



# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

West Juniata Parkway & Owl Hollow Road, Millerstown, PA 17062

*One a fun social outing in an aquatic setting.....the other a serious discussion about the future*

## Two Very Different Grange Meetings on Tap This Summer

### Picnic Cruise on the Ferry Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

Several years ago the Grange enjoyed a “picture perfect” evening aboard the Millersburg Ferry and people are still talking about how enjoyable this was. So we’ve decided to have another picnic cruise on the river, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Some of our good friends from Valley Grange in York County will be joining in our fellowship of this event that will be held “rain or shine”. In the case of rain that cancels the sailing, we have arranged to hold our picnic under the pavilion at nearby Hunter’s Valley Winery, about 1 mile from the ferry launch site.

#### Here’s the schedule

- **6:15 p.m.** – Gather at Ferryboat Campsites just south of Liverpool for boarding
- **6:30 p.m.** – Ferry will leave promptly for a cruise to the middle of the Susquehanna River.
- **7:00 p.m.** – After our captain anchors mid-river, we’ll enjoy a relaxed picnic dinner
- 8:30 p.m. – The boat will return to the dock

#### Checklist of things to bring along:

- a lawn chair or pillow for your personal seating
- a casserole, salad or dessert to share for the meal

The Grange will underwrite the cost of the boat rental and will provide meat, beverage and place settings. Since space is limited, please make your reservation(s) by calling Peg Bolton at 589-3897.

### Grange Meeting/Discussion Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

Please note change of date to avoid conflict with the Millerstown Firemen’s Carnival. We’re doing everything possible to encourage a good attendance for a very important discussion during our program time.

We’ll gather at the Grange Hall for a dessert reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our regular meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and include the draping of the charter in loving memory of **Sister Ruth Crist** and **Brother Harry Horting**, deceased since our last formal meeting.

Then we’ll spend time discussing the Grange’s future. It’s been almost one year since we entered into the arrangement to share use of our facility with the Newport Masonic Lodge. Part of that agreement requires both organizations to evaluate the situation after one year and determine if the agreement will be continued, terminated or changed. We hope members will be prepared to discuss the “pro’s” and “con’s” of cooperation with the Masons so we can determine a suitable future course of action. *Your president shares his thoughts about this on Page 3.*



**Looking Ahead.....**on Friday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> we are headed to see a Senators’ Baseball game at Riverside Stadium in Harrisburg. See page 11 for details. Advance reservations are required by 8/15/11.

# Scenes from Recent Grange Activities



**Dave & Diane Laverty** (center) were welcomed as new Grange members at our May meeting.



**Continuous membership recognition was presented at our June picnic.** (Left to right) Andrea Cameron accepting an 80-year certificate on behalf of her late mother **Ruth Crist**; **Linda Byers**, 40 years; **Bonnie Cameron**, 30 years; **Shirley Delancey** (35 years). Several other honorees were absent.



**Krista Pontius** (left), FFA advisor, introduces the members of the Greenwood Ag Issues Forum Team. The students discussed the various issues surrounding the Marsellus Shale.



Music provided by Newport fiddle players **Canyon & Autumn Moore** was a definite crowd pleaser at the annual picnic.



Lodge volunteers **Albert Miller** and **Calvin Deitrich** still smiling despite facing all those dirty pots & pans at a recent banquet!



# Community Service

## Children's Books

Again this summer Perry Valley Grange has purchased books to support children's reading programs at the Greenwood Elementary School and at the Newport Public Library. The Grange provided \$500 so each participating child could receive a book of their very own to encourage the development of lifelong good reading habits. A nameplate placed in the front of each book notes that it was donated by the Grange.

## Student Awards

Perry Valley continued its long tradition to recognize the achievements of local students by giving awards in both Greenwood and Newport High Schools this spring for the outstanding FFA and Vo-Tech students. The recognition included a \$200 United States Savings Bond to each of the four recipients.

## Greenwood Recycling



**Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> - Volunteers are invited to help the Grange operate the Greenwood Area Recycling Project at the Millerstown Community Park on West Juniata Parkway, just east of town.** Collection starts at 8 AM and ends promptly at 10 AM. Afterward a brunch will be served at the Grange Hall to all volunteers helping this day.

This service activity we've done each July for many years helps in some small way to keep our land a cleaner place by recycling glass, metals and paper. Contact Linda Byers (589-7889) to volunteer or for more details. Peg Bolton is in charge of preparing the brunch.

## Thoughts from Your Grange President

### The Future.....Let's Be Real

At our August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Grange must face some tough issues about its future. Our agreement with the Newport Masonic Lodge for shared use of our facilities has worked pretty well for the past year. Were it not for the volunteer efforts of the Lodge members doing most of the routine maintenance issues around the hall and grounds, the Grange would probably already not be able to keep the property.

