



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

**Outing to
Wild Flower Nursery
Friday, May 13th**

**Grange Meeting
PA History Speaker
Friday, June 10th**

As spring finally arrives, our thoughts turn to gardening. Join us this evening for a visit to a nearby greenhouse owned by our Amish neighbors. You'll have the opportunity to plant a container garden for your patio, deck or window.

Here's the schedule for this outing:

- 6:00 p.m. Form carpools at Lowe's Restaurant, Routes 11-15, Liverpool
- 6:30 p.m. Arrive at Wildwood Lane Gardens on Chapman Hollow Road, Port Trevorton; Tour greenhouses, purchase plants and receive helpful hints to plant your container
- 7:30 p.m. Leave for return trip with dessert stop @ Susquehanna Ice Cream

Here's what you have to do:

- Bring your own planting container
- Notify Natalie Fritz (567-6105) by May 10th if you plan to participate so the greenhouse can be notified in advance of the expected number and she can get in touch with you about alternate plans in case of rain.

There will be no regular Grange meeting at the Park Building this month.

A very special program and outstanding speaker awaits everyone at this meeting! Be sure to be at the Millerstown Park Community Building promptly at 6:30 p.m. for dessert and fellowship. A short business meeting will precede the program which will feature a Harrisburg area journalist, historian and photographer.

Al Holliday (right) is the founder and publisher of ***Pennsylvania Magazine***, the only periodical that covers the whole state with features and photos. Al started the publication in 1983 as a guide to the history, regional attractions and feature stories about interesting people and their accomplishments, past and present. He is a native of New York, has degrees from Michigan State University, and resides with his family in Camp Hill, PA.



Every attendee will receive a free copy of ***PA Magazine*** and a 25-question guide sheet to Mr. Holliday's presentation.

Spotlight on Grange Community Service Projects



Perry Valley Grange recently provided a \$4,000 matching grant to the Newport Revitalization & Preservation Society designated for playground equipment replacement in the Newport Veterans' Park. The presentation of the funding took place at the Grange's April 8, 2016, Open House Fellowship Dinner and Program when Mr. R. Franklin Campbell (left) outlined the on-going project to rehabilitate and improve the community park and then accepted the gift on behalf of the Newport Revitalization & Preservation Society. Doug Bonsall (right), Grange Treasurer and Community Service Chair, made the presentation on behalf of Perry Valley Grange.

Recent Financial Gifts from the Grange

- **\$300** – To purchase books for the summer reading program at Newport Public Library
As part of this program, Perry Valley volunteers will read to children at the library on June 28th; contact Natalie Fritz (567-6105) if you can volunteer an hour or two of time
- **\$400** – To provide cash awards to outstanding FFA student and vocational technical graduate from both Newport & Greenwood High Schools
Award ceremonies will take place at each school during annual FFA banquets and at graduation Award Night programs

Ag Education Day Monday, May 23, 2016

On the heels of the Grange's involvement with the "Meals of Hope project in February and the Newport Playground rehabilitation in April, this is a third big project for the year. Ag Education Day is a day of activities at the Perry County Fairgrounds in Newport for about 200 fourth grade students from the Newport and Greenwood Schools.

Some years ago the Greenwood FFA obtained a grant to do a similar program for local students and it was an outstanding success. Unfortunately, grants from other sources have been unavailable to help fund such an undertaking and Perry Valley Grange committed up to \$5,000 so this can happen again. Costs for such a large scale event include bus transportation for the students, substitute teacher fees, speaker honoraria, food and supplies.

Students will have the opportunity to attend several presentations and visit activity stations on agricultural and environmental themes. The goals include expanding student appreciation for the importance of agriculture and to encourage participation in the upcoming fair. An awards ceremony for the annual Grange sponsored essay & poster contests, this year on related themes, will be part of this special day.

This project will take lots of volunteers to greet arriving students, keep the activities running smoothly and provide snacks/bag lunches to all attendees. There are many different opportunities to help, so please volunteer to Krista Pontius (385-6015) or Carol Rhoades (567-6844) if you want to help,

School Essay-Poster Contest

"Ag Is Everywhere" is the theme of this year's elementary school essay and poster contest sponsored by Perry Valley Grange.

110 entries were received from students in the Newport and Greenwood Schools describing in their essay or showing in their poster the impact of agriculture in everyone's daily lives. Krista Pontius is chairing this year's project, again with help from Greenwood FFA students.

