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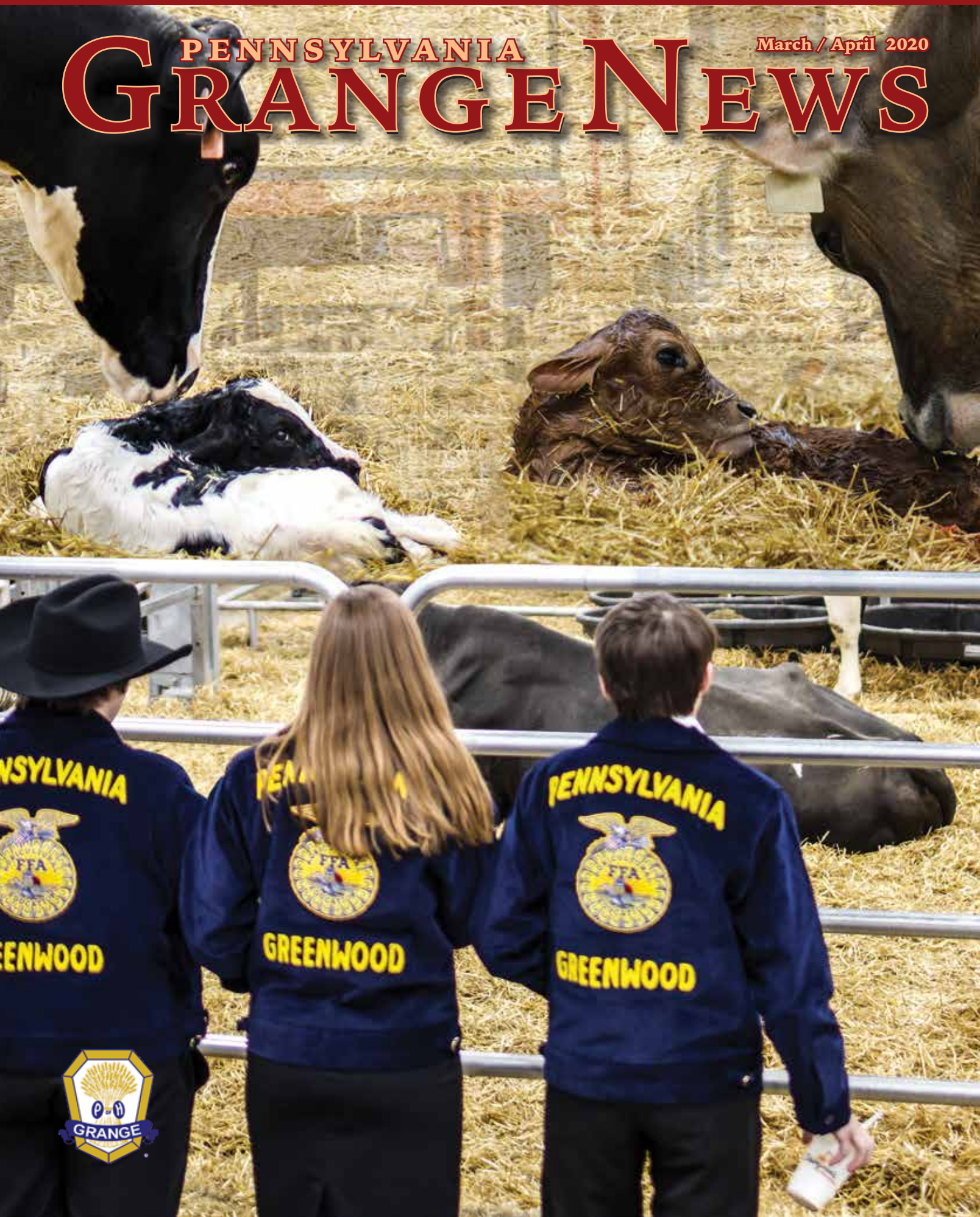

Seeds Of Knowledge

Tidbits from the Pennsylvania State Grange Community

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Please watch the Pennsylvania State Grange Website for more information or call the State Grange Office at 717.737.8855.
- from Debbie Campbell

National Grange Leaders

The following officers, pictured above, have been elected as leaders of the National Grange:

- Master/President - Betsy Huber, PA
- Overseer/Vice President - Phil Prelli, CT
- Executive Committee - Lynette Schaeffer, IL and Steven Coye, NY
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- Pomona - Kay Stiles, MD
- Flora - Welina Shufeldt, OK

Congratulations to all!

Keith Family

Recently the Keith Family was acknowledged as a Grange Legacy Family!

L to R: John Keith, Harry Keith, National Master Betsy Huber, Jodi Keith Kensinger, Cindy Keith, Pennsylvania State Grange Master Wayne Campbell

Mid-Atlantic Regional Grange Leaders Conference
March 20 – 22, 2020
Friday evening – Sunday noon (everyone welcome!)
EVENT HOTEL
Holiday Inn Philadelphia South

PA on the National Session Hosting Committee – 2020 Future in Focus

Pennsylvania is one of several states hosting National Grange Convention this November in Valley Forge, PA and we want you there! We are going to need lots of volunteers for all types of jobs. If you have some free time in November and think you want to volunteer, be checking the PGN and the State Grange Website in the near future for your point person. Or if you want to check out what's so great about the National Grange Session, mark your calendar to attend. The schedule and registration links will be posted in April at www.nationalgrange.org.
- from Ellen Wadsworth

Quilt Blocks at the Farm Show Complex

Quilting is historic. Designs tell a story and reflect the people and times in which they are made. Thanks to the PA Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania State Grange is featuring over 100 of these quilt designs at the Farm Show as a tribute to this part of Pennsylvania Agriculture's heritage. This is part of a larger project called the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail which leads viewers across the Commonwealth. Of course, not all quilts are from times past. In the Maclay Street Lobby of the Farm Show Complex, there are two quilt designs honoring

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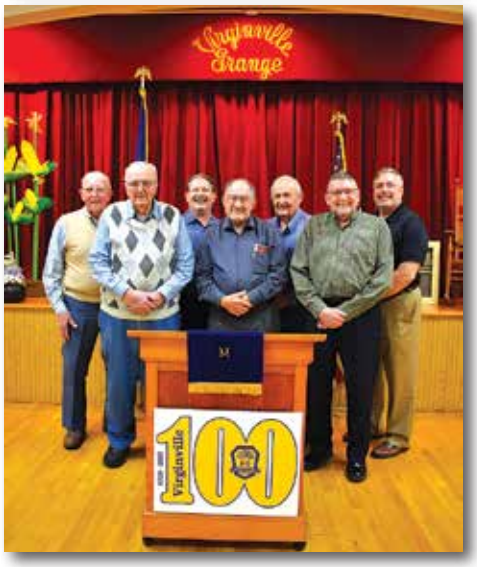

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From the President's Desk

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In the last issue I talked about setting goals, introducing new people to the Grange, joining a new committee, and/or doing something new in your community. How are you making out with these things? Please write a small article about something your Grange has done or is going to do and submit it to the PGN. Let us help you by

helping you get the word out! Send public events you are doing to Lizzie Bailey so she can get it out in an email blast a few weeks before the event. Remember, if we don't tell people about ourselves, we will always just be that building down along route so and so.

Each of your Granges should have received a letter in late December telling you of a fantastic opportunity. An anonymous donor has offered to pay the first year's dues for up to 257 FFA members who join the Grange. If you have an FFA at your local school, please use this as a way to grow that relationship with them. Talk with the FFA Advisor and invite all the FFA members to your meeting or provide him or her with information on this offer. This will give them a chance to further their work and involvement in rural Pennsylvania in the Grange even while they may still be active in the FFA. Please call and report any new members from the FFA to Brittany in the Pennsylvania State Grange office so we can get them on our email blast mailing list and start getting Grange information to them.

April will bring with it Grange month and another major Primary election. Election Day here in Pennsylvania is April 28, 2020 with polls open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Please exercise your right to vote and make your voice heard.

Plan a public meeting or event to promote Grange month at your Grange and put an invitation in the public service announcements of your local paper. Invite the local newspaper to come and do a story on it. Need a good resource center for a speaker? Contact your local Penn State Extension office. They offer a very valuable wealth of information on an extensive list of subjects.

The Pennsylvania State Grange will be doing a Day on the Hill event again this year. Please look for the sign up information in this edition of the Grange News. I would encourage you to participate in the Day on the Hill event and spend some time with your legislator. They can only represent you if you communicate with them and let them know your position on the issues.

Fraternally,
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Pennsylvania State Grange
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Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler
PA State Grange Chaplain

Reflection & Celebration

I am still surrounded by our Christmas tree and decorations as I sit down to write my article for the March-April issue. We have just **celebrated the wonder of the Savior's birth** and read and heard and sang about the significance of it: Glory to God in the highest and on earth, **peace** and goodwill. We were in such a happy mood.

