

POMONA ECHO

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43

MAY 2022

COMMENTS FROM YOUR COUNTY GRANGE PRESIDENT

Nettie A. Kauffman

This quarter's newsletter had me stumped on what to write to our membership. I then picked up my National Grange quarterly publication and read the National Grange theme for 2021-2023 which is RAISED RIGHT HERE.

Raised Right Here in the Grange organization can have a lot of meaning to each of us. Let's expand on each of the words as it possibly relates to your Grange experiences.

RAISED – Did you start your experiences in the Grange as a Junior member? For many of us, this was the case. But a lot of the membership did not have this opportunity and joined when they were older (14 and up). Whatever age when you became a member of the Grange, you were educated in the aspects of what the Grange can provide for oneself or for the local community at large. Members are trained in its ritual work, the meanings of its signs used within the meetings, and to aspects of helping others through community service work.

RIGHT – Throughout ones Grange experience we have the morals of doing things in the proper manner and following rules and regulations – not only with Grange issues, but in our everyday lives within our communities. Being law-abiding citizens and helping our communities is the right thing to do.

HERE – This being your local, county or state Grange and to become involved with its programs, issues, activities, educational events as well as getting to know others. This can also mean getting to know your local community and seeing what kind of an impact you can make.

When looking back on my up-bringing, was the Raised Right Here theme appropriate for me? I would say YES. My parents raised me to be the best person I could be - even though there were times when we did not always agree. The Grange experiences I have had over the many years as a member have given me the educational values, leadership qualities, helping others, following guidelines and gaining many friendships throughout the years.

I think I have been Raised Right Here throughout my Grange experiences.

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Berks County Junior Grange News

Coronation Time Change

We apologize for the later notice, but coronation will be held at **1:30pm** this year, Sunday, May 15, 2022

Junior Volunteers over 18:

Clearances must be submitted to the state in order to support at junior events including county and state camp!

Knoebels

Thursday, June 16

Pavilion H

Lunch and Dinner: 11:15 and 4:30

Park open: 12-8

Food sign up: Can be found below and on the Berks Junior Facebook Page- Knoebels event invite. Reach out to Derek Schroeder if you are not able to access the link on the Facebook group :

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ba8a723a2ffc34-berks1>

June Pomona Junior Activity

Tentatively, the Juniors will be going to Dreibelbis Farm – Please RSVP on Facebook invite so we have an approximate number of attendees.

2022 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:

- ◇ County Camp (May 13-15, Camp Swatara)
- ◇ June Pomona (Virginville)
- ◇ Knoebels (June 16)
- ◇ State Camp (June 26-July 2, Camp Sylvan Hills)
- ◇ Swim Party (July 9, 6-9pm, Shoey Pool)
- ◇ September Pomona (Fleetwood)
- ◇ Fall Activity Mini Golf TBD (September 24, 6pm)
- ◇ Bowling (Nov. 27, time tentative 1:30, place TBD)

Swim Party

Shoemakersville Pool

Saturday, July 9 from 6-9pm

Dinner to be served at 6:30pm

Bring a side or dessert to share

Hot Dogs and Drinks to be provided

Join us for our next Junior Team Meeting: **July 18** at 7pm – this date is different than the calendar

Walk-a-Thon

Current total for Walk-a-Thon is over \$4000 with some lingering checks coming in. THANK YOU to all of the juniors for their fundraising efforts and to all of those that donated this year. **769 laps** were walked during the half hour block (not including parents or mini juniors who participated as well). The juniors with the most laps will be announced at camp.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY—JULY 2022

REMEMBER, ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE KEEP CHECKING THE WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK FOR CANCELLATIONS OR DATE CHANGES.

May 8 MOTHER'S DAY Virginville Grange All You Can Eat Buffet (see article elsewhere in newsletter for details)
 May 9 County Officers & Departmental Chair Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.
 May 11 AG & Legislative Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7:30 p.m.
 May 13—15 Berks County Junior Camp @Camp Swatara; Coronation, Sunday 1:30 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE!)
 May 17 Primary Election
 May 23 Pre-Quarterly Meeting @Virginville, 7 p.m.
 June 4 County Meeting @Virginville, 9:30 a.m. /Junior activity planned—see page 2 for further details
 June 4 Haus/Game Night, Bernville Grange, 7:30 p.m. ALL WELCOME!
 June 6 Pioneer Grange Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale*
 June 14 FLAG DAY
 June 16 Knoebel's; lunch at 11:15 a.m.; dinner at 4:30 p.m. (see junior page 2 for further details)
 June 19 FATHER'S DAY
 June 21 First Day of Summer
 June 24—26 PA State Grange Youth Camp @Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA
 June 26—July 2 PA State Junior Grange Camp @Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA
 July 2—9 Kutztown Folk Festival
 July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
 July 9 Swim Party @Shoey Pool, 6 p.m.—9 p.m. (see junior page 2 and Madeline's article for further details)
 July 10—15 Berks County Fair
 July 14-17 Family Festival @Centre County Fairgrounds
 July 15 ECHO deadline
 July 18 Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m. (NOTE DATE CHANGE, not the 5TH)
 July 31—August 6 Schuylkill County Fair
 August 1 Collate ECHO @Ontelaunee, 3:15 p.m. (Fleetwood assists)
 August 1: Pioneer Grange Italian Hoagie Sale**

