POMONA ECHO

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43

NOVEMBER 2022

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COUNTY GRANGE PRESIDENT

Nettie A. Kauffman

Have you ever sat down to do something and your mind becomes blank? Well, you could say that was my position in trying to figure out what to write for the ECHO article this time! Many thoughts traveled through my head but one can only write about certain issues.

An expression of thanks to those Grangers who helped at the Chicken Bar-B-Que fundraiser in September. Whether you sold tickets, made baked items to sell for the Family Activities area or helped with the distribution of the chickens on the day of the event.

Most thankful to all the volunteers who helped with the Soup Stand at the Oley Fair. A smooth transition of volunteers made the task of those in charge grateful for your support.

Thanks to the Officers and Department Chairs who provided input and new ideas for our Pomona in the next year during the scheduled meeting in October.

A thank you to the Legislative and Ag Committee for trying something new with Farm Bureau on a "Candidates Night." (continued on page 9)

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SOMETHING NEW: GOING AS A GROUP OUT TO EAT AFTER POMONA MEETING

Since our Pomona Grange meetings do not last as long as they used to, lunch is not served at the grange hall. We are trying something new by going out for lunch at a restaurant near the grange hall where Pomona is held. In December, the Pomona meeting will be held at Kutztown Grange. The restaurant that was chosen to go to is "Valentino's of Kutztown." It is an Italian place.

(please go to page 3 for further details)

SPECIAL INTERST

*2023 Hamburg Grange PA Farm

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NOTE: County Meeting Dec. 10 at KUTZTOWN GRANGE, 9:30 A.M.

(this is a location change from the printed Pomona Calendar)

Please check website: www.berkscountygrange.org for current information. Jennifer Beamon, if needed, can post your events.

Berks County Junior Grange News

Junior State Session Winners

Recycled Craft - Buttons - Practical - 5-9

2nd – Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Grange 3rd – Riley Beamon, Hamburg Grange

Recycled Craft - Buttons - Decorative - 5-9

3rd – Brayden Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange

Cooking Contest - Cereal/Granola Bars - 5-9

1st – Riley Beamon, Hamburg Grange

2nd – Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Grange

Design a T-shirt Contest - 5-9

1st – Kayleigh Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange

3rd – Brayden Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange

Design a T-shirt Contest – 10-14

1st – Grace Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange

Building Blocks - Vehicles - 10-14

2nd – Jacob Schroeder, Virginville Junior Grange

Mini Pumpkin/Gourd – Painted – 10-14

1st – Travis Riegel, Marion Junior Grange

4th – Sarah Riegel, Marion Junior Grange

Art - Image - Nature/Landscape - 5-9

2nd – Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Grange

Art – Image – My Family – 5-9

1st – Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Grange

3rd – Riley Beamon, Hamburg Grange

Art - Image - Abstract - 5-9

2nd – Riley Beamon, Hamburg Grange

Art - 3D - Nature/Landscape - 10-14

1st – Ellie Schroeder, Virginville Junior Grange

<u>Mini Junior Art Show</u> – showcase only Dylan Beamon

Sleepover

We are hoping we can have our sleepover this year. February 3-4 at Fleetwood.

<u>Junior Grange Shooting Stars</u> - Attended 2 of the 3 state events (State Camp, Family Festival, State Session)

Riley Beamon, Hamburg Grange Brayden Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange Kayleigh Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange Samantha Davis, Ontelaunee Junior Grange Connor Kunkle, Virginville Junior Grange Emma Seidel, Virginville Junior Grange Grace Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange

<u>Junior Grange Superstars –</u> Attended all 3 state events (State Camp, Family Festival, State Session) Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Grange Tyler Davis, Ontelaunee Junior Grange Ellie Schroeder, Virginville Junior Grange Jacob Schroeder, Virginville Junior Grange

Thank you to those that dined at The Westy in September. We made a profit of \$232.85.

Junior Attendance Contest

In order to qualify, a junior member must participate in at least 4 junior events (i.e. sleepover, camp, swim party, bowling), the WAT fundraiser, and 1 contest on the State level.