Now just a few months later, we are in the middle of another season leading up to a **celebration of our Savior's death**. The tinsel, the twinkling lights, the beautiful tree top stars, the various versions of the nativity scene and the bright red bows of the *Christmas season* are long packed away.

Now the mood has changed. We are in the *Lenten season*. We see pictures of the donkey ride, the waving palms, Jesus' Last Supper with his beloved disciples, the trial, the mockery, the long painful trek to Calvary, the agonizing torturous death on the cross, and the heartbreaking moments for Mary the mother who carried and delivered the baby Jesus. We sing the somber tunes depicting this period in Jesus' life. The one bright promise we hold on to is when Jesus told his disciples "I have told you many things so that you may have **peace**. In this world you will have many troubles, but do not be afraid..... **peace** I leave with you. My **peace** I give you."

Then we move into the *Easter season* celebrating Jesus' resurrection! The excitement of an empty tomb with the stone pushed aside and the angel's pronouncement that "He is not here, He is risen." *He is alive after being dead*. Now white lilies and happy alleluias fill the air.

The most important celebration for us is when we believe that Jesus died so that we may be forgiven of our sins...and that He has gone ahead to provide a place for us. We may have that **peace** in our hearts despite troubles that might surround us here on earth because he has promised us that there is *life after death*.

As an example of that, I'd like to share a story of my Christmas cactus. It bloomed just in time for Christmas! It continued to produce a beautiful array of delicate pink flowers: when one would finally fall off, another bud had already opened. One morning I noticed a long piece of green foliage had fallen to the floor. On the end was a tight bud. Rather than throw it away, I decided to put it in a glass of water to see what happened. I watched it as it sat there on my kitchen counter and slowly the bud opened into the most beautiful long pink flower reinforcing my belief that there is *life after death*!

So my message is *BELIEVE* that you may have peace in your heart and experience the true *REASON FOR THE EASTER SEASON.....*

God Bless you and your family and Have a Beautiful Easter.

Praying for love in all aspects of your lives,
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Membership News

Lizzie Bailey
PA State Grange Membership & PR Director

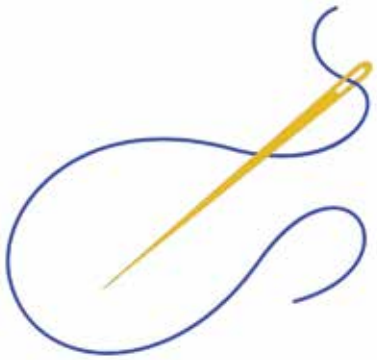
The Common Thread

Over the past 12 months I have been working closely with Barb Gross, Granger from Scrubgrass Grange in Venango County, on the expansion of the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail at the PA Farm Show complex. It has been quite an educational journey for me as she provided me with information, reference books, and stories to have a better understanding on quilt blocks and their designs.

In talking with Barb about this and that regarding Grange, it brought back some memories. I grew up through the 70's and came to love watching the TV show, "Little House on the Prairie." I was drawn to their way of life; with all the struggles and challenges of living in the West in the 1800's. Several of the show's story lines were about Pa being a Granger. The Grange was part of their life.

As a youth I first learned about sewing at school through the home economics program taught by Mrs. Joan Keith. My interest in sewing grew and my Gramm and mom cultivated that interest by showing me how to piece material together to make quilt tops. Mrs. Keith was a Granger with Lincoln Grange.

As a teenager and young adult every summer we looked forward to attending the county fair. Mom and I would walk around the fair



looking at exhibits. Mom would stop at the Grange booth to see what cookbooks were for sale. There was a Grange hall not too far from where we lived and we would occasionally attend a community dinner.

When I was working at a booth at the Shippensburg Fair in 2006, the Kitners' were the Young Adult Married Couple at that time and they stopped by to talk to me. They shared so enthusiastically about their Grange and all the things that Grange did in their community. It was exciting to talk to them and that is when the idea of a Grange in Shippensburg started.

I hadn't realized that Grange was a common thread in my life as I think back on some of these memories. I'm not sure why my family didn't join Grange when I was younger, but it doesn't surprise me that as an adult, Grange and I found each other.

Do you think that there are others like me? The people who know about Grange and attend events that maybe just need an enthusiastic invite to be part of your Grange. My whole life my path crossed with Grange, but until meeting the Kitners, that is when I really received an invite to participate and become a Granger.

Look for opportunities to share Grange with others and don't be shy to invite them to your Grange. April is Grange Month... make sure to plan a fun community event to invite your community to come have fun and learn more about Grange.

Yours in Grange service,
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Family Activities

Melanie Melius
PA State Grange Family Activities Director

At the 2019 Pennsylvania State Grange Convention, we had 12 contest cherry pies, which were auctioned off with proceeds of $405.00 going to the Scholarship Fund.

- Subordinate Director of the Year: Jane Reppert – Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County #43
- Pomona Grange Director of the Year: Virginia Mangel – Butler County #17
- Peoples Choice Award: Karen Poorman – Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County Pomona #13
- State Grange Quilt Winner: Scott Shank – Manheim, PA – Elizabethtown Grange #2076

The 2020 Quilt Block Pattern will be – Saunder's Gavel – Royal Blue Marbling Print, Gold Solid & White Solid

The 2020 Family Activities will be mailed out by the end of January.

Yours Truly,
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2019 FAMILY ACTIVITIES CONTEST WINNERS

144 Total Entries
26 Quilt Blocks

Class 1 Kelleys Colors:
1st Diane Geschwindt, Berks Co.
2nd Mary Ann Nagel, Lawrence Co.
3rd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.

Class 2 Quilts:
1st Virginia Shields, Crawford Co.
2nd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.
3rd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.

Class 4 Quilts:
1st Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.

Class 5 Quilts:
1st Gretchen Kralj, Venango Co.
2nd Barbara Gross, Venango Co.
3rd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.

Class 6 Wall Hanging:
1st Shirley Swires, Blair Co.
2nd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.

Class 7 Wall Hanging:
1st Ellen McClelland, Venango Co.
2nd Gretchen Karlj, Venango Co.
3rd Sue Courson, Venango Co.

Class 8 Quilt:
1st Amanda Brozana-Rios, York-Adams Co.
2nd Barbara Warden, Venango Co.
3rd Barbara Gross. Venango Co.

Class 10 Baking/Cooking – Cherry Pie:
1st Mary Ann Haagen, Centre Co.
2nd Jessica Reyburn, Chester Co.
3rd Letty Riley, Blair Co.

Class 11 Baking/Cooking – Choc. Chip Cookies:
1st Ruth Griffins,Blair Co.
2nd Gayle Reyburn, Chester Co.
3rd Carolyn Hopp, Washiington Co.

Class 12 – Baking/Cooking – Haystack Candy:
1st Laura Sharpneck, Washington Co.
2nd Mary Ann Haagen, Centre Co.
3rd Pat Beck, Venango Co.

Class 13A – Afghan:
1st Nicole Rubernacker, Berks Co.
2nd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.
3rd Jennifer Caulk, Venango Co.

Class 14A – Baby Afghan:
1st Jill Cavalero, Butler Co.
2nd Jane Reppert. Berks Co.
3rd Mary Ann Nagel, Lawrence Co.

Class 14B – Baby Afghan:
1st Sharon Heck, Berks Co.
2nd Jill Cavalero, Butler Co.
3rd Shirley Garren, Beaver Co.

Class 15 – Embroidery:
1st Karen Poorman, Centre Co.
2nd Gladys Keiffer, Berks Co.
3rd Shirley Swires. Blair Co.

Class 16 – Counted Cross Stitch:
1st Cyndi Wetzel, Berks Co.
2nd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.
3rd Lisa Butler, Centre Co.

Class 16A – Cross Stitch
1st Karen Poorman, Centre Co.
2nd Ilene Althenhiem, Potter Co.
3rd Ellen Schaller, Northampton Co.

Class17 Plastic Canvas:
1st Cyndi Wetzel, Berks Co.
2nd Ilene Althenheim, Potter Co.
3rd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.

Class 18 – Cotton Thread:
1st Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.
2nd Gloria Hahn, Lawrence Co.
3rd June Stricker, Berks Co.

Class 19 – Table Centerpiece/Candle:
1st Sue Courson, Venango Co.
2nd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.
3rd Ellen Wadsworth, Chester Co.

Class 20 – Table Centerpiece Coffee/Soup Mug:
1st Debra Kieffer, Berks Co.
2nd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.
3rd Ellen Wadsworth, Chester Co.

Class 21 – Table Centerpiece Holiday:
1st Lois Runninger, Venango Co.
2nd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.
3rd Marian Wetzel, Berks Co.

Class 22 – Mosaic Artwork:
1st Dee Ruckert, Beaver Co.
2nd Diane Geschwindt, Berks Co.
3rd Jessica Reyburn, Chester Co.

Class 23 – Shadow Box Vacation:
1st Donald Kauffman, Berks Co.

Class 24 – Shadow Box Holiday:
1st Irvin Kauffman, Berks Co.