*Pioneer: \$4 per sandwich. Pickup at the grange hall from 3—5 p.m. Call orders to Tammy at 610-463-7213 by May 29th

**Pioneer: \$5 per sandwich. Pickup at the grange hall from 3—5 p.m. Call orders to Tammy at 610-463-7213 by July 24.

SUGGESTION OF OFFICERS 2022-2024 (Election to be held at the June Pomona meeting)

President: Nettie Kauffman	Vice President: Robert Kleckner, III
Program Coordinator: Open	Steward: Denise Clare
Ass't Steward: Robert Beamon	Lady Ass't Steward: Linda Stewart
Chaplain: Open	Treasurer: Jake Mengel
Secretary: Jennifer Beamon	Gatekeeper: Richard Kieffer
Ceres: Open	Pomona: Open
Flora: Erica Berger	Ex. Committee: Walter Ernst
Finance Committee: Anna Heffner	

FAMILY ACTIVITIES by Jane Reppert

With the warm weather upon us, we see many changes in the outdoors. We see the grass getting greener, flowers of many colors blooming, trees getting their leaves, and more outdoor work. This is God's promise to us with new life.

During the winter months, I hope you were working on your entry for the Family Activities Contest. There is something for everyone. I would like to see each grange in Berks County have an entry in the contest and those who had entries last year to increase their entries. So, you can make it happen by working on an entry for your Subordinate Grange. If you still need complete contests and rules, you can contact your Subordinate Grange Family Activities chairperson or go on the PA State Grange website under Departments (at top) – Family Activities- Guide to Contest (on left side), or you can contact me.

There is a correction and notes to the Family Activities contest rules:

1. Under Jewelry, it should read: "Jewelry can be made with everything that is listed".

2. For the "Apple Dumplings" you only need one dumpling for the contest.

3. For the "Quilt Square" you can make more than one if you wish for the State Committee, because the committee does not get enough squares for the quilt they make, but must choose which one you want to be judged in the contest.

The date for the 2022 Family Activities Contest Pomona baking and needlework/craft judging will be September 10, 2022 at the Pomona meeting being held at Fleetwood Grange. Please read and follow the rules for the contests, because I don't want you to make something and it has to be disqualified because of wrong size or not following the rules. If you have any questions about a rule, please contact me.

Thank you to the members that donated Christmas cards at the March Pomona Meeting. They will be mailed to St. Jude's. If you still have cards, you can bring them to the June Pomona meeting.

A special project for the PA State Grange Family Activities Committee is collecting items for Centre Cares, which are to be taken to the Family Festival in July. I am asking everyone to bring at least one item along to our June Pomona meeting on June 4, 2022, at Virginville Grange. I will make arrangements to see that the items get to the Family Festival. This is a list of the items that are being collected:

Soap	Canned Goods
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes	Dry Goods
Washcloths/Towels	Paper Towels
Shampoo/Conditioner	Dish Liquid
Shaving Crème	Detergent

The State Grange Family Activities committee has a raffle drawing every year for a quilt made from the quilt blocks contest entries from a previous year and many other prizes. Tickets are \$1.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please see your Subordinate Grange chairperson or attend Pomona and I will have some. If you are interested in purchasing some tickets and cannot attend Pomona, you can contact me.

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Berks County Pomona Grange is holding a Chicken BBQ Dinner on Sunday, September 4th, 2022. The Pomona Family Activities Committee is planning to sell baked goods and pepper cabbage at the BBQ for a fundraiser. We need volunteers to help on the day of the event. We are asking each grange to donate 4 or 5 baked goods (pies or cakes). We will have more information after the pre-Pomona meeting.

If you plan to attend the Pre-Pomona meeting on May 23, 2022, we will be working on knotted fleece blankets as a community service project. The blankets will be donated when they are finished.

