



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

**Grange Meeting
Environment Program
Friday, May 5th**

**Concert in the Park
Folk Singer Van Wagner
Friday, June 9th**

**Please note change of date from
usual second Friday.**

In the words of an old Chinese proverb, "Our land is not a gift to us from our ancestors, but on loan to us from our children." Perry Valley Grange will hear Kristie Smith, educational specialist for the Perry County Conservation District, discuss various environmental issues at a meeting and program on Friday, May 5, 2017. The meeting and program will be held in the Millerstown Community Park Building beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a dessert reception. Natalie Fritz is the social chair for the evening.

Ms. Smith will give an overview of the *Keep Perry County Beautiful* projects, discuss recycling in Perry County and review the ongoing SCOPE stream study currently taking place in the county. All of the programs spearheaded by the Perry County Conservation District are in an effort to be good stewards and residents of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, thus protecting the land and environment for future generations.

Van Wagner is an educator. In the classroom, he teaches Environmental Science at Lewisburg High School. Outside of the classroom he educates audiences with his music and programs on Pennsylvania History. His music has been featured on the History Channel, WVIA-TV, as well as Country Music Television (CMT). He has released 21 original albums and published a book entitled "*Coal Dust Rust and Saw Dust*". His music and programs not only entertain but inspire audiences to become involved in learning.

Perry Valley Grange is pleased and honored to sponsor Van Wagner for a **Concert in the Park** on the amphitheater stage at the Millerstown Community Park, Friday, June 9th, beginning at 7 p.m. This is sponsored as a community event and following the performance, we will treat everyone to a Hall's Dairy Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

Please see the full page poster announcing this event on Page 4. Feel free to post this notice in a prominent place to invite others.

Seventeen local Business Sponsors have joined with our Grange in 2017 to serve the community. Be sure to see their business cards on Pages 5-7 of this newsletter and be sure to thank them for their support of civic improvement when you patronize their business.

Spotlight on Grange Community Service Projects

“Spike Out Hunger” Raises \$5,347



Greenwood FFA, with financial and logistical assistance from Perry Valley Grange, developed a new twist on its fund raising efforts to fight hunger in our local community. On March 31st volleyball teams and bingo games were held at the high school to involve all ages in raising awareness about food insecurity issues. The Grange contributed \$1,000 and also gave all profits from the refreshment stand operated by our volunteers during the event. All proceeds benefitted the Perry County Food Bank.

School Essay-Poster Contest

Following an environmental theme, this year's contest drew nearly 200 entries from students in Newport and Greenwood Elementary Schools. Our Grange will provide certificates to all participants and \$400 in prizes for the top three entries in each contest in each school. An awards ceremony will be held as part of the Environ-Go Day on May 24th at the Millerstown Community Park.

Recent Financial Gifts Committed by Grange

The Grange recently received the release of \$15,000 from its trust fund held by the State Grange set up upon the sale of our real estate to fund these community service projects:

- \$1,000 – Direct support for “Spike Out Hunger”
- \$500 – Books and supplies for the summer reading program at Newport Public Library
- \$500 – Concert in the Park and community ice cream social
- \$400 – Cash awards to outstanding FFA student and vocational technical graduate from both Newport & Greenwood High Schools
- \$400 – Cash awards for annual Elementary School Essay & Poster Contests
- \$3,500 – Sponsorship of Environ-Go Day
- \$8,000 – Installation of permanent outdoor historical markers at Fort Hunter Park

Environ-Go Day

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

After last year's smash success with the Ag Education Day held at the Perry County Fairgrounds, this year's event for local elementary school students will be a day-long program focused on environmental issues. This year the site of the event will be the Millerstown Community Park.

Perry Valley Grange is providing major funding to help underwrite this event. Costs include bus transportation from Greenwood and Newport Schools 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 environmental topics. An awards ceremony for the annual Grange sponsored essay & poster contests, this year on a 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,

Open House Community Night Candid Shots



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



Mr. Shirey Little 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. The award was presented by Grange President Linda Byers.



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



Illusionist Barry Yiengst of Palmyra entertained at Open House with a magic show that involved several members of the audience in his various tricks.



JUNE 9, 2017

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Storyteller/Singer Van Wagner

Everyone is welcome to join the Perry Valley Grange as we host folk singer Van Wagner with a concert in the park! Van Wagner is an educator. In the classroom, he teaches Environmental Science at Lewisburg High School. Outside of the classroom he educates audiences with his music and programs on Pennsylvania History. His



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7:00 PM

Hall's Dairy
Ice Cream
Sundae to
follow

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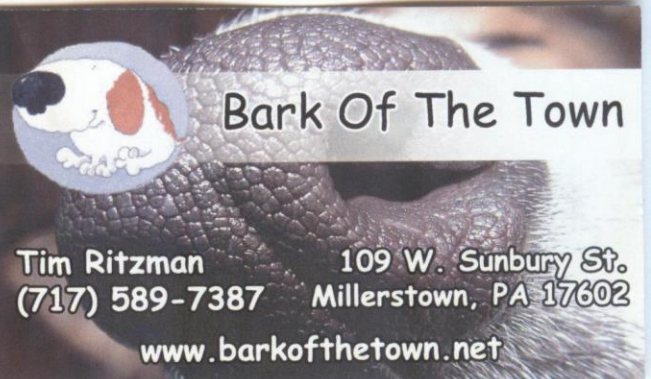
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Celebrating Special Days

May Birthdays

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

May Anniversaries

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

June Birthdays

- 4 Olga Brookhart
- 13 Dolores Guyer, Louise Cameron

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.

Celebrating Birthday #100

Louise Cameron, a Grange member since 1960, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on June 13, 2017. Please remember this milestone with a card sent to her new address:

Louise Cameron
Brookdale Grayson View, Room 229
29 Grayson Court, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Financially Speaking...



Checking Balance 3/1/2017	\$ 15,025.78
PLUS: Receipts – March-April 2017	+ 3,979.99
PLUS: Trust Fund Withdrawal	15,000.00
LESS: Expenses – March-April 2017	<u>2,738.30</u>
Checking Balance 4/30/2017	\$31,267.47
Certificates of Deposit 4/30/2017	\$88,005.48



In Memoriam



Our fraternal circle has once gain been broken with the death of **Sister Dorothy Page**. The charter will be draped in her memory at the May 5th meeting.

Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

May 2017

5	Grange Meeting <i>(see Page 1)</i>
7	Grange caters lunches at Fort Hunter event
15	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
21	Pomona Grange Church/Memorial Service <i>(location to be announced)</i>
24	Environ-Go Day <i>(see Page 2)</i>

June 2017

9	Concert in the Park <i>(see Pages 1,4)</i> Millerstown Community Park – 7 pm Van Wagner – singer & story teller
19	Executive Committee meeting – 6:30 p.m.
21	Grange caters volunteer picnic meal at Fort Hunter; To help, call Peg Bolton (589-3897)
27	Pomona Grange Picnic at Oliver 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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