

## UPCOMING EVENTS May—July 2009

- May 9 Fleetwood annual Community Yard Sale & Soup Sale, 7 a.m.—2 p.m.
- May 10 Virginville Grange Mother's Day Dinner, 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. Ham & Turkey Family Style
- May 11 Consignment Meeting, Ontelaunee 7 p.m.
- May 15—17 BC Junior Grange Camp, Camp Swatara
- May 18 Pre-Quarterly meeting, Kutztown Grange hall, 8:00 p.m.
- May 18 National Grange Bus Trip, Washington, D.C.
- May 24 Pomona Go-To-Church Sunday, St. Michael's Church
- June 1 Basket Bingo @Kutztown Grange, 6:45 p.m. Tickets, \$20
- June 6 Pomona meeting, Kutztown Grange, 6:30 covered dish; 7:30 meeting
- June 7 Hoss's Day—Juniors receive 20% of your bill
- June 12 Fleetwood Strawberry & Ice Cream Festival, 4:30—9:30 p.m.
- June 16 Junior Trip to Knoebles Park
- June 20 Family Grange Picnic—Knoebels Amusement Resort, Pavilion "T", 12 noon
- June 21 All Granger Picnic, Edenburg Park, Hamburg, 12:30 p.m.
- June 28—July 4 JR Grange Camp, Camp Sylvan Hills
- July 1 Pomona ECHO deadline (note earlier date!!!!)
- July 6 Junior Team meeting, Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.
- July 16—19 Sixth Annual Family Festival, Centre County Grange Fairgrounds
- July 17—19 PA Grange Young Marrieds Camp Centre County Grange Fairgrounds
- July 20 Pre-Auction work night, Bernville, 7 p.m.
- July 27 Collate ECHO, Pioneer Grange, 7 p.m.

### LECTURER'S REPORT

By Martha Bollinger

Greeting Grange Members,

Hope everyone is work on project, crafts, poems, acts (like singing and dancing) for State Session. Also don't forget Family Festival is coming up on July 16 to the 19th. The theme is "Grange Circus Carnival." So if you attend, be creative and decorate your trailer, camper, tent, or perhaps the costume class.

Attendance Cards. I know that everyone forgets to bring it or misplaces them. So if you have one and you attended one of the activities, but forgot your card please circle the event so I know that you did attend. I will try to remember everyone so the next time you have the card I can punch that activity.

### JUNIOR CORNER

Hi! This is Jacob Mengel your Berks County Jr. Grange Prince. I am in sixth grade at Kutztown Area Middle School. This was fun this year, because I got to go to school with a lot of kids I play sports with. I play soccer, basketball and baseball. Of the three sports, soccer is my favorite to play. I do enjoy watching football a lot too.

I am really pleased to tell you that I had a great year being the Jr. Grange Prince. I had a lot of fun working at the Berks Heim and making the residents there happy. It was amazing to see the people get so happy seeing kids help them. I also had a real good time handing out awards at all the fairs I went to. Being Jr. Grange Prince was such an honor for me this year. I had so much fun and I wish I could do it again.

Jr. Grange camp is coming up so if you want to have as much fun as I did you might want to start studying. See you soon!



## MARCH 2009 POMONA MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Nancy Bosold, Extension Agent, reported on various extension activities
- Karen Nein, Women In Crisis, spoke on the center and was presented donations
- The county Youth opening the meeting with a marching drill and the Youth filled the officers chairs
- Continue Affiliate Membership with BC Conservation District, \$25, approved
- Support North Woodbury Grange appeal, \$50, approved
- Support Pomona Lecturer (or her alternate) to attend Mid-Atlantic conference, approved
- Support Dairy Princess Pageant Ambassador gifts, \$150, approved
- Purchase additional Dairy Princess Pageant ticket for \$15, approved
- Contribute to Reading Fair, \$1,740, for various contests/projects, approved
- Contribute to Kutztown Fair, \$850, for various contests/projects, approved
- Support 2 (if interested) Grange members to attend Don Hartman Conservation School, \$175 each, approved
- Attendance: 28 brothers, 54 sisters, 24 juniors, 2 mini-juniors = 108 total
- Pomona Go-To-Church Service set for May 24, 2009, St. Michael's Church, 10:30 a.m.
- Larry Eshelman, agriculture committee, is looking into a farmer's water run-off from a commercial property situation
- Ken Schlegel, legislative, reported on biosolids issues
- ECHO contest winner—Phyllis Lauck
- Barbara Schroeder, public relations, will be working on fair displays and an ad for Reading Fair premium booklet
- Tour reservations are through AAA; cost of trip is \$840; trip is set for June 8—14
- Reading Fair—zoning problem has had with Bern Township are now in the final stages of being solved
- Membership as of February 29: 1,449
- Felicia Weitzel, Berks County Wool Queen, made a presentation on wool and her activities as Wool Queen



- Dustin Kunkle, state deputy, will attend March 14 Deputy School
- Fair Display theme—each Grange can select their own theme this year
- Next Junior Grange Hoss fund raiser is set for June 7
- Family Activities supported the Junior Grange with a contribution
- Road Rally cancelled and will work on this for next year activity
- Received thank you from Greater Berks Food Bank, Berks County Conservancy, Marion Grange for Switzer appeal, and Farm Family Appreciation Celebration committee for financial support
- Charles Seidel, past master, was presented with Pomona Past Master pin
- Provide initial budget of \$50 to start on fair display, approved
- Gail Switzer spoke on her senior project of a new county Grange brochure
- \$250 was approved for State Youth appeal and State Junior appeal
- Approved membership for Berks County Conservancy, \$50
- Approved membership in the Berks Agricultural Resource Network, \$50
- Approved \$100 for support on challenging Tyson Foods to National Grange
- Social Security Information resolution, approved
- Penn State Trustee Election resolution in support of Paul Semmel, approved
- Governmental Salaries/Bonuses resolution, approved
- Deregulation of Utilities resolution, approved
- Energy Sources resolution, approved
- Clean Air Tax Proposal resolution, approved as amended
- Andrew Kieffer and Gail Switzer spoke on their experiences and involvement at the National Grange convention.
- 2009 Attendance cards were distributed to members in attendance
- Door prizes were awarded
- Wayne Readinger spoke on the Reading Fair and how Leon Kirkhoff was involved \_ encouraged support of the scholarship fundraiser
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

