



# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

West Juniata Parkway & Owl Hollow Road, Millerstown, PA 17062

## Grange in Talks with Local Masonic Lodge

**Perry Valley Grange and the Newport Masonic Lodge are meeting to discuss the possibility of future shared use of the current Grange Hall.**

About a year ago, the Grange first learned that the some leaders of the Lodge were interested in the more modern, handicap accessible facilities of our hall. Discussions about various options have been taking place since then. The Masons are currently waiting on permission from their authorities to move their meeting site from the current rented meeting place in Newport to the Grange Hall.

If approved, the Lodge will hold approximately two meetings per month at the Grange Hall and, in lieu of rental payments, will assist the Grange with fund raising activities and maintenance duties. If, after a trial period of one year, the arrangement works to the satisfaction of both parties, then further discussions may take place to consider a shared ownership of the property.

Some Grange members may wonder why we would consider selling an ownership interest in the debt-free Grange property. The answer is quite simple:

1. *Our facilities are routinely under-utilized so a few additional meetings per month would not create any hardship plus provide the Masons with a much better meeting place.*
2. *Willing and able Grange volunteers to raise the funds needed and to handle routine property issues are in short supply so the added people resources from the Lodge will help considerably*

Any eventual decision to sell a portion of ownership would require approval from the membership of the local Grange and Lodge as well as our respective state organizations.

## 2010 Community Citizen Named



**Millerstown Community Success Inc. (MCSI)** received the Grange's 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Community Citizen Award at our Open House dinner in April. Grange Lecturer Renee Hetrick (right) presented the award plaque to MCSI President Harold Brookhart. A program on the work of MCSI showed many different projects to improve the physical and community aspects of Millerstown, among them improvement of the town square and sponsorship of the annual Christmas celebration.

## Welcome, New Members

- Kevin Brightbill, Millerstown
- George & Twyla Courtot, Millerstown

## New Business Sponsors

- Safe Haven Skilled Services, New Bloomfield
- Safe Haven Quality Care, New Bloomfield

## Another Successful School Essay & Poster Contest

***A record number of 150+ entries competed this year in the Grange sponsored essay & poster contest in Greenwood and Newport Elementary Schools. The project is one of our biggest annual community service projects.***



This year's theme ***"Through the Eyes of a Service Dog"*** challenged the students to describe in an essay or show in a poster the ways a view of the world through the specially trained dogs that help deaf, blind and physically disabled persons with daily living activities. As usual, the creativity demonstrated by the participants was astounding!

We are fortunate to get excellent cooperation from the principals, teachers and students at both schools in this project each year. On Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> the Grange sponsored assemblies in each school to recognize all the contest participants. Personalized certificates were presented to each participant and the following winners announced:

Essays	Greenwood	Newport
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brooke Rumberger	Ellie Templeton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parker Taylor	Matthew Robbins
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jordan Engle	Samantha McHenry
Posters	Greenwood	Newport
1 <sup>st</sup>	Caitlyn Cauffman	Breann Miller
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maggie Campbell	Hayley Lesh
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jamaal Johnson	Kayla Bryson

In addition to receiving in \$400 in cash prizes supplied by our Grange, the local winners are now competing in the state level of competition.



An important part of the assemblies is an educational program on a pertinent safety topic age appropriate for the students. This year Susquehanna Service Dogs provided two volunteers and a canine companion to demonstrate the extraordinary training and abilities of their dogs.



At Greenwood, Perry Valley distributed dictionaries purchased by the Pomona Grange 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.

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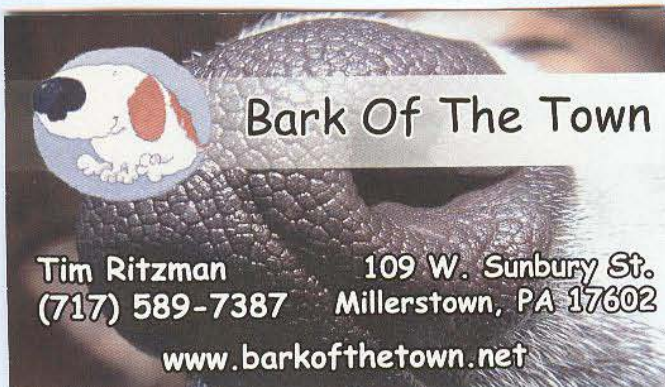
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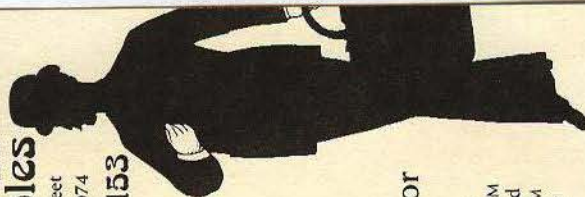
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### May Birthdays

