

POMONA ECHO

Berks County Pomona Grange #43

November 2010

MASTER'S REPORT

By Ray Davis

As Frances and I prepare to attend the 138th State Grange Session in Middlesex, we hope to see some beautiful sights with changing of the leaves. State session has many resolutions to act upon and election of new slate of officers to be voted upon.

I attended a breakfast/tour meeting of the Berks County Conservation District. A Pomona Grange display was at the Mountain View in Shartlesville for the Farm Tour on October 23rd.

Our Pomona Officers meeting was held and many concerns/issues were presented with the main concern membership. Thank you to officers/chairpersons that attended.

If you have members who are not 5th degree members, please ask them to attend one of our Pomona meetings and become a county member. Next year we are planning to present the 5th degree; and, if asked to help in degree work, please say yes or just volunteer.

The Reading Fair Board met and one item of discussion was to have displays that are at the 4-H building be moved over on the main fairgrounds.

Have a wonderful Fall season!

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MOVED?!?!?!?

Pomona is required to pay \$.44 for each newsletter returned. Therefore, if you move PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SUBORDINATE GRANGE SECRETARY OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS! He/She will then need to notify Fern Kulp of the address change.

Berks County Junior Grange News

Bowling Party

Juniors are having a bowling party at the Hiester Bowling Alley on November 28, 2010 at 2pm. You will be able to bowl two or three games. Come out to enjoy a fun day at Hiester's Lanes.

NEW—if you are interested in going to Hoss's, please go to the Berks Co. Grange website at berkscountygrange.org There you can find the link to print off your coupon for the junior's fundraising.

Hoss's

The next Hoss's fundraiser day/night will be December 12. This is a SUNDAY!! Remember that Gift Certificates count toward junior profit!! Get your coupons/tickets at the December Pomona meeting! Thank you for supporting the juniors!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas

Thank-You to everyone who enjoyed Italian Ice or Ice Cream or soda on sale day in August. And thanks to all juniors and parents that helped sell the tasty treats!

Did you Know...

- Samantha Haag, Veronica Heckman, and Tylor Phillips will represent Region H at the State Grange Talent Contest?
- The 2010 National Junior Program Theme is Community Service...what is your grange doing?
- Over 30 juniors and adults enjoyed mini-golfing at Kauffmans on September 26?
- Berks County Junior Grange Camp theme is Dr. Suess?

Dates for planned thus far for 2010 Activities

January 14—15 Sleepover
May 13-15 Berks Jr. Camp
June 14 Knoebles Day trip

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Quarterly Meeting

In December, we will honor our graduating 14 year olds. Mary will lead an activity for the juniors. Hope to see you December 4th at Marion!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2010—FEBRUARY 2011

- November 7 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 - 1
- November 7 Benefit Boyds Bear/Longaberger Basket/Cash Bingo Doors open 11:30 a.m. Games at 1 p.m. Benefits Northern Berks Food Pantry. For every can of non-perishable food, get a free game card. \$20 for 20 games
- November 9 - 13 National Grange Session, Charlotte, North Carolina. Fern Kulp will be playing piano for the Session.
- November 14 Shartlesville Grange Buffet breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.
- November 15 Pre-Quarterly meeting @Marion, 7:30 p.m.
- November 20 Hamburg Grange Pot Pie Dinner, 4 - 7 p.m.
- November 22 Basket Bingo @Kutztown Grange. Doors open at 5:30 and games begin at 6:45 p.m. \$20 per ticket. Contact Darlene for advance tickets, 610.683.7975
- November 23 Hamburg Grange Blood Drive, 2 - 8 pm
- November 27 Virginville Benefit Dance, 7 - 10 p.m.
- November 28 County Junior Grange Bowling Party @Hiester's, 2 p.m.
- December 4 Pomona meeting @Marion Grange, 9:45 a.m. (NOTE not an evening meeting)
- December 5 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 - 1
- December 12 Shartlesville Grange Buffet breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.
- December 12 Junior Grange HOSS's fundraiser date

2010 CONSIGNMENT SALE REPORT

By Ken Kerschner

Oh what a glorious day for a sale! Although it was definitely hot in the sun, you couldn't have asked for better weather for the annual sale (unlike last year's Friday monsoon). 1,250 registered buyers searched the market grounds for deals, and by the looks of the numbers, found some quality merchandise. Between the 3,200 household lots, the 960 ticketed lawn and garden items, and the close to 1,000 ticketed farm items, there sure was something for everyone. Our combined "no sales" were a record low!

