

# POMONA ECHO

**BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43**

**FEBRUARY 2012**

## **MASTER'S REPORT**

by Ray Davis

Happy New Year! In the next few months, Subordinate Granges will be presenting their community Night programs. Please come out and support your fellow Grange members and remember to invite non-members to attend.

On March 30th the Legislative Banquet will be held at the Fleetwood Grange hall. Masters and Legislative committee members will have tickets for purchase.

I would like to see a full Grange hall at the March 3rd Pomona. The Youth will be conducting the meeting that day.

## **LEGISLATIVE BANQUET**

By Ken Schlegel

Friday, March 20, 2012, is the date for the Legislative Banquet at Fleetwood Grange hall, 7 p.m.

Every Grange has tickets; but if you want, you can call me for reservations (610-944-9161). This is an event you can have dinner with local and state officials. Maybe ask a question during the Q and A period after the dinner.

The elected officials when they call for their reservations usually tell me this is one event they enjoy! We're also asking Granges to give a ticket to two elected officials in their local area and also give them the opportunity to buy one for their spouse!

## **Haus Tournament and Game Night**

**When: March 3, 2012**

**Where: Bernville Grange hall**

**Time: 7:30 p.m.**

**Cost: FREE**

**Everyone is invited to attend. If you don't play haus, bring your favorite game. Come out and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship.**

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# Berks County Junior Grange News

## Attendance Contest

Thanks to the Pomona Grange giving the junior committee \$150 to use as an attendance contest prize base, the junior committee gave away 27 gift cards to Walmart to all the qualifying juniors for 2011. Congratulations to all the winners! The contest will run again for 2012.

In order to qualify, a junior member (Family unit) must collect \$100.00 in the Walk-a-Thon, and the individual junior member must enter at least one junior contest on either the National or State level. Beyond that, the juniors must attend 6 or more of the following events...

- ◇ Sleepover (February 3-4)
- ◇ Ozzy's (April 13)
- ◇ Camp (May 18-20)
- ◇ Knoebels (June 19)
- ◇ Swimming (July 28)
- ◇ Helping at ice cream/ice stand during the consignment sale (August 25)
- ◇ Mini-Golf (September 30)
- ◇ Bowling (November 25)
- ◇ 4 choices of Pomona meetings

Sure it is a contest, but it is also fun to get together with your Grange friends!! Hope to see you all at a lot of events!

## Ozzy's on April 13th

This will be a great outing for all to enjoy. Normal cost for a 6pm-10pm evening is \$25. BUT if you are a Berks Co. Jr. Granger, the cost to you is \$7.50. If you are a guest or an adult wanting to also participate on this fun night, your cost is \$10. You can roller skate, rock or rope challenge (height restricted), mini-golf, laser tag, play on the soccer field or climb through the adventure challenge. Come have some fun!

## Hoss's

Thank You for supporting the Juniors by eating out at Hoss's in December! The fundraiser brought in \$342.04. The next day at Hoss's will be in June...stay tuned!

If you haven't been able to sponsor a junior member in the Walk-A-Thon yet, bring along your donation to the March Pomona and hand it to a junior.

Thanks to all that supported the Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser. The juniors will be walking at the March 3rd Pomona meeting.

## VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Are you over the age of 18? Are you planning on being a counselor at Berks County Junior Grange Camp this year? If you answered yes to both of those questions, you must have Child Clearances. If you do have clearances and they are from more than 2 years ago, by PA State Grange mandate, you must reapply for your clearances. This needs to be applied for ASAP so you have them in time for camp! The county grange will reimburse your cost for clearances...please give your receipts to Karen Mohn.

## March Pomona Meeting

The March Pomona meeting plans include making decorations for county camp, and participating in the Walk-A-Thon.

Thank-You to Fleetwood Grange for allowing the Juniors the use of your grange hall for the sleepover. A lot of fun (but not sleep!) was had by the juniors and adults in attendance!

## CLOTHING

JUNIORS and Parents...The walk-a-thon is a rain, sun, snow event...please have your children dress appropriately on March 3!

## BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE 2012 ATTENDANCE CONTEST

1. This contest is based on the Olympic Medal format. You can obtain gold, silver, or bronze medal status depending on your participation.
2. The contest is for the calendar year of 2012.
3. We encourage attendance at all Pomona events. The events to qualify for this year's contest are
  - 4 Pomona meetings (present entire meeting)
    - March 3rd @9:45 a.m., Virginville Grange
    - June 2nd @7:30 p.m., Bernville Grange
    - September 8th @7:30 p.m., Shartlesville Grange
    - December 1st @9:45 a.m., Gouglersville Grange
  - Legislative Banquet (March 30th)
  - All Granger Picnic (June 17th)
  - Tri-County Visitation (April 28th)
  - Go-to-Church Sunday (March 25th)
  - Junior Grange Camp Coronation (May 20th)
4. The prizes are as follows:
  - Gold Medal level – attend 6 or more events
    - 5 - \$40 gift certificates to Red Lobster
  - Silver Medal level – attend 5 events
    - 5 - \$20 gift certificates to The Olive Garden
  - Bronze Medal level – attend 4 events
    - 5 - \$10 gift certificates to Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Que Restaurant
5. All the dates for the events are on the Pomona calendar or will be printed in the Echo.
6. All members wishing to participate will be given a card to be punched at each event they attend. We are not responsible for lost cards.
7. All qualified contestants will be placed in their respective medal level and winners will be chosen at the 2013 Recognition & Appreciation Banquet.

**It is your responsibility to get your card punched.**

### HAMBURG GRANGE

Hamburg Grange is offering the opportunity to donate blood four times this year in Hamburg: February 21, June 19, October 1 and December 18. Our friends with the Hamburg Lions Club are organizing blood drives on: April 17 and August 21. These blood drives allow anyone to donate the maximum number of times in one year and are spaced the appropriate number of weeks apart. Please contact Barbara Schroeder at 610-562-0980 to donate at one of the Hamburg Grange drives or Charles Stewart at 610-562-8473 to donate at the Hamburg Lions Club drive.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

by Barbara Schroeder, 610-562-0980

Please remember that I am here to help out with any Public Relations needs that your Grange may have. Additionally, this will be my last year serving as Public Relations Coordinator. Due to some changes occurring in my life, I do not feel as though I can put the time into the position that it deserves. Please contact Ray Davis or whoever is elected as the new Pomona Master, or myself if you would be interested in serving in this capacity.

### BERKS HEIM

By Lorrie Wesner

Hope everyone had a happy holiday season and a good start to the New Year. Pomona Grange closed the 2011 year with a Christmas party for the residents of the A-1 Unit. A small gift as well as cookies, drinks, ice cream and entertainment were provided for the residents. Entertainment was provided by Betty Naftzinger playing her guitar and a sing-a-long of Christmas carols.

Thank You to the members of Ontelaunee Grange who helped in the making of a Christmas decoration for each resident. The monetary donation from the Pomona Grange Family Activities group purchased items needed for the Unit. In addition, a big "thank you" to all those who baked cookies as well as those who came on December 5, 2011, and helped in anyway to make this function a success.

The new Berks Heim Visitation schedules will be coming out in the near future.

**VOLUNTEERING:** No one can do everything but everyone can do something. Please give of your time and volunteer!

## SUBORDINATE GRANGE ATTENDANCE CONTEST WINNERS 2011

Subordinate Grange attendance winners:

\$40 Red Lobster certificate: Denise Clare, Deb Kieffer, Mary Ruth Lauck, Barbara Schroeder, Henry Seidel

\$20 Olive Garden certificate: Richard Schaeffer, Derek Schroeder, Linda Stewart, Miriam Weitzel, Betty Yeager

\$10 Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Que certificate: Frances Davis, Sherry Krick, Charles Lauck, Ashley Mohn, James Werner

## WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

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

The following list represents the Christmas gifts that were presented to Wernersville State Hospital for their consumers in 2011.