- 7 Robert Smith, Dorothy Yohn
- 9 John Byers
- 21 Barbara Sheaffer, Charles Tressler
- 22 Bonnie Cameron
- 24 Ezra Grubb

### June Birthdays

- 2 Evelyn Newlin
- 3 Ruth Crist, Martin Hudson
- 4 Olga Brookhart
- 13 Dolores Guyer, Louise Cameron
- 15 John Gothel
- 26 George Courtot

## Happy Anniversary

### May Anniversaries

- 18 Jim & Helen Hoffman
- 23 Jason & Krista Pontius
- 25 Charles & Susan Tressler
- 31 Lee & Catherine Morrison

### June Anniversaries

- 7 Henry & Evelyn Newlin
- 16 John & Virginia Shotzberger
- 19 Dale & Helen Cox
- 27 Edgar & Linda 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.*

## In Loving Memory

Our fraternal circle has again been broken with the death of two long time members.

- **Betty Wingert** – a member since 1967
- **Lesta Schreiber** – a member since 1964, first female President, long-time Women's Activities Chair, former Junior Grange leader and initiator of our catering services

Our Grange's traditional service was conducted for both during their viewings and luncheons were served in the Grange Hall following their funerals.

We are especially grateful to the Schreiber family for designating the Grange to receive memorial contributions in lieu of flowers. It is the family's request that funds received in memory of Lesta will be used to support projects and programs benefitting children and youth.

### Patrons Remembered

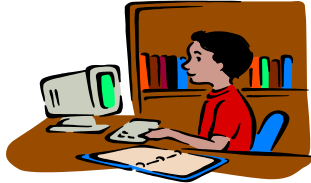
Each May the Pomona Grange holds a Go-to-Church & Memorial Service to remember Grangers who have died during the past year. This year the service was held at the Red Hill Church of God just outside Newport with a good attendance. The following seven members of Perry Valley were remembered with the lighting of a memorial candle:

- **Leonard Gochenuar**
- **Betty Wingert**
- **Lesta Schreiber**
- **Marge Fenicle**
- **Martha McDermond**
- **David & Mildred Markle**

# Grange Busy with Community Service Projects

## Books for Kids

We are again thrilled to have been approved to receive a grant (\$400) from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans #31063 to support our annual summer reading program. This grant, along with our Grange's \$500 gift, will purchase books for distribution in two local summer reading programs. In the Greenwood School District students who receive summer tutoring to improve their reading ability will be given two paperback books of their own. Newport area children who participate in the public library's summer reading program will also get a book courtesy of Perry Valley Grange.



## Daffodil Sales Report

**Our Grange raised \$1,828 in March to help in the fight against cancer.**

For almost more years than anyone can remember, our Grange has taken an active role to support the American Cancer Society by selling daffodils each March in Millerstown and Liverpool. Sales were down this year, attributed to a sluggish economy and a substantial jump in the price of the flowers. Special thanks to Barbara McMillen for coordinating this project and all the volunteers who helped with the sales.



## High School Awards

Continuing our long standing commitment to helping students, Perry Valley Grange will give four awards this spring to local graduates of Newport and Greenwood High Schools.



Carol Gantt is working with each school to arrange for the presentation of a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond to recognize:

- **Outstanding vocational-technical graduates**
- **Outstanding FFA students**

## Perry Village Picnic Coming Up



The Grange's annual patio picnic at Perry Village in New Bloomfield will be held on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. This event, shown above in 2009, is always a favorite with the residents of the nursing home. All are invited for this time of food and fellowship with our friends there. Contact Carol Rhoades (567-6844) if you want to volunteer or for more details.

