

POMONA ECHO

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43

NOVEMBER 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Nettie Kauffman

As with anything one undertakes, it is also with me on accepting the challenges of being the Berks County Pomona President. I have served faithfully in many capacities throughout my Grange years and this is one that I feel will provide challenges during my tenure as your Berks County Grange President. With the help and support of our membership, I'm sure this term will go smoothly.

So that you can get to know me, my husband Irvin and I have two sons, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren. I come from a family of six sisters (two deceased), a brother and a Mother who just celebrated her 100th birthday with a motorcycle ride. I would like to also provide you with some of my background of Grange work that I have done in the past and are doing currently. I have served the following State Grange office positions: Pomona (6 years), Executive Committee (16 years), Youth Director (4 years); Pomona office positions include Secretary (20 years), Program Coordinator (6 years), Lady Assistant Steward and one of the Graces. I have held Subordinate offices of Lady Assistant Steward, Lecturer, stations of the Graces and am currently serving as Secretary of Ontelaunee Grange, chair the Breakfast/Banquet Committee and Family Activities Director. I have come to know so many fellow Grangers in my county as well as across the state and nation through all the years of belonging to the Grange.

We need to focus on the future of our county Grange and encourage attendance at our meetings, but since the future still does not look to promising for meetings to be held indoors, per the Governor's imposition of only 25 allowed, we will not know exactly how our December county meeting will transpire on December 12 at Kutztown Grange hall. Stay tuned, watch the web-site (berkscountygrange.org) and postings on various Facebook accounts.

I look forward to a successful term as President and know the officers elected to their positions in our county Grange will help fulfill their obligations to make Berks County Grange a successful Grange in the State of Pennsylvania.

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DID YOU KNOW...

- ◆ The grange website is: berkscountygrange.org
- ◆ We have a new Youth Director. Please welcome and support Erica Berger.

Berks County Junior Grange News

Changes in Attendance Junior Contest

Due to COVID-19 , we have changed the expectations for the attendance contest this year. Any junior who participates in the following will receive a \$5 gift card.

- One fundraiser (WAT or Applebees)
- One Junior Event (Sleepover, Virtual State Camp, Swim Party, or Bowling)

ROADSIDE AMERICA, TAKE TWO!

USA road-trip themed camp

May 14-16 Save the dates!

Camp Planning date TBD in late December

Congrats to our graduating Junior Grangers!

Rebecca Berger
Brayden Heckman
Sierra Merkel
Cathleen Moatz
Owen Schlegel
Avery Tworkoski

We wish you the best and hope you continue to participate in Youth and Subordinate events (and help us at camp!)

Next Junior Team Meeting: Our next team meeting is Monday, January 4, 7pm at Ontelaunee! All are welcome!

Bowling -November 29

1:30 at Heisters

(this is a date change from printed calendar date)

Those who participated in the WAT or the Applebees fundraiser will have a \$2 discount.

Sleepover

February 5-6

Fleetwood Grange

More information and registration sheet to be dispersed in January.

Walk-A-Thon

We will only be doing the walk for this year . We will not be sending out for any additional fliers for funds at this time since camp was cancelled last year. We will do the Walk-A-Thon, royalty test, dinner, and games.

April 17th

Arrival -5:45

Pick up - 8:30

FAMILY ACTIVITIES by Jane Reppert

This year due to the Pandemic, the Needlework & Baking Contests were not held at State Session. Therefore, the following are the county FIRST PLACE WINNERS in the various categories. Due to limited space, we cannot publish all the winners.

