

POMONA ECHO

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COUNTY GRANGE PRESIDENT

Nettie A. Kauffman

First and foremost, I must say THANKS to all our members who helped with the fund-raiser this past quarter at the Oley Fair. In taking on this task, we did not know exactly how the process would work out, but with our coordinators (Henry Seidel, Michael Adams and Fern Kulp) the process of selling soup was a success. A final report of this project will be found elsewhere in the newsletter. I look forward to seeing Pomona Grange continue with the Oley Fair soup stand fundraiser on September 15, 16, and 17, 2022.



This article is being written just prior to the annual State Session, which will be held in the King of Prussia area this year. Our Granges in the county will have representatives helping to make policy for PA State Grange. Through the process of delegates voting on various resolutions, from different Grange areas in the state, which will help better our everyday lives as well as letting our legislators know how we feel on issues that impact our daily lives.

Some of the resolutions to be debated affecting our lives revolved around Solar Farms and Solar Development. A resolution on "plant based meats" and labeling to include potentially hazardous ingredients used in making the plant-based meats. There is one regarding the elimination of dormancy fees banks charge for a minor's account if no action takes place (either in or out of the account). The Grange would like to support House Bill 335-2021 or similar legislation, which would allow Pennsylvania to follow daylight saving time year-round if the United States Congress permits states to do so.

The delegates also will be acting on some changes which will affect only Grange issues. Some will be to eliminate current actions and there are several that will help to improve the workings of our Granges.

In reading over the resolutions and discussing with a group of delegates from our county Subordinate Granges, everyone was sure that positive actions will come forth to help both consumers, companies and upgrade some Grange issues. If you would be interested in the outcomes of the resolutions from the State Session, please contact your President of your Grange. There should have been someone from your Grange that attended this session and was part of the process to develop policy for Grange members as well as the public-at-large. (go to page 5)

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Berks County Junior Grange News

Junior State Session Winners

Photography: Me In a Selfie

Age 10-14

2nd: Grace Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange

Photography: Farm Animals

Age 5-9

1st: Brayden Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange

2nd: Kayleigh Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange

Photography: Our American Flag

Age 5-9

1st: Kayleigh Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange

2nd: Brayden Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange

Age 10-14

2nd: Grace Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange

4th: Cadence Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange

Photography: Hometown Heroes

Age 5-9

1st: Kayleigh Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange

2nd: Brayden Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange

Age 10-14

1st: Cadence Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange

2nd: Grace Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange

3rd: Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Junior Grange

Baking: Iced Drop Cookie

Age 5-9

3rd: Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange

Recycled Craft: K-Cup

Age 5-9

2nd: Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange

4th: Kayleigh Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange

Age 10-14

2nd: Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Junior Grange

3rd: Grace Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange

Pumpkins: Painted

Age 10-14

1st: Travis Riegel, Marion Junior Grange

Pumpkins: Most Creative

Age 5-9

1st: Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange

2nd: Sarah Riegel, Marion Junior Grange

Pumpkins: Virtual Contest

Age 5-9

1st: Lillian Dusko, Virginville Junior Grange

Age 10-14

1st: Justin Dusko, Virginville Junior Grange

Art: Self-Portrait

Age 5-9

2nd: Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange

Art: Wild Animals

Age 5-9

3rd: Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange

Art: Pretty Posies

Age 5-9

1st: Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange

Age 10-14

1st: Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Junior Grange

Art: Abstract

Age 5-9

1st: Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange

3rd: Ellie Schroeder, Virginville Junior Grange

Age 10-14

1st: Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Junior Grange

2nd: Grace Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange

Junior Attendance Contest

In order to qualify, a junior member must participate in at least one junior contest on the State level. Beyond that, the juniors must attend 2 or more events...

Upcoming activities:

♦ Bowling (November 28, 1:30)



Lillian and Nolan at Temple Parade

Congrats to Derek Schroeder who was named the 2021 PA State Junior Grange Supporter of the Year!

