

# POMONA ECHO

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, David Merkel

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Depending on when you're reading this, of course. The Berks County Fair just ended. It was a fun time if you went and if you didn't, well you really missed a good one. The weather didn't stop the Rodeo, and they got their show in. Truck and tractor pulls were loud and entertaining. The demolition derby satisfied the need for seeing controlled destruction. The food was fabulous, and the rides kept the kids entertained. Home goods had very nice display and contest entries. The animals and their farmers had a busy and enjoyable week. Thank you Berks County Fair Board and Volunteers! Good Job!

One problem I am seeing through volunteering is dwindling membership and volunteers for every civic group. Now I know each of us has our strengths and not everyone is a leader, but helpers are very important. If we want to have and leave great memories for our kids, be it at The Berks Co Fair, Kutztown Fair, Grange Camps, Community Days, and so many other traditional events—**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

So, I ask you all, **PLEASE! Volunteer!** If you know that you can lead something, or help with something, or sign up for a few hours at a Pomona event or your Subordinate Grange, don't wait to be personally asked, do it! Be open and willing to hear new ideas and not hold too fast to our old ways. We need to make everyone feel included and want to assist with events.

I am also asking you all to take a good look at your Subordinate Grange. We are losing membership to attrition. We must seek out ways to be involved, and visible, and vocal in our communities. We need to invite people in and show them what the Grange is. If we do not grow, we will cease to exist. I don't think we should let that happen. What do you think?

I strongly encourage you to come to our next Pomona meeting September 6th at Gouglersville Grange Hall at 9:30 a.m. and hey, invite a friend (granger or not).



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# Berks County Youth and Junior Grange News

## Survivor County Camp Recap

2025-2026 Royalty:

Mini Princess: Whitney Fayewicz

Mini Prince: Tristan Luckenbill

Princess: Alexis Servin

Prince: Travis Riegel

High Test Scores:

5-9 Girls: Savannah Beamon

5-9 Boys: Riley Beamon

10-14 Girls: Alexis Servin

10-14 Boys: Jacob Schroeder

## State Youth & Junior Grange Camp Recap

PA Junior Grange Ambassador: Jacob Schroeder

Congrats to members on Jr. Ambassador Court:  
Nolan Fayewicz and Travis Riegel

High Test Score: Jacob Schroeder, Nolan Fayewicz, Savannah Beamon and Riley Beamon

Superlatives: Nolan Fayewicz, Carisa Schaeffer, Bryce Davis, and Savannah Beamon

Helper of the Year: Cadence Tempel

Congrats to Emma Seidel for being on Youth Ambassador Court

## Attention all YOUTH

We are looking to plan an activity before the fall semester gears up. We would love all youth new and old to join in the fun and expand our youth program! Stay tuned to Facebook and/or Instagram for announcements. OR ensure Gail has your number to join the text chain!

## Line Dancing Fundraiser

Date: November 22

Location: TBD

Time: 7-10 Dancing and 6:30-9 for food sales

## Westy Fundraiser

Be on the lookout for a Westy fundraiser night in September!

## Royalty

Our royalty are looking forward to attending various events and meetings this year. Please ensure you are reaching out to welcome our Juniors to visit your Grange or attend special events.

## 2025 Junior Attendance Contest

In order to qualify, a junior member must participate in at least 3 junior events (i.e. sleepover, camp, swim party, fall/winter event), the line dancing fundraiser (preparing, participating in, and/or cleaning up), and 1 contest on the State level.

Upcoming activities:

- ◇ Swim Party (July 26, 6-9pm, Schoey Pool)
- ◇ Sept. Pomona (September 6th, Gougliersville)
- ◇ Fall Activity (September 21, 4pm, TBD)
- ◇ Junior Jamboree at State Session (October 18-19 in Williamsport, PA)
- ◇ Winter Activity (December 6<sup>th</sup>, Ontelaunee)
- ◇ December Pomona (December 13, Hamburg)
- ◇ Reading Royals Hockey Game - TBD

Next Junior/Youth Team Meeting:  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm on Zoom

### September BBQ

The Berks County Grange will be hosting a Kauffman Chicken BBQ on Sunday, August 31, 2025, from 11am-2pm, this is Labor Day weekend at the Ontelaunee Grange Hall, 1076 Grange Road, Leesport. The meal will cost \$14 (\$15 after the August 10 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

David Merkel 484-890-3768

Fern Kulp 610-401-6458

Henry Seidel 610-223-1082

**THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR TICKET SALES WILL BE SUNDAY AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>!!**



### **PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

by Debra Kieffer

We'll talk about the dog days of summer. Summer sure kicked off with a bang!

