Agriculture is a way of life in York County and it was John Smith’s job to help it thrive, as head of the Penn State Extension Office in York.

John created a fund at YCCF after the death of his wife of 50 years, Paige. He decided that the John and Paige Smith Fund would provide annual grants to the causes and organizations that meant the most to them, forever.

John was involved with York County 4-H, which is why they chose the 4-H program as one of their grant beneficiaries. They are also preserving farm land for the next generation by supporting the Farm & Natural Lands Trust.

But overwhelmingly, the Smiths were dedicated to the York County Fair and York County Agricultural Society.

They saw the fair as a way to showcase the best of York County agriculture. Their annual grant enables the York County Agricultural Society to sustain this long-running York County tradition.

Paige died in 2002, and John passed away in 2012, yet their passion and dedication to York’s agricultural community lives on forever thanks to their fund at YCCF.
More benefits

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