All are welcome at our next Junior team meeting
January 3, 2022 at 7pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2021—FEBRUARY 2022



Nov. 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends
 Nov. 7 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.
 Nov. 11 VETERAN'S DAY
 Nov. 14 Benefit Bingo @Virgenville Grange Hall (see article for further details)
 Nov. 24 Legislative/Agriculture Meeting @Ag Center, 7:15 p.m.
 Nov. 24 Pioneer Grange Dutch Potato Filling Sale*
 Nov. 25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
 Nov. 28 Junior Bowling @Heister's Lanes, 1:30 p.m.
 Nov. 29 Pre-Quarterly Meeting @Trinity UCC Rehrersburg, 27 Maria Street, Rehrersburg, Presidents/Family Activities, 7 p.m. (Marion Grange in charge)
 Dec. 5 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.
 Dec. 6 Pioneer Grange Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale**
 Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 Dec. 11 County Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Long's Church, 27 Longs Church Lane, Womelsdorf PA 19567 (Marion in charge)
 Dec. 21 Winter Begins. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
 Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
 Jan. 3 Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.
 Jan. 21 ECHO deadline
 Feb. 6 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.
 Feb. 7 Collate ECHO @Ontelaunee Grange hall (Geigertown & Ontelaunee assists)
 Feb. 8 Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.



*PIONEER GRANGE, Nov. 24: PA Dutch Potato Filling, \$6—2.5 lbs, \$4—1.5 lbs. Deadline to order is Nov. 15 Pickup at the Grange hall from 2 to 6 p.m. Call Tammy to order, 610-463-7213. Limited quantity will be made.

**PIONEER GRANGE, Dec. 6: Sandwiches \$3.50. Deadline to order is Nov. 28. Pickup at the Grange hall from 3 to 5 p.m. Call Tammy to order, 610-463-7213

COMMUNITY SERVICE by Carlene Kleckner

Hi everyone! Hope you all are well and healthy. Thank you all that donated money or items last meeting for the Hope Recuse Mission.

For next meeting we are doing the Angle Tree Tags. If you still need some, please call me and I will get the tags to you. If you got tags, make sure that they are at the December 11 meeting by 9:30 a.m. for pick up. If you know that you cannot attend the December 11 meeting, give your gift to someone who will be attending. Because if the gift(s) are not at the December Pomona or given to Carlene by December 11, **YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO GET THE GIFT(S) TO THE SALVATION ARMY.** Thank you all that took tags.

Hope you all stay safe and healthy. See you all at meeting.



AGRICULTURE REPORT by Doug Sattazahn

We wrapped up soybean harvest today at our farm with good yields. Now we just need to catch up with the 100 acres of corn that is still out, bale fodder, haul manure, and get the rest of the wheat planted. Fall is always a hectic time on the farm, but it's rewarding too. A bountiful harvest and the autumn colors (and football) make it my favorite time of year. Of course, nothing ever goes entirely as planned. You may have heard there was a strike at John Deere plants in the Midwest. Not only did this affect manufacturing but replacement parts as well. This had a direct impact on farmers that needed to order parts during the busy harvest season. We tried to order some flail knives that, for all I know, are still sitting on a shelf in Iowa somewhere because the workers were on strike. Hopefully by the time you read this the two sides have come to an agreement. With that being said, happy harvesting and happy fall!



POMONA LOTTERY CALENDAR

It was discussed and decided at the June Pomona meeting that we should do another Pomona Lottery Calendar as a fundraiser. The Pomona Grange raised over \$2,860 this past year.

We will be selling 500 lottery calendars with 2 numbers on each. It will be done during the months of March and April for 2022. They will cost \$10 and will pay out \$20 Monday thru Friday, \$25 Saturday and Sunday, and \$100 on 3/17 St. Patrick's Day and 4/17 on Easter.

They will be distributed to all the Masters at the pre-quarterly meeting at Marion, if they are ready. I have asked them to distribute these to their members to sell. **It is not the Master's responsibility to sell them by themselves, it is up to each and every one of us!** I am asking everyone to participate by buying and selling the calendars. They will make a great gift for birthdays, Christmas, etc.