Class 26 – Shadow Box Other:
1st Diane Geschwindt, Berks Co.
2nd Lois Runninger, Venango Co.
3rd Art Beckert, Beaver Co.

Program Director

Jenn Nauss
PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope this article finds you well and looking forward to the warmer weather of spring! Spring is a time of growth and change. I hope that you use this season as an inspiration to do some exciting new things in your Grange this year. Try some new and different programs, encourage your members to participate in some of the new State Grange contests and programs for this year, and engage in conversations in your Grange about how to grow your membership. Lecturers have a unique and important role to play in this growth! Interesting, educational, and relevant programs have the opportunity to draw potential new members to your meetings or entice inactive current members to come back. Do not be afraid to think outside of the box!

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. The updated guide is available on the website, but I wanted to draw your attention to them.

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. Additionally, 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..." (500 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. It's never too early to get started on your entries for this fall!

By the time you receive this newsletter, you should have received or will soon be receiving the Lecturer's Department mailing with the 2020 report forms and more information about State and National Grange programs.

Regional Leadership Conferences

The Pennsylvania State Grange is offering a series of Regional Conferences across Pennsylvania in the spring of 2020. There will be 3 conferences, scheduled for the following dates:

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

We have put together a full schedule for the regional conferences that will provide meaningful and relevant training for ALL Grange leaders and members. This is a great opportunity to hear about new programs offered by all of the Pennsylvania State Grange departments and to get meaningful training in a variety of areas. These include how to conduct and participate in Grange meetings, how to handle tricky questions you might hear while talking with others about the Grange, and how to make our Granges more hospitable and welcoming to potential new members. You won't want to miss this opportunity!

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, as is the schedule. Please contact me with any questions or for more information!

National Grange 2020

The National Grange Session will be hosted here in Pennsylvania this November 17-21, 2020 at the Valley Forge Casino Resort! This is an excellent opportunity to see the National Grange at work while the session is held right here in our own state! Please make plans to attend or visit the National Grange Session that week. At this time, I am working with National Lecturer, Christine Hamp, and other lecturers from the Mid-Atlantic region to make arrangements for all of the Lecturer's sponsored activities for the session. Please keep an eye out for more information about the session in the Pennsylvania Grange News, on the State Grange website, and on social media.

A special note to Pennsylvania Grangers who are also quilters – every year at the National Grange Session, Quilts of Valor are given to recognize active duty Grange members and Grange veterans. We are looking for quilters who may be interested in making a Quilt of Valor to be presented on November 18. Please reach out to me to let me know if you would be interested in making a quilt or if you know of someone (or a group) who may be interested in making one.

Program Ideas

March
March 3 – Super Tuesday – This is the day during the Presidential Primary season when the greatest number of states hold their primary elections or caucuses. Have an educational program about the Presidential Election (information about the candidates, how the party conventions and securing the party's nomination work, how the electoral college works and why it exists, etc.). Just remember that the Grange is a non-partisan organization, so make sure any program about politics remains balanced and unbiased.

March 25 – National/World Agriculture Day – Celebrate the Grange's work for rural America by honoring members who are actively working in agriculture or agricultural-related industries. Hold a covered dish dinner and reflect on all that goes into bringing the food to our tables.

April
April is Grange Month! Host an Open House/Community Day to let others in your community know what your Grange is all about. Reach out to the State Grange History Committee if you are interested in a prepared historical PowerPoint presentation that can be customized and shared at an Open House event or as a program at a regular meeting.

April 12 – Easter – Have an Easter Egg Hunt for your members! Hide little pieces of paper with Easter trivia inside the eggs and have participants find and pair the questions with the answers in the eggs and then share with the group!

May
May 7 – National Tourism Day – Have members share their favorite vacation or tourist destinations.

May 20 – Be a Millionaire Day – While this may be a far-fetched idea for most of us, it's never a bad idea to make sure that we are making the best financial decisions. Invite a financial planner to talk about options and opportunities to make the most of our money.

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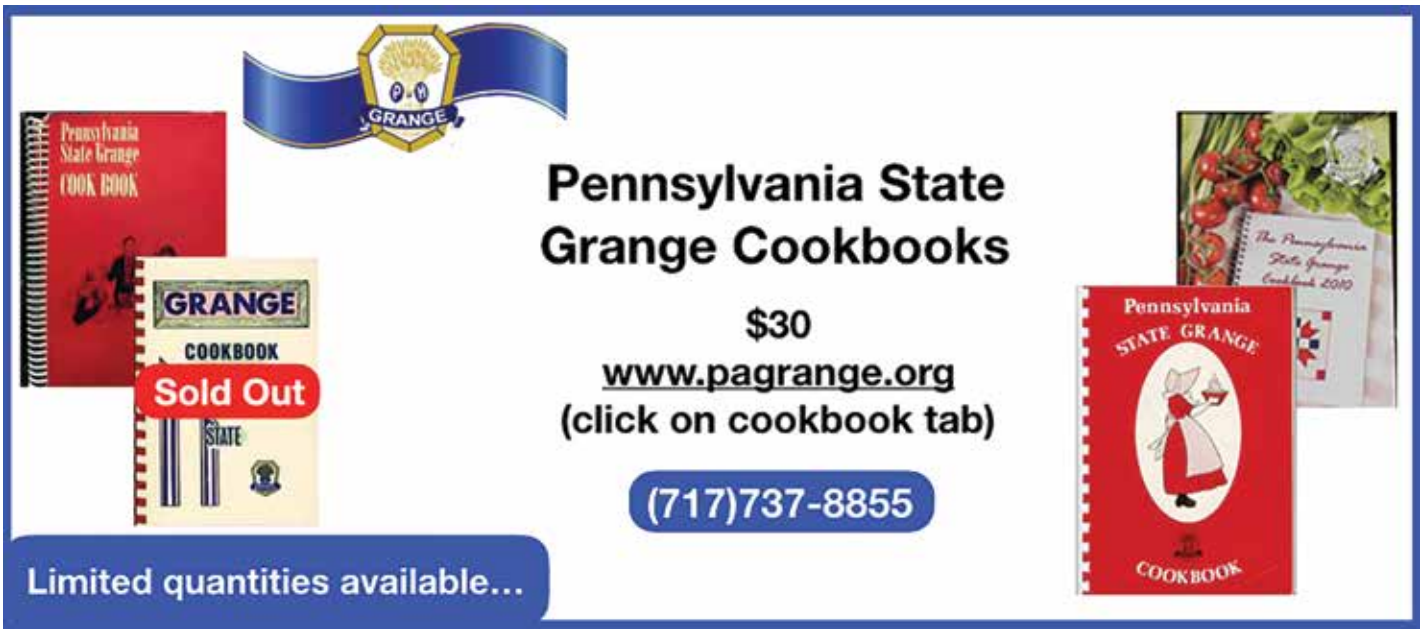

History Committee

Doug Bonsall
PA State Grange History Committee Director

Looking Toward 150th

With the microfilming and digitizing of State Grange records finished except for future documents, the efforts of the History Committee are now directed toward the 150th anniversary of the organization of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Although the Grange came to Pennsylvania in March, 1871 with the formation of Eagle #1 in Lycoming County, the initial movement was slow becoming established so it was not until September 18, 1873, that representatives from 22 of the 25 local Granges organized in the State up to that time met in Reading to formally organize the State Grange.

So, starting in 2021 with the 150th anniversary of Eagle Grange #1 and continuing through 2023, Pennsylvania Grangers will be celebrating this significant historical milestone. State President Campbell last year appointed the History Committee to be in charge of the anniversary observance and numerous brainstorming/planning meetings have already taken place. The goal of the celebration will be:

- To educate Grange members and public about the significant history and accomplishments of the Grange in Pennsylvania,
- To inspire current Grange members and renew their commitment to advancing the order, and
- To reach out to the larger community with a message about the Grange and its purposes today.

As this article is being written in early January (2020), contacts are being made for the kick-off event to be held in Lycoming County on a Saturday in April, 2021. Tentatively, an open house reception will take place at Eagle Grange during the morning, followed by a luncheon at a nearby location. The program will include a motivational speaker and a symbolic passing of the Grange light in a historically accurate way - from a representative of the National Grange to Eagle Grange, then to the other 24 original Subordinate Granges and finally to the State Grange. Later, as the celebration grows just as the infant Grange movement spread throughout Pennsylvania, that same light will be distributed to every county and into every active Grange.

A resolution passed by the delegates at the 2019 annual State Grange session approved the location of the 2023 session to be Reading, PA where the State Grange was organized and where the 75th, 100th and 125th anniversary celebrations were held. The normal convention hosting responsibilities by geographic regions of the state will be suspended for that year and all Granges in Pennsylvania will be called upon to provide the manpower and financial resources to make a really special session possible. At this point, plans are in the early stages for a historical pageant, special acts of service, an anniversary banquet and the conferral of the Fifth and Sixth Degrees in full form (including the beautiful and uniquely Pennsylvania Ceres, Pomona and Flora drills).

