

# POMONA ECHO

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43

AUGUST 2019

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** By Andrew Kieffer

The location for the September Pomona meeting has not yet been finalized. I am hoping to know by the end of July and will notify the subordinate Masters as soon as I can. Marion Grange is currently in the process of selling its hall and while they expect to have access in September to the building, many of the contents may have been sold by that time. While it is disappointing that one of our local granges is selling its hall, I am hopeful that they will continue on in a new location.

The selling of Marion Grange's hall, along with some plumbing issues at Ontelaunee, should be a reminder to us all that we should not take our buildings for granted. Whether it be our homes, churches or Grange buildings, if we are not careful, maintenance costs could soon be overwhelming. The National Grange recently published a check list that lists the many systems and structures that should be monitored. If your Grange has not done so, I encourage your building committee to utilize this tool.

The Pomona sale is soon here and I look forward to seeing many of you volunteering for check-in, day of or cleanup tasks. This is our main fundraiser and is only successful if everyone supports in their own way. See you there.

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## **CONSIGNMENT SALE—August 24, 2019**

***Please volunteer!*** Help needed clerking, runners, holding up items for the auctioneers, office help, all food stands, out in the field to help load items, and then Monday for clean up. We are also selling 50/50 raffle tickets.

Pomona food stand will be serving breakfast then switch over to lunch items.

Remember to sign in at the Consignment Sale or at any of the work nights.

Household items will be accepted Thursday and Friday, noon till 7:30 p.m.

Farm equipment and lawn & garden items will be accepted Thursday, noon till 7:30 p.m. and then Friday 10 a.m. till 7:30 p.m.

Quality titled vehicles can be sold. \$20 cash security deposit will be required per titled vehicle—ATV's, trailers, passenger vehicles, trucks —refundable IF SOLD.

Please go on the county website ([berkscountygrange.org](http://berkscountygrange.org)) for more information, contact people, flyer that you can post throughout the county, etc.

### **SPECIAL INTERST:**

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# Berks County Junior Grange News

## Berks County Junior Grange Royalty 2019—2020

Samantha Davis—Mini Princess & Justin Dusko—Mini Prince

Cathlene Moatz—Princess and Brayden Heckman—Prince

Mini-Princess Runners Up—Chloe Shealer, Lillian Dusko, Lila Samsel, and Carisa Schaeffer

Mini-Prince Runners Up—Connor Servin, Nolan Fayewicz, Clayton Davis, and Travis Riegel

Princess Runners Up— Sarah Berger, Rebecca Berger, Cadence Tempel, and Alexa Davis

Prince Runners Up—Owen Schlegel, Logan Eisenhower, Tyler Davis, and Jaxon Seidel

High Test Scores—Cathlene Moatz, Tyler Davis, Samantha Davis, Chloe Shealer, and Clayton Davis

**THANK-YOU!**...to anyone that dined at Texas Roadhouse in June. We received \$130!

Keep a look out for our upcoming fundraisers.

## Upcoming Junior Events

- \* Pomona Sale 8/24 -Volunteers needed for ice-cream stand
- \* NO September Pomona Activity
- \* September 21- Fall Event in the evening, all are welcome. Details to be announced soon!
- \* Bowling—November 24 at 1:30 at Heisters
- \* NO December Pomona Activity
- \* March 14, 2020—Applebees Flapjacks Fundraiser at Wyomissing Applebees 8-10am. Contact Gail for tickets. \$8 per ticket (all you can eat pancakes and sausage)

## County Camp Recap

We had 46 Weekend Campers

3 Day Campers

29 Staff, Counselors, and Helpers

3 Honored Guests (Wayne and Debbie Campbell and Jodi Kensinger)

## Walk-A-Thon Most Lap Winners

Rebecca Berger

Eli Blatt

Coy Koller

Chloe Shealer

Juniors totaled over 1,000 laps altogether. Thank you Ontelaunee for letting us use your hall for our annual camp

## Berks Juniors in State Junior Camp News

**Avery Tworkoski and Peter**

**Rohrbach** made court for state princess and prince!

**Jacob Schroeder and Grace Tempel**

received the High Ritual Test Award for their respective age group.

**Connor Servin and Peter Rohrbach**

won the Camp Superlative Award for their age group. Congrats to all!

Berks County had 23 juniors in attendance, and 4 of them were first timers!

We also had 15 week-long staff grangers present!

