

POMONA ECHO

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, David Merkel

Happy Fall Y'all! I am sure I have said it before—this is my favorite season of the year.

We just wrapped up the 153rd State Session in Williamsport, PA, last weekend. We had a fun, interesting session and some lively conversation. We were lucky enough to have National Grange President, Christine Hamp, and her husband, Duane, with us. A few things she encouraged us to focus on moving forward are the same things we have discussed at our meetings. (continued page 4)

DECEMBER 13, 2025 POMONA MEETING LOCATION CHANGE!

The December 13, 2025, Pomona meeting will be hosted by Hamburg Grange (not by Bernville Grange as printed in the 2025 Pomona Calendar of Events). It will be held at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 354 Zion's Church Road, Shoemakersville, PA 19555.

LET'S SAVE POMONA MONEY!

If you know you will be moving, please inform your Grange Secretary of your address change so she/he can forward that "change of address" to Fern to update ECHO mailings.

Better yet, why not give your email address to Fern Kulp so you can receive the ECHO paperless. Fern would send you an email notifying you that the current ECHO newsletter is now available on the grange website (berkscountygrange.org) In addition, you would receive the ECHO newsletter in advance of those who receive the paper copy. (Email Fern at: clk19530@enter.net Subject line: ECHO email address) Thanks for your consideration.

Lunch after our Pomona meeting December 13, 2025

Come join us after the December Pomona meeting at Fiore's Italian Restaurant, 401 Main Street, Shoemakersville for good food and a little fellowship. It's always a "Fun time". Hope to see you there.

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Please check website:

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

Berks County Youth & Junior Grange News

2025 Jr. Attendance Contest

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

Upcoming activities:

- ◇ Junior/Youth Holiday Party at Virginville Grange (December 6, 4-6pm)
- ◇ Line dancing fundraiser – 7-10 December 6 at Virginville Grange

Junior/Youth Holiday Party

We will be celebrating the upcoming holidays on Saturday, December 6th from 4-6pm at Virginville. RSVP with Gail for headcount

Dress in your best ugly holiday sweater or festive attire – prizes to be awarded!

What to bring:

A wrapped gift \$10-\$15
Holiday Cheer

Line Dancing Fundraiser

Join us on November 2nd for our 2nd line dancing fundraiser at Virginville Grange.

Doors open at 6:30 and dancing starts at 7:00pm and goes to 10pm.
\$5 admission and food and drink for sale.

Cash only sales

Wernersville Hospital Donations

Thank you to all Granges that sent donations to the Wernersville State Hospital. If you have not yet, please send to Kathy Ellett.

Reading Royals

January 17 is our fundraiser game. All are welcome to join the youth and young adults at this event. Tickets will be approximately \$25. Link to be posted for tickets soon!

Reading Fightin' Phils

The Junior & Youth Department will be working on setting up a day/night at the Reading Fightin' Phils to celebrate Grange Month in April. More details to come, but please be on the lookout to come out to the ballpark and join in fellowship with your Grange friends and family. Looking at April 10-12 weekend.

State Session – Youth Officers We are SO proud of our Berks Youth!

Vice President: Autumn Tworkoski
Secretary – Justin Dusko
Chaplain – Emma Seidel
Ceres – Cadence Tempel
Pomona – Ava Jenkins
Flora: Sierra Merkel
Exec Committee.- Grace Tempel

Junior Sleepover

The Junior Sleepover is slated for February 13-14 at Fleetwood Grange. More information to come including RSVP by December/January

Join us for our next Junior Team Meeting:
Monday, January 5 at 7pm – Virtual

NEWS OF THE PAST!! By Nettie A. Kauffman

I was presented with a "News Digest of Berks County Pomona Grange No 43 dated June 2, 1945. This "newsletter of the past" presented some very interesting facts. I'm sure you will get a chuckle or two from the comments I am presenting from the newsletter. I am providing the information as it was written back then. FYI, this newsletter was at the time when W. John Blatt was the Master of Berks County Pomona Grange. SOME OF THESE ARTICLES ARE SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

ATTENDANCE – The attendance at Kutztown on June 2, 1945 exceeded last year's number by over 100. When we met in Shartlesville in June 1944, there were 200 patrons present. In Kutztown we had 313 present, counting the women who worked in the kitchen.

