



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

Summer Picnic Fun Enjoyed July and August

This summer the Grange dispensed with formal meetings indoors to enjoy two lovely evenings spent outdoors.

On the first evening of July, a small group picnicked at the Millerstown Community Park and then joined hundreds of other people to attend a free concert given by the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra at the park amphitheater. The weather was absolutely perfect and everyone enjoyed the food, the fellowship and the fine music.



Tom & Carol Eckenrode once again opened their home near Seven Stars in early August for another gathering of Grange members and friends. As usual, plenty of food filled the spacious kitchen counters (above). Some ate indoors while others braved the summer heat and humidity to eat on the patio or around the pool. Too much good eating over the summer meant no one ventured into the pool that evening.

Fair Time

Good Things Growing

For 63 consecutive years our Grange has entered exhibits in one or more local fairs. In the early years, elaborate displays of agricultural and home products were arranged. More recently, educational displays have explored many different themes; this year the title was **Good Things Growing**.

Our youth member Bethany Comp deserves many thanks for chairing this year's project. She and her helpers gave much time and energy to plan, set-up, and take-down the display at the Perry County and Juniata County Fairs.



Perry Valley's Third Place Entry at Perry County Fair

The Perry County Pomona Grange operates a concession stand near the race track/animal barns during the Perry County Fair as its only fund raiser each year.

Local Granges take turns staffing the stand and Perry Valley helped on Wednesday, August 24th. It takes many volunteers doing many different jobs throughout the day in the concession. Cooking at the grill, making sandwiches, washing dishes and serving as cashier are all very important and needed tasks



Linda Byers, Carol Eckenrode and Doug Bonsall were three of the Perry Valley volunteers helping in the Pomona Grange concession stand..

Coming Up Soon

Home Energy Efficiency
Friday, September 16th

Please note change of date from usual second Friday due to other events scheduled at the Community Park Building.

As part of the Grange's continuing series of educational programs open to the public, Mr. John Hollinger from PPL will discuss home energy efficiency at a public meeting at public meeting on Friday, September 16, 2016. Attendees will learn about initiatives that PPL has developed to help homeowners reduce their energy consumption and save money on their monthly utility bills.

This informational program will be held in the Millerstown Community Park Building, 110 West Juniata Parkway, Millerstown beginning with a 6:30 p.m. dessert reception. Barbara McMillen is chair of the evening's Social Committee.

Apple Snitzing Project
Friday, September 30th

Grange members and friends will continue the annual tradition of helping to snitz (cut) bushels of apples at St. John (Barner's) Lutheran Church as one of the steps in making gallons of apple butter or sale. For more than 60 years, this small country church where some of our Grange members are very active has sponsored this fund raising and social activity every fall. Most of the proceeds are given to worthy charitable causes. Some apples will be ready for snitzing by 1 p.m. Volunteers may help during the afternoon and/or evening; work will continue until all the apples are done. Tasty refreshments for all helpers are promised!

Everything Apples
Friday, October 14th



We're celebrating the apple harvest tonight. The public is invited to a fun-filled evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building, 100 West Juniata Parkway.

An apple dessert contest offering \$100 in cash awards is planned. We hope to have entries from men, women and youth; refer to next page for rules and details.

While the dessert judging is taking place, **Patty Wertz of the PA Apple Marketing Board will present a program about Pennsylvania's \$80 million apple industry.** Different apple varieties will be available for sampling and Ms. Wertz will give a cooking demonstration featuring "Healthy Recipes with Apples".

After the winners are announced, all the tasty apple dessert entries will be served. Tom & Carol Eckenrode are in charge of the Social Committee.

State Grange in Shippensburg

The annual convention of the PA State Grange, October 21-23, will be nearby this year. Linda Byers and Doug Bonsall will be Perry Valley's voting delegates to the session on the campus of Shippensburg University.