YOUTH REPORT by Erica Berger

The Youth collected donations to purchase items to donate to the Wernersville Hospital at the end of October. Thank you to the Granges who sent donations toward this project! Congratulations to Gail Switzer, Outstanding Young Patron for 2021-2022.

TIPS FOR SEASONAL STAINS:

1. Candle Wax – Let the wax cool or hold a plastic bag of ice against it. Gently pry off the hardened wax with a spoon or dull knife. Place the fabric between paper towels and press with a warm, dry (no steam) iron, rotating the towels as they absorb wax. Rub in liquid detergent, wash in warm or hot water with fabric-safe bleach.

2. Pumpkin – Scrape off excess and flush with cold water. Rub in liquid laundry detergent or pretreater. Wait five minutes, then wash in the hottest water that's safe with a fabric-safe bleach.

3. Cranberry Sauce – Rinse with cold water. Soak 15 minutes in a mix of 1 Tbsp. white vinegar and ½ tsp liquid detergent in 1 quart cool water, launder as usual in warm water with fabric-safe bleach.

4. Pine Tree Sap – Soak in rubbing alcohol to soften, then gently peel off what you can. Work in more alcohol to dissolve any remaining stain. Rinse. Rub in pretreater, and wash in the warmest water that's safe.

5. Apple Cider – Flush with cold water, Work in liquid laundry detergent or pretreater, and wash in warm or, if safe, hot water. If the stain remains, re-wash and add in a fabric-safe bleach.

STATE SESSION 2021

By the time you read this, the 2021 PA State Grange Session will be over.

I want to **THANK** all of the Berks County Granges and Grange members that participated by donating money, door prizes, goody bag items, and to the members that served on the committee or as committee chairs.

A big **THANK YOU** to Richard Schaeffer for letting us use his trailer to haul things and Henry Seidel for pulling the trailer from the 2020 Session in Erie to the 2021 Session in Valley Forge, Goughersville Grange for hosting all of the committee meetings and to Walter and Linda Ernst for providing the refreshments, and to Kutztown Grange for storing the State Grange Session items.

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE FUNDRAISER

I want to personally **THANK** everyone that made the September Pomona BBQ at the Leesport Market grounds a **SUCCESS!**

This includes the sellers, buyers, and committee – Michael Adams, Nettie Kauffman, Fern Kulp, and Henry Seidel. We did a total of 550 dinners and made a profit over \$1,880.

Really appreciated the members that helped the day of the BBQ, this included Michael Adams, Walter Ernst, Richard Kieffer, Fern Kulp, Henry Seidel, and Leslie Seidel. We heard a lot of compliments about 2 Guys BBQ and we plan to use them again in 2022, possibly September, or maybe a different month.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

The up-coming Saturday, December 11 county meeting will be held at Long's Church, 27 Longs Church Lane, Womelsdorf, PA 19567, starting at 9:30 a.m. The Pre-Quarterly meeting will take place on November 29 at 7 p.m. at the Trinity UCC Rehrersburg, 27 Maria Street, Rehrersburg, PA 19550. Subordinate Presidents, as well as the Family Activities group will meet this evening. It is also noted that any interested member can attend.

Since this newsletter comes out prior to the holiday seasons (Thanksgiving and Christmas) I want to wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas with your family and friends. Oh yes, and to all those hunters out there, may you have a successful hunting experience this year.

I encourage the membership of Berks County to go to the web-site and check the events that are placed there for information. A number of the Subordinate Granges post their fundraisers/activities on this site. www.berkscountygrange.org

VIRGINVILLE GRANGE BENEFIT BINGO

A Cash/"31" Bags/Vera Bradley Bags Benefit Bingo will be held at the Virginville Grange Hall on Sunday, November 14, 2021. This is for the benefit of 2 local community members battling cancer. A special canned food collection & game for Keystone Military Families will also be held. 20 games/\$25.00/6 Card "PAPER" Package.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with the games beginning at 1 P.M. Masks are recommended. You MUST call to RESERVE a seat. Call Denise, 610-562-3876 or David, 610-562-7421. Deadline for "postmarked" checks is Monday, November 1.

