

Most Creative:

Subordinate

1. Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
2. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

Juniors

1. Tabitha Samsel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
2. Lila Samsel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
3. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, #547, Lawrence County
4. Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Junior #181, Beaver County

BEST OF SHOW: Kay Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County

WREATHES

Holiday:

Subordinate

1. Bryan Poorman, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County
2. Patty Bird, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
3. Janet Schlegel, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
4. William McGregor, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

Juniors

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

Pretty:

Subordinate

1. Ashley Furman, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
2. William McGregor, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County
3. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
4. Kenna Kurtz, Logan Grange #109, Centre County

Juniors

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
2. Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #452, Berks County

Grange:

Subordinate

1. Marty Dinsmore, Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County
2. Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
3. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Berks County
4. Fern Sonon, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

BEST OF SHOW: Bryan Poorman, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County

MY FAVORITE ANYTHING

Wood:

1. Margaret Storm, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County

2. Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County
3. Donald Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
4. Ann Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County

Plastic:

1. Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
2. Luca Loccisano, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

Material/Yarn:

1. Barbara Gross, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
2. Sharon Heck, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
3. Gretchen Kralj, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
4. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

Miscellaneous:

1. Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
2. Kelly VanOrd, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
3. Margaret Storm, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County
4. Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

ART

Nature:

1. Marci Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
2. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
3. Deanna Hollabaugh, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
4. Bill Yeckley, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

Animals:

1. Miranda Irons, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
2. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

Abstract:

1. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
2. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
3. Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
4. Helen Lafferty, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

People:

No entries



Street Art/Graffiti on Canvas:

- 1.Charles Brenneman, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
- 2.Virginia Yeckley, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
- 3.Betty Brenneman, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
- 4.Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

BEST OF SHOW: Marci Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County

PHOTOGRAPHY

Pennsylvania – My Home:

- 1.Susan Snyder, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 2.Mary McMillin, Westfield Grange #1514, Lawrence County
- 3.Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
- 4.Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill #1861, Cambria County

Sunrise/Sunset:

- 1.Ian Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2.Jim Snyder, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3.Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 4.Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

Pets/Animals:

- 1.Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 2.Michelle Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3.Vicky Baird Confer, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
- 4.Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County

Plants:

- 1.Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 2.Susan Snyder, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3.Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 4.Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

Churches:

- 1.Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
- 2.Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 3.Marci Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 4.Miranda Irons, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County



"Best of Show Winner Ashley Mohn's photo represented Pennsylvania in the 2019 National Grange Photography Showcase."

BEST OF SHOW: Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County (Pets/Animals)

MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOS

Digitally Enhanced Photography:

- 1.Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 2.Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County
- 3.Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

Photo Collage:

- 1.Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 2.Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 3.Ian Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 4.Kay Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

Photo Gallery/Slide Show/Story Board

1 – Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

Jenn Nauss
Lecturer
jnauss89@gmail.com





Deaf Activities & Community Service Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Hello Grangers,

As the past two years, this was another rewarding year. I continue to be very impressed by the work that you are doing in your communities. For those that sent in their reports, thank you! I looked through each report and book and documented the different projects that are being completed around the state. It is extremely impressive and something each and every one of you should be proud of! We logged about 47,000 hours of community service from the 55 reports that were submitted. Way to go Pennsylvania!

Congrats to the following Granges for their winning reports/books.

Granges with 25 or less members:

1. Sinking Valley Grange #484
2. London Grove Grange #63

Granges with 26-60 members:

1. Hamburg Grange #2103
2. Hayfield Grange #800
3. Harvey's Aleppo #1444

Honorable Mention: Schnecksville Grange #1684

Granges with 61 or more members:

1. Valley Grange #1360
2. Hookstown Grange #1980
3. Big Knob Grange #2008
4. Honorable Mention: Plumsteadville Grange #1738

Pomona Granges

1. Centre County #13
2. Bucks County #22
3. Berks County #43

Honorable Mention: Lehigh-Northampton Pomona #68

Congratulations to Valley Grange #1360, as their book represented Pennsylvania at the National Grange Session in Minnesota in November 2019.

This year at State Grange Session we collected 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 had a heaping table full of donations, so thank you to all of the Granges or individuals who supported these collections. We will also be sending a check for \$250 to the State College Food Bank from the Sunday morning church service offering. We were also successful with our book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange. We raised \$61.75 from this sale and will be sending \$300 to Dogs for Better Lives with the help of the church offering from Sunday at session.

We had 4 contestants in our sign a song contest this year. Jodi Keith-Kensinger and Philip Vonada in the subordinate category and Foster and Elsa Kehs in the junior category. Congrats to Philip Vonada who will be representing Pennsylvania at Eastern Regionals to compete for this contest. Philip also represented Pennsylvania and the Eastern Region at Nationals this year. I strongly encourage everyone to consider participating next year!

Congrats and thank you to Big Knob Grange who was the only participant in our new "Community Service Project of the Year" contest. I hope others will participate next year! Additionally, we have a Deaf Awareness poster contest that no one competed in, make a reminder to participate in the upcoming year.

Please be reminded that I would like you to e-mail pagrange.dacs@gmail.com when your Grange completes community projects. I will post your projects on Facebook. This allows others around the state (and nation) to see the work you have done and get ideas for more community service projects.

I continue to look forward to hearing about all of your awesome work and hope to see you soon. Feel free to reach out to me to my personal e-mail - g_switzer09@hotmail.com phone 610-750-4290, or e-mail the address in the above paragraph with any community service/deaf activities projects.

Fraternally,
Gail Switzer

Deaf Activities/Community Service Committee Director
e-mail: g_switzer09@hotmail.com
phone: 610-750-4290





History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

State Grange Records Preservation

Microfilming and digitizing of the third batch of State Grange records - officer rosters, Executive Committee minutes, and published histories - has been completed. Within the next few months these documents will be posted to the State Grange website at <http://www.pagrange.org/history-committee.html> for easy access by any visitor to that site. Recently we have found some interesting newspapers and minutes from State Junior and Youth Camps and have decided to have these microfilmed/digitized as funds will permit to remove the risk of this information being lost to the deterioration of time.

State Grange Auction

Thanks to the support of the State Grange Executive Committee which designated proceeds from the annual action at the state session to support the work of the History Committee, we now have \$2,434 in additional funds to continue our work. Most of this will be set aside as a "starter fund" for the 150th anniversary of the State Grange coming up in 2023. Planning for this special occasion is shifting into high gear with hopes of kicking off some advance activities during the 2020 state session in Erie and at the 150th anniversary of Eagle Grange #1 in 2021.



Rhone Inducted into National Grange Hall of Fame

One of Pennsylvania's early Grange leaders - Leonard Rhone of Centre County - was recognized for his achievements at the recent National Grange session in Minnesota by being inducted into the Grange Virtual Hall of Fame, created in 2015 to recognize Grange members who had a significant role in the history of the National Grange. The nomination of Leonard Rhone was submitted by the State Grange History Committee over a year ago and we are pleased of his selection for this honor. He and his wife were charter members of Progress Grange #96. Brother Rhone was the organizer of many early Granges in Centre County and the prime mover behind the establishment of the Grange Encampment & Cen-



seven years, and also concurrently served as National Grange High Priest of Demeter from 1889-1895. He was one of the first to appear before Congress to testify in support of rural free delivery of mail.