Watch for more details to be announced in the next issue and to learn about ways for every Grange and every member to become involved in the recognition of a century and a half of service.

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Catch the Contagious Virginville Vibe

During its Grange Centennial Celebrations

Tucked away in rural Richmond Township, northern Berks County, Pennsylvania, is a registered historic district of about fifty homes and a hundred and fifty residents. The Maiden Creek meanders south towards Reading, Pennsylvania, and is surrounded by fertile farmland and lush forests. An early Native American trading post and once a hub of activity during the robust days of the railroad, the thriving hamlet turned sleepy village named Virginville is no different from many small communities across the state.

Yet headquartered since 1950, in a modest building once housing the local fire department, is Virginville Grange, a community level organization of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Boasting nearly four hundred members, the Virginville chapter holds the largest membership body in the state and is a leading contender nationally. This year will mark a major milestone as Virginville Grange celebrates its centennial!

Many local level Granges sprung up in this region during the early twentieth century as news of the benefits of the national fraternal order for farm families spread. Early examples of influence included road improvements, electrification, and rural mail delivery. Although many members still have a direct connection to agriculture, the order has evolved and offers benefits for all of rural America. Today, National Grange is a major advocate for increased internet access in less populated areas of the country.

Eighty-nine men and women signed their names and chartered the Virginville establishment on February 24, 1920. The young Grange grew quickly as the membership, made up of predominately faith-based Pennsylvania German farmers, found a place for socialization and a broad range of services. Not conflicting with religion, the Grange in fact reinforced their beliefs through ritual by presenting the American flag and opening the Bible at each meeting.

In 1924, Virginville Grange began doing business with Eastern States Farmer's Exchange, a program allowing members to receive discounts for bulk orders of feed and supplies. Grangers served as agents for the exchange, and shipments came to town every two weeks by rail. This successful program continued until 1967.

Eastern States Farmer's Exchange

Funnel Cake

Nearly seventy years ago, Virginville members began offering funnel cakes at a local folklife festival held in nearby Kutztown, Pennsylvania. This was the first time the homemade confection was offered in a commercial setting. This tradition is still carried on by Virginville members during the nine-day event each summer.

In 1954, a quilt made by Virginville members won first place in a National Grange contest of more than 500 entries. Filled with Grange pride, members traveled to Washington, DC, to present this work of art to Mamie Eisenhower, the first lady of the United States of America.

Quilt presented to Mamie Eisenhower

More smiles for the group came in 1957 when Virginville Junior Grange was chartered to offer the Grange experience to children ages five to fourteen. Honored with the prestigious Junior Grange of the Nation Award in 1984, this segment continues today at the same level of prosperity as its parent.

Looking for more fund-raising ideas, members filled roles in a home-spun play written by a fellow member. The entire production was

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2011 So Gaed's "Evva" play revived

recited exclusively in the Pennsylvania Dutch (German) dialect and presented for the first time in 1958. The three-act comedy was revived in 1985 and 2011 and has proven to be one of the largest fund-raising events, raising $10,000 in 2011 alone.

Each year since 1959, thousands of people have enjoyed Virginville's longest running event, an all-you-can-eat Mother's Day feast served annually at the Grange hall. Various other banquets, fairs, festivals, sandwich sales, and public auctions have provided opportunities as well.

Mother's Day Poster 1985

In 1997, members organized a farm safety day to raise awareness of agricultural related hazards in a rural setting to hundreds of members of the community. The event was so successful it captured the group the highest community service award at National Grange that year.

The loss of generations sparked a need to document local history of the village and surrounding area, so members became involved during 2002-2003 in the creation of a local hardbound history book entitled The History of Virginville. The Grange backed the project financially and sales reached one thousand copies.

Extreme Makeover Home Edition, the renowned ABC reality television show, came to nearby Hamburg, Pennsylvania, in 2010, to surprise a family and build them a new home in one week. Virginville Grangers pitched in by preparing a buffet-style meal served on site for the production staff and volunteers.

Extreme Makeover Home Edition

Over the years as the organization grew, so did the need for more space. Numerous additions and improvements have been made to the real estate. Most recent renovations during 2006-2007 boasted a generator, handicapped facilities, and an elevator setting the stage for the Grange hall to be a local emergency shelter.

Virginville's proudest outreach

April 2007 Dedication of Grange Hall & Renovations

moments are those dedicated to others. Years ago, members assisted those in need by harvesting crops, sharing food, or making repairs to buildings and equipment. In recent decades, barbecue chicken dinners, dances, raffles, and bingos are dedicated to barn fires, illnesses, accidents, misfortunes, law enforcement agencies, emergency response outfits, and other local non-profit efforts keeping members busy as they happily work together like a well-oiled machine to produce charitable funds in excess of $100,000. In 2015, a benefit bonanza, including a raffle, bingo and dance, raised $25,000 in honor of a seventeen-year-old Virginville Granger who successfully battled Hodgkin's lymphoma. The funds were paid forward by the member to three charities who supported her through her journey.

The highlight of Virginville's year is Community Night, drawing a crowd of 250 to the first meeting

$25,000 raised for VG member with Hodgkin's lymphoma

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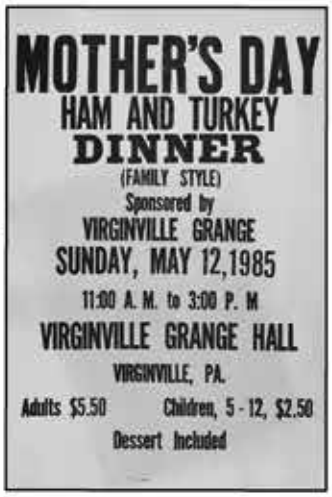
Virginville Grange's Centennial



VG100 JUBILEE

WED, MAY 6, 2020

Program: 7:30PM, Doors open 6:30PM

An evening of entertainment, community donations, and member recognition, including skits, songs, reminiscing and refreshments.

Free Admission, No reservations required.

Virginville Grange Hall
456 Main Street, Virginville, PA 19564
Berks County, 610-562-8357

Follow our adventures ... **VirginvilleGrange#1832**

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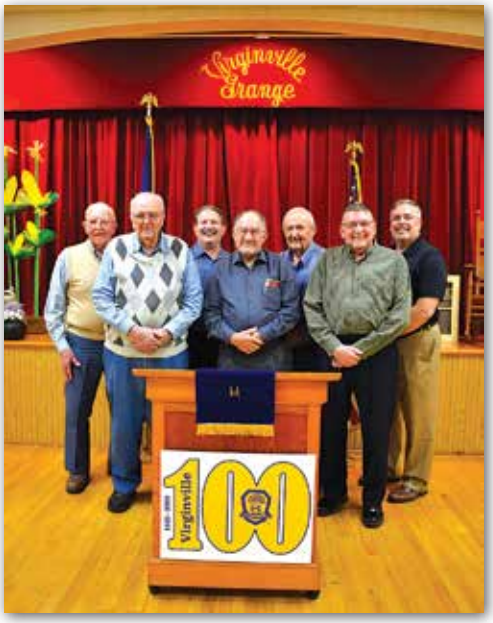
in May. Member recognition, charitable donations, humor, entertainment and fellowship round out an evening of great achievement and provide the perfect place to showcase the results of all of the efforts to members of the community.

Over the years, members of Virginville Grange have filled leadership roles, participated in activities, and competed in contests at the county, state, and national Grange levels. Volunteers at heart and selfless in nature, Grangers do not look for acknowledgement of their work. Nevertheless, Virginville Grange and its members have received countless accolades within the Grange organization and the community at large.

Today, Virginville Grange is a reputable non-profit with a diverse group of vibrant volunteers consisting of generations of charter member families, as well as strangers turned Grangers, working together to support beneficial grassroot legislation, education, family values, and community service. Like clockwork, Virginville Grange Hall becomes alive on the first and third Wednesday of each month as members gather for programs and meetings, averaging an attendance of sixty, with greatly increased numbers for special suppers and events. The infectious spirit has eager volunteers offering their time and talents to the vast variety of happenings. The strength and vitality of any organization can be measured by the participation of its members in activities and programs. During 2019, an astonishing 10,000 recorded volunteer hours of service were documented!

Memorabilia Night



Past Masters' Night

Centennial celebrations began in 2019, one year prior to the 100th Anniversary, with three Grange meetings turned special affairs, including Masters' Night in April where seven living past presidents shared term highlights, Memorabilia Night in July which gave members an opportunity to reminisce with their Grange photos and collectibles, and Blue and Gold Night in November honoring all member accomplishments, offering fun times and photo capturing moments at a photo booth, and concluding the evening with a heartwarming friendship circle as all joined in singing Blest Be The Tie That Binds.

The culmination... a pair of events, to be held this spring. A Virginville Grange member family and friends' banquet in late April has resulted in a complete sellout of 300 tickets. A public celebration, dubbed the Jubilee, is slated at Virginville Grange Hall on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at 7:30PM. We invite one and all to join in the Jubilee festivities. Visit Facebook/VirginvilleGrange#1832 to follow Virginville's adventures. Come and catch the contagious Virginville vibe and be a part of this once in a lifetime celebration!