The sale committee is dedicated to improve our sale so if you have a suggestion, please relay your idea to me.

And finally, thanks to all the volunteers who made this year's sale a success, especially our auctioneers. Well done, good and faithful servants!

- January 2 NO Ontelaunee Grange breakfast this month
- January 9 Shartlesville Grange Buffet breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.
- January 10 Pomona ECHO deadline
- January 14/15 Junior Grange sleepover @ Fleetwood Grange hall
- January 16 Basket Bingo @Kutztown Grange. Doors open at 12 noon and games begin at 1:30 p.m. \$20 per ticket. Contact Darlene, 610.683.7975, for advance tickets. Blizzard date is January 23, 2011
- January 22 Recognition/Appreciation Night Banquet @Leesport Farmer's Market, 6:45 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2010 MEETING:

- ◆ Debbie Dietrich, Extension Service, reported on concerns, activities, and educational programs related to the Extension service.
- ◆ Megan Evans, Leukemia/Lymphoma Society of Berks County, provided information on their program and information on the diseases.
- ◆ Check for \$500 will be mailed to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society at the end of the 2010 Visitation Programs
- ◆ Appeal from Buckhorn Grange for \$50 was approved
- ◆ National Grange for the Youth and Junior Departments appeals - \$100 to each department - approved
- ◆ Contribution of \$1,000 to the National Grange to defend the use of "Grange" on behalf of all Berks County Granges
- ◆ Contribute \$100 to the Greater Berks Food Bank - approved
- ◆ Continue membership with Berks Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services - \$25, approved
- ◆ Attendance: 15 brothers, 38 sisters, 7 juniors, 3 mini-juniors = 63
- ◆ Denise Clare, Family Activities, reported a profit of \$4,391.81 from Consignment Sale
- ◆ Membership stands at 1,396 as of 9/1/10
- ◆ Amara Mohn and Jeffrey Mohn, Shartlesville Grange received 5th degree
- ◆ Derek and Barbara Schroeder will be attending Pomona Summit - approved payment of their registration fee and hotel cost
- ◆ Pomona will sponsor refreshments at the September Talent contest
- ◆ Profit from Consignment Sale should be around \$14,000 and \$15,000
- ◆ Purchase gift cards for September 2 Installation Team - approved
- ◆ Resolution presented on Pomona Grange meetings with option of having three meetings per year instead of four - motion carried
- ◆ Resolution regarding taxpayer Guaranteed Pension Plans - approved
- ◆ Resolution on Ag Plastics - approved

HAMBURG GRANGE BLOOD DRIVE

Hamburg Grange will be having a Blood Drive for Miller-Keystone Blood Bank on November 23, 2010 from 2 to 8 p.m. It is a mobile drive and will be located at the Hamburg Municipal Center, 61 N 3rd Street, Hamburg.

Please contact Barbara Schroeder, 610.562.0980, for more information or an appointment time.

BENEFIT DANCE

Virginville Grange will be holding a Benefit Dance on November 27, 2010, for Scott Miller, Grange members, who recently had a kidney transplant. His son was the kidney donor!!!! There will also be a quilt raffle.

Music by "The Majestics", 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. \$6 per person. Food will be available.

5th Degree Conferral By Barbara Schroeder, Pomona

Berks County Pomona will be presenting the 5th Degree on October 7th, 2011, at Shartlesville Grange Hall. I am looking for women interested in being on the court. It involves attending a practice on October 3rd, 2011, and the Degree on the 7th and there is some walking involved. Please contact me at 6105620980 or email me at

pisces4410@aol.com

if you would be interested. I will be taking names now and will be asking people throughout the next couple of months so that we have the women we need for a full court. Thank you in advance.

