

POMONA ECHO

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43

AUGUST 2011

CONSIGNMENT SALE

By Feryl Treichler

**August 27, 2011
8:30 a.m.**

Everyone needs to commit some time to help with this event.

We need help checking in items on August 25 and 26; sale day, August 27; and also cleanup on August 29. Maybe you can bring a friend along to introduce them to this Grange activity.

MASTER/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Ray Davis

I have had a quiet quarter, but hopefully each member of our Granges are getting prepared for the Reading Fair--August 7th thru the 13th and the Kutztown Fair--August 15th thru 20th. I'm looking forward to seeing the fair displays. Each master picked a number for your Subordinate and Junior fair space.

Please remember to participate in the Pomona Sale on August 27th. Sale starts at 8:30 a.m. Receiving consignment articles are on Thursday, August 25 and Friday, August 26--need members to sign in consignors.

After sale work nights at Ontelaunee Grange are August 29 & 30 at 7:00 P.M.

October 7 Pomona Officers will be presenting the 5th degree at Shartlesville Grange 7:00 p.m. If you have never seen the 5th degree or would like to become a member of Pomona, this evening would be a wonderful night to join for a once and done fee of \$10.00. Remember once you are a Subordinate member you are entitled to join Pomona.

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Berks County Junior Grange News

Berks County Junior Grange Royalty 2011—2012

Erica Berger—Mini Princess and Isaiah Blatt—Mini Prince

Rebecca Blatt—Princess and Tylor Phillips—Prince

September Meeting

We are asking every junior member to bring their favorite board game/indoor table game to the meeting at Pioneer Grange. Remember it is a covered dish meal at 6:30pm and the meeting will begin at 7:30pm.

Mini-Princess Runners Up—Brooke Johnson, Veronica Heckman, Madison Buscavage, MacKenzie Wolfe

Mini-Prince Runners Up—Alex Blatt, Tanner Davis, Lucas Blatt, Jacob Fegley

Princess Runners Up—Mikayla Davis, Morgan Krick, Megan Krick, Sydney Mallatratt

Prince Runners Up—Ryan Berger, Isaac Mengel, Isaac Rohrbach, Trevor Fegley

Berks Junior 'Did you Know'...

- Mini Juniors, may enter the Pre-Junior art contest at State Session....Any media of art may be used
- Camp for 2012 is set for May 18-20 at Camp Swatara. The theme is 'Down on the Farm'.
- There were 80+ grangers and friends that attended Knoebels on June 14. It was a very fun and enjoyable day!
- That 22 out of the 35 PA Jr. Grange Campers were from Berks Co. this year!
- Berks Co. Junior Grange was asked to preform the Jr. Degree at state session this year in Harrisburg on October 16. If interested, contact your jr. leader ASAP.

Berks Juniors in State Junior Camp News

Congratulations to Katarina Darmofal the new PA Jr. Grange Princess. Chrissy Blackburn, Teresa Hoch, Morgan Krick and Jacob Mengel and Ricky Wike were also on the Royalty court.

Isaiah Blatt, Samantha Haag, Ricky Wike and Jenna Sattazahn, received the High Ritual Test Award for their respective age group. Hannah Darmofal, Stephanie Younker, Rebecca Blatt and Joshua Mengel won the Camp Superlative Award for their age group. Congrats to all! Karen Mohn did an excellent job leading camp again this year!

Ice Cream & Italian Ice Stands

We need all juniors to help...AND if there is an adult willing to help, we can use you also! The juniors will again hold their ice cream, Italian Ice and soda sale at the county grange consignment sale. We will be opening the stand at two different times: Friday (8/26) shifts are from 4-6pm and 6-8pm. On Saturday (8/27) shifts are from 10-12, 12-2 and 2-4 (or when the ice cream runs out!). We need every child to sign up for their "working" hours in the stand. Please contact Mary at 610.926.4211 or her cell at 610.781.1162 to get your child's name on the schedule. Please wear a grange shirt while working in the stand! During the time your child isn't on the schedule working in the stand, parents are responsible for their children. This event does count as a county function!!

Fun Activity

Hike at 1:30pm on September 25 at the Kernsville Dam. Feel free to bike or walk/hike. Everyone is welcome!

THANK-YOU!...to any member that dined at Hoss's on June 12.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2011

- August 8 - 13 Reading Fair
- August 15 - 20 Kutztown Fair
- August 15 - 20 Virginville Grange will serve breakfast at the Kutztown Fair, 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- August 22 Pre-Quarterly Meeting @Pioneer Grange, 7:30 p.m.
- August 25 - 26 Receive Consignment Items
- August 27 County Consignment Auction @Leesport Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.
- August 29 - 30 Post Auction Work Night @Ontelaunee Grange 7:00 p.m.
- September 10 Pomona Meeting @Pioneer Grange. Covered dish meal, 6:30 p.m.; meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- September 17 District Talent Contest, 7:00 p.m.
- September 19 County Officers, Department Chairs Meeting @Ontelaunee Grange, 7:30 p.m.
- September 25 Hike @Kernsville Dam, 1:30 p.m. - Everyone invited!
- September 26 5th Degree OFFICERS Rehearsal @Shartlesville Grange, 7:30 p.m.
- September 30 Virginville Grange will present "So Gaed's Enva" a 3-act comedy presented in the PA Dutch dialect, 7 p.m. (written in 1958 by Rev. Merrill Ressler)
- October 2 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- October 2 Virginville Grange "So Gaed's Enva" will be presented at 2 pm.
- October 3 Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee Grange, 7 p.m.
- October 3 5th Degree FULL Rehearsal @Shartlesville, 7:30 p.m.
- October 7 Presentation of 5th Degree @Shartlesville Grange, 7:30 p.m.