Leonard Rhone was born July 21, 1838 in Potter Township near Centre Hall on the Rhone Homestead, now known as Rhoneymead which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. He studied at Kishacoquilla Academy and after teaching for a year, became a farmer by choice. In 1864 he married Mary Margaret Sankey, a neighbor girl. He later purchased the other heirs' interests to the farm. Leonard was elected as a Trustee of PA State College in 1880 and appointed on important commissions by various Governors. He also was elected to the Pennsylvania State Legislature during his term as Master of the State Grange, serving two two-year terms (1885-86 and

1887-88). While serving in the Legislature, he was a champion for agriculture and good government, and secured increased appropriations for public schools in an effort to equalize taxation. Although

tre County Fair. He rose through many Grange positions to become the third Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange from 1880-1889, was elected to the National Grange Executive Committee from 1888-1898 and served as its chair for

"History" continued on page 27



Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio

PA State Grange Junior Committee
Director

Junior News

HAPPY 2020 to all of you!

Can you believe we are starting a new year? And can you believe it is 2020?? Well – I can't believe it! Time is just moving right a long and we are all on this fun ride together! Before we know it – State Camp will be here! Speaking of State JG Camp – did you know the theme is Wilderness Adventure!? We are going to be doing so many new things and having so much fun! I want each of you to invite a friend to join you at camp this year. It can be a current Junior Granger or a friend that might become a future Junior Granger. Invite them to join us and have an adventurous week in the Wilderness!

Help me welcome the newest Jr Grange committee member – Tina Reich. Tina is from Valley Grange #1360 in York Co. She is the mom of our current State JG Princess, Elisabeth and her brother Jackson and little sister Gretchen. Tina is

excited to be on the committee and she is going to be a great addition to the team! WELCOME TINA!!

If you haven't yet heard – the PA Jr. Grange has something – or should I say SOMEONE – to brag about and be so very proud of! Our PA State JG Prince, Bryce Danko, was awarded the title of the 2019-2020 National Jr Grange Ambassador at the 153rd National Grange Convention that was held in November in Bloomington (Minneapolis area), MN. It is quite an AWESOME honor to be given this title and Bryce will share the responsibility of the title with Brian-na Gervis from Connecticut who was also chosen. Bryce will be representing the Juniors around the US and helping to promote the programs, contests and more. Look for more from Bryce in the next issue of Grange News!

Speaking of the National Contests, I want to Congratulate Kay Reyburn and Emma Seidel who both won a ribbon at the National Convention for their Creative Art. I am so proud of these 2 young ladies. Since the National Convention is in Valley Forge PA this year – I hope that we have many more entries. You can go to www.nationaljuniorgrange.org to see all of the contests.

What are your goals for this year? What are some things you want to do? These are questions that are always asked when we begin a new year. If you haven't writ-

ten a bucket list for this year of things you want to see, do or go...I invite you to begin one! Add some simple things and then write some that seem more difficult to reach. Make it a goal to cross as many off the list as you can. Get your family involved and make a "Bucket List" together. Work together to cross the things off the list. What are some ideas that you can put on there? Here are a few to consider: Attend all of the Jr Grange meetings or activities in your Grange or in the county. Attend County or State Camp (if you haven't done so yet). Work on a State or National contest item each month so you have entries for State Session or National Convention. Volunteer at a Food Bank, or other community center that allows young people to help out (this is a great one for the family to do together). The list is endless. See what kind of "Bucket List" you can create and see how much you can cross off the List by the end of the year!

Enjoy these cold snowy days and stay safe while playing out in the snow!!

PS: Please enjoy the collection of Junior pictures, on the facing page, taken throughout the 2019 year.

See you all soon!
Lurae Benzio
Junior Grange Director
Benz4@comcast.net
724-643-5750







Youth News

Youth Committee
 Ellen Wadsworth
 PA State Grange Youth Director



As another great Youth year comes to a close, all of the youth and young adults want to thank everyone for the great support of our programs and our youth over the year. Many at State Session were able to meet and talk with several of our great youth and young adults, including these two, Braden Gourley and Derek Snyder 2019-2020 Outstanding Young Patrons.

Hello fellow Grangers! Our names are Braden Gourley and Derek Snyder, and we are excited to be your 2019-2020 Pennsylvania State Grange Outstanding Young Patrons.

I, Braden, grew up in Hookstown in Beaver County, where I first joined the Grange and later got involved with State Junior Grange and Youth & Young Adults activities. I am a 2015 graduate of Penn State University, where I was a Chemical Engineering major and member of the Penn State University Marching Blue Band. Since then, I have been working for Merck & Co and have spent time living and working in a variety of different places including the Netherlands, North Carolina, and Philadelphia, where I currently live now.

I, Derek, grew up in Boiling Springs in Cumberland County, and continue to belong to Valley Grange #1360 in York County. I first got involved with State Junior Grange and Youth & Young Adults

activities in 2009 and am excited to be part of both the State Junior and Youth Committees this year for the Pennsylvania State Grange. I am a 2018 graduate of Penn State, where I double majored in Corporate Business Innovation and Economics. Currently, I am a legislative aide for Representative Torren Ecker, who is a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

In our upcoming year as Outstanding Young Patrons, we are both looking forward to increasing the excitement and membership of the Pennsylvania Grange Youth & Young Adults program. Some of our passions include volunteerism, legislative advocacy, and making people laugh, which we hope to do a lot throughout this year. We both enjoy using humor as a tool to help people become more engaged and interested in joining the Grange Youth program and taking an interest in what we are doing throughout the state.

We, Braden and Derek, look forward to visiting as many Granges and Grange events throughout the year. We are available to provide a program or serve as entertainment for any of your upcoming events, and we hope that you consider inviting us to be a part of them. We continue to be proud Pennsylvania Grangers and are looking forward to spending this upcoming year spreading the great benefits of being involved with such an amazing organization. Thank you again,

thank you again.

Sincerely,
 Braden and Derek
 2019 Pennsylvania State Grange
 Outstanding Young Patrons

We have an exciting year planned for 2020, including being part of the hosting region for National Session 2020 in November. Youth events for this year will be posted on the Pennsylvania Grange website, the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults Facebook page and hopefully soon on our new Instagram!

We had many Grangers enter the youth contests at State Session! Congratulations to these winners!

2019 PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE YOUTH DEPARTMENT CONTEST WINNERS

START WITH A CAKE MIX - Chocolate Variation

1. Mary McMillan - Lawrence
2. Dina Zug - Juniata
3. Margaret Storm - Cambria

START WITH A CAKE MIX - White/Yellow Variation

1. Jen Beamon - Berks
2. Mary McMillan - Lawrence
3. Heather Druckenmiller - York-Adams



START WITH A CAKE MIX -
Spice/Fruit/Nut Variation

1. Tammy Schaeffer - Berks
2. Jodi Keith Kensinger - Huntingdon

CUPCAKE DECORATING -
14+

1. Heather Druckenmiller - York-Adams
2. Jen Beamon - Berks
3. Margaret Storm - Cambria

CUPCAKE DECORATING -
5-14

1. Sadie Johnson - Beaver
2. Gayle Reyburn - Chester
3. Harvey Reyburn - Chester

SCRAPBOOK PAGE - Grange -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jodi Kensinger - Huntingdon

SCRAPBOOK PAGE - Grange -
Adult (36+)

1. Margaret Storm - Cambria
2. Cindy Keith - Huntingdon
3. Karen Mohn - Berks

SCRAPBOOK PAGE - Other - Ju-
niors (5-13)