POMONA SALE

By Feryl Treichler

Well another Pomona sale is record and was very successful again. Without the help of all the volunteers it could not be done.

This event has been going now for 42 years and still planning for more. What other function could we produce that would give us the funds that we derive from this event to operate our Grange organization?!?

We are already planning next year's sale and look forward for your help. The next sale is planned for August 27, 2011. Mark your calendar now and be there.

For a full report on the sale be present at the December 4 Pomona meeting. At this time, I want to thank each and everyone for your input and untiring help. Give yourself a round of applause!

LEGISLATIVE STUFF

By Ken Schlegel

By the time this letter "Echoes" into your house, we should have a new governor and a new senator. If the election was held today, according to the polls, the Republicans win both seats. But there is also 30% undecided about who they will vote for. In the first planned debate of our Senator candidates, one of them decided not to show up. In fact, he decided to fly to Pittsburg to attend a fund raising dinner. Rumor has it the last time he opened his mouth a foot fell out. But what else is new? 80% of the campaigns have been criticism of each other.

Over the years our politicians have proved they can't accomplish anything unless they work together, show a united front. Remember in the Grange one of our essentials is unity! In politics, unity isn't even mentioned.

2011 GRANGE VISITATION SCHEDULE

Alleghenyville to Gouglersville
Bernville to Hamburg
Fleetwood to Kutztown
Geigertown to Marion
Gouglersville to Ontelaunee
Hamburg to Pioneer
Kutztown to Shartlesville
Marion to Virginville
Ontelaunee to Alleghenyville
Pioneer to Bernville
Shartlesville to Fleetwood
Virginville to Geigertown

HAMBURG GRANGE FREE MOVIE

What: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
Where: Hamburg Strand, 4th Street, Hamburg
When: January 22, 2010
Time: 2:00 P.M.
Cost: FREE!!!!

All are invited!

SPRING TRAINING

Did you know we have a Granger bus going to spring training in March of 2011? At least we hope so! It depends on the response we get from people who are interested. If you are interested, a lot or a little, call as early as possible so some decisions can be made. Details to this point include: 7 days/6 nights, 6 breakfasts, 3 ball games (2 Phillies & 1 other), 3 side trips (one being a Casino), somewhere around the second or third week of March.

Approximate cost \$580 per person, double occu-

pancy. Call Ken or Sharon at 610-944-9161!

2011 Farm Family Appreciation Celebration!

Sponsored in part by various religious, social and financial organizations

What: Catered hot buffet meal, Square Dance and Line Dancing to show appreciation for farm families in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties, and the surrounding areas. Build community among farm families and citizens.

When: Saturday, March 19, 2011
Doors open at 6:15 PM, but no earlier
Dinner buffet - 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Tables will be held for families that work late.)
Square Dance, Classic and Modern Country music by "The Majestics", with line dance music during intermissions - 8:00 to 11:00 PM

Where: Hamburg Field House, Hamburg, PA - Exit #30 off I-78

Who: Everyone is invited...farm families and farm family supporters!! Children are welcome!!

Note: No political or other solicitations. No alcoholic beverages permitted.

Show Your Colors

Dress in your favorite clothes that depict tractor colors...blue, green, orange, red. Vote your favorite tractor color when you enter the Field House.

Registration Form (Due March 3, 2011) Attendance Limited to 900

Name(s) of Attendee(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Telephone _____

Mail to: Farm Family Appreciation
Penn State Cooperative Extension-Berks County
Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Rd., Suite 110
Leesport PA 19533-9709

Farm family (**NO CHARGE**), **FREE WILL DONATION AT THE DOOR.**

_____ Adults
_____ Children (ages 3-11)
_____ Children (2 and under)

Farm family supporter (**Make check payable to: Berks Co. Ext. Program Account**)

_____ Adults - \$15.00 per person \$ _____
_____ Children (ages 3-11) - \$7.50 per person \$ _____
_____ Children (2 and under) - No charge
Additional donation \$ _____
Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Tickets and directions will be mailed out by March 4, 2011.