5TH DEGREE - HELP NEEDED

Barbara Schroeder is still in need of volunteers to help with the court. Please call her today to volunteer! 610.207.8488

- October 10 Pomona ECHO deadline
- October 10 Post Auction Meeting @Ontelaunee Grange, 7 p.m.
- October 14 - 17 PA State Grange Session
- October 18 Hamburg Grange Blood Drive, 2:30 - 7:30 p.m. & Hamburg High School
- November 6 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- November 6 Virginville Grange Community Service Committee Bingo - proceeds to Northern Berks Food Pantry
- November 7 Collate ECHO @Kutztown Grange, 7 p.m.
- November 7 Ag-Legislative Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- November 8 - 12 National Grange Convention, Tulsa, OK
- November 19 Hamburg Grange Pot Pie Supper

BERKS COUNTY JUNIOR GRANGE PRINCESS

Hi. My name is Rebecca Blatt and I am the Berks County Junior Grange Princess. I live in Shoemakersville with my parents – Eric and Tina Blatt – and my little brother – Isaiah. My little brother is the Berks County Junior Grange Mini-Prince.

I have always been involved in grange and I love it. My parents are members of grange, too. I am from the Ontelaunee Junior Grange. We have a lot of juniors and we have a great time. We play kickball and 4 square and we always have a snack.

I love to be outdoors. I hunt and fish and I also like to go on hikes. I just started to collect models of old cars. Right now I have a 1965 Pontiac GTO convertible, Hurst Addition. That's what I want to drive when I'm older.

I love sports. I play soccer, softball and I've taken karate for 5 years. I'm the catcher on the softball team and I love it. I am a green belt in karate.

I always love to have fun and I hope to meet new people during my role as Princess.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES by Denise Clare

The August Pre-Pomona meeting will be held on Monday, August 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Grange with Ontelaunee Grange assisting.

The baking contest judging will be done at Pre-Pomona and all other judging will be done at the Pomona meeting on September 10.

Don't forget the Pomona Sale on August 27. We need help at the food stand (Friday & Saturday) and 5 baked goods from each Grange (nothing that requires refrigeration). The following Granges need to supply 1 gallon of beef vegetable soup: Virginville, Fleetwood, Marion, Gouglersville & Kutztown.

The following Granges need to supply 10 shoeflys to Berks Heim: Alleghenyville, Bernville & Shartlesville.

WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

By Elaine & Art Gordon, Mary Ruth & Charles Lauck, Ada Peters

The time of the year has come when we seek donations from the Subordinate Granges for the Wernersville Hospital Christmas project. We do hope your Grange will participate in this worthwhile project. Please send your donations by October 15 to:

Elaine Gordon
3058 Morgantown Road
Mohnton PA 19540-7951

Checks should be made payable to Elaine Gordon and the memo line should indicate "Wernersville Hospital Project".

Thanks!

BERKS HEIM

Saturday, September 10, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the annual Berks Heim Fest. Its an indoor and outdoor daylong festival. Their first and second floors are filled with entertainment and food stands. The outdoor campus, weather permitting, features more entertainment and food, a flea market and family and friends visiting the residents under a large tent in front of the building.

Raffle tickets are sold for prizes including the top prize of a queen-size quilt which was hand sewn by their volunteer quilting group.

It is the biggest fund raising event for the Volunteer Service Board who, in part, raise money to purchase items for residents that are not in the County Budget.

The Grange sells shoe-fly pies at this event. Granges responsible for providing ten shoe-fly pies this year are: Alleghenyville, Bernville and Shartlesville

Pomona is held in the evening, so you can attend this event during the day time hours!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Denise Clare

The September Pomona Community Service project will be helping Goodwill. This would be a good time to go through your closets and attics (you need to for the Pomona Sale anyway) and donate some items to Goodwill. Below is a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items:

Pleased to accept:

Clothing, footwear, outerwear
Jewelry & accessories (handbags, ties, belts, scarves)
Antiques and Collectibles
Books, CDs, Records, Videotapes & DVDs
Games & Toys
Housewares (dishes, glasses, knick-knacks)
Linens and Rugs
Art
Sports Equipment
Working TVs, Stereos, Radios, VCRs
Furniture
Musical Instruments

Cannot accept:

Infant Furniture (cribs, highchairs, car seats, strollers, etc.)
Mattresses
Large Appliances, Air Conditioners
Dehumidifiers
Large Exercise Equipment
Household Chemicals
Kerosene Heaters
Lawn Mowers, Small Engines
Tires
Weapons

***All donated items must be at the Pioneer Grange Hall
by 7:30 p.m., September 10 - Thanks!***

YOUTH REPORT by Andrew Kieffer

Congratulations to Tyler Sattazahn, the new male youth ambassador.