"Got Milk?" Our program for the Sept. 6 Pomona meeting will be presented by the Berks County Dairy royalty. Hope to see you to help support our girls as they support the dairy industry.

And let's hope the rest of the summer brings rain now and then to keep the crops growing.

### **STATE SESSION 2026** Barbara and Derek Schroeder

We had our first meeting for the 2026 session last month. Only had a few people in attendance. It will take a lot of help to have a successful State Session. If you are interested in helping, please message one of us on Facebook or email us at [sessionchairs2026@gmail.com](mailto:sessionchairs2026@gmail.com). Our upcoming meetings are planned for August 24, September 21, and December 7. They will all be held at Gouglersville Grange hall at 2 p.m. and we should be able to have Zoom links for all meetings.

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

### **50/50 RAFFLE HIGHLIGHTS**

Our first attempt at a 50/50 raffle was a success. Whenever we hold a fundraiser, we would like to raise at least \$2,000 for Pomona. We raised a profit of \$2,294.72 for Pomona. We were able to give 6 people (each) \$382.44. The winners were: Sherrie Krick, Jackie Kirkhoff, Lynn Weller, LeRoy Kerschner, Jeff Dreibelbis, and Bob Dempsey.

The top 10 sellers were: Fern Kulp, Emily Kutz, Doris Hoffman, Michael Adams, Steve Rohrbach, Shirley Breining, Denise Clare, Richard Noah (a non-granger), Tammy Schaeffer, and Henry Seidel. I will have to give credit to Ontelaunee Grange breakfast customers. They are AWESOME when it comes to supporting Grange fundraisers. It is mainly because of them that we did reach our goal!

We had 475 people buy raffle tickets, but we only had 28 people selling the tickets.

Thank you to all who sold or bought tickets!!!!!!



### **Mini Princess Whitney Fayewicz**

Hello! I am excited to be this year's Berks County Junior Grange Mini Princess. My parents are Ryan and Shelley Fayewicz, and my brothers are Nolan and Codey. I am 6 years old, and finishing my year of Kindergarten in the Exeter Township School District. Outside of Grange, I like to keep busy. This past year, I played field hockey, basketball and lacrosse. I am also in Cub Scouts. I also enjoy camping, dancing and creating shows for my family and playing with my brothers and my friends. I am a member of Virginville Junior Grange. Some of my favorite Grange activities are County Grange Camp, participating in Open House and the Christmas meeting, and I can't wait to be old enough to attend PA State Jr. Grange Camp. I'm very excited to be the Mini Princess, and I'm looking forward to a great year ahead with Travis, Alexis and Tristan representing the Jr. Grange.



### **Mini Prince Tristan Luckenbill**

Hi! I'm ten-years-old. I'm a farm boy from Hamburg where I live on a family beef, goat and organic crop farm with my parents and my little sister, Olivia. I'm a proud member of the Ontelaunee Jr. Grange. I spend a lot of my working alongside my dad in the fields, raising livestock for 4-H, and learning to operate farm equipment. My work ethic, love for agriculture, and active involvement in my community helped me become the Berks County Jr. Grange Mini Prince. I am excited for the opportunity to represent the Berks County Jr. Grange and am looking forward to visiting and learning from different communities across the county.

### **Prince Travis Riegel**

Hi, here's a little bit about me. I'm fourteen, and I have been homeschooled for my whole life. I attend a homeschool co-op once a week and will be entering 9th grade. My parents are Ann and Steve Riegel, and I have one sister named Sarah. Some of my hobbies are playing baseball for Tulpehocken Area School District, fishing, being down at my grandparent's farm, hanging out with family, and I'm also planning on starting golf for Tulpehocken this year as well. In addition, I play clarinet in the concert and marching bands. I am looking forward to the fairs and parades this year as Berks County Prince.