Questions? Call 610-378-1327 and ask for Donna or go to www.godslove.org/calendar
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SENIOR GRANGER HIGHLIGHTED

NAME: Nettie A. Kauffman, a member of Ontelaunee Community Grange and I hold all eight degrees (just never take the 8th degree with someone like Jeff Wetzel, I did and I won't ever forget - Cluck, Cluck!). Married to Irvin Kauffman for 49 years.

When asked my age, I usually reply, "I am old enough to vote and old enough to know better!"

YEAR'S A MEMBER OF THE GRANGE: I joined September 9, 1957 - now you figure this out! Bet you still can't figure out how old I am (OK Irvin and sisters, you don't need to tell.)

WERE YOU A JUVENILE (JUNIOR) MEMBER? Yes, three years (I was older than the "graduation age" for a junior member at that time) You still can't figure out my age?!?

HOW DID YOU GET TO BE A MEMBER? My parents took me to the meetings and I became interested in the projects and activities. Also, there were some interesting boys that belonged!

WHAT OFFICES/HONORS DID YOU HOLD (JUNIOR, SUBORDINATE, POMONA, STATE, ETC.):
Junior - secretary and junior leader; Subordinate - master, lecturer, lady assistant steward, Ceres, Pomona, Flora; County - currently serving as secretary. Held Lady Assistant Steward, Flora, and Woman's Activity Chairlady (as it was called then).; State - Pomona 1980-1986, Executive Committee October 1996 - 2004 and October 2006 - 2010 Irvin & I were PA State Grange Young Couple in 1971

WERE YOU INVOLVED IN POMONA, STATE AND/OR NATIONAL GRANGE AS ANY CHAIRPERSON, OFFICER?

Subordinate - Youth Chairman, Women's Activity Chairlady, Banquet Coordinator, Cookery Tent Coordinator.

Pomona Level - Women's Activity Chairlady, Co-Chairperson for Hosting State Session in 1989, 1997 and 2006. Tour Committee, Sale Committee (for office area). State - Youth Chairperson October 1986 - October 1993. I think 2 of my most memorable recollections of a Youth Camp experience were

when the staff sleeping quarters were divided by the various partitioned wooden walls and Steve Mohn was in the next room with George Rodgers. As soon as Steve's head hit the pillow, he sawed wood so fast and loud that George had to take his pillow and hit him. Steve wanted to know what happened and all he could say was "I wasn't asleep yet!" Needless to say, the remainder of us in that building answered loud and clear, "Oh yes you were!"



PARTICIPATED IN WHAT ACTIVITIES OF THE GRANGE?: Grange bowling league, youth plays (served as director for a number of years) and there are many fond memories - piggy's dancing in tubs, Elvis (just ask Jeff Wetzel), various young adults who met and got married and are now raising their children in the Grange, cast members not knowing their lines till the week before opening night!

WHAT IS SOME KIND OF ACTIVITY THEN THAT IS NO LONGER HELD (THAT MAYBE WE SHOULD AGAIN HAVE): The Knowledge Bowl competition could possibly be brought back, but under a different format. Some of the history could be used, but there is so much that has changed in the past several years that could be brought forth with a competition. One would not have to stay strictly with Grange history, but could also include current day events. There have been some new ceremonies that have been adopted by the National Grange that could be brought forth in this type of competition. This would familiarize the membership that changes do take place and sometimes it is for our good.

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WHAT IS THE GRANGE (IN YOUR WORDS): The Grange is a family fraternal organization seeking to help the community. We also work legislatively for the consumer and producer in order to make our environment a better place for each of us.

YOUR HOBBIES: I enjoy sewing, quilting, reading and doing crafts.

CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN/GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN - LIST OR NUMBER: Irvin and I have two sons, Lynn and Scott; two daughter-in-laws - Rochell and Lynne (yes, it gets confusing when we get together and someone wants to talk to “Lynn/e”). There are four grandchildren--Jason, Eric, Stephanie and Steven. We have three great-grandchildren--Kaley, Chelsea, Brody. NO, I’m not THAT OLD. I was just a young grandmother!

HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR GRANGE LIFE: It has been a long Grange life journey and I’ve enjoyed it most of the time. YES, there are times it does become “AAAAGGGGGGGHHHHHHH” (or however you would spell that). But, one gets over it and goes on! I got Irvin to become more involved with Grange meetings when we were younger (since he wanted to see me more often!) The highlights of my Grange life are meeting all the wonderful people that one can work with to accomplish various goals for the Subordinate, County and State Grange. The friendships gained throughout my years of working in the Grange are treasures to me. I have lost a few of these friends, but have also gained others as well.

My age? If you don’t know by now, guess I’ll tell you. As of the distribution of this ECHO, I am 67 years old. Now this will probably be the last thing you remember me by, but I do hope you remember some of the information I presented to you above!

USA/GERMANY REUNION

September 17-20, 2010

San Diego CA USA

In 1949 at the National Grange convention in Sacramento, CA, National Grange Master, Albert Goss urged support of international farm youth exchange programs.

Grange families had the opportunity to host a total of 500 German teenager exchanges for one year sharing experiences in the home, on the farm, in the school and community. The first group was for the year 1950-51.

The Stanley and Mabel Miller family of Virginville Grange hosted Konrad Weniger for one year. He attended Perry Twp. High School and Virginville Grange meetings in addition to his work duties.

After returning to Germany and completing exchange responsibilities and career studies, Konrad returned to the USA and a successful business career. He continues his membership with Virginville Grange.

Konrad and wife, Maria, live in CA and were the hosts for the reunion.

Attending with their German Brother, Konrad were Paul & Ernest (sons of Stanley and Mabel) along with their wives (Virginville Grange), Donald & Fay Daub (Shartlesville Grange), Debbie Wyse & Geraline Pashos (Berks countians), National Grange President & First Lady, Ed & Celia Luttrell & CA State Grange resident, Bob MacFarland. There were 50 people in attendance--14 from Germany.

The group hopes to meet again somewhere in two years. 7



2010 STATE SESSION

Here are only a few of the 2010 State Grange Session highlights. Please read your *ADVOCATE* for the full session details.

Gail Switzer - 1st place Vocal
Brittany Haag - 1st place, Variety Acts & Best of Show

Tylor Phillips - 1st place, Other Acts & Junior Division Best of Show
Veronica Heckman - 1st place, baton twirling
Samantha Haag, 2nd place, Other Acts

State Junior Camp will be held July 3 - 9, 2011

Community Night, under 90 members - 1st place, Pioneer Grange, Tammy Schaeffer
Community Night, 90 members and above - 1st place, Virginville, Emily Dietrich

Subordinate Lecturer of the Year - Emily Dietrich, Virginville Grange

JUNIOR GRANGE MIN-PRINCE

Hello! My name is Isaac Mengel, and I am currently serving as the Berks County Junior Grange Mini-Prince. I live in Krumsville (north of Kutztown) with my mom, dad and two brothers. I am in the fourth grade at Greenwich Elementary School in the Kutztown School District.

My favorite subject at school is math, but I really like fitness class, lunch and recess the best at school! I also play soccer, basketball and baseball. Of these three sports, soccer is my favorite.

I am a member of Ontelaunee Junior Grange. We have a big junior grange and I enjoy going to the meetings to see all my grange friends. We learn cool things at junior grange, and also do contests and earn merit badges. My favorite part of the meeting time thought is **SNACK TIME!**

I had fun going to the fairs this past summer as the junior mini-prince. It was fun to award people with their fair prizes. County Camp will be in May, it seems like a long time away, but I can't wait!

ALL YOU CAN EAT HOMEMADE CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER

The Hamburg Grange is holding an "All You Can Eat Chicken Pot Pie Dinner" on Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Hamburg High School, which is located on Windsor Street. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for children 3 to 8 and children 2 and under, free.