Some Lodge members also help with fund raising dinners and banquets, but we are still struggling to find more people to help share this big responsibility. The same few Grangers who have been doing most of the planning, buying and directing of these meals for many years are tiring of this burden. Our repeated calls for others to chair some of the events have mostly met with disappointment.

Over many years Perry Valley Grange has built up a good catering business to generate the income needed to maintain our property and help community causes. But it's tough in today's society to run a business with volunteers. Everyone's lives are busy so time and energy to do volunteer work is limited. Yet, despite who shows up to help, "the show must go on" whenever the public or a group is counting on us to prepare and serve our famous home cooked food. What used to be fun shared by a large number of people is now much more like work falling to a small group.

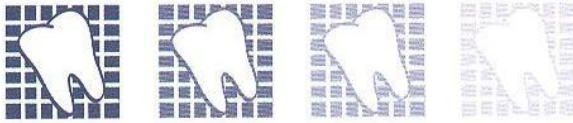
I have to question how much our organization now needs a large facility like our Grange Hall and its grounds. When this property was developed in 1988 after a fire that destroyed the former Grange Hall, our new building was the only of its kind in the area that was fully handicapped accessible, air conditioned with plenty of free parking and a commercial kitchen. The community needed a facility like this and the attendance at our Grange meetings/activities also required us to have plenty of space that could be used in many ways.

In the 23 years since the building was done, much has changed. Our membership and attendance at Grange functions has declined, requiring less space to meet our own needs. Several new fire halls, churches and community buildings have been built nearby so our hall is no longer the only good space available for community functions.

So, the meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> will not be the typical Grange meeting. We're going to look critically at where we are and determine what can/should be done. If you care about the Grange, you'll be there to help find suitable solution(s). If you don't come, then we already know the answer about your interest in the Grange. **We have to face the facts and be real in our decision making, tough as facing these realities might be.**

Doug Bonsall, President

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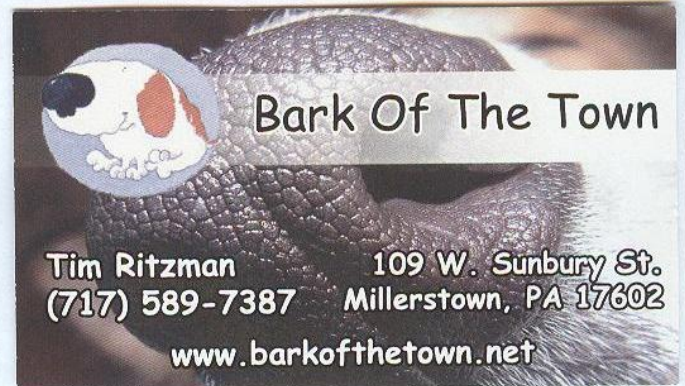
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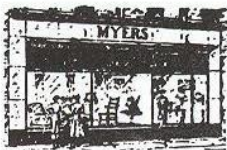
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# Summer Events for Your Enjoyment

## July 2011

8	<b>Ferryboat Picnic on the River</b> <i>Gathering at 6:15 p.m. at Ferryboat Campsites, south of Liverpool (see details on Page 1)</i> <b>Social Committee</b> – Peg Bolton (chair), John & Virginia Shotzberger, Samantha Barrick-Poust, Frank McDermond
9	Conference Room rental - Laverty
24	Masons sponsor Pig Roast in the pavilion – Grange members and friends invited to attend Tickets are \$15 each and must be reserved by 7/20/2011 by calling Carol Rhoades at 567-6844
26	Pomona Grange meets at Oliver Grange, Newport – 7 PM (meeting & talent contest)
30	Grange provides volunteers for Greenwood Recycling – 8 AM @ Millerstown Park

## August 2011

1	Grange Executive Committee meeting – 7 p.m.
5	<b>Grange Meeting/Discussion</b> <i>Starting with dessert at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall (see details on Page 1)</i> <b>Social Committee</b> – Carol Rhoades (chair), Bruce & Paula Fleming, Bernie Hudson, Sue Zettlemoyer
13	Wedding Reception - Frey
14	Dining Room rental - Gothel
21	Set-up Perry County Fair Exhibit
22-27	Perry County Fair, Newport Grange helps with Masonic steak dinner stand
28	Remove Perry County Fair Exhibit
29	Joint Operating Committee meeting – 7 p.m.