Upcoming activities:

♦ Bowling (November 27, Time and Place to be announced)

Graduating Juniors

Rebecca Berger, Logan Eisenhower, Ava Jenkins, Wyatt Koller, Connor Kunkel, Jaxon Seidel, and Avery Tworkoski

All are welcome at our next Junior team meeting

January 2, 2023 at 7pm. – Virtual

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2022—FEBRUARY 2023

- Nov. 9 Ag & Legislative Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11 VETERAN'S DAY
- Nov. 13 Virginville Grange Benefit Bingo (see page 8 for further details)
- Nov. 22 Kutztown Grange PA Dutch Potato Filling and Bacon Dressing Sale^
- Nov. 23 Pioneer Grange PA Dutch Potato Filling Sale*
- Nov. 24 THANKSGIVING
- Nov. 27 Bowling, Time & Place to be announced
- Nov. 28 No Pre-Quarterly Meeting
- Nov. 28 Kutztown Grange, Basket Bingo^^
- Dec. 4 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
- Dec. 5 Pioneer Grange Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale**
- Dec. 7 PEARL HARBOR DAY
- Dec. 10 County Meeting @Kutztown Grange, 9:30 a.m. (Note: Location change!)

 Pomona Family Activities will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. (prior to start of Pomona)
- Dec. 21 First Day of Winter
- Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS
- Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
- Jan. 2 Junior Team Meeting, 7 p.m.—Virtual
- Jan. 8 Kutztown Grange, Basket Bingo^^^
- Jan. 20 ECHO deadline
- Feb. 5 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
- Feb. 6 Collate ECHO @Ontelaunee Grange, 3:15 p.m. (Gouglersville assists)
- ^KUTZTOWN GRANGE, Nov. 22: Potato Filling & Bacon Dressing Sale. Orders due by November 15. Call Oletha, 610-395-3889., to place orders. Pick up at Kutztown Grange, 3 to 6 p.m. Filling: 2 lbs., \$8; 3 lbs., \$10. Bacon dressing: pint, \$5; quart, \$9
- ^^KUTZTOWN GRANGE, Nov. 28: Basket Bingo, \$20. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 6:45 p.m. Call Oletha, 610-395-3889, for tickets.
- ^^^KUTZTOWN GRANGE, Jan. 8, Basket Bingo, \$20. Doors open at 12 noon. Bingo starts at 1:30 p.m. Call Oletha, 610-395-3889, for tickets.
- *PIONEER GRANGE, Nov. 23: PA Dutch Potato Filling, \$7—2.5 lbs, \$5—1.5 lbs. Deadline to order is Nov. 14 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. 5: Sandwiches \$4. Deadline to order is Nov. 27. Pickup at the Grange hall from 3 to 5 p.m. Call Tammy to order, 610-463-7213

SOMETHING NEW: GOING AS A GROUP OUT TO EAT AFTER POMONA MEETING (continued)

Place: Valentino's of Kutztown, 15492 Kutztown Road, Kutztown (from Kutztown Grange turn right onto main street and then go about 1.9 miles. The restaurant is on the right side at the traffic light.)

Type of Restaurant: Italian (pizza, sandwiches, wraps, full meals, etc.)

Time: After Pomona, around 12:30—12:45 p.m.

Cost: Each person will pay their own bill

We will ask you to sign-up when you get to Pomona, so we can call the restaurant and let them know approximately how many people to expect. So they are ready for us. Hope you can join us.

JUNIOR GRANGE ROYALTY 2022

Mini Princess Julie Eisenhower: Hi my name is Julie Eisenhower. My parents are Scott and Vicki, I have a brother Logan and sister Heidi. I just finished 3rd grade. I'm excited to meet new people, and be in the parade! I had a good time at camp. I really enjoyed Gaga ball. I hope everyone had as much fun as me.

Mini Prince Bryce Davis: My name is Bryce Davis. I just finished second grade at Schuylkill Valley elementary school. I belong to Ontelaunee Junior Grange. I enjoy riding bike, playing with my cousins and playing with my dog, cats and cows. I am excited to be the Mini Prince and meet lots of new people this year!



Princess Samantha Davis: Hi, my name is Samantha Davis. I'm in 7th grade at Schuylkill Valley Middle School. My favorite things to do are reading and drawing. I'm really looking forward to working with the other royalty and meeting new people this year as county princess.