1. Emma Seidel - Berks

SCRAPBOOK PAGE - Other -
Youth (14-21)

1. Jessica Hudack - Beaver

SCRAPBOOK PAGE - Other -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jodi Kensinger - Huntingdon
2. Ashley Mohn - Berks
3. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

SCRAPBOOK PAGE - Other -
Adult (36+)

1. Gloria Fogle - Cambria
2. Shelley Fayewicz - Berks
3. Cindy Keith - Huntingdon

BUILDING BLOCK CREATION -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jen Beamon - Berks
2. Ashley Mohn - Berks

BUILDING BLOCK CREATION -
Adult (36+)

1. Karen Mohn - Berks
2. Derek Schroeder - Berks

3. Steve Mohn - Berks

RECYCLED CRAFT - Container -
Juniors (5-13)

1. Jacob Schroeder - Berks
2. Abbigail Kehs - Chester

RECYCLED CRAFT - Container -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Ashley Mohn - Berks
2. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

RECYCLED CRAFT - Container -
Adult (36+)

1. Debra Kieffer - Berks
2. Beth Parrish - Beaver
3. Jerry Cramer - Cumberland

RECYCLED CRAFT - Fabric - Ju-
niors (5-13)

1. Abbigail Kehs - Chester

RECYCLED CRAFT - Fabric -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jen Beamon - Berks
2. Ashley Mohn - Berks
3. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

RECYCLED CRAFT - Wood - Ju-
niors (5-13)

1. Alayna Flickinger - Chester
2. Molly Reyburn - Chester
3. Elsa Kehs - Chester

RECYCLED CRAFT - Wood -
Youth (14-21)

1. Cassy Kehs - Chester

RECYCLED CRAFT - Wood -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Ashley Mohn - Berks
2. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

RECYCLED CRAFT - Wood -Adult
(36+)

1. Derek Schroeder - Berks

CREATE A COMMERCIAL -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Ashley Mohn - Berks

DESIGN A BUTTON - Young Adult
(22-35)

1. Philip Vonada - Centre
2. Jodi Kensinger - Huntingdon
3. Ashley Mohn - Berks

DESIGN A BUTTON -Adult
(36+)

1. Steve Mohn - Berks
2. Karen Mohn - Berks

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Prepared -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jodi Kensinger - Huntingdon
2. Gail Switzer - Berks

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Impromptu -
Youth (14-21)

1. Hannah Leibensperger - Berks
2. Isabella Boone - Centre

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Impromptu -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Phil Vonada - Centre
2. Jodi Kensinger - Huntingdon
3. Braden Gourley - Beaver

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Impromptu
-Adult (36+)

1. Tina Reich - York-Adams
2. Lurae Benzio - Beaver
3. Jennifer Kehs - Chester

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Radio Spot -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Braden Gourley - Beaver
2. Jodi Kensinger - Huntingdon

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Visual Aids -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Braden Gourley - Beaver

Congratulations again to all of the winners! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director
youth@pagrange.org
Cell: 417-967-6474





Grange News

Judy Pressler, Chaplain

I would like to share that we had 137 folks for a wonderful turnout at our Worship Service at State Session. The offering was very generous and we gave a gift of \$100 to Pastor James Williams, who delivered an inspirational message, and were able to contribute \$228.13 to Dogs for Better Lives and \$228.12 to the State College Food Bank, two charities featured at the State Session.

SOUTH AUBURN GRANGE #1188

The South Auburn Grange held a chicken barbeque July 27, 2019 to benefit local fire companies, Meshoppen Volunteer Fire Company and Goodwill Fire Company of Laceyville. Grange members Ted Place and John Tewksbury are shown presenting checks to fire company members Chris Carney and Brad Fassett as other fire company members look on. The South Auburn Grange and community appreciate our volunteer firemen and all who assist them.



(South Auburn)

HAMBURG GRANGE #2103

The Hamburg Grange #2103 wants to personally Thank the Hamburg Area Community for supporting our September 21st Chicken Pot Pie Dinner at the Hamburg Area Senior High School. We were very happy to see the support for our veterans and active military who give each and every

one of us our freedoms and rights. We PROUDLY gave 55 free meals to these brave men and women, including our very own Hamburg Mayor George Holmes and Police Chief Tony Kuklinski. We served a total of 362 people who supported the dinner by eating in, and taking dinners and quarts of pot pie home with them.



(Hamburg) Tony & George at the September Pot Pie Dinner

PORT MATILDA GRANGE #1284

Our Grange has been busy again! We had line dancing lessons, our annual plant sale, with proceeds going towards a community project.

We made apple dumplings again this year, with the proceeds of that sale going to our local EMS. We also do a Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It sale and that money will benefit our local elementary school. We are busy, busy busy!



(Port Matilda)



(Port Matilda)

BUTLER COUNTY POMONA #17

On October 7, 2019 Butler Co Pomona Grange held their Annual All Granger Banquet. It was held at Donegal Grange this year with 22 members in attendance. Thanks to Donegal Grange for a great dinner and the entertainment by the group Friends of God. The All Granger Banquet is where we recognize Grangers for their many year's of service. This year Albert Martsolf was presented his certificate by his wife Nettie Martsolf for 55 years of service to Jefferson Grange. Albert does many things in his local Grange



(Butler County)

as well as for Butler Co Pomona Grange. Congratulations to Albert for his many years of service and we look forward to his continued involvement.

We also honored the Granger of the Year for Butler County. This years award was presented by President, Richard Mangel to Virginia Mangel for all her work. She



(Butler County)

has been a Granger for over 51 years and has held many offices on the Subordinate, Pomona, and State Grange level. She is always willing to do whatever is asked of her. Congratulations to Virginia.

On September 22, 2019, Butler Co Pomona Grange hosted a 2 hour Boat Dinner Cruise on Moraine State Park. We had 23 Grange members from Butler Co



(Butler County)

and Beaver Co. on the cruise. It was a fun time to enjoy each others company and fellowship with Grange members from another County. Hopefully we can do this again next year. The weather was great and we got to see some Bald Eagles plus other birds on the cruise. Thanks to all those who attended.

On November 4, 2019 Butler



(Butler County)

Co Pomona Grange was honored to present 14 young Butler County 4-H members with a certificate and cash award for their outstanding work on their 4-H project books.

There were 75 project books that were judged and these 14 young people were picked as the first place winners. Congratulations to all the winners.

CRAWFORD COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

RECOGNIZES VETERANS

The annual Veterans' Recognition program was held Saturday, October 19th at the Atlantic IOOF Hall. Pomona Master Michael Tau welcomed guests and members. Arvilla Allen, Pomona Lecturer, announced Veterans being recognized were from Operation Enduring Freedom, Persian Gulf War and Vietnam War. Special musical entertainment was provided by the Joy Singers from Mumford United Methodist Church. Joanne Sperry served as the pianist for the program.

