

POMONA ECHO

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43

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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 are down.

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 through Friday, \$25 Saturday and Sunday, and \$100 on St. Patrick's Day (3/17) and Easter (4/21).

They have been distributed to all the Masters. The Masters have been asked to distribute these to their members to sell. It is not the Master's responsibility to sell the tickets. ***It is requested that everyone participate by buying and selling the calendars.*** They will make a great gift for birthdays, Christmas, etc.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Andrew Kieffer

I've been wondering lately if the Berks County Grange is in a major decline and approaching the need to merger with another county. We still have not found a lecturer for the new term, family activities chair is entering the 3rd year of being open and I have little hope of finding a sale chair anytime soon. (Eric Blatt had to step down from the sale due to other commitments. I do thank him for his service.) We had no candidates for the 5th degree and 6 observers. All in attendance decided to cancel the presentation.

We have been also struggling with attendance at our meetings and other events. While we may have to look at when these events are scheduled, I wonder if it is just a lack of interest by the membership. I would love for you to prove that theory wrong. If you have suggestions for any of my concerns, I am open to discussion. We are here to serve you, the members.

On a positive note, I congratulate all the Berks Countians elected to State Grange offices. I also extend a hearty well done to Gail Switzer for being selected as Master of the National Youth Officer Team. See you all at the December meeting



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Berks County Junior Grange News

- * Bowling—November 25 at 1:30 at Heisters
- * NO December Pomona Activity
- * Friday February 1-2 Sleepover at Fleetwood Grange
- * March 9, 2019—Applebees Flapjacks Fundraiser at Wyomissing Applebees 8-10am. Contact a junior or Gail for tickets. \$8 per ticket (all you can eat pancakes and sausage)

* *** NOTE CHANGE from previous years ***

April 13 - 5:30 pm - Walk-a-Thon fundraiser at Ontelaunee. Dinner (pizza) and snacks will be provided. The royalty test will also be taken this evening and a movie or games will follow after the Walk-A-Thon and test.

Bowling—November 25

1:30 at Heisters

Those who assisted with the Junior portion of the Pomona Sale will have a \$2 discount.

Sleepover—February 1-2

More information and registration sheet to be dispersed in January.

Let the Junior Grange Games Begin!

Game Night themed camp May 17-19 Save the dates!

Camp Planning date TBD in late December



Juniors at Crystal Cave during September Pomona Meeting

Next Junior Team Meeting: Our next team meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 7pm at Ontelaunee! All are welcome!

Help is needed!

For our fundraiser at Applebees on 3/9/19 we need several volunteers to ensure this fundraiser is a success. No experience needed to assist in getting our guests drinks, serving them pancakes, seating guests, or cleaning off tables. All Juniors and Youth are especially encouraged to assist! Please let Gail know if you are able to help. Time 7:30-10:30, help however long you are able.

Pomona Sale

Thank you to all of the juniors and parents that volunteered during the Pomona Sale. Our hard work brought in \$475!

POMONA HIGHLIGHTS

The following are the highlights from the September 8, 2018, Pomona meeting at Kutztown Grange. Remember, it is ALWAYS better to be in attendance to hear the news first hand and to help make decisions of the Grange.

- ◆ Donated \$100 to Gail Switzer for the Global Autism Project.
- ◆ Attendance: 14 brothers, 25 sisters, 20 juniors, 2 mini juniors = Total of 61
- ◆ State Session 2021 committee is requesting \$500 from each County Grange to support the Session. (further details in the State Session 2021 article)
- ◆ Membership in county as of Sept 1, 2018 is 1,088
- ◆ Richard Kieffer, Ass't Steward; Robert Beamon, Gatekeeper; and Grace Reber, Finance Committee were installed
- ◆ Donated \$100 to State Youth appeal and \$100 to State Junior appeal
- ◆ Renewed Berks Nature membership at cost of \$60
- ◆ Donated \$300 to Wernersville State Hospital and Berks Heim (this will be a standing motion going forward)
- ◆ Approved resolution concerning Use of Social Security Numbers for Identification

STATE SESSION 2021 by Michael Adams

If you haven't heard, Berks County along with Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Montgomery counties will be hosting the 2021 State Session. I will be the liaison to keep our Pomona informed concerning the 2021 State Grange session. We have decided that it will be at the Clarion Hotel in Exton, PA. State session was held there once before.