### **Princess Alexis Servin**

I'm 14 years old and will be finishing the 8th grade at Tulpehocken Area Middle School. I live with my brother Connor, mom, and Oma. In school, I play trumpet for my jazz and concert band, sing in the chorus, participate in track and softball. My hobbies include showing my dairy cattle, being active in FFA and 4-H, dairy judging and dairy bowl, and playing piano. I am a dairy ambassador for my local Berks County promotion program. I'm looking forward to promoting Grange all across Berks County and spreading the word about how we influence the community for the better. I can't wait for the year ahead of me and I am excited to share it with the rest of the royalty team!





Jacob Schroeder (Virginville Junior Grange) was chosen as the PA Junior Grange Male Ambassador. Photo of him with Derek Schroeder (Virginville Junior Leader), Gail Switzer (Berks County Junior Director), and Jen Beamon (PA Junior Director).

### SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE TAGS

I spoke to Christy Kirchner from the Salvation Army about getting 100 Angel Tree Tags for the upcoming Christmas Season. I will have them at the September 6 Pomona meeting at Gouglersville. If you are interested in getting tags, please let someone from your Grange that will be coming to the meeting to pick them up for you. Also, if you're looking for girl or boy tags and certain ages, please let the person that is picking up your tags, or you can contact Michael Adams directly at 610-562-5933. Please consider doing at least 1 gift or get as many as you like.

### POMONA LOTTERY CALENDAR 2026

We will be doing another Pomona Lottery Calendar for 2026 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 2026.

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 will be distributed to all the Masters at the September Pomona meeting at Gouglersville. 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 the members!** I am asking everyone to participate by buying and selling the calendars. They will make a great gift for birthdays, Christmas, etc.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE by Michael Adams**

I want to Thank the Granges and members that supported Blessed Beginnings at the June Pomona meeting. We donated 43 items and \$370 in donations for them. They appreciated what we gave to help women and children that are starting over to get away from an abusive partner.

This quarter, I am asking **Granges and members** to do what they can to support the "BERKS COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE." With nearly 5,000 animals relying on them each year, your donations of supplies make an incredible difference. From food and bedding to medical supplies and toys, every contribution ensures they can provide the care and comfort these animals need. The ARL can expect to see over 1,000 kittens every year, that need foster care. Providing the proper care for these kittens requires a lot of supplies that we are lucky to receive as donations from our loyal supporters

**2025 ANIMAL CARE & ENRICHMENT ITEMS - soft dog treats, pine pellet litter, freeze dried dog/cat treats, spray cheese-Kraft Easy cheese cheddar, Skippy creamy peanut butter, paper towels,** durable dog toys-Nyla bone, Churu-lockable cat treats, soft/fleece blankets, bath towels, cat tent/cave beds, cat dry food-Purina One, cat scratch boards, recovery collars, XL Kong toys, catnip, cat toys

**2025 KITTEN CARE ITEMS – Fancy Feast Kitten–tender chicken feast, Tiki Cat-baby thrive pouches, Royal Canin Mother & baby cat wet food, Purina Kitten Chow-chicken dry food, soft/fleece blankets,** microwaveable heat disc-SnuggleSafe, Tomlyn-Nutri-Cal high calorie supplement for cats, kitchen scale, 20 oz blender bottles, soft pet playpen, XL heating pads

**2025 EVERYDAY BASIC ITEMS – paper towels, hand sanitizer, liquid laundry detergent, heavy duty trash bags, dish soap, vinyl gloves,** yellow, pink, & blue highlighters, black & blue ink pens, sticky notes, 8.5x11 copy paper, tissues, toilet paper, masking tape, white-out tape, packing tape

**\*Highlighted items are really needed**

## Virginville Grange Community Service Committee

On Sunday, June 1st, 2025, the Virginville Grange Community Service Committee held our annual chicken bbq fundraiser to celebrate dairy month. We were able to help BreAnn Whistler, a community member battling cancer. We had a beautiful day and welcomed the PA Farmshow milkshake truck. We had approximately 115 people come in to enjoy their meal in the dining area or they took their meal home with them. The fundraiser was a huge success! We sold 430 dinners and 300 milkshakes. We also had a bake sale this time as well with so many wonderful treats available! Thank you to everyone who supported us in the fundraiser.