Blue & Gold Night, Virginville Junior Grangers perform opening ceremonies

Blue & Gold Night, Friendship Circle

VIRGINVILLE GRANGE #1832
OF THE ORDER OF
PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
Chartered February 24, 1920

PO Box 173, 456 Main Street,
Virginville, Pennsylvania 19564
610-562-8357
Facebook/VirginvilleGrange#1832

Youth News

Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director

The Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults kicked off the New Year and the new decade with a blast! A blast at the PA State Farm Show that is. Our great Youth and Young Adults represented the Pennsylvania State Grange very well while attending the PA Preferred Farm Show Reception on Friday, January 3rd, along with participating in a Meet and Greet and Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, January 4th. We were honored to have one of our Young Adults chosen to give the Time of Reflection during the opening ceremonies. Great Job Braden Gourley! In addition to spending time with other Commodity representatives during the festivities, they also put in a few hours working at the State Grange booth in the Main Hall.

Spring is just around the corner and with spring comes a busy season of Grange Youth and Young Adult activities! This spring we will be participating in the PA Regional Conferences across the state and plan to have a Youth and Young Adults activity at the close of each regional conference. The dates and locations are in the Lecturers information and on the Calendar of Events.

Also coming quickly on March 20-22, is the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference being held in Swedesboro, NJ, just outside of Philadelphia. Make plans to attend this great Leadership Conference with workshops for all Grangers as well as Sign-a-Song and Public Speaking contests. Grange Baseball will also make a come-back this year! Details should be posted on the National Grange and State Grange websites by the time you receive this issue.

Lastly, if you are a young adult, 21 or over, mark your calendar to participate in the annual Young Adults Weekend, April 17-19, in the Harrisburg area. Arrive anytime Friday evening for an optional activity and then be ready to kick off the exciting weekend Saturday morning! More info will be posted on the State Grange website as well as the Youth and Young Adults Facebook page soon.

We are always looking for new ideas and ways to help our fellow Grangers. We also have our Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors, Young Patrons, as well as our committee and myself, who are ready and willing to provide a program for your Grange or event. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions or requests for assistance!

Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director
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TO: Pennsylvania State Grange Members

FROM: Wayne Campbell, *President*; Vince Phillips, *Legislative Director*

On Tuesday April 7, the Pennsylvania State Grange is inviting you to make a difference here in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania General Assembly is considering legislation which can affect you, your families and communities.

Think about some of these issues:

- **Rural PA does not have equal access to Internet or cell phone service.**
- **Pennsylvania State Grange advocates for sufficient Internet speed and cell service for all.**
- **More must be done to help dairy farmers by encouraging regional investment in fluid processing facilities.**
- **Farmers who diversify income through agritourism need liability protection.**
- **There is legislation regarding Telemedicine which would be helpful to parts of rural PA... and much, much more.**

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

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

Please complete and return the registration form on page 17.
You have a personal stake in protecting your community.

REGISTRATION FORM

PA State Grange Legislative Day in Harrisburg
Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

NAME_____

GRANGE_____

HOME ADDRESS_____

_____

HOME ZIP CODE_____

PHONE/FAX_____/_____

E-MAIL _____

Please register me as an attendee: I am a: _____Grange Member _____Friend of the Grange

Please schedule appointments with:

My State Representative: _____

My State Senator: _____

Other Legislators with whom I would like to meet:

_____/ _____/ _____

Send or Fax Your Registration Form to Vince Phillips, PA State Grange
20 Erford Road, Suite 216
Lemoyne, Pennsylvania 17043
717-346-1063; FAX 717-232-7005
xenobun@aol.com

Schedule

Before 8:30 a.m.	Arrive at the State Capitol Room 113, East Wing Rotunda (East side of Capitol Building)
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Briefing on issues and on how to communicate effectively with legislators and staff in Room 113, East Wing
9:00 a.m.	Appointments begin
9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Meetings with lawmakers, committee chairs and others; Lunch is Dutch Treat between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Capitol Cafeteria depending on your individual legislative visit schedule.

Family Festival

"SURVIVAL ON GRANGE ISLAND"

Schedule of Events

July 16-19, 2020

Thursday, July 16

1:00 – 4:30	Registration- Bldg A
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner - Bldg D
7:00-8:00	Welcome & Betsy Huber & Wayne Campbell Workshop - Bldg A
8:00-8:30	Rootbeer; Coke; Orange Floats
8:30-9:30	Bring your Favorite Game Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
9:30	Vespers - Bldg A
11:00	Quiet Time & Lights Out

Friday, July 17

7:30-8:30	Breakfast - Bldg D Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
9:00-10:00	English Paper Piecing - $3.00 – Limit 5
9:30-11:30	Registration - Bldg A
10:00-11:00	English Paper Piecing - $3.00 – Limit 5
10:00-11:00	Legislative Updates - Vince Philips
11:00-12:00	English Paper Piecing - $3.00 – Limit 5
11:00-2:30	Tour–Rhoneymeade Farm – Carpool – 3 mi. Bagged Lunch Included
12:00-1:00	Lunch - Bldg D
2:00-4:00	Registration - Bldg A
3:00-4:30	Meeting Grease – Dr. Diamond Basic Meeting Parliamentary Procedure
3:00-5:00	Junior/Youth Water Games
5:30-6:30	Dinner - Bldg D – *Hamburgers; Hot Dogs; Macaroni Salad; Baked Beans; Cookies*

Hosted by the FA; Assisted by Youth Department

7:00-9:00	Survival Challenges Bldg A
9:00	Vespers-Bldg A
9:30	Knowledge TEST – Bldg C
11:00	Quiet Time & Lights Out

Rhoneymeade Sculpture Garden and Arboretum
Leonard Rhone Family Farm

Saturday, July 18

7:30-8:30	Breakfast - Bldg D *(Announce Young Patron Finalists)*
8:30	Group Photo – Location TBD
9:00-11:30	Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B
9:00-10:00	English Paper Piecing - $3.00 – Limit 5
9:00-10:30	Youth Activity - TBA - Bldg A
10:00-11:30	Young Patron Interviews – Bldg B
10:00-11:00	English Paper Piecing - $3.00 – Limit 5
10:00 – 11:30	Lecturer's Workshop – Paint & Create
11:00-12:00	Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit
12:00-1:00	Lunch - Bldg D *(Impromptu Question to Young Patron Finalists)*
1:00	Youth Activity – Road Rally
1:00-3:30	Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
1:00-2:00	PR Workshop – Grange Survivor 101 - Lizzie-Bldg A
2:00-4:00	Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B - Small - $5.00; Large - $10.00
4:00	Volley Ball Tournament
5:00-6:00	Dinner - Bldg D *Baked Ham; Scalloped Potatoes; Corn; Sweet Potatoes; Applesauce; Tossed Salad*
7:00	Talent Contest - Bldg A Introduction of Royalty Ice Cream Social Vespers
11:00	Quiet Time & Lights Out

D&CS Committee is having a Silent Auction all weekend and donations are appreciated!

Sunday, July 19

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

Assistance cleaning and packing up of Bldg. D is much appreciated

Thank You!

Wishing you a safe trip Home!

Survival on Grange Island

Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival July 16-19, 2020

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Grange: _____

County: _____

_____ Tent ($15 per night/ NOT per person)

Tent mates: _____

_____

_____ RV/Camper ($25 per night/space, NOT per person) (Fees have increased)

RV/Camper-mates: _____

_____

Length: _____ Ft. Trailer or Motor Home (Circle)

_____ Dump prior to leaving (Fee $25)

Day of Arrival:

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Hotel- Please make your own reservation

Reservations block reserved at—
Ramada Conference Center
1450 South Atherton St.
814-238-3001
$77.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT
Use Group Code PAGRANGE20

MUST STATE WITH **PA STATE GRANGE** TO GET OUR RATE.

Deadline for rate is June 18, 2020
***** Please note: PA State Grange is discounting each space $5.00 for Tents & Campers. Centre Co. Fair have increased their prices.**

R.S.V.P by June 15, 2020

MEALS (please check desired meals –
(Adult meals only) $5.50 Discount if you get ALL Meals
Children 4 and under are Free, ages 5-11 half price.