QUILT BLOCK—Class 1: Jane Reppert, Virginville

RED VELVET CAKE—Class 10: Holly Allen Pioneer

SUGAR COOKIES—Class 11: Nancy Sattazahn, Kutztown

CEREAL CANDY—Class 12: Nancy Sattazahn, Kutztown

AFGHAN, FULL SIZE, CROCHET—Class 13A: Darlene Savage, Ontelaunee

AFGHAN, FULL SIZE, KNITER—Class 13B: Cyndi Wetzel, Virginville

BABY AFGHAN, CROCHET—Class 14A: Audrey Merkel, Virginville

COUNTED CROSS STITCH—Class 16: Cyndi Wetzel, Virginville

CROSS STITCH—Class 16A: Jane Reppert, Virginville

PLASTIC CANVAS NEEDLEPOINT—Class 17: Jane Reppert, Virginville

CENTERPIECE WITH CANDLE—Class 19: Jane Reppert, Virginville

CENTERPIECE WITH COFFEE/SOUP MUG—Class 20: Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee

CENTERPIECE HOLIDAY—Class 21: Jane Reppert, Virginville

MOSAIC ARTWORK—Class 22: Ashley Mohn, Marion

SHADOW BOX, OTHER—Class 26: Donald Kauffman, Ontelaunee

Thanks to all who
participated in these
various contests!

POMONA LOTTERY CALENDAR

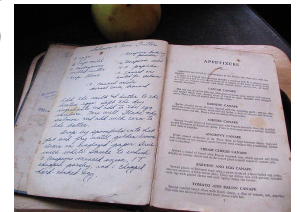
It was discussed and decided at the June Pomona meeting that we should do another Pomona Lottery Calendar as a fundraiser, since the Pomona Sale profits will probably be down. They will be ready sooner this year, so that members attending State Session can sell them there.

We will be selling 500 lottery calendars with 2 numbers on each. It will be done during the months of March and April for 2019. 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 4/21 on Easter.

They should be ready for distribution before the Pre-Quarterly meeting November 8 at Kutztown Grange. If you would like any to sell on your own and you don't want to wait until November 8, please feel free to contact Michael Adams at 610-562-5933. I am asking everyone to participate by buying and selling the calendars. They will make a great gift for birthdays, Christmas, etc.

COOKBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE

Berks County Pomona Grange 125th Anniversary cookbooks are still available for only \$10 (shipping extra). Full of great recipes from the Grangers of Berks County. Makes great gifts! Contact Denise Clare at dlc416@yahoo.com or 610-562-3876.



2021 STATE SESSION by Mike Adams

I want to thank the Berks County Granges and the Pomona Grange that have donated to reach our contribution of \$5500 the 2021 state session.

The 2021 committee will be having meetings the second Sunday of the month at Gouglersville Grange at 2PM, and here is a list of dates for upcoming meetings; November 8, 2020 and the rest in 2021 – January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, and October 10

Once things start falling into place, we can probably skip some meetings here and there or change dates as needed.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES by Jane Reppert

The Pomona Family Activities baking, needlework, and other crafts was held on September 28, 2020 at the Ontelaunee Grange. We had 22 entries in the baking contest and 29 entries in the needlework and craft contest from 8 granges. The baking goods were given to the Laurel Living Center for the nurse to enjoy. Thank you the everyone who entered the contest and to Ontelaunee Grange for letting us hold the special night judging at their grange hall.

I would like to thank the grange who donated items for the State Family Activities community service project. Also, the Pomona donated \$100.00 to purchase items for this project. These items didn't go to State Grange because if the way the session was being held. The items were donated to the Southeastern Veterans' Center in Spring City (Limerick), PA.

The Pomona Family Activities donated \$150 to purchase items for some Angel tree gifts and \$300 for Christmas Trees for Troops this past quarter.

There will be some new contest for the 2021 year (String Art, Jewelry, and Woodburning). The new baking contest for 2021 will be: Banana Nut Bread, Cake Donuts, and Turtles. I hope to have the new rule papers by the December Pomona meeting, so you can work on enters during the winter months. I would like to see any entry from each grange in Berks County next year. Also, I would challenge each grange to get more entries then this year. I know this has been a difficult year to go shopping for supplies and if you did get to a store, they were out of many items.

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.