Prince Justin Dusko: My name is Justin Dusko and my parents are Jason and Nancy Dusko. I have one sister named Lillian. I'm in 5th grade at Perry Elementary with Hamburg Area School District and a member of Virginville Junior Grange. My favorite things to do are drawing and playing baseball. I'm really looking forward to going to all of the different Granges around the county this year as Berks County Jr. Grange Prince.

OLEY FAIR SOUP STAND 2022

Thank You, to the 28 people who donated over 200 hours of their time to help run the Soup Stand at the Oley Fair in September.

We sold 200 gallons of Chicken Corn Noodle soup and 175 Gallons of Beef Vegetable soup in 3 days. That soup went into more than 3,000 individual bowls and 400 quart containers.

We also received many compliments on the quality of the soup, even though we did not create it.

Thanks again and keep the Oley Fair in mind for next year (Sept. 21, 22, 23, 2023). While we have agreed to first man the soup stand, additional volunteers can help elsewhere.



CHICKEN BARBEQUE, by Michael Adams

I have an update on the Pomona 2022 Chicken BBQ sale. We sold 700 dinners, and we made a profit of \$2,600.

I want to thank everyone that sold tickets and everyone that helped the day of the BBQ. The 2023 Chicken BBQ will be held Sunday, September 3 from 11am-2pm, location might be changing, and we will be using Two Guys Chicken. Let's see if we can do a 10% increase, for a total of 770 and the incentive for selling 15 tickets for a free ticket will be used.

HAMBURG GRANGE, 2023 PA FARM SHOW BUS

The Hamburg Grange is running a bus for the opening day of the 2023 PA Farm Show, which is Saturday, January 7.

We will meet at the Hamburg Area High School at 701 Windsor Street, Hamburg in the west-side school parking lot. We will leave 8AM and return 630PM and the cost is \$22/seat.

You will be dropped off at the Farm Show main entrance and picked up there for our return trip.

Please contact Anna Heffner @ 610-207-9755 for reservations and let family or friends know about the trip.

POMONA HIGHLIGHTS

The following are the highlights from the September 10, 2022, Pomona meeting held at Fleetwood Grange. Remember, it is always better to have you in attendance so you can help in the making of the Pomona decisions.

- Attendance: 15 Brothers, 17 Sisters, 3 Juniors, 2 Mini-Juniors Total: 37
- Today's community service was the diaper drive for Mary's Shelter
- December Pomona meeting—bring Angel Tree Tag gifts by 9:30 a.m.
- December Pomona—cookie exchange, bring at least one dozen to share and trade
- 50 contest entries were judged this morning
- Chicken Barbeque was a success. Next year—SAVE THE DATE—Sunday, September 3, 2023
- SAVE THE DATE Go-to-Church Sunday for 2023: April 30, 2023, at Gernant's Church, Leesport, 9:30 a.m.
- Doris Evans reported that Berks Heim worship services have started up again on Sundays at 2:30 p.m.
- Steven Mohn purchased a steer from Landon Kunkle in the amount of \$00 at the Kutztown Fair Youth Livestock Sale for Pomona.
- Membership in the county as of 9/3/22: 945
- Received "thank you notes" from: Malaina Rhoads and Kalina Rhoads, Berks County Fair winners; Farmshine Publications for sponsoring the Dairy Promotion add; Berks County Fair Board for support of the 2022 Fair
- Received 2023 State Session information re: 150th Anniversary Celebration
- Donated \$100 to the Berks County Fall Fest
- Cadence Tempel and Michael Covey received 5th degree
- Elimination of Devastation of American Prime Land resolution, approved
- Closing of Assisted Living Facilities in Pennsylvania resolution, approved
- Lowering and Raising from One Degree to Another resolution, approved
- Installation of Officers, Pomona and County, was held at 1:30 today. Nettie Kauffman in charge.

SAVE THE DATE

POMONA GO-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday, April 30, 2023

St. John's (Gernant's) Church

13 Gernant's Church Road, Leesport, PA

9:30 a.m.

In the Memorial Hall (no steps to climb)

Pastor Fran Merkel

Fellowship Time following the service

COMMUNITY SERVICE, by Carlene Kleckner

Hi everyone. Hope you all are having a good fall. I want to thank everyone that donated money and diapers for the diaper bank.