Our next benefit bingo is scheduled for **Sunday, November 2nd, 2025** at the Virginville Grange Hall. A recipient has yet to be determined, but will be communicated in future newsletters. Keep an eye on your inbox or mailbox in the fall for flyers to arrive.

As a committee, we continue to be very grateful for 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!

### **BERKS HEIM** by Anna Heffner

Church services are happening on Sundays at 2:30. We need volunteers for the following Sundays: 7/20, 8/3, 8/31, 9/21, 10/12, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21. 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.

Heim Fest will be held September 13, 2025, which means that it will not be a conflict with our September Pomona meeting. This means that Grange members will be able to 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.

The volunteer board is asking for volunteers to bake for the bake sale at Heim Fest. Please consider making cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc. I will be calling several granges to ask for donations soon.

Items for this year's Santa's Corner will be needed early in December. More on this at the next meeting.

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. If you know someone who might be interested, even if they are not grange members, let me know.

### **AGRICULTURE REPORT** by Doug Sattazahn

In its July 11 Crop Progress report, the USDA confirmed strong US crop conditions as the nation enters the critical pollination and grain-filling stages.

**Corn**—Nationally, 74% of corn is rated good-to-excellent—the highest this season—and 18% has reached the silking stage, slightly ahead of the five-year average

**Soybeans**—Emerging and blooming soybeans continue on track: 66% are rated good to excellent, roughly steady week-over-week. Soybean production was slightly slashed to 4.335 billion bushels, while processing ("crush") usage rose to 2.54 billion bushels, driven by the booming biofuel market.

**Market Outlook**—Reuters Crop Watch suggests a possible record corn yield of 184 bushels per acre, about USDA's 181 trendline projection—but warns that heat stress in late July-August could trim potential. Concurrently, strong US corn exports (2.73 billion bushels sold as of July 3) reflect global demand, even as Brazil ramps up output.

These USDA updates reflect generally positive crop conditions, tempered by cautious adjustments in planting, production, and weather risk as the season progresses. Markets will closely watch late-season weather forecasts.

### **LUNCH AFTER POMONA**

For those interested, we have arranged to go to Paolo's Restaurant & Bar, 2480 Lancaster Pike, Reading, PA 19607 for lunch after the meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting for a prelim count.

## FUND-RAISER with OLEY FAIR

The Berks County Pomona Grange will again be manning the SOUP STAND (Vegetable and Chicken Noodle) during the Oley Fair. Fair dates are September 18, 19 and 20, 2025.

Each year the Oley Fair makes a financial contribution to the Berks County Grange for our help. Volunteers are needed from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday.

Please contact Henry Seidel at 610-223-1082 or [hseidel@aol.com](mailto:hseidel@aol.com) to sign up. Most members work 2-4 hours at a time and more is gladly accepted. If more volunteers sign up for a specific shift, the Fair can use help elsewhere, but our priority is the SOUP stand. Car passes should be available at the September Pomona meeting, but Henry will get one to you if you are not able to attend that meeting.

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.

If we sell out of soup early, members will have the option to help at another stand. As always, the weather will play a big part in how busy we are each day. THANK YOU.

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 7, 2025, Pomona meeting held at Kutztown Grange. Remember, it is always better to have you in attendance so you can help in the making of the Pomona decisions.

- A representative from Blessed Beginnings came to share about their organization—to help domestic violence victims
- Youth officers filled the chairs today
- President David Merkel attended the Penn State Board of Trustees election in May
- Pomona officers are encouraged to attend at least one Subordinate Grange meeting in the 2025 year
- Attendance: 13 Brothers, 26 Sisters, 4 Juniors, 2 Mini Juniors Total: 45
- Next Line Dance fundraiser will be November 22
- Applebee's fundraiser coupons are still available
- All contest entries for FA will be judged at the September Pomona meeting—have items at the meeting by 9 a.m.
- FA will be have baked goods and pepper cabbage at the upcoming August 31 Chicken Barbeque
- Lottery calendar from Jan/Feb 2025—\$3,342.22 profit
- Looking for sponsors for various items or monetary donations for upcoming barbeque
- August 30—Fern Kulp will be in charge of getting rolls bagged for barbeque (9—11 a.m.) Call her if interested in helping.
- 50/50 raffle was held (check article in this newsletter for further details)
- ECHO Contest Corner winner was Anna Heffner
- Heim Fest will be held September 13, looking for volunteers 1:30 a.m.—4 p.m.