The past quarter the Pomona Family Activities donated \$25.00 to the Berks County Fair bingo and \$100.00 to each public library in Berks County.

I hope everyone is staying healthy and that we can get back to some kind of normal life again.

Quotes: Spring is far more than just a changing of seasons; it's a rebirth of the spirit. (Toni Sorenson)

A hug is a great gift, one size fits all. It's easy to exchange.

VIRGINVILLE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE

As the days get longer and the flowers begin to bloom we hope everyone is starting to get spring fever and finding some time to enjoy the beautiful weather! Our committee has been busy and we were able to hold our benefit bingo in March. We were able to help Abigail Geschwindt and Mary Schaeffer who are two local community members battling cancer. Thank you to everyone who came out to play, helped with the bingo, or made baked goods to sell. Additionally, 440 canned goods were collected and delivered to the Keystone Military Families in Shoemakersville.

The community service committee will, once again, be holding a drive-thru fundraising event. We will be celebrating "Dairy Month" and will have food and sweets available for you to purchase. Orders are due by **Monday, May 23rd**. You can place your order by contacting Courtney Gougler (610-914-5242)/bcbgougler@gmail.com. When ordering, please provide your name, contact number, and what sweets you will be purchasing. Payment can be made at pick-up. We look forward to seeing you!

When: Sunday, June 5th, 2022

Time: 11- 2 p.m.

Where: Virginville Grange Hall (Main Street, Virginville, PA 19564)

What: Krispy Kreme Donuts (dozen) - \$9.00

Farm Show Milkshakes (vanilla, chocolate, twist) 16oz - \$5.00

Pork BBQ Meal (1/3 pound pulled pork sandwich with roll, bbq sauce, chips, & applesauce) - \$9.00

As always, please let us know of any groups or individuals that could benefit from our help.

POMONA LOTTERY CALENDAR

Due to circumstance beyond our control, we had trouble getting the permit numbers, we were not able to do the lottery calendar for March-April 2022. It was discussed and decided at the March Pomona meeting that we should do a Pomona Lottery Calendar for the months of September and October in 2022. We will attempt to get back on track for the lottery calendar in 2023 for March and April.

We will be selling 500 lottery calendars with 2 numbers on each. It will be done during the months of September and October 2022. They will cost \$10 and will pay out \$20 Monday thru Friday, \$25 Saturday and Sunday, and \$100 on 9/5/22 Labor Day and 10/31/22 for Halloween.

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

If we do not get the permit numbers in time, there will be no 2022 lottery calendars!

GRANGE WEBSITE

berkscountygrange.org

IF YOU WANT INFORMATION POSTED ON THE WEBSITE:

Contact Jennifer Beamon at

jennifermarie707@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE

by Carlene Kleckner

Hi everyone. Hope you all had a good Easter.

Thank you to all who brought items for the Hope Rescue Mission. They were ever thankful for the items and money that we donated.

For the June meeting, we are going to do a box and canned food drive. Please bring any non perishable food items (that are not out of date). Will also be taking money donations if you forget to bring anything or just want to donate money.

Hope to see a lot of you at the meeting along with a plentiful amount of food items!

SWIM PARTY by Madeline Seidel

Junior County Swim Party will be held Saturday, July 9 at the Shoemakersville Pool, 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. Please RSVP with total number of people (event if not planning to swim) to Madeline Seidel by Sunday, July 3. (A count is needed so they have ample lifeguards—again, if you are planning to swim or not, lifeguards are needed for total number of people in attendance.)

Hot dogs/drinks will be provided. Everyone attending is requested to bring either a covered dish and/or dessert to share. Please bring your own lawn chair, also.

RSVP to Madeline: 610-223-5138 or email her: maddel24@aol.com by July 3!



BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE FUNDRAISER

September BBQ

The Berks County Grange is doing a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, September 4 at Leesport Farmer's Market from 11am-2pm, this is Labor Day weekend. The meal will consist of a half chicken, baked potato, roll, apple-sauce, and a bottle of water. The chicken will be done on an open-pit charcoal grill done by Two Guys Chicken. Each meal will cost \$11. The Family Activities committee is planning to hold a bake sale and pepper cabbage will be available for purchase/

We are asking Grange members to sell tickets and we are offering the incentive of 1 free ticket for every 15 tickets sold. We know that it may be hard for members

to sell tickets, because of the distance to Leesport. We are suggesting that you sell tickets, pick up the dinners, and then set up a time and location closer to your customers. We did 550 dinners in 2020, let's see if we can do a 10% increase, for a total of 610. We will need a couple of coolers to hold the extra chickens and potatoes when Two Guys is done cooking everything. If you are able to help with that, please let the committee know that.