For everyone that took an Angle Tree tag, make sure that the tag is securely on the bag, box or on the front of the item. Make sure that if there is more than one package for the tag, that they are securely together.

Please have the gifts at Kutztown Grange by 9:30 a.m. for the Salvation Army pick up. If you miss the pick up time, YOU will then need to get the gift to the Salvation Army.

If you know you will not be at the December meeting by 9:30 a.m., call me (484-697-9134) so either I can pick up the gift or we can make arrangements for another grange member to bring it to Pomona.

Hope to see you all at meeting and stay safe.

YOUTH REPORT by Erica Berger

The Berks County Grange Youth collected monetary donations from the Granges and will be donating to the Wernersville State Hospital.

Thank you to all the Granges who donated.

The Youth will be going to a Reading Royals game in January or February. As I get more information I will spread the word.

VIRGINVILLE BENEFIT HOEDOWN

Virginville Grange is having a benefit hoedown on Saturday, December 17th, music by Days of Old, from 7 to 10pm. Food, drinks and desserts will be for sale before the music starts and during breaks.





POMONA FAMILY ACTIVITIES, Jane Reppert

The Pomona Family Activities donated \$150 to Geissler Tree Farm for "Trees for Troops" and \$25.00 to the Berks County Fair for their Fall Fest this past guarter.

Thank you to the granges and their members who donated baked goods for the Family Activities' bake sale at the Pomona Grange BBQ in September. Also, a 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.

I would like to thank everyone who entered in the Family Activities Contest this year. We had 33 entries in the needle-work/craft contests and 18 entries in the baking contest. This was an increase of 10 entries from 2021. Let's get started early on the 2023 contests and have an increase again next year. I would like to see some entries from each Grange in the county next year. All first place winners were sent to the State Grange judging in October. We had several winners at the State Grange level and are listed below.

Quilt Block – 1st place – Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange

Baby Afghan Crochet – 1st place – Victoria Wagner – Ontelaunee Grange

Baby Afghan Knitted – 2nd place – Sharon Heck – Fleetwood Grange

Embroidery (12" & under) – 1st place – Nettie Kauffman – Ontelaunee Grange

Embroidery (over 12") – 1st place – Gladys Kieffer – Virginville Grange

Cross Stitch (12" & under) – 3rd place – Gladys Kieffer – Virginville Grange

Cross Stitch (over 12") – 2nd place – Gladys Kieffer – Virginville Grange

Counted Cross Stitch (Under 12") – 3rd place – Jane Reppert – Virginville Grange

Counted Cross Stitch (Over 12") – 3rd place – Nettie Kauffman – Ontelaunee Grange

Plastic Canvas – 2nd place – Jane Reppert – Virginville Grange

Jewelry – Necklace – 1st place - Cyndi Wetzel – Virginville Grange

Jewelry – Bracelet – 3rd place – Karen Mohn – Marion Grange

Jewelry – Earrings – 2nd place – Jane Reppert – Virginville Grange

Also the following grange's Family Activities Chairperson received a Certificate of Merit of their Subordinate Report:

Fleetwood Grange – Sharon Heck Gouglersville Grange – Janice Stricker Hamburg Grange – Denise Clare Ontelaunee Grange – Nettie Kauffman

Pioneer Grange – Cindy Schlegel Virginville Grange – Jane Reppert (Also for the Pomona report)

Subordinate Director of the Year award – Jane Reppert

By the time you read this newsletter, I hope your Subordinate Family Activities chairperson received their package from State Grange with the contests for next year. I so have copies of the 2023 contests and will have copies at the December Pomona meeting. Most of the contests are the same, but there are a few new ones.

The new contests are: Tin Punching (2 different sizes) Belts (2 classes - Men's & Women')

Stenciling (4 class – Wood, Slate, Fabric, Glass)

Quite Block – different pattern & colors (continued on page 7)

FAMILY ACTIVITIES (continued)

If you need a Christmas gift for someone, the Pomona Family Activities still have some **150**th **Anniversary Cookbooks.** I will have some at Pomona on December 10th or give me a call (610-562-2647) and we can make arrangements to get it to you.