The meal includes chicken pot pie, corn, applesauce, pickles, pepper cabbage, tossed salad, bread and drinks. Tickets are available at the door, from any Hamburg Grange member, or you can contact Michael Adams, 610.562.5933 There will be a bake sale and a Chinese auction. Takeout is available.

The Hamburg Grange will also be serving this supper on February 19, 2011 (snow date February 26, 2011) from 4 to 7 p.m. The February dinner will benefit a local charity. A portion of the profit will go to the Hamburg Public Library and the Northern Berks Food Pantry.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Denise Clare

At the December Pomona meeting, a representative from the Salvation Army will be in attendance to pick up the Angel Tree gifts. Please follow the directions on the tag and have your gifts to the meeting by 10:00 a.m.

I now have a Community Service committee. So if you have any ideas or suggestions, please get them to me, Carlene Heck, Desira Kunkle, Susan Eshelman or Sherri Sattazahn. If you would like to join the committee, please contact me.

Thanks you to everyone who contributed to the Friend, Inc. food collection at the September Pomona meeting. We received coverage in the Kutztown Patriot. There is a possibility we will be helping Friend again sometime in January/February 2011. More details to follow.

BERKS HEIM NEWS

By Lorrie Wesner

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped in anyway for the Berks Heim Fest held in September. Those who sold tickets for the raffle, baked shoo-fly pies or if you helped at any of the stands your help was greatly appreciated.

With the holiday seasons upon us, the next function the Pomona Grange will be involved in at Berks Heim is the annual Christmas Party for the A-1 unit which will be held on Monday, December 6th, 2010. at 2:00 pm. Ice Cream and drinks will be provided by Berks Heim we will supply the cookies, a small gift for each resident and the Entertainment. If you would like to bake cookies or help with the party on December 6th please contact Lorrie Wesner by calling 610-926-3391.

And, as always, remember the day your Grange is scheduled to help with transporting patients to Church Service. Thanks for all the hours of volunteering you do at Berks Heim to make the residents stay there more enjoyable.

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES REPORT

By Denise Clare

The next Pre-Pomona meeting will be held on November 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Marion Grange hall with Hamburg Grange assisting.

Don't forget to bring the mailing information for your local libraries so that we can get them a donation.

Congratulations to everyone who had entries at State Session! By the time you get this, I will be back from Session with information for 2011. I will also have the entries along for pickup. Please make sure if your Grange had entries to see me to pick them up.

Thank you to everyone who helped man the food stand, who made baked goods or made soup for the annual Pomona Sale and for those Granges who made shoo-fly pies for the Heim.

YOUTH REPORT

by Andrew Kieffer

As I finish my first year as County Youth Director, I feel I am finally getting my footing. While I have not had much to do, I have used this year to learn what the youth would like to do.

I have heard real interest in glow bowling and laser tag. I plan to explore these and other possibilities for the coming year. I would also like to thank all the youth that helped with the French fries at the Pomona sale. I felt it went rather well for my first year. Also thanks to the youth that helped with other sale aspects as well.

Congratulations to the 13 Berks County Grange Youth that helped to close Saturday evening at this year's State Session. As always you did an excellent job and we are proud to have such able and willing members of the Grange. Jennifer Adams, Youth Ambassador, wrote the drill.

I would also like to close by congratulating Ashley Mohn who will be Flora for this year's National Youth Officer Team. See you all in December.

CONTEST CORNER

Please complete and then bring it along to the December 4 Pomona meeting (must be present to win).

NAME _____ GRANGE _____

Associated with a Number

Indicate the number that is associated with each word. *Example: Botany 500.*

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| Days of Christmas | _____ |
| Dalmations | _____ |
| Bowling Perfect Score | _____ |
| James Bond | _____ |
| Toll Free | _____ |
| M.A.S.H. | _____ |
| Heinz | _____ |
| Vick's | _____ |
| Magnificent | _____ |

Answers from last issue: (1) Texas; (2) Connecticut; (3) Kentucky; (4) Washington; (5) Illinois; (6) North Carolina; (7) Arizona; and (8) Alaska. Congratulations to Janice Stricker, Gouglersville Grange.

Return Service Requested

