

PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS

July / August 2017





Officer Descriptions for the 145th Session

At the 145th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session, we will be holding an election for the offices of President/Master, Vice President/Overseer, and a member of the Executive Committee. Pennsylvania State Grange by-laws state, "With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer, no office holder's name shall be printed on the ballot for an office if that officer shall have held the same office continuously for six years immediately preceding."

If you are interested in serving as a State Officer, suggestions for office will be held on Friday afternoon, October 20th just after lunch. If you would like more information about serving as a State Officer, or know that you would like to be suggested, please contact the State Grange office to be put in touch with the Nominating Committee. The election will take place Saturday, October 21st, just before the lunch recess.

The by-laws do not allow nominating speeches in any Grange. But "each person suggested for a state office shall be permitted to appear and speak before the delegate body for a maximum of two [2] minutes at a designated time prior to the election." These speeches will be allowed immediately after the suggestions are received.

Following is a brief job

description for each State Office to be voted on this year, along with the current officer's name and length of time served in that of-



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

-Mac Anderson

fice. A complete description of officer duties can be found at www.pagrange.org.

PRESIDENT/MASTER:

(Current: Wayne Campbell {9 months})
Make fraternal Grange and office management decisions; appoint Deputies and committees; provide leadership in the absence of policy and/or when adjustments are appropriate; hire and supervise the State Office staff; represent the State Grange at various functions; speak where invited; oversee all State Grange programs and projects; serve ex-officio on all committees; provide leadership in legislative matters; visit Granges

as needed; hear concerns of rural Pennsylvania and help members resolve problems; inject new ideas and spark enthusiasm for membership growth; oversee the status of all Subordinate and Pomona Granges; organize and reorganize Granges; write articles for the Advocate and letters of communication.

VICE PRESIDENT/OVERSEER:

(Current: Barbara Schroeder {8 months})
Fill in for the Master at workshops, meetings and activities as needed; serve on the Executive Committee; fulfill speaking assignments; be available as needed by the State Master; serve as a member of the Board for the Grange Foundation.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Current: Robert Bair {4 years})
Be available to attend meetings of the Committee in Harrisburg or elsewhere as called; contribute to decision making and be available to explain decisions made throughout the year; bring ideas to aid in the development of programs, policies, and projects; provide oversight of property and funds of the State Grange; serve as a member of the Board for the Grange Foundation. (Other Executive Committee members are Richard Mangel, Janet Pratt and Barbara Gross.)





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From the President's Desk

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

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. Summer is a time when many people take those long awaited vacations, enjoy an afternoon at the pool, or as my family likes to do, make that trip to the local Ice Cream stand for Saturday night Dinner.



It's also the time of year when a lot of us are involved in our local fairs. Many of our Pennsylvania fairs have deep roots in the Grange. Our local fairs are much like the Grange; they can involve the whole family. We all remember the old saying "you get out of it what you put into it." This is true in every aspect of our lives. My family looks forward to fair week, yes it's a lot of work, yes we get

tired and yes it's always the same crew. Those people who do all the work at your Grange, they're the same ones doing all the work at the fair. So you ask, "Why do you continue to do it?" Well, if we don't, who will?

The National Grange created the DOER campaign. We are all DOERS in life. I believe, within reason, the more we do, the more we get out of life. I really don't know what I would do if I were not able to help at our county fair. I tell many people our kids grew up at the fair. It's when I see all those

people I only get to see once a year. It's where I get to eat all that delicious food that certainly gives the food court at the Farm Show a run for their money. It's where I get to see that youngster, who is not even as tall as the counter at our stand, reach up and put down a quarter and ask for a whoopee pie. It is the place where so many memories are made.

I encourage you this summer to continue to be a DOER, or make it the summer you take that leap and become a DOER yourself. The memories will last forever.

Fraternally,

Wayne Campbell
Pennsylvania State Grange
President



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Chaplain's Corner
Judy Pressler
 PA State Grange Chaplain



becomes large enough for birds to nest there...(ours were never that large!)

I do know that we do our best to prepare our gardens so the seeds will not fall among rocks (which also seem to multiply over the winter months), they get planted deep enough so the birds won't eat them and we do our best to keep the weeds from choking them out. Then, as we learn in the Second Degree, it is up to the "Great Master on High, who ordereth alike the heat and cold, and in whose hand are the harvests of the earth."

When we place our faith in Him, even though it may be small, it will grow beyond our greatest expectations and we can look forward to the rewards he has promised.

This same principle applies to our Grange efforts: we plant the seeds when others see us in action, we nurture new comers by including them and their ideas, and we'll harvest new friendships as we labor together to promote our Grange mission.

**Grangers, Grangers, here's your challenge: get ready, set, and go
 Give thanks to God, do your part, and watch your Granges Grow**



Prayerfully yours,
 Judy Pressler

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How Does Your Garden Grow?

Grangers, Grangers, working hard, how do your gardens grow?

Onions, lettuce, kale and chard, all in a nice, straight row?

Okay, I know I was elected as Chaplain NOT a poet!!

However, this is the time of the year when our gardens are in full bloom. It's rewarding! Even if you don't have your own garden, you can take advantage of the farmer's markets and get fresh vegetables. Thank goodness we still have farmers!!

There still must be a little bit of farmer in me because I get a big kick out of working in the dirt and especially weeding our gardens. Now this is the same "girl" who used to hate it when dad would load us up on a farm wagon to go out to pull the wild mustard plants out of the grain fields. I never could understand how so many new plants would come up each spring. Although, I know that even though mustard seeds are very small, they are mighty powerful. Jesus told his disciples that if their faith was as small as the mustard seed, they could move mountains or uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the water!! He also likened the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed that grows to the largest plant and



Gatekeeper's Notes

Gene Zvarick
PA State Grange Gatekeeper

The Gatekeeper is traditionally a quiet office, usually just present at the state session and assisting the Steward in preparation of the meeting room and degree work. But as a representative of the State Grange and as a Grange advocate I have not been very quiet. This year has been extremely busy one and it is only late April as I write this.

I spent Martin Luther King

weekend in January cutting down trees and improving the outside of our hall at Keystone Grange. This was followed by a monthly Keystone Grange meeting and a visit to the Chester County Pomona a few days later then a trip to State College the following week for our annual Pennsylvania State Grange planning session. February found me at the monthly Keystone Grange meeting then a visit to the Russellville Junior Grange Italian Night. Later in the month a few members of Keystone Grange saw a play at Ursinus College followed by a pizza dinner. March was cold and snowy in Montgomery County. Our Keystone Grange meet-

ing was cancelled but I was able to support Chester Valley Grange with their soup and hoagie sale and make a trip to Berks County to support the chicken pot pie dinner for Hamburg Grange. I was back at Chester Valley Grange in early April to support their craft bazaar then an additional visit to Chester County Pomona in Honey Brook. At Keystone Grange we reviewed resolution writing.