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**FAMILY ACTIVITIES (FA)** Jane Adams (jladams2@gmail.com 610-507-5933) Denise Clare (dlc416@yahoo.com 610-763-1282)

We hope everyone is enjoying some of the warmer weather. It's been quite "wet" lately. We pray you, your family members, neighbors, and friends are all SAFE and in good health. Take time to check on each other.

If you "*Need to Beat the Heat*," try staying inside for a while in a cool place and use that time to work on one of the exciting contests sponsored by the PA Family Activities Department. We'll quickly list the different contests but please visit the **pagrange.org** website (Documents, Policy, and Other Documents) for specific size and possible other entry rules/requirements. Basics are below.

**2025 New contests: Quilt Block – The Crayon Box**

**Baking: Scones-any flavor; White Chocolate Macadamia Nut cookies; Divinity Candy**

**2025 Special contests: Wine bottle-painted; wine bottle-painted with lights; wine bottle-decorated; wine bottle-decorated with lights; Macrame Wall Hanging (large=min 17x17, max 24x24); (small=min 10x10, max 16x16); burlap ornament (max 6"); burlap-wreath (max 18" diameter); burlap-table decoration (max 12" high x 12" long)**

All contests are open to everyone (Juniors as well) but will be judged all together as one group. All contests will be judged on the County level at the September 6<sup>th</sup> Pomona meeting at Gouglersville Grange. Entries should arrive by 9AM for proper sorting and placement. First place winners will advance to the PA State Grange Session for state judging. **\*\*Quilt blocks are an exception and so all will be sent for state judging and kept for future quilt designs. Let's see how many entries we can make to fill the grange.** Work with your FA grange chairperson to get your entries there for judging even if you can't be there yourself! GOOD LUCK!

We will again be having a **Pepper Cabbage** and **Baked Goods sale** at the Berks Co Chicken BBQ fundraiser held at Ontelaunee Grange on Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>. Each grange is asked to provide 4-5 baked items (arriving by 10:30AM) to be part of the goodies for sale. Help to prep and sell is always appreciated. Let's make this a success!!

Our committee has **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grange cookbooks** for sale at \$25 each. They make great gifts for special events or any occasion. Contact Jane Adams, if interested. As a committee fundraiser, we have a few **Applebee hamburger certificates** still available. Cost is \$10 each and they are good for any hamburger on the menu (except for the 2 for \$25). They have no expiration date and are accepted at many restaurants in PA, NJ, DE and MD. Locations are on the certificate and would be ideal to take on vacation or a simple night out. We have decided to purchase another small batch of certificates to continue this project through the Holidays. Contact your grange's chairperson to purchase or place an order when the new batch arrives.

**\*\*FA Chairperson reports** are due to be filed by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Be proud of what you do and report it also!

**\*\*PA FA Quilt and Other prize raffle** ticket stubs, monies, and unsold tickets are due to Evelyn Cottrell by 9/30/25.

If anyone has completed hats/totes for our **Caring for Cancer Clients** special county project this year, please bring them to our September Pomona meeting to be counted and later delivered to local cancer treatment centers.

Everyone is invited to attend our next committee meeting at 9AM on September 6<sup>th</sup> at Gouglersville Grange (before the Pomona meeting) and offer your input and be part of the discussion. Come Early!!

## GOUGLERSVILLE GRANGE TRACTOR/ENGINE/CRAFT SHOW

This show will be held September 27 & 28 (raindate Oct 4 & 5), 2025, 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Games, food, children's activities, crafts, lots of tractors. Tractor Parade at 2 p.m. both days. Raffle will be held Sunday afternoon.

