



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

Identity Theft & Fraud Prevention to be Topic at Open House–Community Night Program Friday, March 9th

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 public is invited to attend this annual Open House Community Night event beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building, 100 West Juniata Parkway. Meat, beverage and place settings will be provided; persons attending are invited to bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share.

Retired Police Detective and Special Agent Mark Brumaghim will discuss “**Identity Theft and Fraud Prevention**” during the evening’s program. Officer Brumaghim will discuss Identity theft and credit card fraud as defined by Pennsylvania law. The program covers how identity thieves can access an individual’s confidential data and will explain safeguard methods to protect one’s identity and credit card information. He will also review different types of contractor and internet scams. Mr. Brumaghim was employed by the Lower Paxton Township Police Department from 1988 until 2014, spending the last 10 years of his police career investigating financial crimes such as credit card fraud, identity theft and embezzlement. Upon his retirement from the police force, Mark worked for the

Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General as a Special Agent in the Medicaid Fraud Section where he conducted criminal investigations into neglect of care-dependent persons living in long term care facilities until his recent retirement.

Also included on the evening’s program will be the presentation of \$3,585 to the Perry County Food Bank, representing proceeds of the recent Hunger Banquet co-sponsored by the Grange and Greenwood FFA. 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.

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.

**Emergency Services Program
& Community Citizen Award
Friday, April 13th**

Two important topics will be featured at this month's regular Grange meeting beginning with a dessert reception at 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building.

Emergency Services - When someone dials 911, they expect an emergency vehicle to arrive a short time later. But, there may be little thought given to the training and work that goes on behind the scene before that vehicle and personnel can show up. Volunteers must complete many hours of training to become certified emergency responders and much fundraising is needed to purchase equipment with the latest life-saving technology. Millerstown Fire Chief Chris Foose will discuss the fiscal workload and training requirements that goes into providing emergency services for the local area.

Community Citizen Award – Christina Voorhees will receive Perry Valley Grange's 2018 award in recognition of her services as coordinator of the Perry County Back Pack Program. This program helps meet the hunger needs of children by sending food home for the weekends when school resources are not available. It is facilitated through the Perry County and Central Pennsylvania Food Banks and is funded solely by grants and donations. The program to fight childhood hunger currently serves approximately 480 elementary students and is available in all six elementary schools in Perry County.



Mrs. Voorhees is passionate about community involvement and enjoys working with folks to help meet the needs of others. In addition to her work with the Back Pack program, Christina is actively involved at Church of the Living Christ in Loysville where she is a teacher for the children's ministry, the director for Vacation Bible School, and serves on several committees.

Professionally, Christina is the Vice President of Wildlife Specialists, LLC, a natural resources consulting company based in northern PA. She was educated as a wildlife biologist and holds

degrees from Virginia Tech and Penn State University. She currently lives outside of Landisburg with her husband and 2 children where they raise small animals and enjoy the outdoors.

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:

- 1978..... Leonard Beasom, Millerstown
- 1979..... Richard Pennay, Liverpool
- 1980..... Oscar Fyler, Millerstown
- 1981.....Newport Fire Company
- 1982.....Millerstown Lions Club
- 1983.....H. Benjamin Campbell, Millerstown
- 1984..... Millerstown Jaycees
- 1985..... Thelma Patton, Millerstown
- 1986..... Rev. William T. Warne, Newport
- 1987.....Mary M. Landis, Newport
- 1988..... Curtis Black, Millerstown
- 1989..... David M. Myers, Newport
- 1990..... John 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
- 1998..... Suzanne B. Beamer, Newport
- 1999..... Robert Ackard, Millerstown
- 2000..... Fred & June Knight, Liverpool
- 2001..... Barner & Wilma Swartz, Millerstown
- 2002..... Billy M. Roush, Millerstown
- 2003..... John Allen Hall, Millerstown
- 2004..... Larry & Donna Ferguson, Liverpool
- 2005..... Mary Kay Miller, Newport
Millerstown Family Moose
- 2006..... Bill Ritzman, Millerstown
- 2007.....Greenwood & Newport FFA Chapters
- 2008..... Wayne & Ruth Shuler, Liverpool
- 2009.....Charles 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
- 2017.....Shirey Little, Millerstown

Please join the Grange on March 9th to honor this year's community servant.

Fun & Education Featured at Recent Meetings



Cathy & Lee Morrison try their hand at a post-holiday relay game enjoyed in January. It's not easy to unwrap that box while wearing oven mitts!