As you can see the first quarter of 2017 has been busy for me. The work of a Good and Faithful Servant is never complete and is work I enjoy. Get involved in your local, Pomona, and State Grange. We truly are an organization where you get out of it what you put into it.

Fraternally

Gene Zvarick
Pennsylvania State Grange Gatekeeper



Membership News

Lizzie Bailey
PA State Grange Membership & PR Director

What's in a story?

At a very early age, I fell in love with stories. My Gram would share stories about when she was growing up. She was very animated, and I remember lots of laughter as she would share a treasure trove of memories from her life.

As I've been traveling around the state these past several



months, I have thoroughly enjoyed your stories. How your Grange started, how you became a member, all the things your Grange has done to impact your community. And all the family stories that go

back many generations have truly warmed my heart.

I am challenging you to share your story with me. it is a huge resource for me to know your story as I am out recruiting, opening and reorganizing new Granges. I encourage you to write to me and share your Grange memories. The more stories I have, the more I can tell to others about what makes our 150-year-old history so great and why Granges are so important today!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming Grange events!

Lizzie Bailey
Membership/PR Director





Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

quilted and can't be unrolled from the quilting frame, but thanks to Denise Kostelonsky from Laurel Point Grange who came up with one that she took at State Session. I hope this picture of the "Triangles of Fall" quilt, which is also available on the State Grange website, and very pretty with all the bright fall colors, will help you sell lots of quilt chances.

Greetings Fellow Grangers!! By now all Grange secretaries should have received your annual Family Activities Packets, if not please contact the State Grange Office, as many granges have not provided current names and addresses of their master and secretary. As many of you have noticed, the packets did not include a picture of this year's state quilt, at the time we were putting the packets together, we couldn't find any available photos nor could we take one because the top is in the process of being

You are currently putting together an "Around the Block" quilt block pattern that will be judged at State Session in October. (<http://www.pagrang.org/family-activities.html>) The ladies that are piecing the Economy and Railroad Crossing tops together and quilting them for us had a lot of difficulty fitting the blocks together, since some of them were not exactly the correct size or not square. An excellent tip the quilters gave me was to make the outer edges of each block



slightly larger so they can be trimmed to the exact size and squareness, that is required to make all the blocks fit properly and make a perfect looking top. Also, please follow the designated color scheme, if it calls for a dark, medium or light, use as pattern indicates, so all colors blend together.

Melanie Melius
Family Activities Director



Program Director

Denise Clare

PA State Grange Program Director

for us!!

Once again this year the Talent Contest will be held at the Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival on Saturday, July 22, starting at 7:00 PM. There will not be any regional eliminations. ALL talent entries will perform at the Family Festival. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! The deadline for registration is June 16, 2017. Please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs for the Talent Contest rules in this issue or on the Pennsylvania State Grange website. It would be great to see more talent entries this year!

Take time out this summer to go out and take pictures for the photography contests! As with all of the

contests, please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs for the rules. If you have questions, please contact a committee person, or you can contact me. The report forms and the Guide to Contests and Programs is also available on the Pennsylvania State Grange website: www.pagrang.org.

PROGRAM IDEAS:

July: National Hot Dog Month (have a doggie roast at your meeting), National Ice Cream Month (YUM!), National Picnic Month, National Zoo Keeper Month, National Moth Week

August: National Peach Month, Family Fun Month, National Apple Week, National Scrabble Week, International Clown Week, Be Kind to Humankind Week

September: National Chicken Month, Baby Safety Month, Whole Grains Month, Play Day, Popcorn Days, National Farm Animals Awareness Week

Until next time,
Denise Clare
Pennsylvania State Grange
Lecturer



Greetings & Salutations!! I recently attended the Mid-Atlantic Lecturers Conference in Altoona, PA. It was great to see so many people from PA, TN, OH, NY and VA. sharing ideas, having workshops and having fellowship. I enjoyed seeing some of my committee while hanging out with other Lecturer's. We had several visitors join us: Master Wayne Campbell, Cassidy Cheddar, Jenn Nauss, and Philip Vonada. Thank you to Scotch Valley Grange for hosting and making great meals



Youth News!!!

Outstanding Young Patron Contest:

The PA Youth and Young Adults will be holding the Outstanding Young Patron Contest again this

year at Family Festival. Official rules are available on the National Grange Youth webpage and in the 2017-2018 PA State Grange Program Guide. The contest is similar to the Youth Ambassador contest

but for ages 22-35. Contestants can be married or single and must be willing to represent the Grange at several events. During Family Festival those interested in competing will have a knowledge test, impromptu question and an interview. If you are interested in competing, please contact Youth@PAGrange.org to sign up.

- Ellen Wadsworth
(Youth Director)

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE 2017-18 YOUTH OFFICERS APPLICATION 2017 CONVENTION - SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE: _____

GRANGE NAME, NUMBER & COUNTY _____

I would like to be considered as an officer for the Youth Team beginning with the State Grange Convention in Scranton and continuing through events in September 2018. I understand this commitment involves a practice Friday night and opening the PA State Grange convention on Saturday morning. I understand that it is my responsibility to know the speaking part, drill work and responsibilities for the office I have selected. I also understand that I will be invited to participate in leadership training events and other Youth sponsored activities during the year.

I would like to be considered for the following office (please list up to three offices in the order of your preference):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The Youth Department will provide rooms for Friday and Saturday evening (up to 4 individuals per room) and a ticket for the Youth Dinner on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

I would like a room for Friday night: Yes _____ No _____

I would like a room for Saturday night: Yes _____ No _____

I would like a ticket for the Youth Dinner on Saturday: Yes _____ No _____

Please return application to:

Ellen Wadsworth, 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352, or youth@pagrange.org.

Deadline: July 31, 2017



Preserving our Pennsylvania Grange Heritage

Throughout 2017 the National Grange is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1867. Since then, the Grange has been a strong voice advocating for rural communities and a catalyst for self-improvement for generations of Americans. A few years after the Grange's Seven Founders organized a rural fraternity to improve the plight of American farmers in the aftermath of the devastating Civil War, the organization started to take root in Pennsylvania. By September, 1873 representatives of 22 of the 25 Granges that had been organized in the state up to that time met in Reading to formally organize the Pennsylvania State Grange.

The Pennsylvania State Grange has a fascinating story worthy of preservation so future generations can learn of its many years of service. At the time of the State Grange's 75th, 100th and 125th anniversary observances, written histories were published to summarize the work of decades. Later, a State Grange History Committee was appointed to carry on the work of preserving the Grange story. In the early part of this century, the State Grange was extremely fortunate to develop a relationship with the PA State Archives in Harrisburg that started a formal preservation program. Initially, the Archives microfilmed records from the State, Pomona and local Granges at no charge and since then has maintained those films in an appropriate climate controlled and secure storage location near the State Capitol. State Grange Journals of Proceedings from 1973-2004 are among the microfilmed records currently stored at the State Archives.