## Save These Dates!

**Saturday, July 10, 2010**

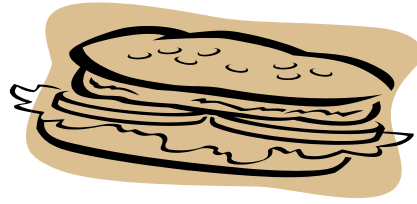
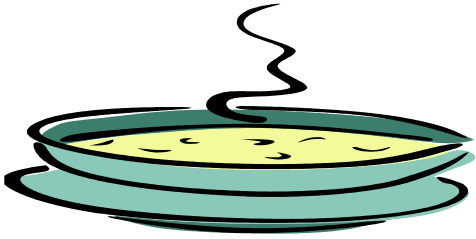
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**Friday, August 13, 2010**

Weiner Roast & Election of Officers

**Details will appear in next newsletter.**

**The Grange recently contributed to the funds drive for a project to improve the landscaping at the Newport Playground on North Front Street.**



# Soup & Sandwich Sale

**Election Day**

**TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010**

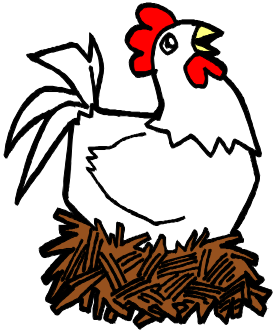
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**Supplemental funding provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans #31063 to match Grange support for children's summer reading programs in Greenwood and Newport areas**

# On the Grange Calendar this Spring

## May 2010

2	Cater luncheons at Fort Hunter Garden Faire event – 10:30 a.m.
3	Executive Committee meeting
7	<b>Grange Meeting - 7 p.m.</b> Dessert reception, business session Charter draping, new member welcoming <b>Social Committee</b> – Ann Wilson (chair), Millie Cubbison, Clarice Kerstetter, Martin & Bernie Hudson, Alice Kirchner, Harry Schreiber
8	Reception – Wagner/Siegfried wedding
14	Banquet - Greenwood FFA
16	Pomona Grange Go-to-Church Service
17	Work night for Soup & Sandwich Sale
18	<b>Soup &amp; Sandwich Sale</b> (see poster on page 11)
28	Banquet – Perry-Juniata Shrine Club

### Volunteers Needed

The lovely spring weather will soon give way to summer and the opportunity to hold some Grange activities outdoors and in our pavilion. A work day will take place on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 a.m. to take care of the following tasks that must be done to get ready for summer and keep our property in top shape.

- Tanbark installation around Grange Hall
- Care of beds & shrubbery around hall
- Cleaning of pavilion for summer use

If you are willing to help, please contact Peg Bolton (589-3897).

**Fair Exhibits** - At the May meeting of the Grange Executive Committee, discussion was held about the lack of volunteers interested in taking responsibility for our fair exhibits this year. A motion was approved NOT to enter exhibits unless volunteers came forward. Thankfully, new member Matthew Brightbill has offered to recruit some FFA members to assist with this project.

## June 2010

5	Outdoors work day at the Grange Hall Stroup rental
11	<b>Grange Picnic - 7:00 PM</b> <i>Rain or shine – in the pavilion</i>  <b>Special Guests</b> – Members of Valley Grange & Newport Masons  <b>Social Committee</b> – Rodney & Carol Rhoades (chairs), Donald Brightbill, Bob & Barbara Sheaffer, Krista Pontius, Mark Heisey, Edgar & Linda Byers, Bruce & Paula Fleming
12	Cater picnic dinner for Perry Co. Republicans @ Owls Picnic area
13	Healing House rental
15	Cater picnic lunches at Fort Hunter
17	Newport Masonic Lodge rental
18	Work night for public dinner – 6:30 p.m.
19	<b>Chicken &amp; Waffles Dinner</b> (see poster on page 12) <b>Needed – Help &amp; baked good donations</b>
26	Picnic for Perry Village residents
29	Pomona Grange picnic at Oliver – 7 p.m.



## Financial Report

<b>Checking Balance from 2/2010</b> .....	<b>\$20,904.97</b>
<b>PLUS:</b> Receipts – March 2010.....	<b>+ 7,232.82</b>
Receipts – April 2010.....	<b>+ 1,979.97</b>
<b>LESS:</b> Expenditures – March 2010.....	<b>- 4,807.04</b>
Expenditures – April 2010.....	<b>- 4,042.13</b>
<b>Checking Balance to 5/2010</b> .....	<b>\$21,268.59</b>
<b>Savings Balance</b> .....	<b>\$35,263.70</b>

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Did you notice the story and picture in the local newspapers about Darwin Kitner receiving the Pomona Grange's 2010 Public Servant Award? He was nominated for this recognition by our Grange.

## Our Grange Ideals

### **A good Grange member:**

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

When we say "I **can't**"...we are really saying "I **won't**." Funny, isn't it, that the busiest people are rarely heard using the word "can't"?

## Vision Statement

### **The Vision of Perry Valley Grange:**

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

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