



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

Upcoming Grange Meetings

Friday, June 12th – Dessert Reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by business meeting with draping of charter & new member initiation

Saturday, July 11th – Annual Family Picnic at home of Tom & Carol Eckenrode; gathering at 5 p.m. for swimming and fellowship; eating at 6 p.m.

Summer Readers Needed

Continuing a long-time commitment to the youth of our community, the Grange provided \$300 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.

But.....a brand new addition has been added to the summer reading program. We are looking for Grange members to read to children who participate in the "Children as Leaders" program. You may choose a book that you would like to read to the children or you



may choose a book that the librarian has selected. If you choose one of the library's books you may pick it up when you come to read or get it earlier if you wish to preview it.

The program takes place on Tuesdays July 14, 21 and 28. Readers should arrive at 12:45 p.m. and will finish no later than 2:15 p.m. after reading the selected book to five groups of children. Three volunteer readers are needed for each date. If you can help, please contact Natlie Fritz at auntnat@pa.net or 567-6105.

Flag Retirement Ceremony, June 14th



When Old Glory becomes worn and torn, it is time to replace it with a new flag. But replacing a flag should not be disposal in the weekly trash collection. The emblem of our country and the standard bearer of our freedom should be retired with the dignity and respect it deserves. There's no more appropriate time than Flag Day to properly retire flags that have flown proudly.

Millerstown Boy Scouts Troop #81 and Perry Valley Grange will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, June 14th beginning at 2 PM outdoors in the Millerstown Community Park. At the ceremony, Lt. Colonel Tim McGowan, an Engineer Officer with over 32 years of service in the Army Reserve, will speak on the history of the United States flag and its meaning to American soldiers and sailors. Lt. Col. McGowan, a Newport native, has mobilized for Operation Desert Storm and deployed to South West Asia in 2007 and 2014 for Operation Enduring Freedom. He currently commands the 1185th Deployment Distribution Support Battalion in Lancaster, PA.

Following the ceremony, the Grange will provide free refreshments to all attendees. Persons wishing to donate used flag(s) for retirement at the ceremony are asked to drop off donations in advance to the Scouts on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Millerstown United Methodist Church.

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 2015:

65 years.....	Bill Cameron, Reba Weimer
63 years.....	*Andrea Cameron
60 years.....	*Avonel Waller
59 years.....	*Rev. Charles Tressler
55 years.....	Robert Cameron, Louise Cameron
53 years.....	Gerald Holman
52 years.....	Edgar Byers
50 years.....	*Carol Rhoades, Olga Brookhart Marge Gochenaur
48 years.....	Lloyd Byers
46 years.....	Douglas Bonsall, SueAnn Byers
44 years.....	Linda Byers
43 years.....	Bob Sheaffer
41 years..	Glenn Cauffman, Boyd & Shirley Delancey
40 years.....	Tim Albright, Ken & Peg Bolton Barbara Sheaffer
37 years.....	Don Brightbill, Scott Delancey
34 years.....	Ken & Joan Bonsall, Bonnie Cameron
32 years.....	*Orpha Kreamer, Ron Makibbin Elizabeth Wright
31 years.....	Carol Gantt, Virginia Shotzberger
30 years.....	Dean Cauffman
27 years.....	Bob Yohn

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

The State Grange now provides recognition for members at 5-year membership intervals for persons with 25 or more years of continuous membership. Those names highlighted above will be honored later this year.

High School Awards

Continuing our long standing commitment to helping students, Perry Valley Grange gave four awards this spring to local graduates of Newport and Greenwood High Schools. Each honoree received a \$100 cash award.

Outstanding vocational-technical graduates

Greenwood	Gwendolyn Anderson
Newport	James Hemperly

Outstanding FFA students

Greenwood	Carl Landis
Newport	Amber Gunkle

Dictionaries Given

Each spring Perry Valley Grange distributes dictionaries purchased by the Pomona Grange to third grade students at Greenwood Elementary as part of the "Words for Thirds" project. This is a program undertaken by Granges all across the nation to present third grade students with a personal dictionary to help with their spelling and reading comprehension.

Celebrating Special Days

June Birthdays

2	Evelyn Newlin
4	Olga Brookhart
13	Dolores Guyer, Louise Cameron
15	John Gothel

July Birthdays

2	Virginia Shotzberger
3	Elizabeth Wright
5	John Ramp
10	Henry Newlin
11	Morgan Landis, Carl Landis
12	Donald Brightbill
19	Krista Pontius
22	Bethany Comp (*NEW MEMBER!)
27	Tim Albright, Jim Myers

June Anniversaries

7	Henry & Evelyn Newlin
16	John & Virginia Shotzberger
27	Edgar & Linda Byers

July Anniversaries

5	Rodney & Carol Rhoades
8	Lloyd & SueAnn Byers

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

****We are pleased to welcome Dennis & Lori Comp and daughter Bethany into our Grange's membership at our June meeting. Lori is the daughter of long-time members Ken & Peg Bolton.***

Looking Ahead to August 14th Outing

If the weather is nice - We'll travel to Juniata Valley Winery near Mifflin to enjoy an evening of music on the lawn. More details later, but we'll meet about 5:30 p.m. to carpool to the winery. Please bring lawn chairs and light refreshments to share during the music. Paper products, utensils and beverage(s) will be provided.

If it is raining – We'll go to the Bread of Life Restaurant in McAlisterville for a "Dutch treat" dinner.

Please contact Carol Rhoades at 567-6844 if you plan to go on this summer outing.

Research continues into ways that the Grange can assist with the proposed food backpack program in Greenwood and Newport School Districts.