I hope everyone is still safe and healthy and that you and your family will remain healthy.

BERKS HEIM NEWS by Doris Evans

Greetings from Berks Heim.

Here is the latest update from our County Home. Following the guidelines for facilities such as BH, they could begin scheduled visitations as long as there were no positive test results for two consecutive weeks for both residents and staff. That's a lot of people. But they did it. So they started scheduling outdoor visitations through the Social Service or Activity staff members. That continued successfully for approximately 3 weeks. Due to the change of weather they were preparing to have visits indoors in conference rooms or the auditorium following all the CDC guidelines. On October 16, three staff members tested positive. There were many visits scheduled for that weekend and so there were many disappointed residents and families.

There are three phases: Red, Yellow, and Green. There are three units where the positive staff were present and are now considered "Yellow". They are continuing visitations OUTSIDE only for the other units not affected by the positive results.

YOUTH REPORT by Erica Berger

The Youth have received many donations for the Wernersville project. This year we were given the option to just donate the money to the Wernersville State Hospital and they will disperse the money instead of going shopping like other years. There are no current youth events planned right now. I am open to suggestions for the future when we are able to have a fun group activity which will hopefully be sooner than later.

COMMUNITY SERVICE by Carlene Kleckner, 484-697-9134

Hi everybody. Hope you are all safe and doing well. For the December meeting we are doing the Angel Tree Tag. The tags were passed out at September meeting but if you did not get a tag and want a tag please let me know and I will get one to you. If you take a tag, please make sure that you bring it to the Pomona meeting at Kutztown Grange and please make sure that the **tags and gifts are there by 9:30 a.m.**

In the event the meeting is cancelled, please bring the gifts to the Fleetwood Grange on December 12 by 10:00 a.m. so they can be picked up by the Salvation Army.

A big thank you to all that took tags. Hope everybody stays safe and healthy.

If any questions, please call me, 484-697-9134.

POMONA HIGHLIGHTS

The September 12, 2020, meeting was held at the Berks County Fairgrounds.

- ◆ There was no meeting in June 2020 due to the Coronavirus
- ◆ Berks County Fair sponsorship—\$250 given to the celebration banquet this year, the balance was held over to be used in 2021
- ◆ FFAC—funds will be held until the 2021 celebration
- ◆ Sent the remainder of the balance from Berks County from Pomona to the 2021 State Session Committee
- ◆ Motion to proceed with the August 2021 Kauffman’s Chicken BBQ at the Leesport Farmer’s Market approved. Will be chaired by Michael Adams, Fern Kulp, Henry Seidel
- ◆ Motion to proceed with the lottery calendar, approved
- ◆ Attendance: 14 brothers; 21 sisters, 1 junior. Total of 36
- ◆ 2020 tour was cancelled and all refunds were given
- ◆ Renewed BARN membership for \$50
- ◆ Discussion regarding cancelling the Appreciation Banquet for 2021 was held. Combine it with the Father’s Day picnic or the afternoon of the June Pomona were suggested. No decision was made.
- ◆ As of September 5, 2020, the membership in the county stands at 1,034
- ◆ Donated \$100 to the PA State Junior Grange appeal and the PA State Youth appeal
- ◆ Received 5 thank you cards from various exhibitors at the Kutztown Fair for our sponsorship
- ◆ Steve Mohn, for Pomona, along with Farm Bureau purchased a pig at the 4-H Livestock Auction
- ◆ Donated \$300 to Berks Heim and Wernersville State Hospital for our annual Christmas donation
- ◆ Deanna Schrawder, Shartlesville Grange, received 5th Degree
- ◆ Pomona purchased a candle for \$143 from the PA Grange History Committee’s fundraiser
- ◆ Recall Country-of-Origin Labeling (COOL) resolution—approved
- ◆ Door prizes were awarded
- ◆ Newly elected officers were installed by Andrew Kieffer