_____	All Meals	$41.00	_____
_____	Thursday Dinner	$8.00	_____
_____	Friday Breakfast	$4.50	_____
_____	Friday Lunch	$5.50	_____
_____	Friday Dinner	$6.00	_____
_____	Saturday Breakfast	$4.50	_____
_____	Saturday Lunch	$5.50	_____
_____	Saturday Dinner	$8.00	_____
_____	Sunday Breakfast	$4.50	_____

Tent Fee Per Night ___ X $15.00 _____

RV/Camper Fee Per Night ___ X $25.00 _____

RV Dumping Fee($25.00) _____

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

Rhoneymeade Sculpture Farm ($6.00)
Includes a bagged lunch _____

English Paper Piecing Workshop ($3.00)
Choose 1st; 2nd and 3rd Choices
___Fri-9:00; ___Fri-10:00; ___Fri-11:00
___Sat-9:00; ___Sat-10:00 _____

Quilt Block Workshop ($40.00) _____

Paint & Create ($10.00) _____

Stained Glass Workshop
($5.00 - Small $10.00 - Large) _____

T-Shirt _____
Child S M L XL ($8.00)
Adult S M L XL ($10.00)
Adult 2XL 3XL 4XL (12.00)
☐ Pocket – ☐ No Pocket
(Please Circle Size)

Total Cost _____

Make checks payable to: **PA State Grange**
Send Registration & Payment to:
PA State Grange
Attn: Family Festival
20 Erford Rd, Suite 216
Lemoyne PA 17043

2020 Grange Regional Conference Registration

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 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)

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

Please see the tentative schedule also included in this issue of the PGN for a list of the workshops and activities planned for the conferences.

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.

2020 Grange Regional Conference

Tentative Schedule

(March 7th, March 28th, May 2nd)

10:00 – 10:15 Gather/Welcome by the Pennsylvania State Grange

10:15 – 11:00 "Ritual 101"

Have you ever wondered why we open and close the Grange as it is written in the manual? Learn how and why the Grange uses ritual in regular meetings.

11:00 – 11:30 Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration/Explanation

Learn about an exciting new connection between the Grange and the FFA and learn why Parliamentary Procedure (how business is run) is important.

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch with Breakout Sessions

- Masters/Presidents
- Secretaries
- Lecturers
- Youth/Young Adults
- Juniors
- Deaf and Community Service
- Family Activities

12:30 – 1:00 Brief Review of Contests/Programs (Whole Group)

Hear from the Pennsylvania State Grange Department Chairs and State Officers about roles and responsibilities and exciting new contests and programs for 2020.

1:00 – 1:40 Community Service Project

The Deaf and Community Service Department will sponsor a hands-on service project, creating treat bags for police officers. Have fun and give back!

1:45 – 2:15 "If You Give a Grange a Junior"

Have you ever read the book, "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" by Laura Numeroff? In this workshop, learn what can happen "If You Give a Grange a Junior" by Lurae Benzio, Junior Director. Handouts and a cookie for all who participate!

2:20 – 2:50 Legislative Review

What are the Grange's legislative priorities? How does an idea become Grange policy? How do we encourage our members to take more interest in this process?

2:55 – 3:30 Hospitality

As we hopefully gain new members, both young and young-at-heart, are our Granges ready to welcome them? Engage in a discussion about how we can make our Granges more hospitable. We don't get a second chance to make a first impression!

3:35 – 4:10 "I don't know how to answer that!"

As you have talked with others about the Grange, have you ever been asked a real zinger that you weren't sure how to answer? Learn how to handle those tricky questions and share what the Grange is all about.

4:15 – 4:30 Wrap-Up/Evaluation/Questions

This is your opportunity to share your feedback about this conference and let us know what you would like to see at future regional conferences.

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.

BROADBAND AGAIN TAKES CENTER STAGE

On two occasions at the 2020 Farm Show, the Pennsylvania State Grange pressed the case for universal access to high-speed Broadband. These included a hearing of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee. The second was a panel discussion convened by the Grange to discuss several success stories in this quest.

HOUSE HEARING

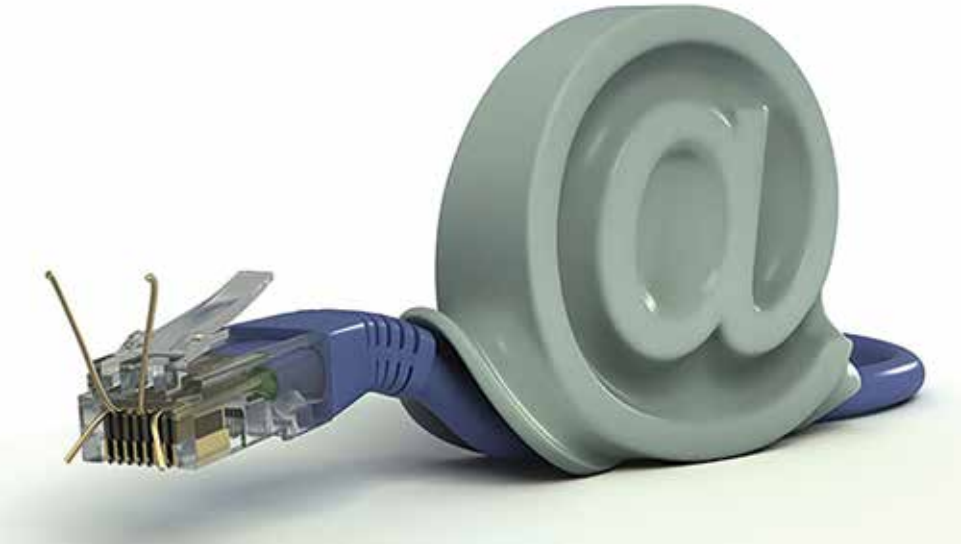
Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell presented testimony as part of a panel which also included PA Farm Bureau, PA Farmers Union, PA Association for Sustainable Agriculture and PennAg Industries Association.

The bulk of Campbell's testimony centered on Broadband. He compared the need of expanding Broadband access in this century to rural electrification in the 20th Century. Lack of universal access puts rural Pennsylvania way behind -- in production agriculture, in education, in economic investment, in health care, and in the conduct of everyday lives. That description sounds like rural America in the early part of the 20th Century before rural electrification.

The elephant in the room is how to pay for it.

The House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee was challenged by Campbell to introduce a resolution directing the Legislative Budget & Finance Committee or the Center for Rural PA to analyze funding options. Although the Grange is not endorsing a particular funding mechanism, one possibility cited by the Pennsylvania State Grange was a minimal surcharge from each cell phone per month. This option would need to include millions of cell phones in order to be viable. Nationally, for example, the March 20, 2018 Media Tech Reviews predicts 276.7 million cell phone subscribers in the U.S. in 2020. Since cell phone subscribers typically have more than one cell phone, the actual numbers could be much higher. The number of Pennsylvania cell phones has not been verified – hence, a need for the study.

Wayne Campbell lauded House passage of **House Bill 305** sponsored by Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Greene/Fayette/Washington) as a positive step. This legislation requires that Pennsylvania inventory state-owned structures to see if a telecommunications company could 'piggyback' equipment on a tower. If feasible, the telecom company would pay the Commonwealth a leasing fee.



Another accomplishment is the creation of the bipartisan House Broadband Caucus last session by Representative Pam Snyder and former Representative and now Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill. This session, the Republican co-chair is Representative Rich Irvin (R-Mifflin/Huntingdon/Centre). Hopefully, this Caucus will help legislators stay focused on this critical issue.

Currently, the House Broadband Caucus has 23 members. The group is bipartisan and includes twelve members from rural districts, five from suburban areas, and six from cities.

Quick Guide to Broadband Legislation

Given the increased interest in Broadband by the General Assembly, here is a handy listing of some of the Broadband bills supported by the Pennsylvania State Grange.

House Bill 305 and Senate Bill 470 (Snyder; Phillips-Hill)
Requires the state to inventory state-owned structures to determine which would be appropriate for 'piggybacking' telecommunications equipment. PA would lease the space on the structure for a fee. State Police structure leasing income would be dedicated to help fund State Police.

Senate Resolution 47 and House Resolution 64 (Phillips-Hill; Snyder)
Establishes a bicameral legislative task force to focus on Broadband expansion.

Senate Resolution 48 and House Resolution 63 (Phillips-Hill; Snyder)
Directs that non-rural telecommunications companies be audited to determine their compliance with existing laws regarding provision of Internet service.

House Bill 2055 (Snyder)
Allows municipal authorities to deploy Broadband Internet Infrastructure.

Senate Bill 835 (Langerholc)
Establishes a dedicated fund of not less than 10 million dollars to provide grants for expansion of Broadband to unserved areas.

Senate Bill 725 and House Bill 1585 (Yudichak; Wheatly)
Governor Wolf's Restore PA would borrow $4.5 billion loan to be repaid by Marcellus Shale natural gas severance tax.

Senate Bill 712 (Argall)
Fiscal Code bill which includes specific monies for two north central PA economic development entities to develop a regional Broadband system. Status: Act 20 of 2019

House Bill 1400 (Farry)
Standardizes 'colocation' installation standards for small cell facilities (expanding Broadband in a limited range).

NOT YET INTRODUCED: (Irvin)
Preserves land line telephone service to rural areas (Universal Service Fund).

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OTHER ISSUES PRESENTED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

There were several other issues stressed by President Campbell at the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee hearing.

