



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

Grange Meeting
Master Gardener
Butterflies Program
Friday, May 4th

Grange Meeting
The Dairy Crisis
Strawberry Dessert Contest
Friday, June 8th

Please note change of date from usual second Friday

Perry County Master Gardener Jane Shull will explore **Plant It & They May Come** at this meeting of Perry Valley Grange. The public is invited to attend for an introduction to various butterflies beyond our favorite Monarchs and to the host and nectar plants that attract them to our yards. Participants will likely be surprised to learn how many butterflies will enjoy a large variety of beautiful plants that can be easily planted, even in the smallest yards.

A brief business meeting will include draping of the charter in loving memory of Brother Arthur "Ray" Fisher and new members will be welcome. The dessert reception begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building.

Welcome, New Grange Members

Perry Valley Grange is pleased to welcome into its membership:

- **Wendy Weyant**, Millerstown
- **Daniel Barkley**, Thompsontown

The dairy industry is in crisis – among the reasons: high production costs, depressed producer sale prices, stagnant consumer demand for "real" dairy products. Many small dairy farmers are finding it difficult to find a market for their milk and are unable to continue operating at a loss. Perry Valley Grange is inviting local dairy producers to this meeting to hear **Jayne Sebright, Executive Director for the Center for Dairy Excellence**, discuss the background of current dairy industry struggles and suggest possible courses of action to resolve the crisis.



Ms. Sebright has been with the Center since September 2006. She graduated with highest distinction from Penn State and has 20 years' of experience in strategic marketing and communications, holding positions with Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association & Land O'Lakes. Jayne and her husband Robby have a dairy and crop farm in East Berlin.

A strawberry dessert contest will also be held at this meeting. See Page 6 for the rules and prizes. Everyone will have an opportunity to enjoy the tasty entries which will be served for refreshments.

Spotlight on Grange Community Service Projects

Food Bank Receives \$3,585



Proceeds of \$3,585 realized from a recent Hunger Banquet event jointly sponsored by Perry Valley Grange and the Greenwood FFA were presented to the Perry County Food Bank to fight hunger in the local community. Food Bank Director John Kiner (third from left) accepted the funds from: (left to right) Krista Pontius, Grange vice president and FFA Advisor and FFA representatives Kylie Cameron and Ethan Brummer.

Ag Day

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Continuing the success of the past two years with a day-long educational outing focusing on agriculture and environmental issues, the 2018 Ag Day for elementary students will be held May 23rd at the Millerstown Community Park.

Perry Valley Grange provides major funding to help underwrite this event sponsored jointly with the local FFA chapters. 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, 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. Volunteers are not limited to Grange members, and anyone who wants to support our community's youth are invited to help.

School Essay-Poster Contest

The Environment Around Us is the theme of this year's elementary school essay and poster contests sponsored by our Grange. Fourth grade students from Newport and Greenwood Schools have been invited to compete for \$400 in prizes; cash awards will be presented to the top three entries in each contest in each school and all participants will receive certificates. An awards ceremony will be held as part of the Ag Day activities on May 23rd at the Millerstown Community Park.



Perry Valley Grange has 14 Business Sponsors this year, partnering to provide service to the local community like the "Summer Concerts in the Park". Linda Byers (center), Grange president, recognized these partners at a recent Grange meeting and presented certificates to: (left to right) Candice Hill & Tyler Ritzman of Pennian Bank and Jerry Trout & Tom McConnell of Juniata Valley Bank.



Christina Voorhees (left) of Landisburg received the 2018 Grange "Community Citizen Award" from Program Chair Renee Hetrick in April.

Summer “Concerts in the Park”

Millerstown Community Park, 110 West Juniata Parkway

Enjoy a relaxing summer evening of free musical entertainment in the park amphitheater. Bring a lawn chair. If it is raining at 5 p.m. on either date, the concert will be moved to the Greenwood High School Auditorium, 405 East Sunbury Street in Millerstown.

Free refreshments provided by community groups following each concert.

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

7:00 p.m.



The Unusual Guests

Acoustic musicians performing classic hits from the 60's, 70's & 80's

Refreshments by Newport Masonic Lodge

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

7:00 p.m.



Mr. Van Wagner

Singer – Storyteller – Educator
Sharing stories of Pennsylvania history

Refreshments by Perry Co. Dairy Promotion



Concerts sponsored as a community service by Perry Valley Grange with financial support from the following businesses:

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

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 (*see below*)
- 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.

Celebrating Birthday #101

Louise Cameron, a Grange member since 1960, will be celebrating her 101st birthday on June 13, 2018. Cards may be sent:

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



Recent Contributions

Recent Grange charitable gifts to local causes:

- \$1,000 – Millerstown Fire Company (*Fire Chief Chris Foose, above, speaking at April meeting*)
- \$500 – Newport Public Library summer reading
- \$400 – School Essay & Poster Contests
- \$400 – High school graduation and FFA awards
- \$200 – Newport High School music department trip
- \$100 – Millerstown Swimming Pool golf tournament

Financially Speaking...



Checking Balance 3/1/2018..... \$ 16,606.66
PLUS: Receipts – March-April 2018..... + 1,049.94
LESS: Expenses – March-April 2018 - 6,164.49
Checking Balance 4/30/2018..... \$11,492.11
Certificates of Deposit 4/30/2018..... \$99,305.77

Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

May 2018

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| 4 | Grange Meeting (<i>details on Page 1</i>) |
| 6 | Grange caters lunches at Fort Hunter event |
| 20 | Pomona Grange Church/Memorial Service <i>Red Hill Church of God, Newport</i> |
| 21 | Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m. |
| 23 | Ag Day for School Students (<i>see Page 2</i>) |

June 2018

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| 8 | Grange Meeting (details on page 1) |
| 18 | Executive Committee meeting – 6:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Concert in the Park (<i>see Page 3</i>) Millerstown Community Park – 7 pm |
| 20 | Grange caters volunteer picnic meal at Fort Hunter; to help, call Peg Bolton (589-3897) |

STRAWBERRY DESSERT CONTEST

Friday, June 8, 2018



1. This contest is open to the community for individuals of all ages, both male and female. There are two (2) age categories of competition: *Youth* (age 18 and under) and *Adult* (over age 18). Contestants may submit more than one entry.
2. Entries may be any type of strawberry dessert. A typed or printed recipe must accompany each entry.
3. All entries must contain strawberries in the ingredients.
4. All entries must be brought to Perry Valley Grange's meeting location (Millerstown Community Park Building, 110 Juniata Parkway West, Millerstown, PA) no later than 6:30 PM on Friday – June 8, 2018.
5. Judging criteria will be: Taste/Texture & Consistency – 80%; Appearance/Presentation – 20%.
6. Announcement of winners and presentation of awards will be announced and served during the Grange's social hour immediately following the program. Cash awards will be as follows:

Youth: First - \$25; Second - \$15; Third - \$10
Adult: First - \$25; Second - \$15; Third - \$10
7. Contestants agree to the publication of their recipe in local newspapers as space permits.
8. If you have any questions, please call Carol Rhoades at 717-567-6844.

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