POMONA OFFICERS 2020-2022

President: Nettie Kauffman

Vice President: Robert Kleckner, III

Program Coordinator: Deanna Schrawder

Steward: Denise Clare

Ass’t Steward: Richard Kieffer

Lady Ass’t Steward: Linda Stewart

Chaplain: Mikayla Davis

Treasurer: Jake Mengel

Secretary: Jen Beamon

Pomona: Lindsay Schroeder

Flora: Erica Berger

Ex. Comm: Andrew Kieffer

Finance Committee: Henry Seidel

PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE THIS FLYER TO YOUR GRANGE MEMBERS



Join us to kick-off the celebrations for the PA State Grange's 150th Anniversary!

10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Eagle Grange #1 Open House

Celebrate the 150th Birthday of Eagle Grange #1 and drop by to learn more about Pennsylvania's historic first Grange near Williamsport

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
PA State Grange 150th Anniversary
Kick-Off Luncheon and Program

Kick-off the celebrations for the 150th Anniversary with a luncheon and program at the Country Cupboard in Lewisburg (a short drive from Eagle Grange #1)

Turn the day into an outing! Visit some of the many unique sites in the Williamsport-Lewisburg area. Email Doug Bonsall at douglas.b@verizon.net for a list of attractions to visit before and after these Grange events.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION KICK-OFF
SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email Address _____
Grange Name and Number _____ County _____

_____ Number attending the Open House/Brunch at Eagle Grange #1, Montgomery, PA (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

_____ Number of reservations for luncheon and program (Mark quantity next to price) – Held at Country Cupboard Restaurant & Shoppes, Lewisburg, PA (1:30 p.m.)

_____ \$25.00 per adult (13+) _____ \$12.00 (11-12 years)
_____ \$10.00 (6-10 years) _____ \$2.00 (0-5 years)

Amount Enclosed \$_____ Please make checks payable to: PA State Grange History Committee
Please include self-addressed, stamped envelope for tickets to be mailed to you in advance of luncheon.

Mail ticket order form to: Anna May Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

LEGISLATION REPORT by Kenneth Schlegel

Some people are upset because President Trump wouldn't sign the stimulus bill presented by Nancy Pelosi to the senate. Here is what was in the bill.

\$300,000,000 for Migrant and Refugee Assistance.

\$300,000,000 to the Endowment for the Arts.

\$300,000,000 for the Endowment for the Humanities

\$30,000,000 for the Department of Education Stabilization Fund.

\$200,000 to Safe Schools Emergency Response to Violence Program.

\$300,000 to Public Broadcasting /NPR

\$500,000 to Museums and Libraries

\$720,000 to Social Security.

\$500,000 of it to Admin. Costs.

\$25,000,000 for Cleaning supplies for the Capitol Building/ it's on page 136.

\$7,500,000 to the Smithsonian for additional salaries.

\$35,000,000 to the JFK Center for Performing Arts.

\$25,000,000 for additional salary for the House of Representatives.

\$3,000,000 upgrade to the IT department at the VA.

\$315,000,000 for the State Department Diplomatic Programs.

\$95,000,000 for the Agency of International Development.

\$9,000,000 Misc. Senate Expenses page 134.

\$1,000,000,000 Airlines Recycle and Save Program page 163.

\$25,000,000 to the FAA for administrative costs page 165

\$492,000,000 to National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) to remain available if needed through 2021 page 168

Hidden on page 174 the Secretary has 7 days to allocate the funds & notify Congress.

\$25,000,000 for Transit Infrastructure page 169

\$3,000,000 Maritime Administration page 172

\$5,000,000 Salaries and Expensive Office of the Inspector General page 172

\$2,500,000 Public and Indian Housing page 175.

\$5,000,000 Community Planning and Development page 175.

\$2,500,000 Office of Housing.