## SENIOR GRANGER HIGH-LIGHT

This quarter we would like to highlight:

**NAME:** Kenneth L. Schlegel

**GRANGE:** Fleetwood Grange #1839

**AGE:** 62

**YEARS MEMBER OF THE GRANGE:** 48 years+

**WERE YOU A JUVENILE MEMBER?** No. When kids my age wanted a Junior Grange, it seemed the Senior Grange wasn't interested. So, we would protest!

**HOW DID YOU GET TO BE A MEMBER? WHAT OFFICES DID YOU HOLD?** Subordinate—Gatekeeper, Steward, Overseer, Master. I guess I didn't do it right the first time, Overseer and Master AGAIN, was also a member of Executive Committee. Pomona—Steward. State—Steward.

**WERE YOU INVOLVED IN POMONA, STATE AND/OR NATIONAL GRANGE AS ANY CHAIRPERSON, OFFICER?** Berks Pomona Deputy; Membership Director (Pomona); State Grange host Co-Chairman (Berks); State Grange Good of the Order and Constitution Chairperson; Sharon & I were State Youth Director

**PARTICIPATED IN WHAT ACTIVITIES OF THE GRANGE?** There are very few activities in the Grange I was not a part of at one time or another

**WHAT IS SOME KIND OF ACTIVITY THEN THAT IS NO LONGER HELD (THAT MAYBE WE SHOULD AGAIN HAVE)?** Young couple activities, as it started on all levels and continue for 14-15 years especially the "Edgewater Acres Event". State Grange sessions are nothing like they used to be. They're kind of watered down. Not too many times now days. Are boxing gloves needed—those were the good old days!

**WHAT IS THE GRANGE (IN YOUR WORDS)?** In summary, Grange is life. It's an organization that provides opportunity, involvement, activity and solutions for the entire family or challenges in daily life.

**YOUR HOBBIES:** Bowled in Grange league for 36 years. So I guess that's a hobby—new back, 2 new knees, 1 new hip kind of side tracked that for a few years! Favorite hobby is hunting (whitetails). Also collect farm tractors (the little guys) and Windross trucks. Also love attending sports: soccer, baseball and basketball

**CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN/GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN:** 3 children—Heather, Keith and Kyle. Another hobby, collect grandchildren—currently at 9: 6 boys and 3 girls. My kids say if I want anymore I must BORROW some—that's fine! I already share 3 of mine with Paul and Dorothy Miller.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR GRANGE LIFE:** The biggest is being name half of the National Young Couple of the Year at the National Session, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Of course, Sharon was the other half! Never seen a State Master jump over so many rows of seats in the auditorium and then on stage to congratulate us—Charlie Wismer. #2 being State Grange Granger of the Year and spending time with Gov. Thornberg—didn't tell him I was a democrat. Others—as State Youth Directors—run the largest state youth camp ever (220 campers) - as members of National Youth Team—traveling to Spokane & Seattle, Washington; Cedar Rapids, Iowa (twice); Maryland; Ohio; New Jersey—all over PA representing National Berks County Farm Family.

**THINGS OF INTEREST:** After doing leadership workshops, western end of the State, traveling across the State, arriving in State College at 3 a.m. with Wayne & Helen Readinger, no gas in tank, no stations open, continuing to Harrisburg, basically on hot air—at least it was all down hill, and the first thing Wayne needed in Harrisburg was a newspaper to see what the legislature was doing!

Car load of youth—  
Another time after a youth function in Mercer County, leaving for Berks around 5:30 p.m., while it was starting to snow (REALLY SNOW) arriving in Berks 12 hours later—horse and sled would have been faster!



## CONTEST CORNER

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRANGE \_\_\_\_\_  
Complete and bring along to the June Pomona meeting. Must be present to win.

### **QUIRKY PLACE NAMES – Identify the Pennsylvania locations with unusual names.**

Located in the western Philadelphia suburbs is this community named after a colonial era inn. What is this place that is home of one of the largest shopping malls in the United States with over 400 stores and restaurants? \_\_\_\_\_

The Amish area of Pennsylvania around Lancaster is noted for some of the more unusual names in the state, such as Intercourse and Bird in Hand. Name two more unusual towns.  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

In what Pennsylvania borough is the main campus of Penn State University located?  
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Mauch Chunk, PA in the 1950s decided to change its name in order to attract more tourists. It chose to name itself after one of the great minority athletes of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. What became the new name of the town? \_\_\_\_\_

Located southeast of Philadelphia is a small unincorporated area that is home of a dairy which adopted the name of the town. A string of convenience stores also has the same name. What is the name?  
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What is the town located just east of Washington, PA off Interstate 70? A major building supplies company got its name from the town's name. \_\_\_\_\_

Answers from last issue: (1) stop, look, listen; (2) beg, borrow, steal; (3) tall, dark, handsome; (4) snap, crackle, pop; (5) first second, third; and (6) small, medium, large. Congratulations to the winner, Phyllis Lauck.

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