



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

Newsletter

Meeting Location:

**Millerstown Community Park Building
110 Juniata Parkway West, Millerstown, PA 17062**

Coming Events for the Grange.

March 2023 Calendar	
3	Food Packing Event – sponsored by Grange and Greenwood FFA - 3-9 p.m. @ Greenwood Elementary School, Millerstown
21	Perry Valley Executive Committee meeting – 7:00 p.m. @ home of Ken & Peg Bolton
28	Pomona Grange Executive Committee meeting – 7 p.m. @ Shermanata Grange Hall

April 2023 Calendar	
14	Seafood Night potluck dinner & program @ Millerstown Community Park Building – 6:30 p.m. • Host – Doug Bonsall
18	Perry County Candidates' Night Forum – 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Pomona Grange and held in the Shermanata Grange Hall, 550 New Bloomfield Road, Duncannon

Food Packing Event

Friday, March 3, 2023 – 3-9 p.m.

No Grange meeting this month at the Millerstown Community Park Building.

Today Perry Valley Grange (and other Granges in Perry & Juniata Counties) will be working on a big service project with the Greenwood FFA to pack 50,000 breakfast meal kits to fight hunger through the food banks in the two counties. The community support has been absolutely outstanding with more than \$15,000 contributed so far to purchase supplies for this project. Perry Valley Grange gave \$1,000.

Volunteers are needed for three 2-hour shifts; please come to the Elementary School if you are willing to help:

- 3-5 p.m. – prepare food for volunteer dinner
- 5-7 p.m. – serve first volunteer dinner OR pack kits
- 7-9 p.m. - serve second volunteer dinner OR pack kits

Seafood Night Potluck

Friday, April 14, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

A new and different type of fellowship dinner is planned for this regular meeting night. The Grange will provide:

- *Baked fish, steamed shrimp, crab imperial*
- *Meatloaf (for those not preferring seafood)*
- *Place settings & beverages*

Everyone attending is expected to bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share; those who do not bring something to share will be charged \$10 to help cover dinner costs.

The program for this meeting is yet to be confirmed. The original plan to host a Candidates' Night on April 14th was found to conflict with another major event the candidates will be attending so the Grange Candidates' Night will now be sponsored by the Pomona Grange on April 18th.

Making Milk Shakes @ the PA Farm Show



Our Grange Secretary Peg Bolton (seated) was among the Grangers who volunteered in the PA Dairyman's Milk Shake Booth at the annual Farm Show in Harrisburg. She says she was just taking a well-deserved break!

Celebrating Special Days

March Birthdays

2	Marge Gochenaur, Renee Hetrick
7	Edgar Byers

April Birthdays

5	Susan Tressler
22	Linda Byers, Alice Kirchner, Lori Comp
24	Rodney Rhoades

No March or April anniversaries reported

Welcome, New Members

- Jay Bratton, Millerstown
- Frank Campbell, Newport
- Carol Hardbarger, Newport
- Nathan Lesh, Millerstown

Financial Report



Checking Balance 1/1/2023\$ 20,590.81
PLUS: Receipts – Jan.-Feb. + 2,496.93
LESS: Expenses – Jan.-Feb..... 2,096.91
 Checking Balance 2/24/2023\$ 20,990.93
 Certificates of Deposit.....\$114,223.25

In Loving Memory



Sister Olga Brookhart of Millerstown passed away on 2/11/2023 at the age of 82. She was a Grange member for nearly 58 years, having joined in 1965. Olga served in a number of offices, most recently as Chaplain. At the family's request, a Grange memorial service was conducted during her funeral held at Barner's Church.



Linda Byers (left) serves lunch provided by the Grange to the Greenwood High School staff during the Wildcat Service Day on Feb. 16th.

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Blanket Making at Greenwood

Perry Valley Grange supported the Wildcat Service Day at Greenwood High School on February 16th by supplying 10 volunteers and the materials to make 25 tied fleece blankets for the homeless. Students and Grangers had a great time interacting with one another while working together on this service project to bring a bit of warmth and an encouraging message to those in need.

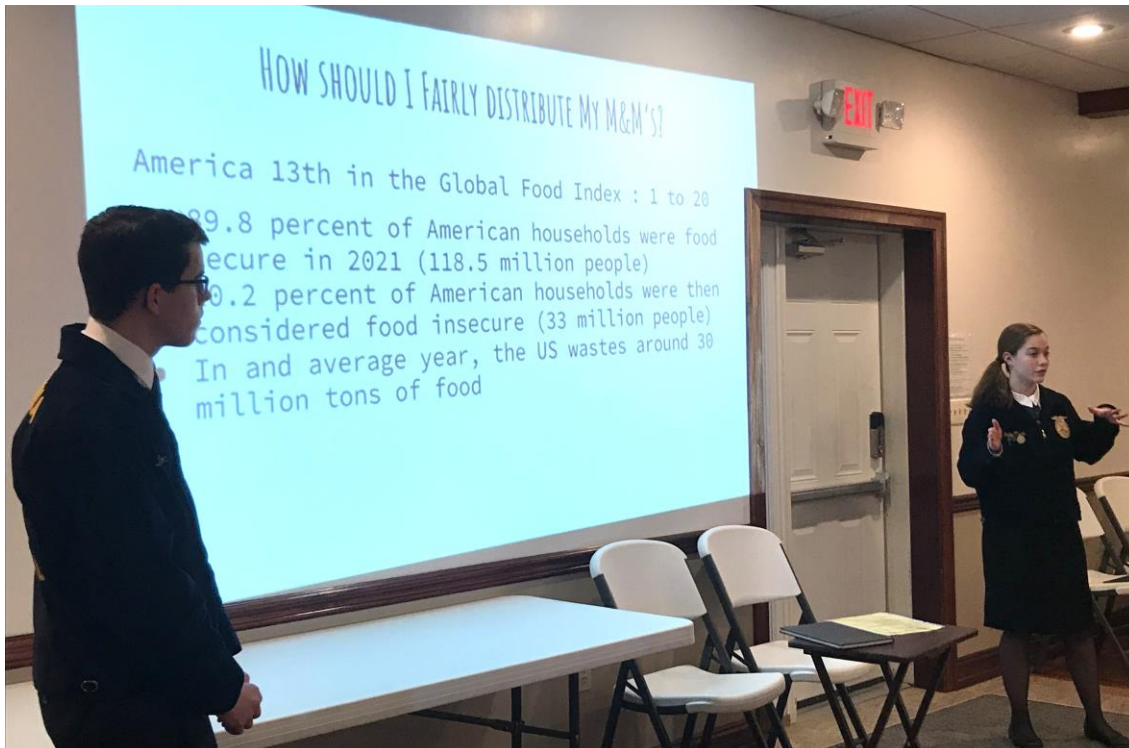


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March-April 2023 Newsletter



Members of the Greenwood FFA presented a program on *Hunger & Food Insecurity Issues* at a recent Grange meeting. This informative presentation outlined plans for the Food Packing event taking place on March 3rd @ Greenwood Elementary School. More details on Page 1.