Mrs. Allen introduced the speaker, Col. Richard Krankota, Director of Veteran Services in Crawford County. He began by stating that "Veterans enable us

to enjoy the freedoms we have today." The veterans Service Office provides the primary services for Veterans in Crawford County from the time they are discharged from the service until they die. There are 67 counties in PA with 65 counties having Veteran Services offices. The offices work directly with the Veterans Administration. Mr. Krankota noted that prior to September 8, 1980 someone who served one day of duty was con-



(Crawford County:

Veterans picture left to right: Richard Krankota, Phil Barnynai, Chester Packard, Jerry Hunter, David Hayes)

"Grange News" continued on page 21

CANDY

VICTOR GRANGE
is selling delicious candy
to help renovate their
100 plus year old building

Individual price: \$4.00
Case price: \$54.00 (18 per case)

Flavors:
Milk, Dark Chocolate &
Peanut Butter

To order Call
Linda Gilmore: 717-250-1480



GRANGER OF THE YEAR

**Getting to know... Matt Espenshade,
our 2019/2020 Granger of the Year!**

Matthew Espenshade is a member of Elizabethtown Grange #2076 in Lancaster County. Matt and his wife Charlene and two sons are active dairy farmers. Matt has been a Grange member for 22 years and is currently serving as Master of the Elizabethtown Grange as well as Pomona Gatekeeper.

There are many things that Matt is involved with as a Granger. One example is the milk shake stand at the Elizabethtown Fair, where he actively works the booth every evening. He is proud of the involvement of Elizabethtown Grange has at the booth and the juniors and youth work towards their fees to attend Grange camps. He actively has worked with the FFA and is involved with the youth of his Grange. He looks for ways to unify his community and Grange with the projects they do such as raising funds for the local K-9 unit.

Elizabethtown Grange members shared that as a dairy farmer, it can be difficult to lead the day-to-day operations, but he serves

as a voice for the Grange on dairy policy. He testifies on behalf of the State Grange at the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board hearings.

Grange member Evelyn Zeleski shared, "Matthew Espenshade isn't just your normal Granger. Matt goes above and beyond the

perfect example of blending agriculture and the community together. There isn't a restaurant or grocery store that Matt goes to that a member of our community does not recognize him. Most community members recognize Matt as a local dairy farmer, but in addition to caring for cows, he is also instilling fellow-

ship and leadership into the future through Junior Grange members, as well as his two sons. One of my personal favorite characteristics of Matt is that no matter what event it is, he stays behind the curtain, and quietly and thoughtfully observes the mark that the Elizabethtown Grange has left on the community, other Grangers, and proudly repents Granges of the State of Pennsylvania very well."



duties of a Granger. He takes his time to help educate interested friends, neighbors and the public of not only the dairy industry, but also of the entire agricultural sector. He is certainly a wealth of knowledge in this field... and he shares that knowledge while giving farm tours, donating time to local fairs, and while he is providing the

**Congratulations Matt on being
our Granger of the Year!**



"Grange News" continued from page 19

sidered a veteran. After that date an individual must serve two years before being considered a veteran. He noted that the support from local Veterans organizations is amazing providing additional support when needed. Approximately \$52 million a year comes to Crawford County.

Each Veteran was presented with a certificate issued by The National Grange in recognition of their service. Hayfield Master Michael Tau and Lecturer Chester



(Crawford County: Quilts of Valor picture left to right: Veterans Jerry Hunter, Phil Brannynai, David Hayes, and Chester Packard.)

Tau presented a certificate to Jerry Hunter of Saegertown. Chester Tau also read a letter from Saegertown Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troup 254 recognizing Mr. Hunter for his dedication to the Boy Scouts for over 30 years.

Atlantic Master Esther Horne and Lecturer Arvilla Allen presented certificates to Phil Brannynai, David Hayes, Richard Krankota and Chester Packard.

Virginia Shields, Atlantic Grange, read "I Am A Veteran".

Collene Munn of the PA Stitchers of Valor gave a brief history of how the Quilts of Valor program began in Crawford County. To date they have presented 185 Quilts of Valor in Crawford, Mercer and Venango Counties. Assisting Mrs. Munn were Kathy Cooper-Winters, Janet Owens, Linda Roche and Shannon Hentzel.

Nikayla Peters, Crawford County Dairy Princess and a member of the Cochranon Blue Ribbon 4-H Club spoke briefly telling of her involvement with Allen Farms

with a herd of 140 dairy cows. The Dairy Princess program provided ice cream for refreshments following the program.

HAYFIELD GRANGE

The annual Thanksgiving-Christmas dinner was held at the Downtown Mall Bistro on Sunday, November 10th. Following dinner, Emily Tau read "I Found the Wintertime" and Lecturer Chester Tau read "Harvest Time" and "Thanksgiving Day Is Here".

Lecturer Tau presented continuous membership awards to Gene and Gretchen Schlosser for 45 years and John and Alverna Hotchkiss for 60 years of Grange membership. Others to receive recognition but were unable to attend were Heather Henderson 25 years, Wade Cadle, Jr. 30 years, and Joyce Stewart 60 years.

There were 59 boxes of new Christmas cards donated for residents of Crawford County Care Center, Rolling Fields Elder Care,



(Hayfield: L-R- John and Alverna Hotchkiss, Gretchen and Gene Schlosser, and Lecturer Chester Tau.)

and Edinboro Manor. Also collected were eight hats, eight hat/mitten/glove sets, and 31 pair of gloves/mittens to be used in the TLC Christmas boxes for students in Cussewago Township with the balance donated to the Pomona project for the Jimmy Moore Christmas Party.





VALLEY GRANGE #1360

**WE ARE SEEKING
VOLUNTEERS TO
HELP TO MAKE THE PA
DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION
FAMOUS FARM SHOW
MILKSHAKES.**

JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 11

**CALL DOT TRAVER (717) 938 2986
EMAIL: DOT.FARMSHOW@GMAIL.COM**



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.

SUNDAY HUNTING HEATS UP

On October 30, the PA House voted for Senate Bill 147 which would allow Sunday hunting in PA. Even though the bill was passed, Pennsylvania State Grange wants to publicly thank those lawmakers who voted no. They realize that Sunday hunting simply will NOT solve the problem of declining numbers of licenses sold in PA and nationally.

Pennsylvania State Grange has been very active on this issue and did not abandon its original posi-

tion to oppose Sunday hunting. During the legislative process, the bill was amended to include some property owner privacy restrictions to neutralize some of the opposition. The Pennsylvania State Grange holds that the core issue is not a repairs-all amendment. The basic question is rather whether or not Sunday hunting should be permitted at all.

A major reason has to do with Sunday hunting not addressing longer-term causes for less inter-

est in hunting. In a letter to legislators, the Pennsylvania State Grange said, *"Although some feel that a compromise deal was possibly struck and so the committee can sigh with relief, then vote the bill out, and move on to other matters, we ask that you not make a hasty vote. A vote now does not address long-term issues affecting hunting in Pennsylvania. These longer-term problems will not be resolved by Senate Bill 147 or by simply amending language on property rights."*

Honor Roll of Who Voted for the Grange Position Opposing Sunday Hunting

Republicans

- Rep. Kerry Benninghoff (Centre)
- Rep. Karen Boback (Lackawanna/Luzerne/Wyoming)
- Rep. Lynda Schlegel Culver (Snyder/Northumberland)
- Rep. Bryan Cutler (Lancaster)
- Rep. Sheryl Delozier (Cumberland)
- Rep. Chris Dush (Armstrong/Indiana)
- Rep. Torren Ecker (Adams)
- Rep. Mark Gillen (Berks)
- Rep. Keith Gillespie (York)
- Rep. Barb Gleim (Cumberland)
- Rep. Jim Gregory (Blair)
- Rep. Marcia Hahn (Northampton)
- Rep. Sue Helm (Dauphin/Lebanon)
- Rep. Johnathan Hershey (Franklin/Juniata/Mifflin)
- Rep. Rich Irvin (Centre/Huntingdon/Mifflin)
- Rep. Rep. Rob Kauffman (Franklin)
- Rep. Mark Keller (Perry)
- Rep. Jerry Knowles (Schuylkill/Berks)

