



# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Meeting Location .....Millerstown Community Park Building  
110 West Juniata Parkway, Millerstown, PA 17062

## Two Summer Picnics "By the Waters" on Historical Themes

### Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – PA Canals Program



The red highlights in the map of the PA canal system above shows the confluence of the Susquehanna and Juniata Divisions in the area of Perry County, topic of a July 14<sup>th</sup> program.

In 1826 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania began an undertaking that would drastically affect transportation and the development of the state. Constructed between 1826 and 1834, the state-owned Main Line Canal was the first transportation system to directly link Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, decreasing the travel time between the two cities from 23 days to 4-1/2 days. Eventually the canal system would be expanded and for the next 70 years would move people and products along Pennsylvania's waterways. By 1900, however, the growth of railroads spelled the end the canal as a commercial adventure.

Perry County was unique during this era as home to parts of two divisions of the canal system. The Juniata Division, running 127 miles along the Juniata River from Clarks Ferry to Hollidaysburg, utilized 86 locks to overcome a change in elevation of 584 feet. The Susquehanna Division ran 41 miles along the Susquehanna River from Clarks Ferry to Northumberland and required only 12 locks because of just 86 feet change in elevation.

These facts and much more canal history will be shared at a public program on Friday, July 14, 2017, sponsored by Perry Valley Grange. Local historian and genealogist Patricia Knouse Campbell, a long-time resident of Liverpool, will be the speaker. The location for this event will be along the route of the Juniata Division canal at the Millerstown Community Park. The Grange invites interested persons to attend a picnic and the canal presentation beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Park's Black Family Pavilion. The event will be held rain or shine. The Grange will provide hot dogs, rolls, oven fried chicken, beverages, place settings and table cover. Attendees are invited to bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share.

### Friday, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> – \*Date change from usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday

Grange members and friends will have a unique chance to see and learn about the permanent educational markers that have been installed in the newest section of Fort Hunter Park, 5300 North Front St., Harrisburg, thanks to an \$8,000 grant from Perry Valley Grange. Fort Hunter was originally the site of a frontier fort built during the French & Indian War period of the 1760's. Later the land was a working farm estate and in the 1980's became part of the Dauphin County Park System. Park Director Julia Hair will lead us on a private tour of the outdoor markers describing significant historical, industrial, geological and cultural aspects. A visit inside the historic Mansion will also be given. So – **rain or shine** – we meet at 6:30 p.m. in the West Pavilion along the Susquehanna River for a picnic. Meat, beverage and place settings will be provided; please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share.



# Grange Sponsors 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual School Field Trip Day



Perry Valley Grange recently sponsored an all-day EnviroGo educational field trip on May 24, 2017, for fourth grade students from the Greenwood and Newport Elementary Schools. The day's activities, held at the Millerstown Community Park, included many hands-on activities and learning centers on a variety of environmental subjects.



# 2017 Essay & Poster Contest

The 2017 elementary school essay and poster contest sponsored by Perry Valley Grange drew nearly 200 entries on the *"The Environment Around Us"* theme. Awards were presented as part of the field trip day held at the Millerstown Community Park. Sharing \$400 in cash awards provided by the Grange were (left to right):



**Greenwood Elementary School:** 1st place essay - Nathaniel Roshel; 3rd place poster - Rebekah Brinser; 2nd place essay - Deidre Hahn; 2nd place poster - Hannah Shiffer; 3rd place essay - Isabella Wiehe and 1st place poster - Michael Hoy.



**Newport Elementary School:** 3rd place essay - Tyler Bowen; 3rd place poster - Brooke Arnold; 2nd place essay - Gabriella Turpin; 2nd place poster - Kyla Conrad; 1st place essay - Adison Geer and 1st place poster - Lexie Zaring.



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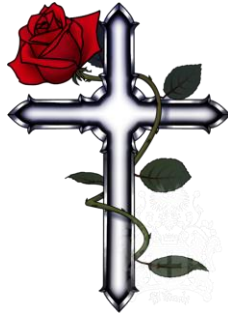
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**Seventeen local Business Sponsors have joined with our Grange in 2017 to serve the community. This is one of those “win-win” situations:**

- The Business Sponsors receive publicity in our newsletter and on the Grange website
- The Grange uses the \$60 annual contribution from each business to support worthy projects and respond to needs in the community
- The community is better for the support provided by the Grange and its Business Sponsors



Our fraternal circle has again been broken with the recent passing of **Sister Reba Weimer**. She was a member for 67 years, joining in 1950 along with her brother Bill Cameron. The charter will be draped in September.



**Financially Speaking....**

Checking Balance 5/1/2017 .....	\$31,267.47*
PLUS: Receipts –May-June 2017 .....	+ 3,870.86
LESS: Expenses –May-June 2017 .....	- 7,953.62
Transfer to Certificate .....	<u>-10,000.00</u>
Checking Balance 6/30/2017 .....	\$17,184.71*
Certificates of Deposit .....	\$98,017.15

*\*Balance Includes some unspent 2017 release of funds from the Grange Hall sale trust for community service work.. The released funds are designated for specific projects and will be disbursed by the end of the year.*

**Fair Exhibits Coming Up**

Every year since 1954, Perry Valley Grange has entered exhibits in one or more fairs to help promote agriculture. First it was just the Juniata County Fair and later elaborate displays of agricultural and home economic products were taken to the Gratz and Bloomsburg Fairs. Since the Perry County Fair was re-organized in the early 1970's, Perry Valley has been there with an educational exhibit.