20 men's flannel shirts  
12 men's knit caps  
27 pair of men's socks  
4 men's sweater shirts  
17 men's pull over shirts  
11 men's pocket t-shirts  
5 men's leather belts  
10 men's baseball caps  
4 pairs men's slippers  
7 men's hooded sweat shirts  
5 pair men's gloves  
7 ladies cardigans  
6 ladies wallets  
10 pair ladies slippers  
9 ladies night gowns  
6 ladies hooded sweat shirts  
5 ladies pullover shirts  
10 pairs ladies gloves  
8 ladies hats  
600 sq. ft. of Xmas paper  
300 Xmas gift labels  
6 alarm clocks  

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189 gift items

### Donations from:

Pomona Grange, \$300

Pomona Family Activites, \$200

\$100 each from: Gouglersville, Virginville

\$68 from: Alleghenyville

\$50 each from: Fleetwood, Hamburg, Kutztown, Shartlesville

\$25 each from: Bernville, Marion, Ontelaunee, Pioneer, Geigertown

V-F Discount of \$93

Walmart Donation - \$100

## HAMBURG GRANGE POT-PIE SUPPER

The Hamburg Grange is holding an "All You Can Eat" Chicken Pot Pie Dinner on Saturday, February 18 (snow date is February 25) from 4-7 PM at the Hamburg High School, which is located on Windsor Street. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$4.50 for children 3-8, 2 and under Free.

We will be using this Pot Pie Dinner to benefit Crime Alert Berks County.

The dinner includes: chicken pot pie, corn, applesauce, pickles, lettuce with bacon dressing, and a drink.

There will be a back sale and a Chinese auction. Takeout is available. Tickets are available at the door, from any Grange member, or you can call Michael Adams, 610-562-5933.

## JUNIOR GRANGE ATTENDANCE CONTEST WINNERS 2011

Junior Grange Attendance Contest winners for 2011—\$10 gift card to Walmart:

Erica & Ryan Berger  
Chrissy & John Blackburn  
Alex, Isaiah, Lucas & Rebecca Blatt  
Molly Brown  
Mikayla & Tanner Davis  
Jacob & Trevor Fegley  
Samantha Haag  
Brooke Johnson  
Megan & Morgan Krick  
Isaac, Jacob & Josh Mengel  
Isaac & Peter Rohrbach  
Jenna sattazahn  
Connor & Owen Schlegel  
Hannah Leibensperger

Thanks Pomona Grange for sponsoring the \$150 for these gifts!

## GO-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday, March 25, 2012

Zion Moselem Lutheran Church  
340 Moselem Church Road  
Kutztown PA 19530

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DECEMBER 3, 2011 MEETING

- \* Nancy Bosold, County extension Agent, presented an update on the happenings within their county office. Richard Kauffman, Extension Director for Berks county, was appointed the District Director for Berks, Schuylkill, Lehigh, and Northampton. Headquarters will remain Berks County.
- \* Ashley Mohn presented information on the 100th year of the 4-H program. They are seeking stories of former 4-H members and leaders
- \* Denise Clare introduced Mindy McCormick, Salvation Army, and presented our Angel Trees gifts to her
- \* The Attendance Contest for 2012 was approved at total cost of \$500 (\$350 for subordinate; \$150 for juniors)
- \* Lecturer's Budget for 2012 was approved at \$400
- \* Approved having 4 persons for the Consignment Sale security
- \* Approved sponsorship of Farm Family Appreciation Night at a cost of \$1,500
- \* Donated \$500 to Greater Berks Food Bank
- \* Approved purchase of Officer Bond for 2012
- \* Donated \$100 to the 4-H 100th year celebration
- \* Attendance: 19 brothers, 35 sisters, 27 juniors, 3 mini-juniors. Total 84
- \* Audit report for October 2010 through September 30, 2011 was approved
- \* Membership stands at 1,357

### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

By Denise Clare

The Pre-Pomona meeting will be held at Virginville Grange on Monday, February 20, 2012, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Virginville & Hamburg Granges are hosting. The assisting Grange is Shartlesville. The March Pomona meeting will be held on March 3, 2012, at the Virginville Grange hall, 9:45 a.m.