For further information, contact:

Jim Balthaser, 610-739-7287 (tractors)

Carol Kramer, 484-256-3210 (general information)

Carrie Galen, 484-824-1535 (junior grange)

Sallie Jo Reid, 267-733-2283 (crafters)

Admission: FREE

Location: 1893 Old Lancaster Pike, Sinking Spring, 19608



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST—NOVEMBER 2025

Aug 4—9 Kutztown Fair  
 Aug 12—14 Ag Progress Days, State College  
 Aug 31 Chicken BBQ Fundraiser—Ontelaunee Grange hall, 11 a.m.— 2 p.m. (see article for further details)  
 Sept. 6 County Meeting @Gouglersville Grange, 9:30 a.m. (Needlework/Baking Contest)  
 Sept. 8 Kutztown Basket Bingo^  
 Sept. 8 Pioneer Grange Italian Hoagie Sale\*  
 Sept. 18—20 Fundraiser at Oley Fair (see article for further details)  
 Sept. 21 Junior/Youth Fall Activity, 4 p.m. (event TBD)  
 Sept. 24 Ag-Legislative Meeting @Ontelaunee Grange, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 27—28 Gouglersville Grange Tractor & Engine Show (see article for further details)  
 Oct. 5 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.  
 Oct. 6 Jr. Team Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom  
 Oct. 6 Kutztown Basket Bingo^  
 Oct. 6 Pioneer Grange Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale\*\*  
 Oct. 13 Officer/Dept. Chair Meeting @Ontelaunee Grange, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 17—19 PA State Session in Williamsport, PA  
 Oct. 17—ECHO deadline  
 Oct. 18-19 Junior Jamboree at State Session (Williamsport, PA)  
 Nov. 2 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.  
 Nov. 3 Collate ECHO @Ontelaunee Grange, 3 p.m.  
 Nov. 3 Kutztown Basket Bingo^  
 Nov. 8—16 National Grange Session, Carnival Horizon Cruise to Aruba/Conaire/Curacao

\*Pioneer Grange: Deadline to order is Aug. 31. \$6 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. 25, \$5. Call Tammy at 610-463-7213 to order. Pick up at the Grange hall from 3—5 p.m.

^Kutztown Grange: Call Oletha, 610-395-3889, for tickets Start time 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. \$20 for 25 games  
 Hoagies will also be available for \$6 (must call one week prior for hoagies)

### POMONA HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

- State Session 2026—Derek and Barbara Schroeder looking for volunteers
- Membership as of May 31, 2025: 902
- New 5th degree members: Emma Seidel, Guy & Kathryn Lehman
- Steve Mohn will represent Pomona at the Kutztown Fair Livestock Sale
- David & Jocelyn Merkel will be Pomona delegates to 2025 State Session
- Still looking for a Finance Committee member
- Amended the State Session Delegates reimbursement policy regarding room rates
- National Youth Team Ashlan Smith and Shae Smith and PA Outstanding Young Patron Autumn Tworkoski did Grange Trivia Tic Tac Toe for Literary program
- Everyone was invited to stay after the closing of grange to work on grange crafts/contests. Kutztown Grange provided lunch.

## CONTEST CORNER

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

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

We are in the midst of a wet, humid & hot summer. Can you answer these summer questions?

1. What month does our summer start? June July August
2. What tournament is played in the summer? World Series Super Bowl Wimbledon
3. What famous summer movie is about a great white shark? Sharky Jaws Attack
4. What is the most popular summer fruit but could also be considered a vegetable?  
Cantaloupe watermelon honeydew
5. What state is known as the sunshine state? Florida Texas California
6. Where was the first roller coaster in the U.S. built? Orlando Brooklyn Ocean City
7. Which state has the average hottest temperature? Florida Utah Texas
8. What year was the first modern summer Olympics held? 1904 1884 1896
9. What is the most common BBQ meat purchased in the U.S.? Hamburger chicken hot dogs
10. What month is ice cream month in the U.S.? June July August
11. What is the most visited National Park in the U.S.? Grand Canyon Yosemite Glacier

Answers from June: 1) White as snow, 2) Humpty together again, 3) Cow jumped over the moon, 4) My fair lady, 5) Washed the spider out, 6) Jill came tumbling after, 7) eating his Christmas pie, 8) Curds and whey, 9) The mouse ran down, 10) The poor dog had none, 11) The butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker. Winner: Anna Heffner, Hamburg Grange

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