**Next Junior Team Meeting:** Our next team meeting is October 7, 7pm at Ontelaunee! All are welcome!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

by Carlene Kleckner, 610-462-9699

Hi everybody. Hope you are all having a great summer. Thank you to everyone that donated food and diapers at the June meeting. We will be donating items to SAFE BERKS for the September meeting. In addition, please continue bringing those diapers.

**Safe Berks** can use: shampoo, body wash, bar soap, wash cloths, towels, canned food, box food and deodorant. Please try to bring at least one item.

I will also be hanging out the Angel Tree tags. So, if you want one and can't make the meeting, please call me.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT by Kenneth Schlegel

Anyone who missed the Legislative Banquet, not only missed a good meal, but a very informative event. Our County Controller tells us the Berks County retirement fund has always been balanced - not like the state's which is millions of dollars in debt. Our Coroner, who says he doesn't do friends, has many unclaimed bodies maybe 70 - 80. But don't worry they put them in urns and then on a shelf in his office, so he has plenty of company. For the last 5 years the Gov. has wanted an extraction tax on PA oil and gas. Our legislators say he can have one not two taxes! Our elected officials claim that drilling tax goes to local governments and an extraction tax would go in the state treasury.

Other Stuff - I guess we have a Presidential race starting with 20 democratic candidates, interesting. I guess Mr. Trump is making it look too easy and he can still fly down to his club every weekend.

More stuff - The democrats keep trying to get a hold of the Mueller Report. Reports claim they think the Americans are kind of stupid and need the report explained to them or explained to them in the democratic language!!

## YOUTH REPORT by Robert Beamon

This quarter, the youth attended State youth camp at Camp Sylvan Hills. The theme was European Adventure. We "traveled" around Europe through cuisine, games, and souvenirs from camp attendees. The weekend included Foreign language bingo, a spoons tournament, and a build your own kite workshop. A great time was had by all who attended.

The new Pennsylvania Youth Ambassadors are Josh Mengel of Fleetwood Grange, Berks County and Isabella Boone of Baileyville Grange, Centre County.

The PA State Grange Youth will also be looking for members to serve as Youth Officers at State Session in State College, October 25-27. If interested contact State Youth Director Ellen Wadsworth to obtain an application.



## WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Pomona Grange Youth will be accepting donations from the Subordinate Granges for this worthwhile project. Please bring your donation to the **September Pomona meeting or mail by September 7th** to Berks County Grange Youth, c/o Robert Beamon, 230 Chestnut Street, Lebanon, PA 17042. Checks should be made payable to BERKS COUNTY GRANGE YOUTH, the memo line should indicate "Wernersville Hospital Project". Donations should be mailed to Robert so that the Youth can go shopping for the Christmas gifts.

Post cards have also been mailed to all Subordinate Presidents.

Thank you in advance for any contribution your Grange can give.

## ATTENTION—DELEGATES TO STATE SESSION!

At the October 21, 2019, County Officer/Department Chair meeting, resolutions will be reviewed for the Annual State Session. Delegates going to the State Session are ENCOURAGED to be in attendance at this meeting so the resolutions can be discussed and, therefore, the delegates will have better knowledge when it comes time to vote. Your attendance is greatly appreciated. MARK YOUR CALENDAR for October 21, Ontelaunee Grange, **7:45 p.m.**

## JUNE POMONA MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights from the June 2019 Pomona meeting held at Zion Lutheran Church on behalf of Hamburg Grange. Remember, we encourage you to be in attendance so you can hear the news first hand and have a say in what Pomona can/should do.

- ◆ Appreciation Banquet 2020 will be held in January with a snow date of March Pomona, banquet lunch at 1 p.m. Motion carried.
- ◆ Attendance: 13 Brothers, 20 Sisters, 2 Juniors, 2 Mini-juniors. Total of 41
- ◆ Membership: 1,050
- ◆ Pomona Grange will not submit a fair ad this year. Motion carried.
- ◆ Total sponsorship to the Reading Fair will be \$1,500
- ◆ Kutztown Fair display numbers: Pomona—booth #1; Kutztown, #2; Hamburg, #3; Fleetwood, #4. Fleetwood Juniors are the only Junior display.
- ◆ Donated \$100 to PA State Grange Deaf & Community Service appeal.
- ◆ Donated \$100 to the Zumba event hosted by Ashley Mohn for the Young Dairy Leaders Institute.
- ◆ Steve Mohn will bid on behalf of the Pomona Grange at the 4-H round up. \$500 maximum to the 2019 auction and all future auctions—motion approved.
- ◆ Pomona Grange shirt order forms were distributed. If you still want to order a shirt, contact Jennifer Beamon for details.
- ◆ Denise Clare and Derek Schroeder will be the 2019 Pomona Grange State Session delegates.
- ◆ Pomona President, Treasurer, and Executive Committee members will make decision on new insurance company for Pomona.
- ◆ Michael Adams, Executive Committee; Anna Heffner, Finance Committee—they will be installed at September Pomona
- ◆ Boundary and Non-Boundary Schools resolution was amended and approved.
- ◆ False Accusers to be Punished resolution was amended and then approved.
- ◆ Literary Program: AMERICA SAYS!
- ◆ Door Prizes were awarded