Within a few years, budgetary and personnel restraints forced the State Archives to discontinue microfilming of additional records, but for several more years paper records from Granges were accepted for permanent storage at the Archives facility. Presently, 170 cubic feet of space within the State Archives is filled with Grange records, with a large majority being

from disbanded or dormant Granges. In 2016 the History Committee was notified of a moratorium on the acceptance of any new Grange records for an indefinite period into the future. Although a new State Archives storage facility is being planned, it will not be built for several more years under the best case scenario and even then there is no assurance that local Grange records will be accepted.

So now the State Grange is faced with a storage dilemma of its own. Grange records, regalia, staves and implements have continued to pour into the State Office until it is literally inundated with materials filling every available space – boxes line the hallway, shelves are bulging and the perimeter of the conference room is piled several feet high. The State Grange History Committee has made the difficult but necessary decision that no additional Pomona or Subordinate Grange records can be accepted and those local records currently in the State Office will be returned to the counties of origin. Over this summer inventory of these records will be completed and contacts made with Pomona Grange leadership to start the process of returning materials. The History Committee strongly recommends that the records be offered to local and/or county historical societies that may have an interest in the work of Granges in their respective areas.

Grange ritualistic paraphernalia such as staves, manuals, officers' regalia, implements and station scarves will likely have more limited acceptance opportunities from historical societies. Active Granges which may need any of these items will have the opportunity to receive any available items free of charge on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the State Grange office to indicate your Grange's interest to receive specific items.

For the foreseeable future, the State Grange History Committee now chaired by Douglas Bonsall, Perry

County, will focus its efforts and available resources on the preservation of the records and publications of our state organization only. Three separate task forces have been formed to explore and develop actions to accomplish specific tasks: Archives chaired by Jenn Nauss, York County; Oral/Written History chaired by William Steel, Beaver County; and Finances chaired by Anna May Nauss, York County. Susan Tau, Crawford County, serves as committee secretary.

The Committee has met several times and discussed the many tasks that the History Committee would like to accomplish in the near future. Among these are the following:

- Preservation of important records of the Pennsylvania State Grange (e.g., Journals of Proceedings, news-letter publications, Executive Committee minutes)
- Writing a historical summary of each past State Master's term to be published on the PA State Grange website
- Compilation of a written history, including the exploration of publishing a 150th anniversary book by 2023
- Creation of a sortable spreadsheet to track the chartering and current status of all Pennsylvania Granges (both active and closed), also to be published on the website.

As each of these initiatives move forward, additional members for some task forces may be needed to carry out the work. Considerable discussion on suggestions to create a State Grange Museum has taken place but a chair for that specific task force has not been found. Without such leadership and realizing the huge investment of manpower and money that such an initiative would require to become a permanently functioning facility, further investigation into the creation of a State Grange Museum has been indefinitely postponed.

Rather, an immediate and more realistically achievable goal has been

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STATE GRANGE CONTEST & PROGRAM GUIDE 2017-2018

Part 2

TALENT CONTEST:

The talent contest is open to all SUBORDINATE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING in your local Subordinate Grange (this includes individuals and groups which may be non-related).

There are three classes:

1. Vocal
2. Instrumental
3. Variety acts - Performances using skill, timing, gracefulness, dexterity of body movement, etc. These "novelty acts" would include, by way of example, dancing, skits, and monologues. Vocals



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set into motion. Many of the State Grange documents that continue to deteriorate with each passing day are stored in their original paper form in the State Office with no preserved or duplicate copies in existence and without any of the special climate/humidity controls that could slow their degradation. Should a fire, flood caused by a leaking roof or a burst water pipe, or other disaster occur, these documents and all the information contained in them could be lost. The preservation of these records is of utmost importance to the History Committee as these records will tell the story of the Pennsylvania State Grange to future generations. Initiatives are already underway to preserve the records but, obviously, there are costs associated with all preservation efforts.

Many months of research have been completed on the best methods to preserve the records both in terms of their long-term safety and costs. The Committee has accepted the recommendation of many experts who believe the best long-term medium for preservation is for records to be micro-

and instrumental music, except for background music, should not exceed 30 percent of the performance time.

All classes may include family as there will no longer be separate classes for family entries.

Please note:

- A. ALL PERFORMERS BEING JUDGED MUST BE GRANGE MEMBERS.** Groups performing may include Junior Grangers and/or children too young to hold Junior Grange membership, or if no Junior Grange is available; however, at least half of the performers in the group must be Subordinate members.
- B.** Participants need not be members of the same Grange.
- C.** Taped accompaniment for vocal acts may include instrumentals that contain background voices for harmonization only and NOT the lead singer's voice. Taped piano accompaniment for instrumental acts will also be permitted.
- D.** When the accompanist is only the

accompanist and not a performer in his/her own right, it is not required that the accompanist be a Grange member.

E. No Sign-A-Song entries will be permitted in the Talent Contest since there is a Sign-A-Song Contest sponsored by the Deaf and Community Service Department.

F. Recitation performances in sign language will be permitted in the Variety Acts category of the Talent Contest when sign language is the functional language of the performer. Persons in charge of any level of talent competition must be notified at least two weeks prior to the competition when a sign language judge will be required.

G. TIME LIMIT—no minimum time; maximum - five minutes (including your introduction.) Score points will be deducted for acts exceeding the maximum time. (Two points per minute shall be deducted from total points for overtime.)

H. Judging will be held Saturday at 7:00 pm during the Pennsylvania

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filmed. The State Grange Executive Committee is in support of an initiative to microfilm the paper records and to store a copy of the microfilm at a secure off-site location as soon as financial resources will permit.

The total costs to preserve the records are estimated at \$7,000-\$9,000 but the good news is that these expenditures will be incurred as one-time costs. Duplicate copies of 18 rolls of microfilm containing the Journals of Proceedings can be obtained from the State Archives for approximately \$500. The cost to microfilm the thousands of pages of paper documents including Journals of Proceedings from 2005 - present, bound books of State Grange newsletter publications, Executive Committee Minutes, and the original Charter Applications for all Granges chartered in Pennsylvania is likely to exceed \$5,000. A parallel process during the microfilming, estimated to cost an additional \$1,000, will create digital (PDF) copies of the records to make them more easily accessible for research via computer. However, digital copies are not a reliable medium

for permanent preservation of such documents.

The work of microfilming the records is scheduled to begin immediately, but History Committee funds available at this time will cover less than one-third of the total estimated costs. An appeal, approved by the Executive Committee, is being sent to



all Subordinate and Pomona Granges this summer urging generous contributions to underwrite the cost of the microfilming work. Donations from individual members for this initiative will also be gratefully appreciated. Also, Granges holding funds from real estate sale proceeds invested with the

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Grange Family Festival. Pre-registration is required by June 17th.