### CONSIGNMENT SALE 2012

by Feryl Treichler

Our thoughts of the Pomona sale have slowed down a bit due to the holidays and the transition from the old to the new year.

We must start thinking about the sale activity for 2012. the time is now to think about improvements to our sale. The last sale was successful even though the weather was a factor, but we cannot correct that. We made money and everyone did his/her share.

We look forward to another successful sale this year and with the help of everyone we will get it done.

**Mark your calendar for:**

**July 16: Pre-auction work Night, Bernville Grange 7:30 p.m.**

**August 23 and 24: Receive consignment Items**

**August 25: County Consignment Sale, 8:30 a.m. sale starts**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS February—May 2012

- Feb 20 Pre-Quarterly meeting @Virginville, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb 26 Fleetwood Grange Basket Bingo, 1:30 p.m. (snow date March 4) Call Heather, 610.756.6001, for tickets. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Jan. special: 2 tickets for the price of \$35.
- March 3 Pomona Meeting @Virginville, 9:45 a.m.
- March 3 Haus/Game Night, 7:30 p.m. @Bernville Grange
- March 4 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
- March 5 Basket Bingo @Kutztown Grange, 6:30 p.m. For Tickets call 610-683-7975
- March 10 Bingo @Virginville Grange, 1 p.m.
- March 17 Farm Family Appreciation Celebration @Hamburg Field House, 7 p.m.
- March 25 Go-to-Church Sunday @Zion Moselem Lutheran, 10:30 a.m.
- March 30 Legislative Banquet @Fleetwood Grange, 7 p.m.
- April 1 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
- April 2 Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.
- April 10 Pomona ECHO deadline
- April 13 Junior Night @Ozzy's
- April 23 Longaberger Basket Bingo @Pioneer Grange, 6:45 p.m. \$20 per ticket. Doors open @5:30 p.m. Call Cindy, 610-641-0070 or Tammy, 610-682-7077 for tickets
- April 24 Primary Election—VOTE!
- April 28 Tri-County Visitation @Virginville Grange
- May 6 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
- May 7 Collate ECHO @Bernville Grange, 7 p.m.
- May 7 Ag-Legislative Meeting @Ag Center, 7:30 p.m.
- May 12 Yard Sale, 7 a.m.—2 p.m. @Fleetwood Grange hall
- May 13 Mother's Day Dinner @Virginville Grange, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost \$13, adults; \$6, children 5—10.
- May 14 Pre-Sale Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7:30 p.m.
- May 18-20 Berks County Junior Camp @Camp Swatara

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Kenneth Schlegel

Sunday hunting—why it matters or why it doesn't. Here are some facts and figures. Pennsylvania sells approximately 1 million hunting licenses a year. Doesn't sound like a lot. So let's put some other numbers with it. In 205 and 2010 the Legislative Budget and Finance Commission did a study (studies are a good way to spend money you don't have). Sunday hunting would create jobs, 2005 study—5,300; 7,500 jobs in the 2010 study. It would boost the economy: 2005 study, \$629 million; 2010 study, \$804 million. Then there's new taxes: 2005 study, \$18 million; 2010 study, \$57 million. Interesting!

PA is 1 of 11 states that band Sunday hunting. The independent people who put the numbers together also said that 43% of all hunting is currently done on a Saturday and firmly believes Sunday's would produce the same amount of activity. After hunting in New York for many years, I certainly believe that last number. In fact, this year the first day of rifle in NY there was a lot of shooting. It was Sunday and it sounded like a war. Come Monday and Tuesday, it was hard to find many hunters!

Rep. John Evans, Eric Co., last October and November was trying to find enough votes to get the bill out of his committee and as of this writing he still is. The Game Commission Board voted 4-3 to allow Sunday hunting last June. Now they are waiting on the legislature.