Essay & Poster Contest Sponsored in Local Schools

Fourth and fifth grade students in the Greenwood (Millerstown, PA) and Newport (Newport, PA) elementary schools were busy during the spring of 2015 writing and drawing to get their entries ready for the annual *Essay & Poster Contests* sponsored in their school by the local Perry Valley Grange. The purpose of this program is to raise awareness about important issues among students and community.

The theme for both contests in 2015 was **“Eat Smart, Play Smart”**. Student participants were encouraged to describe in their essay or show in a poster the essential lessons learned from the adults in their lives about the importance that exercise and healthy eating plays in a healthy lifestyle. The Grange provided cash awards of \$50 - first place, \$30 - second and \$20 - third in each contest in each school (total of \$400).



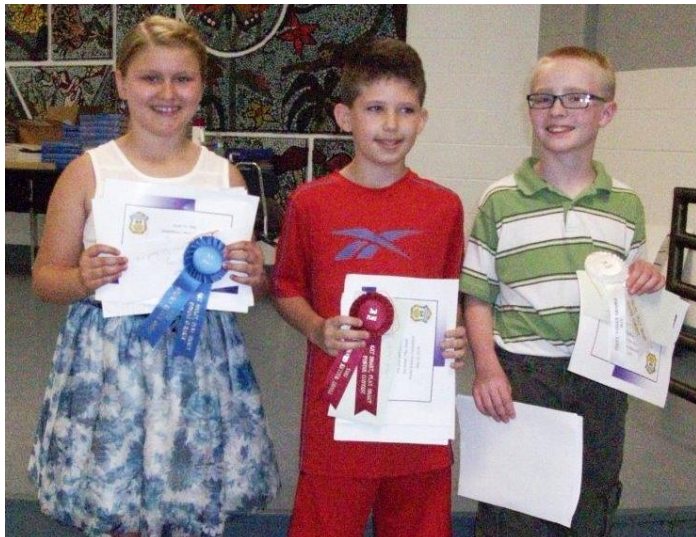
Greenwood poster winners: (left to right) 1st - Trey Hess, 2nd - Ashlyn Taylor and 3rd - Tyler Sherman.



Greenwood essay winners: (left to right) 2nd - Cassie Wright and 3rd - Nathan Lesh. First place winner Sam Myers is not pictured.



Newport poster winners (left to right): 1st - Shyla Benner, 2nd - Ana Mae O'Brien and 3rd - Dezirae Myers.



Newport poster winners: (left to right) first - Olivia Valentine, second - Jackson Beaver and third - Jacob Cummins.

Healthy Eating Program

An awards assembly was held in each school on Tuesday, May 12, 2015. An important part of the assembly is always an education presentation related to the year's contest theme. This year Margie Slyman from Pinnacle Health led the kids in an interactive presentation about healthy eating, moving more and feeling good.

Financially Speaking....



Checking Balance 4/1/2015.....	\$22,826.82
PLUS: Receipts – April-May 2015.....	+ 4,739.30
LESS: Expenses – April-May 2015	- <u>3,191.65</u>
Checking Balance 5/31/2015.....	\$24,374.47
Certificates of Deposit	\$66,163.21

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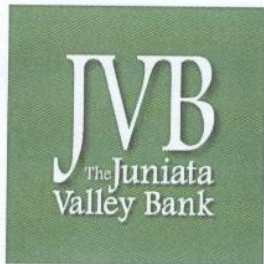
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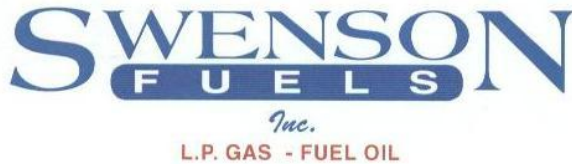
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On the Calendar this Summer

June 2015

12	Grange Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Dessert reception, business meeting with draping of charter & initiation of new members Social Chair – Barbara McMillen
14	Flag Retirement Ceremony & Hot Dog Roast – 2 p.m.
15	Executive Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
16	Prep work for catered picnic – 10 a.m.
17	Grange caters Fort Hunter Volunteer Picnic
23	Banquet – Perry-Juniata Shrine Club
30	Pomona picnic at Community Grange

The Grange charter will be draped in loving memory of Brother Harry Schreiber, past Master, at our June 12th meeting.

July 2015

11	The annual Family Picnic for members and friends of the Grange will be held <u>rain or shine</u> at the home of Tom & Carol Eckenrode, 15003 Route 235, Millerstown, PA (in the “suburbs” of Seven Stars) on Saturday, July 11th. We’ll start gathering at 5 p.m. and eat promptly at 6 p.m. Meat, beverages and place settings will be provided; everyone attending is asked to bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share. The pool will be available so bring your suit and a towel if you plan to take a swim! This will be an informal, relaxing evening for eating, visiting and perhaps a few games.
20	Executive Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
28	Pomona meeting @ Madison Grange

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Perry County Fair, August 18-22

Do you have an artistic flair? Design ideas and helpers to set up and take down are needed for the Grange's annual fair exhibit. Contact Bill Cameron at 589-3782.

Pinnacle Health is underwriting all parking fees and all rides will be free at the fair on Wednesday, Aug. 19th. Perry Valley is responsible to work in the Pomona Grange Food Stand near the fair track beginning at 3:00 p.m. that day. A big crowd is anticipated at the fair so we need 6-8 volunteers for each of two work shifts: 3-7 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. If you can help, please volunteer to Carol Gantt by calling 567-6725 or 275-3433.



Mr. Stew Kirk (right), physical education teacher at Newport Elementary School, recently received a citation from County Commissioner Brenda Benner in recognition of his long service to the school's students. Many of the fourth and fifth grade students participating in a recent essay and poster contest sponsored by Perry Valley Grange cited Kirk's positive influence on their exercise habits. See Page 3 inside for more pictures and information from the essay-poster project.

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