Agritourism. First and foremost was **House Bill 1348** sponsored by Rep. Barb Gleim (R-Cumberland). This would limit liability for farms seeking an additional income stream from agritourism or agrientertainment. This limited liability would apply providing that visitors were warned about possible risks on a working farm and there were reasonable attempts to remove obvious hazards. Despite pushback by the trial lawyers, this legislation passed the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee unanimously on June 5, 2019. Assuming that it passes the House, the PA Senate will also have to consider the bill before it goes to Governor Wolf for his signature.

Dairy. While **HB 1348** helps farmers in the longer term, an immediate need is more investment in PA-based regional dairy processing facilities. Fortunately, **House Bill 1223** was introduced by Rep. John Lawrence (R-Chester) to establish PA Dairy Keystone Opportunity Zones. These are designated areas within the state where investors in dairy processing could receive a variety of tax credits and other incentives.

Creating Dairy Keystone Opportunity Zones should incentivize investment in PA-based milk processing facilities. The legislation offers two benefits to farmers in addition to helping a local economy. First, a regional facility means less travel expense for milk transport. Second, it will boost dairy farm revenues by allowing a greater over-order premium going back to the farmer. Currently, that revenue is often lost because the milk is produced in PA but processed out of state, meaning that the farmer loses out on the over-order premium income.

One point emphasized by Campbell was the need to take care of unfinished business from 2019. He said, *"One thing that was unresolved in 2019 was*

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the issue of milk hauling. As you know, Governor Wolf vetoed ***House Bill 915*** *sponsored by Chair Causer. Another milk hauling bill,* ***Senate Bill 588*** *sponsored by Senator Judy Ward from Blair County, also passed the Senate and is now in this committee. The question is what will finally happen to resolve this issue. When severe winter weather comes, milk haulers must still pick up milk from local dairy farms since farmers generally do not have a large storage capacity. This milk must then be transported to processing plants without delay. The committee should re-examine this issue and decide if the need warrants more legislative action."*

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GRANGE ISSUES THANK YOU TO REP. KELLER

The Pennsylvania State Grange issued a statement recognizing the service of Perry County Representative Mark Keller. Keller, a Republican, announced his decision not to seek re-election. The Grange lauded him for helping other legislators better understand the realities of farming today given his practical knowledge from farming. Keller is serving out the remainder of his term which ends November 30, 2020.

When President Campbell also publicly thanked Rep. Keller, before the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee, the other legislators gave Keller an ovation.

Several other lawmakers with a strong interest in Grange issues have also announced plans to retire.

They include Rep. Marcia Hahn (R-Northumberland), a member of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee and Rep. Garth Everett (R-Lycoming). Everett is the current Chair of the House State Government Committee. Of note to Granges in areas where Marcellus Shale natural gas is being extracted, Everett has introduced legislation forcing energy companies to pay property owners the full amount of royalties required by state law. Hahn and Everett will complete the rest of their terms this year.

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THE GRANGE WANTS YOU TO BE RESOLVED

The Pennsylvania State Grange is responsive to its members. Lobbying and advocacy is based on what members say they want. In a nutshell, here is how Grange policy is set.

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

December 10, 2019

Pennsylvania State Grange
Wayne Campbell, President
20 Erford Rd
Ste 216
Lemoyne, PA 17043

Dear Wayne and Grange members:

I wanted to take a moment and thank you for inviting me to the 147th Annual State Grange Convention. The Grange's members continue to demonstrate tremendous leadership and commitment to the commonwealth and are a crucial part of the agriculture industry's success. Your dedication to your community is the seed to many amazing things across Pennsylvania, and I hope that you reflect with great pride on the work you have done, the lives you have touched, and all you have accomplished. I look forward to our continued partnership.

Thank you,

Russell

Russell C. Redding
Secretary

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2020 FARM SHOW SIGHTINGS

We hope you enjoy this collection of photos captured during the 2020 Pennsylvania Farm Show!

President Wayne Campbell and Youth Ambassador Isabella Boone greeted Attorney General Josh Shapiro who stopped in the Pennsylvania Grange booth.

President Wayne Campbell and Barb Gross being interviewed by Comcast Newsmakers about Grange and the Heritage Quilt Trail.

Senator John DiSanto stopped by the Grange booth to visit with Wayne Campbell!

National Grange Master, Betsy Huber, pictured with the quilt block she painted.

Pennsylvania Grange Royalty, in pictures below, at this years Grange Booth and at Opening Ceremonies!

Vince Phillips introduces panel for discussion on Broadband held at PA Farm Show. Seated are Henry McCreary, President, Rural Broadband Cooperative, Hon. Pam Snyder, (D-Greene/Fayette/Washington) Co-chair, PA House Broadband Caucus, Rachel Hauser, Executive Assistant to the President, Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative, Charlotte Davis, Executive Director, Rural Maryland Council, and President Wayne Campbell of Pennsylvania State Grange.

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Secretary Russel Redding (pictured below) exploring all the beautiful quilt blocks Grange members painted for the Farm Show Complex.

Grange News

PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

Plumsteadville Grange held its annual Christmas party on Saturday December 14, 2019. We were pleased to have National Grange Junior Ambassador Bryce Danko as a guest as well as five PA State officers: President, Wayne Campbell, Secretary Debbie Campbell, Assistant Steward Robert Kleckner, Gatekeeper Gene Zvarick and our own Dr. James Diamond, Executive Committee.

(Plumsteadville Grange) "Santa's Elves"

(Plumsteadville Grange) "Washington crossing the Delaware"

Following a covered dish dinner we were treated to entertainment by Santa's Elves and a visit from Santa for the children. Danboro 4H club (which meets at our hall) treated us to a skit reenacting Washington crossing the Delaware, followed by a concert by the "Joyful Singers" a local choral group and ending with carol singing by all.

(Plumsteadville Grange) "Joyful Singers" entertaining at Grange Christmas Party

SCOTCH VALLEY GRANGE #510

Recently, Ruth Griffin was named Granger of the Year by Scotch Valley Grange #510. Ruth has been a member of the Grange for 85 years and she is now 100 years old. She served as the head cook at our Grange for many years. She has held many offices in the Grange.

(Scotch Valley) Ruth Griffin

PERRY VALLEY GRANGE #1804

Perry Valley Grange #1804 was organized July 29, 1919, in Perry County with 86 charter members, primarily rural residents from Greenwood and Liverpool Townships. As part of its 100th anniversary observance during 2019, the Grange purchased this permanent historical marker, installed beside the stage at the Perry County Fairgrounds and dedicated at a brief ceremony held during the fair this past summer. This site was selected because of the Grange's long-time involvement in the fair, which included providing the initial funding in 1980 to build the fair stage and more recently a $10,000 grant for water and sewage installation. Arrangements for the marker were done in cooperation with the Fair Board and the Perry County Bicentennial Commission which is promoting the installation of such historical markers throughout the area as Perry County moves toward its 200th anniversary in 2020.

(Perry Valley) Participating in the dedication were (l-r): Doug Bonsall, Cathy Morrison, Carl Landis, Linda Byers and Renee Hetrick; Bicentennial Commission representative Frank Campbell and State Grange President Wayne Campbell

HALFMOON GRANGE #290

Roy W. Beck was awarded a Quilt of Valor at the meeting of Halfmoon Grange #290 on January 11. He served in the 112th Air National Guard in State College from 1959-1965 and was activated to serve in Germany during

(Halfmoon Grange) Roy W. Beck

(Halfmoon Grange) Roy is pictured with his family: (left to right) grandson Joey, daughter Teresa, Roy, granddaughter Harley, wife Beverly and son Brian.

the Berlin Crises in 1961. He and his wife are members of Halfmoon Grange. Ann Reid and Jane Brown of the Happy Valley Quilts of Valor group presented him with a certificate and the quilt.

WINDFALL GRANGE #257

Recently sixty-four Grangers, family and friends gathered at the Windfall U. Methodist Church to honor Owen Brackman of W. LeRoy as Windfall Grange's "Granger of the Year". Pastor Josh Yorks, of the Troy and Windfall United Methodist Church Charge gave the invocation and a short meditation on being thankful. Following that invocation, a bountiful turkey dinner was served. After dinner, Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell presented Owen Brackman and Gerald Pratt with their 70th Year Seals in honor of their active service to the Grange. President Campbell also spoke of the many services the Grange provides. Kim Johns, a representative of Representative Clint Owlett's office, presented Owen with a citation from the PA State House of Representatives. Ruth Wicker and Marjorie Pratt then sang two musical selections. Owen's brother, Charles (of Blandon, PA), spoke about Owen's life and his abundant generosity to his family and friends. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also spoke of the many acts of kindness and caring that Owen had shared with them through the years. His home was always open to them to stay. Several had traveled many times with Owen, and they told of his help and the many "fun things" they had shared. Shirley Morse, of LeRoy, spoke of Owen as a good neighbor and fellow Granger. Lyle Wright, of East Canton, and Ira Haire, of Bellville, spoke of the many dedicated hours of service Owen had given as a faithful member of the East Canton United Methodist Church. Jake Guffey, of North Towanda, spoke on the years that Owen had served the PA Extension Service. Ellen Foust, of Grantville Smt, represented the Troy Fair Board and told of Owen's countless hours serving on the Troy Fair Board, helping to see that the Grange booths were filled each year, and of his selling pies and cookies night after night during the Troy Fair alongside his faithful helper, his brother; Paul. Gerald Pratt, of Windfall, also spoke of Owen's continuous help getting the Grange Booth assembled and displayed as they worked together at the Troy Fair and also at the Bloomsburg Fair. The meeting was closed with everyone singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds". Mike Pratt, of Grove City, served as Master of Ceremonies.