A special project for the Pomona Family Activities is making "Walker Organizers" and "Preemie Beanies"

(4 sizes). I have patterns for both to crochet. However, if you find your own pattern to crochet, knit, or sewing, you can make that one. The walker organizers will go to nursing homes or member of the grange who could use one and the beanies will go to hospitals.

We will be doing the "Christmas Cookie Exchange" again this year at the December Pomona meeting. 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.



The Pomona Family Activities will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. before the

Pomona Meeting to discuss any projects we want to do and any donations. Please come with new ideas for projects and fundraisers for the coming year.

Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

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.

Christmas To-Do-List: 1. Buy Present. Be Present

- 2. Wrap gifts someone in a hug.
- 3. Send gifts of peace
- 4. Shop for food...donate food.
- 5. Make cookies for somebody to feel loved.
- 6. See the light. Be the lights.

Quote: This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that received anew the wondrous gift, the Christ. (Frank McKibben)

Tips: For ornaments:

When ornaments begin to clip and peel, wash them with ammonia and water to remove the finish entirely, then spray paint them with a glossy enamel. A light coating of hair spray helps keep satin-covered ornaments from unraveling.

Put unbreakable on the bottom of the tree; fragile ones should go on top.

Sew a few small fabric ornaments that can be sprayed with pet repellent. Hang on bottom of tree.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT, by Kenneth Schlegel

WHO'S IN CHARGE!!

It's kind of hard to write this report because our candidates night is after the deadline! So let's look at candidates and their campaigning. According to the President or the organization of 10,000 voters of Pennsylvania, this year of negative ad's is the worst ever! It's bad. I said in my last report, the democratic candidate or party of Pennsylvania, started negative ads the day after the primary. If the republican candidate was that bad, and if the republican candidate did all the things he's being accuse of, maybe the attorney general of PA is not doing his job!

The Grange has always encouraged people to get involved. We want people to vote! Bottom line, I heard many times who do you vote for? They are all bad. Sorry, find a way to get out and vote, it's a privilege!

Over the years, government use threats many times!

Examples 1960 Oil will be gone in 10 years.

1970 Another Ice Age by 1980

1980 Acid rain will destroy all crops in the near future

1990 O-Zone will be destroyed in 10 years

One of the Governor Candidates has stated he wants to remove all greenhouse gas mandates!!

VIRGINVILLE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Fall is finally upon us and that means it's time for our annual Fall Benefit Bingo! We invite you to come out for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at our annual Benefit Bingo on Sunday, November 13th, 2022. The bingo will be benefiting Adrian Barlup who is a community member with medical needs. We will also be having a special canned food game benefiting the "Keystone Military Families" in Shoemakersville. This time our canned food donation will be Thanksgiving related non-perishable items (canned sweet potatoes/yams, canned dried/ sweet corn, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, canned green beans, canned turkey gravy, canned pumpkin pie mix or puree or canned evaporated milk) for this group to give to families in need at the holidays. Please do not bring anything in glass containers. Packages are \$25 each with upgrades and special games available as well. Come early for lunch as doors open at 11:30 a.m. and games will begin at 1:00 p.m. Prizes include Thirty-One bags, Vera Bradley bags, and cash. Keep an eye out in your email or mailbox for a flyer! If you are interested in playing, please contact Denise Clare at 610-562-3876 or David Geschwindt at 610-562-7421 to reserve your seat today.

Additionally, we will continue our Thanksgiving food donation for the Keystone Military Families in Shoemakersville. There is a box at the Virginville Grange Hall to drop off donations until November 16th. If you are interested in donating please see the list below of items needed:

- canned sweet potatoes/yams
- canned dried corn or canned sweet corn
- cranberry sauce
- instant mashed potatoes
- canned green beans
- canned turkey gravy
- canned pumpkin pie mix or pumpkin puree
- canned evaporated milk.



As always, we thank you for your continued support throughout the year! Without your help we wouldn't be able to help so many in the community.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

I also want to highlight some of the happenings from the annual State Session in York. Irvin and I thank Pomona for allowing us to be the delegates for Berks County. It was a successful session where we saw the end of Wayne Campbell as President and the new President, Matthew Espenshade of Lancaster County take the reign of our organization. The 3rd and 4th Degrees of our Order were performed by the Youth Department.