- Rep. Dave Maloney (Berks)
- Rep. Carl Metzgar (Bedford/Somerset)
- Rep. Kurt Masser (Columbia/Montour/Northumberland)
- Rep. Dave Millard (Columbia)
- Rep. Brett Miller (Lancaster)
- Rep. Marci Mustello (Butler)
- Rep. Tedd Nesbit (Butler/Mercer)
- Rep. Donna Oberlander (Clarion/Forest/Armstrong)
- Rep. Clint Owlett (Potter/Tioga/Bradford)
- Rep. Kathy Rapp (Warren/Forest/Crawford)
- Rep. Brad Roae (Crawford/Erie)
- Rep. Dave Rowe (Snyder/Union)
- Rep. Paul Schemel (Franklin)
- Rep. Jim Struzzi (Indiana)
- Rep. Jesse Topper (Bedford/Franklin/Fulton)
- Rep. Parke Wheeland (Crawford/Erie/Lawrence/Mercer)

Democrats

- Rep. Donna Bullock (Phila.)
- Rep. Tom Caltagirone (Berks)
- Rep. Carolyn Comitta (Chester)

- Rep. Scott Conklin (Centre)
- Rep. Margo Davidson (Delaware)
- Rep. Lisa Fiedler (Phila.)
- Rep. Ed Gainey (Allegheny)
- Rep. Liz Hanbidge (Montgomery)
- Rep. Kristine Howard (Chester)
- Rep. Mary Louise Isaacson (Phila.)
- Rep. Steve Kinsey (Phila.)
- Rep. Summer Lee (Allegheny)
- Rep. Mark Longietti (Mercer)
- Rep. Steve McCarter (Montgomery)
- Rep. Daniel Friel Otten (Chester)
- Rep. Chris Rabb (Phila.)
- Rep. Chris Sainato (Lawrence)
- Rep. Steve Samuelson (Northampton)
- Rep. Chris Sappey (Chester)
- Rep. Greg Vitali (Delaware)

Of these, 24 are from predominately rural areas, 11 represent urban areas, and 19 are from mixed rural/suburban areas. Six are members of the PA Legislative Black Caucus.



The letter continues: *"The number of licenses in PA and elsewhere is declining and has for years. Proponents of Sunday hunting at the hearing were unable to point to solid evidence that Sunday hunting generated more license activity. It was conjecture and frankly wishful thinking."*

Pennsylvania State Grange instead prefers **House Resolution 593** which directs the Legislative Budget & Finance Committee to study the root causes for the decline in hunting. Knowing why gives the General Assembly tools to more precisely look for remedies. The Pennsylvania State Grange asked legislators to take a look at the Resolution sponsored by avid hunter and Game & Fisheries Committee member Dave Maloney (R-Berks). Rep. Maloney's legislation is a constructive alternative to Senate Bill 147. In addition, Pennsylvania State Grange advocates Senate passage of House Bill 102. This would permit hunting education classes to be held after school hours in school buildings. Hopefully, this will help familiarize a new generation about hunting as a recreational sport which also helps fund wildlife management and preservation efforts.

PLEASE NOTE: Additional developments on Sunday hunting may have occurred between the time of this writing and its publication. If you would like to know more, please contact your lobbyist at xenobun@aol.com or 717-346-1063.

BROADBAND IS TRUE HEALTH REFORM

Pennsylvania Grange President Wayne Campbell sent the following letter on Broadband to media in Pennsylvania. It was used in numbers of publications including Lancaster Farming magazine.

Dear Editor:

The current buzz in Washington and with Democratic presidential candidates is Medicare for All supported by Senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren. Other candidates such as Joe Biden prefer sort of a Medicare for All - Lite called the Public Option which increases Federal control of the U.S. health care system, although not by as much as the single payer plans advocated by Sanders and Warren.

As someone who lives in rural Pennsylvania, I would ask for the Federal Government and Congress to step back and rethink these plans. We have had a great deal of Federal experimentation since 2010 and frankly, rural health care needs a breather. Rural areas face difficulties such as lack of providers, distance between patients and health care facilities, and high cost to patient ratios because of a smaller population base. Massive new Federal intrusion would most certainly bring new workability issues as well as probably trying to reinvent how people receive and pay for health care.

Rather than having another massive Federal makeover of our health care system, I suggest that we let cost-savings innovations of telemedicine continue to evolve. Already, a patient can have direct consultation and diagnostic testing done without the person having to leave his or her home. Medical advances of telemedicine have been dramatic to rural residents' benefit.

However, telemedicine does not work where there is no or little access to the Internet or smart phones. This has been called the Digital Divide where rural areas are disadvantaged without access to adequate technology. Instead of considering Medicare for All or the Public Option, perhaps Congress should instead focus on how to achieve universal access to Broadband. That approach would certainly reduce health care costs through telemedicine and it is more down to earth than new grand plans envisioned by some in Washington.

Granted, rural health care issues transcend whether or not telemedicine is THE answer. But it is one answer that could be fully realized if Congress makes Broadband a reality in rural America. Policymakers in Congress should look at the big picture and think outside their box

Sincerely,

Wayne Campbell, President
Pennsylvania State Grange

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.

Vince Phillips
Legislative Director
Pennsylvania State Grange
717-346-1063 FAX 717-232-7005
legislative@pagrange.org





"PA Farm Show" continued from page 2
by the PA Maple Syrup Producers
(CCS)

1:00 p.m.

- Grand Champion Junior Market Goat Followed by Showmanship (SA)
- Selling Eggs in Pennsylvania, Food Safety, PDA (LFS)

1:30 p.m.

- Raising a Dairy Heifer/Poisonous Plants to Dairy Charley Quick (LFS)

2:00 p.m.

- Barry Crumlich, Executive Chef, Pennsylvania Governor's Residence (CCS)
- Pennsylvania State FFA Association Mid-Winter Convention (NHA)
- Textile Science Project, Kaylee Knapp and Olivia Drake (LFS)

2:30 p.m.

- Small Engine Project Max Knapp and Dawson Beach (LFS)

4:00 p.m.

- Raising a Dairy Heifer/Poisonous Plants to Dairy, Charley Quick (LFS)

4:30 p.m.

- Beef Supreme Champion (EA)
- Make Mine Country Concert (NHA)
- Raising and Showing Goats Grace Romesberg (LFS)

5:00 p.m.

- Master Showmanship Competition (SA)
- Textile Science Project Kaylee Knapp and Olivia Drake (LFS)

5:30 p.m.

- Small Engine Project, Max Knapp and Dawson Beach (LFS)

6:00 p.m.

- Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association (CCS)
- Mini Horse Pull (EA)

7:00 p.m.

- Square Dance Competition (NHA)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 9 PM

7:00 a.m.

- Scholarship Foundation Breakfast (BH)

8:00 a.m.

- Alpaca Show and Demonstration (EA)

9:00 a.m.

- Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation Awards (SA)
- Pony Pulling Contest; Heavy, Light and Mediumweight (NHA)

9:30 a.m.

- Sale of Champions followed by Jr. Livestock Sale (SA)

10:00 a.m.

