



# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

On Friday, March 13, 2020 as I was conducting the Grange meeting, never in my wildest dreams did I think that our lives and our world would change so drastically and so quickly. In my mind, I thought our biggest challenge this year would be the Spotted Lantern Fly infestation and the financial devastation its invasion would cause. I did not think that the next Executive Meeting I attended would be by Zoom, the Grange's April visit to Kinkora Home would be cancelled and the May Meeting would have to be held "virtually".....not to mention that I would be wearing a mask to do my grocery shopping!



Our Grange's Executive Committee met after the spotted lantern fly program to handle some routine business. One of the items on the agenda was to disperse some unused funds originally earmarked for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. One member of the committee suggested that we save some of this money to help out with the Coronavirus. I could not envision how we could possibly need money for this cause. I have never been so wrong!

I never thought that a week or two after that meeting, Krista and I would be meeting Doug (our Grange treasurer) in the parking lot of Mutzabaugh's Market to pick up checks to help those already suffering from food insecurity. The ban on unnecessary travel was already in place and we were there under the guise of grocery shopping. We were there to pick up two checks - \$500 each for Choc O Latte Café and JoJo's Pizza, two small Millerstown restaurants. These contributions fulfilled a twofold purpose – we provided food to families who were already struggling and we gave much need business to the small business owners/employees. Even at this early date in the COVID-19 pandemic, food insecurities were already apparent.



While calling the Executive Committee to get approval for giving this money to the businesses, I mentioned to one of the Executive Committee members what our family was doing to help some of Krista's students whose parents had lost their jobs and who had not yet received unemployment benefits. I relayed to her the story how the one student came running out of her house less than five miles from my home, tears streaming down her face and stated they had had nothing to eat. This member then started to call other members on the Executive Committee and the Grange quickly gave us \$500 towards the project. In addition, some Grange members personally gave another \$400 and toilet paper, paper towels and offered more help. We have turned my sister-in-law's basement family room into a food pantry and every week deliver blessing baskets to seven needy families. I am so blessed to be associated with an organization that has so many caring people; an organization that makes a difference in our community.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued)

We realize that we cannot save everyone, but the Grange is making a difference in our community by helping so many families. It is much like the man on the beach who was going along and picking up starfish and throwing them back into the sea. Along came a negative individual and said, "What good does it do for you to pick up the starfish?" "You can't possibly save all of them". The man bent over, picked up another starfish, threw it back and replied, "yes, but it made a difference to that one". That is exactly what your help is doing, making a difference!



**Perry Valley Grange provided financial help to purchase these food items for needy families.**

For the last several years our Grange has made food insecurity a priority helping with projects such as food packing events, school backpack supplies, giving money through local schools to help students in need – yet never realizing the magnitude of need a pandemic could cause. I believe somewhere, sometime, many years from now these students and their families will recall how they were struggling with food insecurity due to COVID-19 and a teacher, with the help of her friends in Perry Valley Grange, brought food to their homes and gave meals through local businesses.

You're the best. Stay tuned and stay safe.

*Linda Byers,*  
Perry Valley Grange President

## Cancelled Grange Events

**April 18** – Visit/refreshments @ Kinkora Home

**May 1** – Grange Open House

**May 27** – Elementary School Ag Day

**June 23** – Concert in the Park

However, the Grange remains active through its community service work already described by our president in her column. **And.....see below.....**we're going to venture into the virtual world by having our May Grange meeting on line.

At this point, we are keeping our June 12<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> Grange meetings and the July 29<sup>th</sup> "Concert in the Park" on the calendar in the hope that public gatherings can safely be held by those dates. The Executive Committee continues to meet on the third Monday of each month as needed, either on-line or in person.

## Virtual Grange Meeting Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

**Please join us either on your computer by Zoom or on your phone by making a simple call.** You may begin to connect by whichever method you choose at 6:30 p.m. Just like a regular in-person meeting, we'll use the initial time to greet another and catch up enjoy your own snacks in the comfort of home! The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Officers will read their usual parts for the opening/closing. Our program will be an on-line game of Grange Bingo (see pages 3-4).

**Join Meeting by computer:** Click on link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85224778686?pwd=eERmbENPTFZvNDNBQnJPdzNrSIJNUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 852 2477 8686

**Password:** 533273

**Join Meeting by Phone:** Call 1-929-436-2866

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If you have installed the free Zoom program on your computer, the link above should take you right to the meeting. If this is not already installed, you should be prompted to do so; if you run into any difficulties, call Krista Pontius at 717-385-6015 for help. Zoom allows you to both see (video) and hear (audio) all the meeting participants. If you don't have this kind of computer access and call in by phone, you'll be able to hear all the conversations (audio) but without the pictures (video).

*Here's Your Homework Assignment to Get Ready for our Virtual Grange Meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>*

## **Make Your Own Grange Bingo Card**


**Welcome to our very first virtual meeting of Perry Valley Grange!** During these days of social distancing cause by the COVID-19 pandemic, we may not be able to meet as usual but we'll stay in touch electronically or by telephone. At our May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, we'll play Grange bingo! We'll have an opportunity to learn a bit more about the history, symbolism and work of the Grange as we play this game over cyberspace.