I. The State Lecturer will oversee the PA Grange Talent Festival.

J. First through fourth-place ribbons will be presented in each class of the Talent Festival.

K. The first-place winner in each class will be awarded a \$40.00 honorarium. First-place winners in each class will perform during the All Granger Banquet at State Session. (If unable to attend the Runner-Up may perform).

L. A Best of Show and Runner-up Best of Show will be selected from the first place winners in each class. The Best in Show is invited to perform at the National Grange Session (if unable to attend the Runner-Up may perform).

M. The first place State winner from the previous year, in each category, may not enter the talent contest in the same class at the following year's competition.

Denise Clare
Pennsylvania State Lecturer



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State Grange may consider a donation to the history project as part of their 10% annual withdrawal of principle permitted for community service projects.

The microfilming contractor has agreed to honor the cost even if the work must be divided into phases and completed as funds become available. Following completion of the microfilming project, an off-site vault with the climate and humidity controls necessary for long term preservation of the film will be rented at a secure site for a current cost of approximately \$100 per month.

Checks for the history project should be made payable to Pennsylvania State Grange, indicating History Committee in the memo line, and mailed to: Anna May Nauss, 10 W. Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Additional information about the ongoing work of the State Grange History Committee may be obtained from Doug Bonsall at douglas.b@verizon.net.



Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Hold Annual Legislative Banquet

Grange members, candidates, politicians and community members all enjoyed a wonderful meal on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Legislative banquet held at New Hope Lutheran Church in Spring Mills, PA.



Centre County Pomona Grange Legislative Committee: Ruth Luse, Melanie Melius, Patty Bird and Pomona Master Ashley Furman

Approximately seventy people enjoyed a wonderful ham and turkey meal with all the trimmings, cooked by the members of New Hope Lutheran Church. The evening began with a Milk Punch and Cheese Reception hosted by the Pennsylvania State/Centre County Dairy Princess Halee Wasson of State College and the Centre County Dairy Princess and Promotion Committee. Halee along with her sister LaTrisha Hough, who was representing the Dairy Promotion Committee, offered several kinds of cheese and crackers to sample along with the official Pennsylvania Dairy Princess punch.

Centre County Pomona Grange Master Ashley Furman welcomed everyone attending and introduced Grange Member Merle Eyer of Baileyville Grange who gave the invocation. Attending as special guests were Emma Spackman, the 2016 Centre County Grange Fair Queen; Halee, the Pennsylvania State Dairy Princess and a member of Victor Grange #159; and Vince Phillips, the Pennsylvania State Grange Legislative Lobbyist.

Speaking first was Emma. Emma informed every one about the many things she has accomplished so far as the Fair Queen. She worked diligently



Centre County Grange Fair Queen Emma Spackman

doing all the chores given to her during the fair like handing out ribbons, judging contests, introducing the entertainment and being one of the Master of Ceremonies of the Baby King and Queen Contest. Since the end of the fair, she has attended many meetings where she talked about the fair and also has attended many special festivals, Christmas events and will be talking to classes in the local schools. In January, she represented the Grange Fair at the Pennsylvania Association of County Fairs Queen Contest. She stated, "I am very proud that I was chosen one of the top five contestants. I am truly excited to represent the Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair." Emma is a high school junior who hopes to attend Penn State in the future.



Vince Phillips, Ashley Furman, Emma Spackman and Halee Wasson.

Dairy Industry throughout the State of Pennsylvania. Halee was crowned the Pennsylvania State Dairy Princess in September. Hailey stated that "the Legislature along with the Grange and the Dairy Industry all need to work together to support our economy."

Halee talked about everything she has done to represent not only the Centre County Dairy Industry but also the

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Government Matter's
Vince Phillips
 PA State Grange Lobbyist

DO YOU THINK HARRISBURG IS CONFUSING? LOOK AT DC!

Taxpayers justifiably think of state legislation as hard to understand and confusing. When you read articles or see something on TV about liquor store privatization, property tax reform, the looming budget deficit, unfunded liability in the pension programs, consolidation of government agencies, expansion of the Insurance Premium Tax, etc., it gets mind-boggling pretty quickly. No doubt it is very confusing. But...it is worse trying to grasp what is going on with the Federal Government. Pennsylvania Grangers should thank their lucky stars that the National Grange is a force on the national landscape just as Pennsylvania State Grange seeks to be here in the Commonwealth.

As I write this article, Washington, DC is reeling from the abrupt firing of the FBI Director by President Trump and Congress is trying to figure out if and how it will affect the various congressional investigations about the Russians. On the brighter side and more relevant to Grange members, the Trump Administration is seeking to re-visit the Waters of the United States definition that was put forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Trump Administration's Secretary of Agriculture has promised continued focus on helping America's rural economy. Secretary Perdue also loosened restrictions on school lunches and that was well-received by the Agricultural Community. (NOTE: PA State Grange welcomed the decision but pointed out that whole milk is still barred from school lunch programs (too much fat) as are grapes (too much sugar) and white potatoes. Still, there is no getting around the fact that we are living in eventful but really confusing times.

Most Confusing is Health Legislation

Grange members are wondering what will happen. For better or worse, Obamacare has had seven years to get established and there is some public understanding of basically how health insurance works with some of the changes. Enter the 2016 election and almost immediately after being sworn in, Donald Trump reduced the penalty for an individual not having health insurance to zero. He said that for every new regulation, there must be two repealed or made inoperative. Republicans in the U.S. House, under pressure from President Trump, passed legislation May 4th designed to repeal and replace Obamacare.

It is now in the U.S. Senate where it will be amended. So, what is in the American Health Care Act (HR 1628) and what will the Senate do to it? The 217-213 House vote showed division in GOP ranks with 20 Republicans voting no along with all Democrats. All members of Pennsylvania's House delegation voted. In addition to all of the Democrats, four Republicans voted no: Representatives Ryan Costello, Tom Meehan, and Brian Fitzpatrick from the Philadelphia area and Representative Charlie Dent from the Lehigh Valley.