At the February meeting Grant Carlton, a Millersville University student majoring in meteorology, explains a cartoon illustration to make points about "Wacky Weather" and its effect upon our lives. Climate change has a significant economic effect on agriculture.

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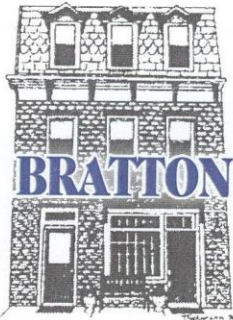
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“Words for Thirds” Dictionaries Given at Greenwood School

Four Perry Valley Grangers visited Greenwood Elementary School on Friday, February 23rd, to give dictionaries to all third grade students. The books were purchased by the Pomona Grange.



The students were shown how to use the various helps found in a dictionary by Doug Bonsall. This student version included many interesting facts about such things as maps of the world, facts about U.S. states and the history of our Presidents.



Bill Cameron (above) and Peg Bolton (below) helped with the book distribution to each student. Renee Hetrick was the photographer for the event.



Lots of smiling, happy faces after students received their personal dictionaries.



Can you find the longest word in the dictionary?

Celebrating Special Days

March Birthdays

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

April Birthdays

- 5 Susan Tressler
- 22 Alice Kirchner, Linda Byers,
Lori Comp
- 24 Rodney Rhoades
- 30 Clarice Kerstetter

No reported anniversaries in March or April.

Major Service Projects

Our Grange is submitting a request again this year requesting the release of funds from the trust account held by the State Grange from the sale of our former property. Grange law allows that up to 10% of the remaining principle of real estate proceeds may be used annually for community service work. Our maximum withdrawal available this year will be approximately \$14,700.

The projects that have been proposed for the year include:

<i>Perry County Fairgrounds Water Project</i>	\$10,000
<i>Elementary Schools Ag Day</i>	2,000
<i>Perry County Veterans Memorial Wall</i>	1,000
<i>Free Community Concerts</i>	800
<i>Newport Library Summer Reading</i>	500
<i>Caroline Furnace Historic Site Restoration</i>	500
<i>High School Awards</i>	<u>400</u>

TOTAL **\$15,200**

The 2018 project list will be finalized shortly and the funding request submitted to the State Grange. Any project costs in excess of the trust fund withdrawal will be paid from the current operating account balance.

The Hunger Banquet held on Feb 2nd at the Newport Family Life Center, sponsored jointly by the Grange and the Greenwood FFA, was a big success and will go a long way toward fighting hunger in this area. The \$3,585 proceeds, included in the 2/28 checking account balance shown to the right, will be given to the Perry County Food Bank in March.

Coming Events

March 2018

9	Open House Community Night <i>(see Page 1 for more details)</i> Fellowship Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. Social Committee – Doug Bonsall & Peg Bolton <i>(co-chairs)</i> Meat, beverages, rolls, table cover and place settings provided; everyone please bring a non-member guest plus a casserole, salad or dessert to share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Sponsor Recognition • Presentation of Hunger Banquet proceeds to Perry County Food Bank • Program – Identity Theft & Fraud Prevention by Mark Brumaghim
19	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
27	Pomona Grange meeting at Community

April 2018

13	Grange Meeting <i>(details on Page 2)</i> Dessert reception @ 6:30 p.m. Social Committee – Linda Byers <i>(chair)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of “Community Citizen Award” to Christina Voorhees • Program – Emergency Service by Millerstown Fire Chief Chris Foose
16	Executive Committee meeting – 6:30 p.m.
24	Pomona Grange meeting at Shermanata

Financially Speaking

Checking Balance 1/1/2018.....	\$ 12,820.68
PLUS: Receipts – Jan-Feb 2018.....	+ 4,778.44
LESS: Expenses – Jan-Feb 2018.....	- <u>992.49</u>
Checking Balance 2/28/2018.....	\$ 16,606.63
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 98,781.82

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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

Foster an atmosphere where individuals can grow spiritually, intellectually and socially and, through that growth, improve themselves, their families, communities and the nation.

GRANGE COOKBOOKS

Five different editions are still available and continue to be popular for gifts any time of year. Orders come in from all over the country, thanks to people reading our Grange website.

Contact Doug Bonsall (921-1957) to get your copies. The cost varies for the different editions shown below (from left to right):

- 1950 - \$13
- 1972 - \$20
- 1984 - \$13
- 2000 - \$13
- 2010 - \$18

There is an additional \$4/book charge for shipping if the book(s) are mailed.



In Memory – Word has just been received of the death of Brother Arthur “Ray” Fisher.

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