



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

Scenes from Recent Grange Activities



Our Sept. 11th observance was a tribute to our veterans, soldiers and victims of the terrorist attacks.



Members and guests enjoyed fellowship meals in the outdoor pavilion prior to our meetings in both September and October.



Even a fall rain shower didn't dampen things at our October Family Fun Night. See page 3 for more pictures.

2010 Grange Dues Now Payable

You'll note on the annual financial report included with this edition of the Grange newsletter that the vast majority of our receipts come from fund raising activities. It is thanks to the hard work of many dedicated members that our organization is able to raise so much money and do so many good things in the community.

There is no change in the amount of adult dues for 2010, but earlier this month the State Grange amended its bylaws to raise the youth dues to \$12 per year to reflect the amount that will be payable to National Grange for youth members in the next year. Perry Valley's bylaws will be updated accordingly.

The majority of the nominal annual dues paid by members of the Grange support the work of the State and National Granges as our interests and concerns are represented in the state and national capitals. For adult members, \$5 of your dues remains at the local level and, for youth members, no dues are retained locally.

Your dues for 2010 are now payable as follows:

Adults \$40
Youth..... \$12

If you pay before January 1st, you will save our secretary the work and expense of completing and mailing an individual notice to you.

From time to time members and friends of the Grange contribute gifts above and beyond annual dues to give a special boost to the Grange or one of its specific projects. Especially for those members who are unable to help with the projects themselves due to illness, age, schedules or distance, the contribution will be a way you can get personally involved. You may complete and submit the form printed below to pay your 2010 dues and/or make an additional donation.

Name(s) _____
Phone _____
2010 Dues @ \$40 per adult.....\$ _____
2010 Dues @ \$12 per youth.....\$ _____
Additional Contribution\$ _____
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Looking Ahead....

Our annual public **New Year's Day Roast Pork and Homemade Sauerkraut Dinner** will be held on Friday, January 1, 2010. That's only two months from now and the kraut is already curing thanks to a few volunteers who recently shredded, salted and stomped many pounds of cabbage for the featured item on the menu.

Business Sponsors

Perry Valley has a category of associate Grange membership that enables local businesses to support our work in the community. In 2009 we have been fortunate to have 44 local **Business Sponsor Members**. This membership helps the Grange and we help our business sponsors by advertising their support in our bimonthly newsletter, on our website and on the main bulletin board in the Grange Hall.

If you know of a business that might be interested in this type of partnership, please talk to them about becoming a **Business Sponsor Member** of Perry Valley Grange. Bill Cameron, our Membership Chair, can provide you with the application and details about the business sponsor supplying us with their advertising information. A letter inviting local businesses to join the Grange or to renew their membership will be sent in mid-November. The 2010 Business Sponsor fee remains at \$60.

Celebrating Special Days



November Birthdays

- 20 Betty Wingert
- 27 Leslie Byers

December Birthdays

- 2 Ralph Lesh, Glen Byers
- 5 Shirley Delancey
- 8 Robert Cauffman
- 10 Boyd Delancey, Lee Morrison
- 15 Helen Cox
- 21 Louise Pennay
- 29 Barbara McMillen

November Anniversaries

- 25 Leslie & Marjorie Byers
- 29 John & Viola Byers

December Anniversaries

- 7 Ken & Peg Bolton
- 23 Leonard & Marge Gochenaur
- 24 Harry & Lesta Schreiber

Please let **Peg Bolton** know when you are aware of a Grange member who should be remembered in times of illness or death in the family. Her phone number is **589-3897**.

Operation Shoebox

Thanks to everyone who contributed items to the Grange's **Operation Shoebox**. The boxes of toiletries, snacks and other goodies for active duty soldiers from our community were packed at the end of October and will be shipped shortly to arrive prior to the holidays.

Sept. 11th Patriotic Program



Soldiers demonstrate flag folding ceremony



Carson Long Cadets present the colors



Bill Cameron gave the Patriot Flag to Carson Long

October Family Fun Night



Fellowship.....



Food.....