For those that were unable to make the last meeting, I'll give a quick recap of Youth announcements. As part of County Junior Camp, the Youth had 1 1/2 hr of "Youth time." First, we discussed what the youth would like to see from the department and then proceeded to public speaking. Each person was asked to pick 2 topics from a hat and choose one to talk about. They were to speak for at least 30 seconds. While the task was met with groans, I felt that it went well and all participants were proud of their accomplishment. I promise we won't do that again next year.

We then finished our time by forming 3 groups and making approximately 30 second Grange commercials to post on the Web. I now realize that I never completed that last part. I'll add it to my to-do list.

I'll finish with the annual request for help at our French fry stand during the consignment sale. Hope to see you August 27!

JUNE POMONA HIGHLIGHTS

The following are some of the highlights from the June 2011, 7:30 p.m. Pomona meeting, held at Ontelaunee Grange hall:

- * Recommendation to continue printing 2012 calendar and provide \$12 per hour for typesetting/composition to anyone was approved.
- * Recommendation to increase the contribution from \$500 to \$550 to Leesport Farmer's Market for use of their facilities for consignment sale was approved.
- * Recommendation to renew membership with Berks Conservancy at Family level of \$50 was approved.
- * Recommendation to renew membership for 2011 with Berks Deaf/Hard of Hearing Association at a cost of \$27 was approved.
- * Approved participation in the Berks Women in Crisis capital fund raiser for building a bigger facility was approved. Pomona will contribute \$500 and each Subordinate is asked to make a donation, forward it to Pomona so one check can be issued.
- * Attendance: 30 brothers, 38 sisters, 15 juniors, 3 mini-juniors for a total of 86
- * Karen Mohn reported on the Family Get-Together at Shoemakersville Pool the evening of July 23, 6 to 9 p.m. Covered dish. Hot dogs and drink will be provided. Pomona will cover the \$250 fee for the pool. Interested persons MUST let Karen know if they are attending PRIOR to July 23 because of having adequate lifeguards on duty (whether you plan to swim or not!)
- * Membership stands at: 1,377
- * Eric Blatt was elected to Executive Committee
- * Irvin Kauffman was elected to Finance Committee
- * Resolution on Salary Freeze was approved
- * Resolution on Location and Hosting of Future State Sessions was defeated.
- * Resolution on Farmers Need Room to Maneuver was approved.
- * Resolution on Rt. 22 Traffic Problems was send back to committee for further clarification on wording.
- * Resolution on Milk Marketing board and Over Order Premiums was send back to committee.
- * Resolution on Mandatory Sentencing-Costly and Not Working was approved.
- * Ann Riegel was the winner of the Pomona Contest Corner

MASTER'S REPORT (cont'd)

November 5, 2011 will be the Reading Fair Leon Kirkhoff Scholarship Fundraiser--Hoedown and Line dancing at Leesport Auction--Music by Majestics!

Have a Wonderful Summer!

DID YOU KNOW?

Irene Blatt is a 50 year AAA

CONSIGNMENT SALE 2011

Are you ready for the madness known as "Pomona Sale! The biggest fund raiser of the year needs your help! Positions are open for clerks, runners, registration, office work...not to mention all the volunteers that are needed prior to the sale on check in days and the post sale work nights. Please consider making a commitment for the sale and let me know what hours/days you can give to the Grange. Call me at 717 484 4209 or email me at leroyslunatics@dejazzd.com and I'll add your name to the schedule. Don't delay, contact today!! -- Ken Kerschner

Tell your friends to consign or buy. Please don't make me ask you to help. Commit yourself as a good Granger to do your share. Will see you at the sale -- Feryl Treichler

CONSIGNMENT SALE REMINDER

If you help at the Consignment Sale or at any of the work nights, please make sure you sign in. IF you do not sign in, you will not be given a ticket for a free meal at the 2010-11 Recognition Banquet. It is YOUR responsibility to sign in at the consignment sale or at the work night!

BERKS COUNTY JUNIOR PRINCE 2011

My name is Tylor Phillips and I am 12 years old. I attend Schuylkill Valley Middle School approaching my 8th grade year.

I have been a member of Marion Junior Grange since age 5. I am very excited to be this year's Berks County Junior Prince.

I look forward to visiting all the Granges and meeting new Grange members. I also can't wait to hand out awards to the winners at the fairs with my fellow royalty and spreading the news about Grange to new people.

I can't wait to start my duties of being the Grange Prince.



CONTEST CORNER

Please bring your completed contest form to the September 10 Pomona meeting. You must be present to win!

NAME _____ GRANGE _____

VANITY LICENSE PLATE GAME - *Example: AVI8TR Answer is Aviator.*

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Answers from last issue: (1) D, Belgium; (2) E, Greece; (3) F, England; (4) A, France; (5) B, Italy; (6) G, United States; and (7) C, Denmark. Congratulations to the winner, Ann Riegel.

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