### VIRGINVILLE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE

In June, we held our annual Chicken BBQ and it was very successful. We were able to sell approximately 900 chicken dinners. Two individuals, Amy Bennicoff and Alex Moyer were the recipients of the BBQ. Both have ongoing medical concerns. Thank you to everyone who helped make the BBQ a success! We couldn't do it without all of your help whether you are selling tickets, donating baked goods, or helping out the day of the BBQ.

Come out for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at our annual Benefit Bingo on Sunday, November 10th, 2019. A recipient has yet to be determined. Packages are \$20 each with upgrades and special games available as well. Come early for lunch as doors open at 11:00 a.m. Games will begin at 1:00 p.m. Prizes include Thirty-One bags and cash. Keep an eye out in your email or mailbox for a flyer!

We are always looking for the names of individuals or groups that could benefit from help. Please do not hesitate to contact any committee member with suggestions of individuals or groups needing help.



## PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Nettie Kauffman – 610-926-5389

This past quarter has been a busy one for me and I am a bit behind in getting information out to the Subordinate Granges. I do appreciate those Program Coordinators who have forwarded program suggestions to me so I can compile a listing to forward to all the Subordinate Program Coordinators.

It is the time of the year to emphasize participation in the Program Coordinator's contests. The Program Coordinator should complete the Yearly Subordinate Lecturer's Form and if you held a Community Night (Open House) program. This form was sent to your Secretary for distribution to you. The completion of the Lecturer's Form provides our State Program Coordinator with knowledge to move forward for another year. Even though you might not have done everything listed on the form, you can provide ideas, comments or suggestions for next year. The deadline for this form is September 15. If you plan on submitting a scrapbook, the deadline is also September 15.

The various craft, art and photography contests are:

Container Pot Decorating (Maximum Size: 8 inches and empty – 3 Categories: Funny, Pretty, and Grange Theme.

Tissue Box Covers – 3 Categories: Holiday/Seasonal, Most Creative, and Grange Theme. For each category, create tissue box covers from fabric, card stock, or yarn.

Craft Stick Art (New) – Maximum Size: 6: L x 6" W (no height limit) – 3 Categories: Prettiest, Funniest, and Most Creative.

Wreaths – Maximum Size: 18" in diameter – 3 Categories: Holiday, Pretty, Grange Theme

**Both Juniors and Subordinate members may enter in the above contests.**

My Favorite Anything – Maximum Size: 2' x 2' x 2'. There are 4 categories: Wood, Plastic, Material/Yarn, and Miscellaneous.

**Art** – There are four categories in this area: Nature, Animals, Abstract, People, and Street Art/Graffiti on canvas.

**Photography** – Pennsylvania-My Home (scenes, sights & people from PA), Sunrise/Sunset, Pets/Animals, Plants (trees, shrubs, flowers) and Churches.

**Miscellaneous Photos** – Digitally enhanced photography, Photo Collage, Photo Gallery/Slide Show/Story Board.

**Pen In Hand** – There are 3 topics: Poetry (300 words max), Short Story (1,500 words max), and Read a Book (500 words max). These entries must be original work of person submitting the writing. The State Lecturer must receive the Pen In Hand entries by September 15. The writing must be typed, space and a half or double spaced, on 8-1/2" x 11" unlined paper. All the rules and detailed information on the above contests can be found in the Guide to Contests 2018-2019 which was mailed to the Subordinate Secretary. You can also obtain the information from the PA State Grange web-site. Any questions, please give me a call at the above number.

Our program for the September 7 County meeting will revolve around special days in September. One of these is Teddy Bear Day. I'm requesting members to bring in a Teddy Bear (if you have one from your childhood days, or collect them) for a display at the meeting.