Fun on a Family Hayride...*despite the rain*

State Grange Honors for Perry Valley

Perry Valley's community service report for 2009 was awarded first place at the annual convention of the PA State Grange held in Johnstown during October. We have received similar recognition for community service many times over the years and can be proud of our Grange's outstanding efforts to serve the community. Doug Bonsall was our official delegate to this convention and Bill Cameron also attended parts of the session. Next year's convention will be held in West Middlesex, Mercer County.

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From the President's Pen

Do We Really Want to Do That?



Enclosed with this issue of the newsletter is a (yellow) insert of the Grange's proposed calendar and budget for 2010, as well as a complete financial report for 2009. The members of the Executive Committee worked long and hard to determine activities and spending for 2010 that are both realistic and meaningful.

Anyone who keeps abreast of what is happening in the Grange knows that we struggle to find enough willing volunteers for our many activities. We strive to hold events that are educational and recreational for our members while, at the same time, helping to build the bonds of fellowship and fraternity that the Grange is all about. Many of our efforts are also given willingly to help causes and individuals within the community.

Considering the costs of maintaining our property where Grange/community activities can take place, the Grange has to have fund raisers almost every month of the year. It's no secret that the Grange, like most other service organizations, is caught in the middle of a great tug-of-war – **an increasing number of requests for help from all kinds of groups and individuals and a decreasing number of volunteers willing to donate their time and labor.**

Frankly, we held some pretty intense discussions during several planning sessions about what the Grange can and should do in 2010. More than once we stopped to ask **"Do we really want to do that?"** or **"Can the Grange still do this?"**.

Following the teachings of our organization, we decided to persevere and have done our very best to maintain the high level and caliber of activities that you and the community have come to expect from Perry Valley Grange. I invite you to attend our upcoming Grange meeting on Friday, Nov. 6th when the membership will be asked to consider adoption of the plans for 2010.

It will be easy to pass a motion adopting the calendar and budget for the coming year, but the real action will be shown by your support or lack of support for the activities in the plan. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us at the Grange as we strive to improve ourselves as we serve others.

With a willing attitude and a cooperative spirit, our questions can be transformed into **"Yes, we really want to do that!"** and **"Sure, the Grange can do this!"**

Fraternally,

Doug Bonsall, President

PA Dutch Dinner



Menu

*Homemade Chicken Potpie
Ham & Schnitz
Stuffed Pig Stomach
Pepper Cabbage; Chow Chow
Homemade Bread/Apple Butter
Shoofly Pie
Beverages*

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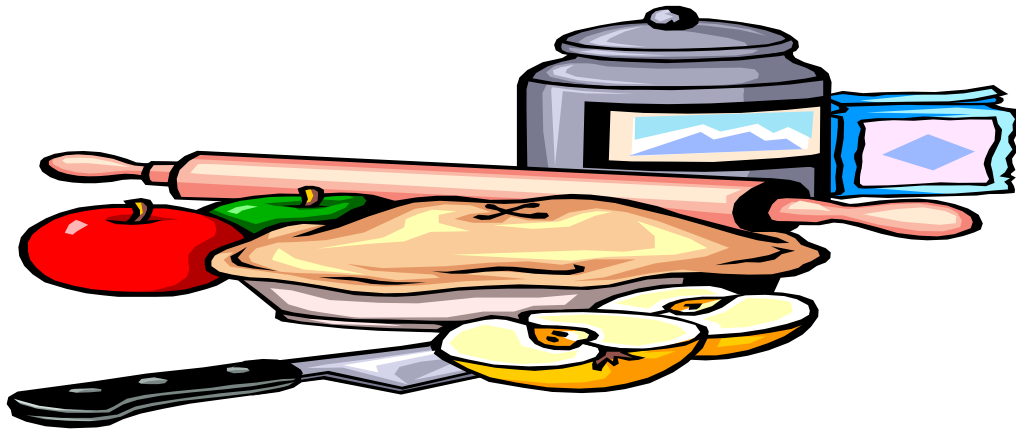
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See reverse for order form

Order Form for Thanksgiving Pies

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Kind of Pie	Cost each	Number ordered	Total Due
Pumpkin	\$7.50		
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Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