The number of entries for 2016 is as follows:

- **Essays:** 49 - Newport, 12 – Greenwood
- **Posters:** 0 – Newport; 49 - Greenwood

Our Grange will provide certificates to all participants and give \$400 in prizes for the top three entries in each contest in each school. An awards ceremony will be held as part of the Ag Day event on May 23rd at the Perry County Fairgrounds in Newport.

Open House Community Night Candid Shots

April 8, 2016



About 50 members and guests of enjoyed a bountiful fellowship dinner and the beautifully decorated tables.



State Grange President Elizabeth "Beth" Downey spoke about the Grange's on-going efforts to remain relevant in today's fast paced and changing society.



Mr. Harold Brookhart of Millerstown was the recipient of this year's *Community Citizen Award* presented annually by the Grange since 1978 to recognize outstanding volunteers serving the community.



Grange vice president Krista Pontius did an outstanding job as emcee for the evening's program.

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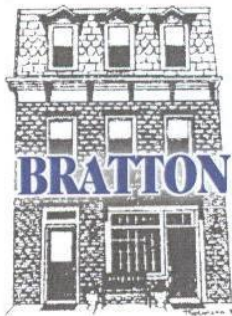
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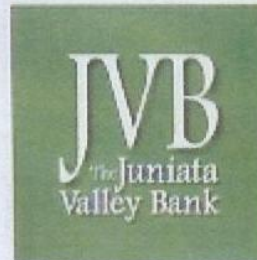
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Twenty local Business Sponsors have joined with our Grange in 2016 to serve the community. This is one of those “win-win-win” situations:

- The Business Sponsors receive publicity in our newsletter and on the Grange website
- The Grange uses the \$60 annual contribution from each business to support worthy projects and respond to needs in the community
- The community is better for the support provided by the Grange and its Business Sponsors

YOUR Business could be listed here, too!

For details, call Carol Rhoades @ 717-567-6844



At the April 8th Open House Community Night, Business Sponsors were recognized and received certificates to post in their business locations. Attending (above) were representatives from: ReMax 1st Advantage (real estate services) and Mutzabaugh's Market (grocery).

Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

May 2016

1	Grange caters lunches at Fort Hunter event
13	Grange Outing (see Page 1)
15	Pomona Grange Church/Memorial Service (location to be announced)
16	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
23	Ag Education Day (see Page 2)

June 2016

10	Grange Meeting (see Page 1) Dessert Reception @ 6:30 p.m. Social Committee – Cathy Morrison (chair) Everyone please bring dessert to share Program – Mr. Al Holliday of <i>PA Magazine</i>
15	Grange caters volunteer picnic meal at Fort Hunter; To help, call Peg Bolton (589-3897)
20	Executive Committee meeting – 6:30 p.m.
28	Perry Valley provides volunteers for Newport Library summer reading program
28	Pomona Grange Picnic at Oliver Grange



Wayne Bender from the PA Woodmobile presented an interesting overview of the state's forest management efforts at the March Grange meeting. Quite a number of visitors involved in the local lumber industry attended this educational program.

Celebrating Special Days

May Birthdays

- 21 Barbara Sheaffer, Charles Tressler
- 22 Bonnie Cameron
- 24 Ezra Grubb
- 26 Dorothy Page

May Anniversaries

- 23 Jason & Krista Pontius
- 25 Charles & Susan Tressler
- 31 Lee & Catherine Morrison

June Birthdays

- 2 Evelyn Newlin
- 4 Olga Brookhart
- 13 Dolores Guyer, Louise Cameron
- 15 John Gothel

June Anniversaries

- 7 Henry & Evelyn Newlin
- 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.

Financially Speaking...



Checking Balance 3/1/2016..... \$ 1,564.91
PLUS: Receipts – March-April 2016..... **+16,162.56***
LESS: Expenses – March-April 2016 - **6,187.19****
Checking Balance 4/30/2016.....\$11,540.28***
Certificates of Deposit 4/30/2016..... \$86,956.65

** Includes release of \$15,000 from Grange Hall sale proceeds held in trust with PA State Grange, restricted use for community service projects*

*** Includes \$4,000 grant to Newport Revitalization & Preservation Society for new playground equipment*

****Includes \$5,000 of released trust funds that are earmarked for Ag Day event in May, 2016*

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The Millerstown Community Park Building is now the home of Perry Valley Grange.

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.

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