Lite luncheon available at your cost. Prizes provided by: Vera Bradley, Thirty-One Bags and Thrivent.

OLEY FAIR SOUP STAND by Henry Seidel

Thank you to the 27 members and friends that donated over 200 hours to help at the Soup Stand and other food service tasks at the 2021 Oley Fair.

The Pomona Grange first helped at the 2019 Fair and simply filled in anywhere that help was needed. This year we accepted the challenge of first staffing the Soup Stand, then helping at other places if we had more volunteers than the soup stand required.

Michael Adams and Henry Seidel met with Norm Ullrich, who managed the stand for the past 10 years, on the Wednesday before the fair, to get organized. Then he returned Thursday and Friday morning to train Michael and Henry on managing the stove and the stand.

The weather was a little warm, so we had more soup than customers and were asked to repackage over 25 2.5 gallon buckets of soup. Fern Kulp did a great job leading this task as the fair provided some extra help in order to get everything into quart and BBQ containers. Most of the quarts were sold at the stand and the other containers went to their annual Saturday night sale.

We will receive a check by the December meeting and they are looking forward to having us volunteer again in 2022. If you can help next year, please mark your calendars for 9/15 – 9/17, 2022.



PA FARM SHOW 2022

The Hamburg Grange is sponsoring a bus to the 2022 PA Farm Show on Saturday, January 8, 2022. Pick up is at the Hamburg Area High School, 701 Windsor Street, Hamburg, leaving 8 AM, arriving at Farm Show at 9:30 AM, leaving Farm Show at 5PM, returning to the Hamburg Area High School at 6:30 PM.

Please contact Anna Heffner, 610-207-9755 as soon as possible to reserve a seat. The cost is \$20 per seat.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES by Jane Reppert

The Pomona Family Activities donated \$100 to Hope Rescue Mission for the Community Service project, \$300 to Bethany Children's Home to purchase duffel bags and other needed items, \$300 for Christmas Trees for Troops, and to \$50 the Berks County Fair for their Fall Fest this past quarter.

Thank you to the granges and their members who donated baked goods for the Family Activities' bake sale at the Pomona Grange BBQ. Special "thank you" to Jane Adams for taking charge of the special project, Fleetwood Grange for making the pepper cabbage, and all the volunteers that helped during the events. It was a great success.



The Pomona Family Activities baking, needlework, and other craft contests were held on September 11, 2021, at the Pomona Grange meeting. We had 18 entries in the baking contest and 23 in the needlework/craft contests from eight granges. The baked goods were donated to the Hamburg Police and the State Police of Hamburg for their services. Thank you to everyone who entered the contests. All first place winners were sent to the State Grange judging in October.

Hopefully by the time you read this, your Subordinate Grange Family Activities chairperson has received their package from State Grange with the baking/needlework contests for 2022 year. I hope to have copies of the contests and rules by the December Pomona meeting. This way you can work on your entries for next year during the winter months. We didn't have entries from each grange in Berks County this year. So, I am challenging each grange to have some entries and hope that there will be more entries next year.

If you are interested in the new 150th Anniversary State Grange Cookbook, I will have some at the Pomona meeting in December or you can call me (610-562-2647) to reserve one and make arrangements to get it. The cost is \$25.00 per book. There is a limited number of cookbooks being printed.

If you have any questions about anything, please call me at 610-562-2647. If I am not at home, just leave a message and I will get back to you.

With the Winter months coming, I hope everyone will stay healthy and have a great Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year.

The following is "**Christmas Gift Suggestions**"

To the enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a customer, service.
To a friend, your heart.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.
To Jesus, ALL.