It was decided at our last meeting, that we are asking for \$500 from each grange within the hosting region. It was suggested that each Pomona figure a way to raise the amount that will be needed. Berks County needs to raise \$5500 total. It was suggested, and approved, that our Pomona will provide \$2750 to start, and each Grange is being requested to donate \$1/member or more at this time. Once we see what each Grange will provide, we will be looking for suggestions to do fundraisers as a Pomona Grange (maybe a tool/purse bingo, etc.)

We will be asking for members to get involved on various committees and we will be asking for donations, monetary and other items from all of the Granges that are listed above. I know that Berks County will be actively supporting and encouraging their members to be involved to make 2021 a GREAT session! If you have any questions, suggestions, or want more info, please contact Michael Adams at 610-562-5933 or mjadams141@gmail.com.

AGRICULTURE REPORT by Doug Sattazahn

Recently I had the opportunity to take a dairy calf into Reading for a promotional event. To many people, venturing into the city is considered putting your life at risk. Yes, Reading has a reputation for crime. But reaching out to people with no connection to agriculture was worth the risk – real or perceived.

The kids I met were very interested in learning about my calf and how cattle are raised. It was a great event to let them meet a farmer that produced the very milk they were drinking that day. In a way, it was bridging the gap between two different worlds that are really only minutes apart.

I must say that I was apprehensive before heading into Reading but everything turned out fine. Perhaps we shouldn't be so quick to judge when it comes to the city. You may be pleasantly surprised.

DID YOU KNOW?

...Bridge is still out in Leesport....continue to find us on other pathways!

...Fleetwood Grange is holding a New Year's Eve night of fun with friends. December 31, 2018. Snowdate is January 5, 2019. Ham/filling dinner at 7 p.m. Majestics will perform 9 p.m. till 12:30 a.m. Call 610-562-0169 or 610-944-0159 for tickets.

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

2019 ATTENDANCE CONTEST

1. This contest is based on the Olympic Medal format. You can obtain gold, silver, or bronze medal status depending on your participation.
2. The contest is for the calendar year 2019.
3. We encourage attendance at all Pomona events. The events to qualify for this year's contest are:

4 Pomona meetings (present entire meeting)

March 2 at 9:30 a.m.—Bernville Grange

June 1 at 9:30 a.m.—Hamburg Grange (building location to be advertised in ECHO)

September 7 at 9:30 a.m.—Marion Grange

December 14 at 9:30 a.m.—Ontelaunee Grange

Legislative Banquet—April 26, 6:45 p.m. @Kutztown Grange

Go-To-Church Sunday—March 24 @Mohrsville Church of the Brethren, 10:30 a.m.

Tri-County Visitation—April 27 at Virginville Grange, 7:30 p.m.

Junior Grange Camp Coronation—May 19, 2 p.m. @Camp Swatara, Bethel

All Granger Picnic—June 16, 2019, @Edenberg Park, Hamburg—12:30 p.m.; 1:00 meal time; no evening meal

Swim Party—July 13 at Shoemakersville Pool, 6 p.m. till 9 p.m.

4. The prizes are as follows:

Gold Medal level – attend 7 or more events

3 -- \$40 gift certificates to Red Lobster

Silver Medal level – attend 5 or more events

3 -- \$20 gift certificates to Olive Garden

Bronze Medal level – attend 4 or more events

3 -- \$10 gift certificates to Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Que Restaurant

5. All the dates for the events are on the Pomona calendar and will be printed in the ECHO newsletter.
6. All members wishing to participate will be provided a card to be punched at each of the events they attend. We are not responsible for lost cards.
7. All qualified contestants will be placed in respective medal levels and winners will be chosen at the 2020 Recognition & Appreciation Banquet. (If banquet is canceled due to snow storm, they will be chosen at the March Pomona meeting.)
8. It is the responsibility of each individual to have their card punched at the activity/event/meeting.
9. Cards will be collected at the December Pomona meeting, but will be accepted the night of the Recognition & Appreciation Banquet (2020) **BUT WILL NOT BE PUNCHED THAT NIGHT.**

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GET YOUR CARD PUNCHED!

TOUR COMMITTEE

The timing of an article due for publication for the ECHO did not coincide with the Tour Committees meeting (October 29). All we can say is that information will be forwarded to each Subordinate Grange in the future on a trip to SOMEWHERE in 2019! Please check the BCPG web-site periodically, as we will post the information on there when all issues are finalized for a trip.