OK, we are **trillions** in debt, the bill is supposed to help COVID citizens, and did you notice the raise for the House of Representative?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ^

NOVEMBER 2020—FEBRUARY 2021

Nov. 8 Session 2021 Meeting @Gouglersville Grange, 2 p.m.

Nov. 24 Kutztown Grange Potato Filling & Bacon Dressing sale***

Nov. 25 Pioneer Grange Pa Dutch Potato Filling Sale*

Nov. 29 Junior Bowling @Heister's Lanes, 1:30 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE PRINTED CALENDAR DATE!)

Nov. 30 Pre-Quarterly Meeting @Kutztown, 7 p.m. (see note below)

Dec. 7 Pioneer Grange Ham & cheese or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale**

Dec. 12 County Meeting @Kutztown, 9:30 a.m. (see note below)

Dec. 12 Virginville Shoo Fly and Cookie Sale (see article below)

Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

Jan. 4 Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m. All are welcome!

Jan. 10 Session 2021 Meeting @Gouglersville Grange, 2 p.m.

Jan. 15 ECHO articles due to Fern Kulp

Feb. 1 Collate ECHO @Ontelaunee, 3:15 p.m. (Gouglersville members please assist)

Feb. 5-6 Junior Grange Sleepover @Fleetwood Grange

*Pioneer Grange: Pick up from 2—6 p.m. 1.5 lbs for \$4; 2.5 lbs for \$6. Call Tammy to order, 610-463-7213 by Nov. 16th. Limited amount will be made.

**Pioneer Grange: Pickup from 3—5 p.m. \$3.50 per sandwich. Call Tammy to order by Nov. 29th, 610-463-7213.

***Kutztown Grange: Pick up on November 24, 3 till 6 p.m. Orders due by Nov. 18 Filling 1 1/2 lb—\$4; 2 1/2 lb—\$6 Dressing: Pint, \$4; Quart, \$6. Call Darlene @610-683-7975 to place orders.

NOTE: Kutztown Borough will require everyone in attendance at the meeting to wear a mask and social distancing will be observed!

Please check county website for updates to all events. Some events could be cancelled or change of location!

LEGISLATIVE REPORT by Kenneth Schlegel

The Constitution of the United States is one of the most thought out documents ever written. Our forefathers must have been a smart group of people, not like a lot of our elected people today. I know many of us just don't take the time to check things out or understand the way they work! A good example, the Electoral College! Initially I thought it was ridiculous, but then it was explained to me in detail, and I said "Wow". Who ever designed something like that to protect rural America!

VIRGINVILLE GRANGE NEWS

WHAT: Shoo Fly and Cookie Sale

WHEN: Saturday, December 12th from 10 a.m.—11 a.m.

HOW: Drive Through at Virginville Grange Hall

COST: 9" Shoo Fly pies—\$9

Cookies: \$8/lb or \$4.50/1/2 lb

Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin, Snickerdoodle

ORDER BY: Tuesday, December 1, call Tracy 484-256-0497/tlschaeffer@verizon.net or Dianne, 610-562-7421

STATE SESSION REPORT - 2020

- Wayne Campbell reelected as Master/President for another two year term.
- The following individuals elected/reelected to State Officer positions:
 - Andrew Kieffer, Marion Grange – Steward
 - Robert Kleckner III, Fleetwood Grange – Assistant Steward
 - Henry Seidel, Virginville Grange – Treasurer
 - Jennifer Beamon, Hamburg Grange – Pomona
 - Hannah Leibensperger, Pioneer Grange – Ceres
- Jennifer Beamon, Hamburg Grange, was one of four who received an Individual Distinguished Community Service pin from the National Grange Community Service department.
- The following received special recognition for reports submitted in the Creative Connections report that replaced the usual Community Night Report due to the coronavirus issue.
 - Small Category – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange – first place
 - Small Category – Jennifer Beamon, Hamburg Grange – third place
 - Large Category – Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange – first place
- Ontelaunee Grange received third place in the Large Category for their Community Service Report.
- Nettie Kauffman received first place for submission of the Pomona Lecturer/Program Coordinator report and scrapbook for Berks County.
- A total of 83 Subordinate delegates representing 47 Granges were in attendance. The total of Pomona delegates was 29 representing 17 different Pomona Granges.