ORIENTAL GRANGE #165

Russ Gunton, Master/President of Oriental Grange, and numerous Grange members, presented a donation to the Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen in Tunkhannock, Wyoming County. Oriental Grange members and friends helped prepare and serve the Thanksgiving dinner on November 25th, 2019.

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE #1074

(Oriental Grange)

The Pleasant Valley Grange, of Wayne County, recently made their annual Holiday donations to the following organizations: the Bethany Library, the Wayne County Victim's Intervention Program, the Wayne County Children's Christmas Bureau, and the Salvation Army's Second Harvest Food Bank. Pictured is Sandy Dunn, Grange Treasurer, making those donations to workers from those organizations.

(Pleasant Valley) Wayne Co. Victim's Intervention Program

(Pleasant Valley) Wayne Co. Children's Christmas Bureau

(Pleasant Valley) Bethany Library

(Pleasant Valley) Salvation Army Second Harvest Bank

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the FFA and 4-H.
- from Vince Phillips

Tractor Engine Show

The 2019 Tractor Engine show was held September 28th and 29th on the grounds of the Gouglersville Grange #1743. The weekend was filled with tractors, engines, community interest and, of course, great food. There was an abundant dis-

play of new and old tractors, engines and some unique conversions. With perfect weather everyone had time to mingle and reconnect with old

friends and make some new ones. There were several demonstrations with steam powered engines and tree

stump removal by David Mohn. The highlight of the event was the tractor parade.

We hope you enjoy a few pictures from our event. Our next event will be

the tractor engine show scheduled for September 26th and 27th of 2020... we hope to see you there!

Amanda Schaeffer (pictured above), of Grand View Dairy Farm, is one of our young adults who brought her 1950 Oliver 77 Fleet line tractor to this event.
- from SallieJo Reid

Flora Group

Members of Centre County Granges performed the Flora Drill during the conferral of the 6th Degree at the 2019 Pennsylvania State Grange Session

The group was made up of Centre County Grange Ladies, was organized by Melanie Melius and was directed by Melissa Gartner. They gave a

beautiful performance and added to the 6th degree conferral. (this is not just a biased opinion....heard lots of compliments from others!)
- from Judy Pressler

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- What is the Need? What is important to you as a Grange member? Policy positions cover a wide range of topics.
- What is the Answer? If you identify a problem, do you have an idea as to how to confront the problem?
- How do I get my idea/solution to the point of being considered by the Pennsylvania State Grange?
  - Put it in writing. What that means is using a certain format to express your thoughts. This format is designed so that readers can see the need (these are the WHEREAS clauses) and the policy you want the Grange to adopt (the BE IT RESOLVED clauses).
  - Utilize State Grange staff to help you draft it. Usually, this is a five to ten-minute conversation. Then, you receive a draft. Keep in mind that when you receive a draft, it is a draft. Make it yours. Review it to be sure that the draft language is true to your point. Again, staff will help re-draft if needed.
  - Take your draft resolution to your Grange and talk with others. Your Grange needs to make a decision to move the resolution on to the state level. Resolutions may come from Pomona Granges as well.
- Resolution Committee. On September 17, 2020, the Pennsylvania State Grange will convene a meeting of the different resolution committees to review each resolution. This Resolution meeting is made up of specific committees. Committees are organized as to subject matter, for example, agriculture. The committee can choose to favorably report the resolution to the Delegate Body, may reject, or amend. Please understand that if the committee rejects a resolution, it does not have the final word. Delegates to the October State Session do.
- At the State Session, delegates consider each resolution. The State Session can adopt the resolution to become state policy. It can reject it. It can overrule the recommendation of the resolutions committee and adopt a resolution anyway. It can also amend a resolution. That is how Grange policies are set.
- At the State Session, some older resolutions are retired and put in archives when their original purpose is irrelevant. An example in 2019 was the retiring of a resolution that was approved as policy in 2006. The text and explanation of this archived resolution follows.

MEDICARE USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

The Grange supports the implementation of a Federal law mandating that the Medicare system use an identification number other than the individual's Social Security number and supports the universal implementation of such a law across all insurance providers.

REASON FOR ARCHIVING

Beginning in 2018, the Social Security Administration converted Medicare identification numbers to another numbering system.

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

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A NEW BEGINNING

What awaits us in 2020? This issue's cover photo shows FFA students who were just awarded their FFA jackets standing by the calving corner at the Farm Show. Two different new beginnings. Youth that have put on the

blue and gold jacket for the first time and are ready to embark on an exciting new journey in the FFA. The cows that are standing in the calving corner pens at the Pennsylvania Farm Show are about to give birth to their offspring. How do these two different events tie into the Grange? We have an opportunity for a new beginning for many of our Granges.

The Pennsylvania State Grange has been awarded a very unique opportunity. An anonymous donor has offered to pay the first year's dues of up to 257 FFA members who join the Grange. This provides a tremendous opportunity for your Grange to build a relationship with your local FFA chapter.

The Grange already has a tie to the FFA. The Grange helped draft the legislation that established the Vocational Agriculture program. We both have impressive opening ceremonies, and we both hold high the value of helping our fellow man.

The FFA motto is: Learning to do, doing to learn, learning to live, living to serve. The Grange motto is: In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity. When you read the two mottos, FFA students actively living their motto leads right into continuing their journey through life living the Grange motto.

Welcome these new young members into your Grange. Encourage them to share with you the leadership abilities they learned as members of the FFA. Try new community service projects that they are interested in, try new fundraising ideas they may present. Life is a daily learning experience. Do not pass by the opportunity to learn new ideas and new ways from these inspirational young leaders.

2020, a new year, a new decade, a new opportunity. What are you going to do with this opportunity???

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Harvey's Aleppo #1444
Judy Beresford
Middletown #684
Leonard Franckowiak
Thomas Oliver
Harmony #1201
Howard Clark
Devin Beck
Hickory #1285
William Larsen Jr.
Carlene Duttry
Beech Grove #1089
Danielle Brussell
Chad Brussell
Sara Mignerey
James Mignerey
Joanne Mignerey
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Valley #1360
Samantha Wilkins
Mifflin #1725
Naomi Cornman
Fleetwood #1839
Connor Schlegel
Austin Kopfer
Steven Simpson
Kevin Messersmith
Lori Williams
Jefferson #1373
Pearl Kocher
Virginville #1832
Jonathan Bond

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Big Knob #2008
Richard Palak
Valley #1360
Treva Leese
Sinking Valley #484
Louise Pearson
California #941
Fran Kessler
Liberty #1780
Evelyn Wilson
Mt. Nebo #1872
Helen (Pat) Reid
Doris Munsch
Hayfield #800
Sharron McMillin
Herman Hunter
Westfield #1514
Ivan Raney
Goshen #121
Harold Rennard
Walker #786
Joanne Shehan
Caryle Groninger
Central #1650
Sandra German

2020 Calendar of Events

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

March 7, 2020
PA Regional Conference, Logan Grange,
10 am with follow-on Youth Activity at 4:30 pm

March 20-22, 2020
Mid Atlantic Leaders Conference,
Swedesboro, NJ

March 28, 2020
PA Regional Conference,
Big Knob Grange, 10 am with follow-on Youth Activity at 4:30 pm

April 4th, 2020
Wesley Grange Buckwheat Cake and Sausage Supper (Venango County) on old Rte. 8 north of Barkeyville. Start serving at 7:00 a.m.
Cost $8 for adults all you can eat.

April 7, 2020
Day On The Hill, Harrisburg

April 17-19, 2020
Young Adults Weekend, Harrisburg

May 2, 2020
PA Regional Conference,
Kutztown Grange
10 am with follow-on Youth Activity at 4:30 pm

June 26-28, 2020
YOUTH CAMP
Camp Sylvan Hills • Howard, PA

June 28-July 4, 2020
JUNIOR CAMP
Camp Sylvan Hills • Howard, PA

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July 16-19, 2020
FAMILY FESTIVAL
Centre County Fairgrounds • Centre Hall, PA

August 11-13, 2020
AG PROGRESS DAYS
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA
https://agsci.psu.edu/apd/about

September 26, 2020
Youth and Young Adults Family Picnic

October 15-18, 2020
148th Annual STATE SESSION
Courtyard Erie Ambassador Conference Center
7792 Peach Street • Erie, PA

November 17-21, 2020
National Grange Convention,
Valley Forge, PA

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- 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!

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