Groom Law Group prepared a summary: [http://www.groom.com/media/publication/1829 SUMMARY OF KEY PROVISIONS OF THE%20AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT.pdf](http://www.groom.com/media/publication/1829%20SUMMARY%20OF%20KEY%20PROVISIONS%20OF%20THE%20AMERICAN%20HEALTH%20CARE%20ACT.pdf)

A link to the actual text follows: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house->

[bill/1628/text](#)

Some provisions and bite-size explanations

- **Continued are ACA provisions dependant coverage up to age 26, first-dollar preventive care services, essential benefits** (although states may ask for a waiver to change these) *NOTE: For now, this leaves these Obamacare provisions in place although the Trump Administration may be looking at redefining what a preventive care service is. The term "first-dollar" means that the patient pays zero. Examples would be a physical exam, a colonoscopy, a breast exam, etc.*
- **Rate band changes from 3:1 to 5:1.** This means that insurers will have more options when pricing coverage per age. States would have the option of having ratios greater than 5:1. *NOTE: "Banding" is a way insurance companies can decide what to charge based on age. Under Obamacare, a 64-year old would only pay three times as much as a 20-something.*
- **Coverage reporting requirements remain.** Instead of an individual mandate, a person would have to document 12-months of coverage or risk paying a 30% surcharge to the insurance company and not to the Federal Government. *NOTE: Under Obamacare, individuals and employees have to be able to verify that they had insurance in the previous year. They get a form certifying that. A person without health insurance would be fined. The Republican approach is to eliminate the individual mandate requiring health insurance and have a system where someone without coverage for part of the year could pay a 30% surcharge on their insurance premium when they do get health insurance.*



- **Tax subsidies** (called tax credits) range between \$2,000-4,000 per year depending on age (from \$2,000 if person is under 30 to \$4,000 for those 60 and older). Subsidies phase out so that a modified adjusted gross income above \$75,000 or \$150,000 for joint filers means a 10% reduction in the subsidy for the portion of income above the threshold. Non-exchange plan policyholders would also be eligible for the subsidy.

NOTE: Nothing like a formula to make it confusing. What this means is that the exchanges go away and the tax subsidy connected with exchanges goes away. Instead, a person meeting income requirements could get a \$2,000 to \$4,000 reduction in their annual insurance premium.

- **Individuals with pre-existing conditions** with no access to employer-offered coverage would be eligible to receive individual coverage due to insurers' premiums being subsidized thanks to a new \$100 billion Patient and State Stability Fund (supplemented by \$15 billion in 2020 for maternity and newborn care or substance abuse care).

NOTE: This plan is also called a risk pool run by the state. The Rendell Administration had one in the early days of Obamacare and many agricultural states had risk pools in the 1990s. A risk pool is where a person with a pre-existing condition goes. The idea is to put those with lots of claims due to some serious ailment they had before getting insurance into one pool. This makes insurance cheaper for everyone else. The sticking point to a risk pool is how much does the person pay. The State Stability Fund is supposed to subsidize that higher cost.

- **Repealed taxes** would be: ACA's 10% tax on tanning; Federal Health Insurance Tax on premiums (both in 2017); SHOP tax credits (finally ending in 2020); annual prescription drug tax (2017); and repeal on limitation to insurance executive compensation now limited to \$500,000 by the Affordable Care Act (2017). Also repealed in 2017 would be the Medical Device Excise Tax (now 2.3% on gross sales). Repeal of ACA Medicare taxes in higher income individuals would be effective in 2022. Cadillac Tax would take effect in 2025.

NOTE: Obamacare gave us lots of new taxes including those listed above.

One in particular that got both Republicans and Democrats upset was what amounted to a federal sales tax on medical equipment manufacturers making it ironic that something called Affordable Care Act would make health care (medical devices) more expensive. The Cadillac Tax is a tax that would impose a 40% federal tax on the value of a health plan above a certain threshold paid for by the individual or worker. Can you see why everyone from conservatives to labor unions did not like the Cadillac Tax? Make note that tax is not repealed in this legislation, only delayed.

- **ACA's Expanded Medicaid eligibility** to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level would end.

NOTE: Getting more people into Medicaid was a big goal of Obamacare since it was assumed that they previously had no insurance. States had the choice to expand Medicare or not and Governor Wolf decided to. The Federal Government subsidized the costs of the increased numbers receiving Medicaid 100% at first, then increasing the state's share over several years to 10%. Given Pennsylvania's budget problems, will Republicans in our General Assembly want to pay the extra bucks to continue that expansion of Medicaid? Fact to note is that almost 20% of PA adults are on Medicaid due to the expansion - it was about 13% before.

Conclusion

Hopefully, this explanation did not confuse you any worse. The Senate has to look at what the U.S. House sent them and come up with their own version. Expect changes but hopefully, this gives readers an idea as to some things in the House repeal and replace bill. Please feel free to contact me with questions and concerns. www.legislative@pagrange.org, 717-346-1063.

Vince Phillips is the lobbyist for the Pennsylvania State Grange. Since Obamacare was signed into law, Vince has given over 300 presentations to insurance, business, and consumers' groups as to how the Affordable Care Act functions.

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She has also been talking with school students along with doing seminars for the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Committee educating future dairy promoters. Halee is a student in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State.

The guest speaker for the evening was Vince Phillips. Vince is the Legislative Lobbyist for the Pennsylvania State Grange. Vince spoke to many people before the dinner and asked for any questions. Using these questions that he was asked, he used these topics in his speech for the evening. Vince also stressed the need for the government and the community organizations like Grange to work together for the betterment of the communities.

Vince holds a Bachelor's degree from Indiana University in South Bend and advanced degrees from Notre Dame and the Maxwell School of Syracuse University. He has been an advocate in Pennsylvania since 1989. Some of the agricultural and rural interests he has lobbied for include the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers, the former Pennsylvania Horticultural Trade Alliance, the Crop Insurance Agents Association of Pennsylvania, the Association of Professional Landscape Designers, the Pennsylvania Septage Management Association, the Pennsylvania Floral Industry Association, and the Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists. Currently, he is the association executive for the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations, an umbrella organization of over 70 agricultural groups and the Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association representing soybean growers in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware. Prior to coming to Pennsylvania, Vince worked in Washington on President Reagan's Transition Team and at USDA in rural development and for the Secretary of Agriculture. He also was press secretary for the National American Wholesale Grocers Association and the International Foodservice Distributors Association. Vince and his wife Claudia reside in Mechanicsburg, PA.

All candidates attending were given a small amount of time to introduce themselves and speak about the po-
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Grange News

HAYFIELD GRANGE #800

The Annual Open House Program was held Saturday, April 22nd. Danielle Bean provided special music for the evening.

Lecturer Chester Tau introduced Dan Higham of the NW PA Railroad & Tooling Heritage Center who spoke about the Trolley Station that's being restored in Cambridge Springs. The station was owned by Melvin Townley and



left to the Society, which they found out in 2009. They formed the Heritage Partnership. Cambridge Springs was the end of the line and ran every hour for the line between Buffalo, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. There was a separate line which ran from Cambridge Springs to Meadville. It is the last trolley station standing. Lecturer Tau presented the 2017 Community Citizen Award to Dan Higham, Sandy Porter and Ed Cronin in addition to a monetary gift.

Susan Tau, Secretary, presented the Margaret L. Tau Award for Excellence to Kellie Trenga of Maplewood Elementary School. Mrs. Trenga has taught learning support students for nine years. A certificate and monetary award were presented. Mrs. Trenga expressed appreciation to the Grange and said that the money would be used to start a mentoring program for the learning support students with the criteria yet to be determined.