NOTE: Apology is made if any particular individual/Grange was missed who was recognized for an achievement.

Synopsis of the session – by President, Nettie Kauffman

- This was a session which was quite different from all those held in the past. As a delegate representing Berks County Pomona Grange, we were assigned a seat at a table (which I shared with Subordinate delegate Irvin Kauffman!) and had to utilize that seating location for the full time spent in the session. Yes, masks were worn throughout the session and wherever we went in the hotel. The only type of activities completed were the business side of the order – Resolutions, Budget, Election and Installation of Officers. All contests, banquets, and social activities were eliminated this year. Hopefully, the session will be back to its normal agenda in 2021 when Berks County is a part of the hosting committee for the Southeast Division.
- A total of 26 resolutions were presented for debate, changes and approval. Berks County had six resolutions (some from the individual Granges) submitted for action. Four of the resolutions were adopted as amended, one was present policy and one was rejected.

Adopted as amended (amended information included in text):

- a. To require the County of Origin, as well as the Country of Processing, on the labels of all meat products.
 - b. That any land owned by the Game Commission that is taken out of cultivation be properly planted with non-invasive plant species, grasses or young trees to produce a proper habitat for wildlife and that the Game Commission be required to inhibit the growth of noxious weeds.
 - c. Any animal that is used as a service animal must go through proper training and certification and owners must carry documentation to that effect when they bring the animal to public places.
 - d. That when a couple divorces and one spouse has been arrested or convicted of a crime, the other spouse should be exempt from any costs related to the alleged crime and incurred by the arrested or convicted spouse.
- The 2021-2022 Proposed Budget was adopted – with no increase in the dues structure.
 - The Installation of Officers was done in a completely different format since the “social distancing” was followed.
 - Each county should appoint a chairperson to work with the 150th Anniversary Committee slated for 2023 in Reading, PA.

An invitation was extended from the Southeast Region 2021 Hosting Committee Chairperson, Terry Murray. The 2021 State Grange Session will be held at the Valley Forge Casino Resort from October 14 – 17, 2021. Berks County is part of this hosting region.

CONTEST CORNER

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

NAME _____ GRANGE _____

Turkey Trivia – lots of turkey will be eaten over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Some questions are write-ins and others are multiple choice (circle your answer).

Which US state produced the most turkeys in 2019? North Carolina Virginia Minnesota

What do you call a female turkey? _____

What sport uses the term turkey? _____

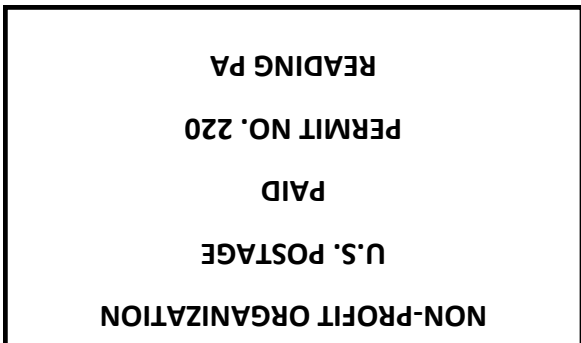
How many feathers does the average adult turkey have? 2,500 3,500 4,500

What are baby turkeys called? _____

What percentage of the US population eats turkeys on Thanksgiving? 70% 85% 90%

Which famous American advocated the Turkey as the national bird? _____

Answers from last issue: 1) Caramel; 2) Cartoon; 3) Cartridge; 4) Carnation; 5) Cardigan; 6) Carrot; 7) Cargo; 8) Carpenter; 9) Carving; and 10) Carbonation. Congratulations to the winner, Tammy Schaeffer (Pioneer Grange).



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