WELCOME BY BROTHER DR. JAMES GRIM

"Did you know that the meteorologists in Alaska are trying to change the weather scientifically? The war has been responsible for much progress in this line.

"The new Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton Anderson, is well-fitted for this position. He is a farmer from the western part of our country."

MASTER W. JOHN BLATT'S ADDRESS (only certain items are listed)

"We want to be punctual and shall start at 10 A.M. in the future."

"The death of President Roosevelt has brought great changes in government circles. We pledge our support to President Truman and his new officers."

"Although we witnessed the end of the war in Germany, the united energies of all are needed to end the Pacific War speedily. Support the 7th War Loan, produce all you can of needed foodstuffs and keep faith in mankind."

"Since the government has cut the allotment of canning sugar, and this in turn prevents the preserving of fruits available at this season, we should ask our government to revise its policy speedily so we may replenish our supply of home canned fruits."

STATE DEPUTY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. More interest in legislative measures of State and Nation in our Grange.
2. Need a stronger organization in order to further the advancement of Agriculture and accomplish our needs.
3. Better attendance at Grange meetings.
4. Evaluation of News Digest.

OUR REHABILITATION PROGRAM – Address by John Davis, Secretary of Reading Chamber of Commerce

"The attitudes of the people, especially those in the Service, will be the important factor in determining the kind of world we are to have."

"The hardest task will be to make people willing to work – work for the joy of creation."

"Democracy does not make free enterprise – free enterprise makes possible democracy."

RESOLUTIONS (I only provided the "Resolved that B.C.P.G. No 43.")

1. appeal to non-members to investigate the activities of the order and ascertain how they endeavor to strive for a higher standard of living for all farmers and a return for labor on a parity with non-agricultural workers.
2. go on record petitioning our President, Mr. Harry Truman, to select a leader of Agriculture to represent the interests of the farmers of the nation at the Peace Table.
3. go on record petitioning the government to investigate the Veterans Administration so as to improve conditions in all Veterans Hospitals, especially mental institutions.
4. go on record supporting a Peace Plan which is elastic enough to be just to all yet binding enough to repress aggressors thus preventing future wars.
5. go on record opposing compulsory military training in peace times.

All of the above resolutions requested that copies be forwarded to various entities, such as: to President Truman, Senators, Congressman, Masters of the State and National Granges.

Note: these are only a few of those presented at the quarterly meeting June 2, 1945.

MEMORIAL SERVICE – Arranged by the Chaplain

Flowers and memorial candles were placed on the Altar.

POMONA REPORTS

1. 40 new members 2. 1,622 membership 3. \$60,697.53 worth of business 4. Bernville leads in membership 5. Virginville leads in the amount of business 6. Only three Granges have Juveniles

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

I would like to break it down a bit further.

Membership, outreach, collaboration, growth, and cohesiveness are all in the spotlight. We are an ever-changing organization with strong roots in agriculture but also rural life. We all need to invite more people to our Granges. Not just as members, but as participants. When you have an event, ask the people in attendance what they know about the Grange. Let the conversation happen from there, you may be surprised how many people we appeal to. Outreach isn't just how you give back, it is also talking with community groups and finding new purposes. Break out of our "old habits" and shake things up. Collaborate with other groups, find new and motivated groups that align with our ideals and ask them to come see what we are about. We may be able to forge new friendships and new opportunities for our members. Growth will happen if we can show our neighbors and communities who don't know much about us, that we are relevant. Technology is going to be paramount to our success. The Grange youth have a strong grasp on the social media and digital connections of our lives. We need to embrace them and work with them to craft our next steps to showing the masses what and who we are through these tools. Finally, continue to support our fellow Granges. Not only the ones we know but look to other Pomona's and subordinate Granges to see what they are up to. Maybe, just maybe, we can learn something, be inspired, or find out that we can help each other.

That is what our Grange Family is about, support and growth are only going to happen if we communicate and help each other. In all these ideals and goals, we must be willing to share the processes that got us here, as well as relinquish some control. We have done well getting here, but do not hold so fast to the way we do things that we drive growth away. Remember, just because it has been done that way for 50 years, does not mean we have to do it that way for 50 more.

To close this message, I have been made aware that there are a couple of subordinate Granges outside of Berks County that do not have a Pomona, and they have interest in considering partnering with Berks County. I do not have details to share yet, but please come be part of the conversation at our meeting in December. I really do look forward to seeing everyone there.