## **2021 STATE SESSION** by Michael Adams

**If you haven't heard, Berks County along with Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Montgomery counties will be hosting the 2021 State Session.** I will be keeping our Pomona informed concerning the 2021 State Grange session.

**The session will be held at the Valley Forge Convention Center in Valley Forge, PA.** The dates for the session will be October 14-17, 2021.

**The next meeting, will be Sunday, September 22, 2019 at the Gouglersville Grange at 2:30PM.** I'm hoping that there is a representative from every Grange in Berks County Grange to attend the meeting.

If you haven't done so, please send your financial contribution to Henry Seidel to support the session. It was suggested that our Pomona will provide \$2750 to start, and each Grange is being requested to donate \$1/member or more at this time. **Each Grange only needs to provide \$250.** Once we see what each Grange will provide, we will be looking for suggestions to do fundraisers as a Pomona Grange.

**Also, we are encouraging members, businesses, or other organizations to donate to help make our 2021 session a success!** If you have any questions, suggestions, or want more info, please contact Michael Adams at 610-562-5933 or [mjad-ams141@gmail.com](mailto:mjad-ams141@gmail.com).



## BERKS COUNTY JUNIOR GRANGE ROYALTY 2019-2020



Hi, my name is Cathlene Moatz. I am the daughter of Mike and Pam Moatz. I am a member of the Virginville Junior Grange. I am 14 years old and attend Kutztown Middle School. My activities include: Berks County 4H swine club; Kutztown FFA, where I recently earned my Greenhand Degree and also do Creed speaking. I will be starting my 10th year of dance this coming fall at The Performing Arts Center in the Lehigh Valley, where I am in both lyrical and acro classes. My hobbies include: showing my market and gilt pigs at the local fairs and the PA Farm Show; Civil War re-enacting and archery. I am looking forward to this year, serving as the Berks County Grange Junior Princess.

Hi, I'm Brayden Heckman. I go to Virginville Junior Grange and I'm the Berks County Jr. Grange 2019-2020 Prince. I'm in 7th grade at Hamburg Area Middle School. I do Track and Field in school, I play the bells in band, and I play in the Jazz band. I also play the piano, and like to build things in and outside of school.



Hi, My name is Sam Davis and I was just recently chosen as the Jr Grange Mini-Princess. I go to Ontelaunee Jr Grange and attend Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, where I'm a cheerleader and play softball. I have lots of pets including 3 brothers. I look forward to having lots of fun this year representing Berks County Jr Grange as the Mini-Princess.

Hi, I'm Justin Dusko the new Berks County Mini Prince. I'm 8 years old and I live in Shoemakersville. I am in 2nd grade at Perry Elementary in Hamburg Area School District. I live with my parents, Jason and Nancy Dusko, and my sister, Lillian. I like to play baseball. My favorite position is catcher. When I can't find anything else to do, I read. I enjoyed all of the activities at County camp this year but my favorite was life size foosball. I am excited to be Mini Prince this year and I am looking forward to getting to go to some Subordinate Grange meetings.



## **BERKS HEIM NEWS** by Doris Evans

The Berks Heim Volunteer Service Board is working hard to organize the 2019 Heim Fest to be held on Saturday, September 14, 11AM to 4 PM. This is the BIG event of the year at the Heim. Many volunteers are needed and thankfully many grangers help and do not disappoint. Talent is needed to entertain on the units and in the auditorium. This is a GREAT day for all the residents. Please support this event.

First way to help: Buy a raffle ticket. Lots of prizes are awarded and you do not need to be present to win. Tickets will be available at the Pomona meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Second way: Three granges provide 10 Shoe Fly pies for the baked good stand. This year the three granges are Ontelaunee, Marion, and Kutztown.

Third way: Volunteer to provide entertainment. Call or text me (#s below) if you are able to serve in this manner.

Fourth way: Come to the Fest and support the Heim VSB and the elderly folks in Berks County.

The transport schedule is:

August 4 ..... Pioneer Grange  
August 11 ..... Fleetwood Grange  
August 18 ..... Marion Grange  
August 25 ..... Ontelaunee Grange  
September 1 ..... Virginville Grange  
September 8 ..... Pioneer Grange  
September 15 ..... Hamburg Grange  
September 22 ..... Fleetwood Grange  
October 6 ..... Kutztown Grange  
October 13 ..... Fleetwood Grange  
October 20 ..... Ontelaunee Grange  
October 27 ..... Virginville Grange

Thank you to Anna Heffner for volunteering to participate on the Volunteer Service Board representing Pomona Grange along with myself. No one can replace Paul and Dorothy Miller but we do our best! Anna jumped right in and attends the meetings and has helped with various events. She will be an asset. Thank you, Anna.