## Celebrating Special Days

### July Birthdays

2	Virginia Shotzberger	12	Donald Brightbill
3	Elizabeth Wright	19	Krista Pontius
5	John Ramp	20	Beth Reisinger
7	Harry Schreiber	27	Tim Albright
10	Henry Newlin	29	Sue Zettlemoyer
11	Samantha Barrick-Poust		

### July Anniversaries

5	Rodney & Carol Rhoades
8	Lloyd & SueAnn Byers

### August Birthdays

2	Ken Bonsall	16	Dale Cox
2	Viola Byers	24	Bernadette Hudson
3	Frank McDermond	26	Harriet Walker
5	Ken Bolton	26	Robert Cameron
6	Andrea Cameron	29	Natalie Fritz

### August Anniversaries

4	Robert & Andrea Cameron
30	Ron & Bernice Makibbin



## Financial Report

The Joint (Grange-Masons) Operating Account receives fund raising & rental receipts and pays for all fund raising supplies, utilities, insurance and property maintenance costs. The Grange account handles all other income and expenses.

### JOINT OPERATING ACCOUNT

Checking Balance 4/30/2011.....	\$ 8,517.56
<b>PLUS: Receipts</b>	
May-June 2011 .....	+ 6,016.00
<b>LESS: Expenditures</b>	
May-June 2011 .....	- 5,819.97
Checking Balance 6/30/2011.....	\$ 8,713.59

### GRANGE ACCOUNT

Checking Balance 4/30/2011.....	\$ 6,535.15
<b>PLUS: Receipts</b>	
May-June 2011 .....	+ 2,324.57
<b>LESS: Expenditures</b>	
May-June 2011 .....	- 1,758.46
Checking Balance 6/30/2011.....	\$ 7,101.26
Certificates of Deposit .....	\$58,218.62



## Grangers' Night Out at a Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game



**Friday, September 2, 2011**

*Game Time – 7:00 p.m.*

*Riverside Stadium on  
Harrisburg's City Island*

Cost of tickets is \$9 for field box seats and our group will have scoreboard recognition during the game. If the game is rained out, your ticket will be good for any remaining game of the 2011 season or any game in April 2012.

Reservations must be made by August 15, 2011 so the tickets can be purchased. This is an opportunity to invite your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy Grange fellowship at a fun event.

For those wishing to car pool, meet at the Grange Hall at 5:30 p.m. For those going on your own, meet at the entrance to the stadium no later than 6:45 p.m. Food is available at the stadium or bring a picnic lunch; tables are available overlooking the lovely Susquehanna River.

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### Reservations for Senators Baseball Game - Sept. 2, 2011

*Deadline - August 15, 2011*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reservations and payment should be sent to:

**Linda Byers, 16464 Route 235, Millerstown, PA 17062**



## Fair Time

**Steak Dinner Concession** - The Joint Operating Committee (Grange-Masons) will operate a steak dinner stand at the Perry County Fair, August 22-27. We'll be baking pies each morning at the Grange Hall starting at 9 a.m. Later, potatoes for the meal will be baked before everything is transported to the fairgrounds about 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed both for the prep work at the Grange Hall each morning and the actual serving/clean-up at the fair each afternoon/evening.

**??? Educational Exhibit ???** –This should be the 58<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that exhibits have been entered by our Grange in one or more local fairs, ***but right now we don't have any volunteers for this task.*** People are needed to help with planning, set-up, and take-down. The exhibit is a public relations effort to tell the community about the Grange, not a fund raiser.

**Pomona Concession** – At press time we had no specific details about Perry Valley's duties in the Pomona Grange concession stand near the race track/animal barns at the Perry Co. Fair.



# Inside this Newsletter, you'll find news about....

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## Perry Valley Grange Ideals

**A good Grange member:**

*Places faith in God,  
Looks forward to the future,  
Helps those in need, and  
Is loyal to family, community and nation.*

## Perry Valley Grange Vision

*Foster an atmosphere where individuals can grow  
spiritually, intellectually and socially and, through that  
growth, improve themselves, their families,  
communities and the nation.*

**Charity Benefit Raffle Tickets** - Enclosed inside you will find an un-numbered page with details about the prizes in this year's raffle jointly sponsored by the Grange and the Masonic Lodge to raise funds for two important charitable causes.

Underneath the listing of the 13 prizes, you'll find 6 stubs - \$2/each of \$5/for three, \$10 for all six. Either buy them yourself or sell them to others knowing that just \$10 from everyone receiving this newsletter will go a long way to support our young people. The top two prizes will be a butchered hog purchased from a FFA/4-H student at the Perry County Fair Livestock Sale, another long-standing Grange service project.

The Grange half of the proceeds will support the work of the Newport and Greenwood High School FFA Chapters while the Masons are raising funds for a children's toy give-away at Christmas.

If you are receiving this newsletter electronically and do not have means to print the stubs, please contact Renee Hetrick (589-3369) for paper tickets to be mailed to you. Likewise, contact Renee if you need more tickets to sell to family and friends.

The drawing will take place at our next public dinner on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

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