This year's theme is **Country Scenes-Blue Ribbon Dreams**. Some ideas have started percolating, but much work remains to be done. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this project, please contact Linda Byers at 589-7889.



# Celebrating 100 Years!



Long-time Grange member **Margaret Louise Cameron** (left) celebrated her 100th birthday June 13, 2017 at a party given by Perry Valley Grange at her residence in Brookdale Grayson View, Selinsgrove. Friend, Granger and fellow Grayson View resident Clarice Kerstetter (right) was among those attending the celebration.

## Membership Milestones

Congratulations to these long-time members for many years of continuous Grange membership. According to our records, these milestones will be reached in 2017:

- 67 years.....Bill Cameron
- 65 years..... \*Andrea Cameron**
- 62 years.....\*Avonel Waller
- 61 years.....\*Rev. Charles Tressler
- 57 years..... Robert Cameron, Louise Cameron
- 55 years..... Gerald Holman**
- 54 years..... Edgar Byers
- 52 years..... \*Carol Rhoades, Olga Brookhart  
Marguerite Gochenaur
- 50 years..... Lloyd Byers**
- 48 years..... Douglas Bonsall, SueAnn Byers
- 46 years..... Linda Byers
- 45 years..... Bob Sheaffer**
- 43 years.. Glenn Cauffman, Boyd & Shirley Delancey
- 42 years..... Tim Albright, Ken & Peg Bolton  
Barbara Sheaffer
- 39 years..... Don Brightbill, Scott Delancey
- 36 years.....Ken & Joan Bonsall, Bonnie Cameron
- 33 years.....Carol Gantt
- 32 years.....Dean Cauffman
- 29 years..... Bob Yohn
- 28 years.....Marge Earnest
- 25 years..... Krista Pontius, John Gothel

*\* Indicates some years of membership in Grange(s) other than Perry Valley*

Recognition is given at 5-year intervals so those names highlighted above will be honored later this year.

# Celebrating Special Days

## July Birthdays

- 5 John Ramp, Carol Wierzbicki
- 11 Morgan Landis, Carl Landis
- 12 Donald Brightbill
- 19 Krista Pontius
- 22 Bethany Comp
- 27 Tim Albright

## July Anniversaries

- 5 Rodney & Carol Rhoades
- 8 Lloyd & SueAnn Byers

## August Birthdays

- 2 Ken Bonsall
- 3 Frank McDermond
- 5 Ken Bolton
- 6 Andrea Cameron
- 26 Robert Cameron
- 29 Natalie Fritz

## August Anniversaries

- 4 Robert & Andrea Cameron

*If your special day(s) do not appear on this list or there is an error, please call Doug Bonsall (921-1957) with the information.*

## High School Awards

Receiving \$100 student awards each this spring from Perry Valley Grange were the following:

- Greenwood FFA – Nikki Willi
- Greenwood Vo-Tech – Samantha Kauffman
- Newport FFA – Danny O’Toole
- Newport Vo-Tech – Jayden Dudley

## Summer Reading

Continuing a long-time commitment to the youth of our community, the Grange provided \$500 for the purchase of books distributed in the summer reading program at the Newport Public Library. Children who complete the library’s planned activities will receive a book of their own through the Grange’s generosity. Also financed by the Grange is a new addition this year - a family oriented learning experience building bluebird houses.

**And continuing an outreach opportunity begun several years ago.....**our Grange will provide three adults to read to groups of children in this summer program on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. If you can volunteer for an hour that afternoon, please contact Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

# On the Grange Calendar this Summer

*Get Involved and Enjoy the Fellowship*

## July 2017

<b>14</b>	<b>Picnic &amp; PA Canals Program</b> <u>Rain or shine</u> Millerstown Community Park "Black Pavilion" – 6:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Chair – Cathy Morrison</li> <li>Speaker – Historian Patricia Campbell</li> </ul>
<b>17</b>	Executive Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
<b>24</b>	Grange provides adult "readers" @ Newport Public Library summer reading program
<b>25</b>	Pomona Meeting at Community Grange

## August 2017

<b>4</b>	<b>Picnic &amp; Fort Hunter Tour</b> <u>Rain or shine</u> Fort Hunter West Pavilion, 5300 N. Front St., Harrisburg 6:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tour Guide – Julia Hair, Park Director</li> </ul>
<b>13</b>	Enter Grange exhibit at Perry County Fair <i>(the fair runs all week through August 19<sup>th</sup>)</i>
<b>16</b>	Perry Valley helps in Pomona food stand
<b>20</b>	Remove fair exhibit
<b>21</b>	Executive Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

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