

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2008—FEBRUARY 2009

- Nov 8** Hamburg Grange All-You-Can-Eat Chicken Pot Pie Dinner, 4—7 p.m. @Hamburg High School Adults \$7; 3-8, \$4.50; 2 and under, free
- Nov 11-15** National Grange Annual Convention, Cromwell, CT
- Nov 17** Pre-Quarterly Meeting, Ontelaunee, 8 p.m.
- Nov 20** Larry Sutton will speak “Will your TV work after 2/19/2009?”, Hamburg Grange, 7 p.m.—all invited
- Nov 29** Virginville Grange is sponsoring a dance. Music by the Majestics from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. \$5 per person. Benefits a worthy cause—refreshments available.
- Nov 30** Bowling at Heister’s Lanes, 2 p.m. (2 games and shoes, \$6; 3 games and shoes, \$8)
- Dec 6** Pomona meeting @Geigertown (St. Paul’s United Methodist Church , 1136 Geigertown Road, Birdsboro), 6:30 p.m. meal; 7:30 p.m. meeting (directions on page 9)
- Dec 7** Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
- Dec 8** Christmas Village (meet Karen Mohn at the main entrance at 6 p.m.—free for juniors)
- Dec 14** Hoss’s Fundraiser
- Jan 4** Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
- Jan 5** Junior Team Meeting, 7 p.m., Ontelaunee
- Jan 10** ECHO newsletter deadline
- Jan 16-17** Junior Grange Sleep-over, Fleetwood Grange hall
- Jan 20** Hamburg Grange Blood Drive, 2 p.m.—8 p.m. Contact Scott Kreider 610-562-9877 for a time
- Jan 24** Free showing of “Mary Poppins”, Hamburg Strand, 3 p.m. Sponsored by Hamburg Grange—all invited (snow date January 31, 3 p.m.)

## YOUTH YEAR END WRAP UP

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and fall! Soon the holiday season will be upon us and 2009 will have started. I would like to thank all of the youth that participated throughout the year in our different activities, both locally and statewide, including Youth Officers at March Pomona, Young Adults/Young Marrieds Weekend, both County and State Junior Camps, Youth Camp/Family Festival, and the french fry stand at the Pomona sale. By the time this is published, we will have also helped close the first day of business at State Session.

Even with all of these activities throughout the year, I realized that the transition from Junior Granger to Youth Granger is a difficult transition. We don’t have the regularly scheduled activities during Pomona meetings, and we do not have Youth Granges like there are Junior Granges. To increase the number of activities that Berks County Youth participate in, I need your input. The venue of Youth Meetings did not work this past year. Some ideas would be volunteer work, walking in a charity walk, doing some kind of classes (perhaps we can increase the number of Berks County Youth entries at State Session), or go camping.

Speaking of camping, I would like to increase our attendance at Youth Camp in July at Family Festival. This past year, we only had 4 youth from Berks County attend Youth Camp (and that includes me). I know we have many more Youth than that who could

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**Jan 24** Recognition/Appreciation Night, 6:45 p.m., Leesport Farmer’s Market

**Feb 2** Collate ECHO newsletter, Fleetwood Grange Hall, 7 p.m.

**Feb 2** Ag-Legislative Meeting, 8 p.m., Agriculture Center

**Feb. 16** Pre-Quarterly meeting @Fleetwood, 8 p.m.