



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

Grange Announces \$10,000 Grant to Perry County Fair



Annually Perry Valley Grange may use up to 10% of funds in its custodial account from the sale of its property in 2014 for community service projects. With these funds, the Grange finances many different causes including one major gift each year. This year's big project is a \$10,000 grant to the Perry County Fair's capital improvement fund. The eventual goal of this fund is to bring municipal water and sewage service to the fairgrounds. Fair President Darwin Kitner (left) accepted the Grange's donation at the June 19th "Concert in the Park" from Grange officials Linda Byers and Krista Pontius.

Preserving Farm Land



Wayne Campbell (right), President of the PA State Grange, recently accepted a \$500 donation from Perry Valley Grange President Linda Byers to help the State Grange finance legal proceedings to protect agricultural land from development.

Brother Campbell spoke to our Grange in June about the efforts of the Cumberland Valley School District to use eminent domain to take a farm protected by a conservation easement. Just before this newsletter was sent, the school district yielded to pressure and dropped its development plan.

July Birthdays

- 5 John Ramp, Carol Wierzbicki
- 11 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
- 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.

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 2018:

- 68 years Bill Cameron
- 66 years *Andrea Cameron
- 63 years *Avone! Waller
- 62 years *Rev. Charles Tressler
- 58 years Robert Cameron
- 56 years Gerald Holman
- 55 years Edgar Byers**
- 53 years *Carol Rhoades, Olga Brookhart
Marguerite Gochenaur
- 51 years Lloyd Byers
- 49 years Douglas Bonsall, SueAnn Byers
- 47 years Linda Byers
- 46 years Bob Sheaffer
- 44 years . Glenn Cauffman, Boyd & Shirley Delancey
- 43 years Tim Albright, Ken & Peg Bolton
Barbara Sheaffer
- 40 years Don Brightbill, Scott Delancey**
- 37 years Ken Bonsall, Bonnie Cameron
- 34 years Carol Gantt
- 33 years Dean Cauffman
- 30 years Bob Yohn**
- 29 years Marge Earnest
- 26 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.

High School Awards

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

- Greenwood FFA – Caitlyn Cauffman
- Greenwood Vo-Tech – Carrie Spade
- Newport FFA – Jozie Brajkovich
- Newport Vo-Tech – Alan Howell

Summer Reading

Continuing a long-time commitment to the youth of our community, the Grange recently gave \$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.

Grange volunteers will read to students at the library on the final day of the summer reading program - Tuesday, July 31st. If you can volunteer to help for an hour that afternoon, contact Doug Bonsall (921-1957). The library is located at 316 N. Fourth Street, Newport.

Two Summer Picnics on Tap
Both begin at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 13th

Bring your pet (leashed or crated)!

Millerstown Community Park, 110 W. Juniata Parkway – Black Family Pavilion

Following the meal, the program will be presented on “Pet Care” by Millerstown Veterinary Associates. Afterward, we’ll hear a reporting from the officer suggestion committee and elect officers for the next two years.

Pulled pork, beverages, and paper products will be provided by the Grange. Please bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share.

Friday, August 3rd

Note date change from usual 2nd Friday

Shady Lane, Port Trevorton

Ken & Peg Bolton have invited the Grange to picnic by the shores of the Susquehanna River in Snyder County. It’s short drive just north of Liverpool to their river lot.

Directions: Follow Routes 11-15 North of Liverpool (approximately 7 miles). Go past Route 104 and turn right at the Mahantango Boat Access Area shortly after crossing into Snyder County. Follow the dirt lane that goes straight down to the river (sign says PRIVATE DRIVE). At the "T", turn left and travel to the second lot on the right.

Ham, beverages, and paper products will be provided by our hosts. Please bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share. There is no formal program planned for the evening; just plenty of good food and fellowship by the river.

Our fraternal circle has again been broken with the recent passing of **Sister Louise Cameron**. She was our Grange’s oldest member – just a few days shy of her 101st birthday at the time of her death. She became a Grange member in 1960. The charter will be draped this fall.



Financially Speaking....



