

Granger Of Year

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#22 Master, noted the Grange sponsors lots of community activities.

Next Monday, their local organization will sponsor a Halloween bonfire where 300-400 children are invited, in cooperation with the Plumsteadville Fire Company.

"We started the bonfire a number of years ago, just so we can have something different from Mischief Night," said Steeley, with a chuckle. A part of this includes a hayride and other

things, something to replace simple costuming and trick-or-treating common for the week.

The Plumsteadville Grange also sponsors a jam-making and selling festival, in which the local organization raises close to \$2,000 for various projects. They also sponsor a mission project to a third world country, Steeley noted.

In the past year, the Grange has allowed a blind and deaf boy, now 8 years old, to attend training camp. The money — about \$1,000 — was raised at a



Mike Pratt, left, congratulates teacher of year Cinda Hammond, Clintonville, at the banquet.



Bob Garrett, left, accepts the All-Star Grange Award from state Master Bill Steel at the banquet.

Top Community Service Award was presented to the Middletown Grange, represented by Maria Camponazzi.

pancake breakfast in May in Quakertown with the Plumsteadville Grange.

The Steeleys work to prepared an oyster and pork supper at the Grange Hall, which served more than 900 people from surrounding communities. The tradition, Steeley noted, goes back to the "1930s at least," he said.

Personally, he was quick to note that "I cook a good beef meal."

At the Middletown Grange Fair, as part of the Pomona project, the Granger of the Year mans the booth for one week making pizza at Steelio's.

There are many fund-raisers that allow the 130 members of Plumsteadville Grange #1738 to



Jeffrey Scott Allison won the firefighter community service award. At left is Mike Pratt, state committee service chairperson.

be a part of. Memberships cover about four townships. Steeley is very involved with

Sunday School and church choir at Solomon's United Church of (Turn to Page A31)

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