- NASA's Mars Challenge, Daisy and Rose Snow (LFS)

10:30 a.m.

- Spotted Lanternfly Awards, PDA (LFS)

11:00 a.m.

- Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association (CCS)
- Robotics and Agriculture Centre County 4-H Robotic Club (LFS)

12:00 p.m.

- Using Drone Technology in Agriculture Albert Sarvis Harrisburg University (LFS)

1:00 p.m.

- Robotics and Agriculture Centre County 4-H Robotic Club (LFS)

1:30 p.m.

- Horse Pulling Contest; Light and

Heavyweight (NHA)

- NASA's Mars Challenge, Daisy and Rose Snow (LFS)

4:00 p.m.

- Pennsylvania's Greatest Whoopie Pie Contest, Sponsored by Good Foods (GFA)

5:00 p.m.

- Draft Horse Hitch and Drive (EA)
- School Cooking Challenge with Students from the Dauphin County Technical School (CCS)

6:00 p.m.

- Maple Production Demonstration by the PA Maple Syrup Producers (CCS)
- Celebrity Draft Horse Feed Scurry Challenge (EA)
- Using Drone Technology in Agriculture, Albert Sarvis Harrisburg University (LFS)

7:00 p.m.

- Make Mine Country – Musical Entertainment (NHA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 9 PM

8:00 a.m.

- Antique Tractor Display and Farm Activity Area (EA)
- Speed Horse Demonstration (LA)

10:00 a.m.

- Youth Fleece to Shawl Contest and Auction (SA)





- Maple Production Demonstration by the PA Maple Syrup Producers (CCS)
- PA Farm Show through the Years, Mary Klaus (LFS)

10:30 a.m.

- Produce Rule Food Safety PDA (LFS)

11:30 a.m.

- How to Prepare for a Cheese Party (MHS)
- Selling Eggs in Pennsylvania, Food Safety, PDA (LFS)

12:00 p.m.

- Draft Horse Hitch and Drive (NHA)

12:30 p.m.

- Youth Pedal Tractor Pull (EA)

2:00 p.m.

- Speed Horse Demonstration (NHA)

2:30 p.m.

- How to Prepare for a Cheese Party (MHS)

3:00 p.m.

- Sheep to Shawl Contest and Auction (SA)

4:00 p.m.

- Antique Tractor Pull (EA)

5:00 p.m.

- Draft Horse Pleasure Showmanship, Decorating, Riding, and Barrel classes (LA)

5:30 p.m.

- Bid Calling Contest (BH)

6:00 p.m.

- Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association (CCS)

6:30 p.m.

- Sheep to Shawl Auction (SA)

7:00 p.m.

- Fleece Auction (SA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 9 PM

Veterans, Military & Their Families Day: Farmers are the 2% of our nation that feeds us. Veterans are the 2% that protects us. On Thursday, January 11, we will honor those who feed, those who serve, and those who do both. It's always a good day to recognize those who

dedicate their lives for our freedom.

8:30 a.m.

- Draft Horse Pleasure Show and Stick Horse Race (EA)

10:00 a.m.

- Tractor Square Dancing (NHA)
- Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association (CCS)
- **Recognition of Veterans, Active Military and Their Families (LFS)**

11:00 a.m.

- Michael Harants, Harrisburg ACF Chapter, Professional Chef Consultant & U.S. Navy Deputy Program (CCS)
- Military Band Concert (LFS)

12:00 p.m.

- Junior Breeding Sheep Champion (SA)

1:00 p.m.

- Exceptional Rodeo (NHA)
- Army vs. Navy Cook-Off (CCS)

1:30 p.m.

Produce Rule Food Safety, PDA (LFS)

4:00 p.m.

John Moeller, and Author, "Dining at the White House- From The President's Table to Yours" (CCS)

5:00 p.m.

Junior Meat Breeding Goat Show (NW)

6:00 p.m.

PA Equine Showcase (EA)

Maple Production Demonstration by the PA Maple Syrup Producers (CCS)

7:00 p.m.

PRCA Circuit Finals Rodeo (NHA)

8:00 p.m.

Junior Meat Breeding Goat Supreme Champion (NW)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 9 PM

Resource Conservation Day: Farmers are the original stewards of our land. On Friday, January 11, we're highlighting the work of our industry to provide for the future of our state, and our nation, through farmland preservation and best management practices for conservation.

8:00 a.m.

Open Sheep Show (SA)
Dairy Cattle Show (EA)
Open Dairy Goat Judging (NW)

9:30 a.m.

- Horse Shoeing, Hoof Trimming, and Sheep Shearing Demonstration (NHA)
- Celebrity Honey Extraction Demonstration (MHS)

10:00 a.m.

- Maple Production Demonstration by the PA Maple Syrup Producers (CCS)
- The Modern Journeymen (LFS)

11:00 a.m.

- How to Construct Rain Barrels Cumberland Co. Conservation District (LFS)

11:30 a.m.

- Supreme Champion Wool (SA)
- Container Salad Gardening Good Grows (LFS)

12:00 p.m.

- The Best Sausage & Beer Competition presented by the PA Pork Producers Council (CCS)
- The Modern Journeymen (LFS)

12:30 p.m.

- Being a Veterinary Pathologist Dr. Julie Engles (LFS)

1:00 p.m.

- Peregrine Falcon Bert Myers (LFS)

1:30 p.m.

- How to Construct Rain Barrels Cumberland Co. Conservation District (LFS)

2:00 p.m.

- Sprouting Grains (LFS)

2:30 p.m.

- Celebrity Cow Milking Contest (EA)

3:30 p.m.

- Milk a Cow Event (EA)

4:30 p.m.

- Being a Veterinary Pathologist Dr. Julie (LFS)

5:00 p.m.

- Angorapalooza (SA)
- Golden Barrel Sticky Bun Contest (GFA)

"PA Farm Show" continued on page 30



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

MID-ATLANTIC SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS US-JAPAN TRADE DEAL

Mechanicsburg, PA...

The Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association (MASA) applauded the successful conclusion of trading negotiations between the United States and Japan with the signing of the U.S. – Japan Trade Agreement by President Trump, October 7.

“The U.S. – Japan Trade Agreement cements an excellent trading relationship,” said executive director Vince Phillips. “The Trade Agreement will provide America’s farmers and ranchers enhanced market access in our third largest agricultural export market”.

Japan is one of the top ten markets for U.S. soybeans. Of specific interest to soybean growers is a staged reduction of Japan’s tariff on soybean oil. According to the American Soybean Association, the two countries have an excellent trading relationship regarding soybeans with the United States being the largest soybean supplier to Japan, with soybean exports totaling \$976 million in 2017.

This was one of two agreements with Japan, the other on digital trade. The White House issued the following regarding the agricultural part of the Agreement:

- This is a tremendous victory for American farmers, as they

will have expanded access to a fairer market to export their products.

Japan is our third largest agricultural export market and accounted for \$14.1 billion in food and agricultural exports in 2018.

- Japan will eliminate or reduce tariffs on approximately \$7.2 billion in United States agricultural exports.

Japan will eliminate or significantly lower tariffs on American beef, pork, poultry, wheat, cheese, wine, ethanol, and more.

- Once this agreement is implemented, over 90 percent of United States agricultural imports into Japan will be duty free or receive preferential tariff access.