THANK YOU OLEY FAIR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the 26 members and friends from 7 Granges that donated 164 hours to help at the Soup Stand and other food service tasks at the 2025 Oley Fair.

The Pomona Grange first helped at the 2019 Fair and simply filled in anywhere that help was needed. Since then, we have been staffing the Soup Stand and helping at other places if we had more volunteers than required at a given time.

We had nice weather with comfortable mornings and afternoons, followed by busy evenings. We have been selling 175 gallons of Chicken Corn Noodle soup and 100 gallons of Beef Vegetable soup in recent years. We will probably receive a check by the December meeting, and they are looking forward to having us volunteer again in 2026.



YOUTH OFFICERS AT JUNE POMONA MEETING

Autumn Tworkoski, Sierra Merkel, Brayden Heckman, Emma Seidel, Isaac Mengel, Ashlan Smith, Bryce Danko and Shae Smith filled an office at the June 2025 Pomona meeting.

POMONA LOTTERY CALENDAR 2026

We will be doing another Pomona Lottery Calendar for 2026 as a fundraiser. We will be selling 500 lottery calendars with 2 numbers on each. It will be done during the months of January and February for 2026. They will cost \$10 and will pay out \$20 Monday thru Friday, \$25 Saturday and Sunday, and \$100 on 1/1 New Year's Day and 2/14 on Valentine's Day.

They were distributed to all the Presidents at the September Pomona meeting at Fleetwood. I have asked them to distribute these to their members to sell. **It is not the President's responsibility to sell them by themselves; it is up to all the members!** Please check with your president about participating to buy or sell the lottery calendars. They will make a great gift for birthdays, Christmas, etc.

POMONA BBQ REPORT

First, I want to say THANK YOU to the BBQ committee for getting all the supplies, that included Michael Adams, Fern Kulp, David Merkel, and Henry Seidel. Thanks to the Ontelaunee Grange for allowing us to hold the BBQ sale there, and to all the people that helped with the selling of the dinners. Kauffman's BBQ did a great job of cooking all the chickens and the potatoes! We sold 640 dinners this year, which included only 12 extras. **WE MADE A PROFIT OF \$3,435.19**, which included a \$250 gift card from THRIVENT!

TREX SOFT PLASTIC RECYCLING PROGRAM

Hamburg and Virginville Granges are collecting soft plastics, which will be recycled by TREX and into plastic benches. The list of plastic bags include, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, pallet wrap & street, and stretch film, salt & ice bags, case overwrap, bubble wrap, wood pellet bags, plastic shipping envelopes, dry cleaning bags, Ziploc, and other recloseable food storage bags. Basically, if you can stretch the plastic and it feels soft, that meets the requirements for TREX. Please contact Michael Adams @ 484-769-4513, for more information.

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE TAGS

We were given 100 Angel Tree Tags and they went to individuals and Granges to purchase gifts for the boys and girls that will have a MERRY CHRISTMAS, thanks to all of you! Please bring the gifts unwrapped or send them with someone to the December Pomona meeting that the Hamburg Grange is hosting at the Zion's Lutheran Church by 930AM! The Salvation Army will be collecting them at the start of the meeting, and if you miss them, you will need to drop them off at The Salvation Army.

VIRGINVILLE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE

We will, once again, be helping the Salvation Army by ringing the bell at the Redner's in Hamburg on **Thursday, December 11th** and **Friday, December 12th** from **8:00 am to 4:00 pm** both days. If you are able to give any amount of time to help, please contact Lee Gougler at 484-866-5304. If you have already signed up to help, thank you for donating your time to help those in need.

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

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.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR Debr Kieffer

Well, we go from very warm weather to crisp evenings, and we are only 10 weeks away from Christmas as I write my article. Then it will become colder and possibly snowy.