We will distribute the tickets at the Pre-Quarterly meeting in May and at the June Pomona meeting. The Presidents will have tickets to sell, but if you want to get tickets directly from the committee, call the numbers listed below.

Committee members; Michael Adams 610-562-5933

Nettie Kauffman 610-926-5389

Fern Kulp 610-401-6458

Henry Seidel 610-678-6366



THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR TICKET SALES IS SUNDAY AUGUST 14!!

News from Berks Heim from Doris Evans

After two plus years the Berks Heim staff is starting to have large group activities in the auditorium. That's exciting for our residents.

There have been no positive Covid tests in the last few weeks for residents and staff. Whoo-Hooo!

The BH chaplain is holding Sunday church services in the Chapel. At this time no outside groups are allowed to come in to lead worship. However vaccinated volunteers are welcome to help to transport residents to the Chapel. Masks are still required.

How can you help. Lots of hands are needed to transport our folks to activities and to take them outside to enjoy the warm weather. Help is especially needed for the Mothers Day service at 10:30 am in the Chapel. All other activities besides church services are held at 2:30 pm.

Please call Ann Gilmer, Dir. of Volunteers at Berks Heim if you can help our folks at Berks Heim. 610-376-4841. I know she and ALL staff look forward to having volunteers back at our County Home.



AGRICULTURE REPORT by Doug Sattazahn

Avian influenza is spreading in the United States and has now been found in PA. A farm in Lancaster County recently tested positive and over 1 million chickens had to be destroyed. All poultry in a ten-mile radius of the farm are also quarantined. The following information is taken from a Lancaster Farming factsheet to help the public understand and control this detrimental disease.

Highly pathogenic avian influenza is being spread by wild birds and can cause massive losses in poultry houses. Infected waterfowl and poultry have been found across the East Coast. Take steps now to protect your flock.

Biosecurity

- Use dedicated clothing and footwear in the poultry house. Ideally, use a Danish entry system, in which you sit on a bench, leave the "dirty" boots on one side, and put on the "clean" boots on the other side.
- Keep visitors to a minimum. Wash the tires of vehicles that must come onto the property.
- Clean up feed spills and otherwise discourage wild birds from visiting the farm.
- Update your written biosecurity plan and submit to the state for review. This plan is necessary to obtain movement permits during an outbreak and to qualify for indemnity if your farm must be depopulated.

Clinical Signs of Avian Influenza

- Sudden increase in mortality
- Decrease in water or feed intake
- Swelling or purple discoloration of the head, eyelids, or legs
- Difficulty breathing
- Coughing, sneezing or nasal discharge
- Diarrhea
- Decreased egg production
- Soft-shelled, thin-shelled or misshapen eggs
- Stumbling or lack of coordination

Contact USDA in Pennsylvania at 717-772-2852 if you suspect any problems with your poultry.

**GUIDELINES FOR
PRE-POMONA MEETING and HOSTING POMONA MEETING**

PRE-POMONA MEETING

Areas involved are for Presidents and Family Activities, and any other interested Grange member.

Light refreshments for Pre-Pomona meeting are responsibility of hosting/co-hosting Grange. The hosting/co-hosting Grange divides the refreshment costs.

Location of Pre-Pomona meeting is determined by Meeting Rotation Schedule and Family Activity Schedule under the "Host" column. Co-hosting Grange is under the "Assisting Host" column.

No reimbursement for use of hall/meeting place will be paid for a Pre-Pomona meeting. The Host Grange should contact another Grange in the county for holding the meeting if they cannot hold it in their own hall/meeting place.

HOSTING A POMONA MEETING

An established Meeting Rotation Schedule is provided to each Subordinate President. Each Grange should check the established schedule to see who will be hosting a Pomona meeting.

Location of hosting a Pomona meeting is determined by the established Meeting Rotation Schedule. When the hosting Grange is unable to use their facility, or a conflict arises, they can contact another Grange in the county to try to schedule/reschedule. No reimbursement will be made to the responsible hosting Grange for any expenses incurred for renting a hall.

Pomona Steward's responsibility is to ensure the following items are present at Pomona: Pomona Charter, regalia, manuals, the cloth, Bible, cloths for officer stations, and gavels. Pomona should have use of host Grange's American and Grange flags, officer stations, and staffs.

Pomona Graces are responsible, on a rotating basis, for an Altar decoration.