The Exhibit Room displayed the projects from the various departments and I want to congratulate all those winners. Let's look forward to more entries from our county in next year's 150th Anniversary Celebration to be held in Morgantown.

Berks County Grange had submitted four resolutions for action by the delegates. One was adopted (Closing of Assisted Living Facilities – change the 30 day advance notice for finding a new location to 90-day advance notice); two were rejected and one was rejected because of present policy.

Some changes you could see in the future would be an Alternate Pomona Grange Obligation Ceremony as well as the Opening and Closing Ritual for Pomona Granges.

There also was a change in the State Grange By-Laws, Section 1.4.2. The new change is: Twenty percent (20%) of the Community/Subordinate Granges of the State eligible to submit delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting, but lesser number may close the Grange from day to day.

In preparation for the 150th Anniversary celebration in 2023, the Anniversary Committee is seeking names of members who received the Sixth Degree in or before 1973. Special recognition will be observed at the conferral of the Sixth Degree in Morgantown in October 2023. If you are interested in being recognized, and don't know when you had the Sixth Degree, please get in touch with me and I can help you with this task. I must know your information prior to December 1 so I can do some of the research. I would like to see as many Berks County members being recognized next year since this session will be "in our back yard."

With the holidays forthcoming in November and December, Irvin and I would like to wish you all the best in your celebrations with your families. We hope you will also have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

BERKS HEIM by Doris Evans

Greetings from Berks Heim.

Great News! As of Sunday, October 23, 2022, Chaplain Kerry has begun Sunday Church Services. This means volunteers are needed once again to transport our residents to the long awaited gatherings. There will be modified paperwork to fill in when you arrive and I believe masks will be required.

Grangers, in the past, have volunteered to assist the residents to/from the service and there was an on-going schedule listing each granges' involvement. As of this writing, there was only one grange that offered to continue this service. I'm really hoping for more volunteers.

I'm planning to make a schedule for 2023 and get it to each grange late December. If you, your family, your friends, or an organiza-

tion that you belong to, would like to be included on the schedule, please give me a call. You don't need to be listed monthly, or even bimonthly. Perhaps twice a year you can get a group of 4-6 people to gather at the Heim at 2 p.m. to begin transporting residents to the Chapel for the 2:30 p.m. service. And then return them to their units after the service, approximately 3:15 p.m. This would be GREATLY appreciated by the residents, the Chaplain, and the staff.

What a wonderful way to show love and kindness to others. Good exercise, too. Please consider calling Doris Evans, 484-332-1136 and say "I'd love to help our elderly residents at Berks Heim. Put me on the schedule."

Thank you.



CONTEST CORNER

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

NAME _____ GRANGE _____

Merry Christmas! By the time you get this Christmas will be less than 2 months away. How much Christmas trivia do you know?

- 1. What Christmas ballet is the most famous of all? Rudolph's Surprise The Nutcracker Mr. & Mrs. Claus Frosty Goes to New York
- 2. Where was Mommy kissing Santa Claus? On the corner in the bedroom under the mistletoe in a dark alley
- 3. Who wrote the song "Here Comes Santa Claus"? Michael Jackson Gene Autry Percy Douglas Leroy Jones
- 4. What does Alvin want for Christmas? An iPod a bottle of rum a hula hoop a new car
- 5. What should little children leave out for Santa on Christmas Eve? Cookies and milk a bottle of wine chewing gum cheddar cheese
- 6. What is Frosty the Snowman's nose made of? A carrot a potato a button a rock
- 7. Who is Ebenezer? The milk man the 23rd president the Scrooge Mrs. Claus's secret friend
- 8. What color is the Grinch? Green blue white black
- 9. Which reindeer's name starts with a "B"? Bart Burt Bodog Blitzen
- 10. Which reindeer does not belong below? Dancer Comet Roger Dasher
- 11. What kind of Christmas is Bing Crosby dreaming of? Warm snowy white dark
- 12. What reindeer's name begins with a V? Vilnius Verdi Vera Vixen
- 13. All I want for Christmas is my...? Own big house two front teeth little brown dog friend Leroy Jones
- 14. What should you do under a mistletoe? Give a hug empty your pockets give a kiss spin around one time

Winner of last Contest Corner: Jane Reppert

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