I've contacted a game warden who gave me some info and referred parts of my letter to two of his colleagues with no response from them. That's one problem I've had with the Game Commission. You only have a few that are very cooperative, unless you break one of their rules!

So, where are we? I've been told by most farm organizations that they are against Sunday hunting, or strongly opposed to changing the law. But will farmers really leave their guns in the cabinet?

Back in October, I delivered a load of cattle to a New Jersey farm. The farmer was quick to tell me he shot a nice buck he afternoon before, which was a Sunday. He also told me this was the first year NJ allowed archery hunting on a Sunday, and he liked it!

While in NY the many times I was there, farmers are out doing what they enjoy! Just a few more interesting comments at this writing. I have yet to find a religious group opposed to Sunday hunting. In an editorial written by a farmer hunter, he stated that what makes the Game Commission think he can find a deer on a Sunday, he has enough trouble finding them the other 6 days! There are several other hunting groups who think that if the commission allows those extra days "Sundays" they ought to shorten the season somewhere else! A sore subject with many sportsmen is the way the Game Commission manages the deer herd, and I won't go there now!

Just a Sunday bragging right, go to [www.NYantler-outdoors.com](http://www.NYantler-outdoors.com) and check on 2011 buck or deer stories.

## COMMUNITY NIGHT PROGRAMS 2012\*

March 19—Marion Grange  
March 20—Bernville Grange  
March 27—Ontelaunee Grange  
March 29—Kutztown Grange  
April 17—Gouglersville Grange  
April 19—Pioneer Grange  
April 26—Fleetwood Grange, 6:30 p.m.  
May 2—Virginville Grange  
May 9—Geigertown Grange  
May 17—Alleghenyville Grange

\*All programs begin at  
7:30 p.m.  
unless otherwise noted

## DID YOU KNOW?

...Bernville Grange has given dictionaries to the 3rd grade pupils at the Penn-Bernville and Bethel Center for the 4th year.

...Bernville Grange gave left over supplies from the Reading Fair to the Food Pantry at Bethel.

...Ashley Mohn was a Reading Eagle "Person of the Week"!

## YOUTH REPORT

By Andrew Kieffer

Looking at the calendar shows that March is the next meeting. That means it is time for me to beg, I mean "ask", for the Youth to help fill offices. The young couple will not be attending this year. So, I'll be needing a Master and Overseer as well. Who wants to step up and give it a whirl? Remember the regular officers will be there to help you! You might even like being an officer so much that you'll put your name in for the next round of elections.

I will continue to pursue activities for the Youth department. Anyone with suggestions can feel free to contact me. There are a couple of ideas I'm looking into but have yet to finalize. If someone would want to lead on a particular activity, I will provide assistance.

I hope you all have a good year and look forward to seeing you all at the March Pomona.

# CONTEST CORNER

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRANGE** \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and bring along to the March Pomona meeting. Must be present to win.

**Can you name the people, places, or things with Spring in the name?  
(Example: Time of the season to tidy up – answer is Spring Cleaning)**

What singer said "hello" to the world with his *Greetings from Asbury Park, NJ* on January 5, 1973?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What type of dog was President George Bush's family dog Millie?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Australian actor/singer best known for "*Jessie's Girl*" and playing Noah on General Hospital?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Seasonal love affair? \_\_\_\_\_

In what city was basketball invented in 1891? It's also the home of the *The Simpsons*?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ex Cincinnati mayor turned trashy talk show host? \_\_\_\_\_

Body of water heated by the Earth's crust? \_\_\_\_\_

City at the foot of Pike's Peak? \_\_\_\_\_

Liveliness in the way you walk? \_\_\_\_\_

Answers from last issue: (1) Do you Hear what I Hear; (2) O Christmas Tree; (3) You're a Mean One Mister Grinch; (4) Joy to the World; (5) Winter Wonderland; (6) Holly Jolly Christmas.

Congratulations to the winner: Sherri Sattazahn, Marion Grange.

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