**JANE REPERT:
POMONA and
SUBORDINATE
GRANGE
DIRECTOR OF THE
YEAR
2020-2021**

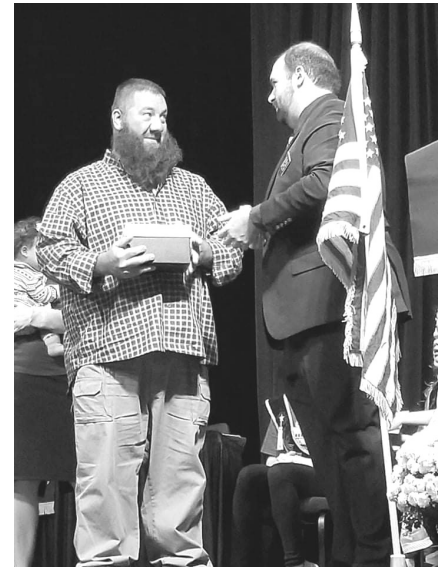
Quote: May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace, the gladness of Christmas give you hope; the warmth of Christmas grant you love. (Author Unknown)

A special project for the December Pomona Meeting will be a "CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE". If you wish to participate, please bring 1 dozen Christmas Cookies on a plate to the Pomona meeting. You will receive 12 different cookies to take along home. Please put your name on the plate so we know who is to receive cookies to take home. We would also like if you would bring an extra dozen or more cookies, which will be packed into boxes and given to Veteran's in the area. If you have any questions, please call me (610-562-2647).



BERKS ROYALTY

Mikayla Davis—PA Dairy Princess (3rd from left)
 Gail Switzer—PA Grange Outstanding Young Patron (4th from left)
 Autumn Tworkoski—PA Grange Youth Ambassador (6th from left)



DEREK SCHROEDER
2021 PA STATE JUNIOR
GRANGE SUPPORTER
OF THE YEAR

STATE GRANGE FAMILY ACTIVITIES WINNERS

Congratulations to all the winners of the baking and needlework contests at the State Grange session in October. Berks County had 11 winners.

The winners were: Cake Donuts – 1st -Marci Schlegel from Pioneer Grange
 Turtles (Candy) – 1st -Connie Tworkoski from Hamburg Grange
 Quilt by Individual – 1st - Sharon Leiby from Virginville Grange
 Afghan Full Size Knitting – 1st – Cyndi Wetzel from Virginville Grange
 Afghan Baby Crochet – 2nd – Nichole Rubenacker from Virginville Grange
 Afghan Baby Knitting – 2nd – Sharon Heck from Fleetwood Grange
 Cross Stitch – 1st – Jane Reppert from Virginville Grange
 Counted Cross Stitch in 12" – 3rd – Cyndi Wetzel from Virginville Grange
 Plastic Canvas – 1st – Jane Reppert from Virginville Grange
 String Art (Small) – 2nd – Ashley Mohn from Marion Grange
 Jewelry, Bracelet – 2nd – Jane Reppert from Virginville Grange

The following Subordinate grange family Activities chairperson received a First place Certificate of Merit at the State Grange Session for their report for the 2019-2020 year and 2020-2021 year

2020 - Nettie Kauffman – Ontelanuee Grange
 Barbara Grim – Pioneer Grange
 Denise Clare – Hamburg Grange
 Jane Reppert – Virginville Grange

2021 - Sharon Heck – Fleetwood Grange
 Nettie Kauffman – Ontelaunee Grange
 Janice Stricker – Gouglersville Grange
 Cindy Schlegel – Pioneer Grange
 Denise Clare – Hamburg Grange
 Jane Reppert – Virginville Grange

Jane Reppert was named: Subordinate Grange Director of the Year for 2020 & 2021
 Pomona Grange Director of the Year for 2020 & 2021

ANNUAL STATE SESSION – Delegate Report

Nettie & Irvin Kauffman

What a session it was this year! A new type of housing situation, spent many hours in the cold, traveled up and down lots of steps and in the long run, enjoyed renewing friendships gained over the many years while attending sessions.

