


## Berks County Grange Helps Cowell Family

**Ida's Notebook**  
by  
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As years go by it seems that we change our attitude on many things. If we are lucky we become more patient in dealing with others. Even though we do not intend to raise our children differently — we do. If we have several children, then the younger ones may have more opportunities to do things. Maybe money is not as scarce and so they can attend more functions. Or, we can buy more things for them.

One of our grandchildren expects to travel to Germany for a second time. His high school orchestra will be playing there this summer. Then he in turn will host a German student in his home. He has been studying the German language for several years in school.

Talking about traveling, our daughter's family will be going to Hawaii during their spring break from school. They have been planning this trip for months. This is something that I probably would not do today. But, 20 years ago I thought nothing of taking this big trip. Although, an Amish lady did ask me if I was going to drive there. That would be rather difficult to do.

Another older daughter is going to fly to Seattle for a week. Her family owns a house there which must be checked on every now and then. As she lived there more than ten years there will be many people to visit too.

We are expecting a visit from our youngest daughter too. She lives in Maine and will drive here with her two youngest boys who don't go to school. It is a long day's drive to make by herself. At one time I might have attempted such a trip but not

now. Guess my traveling days to Europe and Hawaii are finished. But I certainly enjoyed going overseas on three occasions and driving across the United States too.

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FLEETWOOD (Berks Co.) — More than 140 basket enthusiasts convened on Sunday, March 2, at the Fleetwood Grange Hall, Route 662, Fleetwood, to participate in raising nearly \$4,000 for the Elaine Cowell Children's Fund.

Hosted by the Berks County Pomona Grange, this fundraising event successfully combined bingo and baskets in support of a family involved in an unfortunate tragedy.

The Elaine Cowell Children's Fund has been established to support the Cowell family in their future needs and as a memorial to Elaine Cowell, wife and mother of three, who died as a result of injuries suffered after her mini-van was struck by a falling chunk of ice.

The bingo players' participation as well as the generous door prize donations and volunteer efforts of over 150 Grange members and numerous busi-

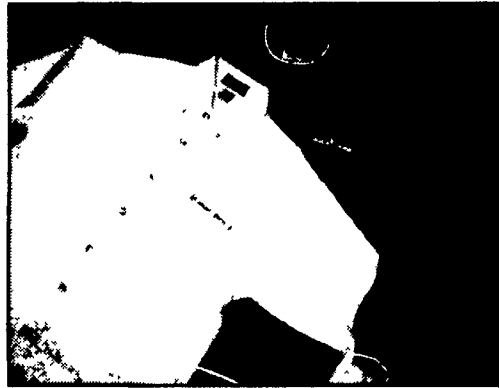


Berks County Grange members welcome attendees to basket bingo benefit. From left are Kim Cummins, Camp Hill; Cindy Leibensberger, Mertztown; and Wendy Kerschner, Adamstown.

nesses, enabled the Berks County Pomona Grange will donate an additional \$539.27 to make the final contribution \$4,000.

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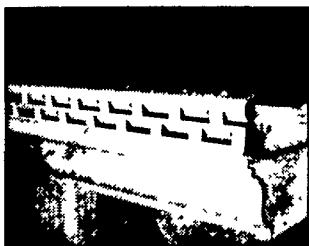
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