Bertha Mesarch, former Extension Home Economist, Penn State Master Gardner and friend of the Grange was recognized for her support of the Grange and in particular various projects of Hayfield Grange by Secretary Tau. Mrs. Mesarch will be moving from the area to be near her son in the near future.

Chester Tau, Lecturer presented continuous membership awards to Richard Tobin for 60 years, Richard Poorbaugh for 50, 55, and 60 years, and Michael Tau 25 years. Also to receive recognition for 20 years was Barbara Yochum, however she was unable to attend.

Pictured seated left to right: Dan Higham, NW PA Railroad & Tooling Heritage Society, 2017 Community Citizen Recipient; Bertha Mesarch, Kellie Trenga, Margaret L. Tau Award of Excellence recipient; Back row left to right: Chester Tau, Lecturer; Richard Porter, 60 year continuous membership recipient; Richard Poorbaugh, 50, 55, and 60 year

continuous membership recipient; Michael Tau, Master and Silver Star Certificate recipient; and Sandy Porter of the NW PA Railroad & Tooling Heritage Society.

BUTLER COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #17

Easter: Butler Co. Pomona Grange made over 150 Easter bags to present to the Easter bunny and the children



at our Lifesteps Children Center.

These children are all under the age of 6 which attend a special preschool for children with learning handicaps. This is our 15th year of doing this project and it is very well presented for the children and the families of the attending children, as



well as the school staff.

Craft Day for Mothers: Several members of the Butler Co. Pomona Grange met in late April to assemble a special gift for their Mother's or family members. This was a light up glass block. Each member came with the idea they wanted of how this would be their special gift for that special day.

Both of these activities was hosted by the Family Activities department of the Pomona Grange. Now we will look on to making something special for the fall and winter months ahead.

PENNS VALLEY #158

Community Service Projects: Every year for approximately the past



ten years, members of Penns Valley Grange #158 have made blankets for the Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville. This year alone, 171 blankets were delivered to the hospital. Pictured is Carol Corman and Tracy Craddock, Child Life Development with a tub of blankets!

Tim Kunkel, Program Director for the Penns Valley YMCA accepting a



gift card in the amount of \$500 from Penns Valley Grange member Carol Corman for support of the Backpack Program in the Penns Valley School District.

STONEY POINT GRANGE #1964

Representatives of Stony Point



Grange, Dona Zuschlag, Bernie Fulton, and Ken Ammann presented a check to Ben Van Verth and Bob Thiry of Mercer County Disabled American Veterans Chapter 55 on Tuesday, April 25th. The grange held a pancake dinner in observance of Veterans' Day in November with proceeds to benefit Mercer County DAV programs.



(Picture front, left to right - Donna Zuschlag, Bernie Fulton, Ken Ammann, Ben Van Verth, and Bob Thiry.)

ALLEGHENY GRANGE #1843

Brownie Bake off: The Second Annual Brownie Bake off was held at Allegheny Grange in Lycoming County recently. The contest was initiated last year by new Youth Member, Quincy Shaffer.

Twelve entries vied for the winning prize of a cooking utensil and framed certificate. Allegheny members were excited to have the judging done by two Army servicemen highly qualified by their time serving in the remote corners of foreign duty. Our judges were especially pleased to serve us and went home with large containers of brownies.

The winning entry was by Sister Debbie Shaffer. Her brownie was prepared in a Bundt pan, sliced and filled with homemade vanilla ice cream, made in the Grange kitchen sink shortly before judging began! The re-



maining contestants agreed it was a tough competition!

(Pictured: Debbie Shaffer, Eric Bortz (judge), Quincy Shaffer, Lance Miller (judge) and Chester Shaffer, President of Allegheny.)

CANUSARAGO GRANGE #27

Sandwich Fund Raiser: Canusarago Grange in Lycoming County has fund raisers making sandwiches all year long except three months in the summer. They enjoy partnering with Allegheny Grange which also makes sandwiches to sell. The members go to each other's Grange depending on whose turn it is to help one another even though the proceeds go to the host Grange. All members of both Granges take orders for the tasty deli sandwiches, regardless of which Grange is getting the proceeds. The sandwiches are either turkey and cheese or ham and cheese. Selling the sandwiches at only \$3.50 each with a full measure of meat makes these a very popular community wide and well supported endeavor.



While Allegheny used the proceeds from their last sale to support their Juniors at this year's Junior Grange Camp, Canusarago plans to use the money they made toward community service needs and upkeep of their Grange facility.

All the members of both Granges enjoy the assembly line chatter and camaraderie!

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sition they are running for and why they feel they are qualified. There were several in attendance along with those currently holding elected positions. We were privileged enough to be joined by Christine Millinder, the Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphans'



Centre County Register of Deeds, Joe Davidson introduces himself to all attending

Court; Joe Davidson, the Recorder of Deeds; Rich Irvin, Pennsylvania State Representative of the 81st District; County Commissioners Mark Higgins and Michael Pipe; Centre County Sheriff Bryan Sampsel; and current District Attorney and candidate for re-election, Stacy Parks Miller. Other candidates that attended were Robert Bascom running for District Court Judge, Bernard Cantorna running for District Attorney, Brian Marshall running for Centre County Judge, Ronald McGlaughlin running Centre County Judge, Jason Moser running for Jury Commissioner along with others working on individual campaigns.

We, the members of Pomona Grange, can be proud that there was at least one representative from nine of the eleven subordinate Granges in Centre County and numerous guests from the community.

This banquet is one way the Grange in Centre County tries to connect with the community leaders. It is not a "fundraiser"; it is a "Community service project. All those who attended were given a chance to win one of the beautiful door prizes that were donated.

So next April, if you are interested in what is happening in the politics of Centre County, come join the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 members at their annual Legislative Banquet tentatively to be held April 7, 2018 at the New Hope Lutheran Church in Spring Mills, PA.





Back to the Land:

Goin' Natural!

From weed-killer to ant-killer...going "natural" is better for the environment AND the wallet!

It's the time of year we are focusing on our gardens and lawn care. Before running out to purchase expensive products to tend to your outside project needs, check out some homemade solutions for the issues you will be facing.

When nothing else will grow, one thing for sure is you can count on weeds. Nasty weeds seem to grow everywhere, no matter the conditions. Often times, it is a struggle to keep them from cropping up in the most undesirable places such as around the driveways, sidewalks or stone pathways.

The following recipe has been successful in maintaining weeds on our property.

Weed Killers



- 3 cups vinegar
- 1 teaspoon dish-washing liquid
- ¼ cup table salt

Hose-end sprayer with settings (use a 2 or 3 setting, go higher for a stubborn weed)

Let me share some information

on the ingredients used in this recipe. Vinegar is one of those products that has diverse uses around the home. It contains acetic acid, which is great for killing weeds, as it will draw out the moisture of the weed. Table salt is also another ingredient that assists in drawing out moisture from a plant causing it to dwindle and die. The dish-washing liquid helps the spray to adhere to the weed.