The biggest issue the delegates voted upon came from the National Grange and the selling of the National Grange headquarters in Washington D.C. Factors were presented in relationship to the age of the building, the updating with the infrastructure of electrical, plumbing and not being able to rent the facilities because of the dated structure. It would take almost 45 million dollars to upgrade this building. Since it does sit in a prime location (1 block away from the White House) it was felt the possibility of selling and relocating to outskirts of the government area would probably be more feasible. One factor which must be monitored closely is the possibility of the federal government acting with eminent domain to take over this building, which could mean loss of funds for the National Grange. National Master Betsy Huber spoke on the situation and assured those in attendance that this situation will be monitored very closely.

The Credentials Committee reported a final count of 96 delegates from 57 Subordinate Granges and 38 delegates from 23 Pomona Granges. A total count of all registered members in attendance was 245.

PA Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding, was a guest speaker and presented updates on agriculture issues currently facing Pennsylvania. He emphasized the Grange is a good supporter of issues that come up in the legislative body and thanked the Grange for their voice in what we do.

Resolutions from across the state and presented to the delegate body totaled 26. Berks County submitted 7 of these resolutions. Prior to attending the session, delegates from Berks County gathered one evening and went through all of the resolutions in order to be prepared as how to vote. Berks delegates who attended this pre-session meeting felt it was helpful and the questions and issues raised were divided up as to who would speak relative to a particular resolution.

At the 2021 session, there were 14 Adopted or Adopt as Amended, 3 were present policy, rejected were 8 and 1 was tabled till the 2022 session. During the session and the debating of the resolutions, it was interesting listening to the debating, voting on the resolutions and then making policy for our PA State Grange. Some of the resolutions created some interesting debates and Delegates debated on some of the following resolutions which were voted favorably and passed as policy. a) Solar development on farmlands. b) Using plant-based meats in place of “real beef” in order to reduce the carbon footprint of consuming beef. c) Establishing a PA Dairy Production Tax Credit. d) Rejected making Election Day a Federal Holiday. e) Establish tax credit for businesses and organizations that purchase and maintain an AED on their premises. f) Eliminating dormancy fees for bank accounts in minor’s name. g) Support permanent identification during elections and poll workers be required to confirm signatures and identities. g) Encourage PENDOT and local townships and municipalities to allocated additional funds to eradicate poison hemlock and other noxious weeds. h) Support House Bill 335-2021 to allow PA to follow daylight saving time year-round. i) Lobby the Postal Regulatory Commission and the Post Master General to make timely delivery of living organisms, (i.e., chicks and bees) and other time-sensitive shipments.

Resolutions which would affect Grange issues are: a) Placing an assessment on Youth and Junior memberships for National Grange. b) Moving the 2023 Session from city of Reading to another location in Berks County. c) Up-dating the language of the Opening, Closing and other ritual used in the Junior Grange. d) Departmental committees consist of six members, one representing each region. e) Change the wording of “husband and wife” in Family Membership to “couple.”

Tabled for the 2022 annual session was a resolution dealing with changing the way dues are collected – having the State Grange office doing this duty rather than the local Subordinate Grange. This resolution will have to be removed from the table at the beginning of the 2022 session for action by the delegate body.

The budget for the State Grange was adopted for 2022-23 with net revenue over expenditures of \$37,402.

When viewing the many exhibits that were presented in the various departments for judging, we must say that Berks County did well with winners. The Juniors, Youth, Family Activities and Lecturer’s departments all displayed the entries and we found a number of winners from Berks County amongst the displays.

Irvin and I represented the membership of Berks County and enjoyed the debates during the session when resolutions were presented. The biggest surprise for me was when I was named 2021 Granger of the Year and my immediate family and Ontelaunee Grange family members showed their support by attending this recognition!