Checking Balance 5/1/2018.....	\$11,492.11
PLUS: Receipts –May-June 2018	+ 7,312.32
Transfer from Trust Fund	+14,709.00
LESS: Expenses –May-June 2018.....	- 5,268.84
Checking Balance 6/30/2018.....	\$28,244.59*
Certificates of Deposit.....	\$99,305.77

**Balance Includes 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.*



Among the helpers for a Grange catering job this summer at Fort Hunter were: (left to right) Carol & Tom Eckenrode, Peg Bolton and Linda Byers. Renee Hetrick and Doug Bonsall were also there working but out of camera range.

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 **Farms-Families-Fairs-Fun!** It’s always a challenge to incorporate an educational component following the theme. 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 chairperson Renee Hetrick at 589-3369.

Grange-FFA Sponsor May 23, 2018 Ag Day



The annual Ag Day event included many learning opportunities on agricultural and environmental topics. Here Rachel Peters from the Greenwood FFA shows students a garter snake.



Nearly 150 fourth grade students from Greenwood and Newport Elementary Schools participated in a recent field trip held at the Millerstown Community Park. Greenwood FFA member Abby Taylor (standing, center) guided students through a water quality simulation, one of the many hands-on learning centers featured at Ag Day.

Continuing the success of the past two years with a day-long educational outing focusing on agriculture and environmental issues, the 2018 Ag Day for fourth grade students from Greenwood and Newport Elementary School was held May 23, 2018, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park, 110 West Juniata Parkway. The event is co-sponsored by Perry Valley Grange and the FFA chapters at Greenwood and Newport High Schools.

During the morning session, students had the opportunity to participate in the following hands-on learning stations: Wildlife led by retired Greenwood teacher Sam Ritzman; Aquatics by Rich Morder of the PA Fish & Boat Commission, Agriculture in the Environment by Liz Bosak of Penn State Extension, Plant Growth by Newport FFA, Watersheds by Greenwood FFA and Pollinators/Live Butterfly Tent by Perry Valley Grange.

Following lunch, awards were presented for the annual Grange sponsored essay & poster contests. During the afternoon students participated in a macroinvertebrate simulation and worked through the scientific method to determine the waterway with the highest water quality. Ag Day has become a much anticipated field trip that teaches local children about the many agricultural and environmental issues that affect their daily lives. Greenwood FFA teacher and Grange vice president Krista Pontius was the general chairman of the event.

More Ag Day Scenes



The butterfly house was an especially popular new attraction at this year's Ag Day.



The butterflies fluttering around to the delight of the children were purchased in the chrysalis stage and nurtured carefully for many weeks so they would emerge at just exactly the right time.

Programs To Educate Us



This Master Gardener discussed planting a pollinator garden at May Grange meeting.



The wholesome, healthful goodness of real dairy products were promoted at our June meeting with a very enlightening program on the current dairy industry crisis.



Yummy Strawberry Desserts...

A strawberry dessert contest was held at the Grange's June meeting, providing many tasty treats to satisfy our sweet tooth. If you weren't there, you missed a great evening. The first place recipes are shared here so you can enjoy the desserts, too.



Youth Winners: (left to right) 1st place – Leanna Bassler; 2nd & 3rd places – Brady Bassler

Leanna's Strawberry Cheese Pie

8 oz. cream cheese
1/4 cup sugar
8 oz. container of whipped topping
1-12/ quart strawberries
Strawberry glaze
Graham cracker crust

Mix cream cheese and sugar well. Dice 1 cup strawberries. Stir diced berries, whipped topping and cream cheese-sugar mixture together. Spoon into crust and refrigerate at least one hour or until set. Cut remaining strawberries in half and arrange on top of pie. Top with glaze.

Doug's Strawberry Cloud

Make in three layers:

Layer 1:

2 cups very finely crushed pretzels
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup shredded coconut
1 stick butter or margarine, melted

Mix ingredients and press into one 9" X 13" cake pan or two 10" pie pans. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool.

Layer 2:

1 – 6 oz. package of strawberry jello
1/2 cup boiling water
1/4 cup lemon juice
2-1/2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced and lightly sugared (frozen berries may be substituted)

Dissolve jello in boiling water. Add lemon juice and strawberries, stirring to combine. Cool in refrigerator until it starts to thicken. Pour over cooled crust. Refrigerate until jello layer is set.

Layer 3:

1 – 8 oz. package of cream cheese, softened
1 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 small container of whipped topping

Beat cream cheese, sugar and lemon juice until smooth. Mix in whipped topping. Pile on top of fruit layer. Garnish with additional coconut and fresh strawberries, if desired.