Committee -- Ray Davis, Doris Evans, Irvin & Nettie Kauffman and Richard & Marie Schaeffer

LEGISLATIVE REPORT by Kenneth Schlegel

You can ask almost any American how they feel about our country and they will say they're proud to be an American! But it's getting more and more difficult these days, especially if you are a farmer! I opened up a recent "Farmshine" and a headline read, "Today's politicians fail to support the American farmer." It's not about giving today's hard working farmers handouts, it's about things like a former President's wife named "Obama" taking whole milk out of schools across the entire country, just to name one issue. Things like that have been piling up for years.

Let's change gears. I'm sure some of you watched the approval process of our last Supreme Court Justice. What a sham. I liked the chairman of the committee's remark when he said 21 imperfect Senators have a job of finding a new judge. They've basically ruined a good man and his family. Again, I'll just mention one issue about one of the Senators on that committee. This particular individual lied when he was running for the Senate. He stated that he was a Vietnam vet. After he was elected he stated that he never was in Vietnam!

Now let's down shift a couple gears, go to Pennsylvania politics. A friend of mine 12-15 years ago said we will never get rid of property taxes. I was a little more optimistic at the time. Since then, I've given it a lot of thought. I have talked to elected officials and retired elected officials. I believe if our legislators in PA were really serious, it could have been pulled off by now. You could mention downsizing of the PA Senate and Representatives, or creating a better pension plan and other issues!

One of the last town hall meetings I listened in on I learned an elected official has to say no without really saying no and say something that sounds like a yes without saying yes! It's no wonder people don't get out and vote or have any confidence in the political world!!!!!!

I WAS DRUGGED BY MY PARENTS

When I was asked why we didn't have a drug problem when you and I were growing up, I replied, "I had a drug problem when I was young." I was drugged to church on Sunday morning. I was drugged to church for weddings and funerals. I was drugged to family reunions. I was drugged by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drugged to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or preacher, or didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drugged to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered profanity. I was drugged to the neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair a clothesline or chop firewood.

Those drug days are still in my veins and they effect my behavior. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin. If children today had this kind of drug problem, American would be a better place. (written by a concerned citizen)

POMONA APPRECIATION BANQUET

The Pomona Appreciation Banquet will be held Saturday, January 19, 2019, at the Fleetwood Grange Hall. Doors open at 6:15; dinner served at 6:45 p.m.

All volunteers from the Pomona Sale and all First Place Winners at State Session will receive a FREE ticket. Additional tickets will be available at a cost to be determined. As of this writing, the menu was not established. Tickets will be mailed out to Subordinate Masters and Junior Directors in mid-November. If you are not contacted by your master or director regarding your ticket, please direct questions to Derek Schroeder, 610-698-3999 or via email at chairs2014@hotmail.com.

BERKS COUNTY JUNIOR GRANGE ROYALTY 2018-2019

PRINCESS AVERY TWORKOSKI

Hello. My name is Avery Tworkoski and I am 13 years old. My parents are Eric and Connie. I have an older sister, Autumn, and a cat named Shady. I belong to the Ontelaunee Junior Grange and I am an 8th grader at Hamburg Area Middle School.

My favorite things to do are play field hockey, softball, and ride the four-wheeler. I play the violin, trumpet, and piano.

I look forward to meeting new people and visiting the other Granges this year. I'm excited to be the Berks County Junior Grange Princess.

MINI-PRINCESS GRACE TEMPEL

Hello, my name is Grace and I'm in the 4th grade at Halifax Elementary School. My parents are Daniel & Brittany. I have one older sister, Cadence, two guinea pigs, and two dogs.

I belong to Pioneer Junior Grange. One of my favorite things to do is play softball in the spring.

I am really looking forward to traveling to different Granges talking about myself and the Junior Grange as this year's Mini-Princess.

PRINCE PETER ROHRBACH

Hi, my name is Peter Rohrbach. I am in 9th grade and I am home schooled. My parents are Beth and Allan. I have three brothers and one sister and all but one are married and have children.

I attend Fleetwood Junior Grange. Some of my favorite things to do are volunteering at my local fire company, showing my cows at fairs, and hanging out with friends at youth groups. I'm very excited to be the Berks County Junior Grange Prince and I am looking forward to the coming year!

