



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

Annual Open House Community Night Friday, March 10th

The Grange’s annual Open House Community Night Fellowship Dinner is a perfect way to kick off spring. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for the evening that begins with a fellowship dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building, 110 West Juniata Parkway, Millerstown. The Grange will provide meat, beverage, table cover and place settings; please bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share.

The purpose of our annual Open House Community Night is to introduce the Grange to your family, friends and neighbors. Extend an invitation to them to come with you to the Grange for an evening of good food, fellowship and an outstanding program.

Entertainment for the evening will be a family oriented magic show presented by Illusionist Barry Yiengst of Palmyra. Mr. Yiengst has been performing to the delight of all ages throughout central Pennsylvania for nearly five decades.

Mr. Shirey Little of Millerstown, Director of the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ministries, will receive the 39th annual “Community Citizen Award” presented by Perry Valley Grange at this Open House Community Night.

See Page 2 for more information about Mr. Little and a complete listing of all recipients of the Community Citizen Award since 1978.

Another feature of the program will be the introduction of 2017 Business Sponsors and the presentation of certificates to these local businesses that support the Grange.



Barry Yiengst involves a young member of the audience in one of his card tricks at a recent program. He will perform at Perry Valley Grange on March 10th.

The Community Citizen Award, given each year since 1978 by Perry Valley Grange, is part of a nationwide Grange initiative to recognize the outstanding volunteer service of individuals, couples and groups. Recipients were:

- 1978Leonard Beasom, Millerstown
- 1979 Richard Pennay, Liverpool
- 1980 Oscar Fyler, Millerstown
- 1981 Newport Fire Company
- 1982 Millerstown Lions Club
- 1983H. Benjamin Campbell, Millerstown
- 1984 Millerstown Jaycees
- 1985 Thelma Patton, Millerstown
- 1986Rev. William T. Warne, Newport
- 1987 Mary M. Landis, Newport
- 1988Curtis Black, Millerstown
- 1989 David M. Myers, Newport
- 1990John I. Losch, Millerstown
- 1991 Richard Fegley, Millerstown
- 1992 Henry & Evelyn Newlin, Liverpool
- 1993 David & Bonnie Oren, Newport
- 1994 John & Thelma Teats, Liverpool
- 1995 Rebecca E. Kurtz, Millerstown
James A. McGowan, Newport
- 1996 Gary Shipp family, Millerstown
Eric J. Lindstrom, Newport
- 1997 Ardella Brubaker, Newport
- 1998Suzanne B. Beamer, Newport
- 1999 Robert Ackard, Millerstown
- 2000 Fred & June Knight, Liverpool
- 2001 Barner & Wilma Swartz, Millerstown
- 2002 Billy M. Roush, Millerstown
- 2003John Allen Hall, Millerstown
- 2004 Larry & Donna Ferguson, Liverpool
- 2005Mary Kay Miller, Newport
Millerstown Family Moose
- 2006 Bill Ritzman, Millerstown
- 2007 Greenwood & Newport FFA Chapters
- 2008 Wayne & Ruth Shuler, Liverpool
- 2009Charles Beaver, Millerstown
- 2010 Millerstown Community Success, Inc.
- 2011 Willard Benner, Millerstown
- 2012 R. Franklin Campbell, Newport
- 2013 Ruth Ann Linn, Newport
- 2014.....Dr. Robert D. Broffee, Millerstown
- 2015.....No Award Given
- 2016 Harold Brookhart, Millerstown

Mr. Shirey Little of Millerstown is the 2017 Perry Valley Grange Community Citizen of the Year. Shirey is a familiar face around the Greenwood and Newport communities. Annually, he volunteers with the Millerstown Community Success to clean up the Millerstown Park, he is a volunteer football coach for the Newport High

School Buffaloes and also spends a great deal of time mentoring football players. Weekly, Shirey is in the schools, serving as a lunch monitor at Newport and Greenwood. However, his role is much more than simply that of a lunch monitor. He is there for the kids! He serves as a positive role model, provides support and encouragement, and brightens the day of each student.

