

POMONA ECHO

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MASTER'S REPORT

By Ray Davis

Happy Spring to everyone.

The Leon Kirkhoff Reading Fair Scholarship Banquet was held at the Agricultural Center in March and I am happy to report that over \$8,000.00 was raised.

I was recently appointed Director of the Berks Agricultural Resource Network (B.A.R.N.) This Non Profit Organization was known as the Berks County Farm City. The network is to promote the agricultural and related food industries through economic development efforts, marketing, policy development, education, and recognizing that agriculture represents the entire food industry chain from farmer to consumer. If anyone would like to become a member, please contact me. With the economy the way it is, I'm sure we should have lots of resolutions for pre-quarterly meeting in May.

ECHO IS ON THE WEBSITE

The Pomona ECHO is on the berkscountygrange.org website. So, if you would like to help Pomona save postage and receive your newsletter in advance of regular mailings, please notify Fern Kulp (clk19530@enter.net) or Tom Wike (tom.wike@gmail.com) of your email address. We will notify you when the ECHO is posted on the website instead of mailing you a copy. In addition, if you have any suggestions on improving the website, please let us know.

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Berks County Junior Grange News

Knoebels

The Berks Jr. Grange Day trip this year is to Knoebels Amusement Park. The date for the trip is June 16. **EVERY-ONE** (and friends that are non-members) in the county grange is invited to attend. The park opens at 11am that day. We have 100 seats reserved for us in Pavilion 'D'. That pavilion is very close to the Giant Wheel and Skloosh. The junior grange will be supplying hotdogs, rolls, condiments, table covering, paper products, and drink. Everyone else is asked to bring a covered dish. So we get a variety of food, the different junior granges were assigned to bring a 'type' of picnic food. Fleetwood—Snacks, Marion—Fruit and Veggies, Ontelaunee—Sides, Virginville—Desserts. Anyone else whatever you see fit to bring!!

Most juniors expressed wanting to get the all day wrist bands for the trip as they are only available during the week. For those of you wanting to attend the day on a more leisurely and less expensive scale, but still wish to partake in a few rides, we can get a group rate on books of tickets. We are asking that all interested in purchasing ticket books, please make payment by June 6 at the Pomona meeting. (I must purchase the ticket books prior to the park opening on June 16. If you run out during the day, you will have to purchase the tickets books at the original cost.) Group rate for the tickets: \$10 book of tickets will cost \$8.50, and a \$5 book will cost \$4.25. Keep in mind that Knoebels tickets NEVER expire, and that the haunted house and the laser tag are not included in the wristband cost...tickets must be used for these rides. Again there will be a sign-up sheet on June 6 or contact Heather at mengels5@verizon.net or 610-756-6001.

June County Meeting

The new Berks Jr. Royalty will be introduced as well as the juniors entertaining the members with some camp memories. Hope to see you at Kutztown Grange for the covered dish meal, and a night of fellowship.

REMINDER: Juniors, counselors, helpers and staff please wear your new camp T-Shirt so we can show off our colors!

Hoss's

The county Juniors will again be holding a Hoss's day on June 7. Come out and eat at Hoss's (in Leesport) on that day and when you present a coupon, the juniors will receive 20% of your bill! Coupons will be available at county camp and at the June quarterly meeting! Reminder: Any gift certificates purchased on June 10 while using your 20% coupon for the juniors, also go toward the proceeds that the juniors can earn. Thank-you for your support of this fundraiser project.

Every County Granger...

Is always invited to visit the county junior camp for any period of time during our camp weekend, May 15-17. Please contact Heather to find out scheduled events. The Royalty Coronation and Program begin Sunday at 1:30pm

Thank-You to all that supported the Wolfgang Fundraiser!

Directions to Camp Swatara

Whether traveling East or West on I78, get off at Exit #10 (Frystown). Go North for 2 miles on Rte. 645. The camp entrance will be on your right. Camp Swatara has multiple sites and we will be staying at the East



Pictured above are the 7 Alleghenyville Grange most senior citizens that are in their “nineties”. They all attended the annual Alleghenyville Grange membership dinner in February. They are:

Front Row: Olive Irvin, Grace Moore, Bill Moore
 Back Row: Olga Kockel, Fred Bachetti, Carl Stauffer, Abe Ziegler

CONGRATULATIONS!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Denise Claire

Our Relay for Life team will be collecting coins at the June Pomona meeting. This will be done in conjunction with the walk being held the weekend of May 15-17. Please consider making donations, as a Grange, as well as a personal donation. Should anyone know of an organization or group that we could help out, please contact me.

LEGISLATIVE

By Kenneth Schlegel

I served as a bank director for 24 years. During the 4th quarter of the banks’ fiscal year, Personnel and the Board established goals and targets for the ensuing year. If our staff exceeded those goals, they were eligible for a bonus and then there were various levels of bonuses. It seems today you are eligible for a bonus if you show up for work. Forget about performance! So what does Congress do? The end of March it’s members introduced a bill which basically said companies may only pay out bonuses if they have a superior performance. Most people who heard about this bill are trying to figure out if we can hold the members of Congress to some kind of performance rating!

In closing, we all sometimes wonder why our elected officials accomplish very little. Well, that’s easy. They always seem to be a part of a left-wing or right-wing movement. Did you ever see an airplane or a bird fly with one wing? They can’t. They just keep going around in circles. Now you know the rest of the story.

COUNTY YOUTH FILL OFFICER CHAIRS AT THE MARCH POMONA



COUNTY GRANGE TRIP

By Nettie Kauffman

The committee wishes to inform our membership that the County Grange Trip for June 8-14, 2019 has been **CANCELLED** due to lack of participation. A decision had to be made by the committee prior to April 15 since rooming lists needed to be provided to the various motels. Because of the lack of interest, the cost to those who did sign up would have doubled. The committee felt this was not fair and felt when those who did sign up knew the price would double, they would have cancelled as well. Our travel agent also expressed concern that the increased cost would not be justified for a 6-day bus trip.

The committee will be meeting in the future to discuss other possibilities. If anyone has any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the following committee members:

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