



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

See You at These Fall Grange Events

“Future” Discussion, Sept. 9th

Grange Hall Conference Room

At our August Grange meeting a very good discussion was held about the future of our organization. We're not in any danger of the Grange ceasing to function, but we're faced with many signs that we can't continue to operate in the future as we have in the past.

Our society has changed and everyone's time has to be budgeted among many competing interests. The Grange with its strong agricultural roots is finding it difficult to continue meetings and fund raising that is more geared on a time when people were mostly “home on the farm” - with fewer choices for social contacts, less two working parent households, more willingness to do physical labor and more skills related to the food service that is the basis of the Grange's income.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a yellow sheet showing the questions discussed in August and the answers that were suggested by the 20 or so people present. All the ideas are valuable – *not necessarily right or wrong* – and are a starting point for making the changes required to keep our organization alive and flourishing.

We'll continue the discussion on Friday, September 9th and invite all concerned about the Grange's future to participate. Join us for dessert at 6:30 p.m. and then be willing to share your ideas in a discussion for about an hour. We've invited the Newport Lodge to join in this discussion since this organization has been sharing use of our facilities for the past year and would like to continue doing so.

If you're interested in and concerned about the future of the Grange, you'll be at this September 9th meeting. If you don't share your thoughts and work to bring about change, then you don't have the right to complain later.

Doug Bonsall, President

“Pizza & Apples” Outing, Oct. 7th

Chris' Pizza Shop/Barner's Church, Liverpool

Traditionally, our October meeting has been the Grange's annual **Fall Fun Night**. We've done a number of different things over the years and this year we've planned something new to us. **We're going to combine two “parties” into one – a Pizza Party and an Apple Schnitzing Party!**

We'll meet at 5:30 p.m. at Chris' Pizza Shop in Liverpool



(right along Routes 11-15) for fellowship around the table. The Grange will supply a variety of pizzas and beverages for your enjoyment. Reservations are required in advance so the pizza can be pre-ordered

and ready when we arrive. The Call Committee will attempt to contact you about a week before this date to find out how many will be attending; you may also call Carol Rhoades at 567-6844 (Call Committee Chair).

Then we'll be traveling to the nearby Barner's Lutheran Church to help this rural congregation get ready for its annual Apple Butter Boil. On Friday evening dozens of bushels of apples are peeled by machine and many pairs of willing hands are needed to “schnitz” (slice) them for making the apple butter the following day.



Linda Byers, both an active church and Grange member, assures us that our help is very much needed and you'll enjoy the fellowship that goes on during the schnitzing process. She suggests bringing your favorite paring knife and a large bowl (you might want to put your name on both).

Buy 1 ticket for \$2, 3 tickets for \$5 or all 6 tickets for \$10. Just fill out the stubs below for as many tickets as you wish to buy, cut them apart & return them to the address shown below with payment.

Contact Renee Hetrick at 589-3369 if you have any questions or want more tickets.

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Grange Always Busy Serving the Community



The Grange helped staff the **Millerstown Recycling** program on the last Saturday of July and then provided a free breakfast at the Grange Hall to all the volunteers.



Several hundred children in and around Millerstown & Newport have received **free books purchased with \$500 provided by the Grange**. The books were distributed through local summer reading programs at the Newport Public Library and the Greenwood School District.

Homemade Soup for the Newport Public Library Bike Ride – Sept. 24th About 50 quarts of assorted homemade soups (chicken corn, beef vegetable and ham bean) have already been made and frozen to feed the many riders who will raise thousands of dollars to support the library. This donation is in addition to our annual purchase of children's books for the library reading program.

Celebrating Special Days



There's Renee Hetrick in the pig pen again after making the Grange's purchase at the **Perry County Fair Livestock Sale**. The animal was raised/shown by Newport FFA member Brooke Wright. The 228-pound porker was purchased for \$400 and will become the top two prizes for the annual Charity Raffle. A very special thanks to **Benner's Meats** in Thompsontown for butchering, wrapping, freezing and storing the meat until the drawing takes place on Sept. 24th. Raffle tickets are printed on page 2; more tickets also still available from Renee by calling 589-3369.

| September Birthdays | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|----|-----------------|
| 5 | Ron Makibbin | 17 | SueAnn Byers |
| 13 | Carol Rhoades | 21 | Dean Cauffman |
| | Linda Wingert | 24 | Carol Eckenrode |
| 16 | Matthew Brightbill | 29 | Peg Bolton |
| 17 | Scott Delancey | | |

| September Anniversaries | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | Bruce & Paula Fleming | | |
| 6 | Bill & Marge Earnest | | |
| 19 | Dick & Louise Pennay | | |
| 30 | George & Twyla Courtot | | |

| October Birthdays | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|----|---------------|
| 2 | Glen Cauffman | 27 | Bruce Fleming |
| 3 | Lloyd Byers | 30 | Bill Cameron |
| 9 | Paula Fleming | | Bob Yohn |
| 14 | Carol Gantt | | |

| October Anniversaries | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| 7 | Tim & Lisa Albright: | | |
| 13 | Martin & Bernadette Hudson | | |
| 18 | Bob & Barbara Sheaffer | | |

Summer Scenes at Perry Valley Grange

Perry County Fair



Part of the Grange's responsibility for the Lodge steak dinner stand at the Perry County Fair was the baking and serving of homemade pie – about 100 pies were consumed during the week. Proceeds were shared between the two organizations.