We will have the 3 boys from the 4-H Round Up join us at our Dec. Pomona meeting to speak a little about their projects and receive their checks. And we will also have some fun to get into the holiday spirit. Hope to see you in Dec.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2025—FEBRUARY 2026

Nov. 8—16 National Grange Session, Carnival Horizon Cruise to Aruba/Bonaire/Curacaco
 Nov. 12 Ag-Legislative Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 22 Kutztown Grange AYCE Spaghetti Supper and Bake Sale+
 Nov. 25 Kutztown Grange Potato Filling and Bacon Dressing Sale^
 Nov. 26 Pioneer Grange PA Dutch Potato Filling Sale*
 Dec. 1 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo^^
 Dec. 6 Junior/Youth Holiday Party @Virgenville Grange, 4—6 p.m. (see junior page for further details)
 Dec. 7 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Dec. 8 Pioneer Grange Ham & Cheese and turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale**
 Dec. 13 County Meeting @Hamburg Grange hosting, Family Activities Christmas Cookie Exchange—see page 1 for meeting location information
 Jan. 4 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Jan. 5 Junior Team Meeting, 7 p.m., virtual
 Jan. 11 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo^^^
 Jan. 16 ECHO deadline
 Jan. 17 Reading Royals fundraiser game (see junior page for further details)
 Feb. 1 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Feb. 2 Collate ECHO @Ontelaunee Grange, 3 p.m.
 Feb. 13-14 Junior Sleepvoer @Fleetwood Grange
 Feb. 21 Ontelaunee Junior Grange Spaghetti Dinner (more details in next ECHO)

+KUTZTOWN GRANGE, Nov. 22: 4—7 p.m., ages 13 and up, \$12; ages 5-12, \$7; children under 4, free. Take out also available.

^KUTZTOWN GRANGE, Nov. 25: Orders due by November 17. Call or text Rhonda, 610-762-4611, to place orders. Pick up at Kutztown Grange, 3 to 6 p.m. Filling: 2 lbs., \$9; 3 lbs., \$11. Bacon dressing: pint, \$6; quart, \$10

^^KUTZTOWN GRANGE, Dec. 1: Basket Bingo, 25 games for \$20. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Call 610-395-3889 for tickets. Hoagies also available \$6 each. Pre-order hoagies, one week prior.

^^^KUTZTOWN GRANGE, Jan. 11 (snow date January 18) 25 games for \$20. Doors open at 12 noon. Bingo starts at 1:30 p.m. Call 610-395-3889 for tickets.

*PIONEER GRANGE, Nov. 26 PA Dutch Potato Filling, \$8—2.5 lbs, \$6—1.5 lbs. Deadline to order is Nov. 12 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. 8: Sandwiches \$5. Deadline to order is Nov. 26. Pickup at the Grange hall from 3 to 5 p.m. Call Tammy to order, 610-463-7213

BERKS HEIM by Anna Heffner

Church services are happening on Sundays at 2:30. We need volunteers for the following Sundays: 11/17, 12/1, 12/15, 12/29. Even if you have signed up to volunteer, please sign up for more dates, since we need to cover these dates. Please call Anna Heffner (610-207-9755) if you can help or if you know someone who can help with this activity. I will have the list for 2026 at Decembers Pomona.

Heim Fest 2025 was a success. Thank you to those who helped at Heim Fest or baked for the bake sale.

The volunteer service board will have a bake sale on November 24. Anyone willing to help by baking cupcakes, cookies, brownies, muffins, pies, or cakes should call me. Cakes made in 8" x 8" or 9" x 9" pans make cutting them much easier or selling as a whole cake easier. I will be calling several granges to ask for donations soon.

Santa's Corner will be held on Friday, December 12 during the day. If you are available to either volunteer to work at the event or are interested in donating unused items for the residents to purchase, call me. We can discuss what items are needed.

Family Activities (FA)

Well, the days are getting a bit colder, and the mornings are staying a little darker longer. As we are getting ready to head to the PA State Grange Session in Williamsport, we are hoping to take in the beauty of the leaves changing colors and witnessing nature's own "Art Show."

At the September Pomona FA judging, we had a total of 54 entries in the contests with 21 entries advancing to state judging. Results will be revealed later. Winners, please remember to cash those prize checks for year-end auditing.

While most of us enjoy sleeping in an extra hour or two on the weekend, it seems that the participants that gather for the "pre-Pomona" FA meeting just cannot get everything discussed and completed in the half-hour prior to the regular Pomona meeting start. So, with that in mind, it has been decided effective at the March 2026 Pomona meeting, Family Activities (FA) will start our quarterly meeting at 8:30AM (still at the Pomona meeting location) to give more time for discussion, questions, and other activities as needed.

Since we did not get a chance to discuss a few items before needing to wrap-up our quarterly meeting, a communication blast was sent to grangers that usually and/or sometimes participate in our meeting, and we really appreciate your quick responses to our additional agenda items. 1) There will be a Cookie Exchange at the December Pomona meeting. Please bring extra cookies that will be used to pack boxes for distribution to Keystone Military Families, a special gesture of kindness. Members not attending the meeting can also send additional cookies with someone who will be attending. The more cookies we get, the more boxes that can be made for distribution. 2) We agreed to sponsor a raffle basket for the PA State Grange FA raffle drawing. Jane Adams is taking care of creating and delivering the prize basket.

**Please send us your contact info if you would like to be included on communications between meetings.

Thank You to all grangers who baked and volunteered at the Pomona Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale at the end of August. *Everything looked so delicious and smelled wonderful!!* Also, **Thank You** to Sharon Heck and Fleetwood Grange for the pepper cabbage to sell, as well.

In the September/October edition of PA Grange News, contests for the new year were mentioned. Details will be available on the pagrange.org website and hard copies available after returning from session. **2026 contests** are Baking – Coffee Crumb Cake, Zucchini Bread, and Brookies (brownie and cookie batters mixed); Christmas Ornaments – Wooden, Beaded, and Small Decorated Jars; Buttons – Jewelry, Pictures; and Message Boards. Start gathering your ideas but make sure to check-out specific size limitations, etc. Use those road trips and "inside-weather" days as an opportunity to work on some of the contests or a community service project. We will collect all caps/hats/totes at the December meeting that were made during our Caring-for-Cancer project so they may be delivered. Bring any new ideas to our meeting or send one of us an email about a different outreach project. We need your input!

***Please note that **Applebee hamburger certificates** are available for purchase, \$10 each, and make great stocking stuffers and gifts for any occasion; no expiration date and good in many locations/states. The PA State Grange 150th Anniversary cookbook is also available for sale at \$25 each (great gift, as well). See your FA chairperson for any of these, or communicate with Jane Adams for arrangements.

Respectfully, Jane L Adams
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Jladams2@gmail.com

Denise Clare
610-763-1282
dlc416@yahoo.com

AGRICULTURE REPORT by Doug Sattazahn

With archery deer season in now and rifle just around the corner, I thought I would update farmers on other options for deer control throughout the year. The Agricultural Deer Control Program—formerly known as the "Red Tag" program—provides landowners in Pennsylvania experiencing deer damage with a tool to manage antlerless deer populations outside of the regular hunting season. Specifically, eligible landowners may apply through their district game warden to enlist licensed hunters who are issued harvest permits for antlerless deer on their property. These permits allow hunting of antlerless deer during specific periods and help reduce crop damage while keeping deer numbers in check. (continued page 8)

STATE SESSION 2026, Barbara & Derek Schroeder

Now that State Session 2025 is in the books, it's time to start pushing on 2026 State Session. We have lots to do in the next 12 months. We are looking for people to help out with many items at session. I know that some of you probably have not been involved with a State Session either ever or in many years. At the bottom of this article you will find information regarding the various committees involved with planning a session along with the contact person for the committee. I know that all of these people are probably looking for people to help out.

Our next meeting will be occurring on December 14th at 2PM at Gouglersville Grange Hall. This will be both in person and on zoom. We do not have the Zoom information quite yet, but if you email us at sessionchairs2026@gmail.com or text at 610-698-3999 we can be sure to get you the link when it is available.

I know that all of our Granges are currently working on selling lottery tickets for the Pomona fundraiser. Each of your Granges has also received a set of lottery calendars for supporting the 2026 session. These numbers will be drawn in May and June next year. This will be the only fundraiser for State Session, if we are able to sell the tickets. Please make an effort to sell these along with the Pomona ones to help out.

Letters have also gone out to your Subordinate Presidents looking for a small donation for session support. We are looking for both financial donations as well as door prize donations. I don't know about you but when my name is called for a door prize its really exciting!

Registration: Maddie Seidel, Berks County

Welcome/Hospitality: Denise Clare, Berks County

Advertising/Sponsors (**Looking for a Chairperson**)

Flowers: Deb Kieffer, Berks County

Sixth Degree (**Looking for a Chairperson**)

Banquets: Sandy Witmer and Sara Shank, Lancaster County

Lecturer's Committee: Faye Heckman, Berks County

Family Activities: Tammy Schaeffer, Berks County

Deaf & Community Services: Tina Keen, Chester/Delaware County

Youth: Shae and Ashlyn Smith, Lancaster County

Juniors: Jennifer Beamon, Berks County (**Looking for a chairperson for Junior Jam**)

Fundraising: Michael Adams, Berks County

Tour: Tina Blatt, Berks County

Judges (**Looking for a chairperson**)

Next year will be here before we know it!

AGRICULTURE REPORT (continued)

In 2022 the program was significantly revamped to make it more accessible and flexible for both farmers and hunters. Changes include:

*Hunters may now obtain **up to four permits per property**, aligning the program with the rules of the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP)

*Permit seasons adjusted: the valid period runs from **August 1—September 15** and **February 1—April 15** of each license year, replacing the old February—September window with a broader spring/early fall focus

*Farmers are no longer required to participate in the Commission's Hunter Access Program or post special signage for their property to enroll

*The "red plastic snap tags" have been replaced with standard harvest tags issued by the state's licensing system (HuntFishPA). Reporting responsibility now lies with the hunter, not the landowner.

Happy Hunting!

POMONA HIGHLIGHTS

The following are the highlights from the September 6, 2025, 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.

- Representative from Animal Rescue League spoke and thanked everyone for their donation
- Attendance: 13 Brothers, 30 Sisters, 4 Juniors, 1 mini junior Total: 48
- Audit will be completed at Henry Seidel's house November 17
- Berks County Junior Grange Princess Alexis Servin and PA State Junior Ambassador Jacob Schroeder introduced themselves
- Sold 640 Chicken BBQ dinners for a profit of \$3,435.19
- Wernersville State Hospital—send your donations directly to the Hospital (not the youth)
- County membership, as of 8/30/25: 893
- Received thank you notes from Kutztown Fair animal award winners: Jacob Luckenbill, Kalina Rhoads, Lillian Kratz, and Macie Eitel.
- Approved purchase of \$100,000 officer bond coverage at a cost of \$135
- Recipients of the 4-H Livestock Sale: Wyatt Koller, Owen Kutz, and Zach Gougler
- Bernville Grange has volunteered to cover the entire cost of printing the 2026 Pomona calendar (in true calendar fashion with full month sheets) for all members interested in obtaining one.
- Budget 2025-2026 was approved with line item for Pomona Calendars changed to \$0
- Allowing Local Police to Use Radar resolution—approved
- Penalties for Authorizing Vehicle Use by DUI Offenders resolution amended and then approved
- Opposing the Posting of the Pride Flag on Official National Grange social Media Platforms resolution—defeated after much discussion
- Suggested Title Changes to B.C.P.G. #43 By-Laws resolution, approved
- Lifetime Membership Program resolution, approved
- Anna Heffner, finance committee, and Derek Schroeder, executive committee, were installed
- Berks County Alternate Dairy Princess Rebecca Berger and Lil' Miss Jordie Kelchner presented day's program



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CONTEST CORNER

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

NAME _____ GRANGE _____

It is finally starting to get cooler temperatures & the leaves are changing. As I type this there are only 66 days until Christmas! Are you starting to think about it and make plans? Here is some Christmas trivia to get you motivated.

1. What figure from English folklore came to be associated with Santa Claus? _____
2. What Christmas beverage is also known as "milk punch?" _____
3. What much-reviled Christmas edible is known for its long shelf life? _____
4. In the early 1800s, gingerbread houses were reportedly inspired by what famous fairy tale? _____
5. Who invented electric Christmas lights? _____
6. How many days do we have between Christmas and the Epiphany? _____
7. What was the color Christmas Elvis had? _____
8. In 1953, this Christmas song was Eartha Kitt's biggest hit of her career. _____
9. What Christmas decoration was originally made from strands of silver? _____
10. How many reindeer are featured in the poem "Twas The Night Before Christmas?" _____
11. Which popular Christmas carol also moonlights as a lullaby? _____

September's Answers: 1. A, 2. C, 3. B, 4. B, 5. A, 6. B, 7. A, 8. C, 9. C, 10. B, 11. A Winner: Desira Rickenbach

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