Although the above granges are primarily responsible for the date listed, if you are sitting at home, in the heat, come to Berks Heim it's air conditioned and you can help to brighten the day of many residents.

## **CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER—HAMBURG GRANGE**

Hamburg Grange will hold an "All You Can Eat" Chicken Pot Pie Dinner on Saturday, September 21, 2019, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Hamburg High School, Windsor Street. Tickets are \$9 for adults (ages 9 and up); \$5 for children (ages 3-8), and FREE for children 2 and under.

We will be collecting canned food items for the local food pantries.



## **ALL GRANGER PICNIC**

A big THANK YOU to all who supplied items for the picnic so that it ran smoothly. I would like to also thank everyone who came out to the picnic and enjoyed great food, fun and fellowship with fellow grangers.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST-OCTOBER 2019

August 4—10 Reading Fair

August 12—17 Kutztown Fair

August 12—17 Virginville Grange will be serving breakfast at Kutztown Fair, 7 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. \*

August 19 Pre-Quarterly Meeting @Marion Grange, 7 p.m. Baking contest judging will be held this evening.

August 22-23 Receive Consignment Items

August 24 Consignment Auction, 8:30 a.m. till ?

August 26 & 27 Post-auction Work Night, 7 p.m. @Ontelaunee Grange

September 2 LABOR DAY

September 7 Pomona Meeting @Marion Grange, 9:30 a.m. - PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED/CHECK WITH YOUR GRANGE MASTER!

September 9 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo\*\*

September 9 Pioneer Grange Ham & Cheese/Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale, \$3.50\*\*\*

September 14 Heim Fest, 11 a.m.—4 p.m.

September 21 Hamburg Grange Chicken Pot-Pie Dinner (see article for details)

September 21 Junior Fall Event—TO BE ANNOUNCED

September 22 State Session 2021 Meeting @Gouglersville Grange, 2:30 p.m.

September 28 Kutztown Grange Pot Pie Dinner, 4—7 p.m. Adults \$10; children \$5

October 6 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.

October 7 Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.

October 7 Pioneer Grange Italian Hoagie Sale, \$5\*\*\*

October 14 Post Auction Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.

October 14 COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED

October 14 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo\*\*

October 17 ECHO Deadline

October 21 County Officer & Department Chair Meeting, 7 p.m. RESOLUTIONS WILL BE REVIEWED FOR ANNUAL STATE SESSION.

Delegates are requested to attend for the review, 7:45 p.m.

October 25-27 PA State Session, State College

October 25-26 Junior Jam in State College

October 30 Legislative/Agricultural Meeting @Ag Center, 7:30 p.m.

October 31 HALLOWEEN

November 3 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.

November 3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

November 4 Collate ECHO @Ontelaunee Grange, 3:15 p.m. (Ontelaunee & Geigertown to assist)

November 4 Pioneer Grange Ham & Cheese/Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale, \$3.50\*\*\*

November 5 ELECTION DAY

November 10 Virginville Grange Benefit Bingo (see article for details)

November 11 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo\*\*

November 11 VETERAN'S DAY



\*Virginville Grange at Kutztown Fairgrounds: You can eat there or take out. There is no admission charge to enter the fairgrounds during the time breakfast is being served.

\*\*Kutztown Grange: Starts @6:45 p.m. Doors open @5:30 p.m. 25 games. Hot dog, soda and door prize included with \$20 ticket. Specials are extra. Call Darlene for tickets, 610-683-7975

\*\*\*Pickup at Pioneer Grange hall from 3—5 p.m. Call orders to Tammy at 610-463-7213 by Sept. 1 (for Sept. 9 date), by Sept. 29 (for Oct 7 date); and by Oct. 27 (for Nov. 4 date)



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES and POMONA SALE

Nettie Kauffman and Marie Schaeffer

Time is rapidly approaching for our summertime events and getting ready for various State Session activities. First, and foremost, is our fundraiser for the county – the Pomona Grange Sale. This activity supports the Family Activities treasury in order to provide prize monies for the various contests as well as donations to worthwhile non-profit organizations.