Only apply the spray to the weed and not to the soil, as vinegar and salt doesn't discriminate against a good plant and a bad weed. It will kill any vegetation and salt can damage the soil for a long time losing the capability of growing any plants.

Lawn Fertilizer

- 1 cup mild baby shampoo (don't use anti-bacterial)
- 1 cup club soda (any type you have or find for cheap)
- 1 bottle of beer
- ¼ cup Epsom
- 1 cup household ammonia

Hose-end sprayer with settings (use a 3 or 4 setting for lawn fertilizer)

Another challenge during the summer months is keeping the lawn looking beautiful. The lawn fertilizer recipe can be very helpful in providing necessary nutrients at a lower cost instead of purchasing a commercial product.

Note that the recipe uses mild baby shampoo to provide an agent for the spray to adhere to the grass and soil. Club soda provides car-

bon, hydrogen, mineral salts, and oxygen, which promotes growth and brings green color to the grass. Epsom also will promote a deep green color in the grass as it contains magnesium and sulfate. The bottle of beer, which is fermented, contains acids that assist the soil by feeding the good bacteria. Nitrogen is in the household ammonia that bacteria converts to amino acids and protein to promote growth in the grass.

Lawn fertilizer is best to be used during spring and summer months while promoting grass growth. As you go into Fall, you will want your grass to not focus on growth but getting ready to think about its roots for the winter season.

House Ants



- 1 part Borax
- 3 parts Caro Syrup or powdered sugar (both work great)

Gently warm the syrup in the microwave. Once the syrup is warm (not hot), thoroughly stir in the Borax. Place the mixture in small bottle caps around on top of your counters. If you're using powdered sugar, just mix the two dry ingredients together and place in the bottle caps. The ants will find the mixture and take it back to their colony. The ants will communicate to their fellow ants where they found the "sweet



treat” and pretty soon you’ll notice the bottle caps are full of ants. Good news...you’re not feeding them. The Borax will kill them off quite effectively.

Mosquito Repelling Plants

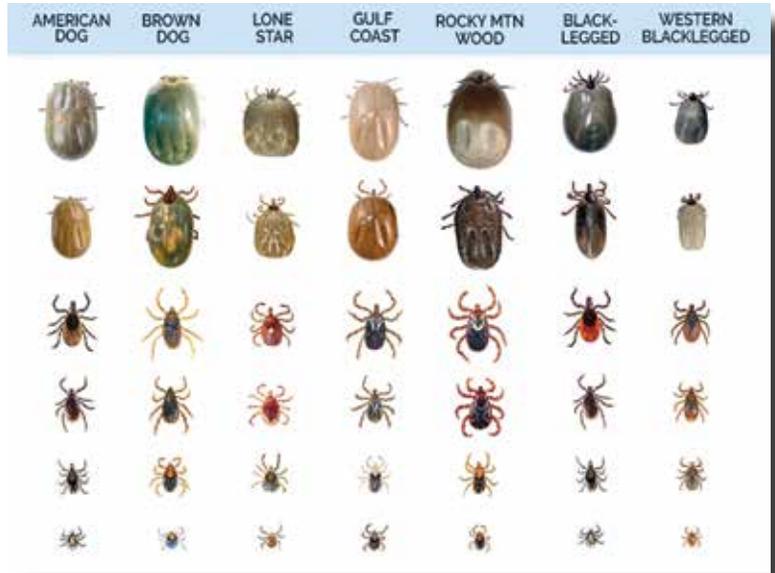
First, do you know what attracts mosquitoes? The short answer: carbon dioxide (yep...the more you talk, the more the mosquitoes will be drawn to you), blood type “O” (strange as it sounds, mosquitoes are more drawn to “O” types than to “A”, “B” or “AB” types), sweating, and alcohol (as in “adult beverages”). So, if you’re having some friends and family over on a really hot day, you’re having a couple glasses of wine, and you happen to be a Type “O”...then you can count on staying busy swatting at the swarm of mosquitoes pestering you!

Now, what plants can you use to naturally repel mosquitoes: Marigolds, Citronella, Basil (lemon and

Tick Deterrent

Already, PA has begun to see a much higher than normal number of ticks out and about. It’s tough going for even the shortest walk in the woods without picking up one of these nasty hitch hikers. Here are a few natural ways to make yourself much less hospitable to your local tick population:

Cedar Oil Spray is a non-toxic, natural tick and insect repellent. It can be sprayed directly on clothing and skin. It is safe for use on humans and pets. Not only does cedar oil repel ticks and other irritating insects, but it kills them. Cedar oil spray can be purchased on-line and at most pet stores and big-box retailers.



with almond or other light carrier oil. When diluted, it’s safe for dogs.

Apple Cider Vinegar: This wonderful natural remedy helps to remove and kill ticks. The following solution can be sprayed on clothing and exposed skin, even lawn furniture. Combine the following in a spray bottle:

- 2 cups of water
- 4 tablespoons of apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons of organic Neem oil

Homemade Tick and Insect Repellent: Try this simple recipe. Just mix and apply to exposed skin before heading outdoors:

- 9 drops citronella essential oil
- 6 drops Tea Tree essential oil
- 6 drops Peppermint essential oils
- 1 tablespoon almond oil or jojoba oil

Eucalyptus Oil is known as an effective tick repellent and killer. Just combine 4 ounces of purified or distilled water to a small spray bottle along with 20 drops of eucalyptus essential oil. Shake before using and spray on skin, pant cuffs, and shoes. Safe for use on dogs (eucalyptus oil must be diluted with the water before application on dogs).

Neem Oil is used as a natural remedy to repel and remove ticks. To use, add several drops to the palm of your hand and rub on exposed skin. It can also be diluted and mixed

What should you do if you find a tick crawling on you? Grab a lint roller..QUICK! Roll the lint roller over your pant legs when you come in from outside, and see how many critters you’ve brought home. CAUTION...when finding a tick that has already attached it’s self to you... be VERY careful in your technique. What you don’t want to do is squeeze it or make it regurgitate into you. Still the best tried and true method is the gentle twist method. What you want is for the tick to back out, without stressing it and causing it to vomit anything from it’s stomach into your bloodstream.

Article submitted by Lizzie Bailey & Heather Hiller



cinnamon varieties work best), Catnip, Lemon Balm and Lavender are all excellent natural methods to keep mosquitoes away from the areas you most frequent when outdoors. Place a couple pots of one or more of the above plants around your outdoor social areas, and not only will you have fewer mosquitoes, you’ll also beautify your patio area!





Welcome New Members!