MINI-PRINCE TYLER DAVIS

Hi, my name is Tyler Davis. I'm in the 5th grade at Schuylkill Valley Middle School. My parents are Michael and Suzanne. I have an older brother, Noah; younger brother, Clay; and a younger sister, Samantha.

I go to Ontelaunee Junior Grange. My favorite things to do are draw, play computer games, coding, and play basketball and football with my brother.



YOUTH REPORT

by Robert Beamon, 570-556-0952

Members of the Berks County Youth participated in the PA State Grange Youth and Young Adults “end of summer picnic” at the Kieffer farm. There were games, fellowship, and lots of food. A great time was had by all that attended.

A few members of the youth department went shopping for the Wernersville State Hospital Christmas project. Again, thank you to all Granges and departments that donated to the project.

Grange members are encouraged to let me know if you want to attend the Reading Royals hockey game on Friday, January 4, 2019 at 7PM. The youth made arrangements for this game; however, ALL members and friends are invited. Contact Robert to let him know that you want to attend and to get further information.



VIRGINVILLE GRANGE NEWS

The Virginville Grange will be holding a Benefit Dance & Hoedown for Kim Merkel, a Virginville Grange Member who recently had surgery at John Hopkins Hospital to correct an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA), a complication of Marfan Syndrome (an inherited genetic disorder that affects the connective tissues of the body). Doors open at 5:30 PM.

Music by the Majestics from 7 to 10 PM. Cost is \$8.

There will be food available for sale.

BERKS HEIM by Doris Evans

Once again I would like to remind you that Berks Heim REALLY appreciates your assistance in transporting residents to their church services @2:30 p.m. each Sunday.

The schedule for the rest of 2018 is:

November 4—Kutztown Grange

November 11—Pioneer Grange

November 18—Bernville Grange

November 25—Hamburg Grange

December 2—OPEN

December 9—OPEN

December 16—Gouglersville Grange

December 23—OPEN

December 30—OPEN

If you are available on any of the open dates, please feel free to go to the Heim and help the Activities staff get these folks to the service.

At the December Pomona meeting, I will have a schedule for 2019. It would be great if you would be prepared to fill in the dates that your Grange will transport.

The Heim Fest was another successful event. If you were a winner, you would have been contacted by now. I will have a list of winners at the December 8 Pomona meeting.

Santa's Corner, a resident shopping experience, will be held on December 7th from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. If you would like to participate, please let me know. The “B” Building Christmas party will be held on December 11 and the “A” Building party will be held on December 12th. They will begin at 2 p.m.

Many hands are needed for all of these events. Please let me know if you would like to help.

Also a huge ‘THANK YOU’ TO Robert Sattazahn who remains a faithful volunteer for the Heim. Your service is greatly appreciated by staff and residents.



PROGRAM COORDINATOR CORNER By Nettie A. Kauffman

Soooo, I'm not supposed to be here! But no one has come forward to take this position at this time so I will continue to follow through with the Program Coordinator area. But be advised that in the year 2020, this lady WILL NOT follow through. With all of our youth and young adults indicating that they are the "Grange of Tomorrow," someone younger needs to step into this position. It would be great to see this happen!

A new Grange Program year has begun and with it this year will be a new Guide to Contests and Programs for 2019 and 2020. I do hope our membership will take time to explore these guidelines when it comes to your home. In particular I would like you to seek out the Program Coordinator/Lecturer area and participate in at least one of the suggested projects or contests. If the weather goes like it did this summer (lots of rain which translates into 1 inch of rain produces 10 inches of snow), one will have plenty of time indoors to complete a project for the Program Coordinator/Lecturer department. But let's hope this weather situation does not occur.

Our program for the up-coming December meeting will be around knowledge on "Your Grange." Bring a photo of a Grange activity or event that is over 15 years old. Place a caption on a sheet of paper to describe this photo. A display will be created for others to see "Your Grange." If you are a newer member in "Your Grange" seek out a seasoned member who might be able to provide a photo and some history for you on that picture. Please do not disappoint me on this program! There will also be some other activities associated with the topic of "Your Grange."

FAMILY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

We begin by saying thank you to all who entered the needlework contest in September and congratulate those who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the annual State Session in October.