**Begin by making your own bingo card any time before the May 8<sup>th</sup> call-in begins** – you'll find the blank card on the reverse of this sheet. Just select five words/phrases below from the “B” column and write them in any order in the five blank squares under the “B” column on the blank bingo card. Continue doing the same with the “I”, “N”, “G” and “O” columns. Get that corn or other markers ready so you won't miss marking your card when the caller begins during our virtual Grange meeting. **This is different and should be fun!**

<b><u>B</u></b>	<b><u>I</u></b>	<b><u>N</u></b>	<b><u>G</u></b>	<b><u>O</u></b>
Dec. 4, 1867	Pomona	Flora	Overseer	Steward
7 Founders	Asst. Steward	Treasurer	Lady Asst. Steward	Secretary
Carolyn Hall	Gatekeeper	Greeter	Faith	Chaplain
P of H	Hope	Charity	Fidelity	Rural America
Master	Community Service	Motto	Recreation	Social
Oliver H. Kelley	Aaron Grosh	Education	Eagle #1	William Saunders
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John W. Scott	Betsy Huber	William A. Steel	Wayne Campbell	Beaver's School
Sheaf of Wheat	Hoe	Plow	Ax	Harrow
Spade	Springtime	Summer	Pruning Knife	Sickle
Autumn	The Agate	Winter	Francis McDowell	John Trimble
John Thompson	William Ireland	Lecturer	Agriculture	Broad Band
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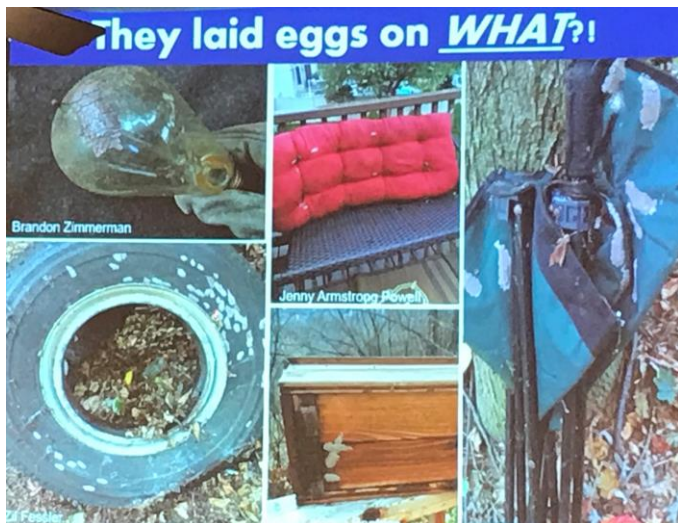
B I N G O

## Good Response for March Spotted Lantern Fly Forum



Dr. Lisa Bosak (above) of Penn State Extension provided an overview about the infestation of this destructive insect into our area by means of an great set of slides (below). Many questions were asked by the audience which included a number of local farmers who fear crop damage this summer.



# Celebrating Special Days

## May Birthdays

- 21 Barbara Sheaffer
- 22 Bonnie Cameron
- 24 Ezra Grubb
- 29 James Fuller

## May Anniversaries

- 23 Jason & Krista Pontius
- 31 Lee & Catherine Morrison

## June Birthdays

- 4 Olga Brookhart
- 13 Dolores Guyer
- 27 Dan Barkley

## June Anniversaries

- 27 Edgar & Linda Byers

*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.*

## Summer Reading Program

Again this year, our Grange will support the Newport Public Library children's summer reading program with a \$500 donation to purchase books/supplies for the participants. Normally some of our Grange volunteers read to the children on one afternoon near the end of the program but that is tentative right now. Even if the summer program cannot take place, the library will still receive the Grange's donation to support its work when it can safely re-open.

## High School Graduate Awards

Four outstanding vocational technical and FFA students, one of each in both Greenwood and Newport High Schools, will be recognized by the Grange this spring with cash awards of \$100 each. If the awards cannot be presented in person at Class Night or Graduation, check will be mailed.

## Financially Speaking...



Checking Balance 3/1/2020 .....	\$ 26,274.96
<b>PLUS: Receipts – March-April 2020 .....</b>	<b>+ 941.26</b>
<b>LESS: Expenses – March-April 2020 ....</b>	<b>- 10,559.50</b>
Checking Balance 4/30/2020 .....	\$16,656.72
Certificates of Deposit 4/30/2020 .....	\$102,028.27

# Thank You to Our Grange Business Sponsors



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The support of these Business Sponsors helps significantly to underwrite the costs for the free summer concerts held in the Millerstown Community Park. The June 23<sup>rd</sup> concert has been cancelled but we are hoping to be able to hold the July 28<sup>th</sup> concert and will recognize the Business Sponsors then.

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## May-June 2020 Newsletter

# Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

See Page 2 for list of events cancelled due to COVID-19

## May 2020

8	<b>Virtual Grange Meeting</b> <i>See details on Page 2 to join us by phone or by computer at 6:30 p.m.</i> <b>Program – Grange Bingo</b> <i>(see pages 3-4 for details)</i> <b>Enjoy your own snacks in the comfort of home!</b>
18	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (if needed) @ Bolton home or on-line

**If COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, the Grange plans to sponsor a big free community picnic along with the July 28<sup>th</sup> “Concert in the Park”.**

## June 2020

12	<b>Grange Meeting – 6:30 p.m.</b> <i>* Planned for Millerstown Park Community Building but will be held on-line if group cannot meet safely</i> <b>Dessert Reception</b> <b>Social Chair</b> – Barbara McMillen <b>Planned Program –</b> <b>Planting Your Succulent Garden</b> <i>Bring your own container; modest charge for plants used</i>
15	Executive Committee meeting – 6:30 p.m. (if needed) @ Bolton home or on-line