Keystone Grange #2

Karen McCaslin

Logan Grange #109

Claude Nyman
Ruth Nyman
Mark Tressler
Amy Jo Larimer
Deb Hollenback
Danielle Nyman (Y)
Jessica Cain (Y)
Caleb Cain (Y)

Marion Grange #223

Erika Stover

Ontelaunee Jr Grange #442

Clayton Davis (J)
Samantha Davis (J)
Tyler Davis (J)
Eva Hoagland (J)
Adyn Hoagland (J)
Jessica Hummel (J)
Jennifer Hummel (J)
Lukas James (J)

Middletown Grange #684

Kasey Woodward
Louise R. Leip

Edgewood Grange #688

Elieen Greenwalt
Norma Petersen

Hayfield Grange #800

Janet Shelenberger
Ben Shelenberger
Sam Shelenberger

Forest Grange #853

Mary Watson
Rachel Watson

Chestnut Ridge Grange #1133

Jennifer L. Hartman

Harmony Grange #1201

James Arnold
Brianna Riddle

Jefferson Grange #1373

Jeanne Lawson
Lois Kapalka
Peg Shultz
Ray Klingensmith
Alan Hemphill
Andre Parker
Marlene Broman
Robert Cavallero

Harveys- Aleppo Grange #1444

Ashley Rogers

Chester Valley Grange #1496

Maria Feeney
David Adamson

Fassett Grange #1567

Justin Beach

Wesley Grange #1675

Danielle Britt
Angelo Lanza

Scrubgrass Grange #1705

Lydia Seaton
Carter Chase

Linda Snyder

Trexlertown Grange #1755

Jasper F. Ho

Red Lion Grange #1781

Amber Bowman
Bailey Callahan
Matthew Hunter
Hannah Klair
Alyssa Lutz
Ashley Miller
Jacobs Myers
Rebecca Parsons

Virgenville Grange #1832

Kelly Kline- Carr

Kutztown Grange #1836

Leroy Leibensperger
Ruth Leibensperger
Scott Rabenold
Debbie Rabenold

Allegheny Grange #1843

Heather Hiller

Bernville Grange #1887

Ruth Darling

Ridgeview Grange #1948

Donald Haines

Walker Grange #2007

Hazel Davidson
Jenny Boone
Brian Stringer
Kristi Stringer

Cochranton Grange #2030

Tracy Woodrow

Hamburg Grange #2103

Matthew J. Bittle
Kathie Roman
Helen Denker

In Memoriam:

Goshen Grange #21

Sarah Credevr

Sanatoga Grange #25

Esther Garner
Jane Scherer
Ruth Seeders

London Grange #63

Dorothy Paschall
Sandra Reynolds

Logan Grange #109

Harrison Tressler

White Deer Grange #122

Charlotte Hartranft

West Branch Grange #136

Elsie Heberling

Union Grange #152

Carol P Williams

Marion Grange #223

Naomi Rogers

Halfmoon Grange #290

Elwood Way

Sinking Valley Grange #484

Inabel Black

Middletown Grange #684

David Krimmel

Edgewood Grange #688

Ruth Breece

Howard Grange #691

Carolyn Hollar

Walker Grange #786

Norman Hower

Hayfield Grange #800

Dorcas Minick

Star Grange #993

Dorothy Gray

Labor Grange #1063

Albert Henderson

Oliver Grange #1069

Beverly Gabel

Central Grange #1216

Donald Comes

Roseville Grange #1290

Jane Domres

Harold Love

Bald Eagle Grange #1390

John Lehner

North Strabane Grange #1434

Frank Woodruff

Ontelanuee Grange #1617

Lois Gassert

Lewistown Grange #1639

William Guers

Schenecksville Grange #1684

Dorothy Rabert

Honey Brook Grange #1688

Mildred Neal

Craig Myers

Harmony Grange #1692

Louis L. Handwerk

John Schwartz

Scrubgrass Grange #1705

Eleanor Hickman

Irene Moore

Trexlertown Grange #1755

James Bausman

Perry Valley Grange #1804

Dorothy Page

Virgenville Grange #1832

John C Kunkel

Robert Dietrich

Jane Treichler

Kutztown Grange #1836

Richard Folk

Fleetwood Grange #1839

Ella Richard

Mt. Nebo Grange #1872

Carol Beck

Bernville Grange #1887

Janet Shartle

Delaware Grange #1895

George Huffman

Sewcikle Grange #1897

Dorothy Hart

South Buffalo Grange #1908

Frances Hesselgesser

Diahoga Grange #1951

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2017 CALENDAR

Holidays & Observances

January	February	March	April
<p>6-14th: Farm Show (Harrisburg)</p> <p>12th: (10AM) Legislative meeting @ Farm Show (Delaware Room) (Harrisburg)</p> <p>27-28th: Grange Planning Meeting (State College)</p>			<p>National Grange Month</p>
May	June	July	August
	<p>Dairy Month</p> <p>30-July 2nd: Youth Camp (Howard)</p>	<p>2-8th: Junior Camp (Howard)</p> <p>20-23rd: Family Festival (Centre Hall)</p>	<p>15-17: Ag Progress Days. (Pennsylvania Furnace)</p>
September	October	November	December
	<p>19-22nd: State Grange Session (Scranton) Radison Hotel, Lackawanna Station (800) 333-3333</p>	<p>7-11: National Grange Session Red Lion Hotel, Spokane, WA (509) 777-6300</p>	

Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day
Jan 28	Chinese New Year
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 20	President's Day
Mar 01	Ash Wednesday
Mar 12	Daylight Saving (begin)
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Vernal equinox
Apr 01	April Fool's Day
Apr 11	Passover
Apr 16	Easter
Apr 26	Admin Assistants Day
May 14	Mother's Day
May 27	Ramadan begins
May 29	Memorial Day
Jun 04	Pentecost
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 18	Father's Day
Jun 21	June Solstice
Jul 04	Independence Day
Sep 04	Labor Day
Sep 21	Rosh Hashanah
Sep 22	Autumnal equinox
Oct 09	Columbus Day
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 05	Daylight Saving (end)
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 23	Thanksgiving
Dec 12	Hanukkah begins
Dec 21	December Solstice
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Kwanzaa begins
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

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BENEFITS

National Grange Benefits

- Choice Hotels International: Members save 20%
- Constellation Energy: Switch to CE and receive a \$50 Visa Prepaid Card
- CVS Caremark: Savings up to 50% with CVS RxSavings Plus Card
- National Grange Travel Center
- Safeguard Complete: Members receive 50% off first year
- 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: Discounted membership fee
- Comfort Keepers In-Home Care
- Fastenal: Member discounts up to 40% off specific products
- Vision Insurance
- AgraCo: Member discount of 5% on fly traps/mosquito patches
- Country Home Products: Member discount of 5% on all phone ordered products
- Florian Tools: Member discount of 10% on all tools
- Rohrer Seeds: Member discount of 5% on all seeds

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