This educational exhibit greeted visitors at the Fair. Special thanks to Megan Gantt for all her work on this project.

Corn, Anyone?

On a warm rainy night in July Lodge & Grange members picked and husked corn donated by **Edgar & Linda Byers**. (Yes, they got wet!) The next day volunteers and others were in the Grange pavilion cutting and bagging about 200 quarts that will be served at dinners and banquets.

A new innovation this year that saved considerable time and manual labor was a corn de-silking machine purchased by Edgar Byers and loaned for this project. We don't have any pictures of this new gadget but it was a welcome addition!



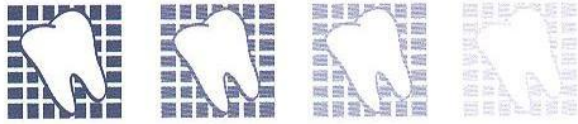
Cutting and scraping the ears...



Finally the corn is ready to be bagged for freezing

Rained Out! The planned picnic cruise on the Millersburg Ferry in July was the victim of one of this summer's frequent storms. The venue was quickly changed to the Grange Hall Conference Room and about 25 people enjoyed a meal together followed by conversation and some table games planned by Peg Bolton.

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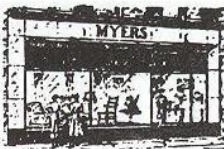
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Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

September 2011

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| 2 | CANCELLED - Outing to Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game |
| 2 | Enter exhibit at Juniata County Fair |
| 8 | Lodge Meeting |
| 9 | Grange Discussion <i>(details on page 1)</i> Refreshments in Conference Room 6:30 p.m. Everyone bring a snack or sweet to share |
| 10 | Dining Room Rental – Owen family |
| 11 | Remove exhibit at Juniata County Fair |
| 13 | Lodge meeting |
| 14 | Chapter rehearsal |
| 15 | Chapter meeting |
| 17 | Lodge Degree Event |
| 22 | Work night for public dinner |
| 23 | Pie baking for public dinner |
| 24 | Grange provides soup for Library bike-a-thon |
| 24 | Public Beef & Turkey Dinner Help needed starting at 12 noon; serving to the public begins at 4 PM <i>(see page 12)</i> |
| 27 | Pomona Grange meeting at Perry Valley |

October 2011

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| 1 | Dining Room Rental – Campbell |
| 7 | Fall Fun Outing <i>(details on page 1) Liverpool</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Party @ Chris' Pizza – 5:30 p.m. • Apple Schnitzing at Barner's Church – 6:30 p.m. |
| 8 | Dining Room Rental - Lavery |
| 11 | Lodge meeting |
| 13 | Lodge meeting |
| 15-17 | State Grange convention in Harrisburg, PA <i>(more details on page 14)</i> |
| 18 | Banquet – Greenwood Community Band |
| 19 | Chapter rehearsal |
| 20 | Chapter meeting |



Financial Report

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| July-August 2011 | - 9,182.95 |
| Checking Balance 8/31/2011..... | \$ 6,954.61 |

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| Checking Balance 6/30/2011..... | \$ 7,101.26 |
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| July-August 2011 | + 772.00 |
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| July-August 2011 | - 1,095.67 |
| Checking Balance 8/31/2011..... | \$ 6,777.59 |
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Outing Cancelled Regrettably, the Sept. 2nd outing to the Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game has been cancelled due to lack of interest. It's unfortunate because of the lost opportunity for Grange fellowship, the lack of follow-through by those who expressed a desire for more "fun" activities and the forfeiture of the Grange's \$50 deposit. Thanks to Linda Byers for all her work in making (and then cancelling) the arrangements.



In Loving Memory The Grange had the unfortunate task of draping its charter in memory of three members – **Beth Reisinger, Ruth Crist and Harry Horting** – during its August meeting.

Craig Staller expresses thanks to all Grange members for their kindnesses, cards and words of support at the time of his father's death.

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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.*



Sue Zettlemoyer (center) receives the obligation as she is installed in the office of Pomona at a recent Grange meeting. Sue was elected to this position to fill the unexpired term of the late Sister **Beth Reisinger**.

State Grange Session

The annual convention of the PA State Grange will be held very nearby - *in Harrisburg* – from Saturday, Oct. 15th and continuing through Monday, Oct. 17th. Carol Rhoades and Virginia Shotzberger were elected as our voting delegates, but now Virginia is unable to attend and a second delegate is needed. If you are interested in this, please contact Doug Bonsall at 921-1957 to volunteer. Going to State Grange is a wonderful opportunity to meet other Grangers and learn more about the work of our organization.

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