We would like to say thank you to all the brothers and sisters who helped with the food stand at the annual Grange Sale. Your help and support made the day for all those hungry individuals who came to the sale. The bottom line profit was \$2,157.84. These funds will help us during the year to support various community service projects as well as the monetary awards for the F.A. contests in baking and needlework.

The new Grange year brings a new set of contests and projects in the Family Activities Department. Please consider making needle work, baking, or craft projects when you receive your new Guide to the PA State Grange Contests & Programs for 2019 and 2020.

There will be some changes made to the schedule for hosting/co-hosting pre-quarterly meetings due to the closing of Shartlesville Grange. Changes will also be occurring with the schedule when it comes to the soup for the annual sale and the supplying of shoo-fly pies for the Berks Heim Fest. The new schedules will be handed out at the November Pre-Quarterly meeting at Gouglersville. Assisting the Gouglersville Grange for pre-quarterly meeting will be Bernville.

COMMUNITY SERVICE by Carlene Kleckner

At the December Pomona meeting, please bring your Angel Tree wrapped gift, if you are participating. If you cannot make it to Pomona (at Gouglersville) on December 8, please make sure you give it to someone to bring. You could also bring it to the Pre-Pomona meeting, November 19, 7 p.m., at Gouglersville. The Salvation Army will be at the Pomona meeting to receive the gifts, so they must be there by 9:30 a.m.

In addition, please remember to bring diapers to support the on-going 2018 project for the Berks County Diaper Bank.



STATE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS 2018

- ◆ Derek Schroeder, Hamburg Grange, talent contest, was a part of a group for Variety, Redneck Jeopardy, first place
- ◆ Berks participants in the Public Speaking: Owen Stemko, Virginville Grange; Mikayla Davis, Ontelaunee Grange; Isaac Mengel, Fleetwood Grange; and Henry Seidel, Virginville Grange
- ◆ Community Service winners: Berks County Pomona Grange, Honorable Mention; Ontelaunee Grange, Honorable Mention, Hamburg Grange, first place award in their size category
- ◆ Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange, received 2018 Subordinate Family Activities Chairperson of the Year
- ◆ Barbara Schroeder, Hamburg Grange, won the Family Activities quilt (in the drawing)
- ◆ Kutztown, Ontelaunee, and Virginville Grange all received the Lecturer's Community Night awards in their respective size categories
- ◆ Andrew Kieffer, Marion Grange, won the PA Junior Grange Mentor Award nominee to compete at National
- ◆ 46 Pomona delegates from 27 Pomonas were in attendance
- ◆ 118 Subordinate delegates from 64 Subordinates were in attendance
- ◆ 14 Grangers received the 6th degree (State)
- ◆ Berks Countians elected to a state office: Andrew Kieffer, Marion Grange, to position of Steward; Bobby Kleckner, Fleetwood Grange, to position of Ass't Steward; Hannah Leibensperger, Pioneer Grange, to position of Ceres; and Jennifer Beamon, Hamburg Grange, to position of Pomona. Henry Seidel, Virginville Grange, was re-elected State Treasurer.
- ◆ Robert Beamon, Hamburg Grange, was named State Grange Friend of the Youth
- ◆ Family Activities 1st place winners: Donna Dries, Fleetwood, Hat & Scarf—Adult Crocheted; Janice Stricker, Goughersville, Hat & Scarf—Knitted; Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee, Christmas Stocking, Appliqued Unlined; Nancy Dusko, Virginville, Hat & Scarf—Child Crocheted; Holly Allen, Pioneer, Chocolate Cake; Jane Reppert, Virginville, Cork Coasters; Jacob Fegley, Virginville, Wooden Clock; and Nichole Rubenacker, Virginville, Christmas Stocking, Other



BERKS YOUTH HELP WITH OPENING SESSION

Chaplain
Hannah Leibensperger

Exec. Committee
Lindsay Schroeder

Lady Ass't Steward
Mikayla Davis

Gatekeeper
Owen Stemko

Ass't Steward
Isaac Mengel

Steward
Bobby Kleckner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2018—FEBRUARY 2019

Nov. 10 Pioneer Grange Spaghetti Dinner (see article for details)
 Nov. 11 VETERAN'S DAY
 Nov. 12 Deadline for Pioneer Potato Filling orders (see article)
 Nov. 14 Orders due for Kutztown Grange Potato filling and Bacon dressing (see article)
 Nov. 19 Pre-Quarterly Meeting @Gouglersville Grange, 7:00 p.m.
 Nov. 21 Kutztown Grange Potato filling and Bacon dressing sale (see article for further details)
 Nov. 21 Pioneer Grange PA Dutch Potato Filling Sale (see article)
 Nov. 22 THANKSGIVING DAY
 Nov. 24 Virginville Grange Benefit Dance & Hoedown, 7—10 p.m. (see Virginville Grange News article for further details)
 Nov. 25 County Jr. Bowling @Heister's Lanes, 1:30 p.m.
 Nov. 25 Deadline for Pioneer Grange Sandwich Sale (see article)
 Nov. 26 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo @6:45 p.m. (see article for further details)
 Dec. 1 Hamburg Grange "All You Can Eat" Chicken Pot Pie Dinner (see article for further details), 4—7 p.m.
 Dec. 2 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Dec. 3 Pioneer Grange Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale (see article)
 Dec. 7 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
 Dec. 8 Pomona Meeting @Gouglersville Grange, 9:30 a.m.
 Dec. 11 Berks Heim "B" Building Christmas Party, 2 p.m.
 Dec. 12 Berks Heim "A" Building Christmas Party, 2 p.m.
 Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
 Dec. 31 Fleetwood Grange New Year's Eve night of fun (see **Did You Know** article for further details)
 Jan. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
 Jan. 5 Hamburg Grange bus trip to PA Farm Show (see article)
 Jan. 6 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Jan. 8 Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.
 Jan. 17 ECHO deadline
 Jan. 19 Appreciation Banquet @Fleetwood Grange, 6:45 p.m. (doors open at 6:15 p.m.)
 Jan. 20 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo @1:30 p.m. (see article for further details)
 Feb. 1 & 2 Junior Grange Sleepover at Fleetwood Grange
 Feb. 3 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Feb. 4 Collate ECHO, Ontelaunee Grange hall, 3:15 p.m. (Bernville members are encouraged to help)
 Feb. 18 Pre-quarterly Meeting @Bernville, 7 p.m.



KUTZTOWN GRANGE NEWS

Kutztown Grange will be holding the following events:

November 20—Potato filling and Bacon Dressing sale. Filling 1 1/2 pounds for \$4; 2 1/2 pounds for \$6. Bacon dressing: pint, \$4; quart, \$6. Orders must be placed by November 14 for pick up on November 21 between 2 and 6 p.m. Call 610-683-7975 to place your orders.

November 26—Basket Bingo is at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.. There will be 25 games for \$20 (includes hot dog and soda). Specials, Jackpot and raffle are extra. Please call 610-683-7975 or 610-395-3889 for tickets.

January 20—Basket Bingo is at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at Noon. There will be 25 games for \$20 (includes hot dog and soda). Specials, Jackpot and raffle are extra. Please call 610-683-7975 or 610-395-3889 for tickets.

HAMBURG GRANGE NEWS

The "All You Can Eat" Chicken Pot Pie Dinner will be held December 1st from 4—7 p.m. at the Hamburg Area High School, Windsor Street, Hamburg. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children, ages 3-8; and free for children 2 and under. The dinner includes chicken pot pie, corn, applesauce, pickles, lettuce with bacon dressing and a drink. There will be a bake sale and take-out is available. If you have any questions or wish to purchase tickets, contact Michael Adams, 61-562-5933.

We will be collecting baking items for the Northern Berks Food Pantry. Items that have been requested are cake and cookie mixes, baking pans, icing, and sprinkles.

PIONEER GRANGE NEWS

Nov. 10—Pioneer Grange Spaghetti Dinner, 4—7 p.m. Cost \$8, children (6-10), \$5, 5 and under, FREE. Dinner includes spaghetti w/side, salad, drink, and dessert. Take out is available. Advance tickets call 610-682-1774.

Nov. 21—Pioneer Grange PA Dutch Potato Filling Sale. 1.5 lbs—\$4; 2.5 lbs—\$6. Orders due by Nov. 12th. Pick-up at the grange hall from 3—6 p.m. To order call Tammy at 610-463-7213.

Dec. 3—Pioneer Grange Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale, \$3.50. Deadline to order is Nov. 25. To order call Tammy at 610-463-72134

CONSIGNMENT SALE REPORT

We are in need of a Sale Chairman for 2019. Eric Blatt has stepped down. We thank him for his years of service. But now we need someone to volunteer to take his spot!!!!!!!!!!!!

The annual Consignment Sale was held August 25, 2018. Years ago we had a profit in the range of \$12,000—\$15,000. That is no longer the case. This year our profit was under \$6,000. We had :

- 168 consignors (250 last year)
- 656 buyer numbers given out (732 last year)
- 103 household lots (2 was for nursery) (115 last year and 1 was for nursery)
- 54 lawn & garden lots (89 last year)
- 82 field equipment lots (125 last year)

We had 26 volunteers sign in for Thursday help; 45 volunteers for Friday's help; and 113 volunteers sign in for the day of sale to help (22 less than last year). Even with those numbers, we are still short of helpers. So, please plan to help next year. For the Monday clean up and Monday evening work night, we had a total of 17 volunteers sign in and Tuesday work night, we had 17 volunteers sign in.

The Family Activities made approximately \$2000 in profit; the youth, around \$450 in profit from their stand; and the juniors around \$420 profit. Selling these food items are enjoyed by all in attendance and helps these various groups sponsor activities and support community service projects throughout the year.

Pomona Grange relies on the sale profit for its donations, etc. throughout the year. Therefore, we need to tightened our belts and watch our spending for the 2019 year. We were planning to have a tractor parade; however, we did not have enough participation to hold this event.

We will be holding an Appreciation Banquet on January 19, 2019. The volunteers, auctioneers and state grange first place winners will be treated to a FREE MEAL at the Fleetwood Grange hall. More details elsewhere in this ECHO newsletter.

We need to have people contact the committee ahead of time to have items advertised that they are planning to bring to sell. This is not limited to only Lawn & Garden or Farm Equipment, but also Household items. For example, if you are planning to bring Longaberger baskets, dining room table with chairs, china cabinet, etc., please let the committee know so that we can advertise. The more we can advertise, the better for you, the consignor, and for buyers to know what to look for.

There was a Post-Sale meeting on Monday, October 8. The next meeting will be held March 2, 2019, following the regular county meeting, 1 p.m. at Bernville Grange. We are asking that EACH GRANGE have a representative at these meetings. We need input from EVERYONE to make this event better and to keep our membership informed. The committee should not be the only ones making these crucial decisions. The profits from the sale affect Pomona activities for the following year.

During the 2018 Consignment Sale, we held a 50/50 drawing to help raise monies. We raised \$335 for Pomona. Four (4) prizes of \$83.75 were awarded to 4 winners: Marcia Delp (2 times), Hamburg; Debra Noecker, Hamburg; Terry Werley, Mohrsville. A big thank you to those of you who helped sell or buy tickets.

Since this was our 50th year of holding the Consignment Sale, two (2) \$50 VISA gift cards were also awarded. One to a consignor, Tanya Perrine, New Ringgold. The other to a registered buyer, Nona Geiger, Shoemakersville.

If anyone has any suggestions as to how to improve the Sale or have other suggestions as to fundraisers that Pomona could hold, we are open to ALL SUGGESTIONS!

HAMBURG GRANGE BUS TRIP TO FARM SHOW

Hamburg Grange is sponsoring a bus to the 2019 PA Farm show on Saturday, January 5. Leave at 8:15 a.m. from the west lot of Hamburg Area High School, drop off and pick up at main entrance of Farm Show Complex, return 6 p.m. The cost is \$19 and must be paid in advance. Please contact Anna Heffner at 610-207-9755 to reserve a seat or to answer any other questions.



CONTEST CORNER

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

NAME _____ GRANGE _____

"It's a Wonderful Life" Trivia—answers pertain to things that occur in the movie.

1. Who went to the bank to deposit \$8,000 but lost the money? _____
2. What kind of spirit was Clarence? _____
3. What played the part as George Bailey? _____
4. What part of George's house is always broken? _____
5. How did Clarence cleverly save George's life? _____
6. What two friends share their names with two Sesame Street characters? _____
7. What does it mean when a bell rings? _____
8. What is the name of the city where this story takes place? _____

Answers from last issue: 1) dessert, 2) duos, 3) dance, 4) dukes, 5) dinosaurs, 6) drums, 7) Dodge cars, and 8) dives. Congratulations to the winner: Fern Kulp, Ontelaunee Grange

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