“Shirey genuinely wants to build relationships and has a heart for the youth. He gives freely of his time. He sees the needs of our young people, then quietly finds ways to fill those needs. He sees the best in our community members and knows their strengths. Then he finds places where they can use their talents to serve others. Whether we like to drive, ride a bike, or bake cinnamon rolls, Shirey finds a place for us to be involved. He inspires us

and volunteering with him is something we look forward to.” –Frank and Teresa Woodard.



Shirey is the Perry County Director of the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ministries. As a part of his outreach with youth, Shirey is a constant part of many youth’s lives. The activities and impact that Shirey has on our youth’s lives is

immeasurable. Weekly, Shirey hosts the student-led Breakfast Club for students in Newport and Greenwood. After breakfast, if a student does not read scripture and present a thought, Shirey has local leadership figures come and share or he will.

According to Greenwood student Cecila Good, “he always helps us connect scripture to our daily lives.” He also hosts a weekly night club in both districts which provides junior high students opportunities to strengthen their faith and interact with peers. In addition, Shirey takes students to Winter Snow Camp, Impact, Winter Jam and Summer Camp, along with other retreats, conferences, small group settings, local service projects, mission projects and events throughout the year. All of these activities provide avenues for youth to deepen their spirituality while bonding with an individual who serves as a positive role model for our entire community.

Please join the Grange on March 10th to learn more about this community servant.

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Celebrating Special Days

March Birthdays

- 2 Marguerite Gochenaur
Renee Hetrick
- 4 Debbie Ramp
- 7 Edgar Byers
- 31 Wyatt Anderson

April Birthdays

- 5 Susan Tressler
- 19 Arthur "Ray" Fisher
- 22 Alice Kirchner
Linda Byers
Lori Comp
- 24 Rodney Rhoades
- 30 Clarice Kerstetter

No reported anniversaries in March or April.

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

Use of Grange Funds

Our Grange is submitting a request again this year requesting the release of \$15,000 from the trust funds held by the State Grange from the sale of our former property. Grange law allows that up to 10% of the principle of real estate proceeds may be annually for community service work. The projects that have been adopted for the year are:

*Spike Out Hunger (3/31)	\$1,000
Elementary Schools Environ-Thon (5.23)	3,000
Community Picnic/Storyteller (6/9)	500
Newport Library Summer Reading	500
CLD projector purchase for community use	530
Fort Hunter educational signage	8,470
Other charitable contributions	<u>1,000</u>

TOTAL **\$15,000**

**Spike Out Hunger is a joint service project with the Greenwood FFA that will be held at Greenwood High School. Volleyball teams will be competing in this event to raise funds to fight hunger; the Grange will also be serving refreshments.*

Coming Events

March 2017

10	<p>Open House Community Night <i>(see Page 1 for more details)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fellowship Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Social Committee – Doug Bonsall & Peg Bolton (co-chairs)</p> <p>Meat, beverages, rolls, table cover and place settings provided; everyone please bring a non-member guest plus a casserole, salad or dessert to share</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Sponsor Recognition • Magic Show • Presentation of "Community Citizen Award" to Mr. Shirey Little
20	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
28	Pomona Grange meeting at Madison
31	<i>Spike Out Hunger</i> event @ Greenwood HS

April 2017

17	Executive Committee meeting – 6:30 p.m.
21	<p>Grange Meeting <i>(note change of date to avoid conflict with Easter weekend)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dessert reception @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Social Committee – Krista Pontius (chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program – Russian Travelogue by Tom & Carol Eckenrode
25	Pomona Grange meeting at Shermanata

Financially Speaking

Checking Balance 1/1/2017	\$ 16,143.58
PLUS: Receipts – Jan-Feb 2017	+ 585.28
LESS: Expenses – Jan-Feb 2017	- <u>1,703.08</u>
Checking Balance 2/28/2017	\$ 15,025.78
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 87,536.66

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A good Grange member:

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

Perry Valley Grange Vision
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