Pomona will not reimburse for costs of any refreshments a meal provided after the Pomona meeting. It is at the discretion of the Hosting Grange whether they will provide refreshments or a meal afterwards.

Approved by Membership – September 9, 2006

Edited – February 21, 2022

OLEY FAIR SOUP STAND

Please mark your calendars for September 15, 16, 17 to save the dates and consider volunteering at the Oley Fair Soup Stand. Additional details will be included in the next ECHO newsletter and questions can be directed to Henry Seidel, 610-223-1082. We are asked to fill positions at the Soup Stand first and then if we have more help then needed, volunteers can help at other stands.

We'll plan for Soup Weather and adjust as needed.



POMONA HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights from the March 5, 2022, Pomona meeting that was held at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Birdsboro (Geigertown Grange hosting).

- ◆ Pomona Grange is still looking for a member to volunteer to be our BARN representative
- ◆ Donated \$1,000 to Berks County Fair
- ◆ Donated \$500 to the Kutztown Fair
- ◆ Approved lottery calendar fundraiser for September/October of 2022 (see enclosed article for further details)
- ◆ Attendance: 12 Brothers, 14 Sisters, 9 Juniors Total: 35
- ◆ Finance committee will audit 2021 books on March 14
- ◆ Youth had 15 people in attendance at the Royals game
- ◆ Looking for youth officers for June Pomona
- ◆ Looking for state session youth officers and also donors for the youth vests
- ◆ Junior West fundraiser brought in \$214
- ◆ Sleepover was cancelled
- ◆ Walk-a-Thon scheduled for April 9 @Ontelaunee
- ◆ Volunteers needed for Junior activities—need current clearances (every 5 years) and they need to be sent to the State Office
- ◆ Junior attendance contest is continuing for 2022
- ◆ Knoebel's tentative date is June 16 (BOGO deal)
- ◆ Berks County Fair will have free admission and parking, local entertainment, some rides and games
- ◆ Farm Bureau and Pomona Grange are going together to get a Farm Family
- ◆ 2021 BBQ profit was \$3,130.87
- ◆ County membership, as of 2/24/22: 964
- ◆ Received thank you notes from Leah Walters and Sarah Berger, 2021 Kutztown Fair Champion winners
- ◆ Looking for volunteers for the Oley Fair Soup Stand in September (15-16-17)
- ◆ Robert Sattazahn, Henry Seidel and Andrew Kieffer will be Pomona representatives for Penn State Board of Trustees election
- ◆ Approved Mini Food Safety course (\$50 fee paid by Pomona) to be held at Ontelaunee Grange—DTBA
- ◆ Suggestion of Officers was held (look elsewhere in newsletter for listing)
- ◆ Literary Program was the Berks County Junior Royalty about St. Patrick's Day
- ◆ Door prizes were distributed

VIRGINVILLE GRANGE

MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET

Sunday, May 8, 2022

\$18 for adults; \$9 for children, ages 5—10

Tax included

Ham, Chicken, Filling, Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Pepper Cabbage, Lettuce & Bacon Dressing, Applesauce, Roll.
Beverage & dessert included.

Limited walk-ins welcomed (the reservation deadline was April 24)

CONTEST CORNER

NAME _____ GRANGE _____

Bring along to the June 2022 Pomona meeting. Must be present to win.

What is something we see all the time? Color! Color is all around us. Can you answer these colorful questions? All the answers are a color.

1. What color can you eat? _____
2. In 1900 the color of what "fever" was discovered? _____
3. What color are emu eggs? _____
4. A zebra's black stripes are what color its first 6 months of life? _____
5. Litmus turns what color when dipped in an acid solution? _____
6. Which hair color does 1 in 16 American's have? _____
7. What 2 colors make green when mixed together? _____
8. What color planet is Mars known as? _____
9. What eye color is the rarest of the common colors? _____
10. What color is said to attract mosquitoes? _____
11. What color was the rain Prince sang about? _____
12. What color is the brick road in the Wizard of Oz? _____

Bonus: What colors make up Roy G. Biv? _____

Answers from the March contest: 1) William Henry Harrison, 9th; 2) Andrew Jackson, 7th; 3) Franklin Pierce, 14th; 4) Millard Fillmore, 13th; 5) William McKinley, 25th; 6) Theodore Roosevelt, 26th; 7) Thomas Jefferson, 3rd; 8) Calvin Coolidge, 30th; 9) Benjamin Harrison, 23rd; 10) Zachary Taylor, 12th; 11) Warren Harding, 29th; 12) Grover Cleveland, 22nd & 24th. Winner: Robert Sattazahn, Marion Grange

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