Source: White House Press Office <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-donald-j-trump-secured-tremendous-victory-american-farmers-businesses-new-japan-trade-agreements/>
MASA represents soybean growers in PA, MD, DE, and NJ.

.....

GRANGE SUPPORTS DAIRY ZONES

Special zones in general generate opportunities for business investment needed in a particular locale. Certainly, they have been found to be tried and true successes in stimulating business investment. Rep. John Lawrence (R-Chester) has introduced House Bill 1223 to create special zones to help the Dairy Industry.

While also creating geographic zones, House Bill 1223 recognizes that incentivizing to focus on one industry can achieve focused results. Dairy is the cornerstone of PA Agriculture. As such, it makes sense to attract resources through incentives to strengthen this core. That is the underlying rationale. Several advantages follow.

First, PA’s rural areas need economic development. **Creating Keystone Opportunity Dairy Zones will stimulate business investment, create jobs, and sustain the local tax base.** Presumably, numbers of these enterprises will come from PA entrepreneurs themselves -- particularly if they already know the area. Pennsylvania State Grange holds that local or regional ownership is best because the firm owners have a vested interest in seeing Pennsylvania thrive. With all respect to national firms, PA may be one location out of many and as such, PA is one piece of a larger business



plan, subject to corporate change. We hope that Keystone Opportunity Dairy Zones will be a magnet for Pennsylvania investment with staying power

Second, **transportation costs are reduced if the processing facility is closer to the farmer.** Everyone benefits with local or regional in-state facilities. Savings add up to reduced costs. In addition, having processing done here means that processing money stays in Pennsylvania, thus helping our state's overall business climate.

The third reason is that many dairy farmers may be somewhat unclear as to the over-order premium and what revenue they will receive. Currently, as we understand it, these monies are calculated on milk that is produced by PA dairy farmers that stays in PA. If shipped out of state, that is not part of the revenue calculation. One approach is to clarify the rules so that farmers better see how the over-order premium is calculated. Another approach is to keep PA dairy farmers' milk in the state by encouraging more processing capability here. The Pennsylvania State Grange has not done the statistical research to back this up, for example, knowing how many fluid milk facilities would start up in PA versus a cheese processing plant. Despite that disclaimer, **we believe that dairy farmers will receive additional over-order premium income if the milk stays in the state.** House Bill 1223 can help make that happen.

Pennsylvania State Grange was founded in 1873 as an advocate for farmers, families, businesses and communities in rural Pennsylvania.

Regards,
Vince Phillips, Legislative Director
Pennsylvania State Grange



"History" continued from page 13

he had many demands on his time due to this extensive involvement in Grange and elected positions, he had a successful farm and took part in local cooperatives. He died September 25, 1917 in Centre Hall and is interred in the local Reformed & Lutheran Cemetery. The Rhone Scholarship Fund of the Pennsylvania State Grange was established in his memory by his daughters.

For more information about Leonard Rhone and the significant events of his term as State Grange Master, visit http://www.pagrange.org/uploads/6/8/1/3/68133151/state_master_bios_-_rhone_-_updated.pdf.

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



News Release

Getting a bus to go to the PA Farm Show

Wednesday, Jan 8, 2020

This is Public Officials Day luncheon time) and in the evening is the Pa Auctioneers Bid Calling Contest.

Cost: \$50.00/person.

Route to Farm Show: We'll leave Greenville around 12:30am. Rt 18 North to Hartstown, then to Conneaut Lake, then Rt 322 East to Meadville Home Depot. Get on I-79 South. To I-80 East, To I-99 South and get back on Rt 322 to Farm Show.

We can make various stops along this Route to accommodate people's home area. There is no admission charge. Most of show is under-roof, however there can be cold areas. Wear comfortable shoes as there is lots of walking!! Bring \$\$ for food. Usually there are long lines for certain kinds of food in the Food Court.

We plan on arriving at the show 9-9:30am, and leaving show around

9-9:30pm for the return trip back home.

No smoking or alcohol on bus or in the FS Building. Be courteous to others while on the bus as they may need/want to sleep as this is a long day and some may have to get up early for chores/work the next day.

Paid reservations: First come-first served !!

Any questions/concerns?
Contact me anytime!
Sherman Allen (Atlantic Grange)
11283 St Hwy 285
Conneaut Lake, Pa 16316
814-671-9947 cell/text, works 24/7, has Voice Mail.
E-Mail: csallenauction@gmail.com





2020 Grange Regional Conference Registration

The PA State Grange is offering a series of Regional Conferences across Pennsylvania in the spring of 2020. These conferences will aim to provide meaningful leadership training to ALL Grange leaders and members and improve information-sharing between the State Grange and Subordinate and Pomona Granges. There will be 3 conferences, scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday, **March 7, 2020** at **Logan Grange**, Centre County (CENTRAL)
- Saturday, **March 28, 2020** at **Big Knob Grange**, Beaver County (WEST)
- Saturday, **May 2, 2020** at **Kutztown Grange**, Berks County (EAST)

We are still in the process of determining a specific schedule, but several workshops will be offered from many of the departments and committees of the Pennsylvania State Grange, including Lecturer's, Youth, Juniors, Community Service, History Committee, and more.

The conferences will begin at 10:00 am and conclude by 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Registration fee is \$10.00.

Registration:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Grange: _____ County: _____

I am registering to attend the Regional Conference on:

- ☐ Saturday, March 7, 2020 – Logan Grange, Centre County
- ☐ Saturday, March 28, 2020 – Big Knob Grange, Beaver County
- ☐ Saturday, May 2, 2020 – Kutztown Grange, Berks County

Please return registration form and \$10.00 registration fee to:

Jenn Nauss
10 West Schoolside Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

***Make checks payable to the Pennsylvania State Grange**

Logan Grange (3/7/2020) – Register by **February 15, 2020**
Big Knob Grange (3/28/2020) – Register by **March 7, 2020**
Kutztown Grange (5/2/2020) – Register by **April 11, 2020**

Contact Jenn Nauss at (717) 512-1261 or jnauss89@gmail.com with any questions or for more information.

Medicare 101

What Is The Difference Between Part A & Part B???

Original Medicare, Part A and Part B, is a government health insurance program for those who qualify by age or disability.

- Part A is hospital insurance
- Part B is medical insurance

There are some out of pocket costs associated with Original Medicare, such as deductibles, co-insurance, and copayments. To help with those costs, there are two commonly used options used to supplement or replace Original Medicare and both are offered by private insurance companies. These plans have significant differences with regards to costs, benefits, and how they work. It is very important to understand these differences when you review your Medicare coverage options. Medicare Supplement insurance, also known as Medigap coverage, functions as a secondary coverage to Medicare and may cover costs like deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, and emergency medical care while traveling outside of the United States. There are 10 standardized plan types, each given a letter designation. Plans of the same letter offer the same coverage regardless of the company it is purchased from, but premiums can and will vary greatly. Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin offer their own standardized Medicare Supplement plans. Current Medicare Supplement

plans do not include prescription drug coverage.

Medicare Advantage plans are an alternative way to receive your Medicare benefits through a private, Medicare approved insurance company. They must include all your Medicare Part A and Part B coverages, but they may offer additional benefits not included in Original Medicare, such as vision, dental, hearing services and prescription drug coverage. Medicare Advantage plan costs and coverages vary greatly and it is suggested that you shop around to find a plan that will fit your needs as there are many different types of Medicare Advantage plans. To be eligible to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, you must be enrolled in Original Medicare, reside in the plan's service area, and not have End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).