We're asking each Subordinate Grange to support these efforts by coming out and helping in the food stand on August 24. This help is needed early morning, mid-day and for clean-up after the sale. If you can't make it in the morning, the afternoon help will replace some of those who worked the morning shift and need relief.

We are requesting four (4) pastry items from each Grange. **PLEASE, no custard type pastry.** The following Granges are to supply one (1) gallon of vegetable soup for the sale: Marion, Ontelaunee and Pioneer.

Our next events for the county will be the Baking Contest and Needlework Contest. The Baking Contest (Cherry Pie, Chocolate Chip Cookies and Haystack Candy) will be held at the Pre-Quarterly meeting on August 19 at Marion Grange (location is indicated elsewhere in the ECHO). Please have your Subordinate first place winner in each class at this pre-quarterly meeting. The Needlework Contest will be held at the regular county meeting on September 7 at Marion Grange (location is indicated elsewhere in the ECHO). Please have all your needlework and craft entries in the Family Activities Department at the meeting by 9:30 a.m. so we can proceed to organize the items for judging. Prizes will be awarded in all of the categories in the Baking and Needlework/Craft as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$15; 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$12 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$10. Keep in mind that you do not need to have a Subordinate elimination in the Needlework and Craft items.

September 14 is the Berks Heim Fest and the following Subordinate Granges must supply 10 shoo-fly pies for this event – Bernville, Fleetwood, Geigertown.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nettie Kauffman at 610-926-5389.

## NEW ENGLAND STATES TOUR COMMITTEE REPORT

Marie & Richard Schaeffer and Nettie & Irvin Kauffman

A group of 32 individuals traveled to the New England States area on July 7 – 12 and had an enjoyable time. As we traveled approximately 1,470 miles the entertainment on the bus was created by all 32 passengers. Laughter, needlework projects completed, reading, games on I-pads, and sleeping were accomplished by those who traveled.

The group was received in the states of Vermont and New Hampshire by sunshine and low humidity. Our day in Maine presented some misty and foggy weather, but that did not dampen the spirits of the travelers. The only disappointing activity on this trip was the "Moose Tour" in New Hampshire. We had a very pleasant change in our itinerary on Thursday when our scenic Lighthouse Lovers Cruise was cancelled due to the foggy weather. It was substituted with a trolley ride around the city of Portland with a very knowledgeable guide.

All in all, the comments from those who went on this trip indicated a very positive and well-planned trip. Stay tuned, as we don't know what will take place for next year.

## AGRICULTURAL REPORT by Doug Sattazahn

It's the time of year where you actually need to stop at stop signs again because the corn is so tall. Speaking of corn, the USDA's recent acreage reports are very optimistic on how much has been planted (over 91 million acres).

This is after reports last month indicated corn acreage would be way down this year, resulting in corn prices spiking.



Growers from the northeast to the central plains have experienced extremely wet conditions again this year. Many acres have been enrolled in 'Prevent Plant' where farmers can't even plant a crop due to wet soil. Most agree that USDA has over-estimated how many acres have actually been planted, resulting in lower market prices for corn. Still, some experts say to just ignore USDA reports as the markets will correct themselves when the crop is harvested. Let's hope for more normal weather in the weeks leading up to harvest.

# CONTEST CORNER

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRANGE \_\_\_\_\_

What familiar sayings do these letter puzzles represent?

DOft.OR \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ GO \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan. 1 Jan. 1

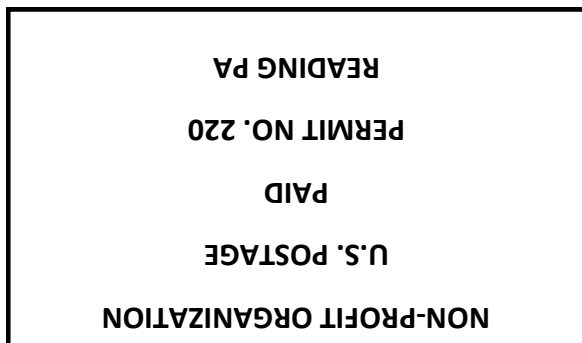
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HIS.TORY \_\_\_\_\_

LOOKUEYE \_\_\_\_\_

Answers from last issue: 1)Charles; 2) Gomez; 3) Ward; 4) Mike; 5) Andy; 6) Homer; 7) Danny; and 8) Atticus.  
Congratulations to the winner, Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange)



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c/o Fern E Kulp  
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED