

# POMONA ECHO

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nettie A. Kauffman, President

It's been four years in serving as the President of Berks County Grange. When I first began this journey on my Grange career, we were still in the phases of the COVID crisis. Doing things then compared to how we are today in our gatherings, I'm grateful to have served you, the members of Berks County Granges.

The office of President is still open for our September meeting. In Article VI – 1.6.3 it states, "The officers, except for the Executive Committee, shall be chosen by paper ballot every second year in the even-numbered year for a two-year term, at a regular meeting. With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer, no office-holder's name shall be printed on the ballot for an office if that official shall have held the same office continuously for four years immediately preceding."

Since this is the end of my term in the office of President, I will not be continuing to serve in this position. It has been a pleasure to serve in this capacity for the past four years. There were some challenges, but challenges come with one's everyday life. Coordinating and working with the Executive Committee and Vice-President, any situation can be completed in a smooth transition.

I look forward to names being suggested at our quarterly meeting; possibly someone who is younger than me. It is time for this great-great grandma to step aside and let someone younger than me lead us into the future. (cont'd page 3)

## 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](http://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](mailto:clk19530@enter.net) Subject line: ECHO email address) Thanks for your consideration.

Please check website: [www.berkscountygrange.org](http://www.berkscountygrange.org) for current information. Jennifer Beamon, if needed, can post your events.

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# Berks County Junior Grange News

## State Junior Camp News

Congrats to Samantha Davis and Justin Dusko being named the new PA State Junior Grange Ambassadors.

Congrats to Jacob Schroeder for being on court.

Congrats to Lillian Dusko and Samantha Davis for being named the Superlatives of their groups.

Congrats to Savannah Beamon and Nolan Fayewicz for their high scores on their ritual test at state camp of their respective groups.

## September Pomona Junior Activity

The Junior Team is working on scheduling an outing during the September Pomona meeting to Crystal Cave. Please stay tuned to Facebook for upcoming details and RSVP.

## Westy

The Juniors will be hosting a Westy Fundraiser again in September. Date TBD and flyers to be dispersed at Pomona. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Mini Golf

The Juniors will be Mini Golfing at Kauffman's on September 22, 4pm. All are welcome to join the Juniors. This is a pay on your own event.

## 2024 Junior Attendance Contest

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

Upcoming activities:

- ◇ Sept. Pomona 9/7 (Crystal Cave – pay your own way – Please RSVP to Facebook event)
- ◇ Fall Activity Mini Golf at Kauffman's (September 22, 4pm)
- ◇ Line Dancing Fundraiser – at Virginville (Tentative November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30-9)
- ◇ Junior Friendsgiving/Holiday Party (December 7, 6pm)

## Line Dancing Fundraiser

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Dancing Fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Virginville Grange. Doors open at 6pm, dancing from 6:30-9. More details to come.

## County Camp News

We are staying at Blue Mountain Camp (Olivet Boys and Girls Club). Dates TBD

We will be seeking meal sponsors for Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and Sunday lunch. Either monetary donations or Granges cooking the meals is appreciated. Jen Beamon will reach out once we have a date confirmed.

## Friendsgiving / Holiday Party

The Junior Team is working on planning a Friendsgiving/Holiday party for Saturday, December 7 from 6-8. More details to come as we get closer to the event.

Join us for our next Junior Team Meeting:  
**October 7** at 7pm – virtual

### September BBQ

The Berks County Grange will be hosting a Kauffman Chicken BBQ on Sunday, September 1 from 11am-2pm, this is Labor Day weekend at the Ontelaunee Grange Hall, 1076 Grange Road, Leesport. The meal will cost \$13 (\$14 after the August 11 deadline, if tickets still available), which includes a half chicken, baked potato, roll, applesauce, and a bottle of water. The Family Activities committee is planning to hold a bake sale and selling pepper cabbage.

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, depending on the location. We are suggesting that you sell tickets, pick up the dinners, and then set up a time and location closer to your customers.

If you want to buy or sell tickets, reach out to your Grange president or contact the committee members, listed below;

Michael Adams 610-562-5933

Nettie Kauffman 610-926-5389

Fern Kulp 610-401-6458

Henry Seidel 610-223-1082

**THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR TICKET SALES WILL BE SUNDAY AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>!!**



### **PROGRAM COORDINATOR** by Debra Kieffer

I hope you are getting through these hot days of summer. Hopefully when we meet in Sept. it will be more comfortable & less humid. Hope your enjoying time with friends and family. Picnics, trips and relaxing besides working.

Get your thinking caps on for some "TRIVIA" that will be our Sept program. See you all September 7.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** (continued)

Throughout this newsletter you will find various activities that are being planned by different departments/committees. Please support them in these activities.

During the September meeting, the following officers will be installed: President (OPEN); Vice-President – Jocelyn Merkel; Program Coordinator – Debra Kieffer; Steward – Michael Adams; Ass't Steward – Isaac Mengel; L.A.S. – Jane Adams; Chaplain – Diane Adams; Treasurer – Shirley Breininger; Secretary – Jennifer Beamon; Greeter – Richard Kieffer; Ceres – Desira Rickenbach; Pomona – Autumn Tworkoski; Flora – Donna Kunkle; Ex. Comm. 3-year term – Steve Mohn; Ex. Comm. – 1-year term – David Merkel; Finance Comm. – Denise Clare.

I would like to encourage each Subordinate Grange to send delegates to the annual State Session. This will be held in Cranberry Township, PA on the western side of the State. It is an important year since officers will be elected or reelected to the various positions. More information was provided on the annual session event in the July/August PA Grange News magazine.

In closing, I am thankful I was able to serve our Pomona Grange for the past four years as your President. Yes, as in any organization, there were some minor challenges, but all was worked out and our organization continued to move forward. There were many successful stories and accomplishments as well. It is with gratitude, and that I can still say it, that Berks County Pomona Grange is a top Pomona Grange throughout the state.

### **Going as a group out to eat after Pomona Meeting.**

**Place:** Kutztown Airport Diner

**Address:** 15110 Kutztown Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530

Approximately 9 minutes, 4.5 miles from the grange

**Type of Restaurant:** American Cuisine (Salads, Burgers, sandwiches, wraps, etc.)

**Time:** After Pomona, around 12:30-1:00 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.**

## FUND-RAISER with OLEY FAIR

The Berks County Pomona Grange will be manning the SOUP STAND (Vegetable and Chicken Noodle) during the Oley Fair. Fair dates are September 19, 20 and 21, 2024.

What does the County Grange get out of this? We will receive monetary contribution from the Oley Fair.

There will be a coordination of scheduling of volunteers from all our Subordinate Granges in order to accomplish this task. Henry Seidel, Michael Adams, Fern Kulp and Nettie Kauffman will oversee this project. This committee is seeking HELP from each of you in order to properly run the soup stand during the fair. A time frame to help would be possibly 2 to 2-1/2 hour shifts each day of the fair. If more volunteers sign up for a specific shift, they can be used elsewhere at the fair. The more volunteers helping (either in Soup Stand or elsewhere) will provide more sources of income for our organization. Anyone who helps will receive a car pass to get into the fair; pass will be kept and good for any additional time one volunteers.

At this time we are asking for volunteers. Please contact one of the following persons to let them know you would be interested in helping and if you can provide information on specific time(s) that would be helpful.

Henry Seidel – 610-223-1082

Michael Adams – 610-562-5933

Fern Kulp – 610-401-6458

Nettie Kauffman – 610-926-5389

Volunteer dress for working would be: shorts/jeans, CLOSED shoes (preferably sneakers), no dangling jewelry, and no tank tops. Some of these are requirements from the Food Inspector standpoint.

Encouragement is being made to ALL our Grangers (even if you are not a Fifth Degree member) to help make this fund raising event for the Berks County Pomona Grange a success.



## POMONA HIGHLIGHTS

The following are the highlights from the June 1, 2024, Pomona meeting held at Ontelaunee Grange. Remember, it is always better to have you in attendance so you can help in the making of the Pomona decisions.

- The Berks County Junior Royalty for 2024 were introduced and spoke about themselves
- The Berks County Dairy Princess, Charlotte Wallace; Alternate Dairy Princess, Brinley Hess; and Lil' Dairy Miss, Katherine Rohrbach, were introduced and spoke a few words
- Election of Officers for 2024-2026 was held today
- Pomona Go-to-Church Sunday had 34 Grangers in attendance
- National Grange building is sold. Some space is being rented until they find their permanent home
- National Session in 2025 will be a cruise
- Attendance: 14 Brothers, 27 Sisters, 9 Juniors, 1 Mini-Junior Total: 51
- Thank you was extended to all Granges who helped cook and serve meals at the County Junior Camp
- Thank you to all who brought diapers for Mary's Shelter
- Fern will be taking charge of bagging the rolls for the Sept. 1 BBQ. If willing to help Saturday, August 31, 9 a.m., call her, 610-401-6458
- Profit from 2024 Lottery Calendar fundraiser: \$3,292.
- ECHO newsletter is printed by JDM Printing. They collate and fold the newsletters. Grangers need only tape and label. Fern will rely on the regular help for the collating dates. If more help is needed, Fern will make phone calls.

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## POMONA HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

- BARNopoly event—information on their website
- Membership, as of 5/25/24, in the county: 920
- Received thank you from Berks County Fair for our donation to their bingo
- Purchased Officer Bond Coverage for \$120
- Donated \$50 (each) to: PA Junior Grange, PA Youth Department, PA Deaf & Community Service appeals
- Will support Kutztown Fair Youth Livestock Sale in the amount of \$300. Steve Mohn will handle the receipt of the letters.
- Henry Seidel reported on the Penn State Board of Trustees Election
- Walter Ernst submitted his letter of resignation from the Executive Committee. Resignation was approved.
- Approved having Nettie & Irvin Kauffman represent Pomona as State Grange delegates for 2024 Session
- Office of President is still open for 2024-2026. If interested, please contact Nettie Kauffman.
- Officers will be installed at the Virginville Grange hall during Pomona, September 7, 11 a.m. All subordinate Granges are requested to have their officers in attendance for this installation.
- Mental Health Absences from School resolution was approved
- Delinquent Subordinate/Community Granges resolution was approved

## POMONA OFFICERS FOR 2024-2026

President—open	Vice President—Jocelyn Merkel
Program Coordinator—Debra Kieffer	Steward—Michael Adams
Asst. Steward—Isaac Mengel	L.A.S.—Jane Adams
Chaplain—Diane Adams	Treasurer—Shirley Breininger
Secretary—Jen Beamon	Gatekeeper—Richard Kieffer
Ceres—Desira Rickenbach	Pomona—Autumn Tworkoski
Flora—Donna Kunkle	Ex. Comm.—Steve Mohn
Ex. Comm.—David Merkel	Fin. Comm.—Denise Clare

Pomona officers and Subordinate Officers to be installed September 7, 11 a.m. This will be the literary program for the September Pomona meeting at the Virginville Grange hall. Please plan to be in attendance on this day if you are an officer of your Grange.

### Quotes:

- Autumn, the season that teaches us, that change can be beautiful. Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall. (F. Scott Fitzgerald)
- All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them - Walt Disney
- The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his/her future by merely changing his/her attitude—Oprah Winfrey

## Mini Prince Codey Fayewicz

Hi! My name is Codey Fayewicz, and I am the Berks County Junior Grange Mini Prince. I am 7 years old, and finishing 1st grade in the Exeter Township School District. Beyond Grange, I play ice hockey for the Jr. Reading Royals and I'm in Cub Scouts. I also like to ride my bike, roller blade and go camping with my family. I collect rocks and ice hockey trading cards. I am a member of Virginville Jr Grange. Some of my favorite Grange activities are going to camp and helping to take orders at the Kutztown Folk Festival. At camp, I love playing gaga ball, fishing, taking the test and the interview. I am excited for this year as Mini Prince.

## Mini Princess Savannah Beamon

Hi, my name is Savannah Beamon. I'm nine years old and go to Southeast Elementary in Lebanon where I'm in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I have a brother named Riley and a sister named Dylan. My parents' names are Robert and Jen Beamon. My hobbies are playing bells at church with mom, playing basketball, tennis, building Legos, volleyball, and reading. I'm looking forward to handing ribbons out at the fairs and visiting other Granges.

## Prince Nolan Fayewicz

Hello, my name is Nolan Fayewicz, and I am the Berks County Junior Grange Prince. I am the son of Ryan and Shelley Fayewicz, and I have a brother Codey and sister Whitney. I go to school in Exeter Township and just finished 5th grade. Some of my interests include baseball, football, theater, Boy Scouts, camping and boating. In school, I sing in the chorus and am in the band and play the clarinet. I belong to Virginville Junior Grange. I love both state and county camps. I enjoy taking on leadership roles and representing the grange, and I'm excited to do that over this next year. I'm looking forward to a great year ahead with Chloe, Savannah and my brother, Codey, representing Berks County Junior Grange!



## BERKS COUNTY 2024 JUNIOR ROYALTY

## Princess Chloe Shealer

Hello, my name is Chloe Shealer and I am excited to be this year's Berks County Grange Princess. I am 14 years old and the daughter of Paul and Pam Shealer. We live in Auburn. I have two brothers, Cooper and Carter. This fall, I will be a 9th grader at Blue Mountain High School. I am active in 4-H where I show my dairy beef, pigs, and dairy animals. I also enjoy spending time with family and friends and cheerleading. I am a member of Ontelaunee Junior Grange. I am looking forward to representing Berks County this year!

### TIPS (continued)

**Look for ticks:** People think that ticks go into hiding as the temperature drops, but this isn't true. Ticks love to live in piles of dead leaves and pine needles. They remain active until temperatures begin to drop below freezing or snow covers the ground. Check yourself for ticks after you enjoy outdoor activities in the fall.

**Practice Trick or Treat Safety:** Trick or treat is a fun activity for the whole family to enjoy. You should keep safety in mind, by accompany small children while trick or treating and have bright or reflective costumes that can be seen at night. Also, it's important to avoid sharp props with costumes that can cause injuries. Make sure to have candy in moderation to avoid stomach arches and blood sugar spikes.

**Pumpkin Carving:** Never allow children to carve a pumpkin on their own. Sharp tools can lead to serious cuts. Use small carving tools from a pumpkin carving kit instead of a kitchen knife or larger blades.

**Get Your Flu Shot:** The flu often gets pushed aside. It can be life-threatening, especially for elderly and people with other medical conditions. Getting the flu shot is quick and easy, which could save your life or the life of someone around you.

## **BERKS HEIM** by Anna Heffner, 610-207-9755

Church services are happening on Sundays at 2:30. We need volunteers for the following Sundays: 7/21, 8/11, 9/01, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/01, 12/15, & 12/29. I am waiting for response from Kutztown, Fleetwood, Gouglersville, and Geigertown. Please call me if you can help with this activity

Heim Fest will be held September 14, 2024, which means that it will not be a conflict with our September Pomona meeting. This means that Grange members will be able volunteer to help at Heim Fest, without having to skip our Pomona meeting. Volunteers are needed from 10:30am to 4:00pm. Split shifts can be arranged, no need to be there the whole time. Please call me if you are available to help with this activity.

Also, traditionally several granges have been asked to provide shoe fly pies for Heim Fest. New management has asked us to change to things like cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc. I will be calling several granges to ask for donations soon.

Items for this years Santa's Corner will be needed early in December.

The Volunteer Service Board is still in need of new members! If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a member call me. You can become a representative for your church or other organization or as an independent member.

## **POMONA LOTTERY CALENDAR 2025**

It was discussed and decided at the June Pomona meeting that we should do another Pomona Lottery Calendar for 2025 as a fundraiser. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE!** It was decided to sell the calendars during the months September thru December, since we will be selling 50/50 tickets starting in March 2025.

We will be selling 500 lottery calendars with 2 numbers on each. It will be done during the months of January and February for 2025. 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 will be distributed to all the Masters at the September Pomona meeting at Virginville. 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 all of the members!** I am asking everyone to participate by buying and selling the calendars. They will make a great gift for birthdays, Christmas, etc.

## **Tip: Safety Tips for Autumn**

**Be Careful with Heaters:** Space heaters are one of the most frequent causes of house fires and burns. Be sure to leave plenty of room around the heater to avoid fires and give it room to vent. Never leave your space heater unattended and always turn it off when leaving the room for an extended period.

**Give your furnace Tune-up:** Your furnace is essential when winter temperature arrive. Autumn is a perfect time to check in on your furnace since you probably haven't used it for several months. Contact a professional to give you system a check-up to ensure it is safe and efficient.

**Avoid burning leaves:** Burning leaves releases dangerous chemicals into the air that can lead to lung disease or cancer. It is illegal in many places. It is best to play things safe and dispose of your leaves in another way.

**Keep an eye on your candles:** Candles are an open flame and quickly get out of control if placed near flammable materials or knocked over. Be sure to keep candles away from flammable materials and place where children and pets can't reach them. Always blow out the candle before leaving the house or going to bed. (continued on page 6)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE** by Carlene Kleckner

Hi everyone. Hope you all having a good summer. Like to give a big thank you to all that brought diapers to the last meeting.

For next meeting we are teaming with family activities for the Keystone Military Family stocking project. Please bring boot socks, tube socks, and travel size toothpaste to meeting.

Also will be passing out the Angle Tree tags for December meeting.

Hope you all have a great summer.

## Family Activities by Jane Reppert

We will soon be seeing the leaves starting to change colors and the weather getting cooler. There are a lot of holidays during the next quarter that will keep us busy: Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. There are many things happening in the Grange during this quarter. I hope you can find time to help out or participate in some of them.

Thank you to the members who donated egg cartons at our June meeting. The food pantries are very grateful for them.

At our June meeting, we decided to collect slightly used suitcases, backpacks, or duffle bags for Women in Crisis. Women come into the shelter with their clothing and other items sometime in a plastic grocery bag. These items will give them something a little sturdier to carry their stuff in. If you have any laying around the house and don't use them, bring them to the September Pomona.

Another suggestion that was made at our June Family Activities meeting was to collect socks for Keystone Family military Families to put in the Christmas stocking that are filled and shipped to military servicemen over sea for Christmas. So, we will be working with the Community Service committee for the September meeting to do this project. See the Community Service report for more information.

Berks County Pomona Grange Chicken BBQ Dinner is on Sunday, September 1, 2024. The Pomona Family Activities Committee will be selling baked goods and pepper cabbage at the BBQ for a fundraiser again this year. We need volunteers to help on the day of the event. We are also asking each grange to donate 4 or 5 baked goods (pies or cakes). I know we have great bakers in the grange, so share your talent and volunteer to bake something for the bake sell.

A special project this year is walker organizers to donate to hospitals and Nursing Homes. Please bring them to the September Pomona meeting if you made any. I will be delivering them during the next few months. If you know someone at home that uses a walker and can use a walker organizers bag, please let me know and I will see you get one to give to them as long as I still have some.

The Family Activities Baking contest and needlework/craft contest will be held at the September 7<sup>th</sup> Pomona meeting being held at Virginville Grange. Please try to have your entries at the grange by 9:00 a.m. if possible. I hope each grange in country has entries this year in the contest and hope we can increase the numbers of entries from last year, which was 48 entries. Everyone can help make it happen by working on an entry for your Subordinate Grange, you still have time. If you need the complete contests list and rules, you can contact your Subordinate Grange Family Activities chairperson or contact me and I will see you get the rules. **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. All first placed winners will go to State Grange in October for judging. Good luck too everyone.

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. Please support the State Grange Family Activities by purchasing a raffle ticket. The Subordinate Grange chairperson or secretary should have tickets, so help support the State Committee by purchasing some tickets.

The Pomona Family Activities committee still have the 150<sup>th</sup> State Grange Anniversary cookbooks. The cost is \$25.00. If you are interested in one, please contact me (610-562-2647) and arrangements can be made to get it.

The next Berks County Family Activities committee meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. before our regular Pomona meeting at Virginville Grange. Please come with some suggestions for new or different projects and fundraisers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Have healthy and safe holidays during the next quarter and spend value time with family and friends.

## YOUTH REPORT by Erica Berger

Congratulations to our new 2024-2025 Youth Ambassadors!

Sadie Johnson (Beaver Co.) & Harvey Reyburn (Chester Co.). The youth and young adults had a fun weekend at youth camp!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST—NOVEMBER 2024

Aug 5—10 Kutztown Fair

Aug 27 Ag-Legislative Meeting 7:30 p.m. @Ontelaunee Grange

Sept. 1 Pomona Chicken Barbeque Sale (see article for further details and please help sale tickets)

Sept. 2 LABOR DAY

Sept. 7 County Meeting @Virginville Grange, 9:30 a.m. (Family Activities Needlework/Baking Contest)

Sept. 9 Pioneer Grange: Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale\*

Sept. 9 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo^

Sept. 19-21 Oley Fair (see article for further details and please volunteer)

Sept. 22 Mini Golf @Kauffman's, 4 p.m. (see junior page for further details, open to EVERYONE)

Sept. 28-29 Gouglersville Tractor & Engine Show

Oct. 6 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.

Oct. 7 Junior Team Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom

Oct. 7 Pioneer Grange: Italian Hoagie Sale\*\*

Oct. 14 Officer/Dept Chair Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.

Oct. 15 Kutztown Grange AYCE Pot Pie Dinner^^

Oct. 18-29 PA State Session in Cranberry Township, PA

Oct. 18 ECHO deadline

Oct. 21 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo^

Nov. 2 Tentative Line Dancing Fundraiser for the Juniors @Virginville Grange (see Junior page for further details)

Nov. 3 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.

Nov. 4 Collate ECHO @Ontelaunee Grange, 3 p.m.

Nov. 12 Ag-Legislative Meeting @Ontelaunee Grange, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 12-16 National Grange session, Bettendorf, IA

Nov. 18 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo^

\*Pioneer Grange: Deadline to order is Aug. 29. \$5 per sandwich. Pickup at Pioneer from 3—5 p.m. Call Tammy to place order, 610-463-7213

\*\*Pioneer Grange: Deadline to order is Sept. 29, \$6. Call Tammy at 610-463-7213 to order.

^Kutztown Grange: Call Oletha, 610-395-3889, for tickets Start time 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. \$20

^^Kutztown Grange: 3:30 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. Price to be determined.

### VIRGINVILLE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Sunday, June 2nd, 2024, the Virginville Grange Community Service Committee held a drive-thru fundraiser to celebrate dairy month. Proceeds raised were used to benefit different groups in the community. We had a beautiful day and welcomed the PA Farmshow milkshake truck and Krispy Kreme delivered all of the donuts for us. We had over 100 cars come through that afternoon. The fundraiser was a huge success! We sold 210 pork bbq meals, 238 milkshakes, and 61 dozen donuts. Thank you to everyone who supported us with this fundraiser.

We will have our next benefit bingo scheduled for **Sunday, November 10, 2024** at the Virginville Grange Hall. A recipient has yet to be determined, but will be communicated in future newsletters.

As a committee, we continue to be very grateful for all of the support of so many grangers with our fundraisers. Without your support, we wouldn't be able to give back to the community the way we are able to. Continue to reach out to any committee member with the names of groups or individuals that could use help.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall at our next event!

# CONTEST CORNER

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

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

By the time you get this it is will soon be time for back to school and the unofficial end of summer. Have you been enjoying the heat waves? Unscramble these things about September.

1. PEAGRATSNDRN AYD \_\_\_\_\_
2. TAINLOAN TOOPAT NOTHM \_\_\_\_\_
3. BLOAR ADY \_\_\_\_\_
4. CEHRTASE DYA \_\_\_\_\_
5. KEALMIKSH ADY \_\_\_\_\_
6. AMUNAUTL NIXQUEO \_\_\_\_\_
7. SPERAIPH STIRNEBHTO \_\_\_\_\_
8. CABK OT HOLSCO \_\_\_\_\_
9. DEAR A OBOK YAD \_\_\_\_\_
10. VRETHAS THOMN \_\_\_\_\_
11. MIPKUPN CIPES \_\_\_\_\_
12. THINN HNOTM \_\_\_\_\_

June answers: 1) A, 2) B, 3) A, 4) C, 5) B, 6) C, 7) A, 8) C, 9) B, 10) A Winner was Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange

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