What Can You Tell Me About Part D???

Medicare Part D is prescription drug coverage and beneficiaries have the option to enroll in Part D if they are enrolled in Medicare Part A and/or Part B and live in the service area of the plan. Medicare Part D is available through private

Confused About Medicare?

The great people over at ASA have put together a brief description of some of the highlights of Medicare coverage for us.

companies that are contracted by Medicare, so costs, coverages, and availability varies between companies, plans, and location. If you do not enroll in Medicare Part D when you're first eligible and you go without creditable coverage for 63 days or more, you could face a

What Medicare Coverage Do I Need???

late enrollment penalty if you sign up for Part D later on. There are many different Part D plans available and each one has its own formulary (list of covered drugs) so it is extremely important to make sure you enroll in the proper drug plan.

With so much to try and understand, finding a knowledgeable agent you can trust is critical. The Pennsylvania State Grange office can help you get in touch with our representative at the Medicare Division within Agri-Services Agency. You can reach the State Grange office at: 1-717-737-8855

You can also learn more about the Medicare program at: <https://www.medicare.gov>



"PA Farm Show" continued from page 25

- The Modern Journeymen (LFS)

5:30 p.m.

- Peregrine Falcon Bert Myers (LFS)

6:00 p.m.

- PA Equine Showcase (EA)
- Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association (CCS)
- Raising Alpacas PA Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (LFS)

7:00 p.m.

- PRCA Circuit Finals Rodeo (NHA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 5 PM

8:00 a.m.

Boer Goat Show (NW)

Breeding Sheep Show (SA)

8:30 a.m.

Antique Tractor Restoration Presenta-

tions and Awards (LFS)

9:00 a.m.

PA Equine Showcase (EA)

Antique Tractor Restoration Presenta-
tions (LFS)

9:30 a.m.

Farm Class Horse Pulling (NHA)

Antique Tractor Restoration Presenta-
tions and Awards (LFS)

10:00 a.m.

Honey Extraction Demonstration by
the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers
Association (CCS)

Antique Tractor Restoration Presenta-
tions and Awards (LFS)

11:00 a.m.

- Undeniably Dairy Milkshake Con-
test presented by the American
Dairy Association North East
(CCS)

- Antique Tractor Restoration Pre-
sentations and Awards (LFS)

12:00 p.m.

- Dairy Judging School (NW)
- Antique Tractor Restoration Pre-
sentations (LFS)

1:00 p.m.

- Supreme Champion Meat (SA)
- Antique Tractor Restoration
Awards (LFS)

2:00 p.m.

- Lumberjack Demonstration and
Competition (EA)

3:00 p.m.

- Apple Auction (M)

5:00 p.m.

- PRCA Circuit Finals Rodeo (NHA)

**Farm Show Complex
2300 N. Cameron St.,
Harrisburg, PA 17110**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Fairview #1351

Stacie Dow

Rozan Norris

Sewickley #1897

Lisa Berch-Schmidt

Pam Roll

Log Cabin Unity #2110

Hailie Perseghetti

Zackery Perseghetti

Tom Vogan

Leo Vogan

Stony Point #1694

Dr. Robert Multari

Lesley Bales

Virginville #1832

Elaine Madeira

Elizabeth Seidel

Hookstown #1980

Robin Rogers

Ronald Rogers

Port Matilda #1284

Mackenzie Stine

Fairdale #1157

Tina Adoranto

Gouglersville #1743

Carol Harris

George Reid

Sallie Jo Reid

Progress #96

Branden Bowden

Kody Bowden

Tracey McCloskey

Robbie Swanger

Marshall Zimmerman

Martin Schwab

Erica Schwab

Walker #2007

Nichole Hockenberry

Holly Yearick

Edgewood #688

Barbara Torak

Halfmoon #290

Jacob Huntsmen

Wendy Huntsmen

Logan #109

Thomas Long

Trexlerstown #1755

Carol Petroske

BIRTHDAYS

Logan #109

Lynn H Corl (Jan. 1, 1933)

IN MEMORIAM

Vernon #936

Richard Irwin

Labor #1063

Roger Dillmuth

Community #1767

Isabelle Lee

Helen Trout

Dayton #1819

Aliene Bussard

Central #1650

Walter Frisch

New Vernon #608

Alice Baxter Henderson

Buffalo #1523

Willard Teagarden

Eleanor Hunter

Walker #786

John Westover

Dawson #419

Harry "Arnold" Davis

Delaware #1895

Lena Kilgus

Paul Kilgus

Little Gap #1882

Ella Mae Moyer

Port Matilda #1284

Edith Stine

Virginville #1832

Jerry Fudeman

Carl Wisser

Ontelaunee #1617

Pauline Straus

Bloomington #536

Mark Williams

Hillcrest #1674

Pauline Hoffman

Russellville #91

Robert Garrett

Edgewood #688

Fred Belke

Logan #109

Diane Gordon



Pennsylvania State Grange

To receive Grange emails...

Text: 22828
PAGRANGE



Just send your email address by text message

Message and data rates may apply.

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are working on our 2020 calendar. If your Grange is holding any yearly festivals or events, please email those dates to: info@88dragon.com as soon as possible. Thank you!

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

January 4-12, 2020

Farm Show Complex • Harrisburg, PA

YOUTH CAMP

June 26-28, 2020

Camp Sylvan Hills • Howard, PA

JUNIOR CAMP

June 28-July 4, 2020

Camp Sylvan Hills • Howard, PA

FAMILY FESTIVAL

July 16-19, 2020

Centre County Fairgrounds • Centre Hall, PA

AG PROGRESS DAYS

August 11-13, 2020

Pennsylvania Furnace, PA

<https://agsci.psu.edu/apd/about>

STATE SESSION

October 15-19, 2020

Ambassador Center Hotel • Erie, PA

2020

January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

March						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

June						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

July						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

October						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Federal Holidays 2020

Jan 1	New Year's Day	Jul 3	Independence Day (obs.)	Nov 11	Veterans Day
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day	Jul 4	Independence Day	Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day
Feb 17	Presidents' Day	Sep 7	Labor Day	Dec 25	Christmas Day
May 25	Memorial Day	Oct 12	Columbus Day		

Pennsylvania State Grange

Pennsylvania Grange News

20 Erford Road, Suite 216

Lemoyne, PA 17043

Standard
Nonprofit Org
U.S. Postage
Paid
Hanover, PA
Permit No. 4

WHAT CAN THE GRANGE DO FOR YOU? BENEFITS

National Grange Benefits

- Wyndham Hotel: Members save up to 20%
- Hertz/Avis/Budget Rental Car
- CVS Caremark: Savings up to 50% with CVS RxSavings Plus Card
- National Grange Travel Center
- Office Depot/Office Max/Shop.com
- TSYS Merchant Solutions

Pennsylvania State Grange Benefits

- American Income Life: All members receive a \$3000 Accidental Death Benefit
- Avis Rental Car: Discounted Member rates
- BJ's Wholesale Club: Save \$15 on Base, or \$30 on Rewards Membership, plus 1 free month
- Tickets at Work: Offers discounts on movie tickets, concerts, travel, theme parks, and shopping

The Pennsylvania State Grange also offers scholarships and interest free loans



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

**Pennsylvania State
Grange**

**www.pagrang.org
1 (717) 737-8855**