



Hamburg Grange

#2103

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Meetings: 2nd Saturday, 4th Thursday
At the Hamburg Municipal Center

Welcome to Linda Prutzman, our newest member!

Upcoming Literary Programs

If you want more info, please contact me.

- ◆ Wine tasting at Adams' house
- ◆ Matt & Charlene Espenshade, PA State Grange President and First Lady
- ◆ Ashlan Smith, Shae Smith, & Desiree Rickenbach, PA Youth Royalty
- ◆ Blessed Beginnings, a non-profit organization that helps people after abuse
- ◆ Anthony Kuklinski, Hamburg Police Chief
- ◆ Baking Contest
- ◆ George Holmes, Hamburg Mayor
- ◆ Burlap Craft Contest
- ◆ Miniature Golfing
- ◆ Gunn Mowry

Family Activities Contests

The baking contest entries will be judged on August 10 at the Hamburg Grange meeting. First place winners will go on to the Pomona meeting for judging on September 7 at Virginville Grange. This year the categories are: blueberry muffins, cereal candy, and pumpkin whoopie pies. You can check the Guide to Contests & Programs for details. All other Family Activities contest entries will go directly to the September 7th Pomona meeting for judging at Virginville Grange.

Pot Pie Dinner

On March 23, we held a very successful pot pie dinner. With the help of our members, other volunteers, and with the support of the Hamburg community, we set a record selling out by 5:45 PM. Due to everyone's efforts, we will be able to provide a generous donation to the Hamburg Fire Company. I am so thankful for this Grange and, the positive impact we have had in the Hamburg Community, Berks County, and beyond. We are planning two more pot pie dinners for the fall, but must confirm dates with the school calendar.

Meeting Refreshments

If you would like to bring refreshments to a meeting, contact Anna Heffner at 610-207-9755.

Berks Heim – We help transport the residents to the church service. Contact Anna Heffner at 610-207-9755 if you can help with any of the following dates:

- ◆ May 5
- ◆ July 14
- ◆ September 29
- ◆ November 3

Fire Assistance

If you know of anyone in Hamburg who has been temporarily or permanently displaced from their home due to fire, we have been donating \$100 to these families. Contact Anna Heffner at 610-207-9755 to report a family in need.

Grange Publications

If you are not already receiving these Grange publications, contact our Secretary Barbara Schroeder (pisces4410atgmail.com) to be added to the appropriate list.

- ◆ Pomona Echo
- ◆ PA Grange News
- ◆ PA Grange emails
- ◆ National Grange emails

There is also a National Grange quarterly magazine that you can purchase- "Good Day" Magazine.

2024 is the year for officer nominations and elections for the Hamburg Grange, the Berks County Grange, and the Pennsylvania State Grange. Please consider becoming an officer and remember that we are always looking for new members. Also, if you have not come to any meetings or activities, **please consider getting more involved!**

Community Service Collections

We collect several items as part of our community service and report the numbers to our State Deaf and Community Service Director, Tina Keen. Please count anything that you donate and notify Barbara Schroeder via email (pisces4410atgmail.com) or phone (610-207-8488) so that we can continue to get credit at State Session in our Community Service Report.

- ◆ Aluminum can pull tabs- Can be given to either Barbara Schroeder or the Hamburg Lion's Club, who sends them to the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. If you donate pull tabs to the Lion's Club or another organization, please weigh the tabs and let Barbara know the total.
- ◆ Coupons for troops- These are donated locally. Bring them to a meeting.
- ◆ Soft plastics- Recycled into benches to be placed around Hamburg. Mike is collecting the plastics.
- ◆ "Warm Up America" blankets- Involves sewing blocks of yarn together to form blankets to donated to the Laurel Center in Hamburg. Call Denise at 610-763-1282 if interested in helping.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

1 – Virginville Grange Community Night at 7:30 PM

5 – Berks Heim Transportation of Residents 2-4 PM

6 – Collate Echo at Ontelaunee at 3:15 PM

11 – Grange Meeting at 4 PM: Wine Tasting, Matt & Charlene Espenshade, PA State Grange President and First Lady at the Adams' Home

11 – Hamburg Grange Backwoods Brothers Fundraiser from 11 AM-7 PM

12 – Mother's Day

17-19 – Berks County Junior Grange Camp at Blue Mountain Camp, Hamburg

18 – Hamburg Grange cooking/serving breakfast at the Berks County Junior Grange Camp 6:30 AM-10 AM

19 – Berks County Junior Grange Coronation at Blue Mountain Camp, Hamburg at 2 PM

23 – Grange Meeting at 7 PM: Gunn Mowry Insurance/Jeff Gillis

27 – Memorial Day

June

1 – Pomona Meeting at Ontelaunee Grange at 9:30 AM

8 – Grange Meeting at 4 PM: Ashlan Smith, Shae Smith, and Desiree Rickenbach, PA State Grange Youth Royalty

11 – Junior Day at Knoebel's at 11 AM, RSVP to Barb Schroeder for side dishes if you are going to Knoebel's

11 – Grange Day at Harrisburg Senator's baseball game at 6:30 PM, PA State Grange Royalty are throwing the first pitch

14 – Flag Day

16 – Father's Day

19 – Juneteenth

26 – Ag/Legislative Meeting at Ontelaunee at 7:30 PM

27 – Grange Meeting at 7 PM: Anthony Kuklinski, Hamburg Police Chief

28-30 – PA State Grange Youth Camp at Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA

30-July 6 – PA State Junior Grange Camp at Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA

July

4 – Independence Day

8 – Junior Team Meeting at 7 PM via Zoom

10-13 – Berks County Fair

12 – Echo Deadline

13 – Grange Meeting at 2 PM: depending on the weather, either Mini-golfing at Bear Rock Junction or Family Activities Burlap Craft Contest

13 – County Grange Swim Party at Shoemakersville Pool from 6-9 PM

14 – Berks Heim Transportation of Residents 2-4PM

18-21 – PA State Grange Family Festival at Centre County Grange Fairgrounds

25 – Grange Meeting at 7 PM: Blessed Beginnings, a non-profit organization that helps people after abuse

29 – Collate Echo at Ontelaunee at 3:15 PM

August

5-10 – Kutztown Fair

10 – Grange Meeting at 4 PM: baking contest – blueberry muffins, cereal candy, pumpkin whoopie pies; depending on the weather, either Mini-golfing at Bear Rock Junction or Family Activities Burlap Craft Contest

22 – Grange Meeting at 7 PM: George Holmes, Hamburg Mayor

27 – Ag/Legislative Meeting at Ontelaunee at 7:30 PM

Future Meeting Dates – September 26, October 12 & 24, November 9, and December 14

Fraternally Yours,

Michael D. Adams, President