November 2009

3	General Election Day – Grange Hall is polling site for Greenwood Township
6	Grange Meeting – 7:00 PM Dessert reception Social Committee – Lloyd & SueAnn Byers (chairs), Dick & Louise Pennay, Marvin & Sue Pontius, Tim Albright Brief Business meeting – adoption of 2010 calendar/budget and reception of new members Program – “Travels to India” Rev. Bruce Wollever of Millerstown
7	Hall rental – Trinity United Church of Christ Basket Bingo; Grange operates food stand
12	Work night for public dinner – 6:30 PM
14	Public Penna. Dutch Dinner Serving begins at 4 PM (See page 10)
18	Order deadline for Thanksgiving pie sale
24	Pomona Grange planning meeting at Madison Grange - 7 PM
24-25	Thanksgiving Pie Sale Orders due 11/18 (See pages 11-12)

We need plenty of volunteers to help with the public dinner, pie sale project, and banquets during these two months. The Grange must continue to raise the necessary funds to maintain our property and provide service to our community. None of these things are possible without **YOUR** help.

Financial Report September-October 2009



Checking Balance from 8/2009	\$13,260.47
PLUS:	
Receipts – September 2009.....	+ 9,690.72
Receipts – October 2009	+ 6,103.84
LESS:	
Expenditures – September 2009.....	-12,190.84
Expenditures – October 2009.....	- 5,906.76
Checking Balance to 11/2009	\$10,957.43
Savings Balance	\$34,911.98

December 2009

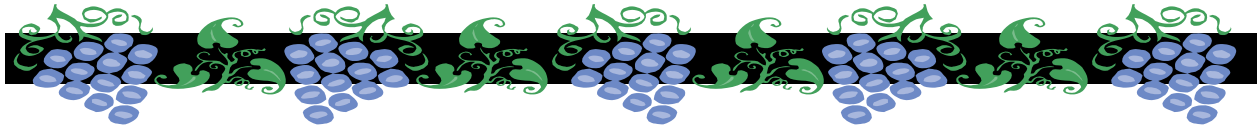
4	Banquet – 4-H Saddle-Up Club
5	Luncheon – Hess Family
5	Banquet – Mifflintown Bank Employees
9	Cookie Baking – 3-7 PM (<i>details below</i>)
11	Millerstown Christmas Celebration – <i>Grange hosts reception at Cochran-Anspach House & sponsors carriage rides</i>
12	Banquet – Miller family
13	Rental – Hockenbrock/Dressler Family
18	Holiday Outing (<i>details below</i>) Little Buffalo State Park East Area 6:30 PM
29	Pomona Grange Holiday Party at Community Grange - 7 PM
30	Work day for New Year’s public dinner

Holiday Events



The Grange is again supporting **Christmas in Millerstown** on Friday, Dec. 11th by sponsoring a reception at the Cochran-Anspach House and providing financial assistance for the horse & carriage rides. Contact Carol Gantt (567-6725) if you can volunteer your help with the reception or as a house tour guide. Dozens of homemade cookies and candy are needed for the reception. This year we are going to have a group cookie baking event at the Grange to bake for this event, while providing a nice fellowship opportunity for everyone participating. So, prepare your favorite cookie batter or dough and come to the Grange Hall anytime between 3 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9th. Plenty of warm cookie samples are promised and hopefully there will be enough cookies baked that everyone can take home a small assortment.

This year our **Holiday Outing** will be something a bit different. We will gather on Friday, Dec. 18th in the east area of Little Buffalo State Park at 6:30 p.m. to walk through the light display area. *Be sure to bundle up according to the evening’s weather!* We’ll also enjoy some refreshments there in the park, hopefully in the shelter of the large pavilion. An anonymous donor has volunteered to underwrite the cost for Grangers who wish to take a horse and wagon ride. Renee Hetrick is working on the arrangements for this outing and you may call her (589-3369) if you plan to participate.



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NEXT GRANGE MEETING – Friday, Nov. 6th @ 7 p.m.

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.

Perry Valley 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.

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