Adult Winners: (left to right) 1st place – Doug Bonsall; 2nd place – Olga Brookhart; 3rd place – Natalie Fritz

2018 Elementary School Essay & Poster Contests

Theme - *The Environment Around Us*

Each year Perry Valley Grange sponsors an elementary school essay and poster contest open to all fourth grade students in the Greenwood and Newport Schools. The purpose of the contests is to encourage participants to develop their writing and artistic abilities on a specific subject. In 2018 the contests encouraged students to describe in their essay or show in a poster the essential lessons learned from the adults in their lives (parents, teachers, counselors, neighbors, police, etc.) about the importance that our environment plays in our everyday lives. Ideas included but were not limited to: recycling, planting trees, butterfly gardens, soil conservation, and wildlife. This year there were 163 entries and awards totaling \$400 were presented by the Grange as part of the field trip day held at the Millerstown Community Park.



Greenwood School Essays (13 entries)

First - Zoey Wilson; Second - Ava Swann; third - Brayden Benito; Honorable Mention - Makayla Lindsey and Keegan Ross



Greenwood School Posters (40 entries)

First - Gavin Oburn; Second - Kacy Fegley; Third - Caroline Hartley; Honorable Mention - Ava Swann, Faith Luring and Kamryn Walton



Newport School Essays (78 entries)

First - Zachary Bates; Second - Audrey McNaughton; Third - Robert Register; Honorable Mention - Taylor Barr and (not pictured) Malachi Lominson



Newport School Posters (32 entries)

First - Jaden Shay; Second - Hadley Reed; Third - Mary Jones; Honorable Mention - Alexis Liddick, Wesson Benner and Justin Still

First 2018 “Concert in the Park” Smashing Success



About 150 people came out on a beautiful clear cool June evening for the first of two free concerts provided by the Grange and its 14 Business Sponsors at the Millerstown Community Park outdoor amphitheater along the Juniata River. The second concert of the summer will be July 24th.



“The Unusual Guests”, a 5-piece acoustical band, played music of the last five decades.



Free refreshments – *strawberry sundaes* – were provided by the Newport Masonic Lodge.

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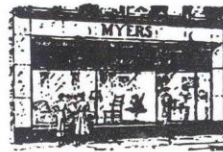
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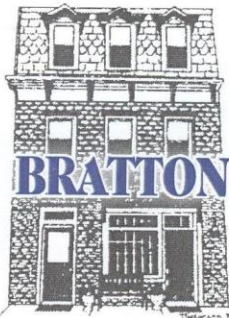
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Summer “Concert in the Park”

Millerstown Community Park, 110 West Juniata Parkway

Enjoy a relaxing summer evening of free musical entertainment in the park amphitheater. Bring a lawn chair. Free refreshments after the concert provided by Perry County Dairy Promotion.

Tuesday, July 24, 2018 – 7 p.m.

If it is raining at 5 p.m., the concert will be moved to the Greenwood High School Auditorium, 405 East Sunbury Street in Millerstown.



Featuring Singer/Storyteller/Educator Van Wagner

Sharing stories of Pennsylvania History



Concerts sponsored as a community service by Perry Valley Grange with financial support from the following businesses:

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On the Grange Calendar this Summer

Get Involved and Enjoy the Fellowship

July 2018

13	<p>“Bring Your Pet” Picnic (see Page 3) <u>Rain or shine</u> Millerstown Community Park "Black Pavilion" – 6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Chair – Carol Rhoades • Program on Pet Care by Millerstown Veterinary Associates • Election of officers for 2019-2020
13	Executive Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
24	“Concert in the Park” – 7 p.m. (see Page 11)
31	Grange provides adult “readers” @ Newport Public Library summer reading program

August 2018

3	<p>Picnic by the Susquehanna (see Page 3) <u>Rain or shine</u> – Riverside lot of Ken & Peg Bolton at Shady Lane, Port Trevorton</p>
12	Enter Grange exhibit at Perry County Fair <i>(the fair runs all week through August 18th)</i>
15	Perry Valley helps in Pomona food stand
19	Remove fair exhibit
20	Executive Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
31	Enter exhibit at Juniata County Fair

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