NETTIE KAUFFMAN
GRANGER OF THE YEAR
PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE
OCTOBER 2021

POMONA HIGHLIGHTS

The following are the highlights from the September 11, 2021, Pomona meeting held at Zion's Lutheran Evangelical Church, Shoemakersville (Hamburg Grange). Remember, it is always better to have you in attendance so you can help in the making of the Pomona decisions.

- Shartlesville Grange has closed. We are looking for a new Pomona Lecturer.
- Motion was made and approved to continue with the Lottery Calendar fundraiser for 2022.
- Attendance: 14 Brothers, 20 Sisters, 1 Junior, 2 Mini-Juniors. Total of 30
- Audit of all Pomona account books will be held November 8.
- Berks County has a Youth Ambassador: Autumn Tworkoski
- Could not have the Angel Tree tags at today's session. A paper was passed around for those interested to give their name. Carlene would then make sure you get your tag(s). Bring gifts to the December Pomona meeting.
- Today we supported HOPE Rescue Mission
- Juniors are planning Hayride at the Krick's home, Junior Jam, Junior Planning Meeting, Bowling
- Still looking for a volunteer to take over the TOUR COMMITTEE
- Still looking for a volunteer to take over the POMONA PICNIC
- Donated \$100 to the Berks Fair Fall Fest
- Decision as made not to hold Fifth Degree on October 2. Nettie will give Fifth Degree Obligation to those interested on Sunday, October 3, 7 p.m., Ontelau-nee Grange Hall
- Chicken BBQ fundraiser went well. Profit: \$1,880.87
- Last year's Lottery Calendar fundraiser profit: \$2,861.45
- Membership (as of 9/4/21): 984
- Received thank you note from Cathlene Moatz & Alexis Servin—supported Kutztown Fair Youth Livestock Sale Steve Mohn reported that \$219 was spent on the purchase of the goat.
- Michael & Jane Adams purchased an HP printer/copier for use at State Session. This printer will then be donated to Berks County Pomona Grange.
- Dormancy Fees for Bank Account in Minor's Names Resolution was accepted
- Mileage Fee, No Fuel Taxes Resolution was accepted.
- Literary Program: FALL-ing into Fun. Thank you to Karen Mohn for providing today's program
- Door prizes were awarded



SAVE THE DATE:

2022 FARM FAMILY APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

MARCH 19, 2022, HAMBURG FIELD HOUSE

CONTEST CORNER

Please bring your completed contest form to the December Pomona meeting. You must be present to win!

NAME _____ **GRANGE** _____

Everyday is a holiday! Did you now that everyday is a holiday? The last 3 months of the year we celebrate Halloween, Thanksgiving & Christmas but what else do we celebrate? As you will find out, you can celebrate just about anything!

1. Halloween is costumes and goblins and trick-or-treating but how many parents out of 10 sneak a treat from their child's treat bag? _____
2. November 1 is All Saints Day. What was the original name of this day? _____
3. November 13 is _____ & originated from the cartoon _____.
4. When was the first Thanksgiving celebrated between the Pilgrims & Indians? _____. In what year did George Washington proclaim Thanksgiving a public day of thanksgiving & prayer? _____
5. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving as the last Thursday in November in what year? _____. Franklin D. Roosevelt & Congress made it a National holiday on the 4th Thursday in November in what year? _____
6. November 16 gets you out of cooking because it is _____
7. Go nuts on November 23 and celebrate by eating this nut. _____
8. Popular ones of this day are apple and corn. Celebrate National _____ Day on December 2.
9. Most newspapers carry these in their publications daily. It is celebrated on December 21. What is it? _____
10. When was Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" published? _____
11. We know Christmas is on December 25, what other day is it? _____ You might eat it on Christmas.
12. December 27 has 2 things to celebrate. What are they? _____ & _____

The answers from September are: 1) New York City, 2) 1882, 3) 1894, 4) Grover Cleveland, 5) 13 workers dying during the Pullman strike, 6) the contributions of organized labor & workers, 7) 1st Monday in September, 8) True, 9) May Day, 10) Peter J. McGuire founder of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. Winner: Ann Riegel, Marion Grange

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