APPLE DESSERT CONTEST

Friday, October 14, 2016

Participation Open to the Public

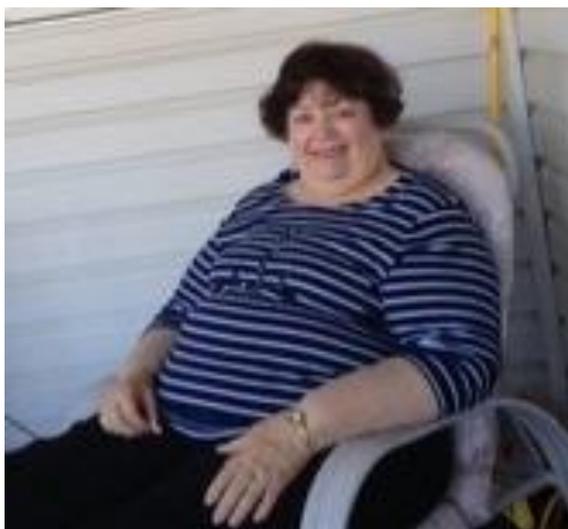
1. This contest, sponsored by Perry Valley Grange, is open to the community for individuals of all ages, both male and female. There are two (2) age categories of competition: **Youth** (age 18 and under) and **Adult** (over age 18). Contestants may submit more than one entry.
2. Entries may be any type apple dessert (not limited to pies). A typed or printed recipe must accompany each entry.
3. All entries must contain apples or apple by-products in the ingredients.
4. All entries must be brought to Millerstown Community Park Building, 110 Juniata Parkway West, Millerstown, PA between 6:00-6:30 PM on Friday, October 14, 2016.
5. Judging criteria will be: Taste – 70%; Appearance – 30%.
6. While judging is taking place, Patty Wertz of the PA Apple Marketing Board will present a program about Pennsylvania’s \$80 million apple industry. Announcement of the dessert contest winners, presentation of awards and sampling of the tasty entries will take place during a 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 Linda Byers at 717-589-7889.

Officers Elected for 2017-2018

The following officers were elected in June to serve for the next two years:

President Linda Byers
 Vice president Krista Pontius
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 Steward Carol Rhoades
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 Pomona Natalie Fritz
 Flora Barbara McMillen
 Executive Committee Peg Bolton,
 Bill Cameron, Natalie Fritz, Cathy Morrison

installation of officers. The meeting there begins at 7 p.m. so Perry Valley’s officers will meet at 5:30 p.m. to carpool from the Millerstown Park Building.



Carol Wierzbicki flashes a smile at the Grange picnic in August

This year we are going to Valley Grange in Lewisberry on Monday, October 10th for a joint

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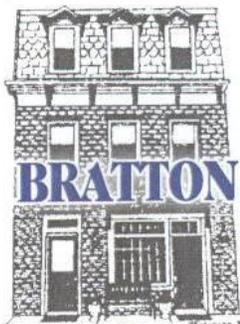
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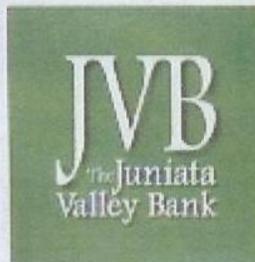
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It's part of the Grange motto:

- *In essentials, unity;*
- *In non-essentials, liberty;*
- *In all things, charity.*



Get Involved in These Coming Events

September 2016	
2	Set up exhibit at Juniata County Fair
11	Remove exhibit at Juniata County Fair
16	Grange Meeting/Program <i>(see details on Page 2)</i> 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building Social Chair – Barbara McMillen <i>Everyone bring a snack item to share</i> Speaker – Home Energy Efficiency by John Hollinger from PPL
19	Executive Committee Meeting
20/ 21	Provide volunteers for milk shake booth at All American Dairy Show
27	Perry Valley hosts Pomona Grange meeting at Millerstown Park Building
30	Provide volunteers for apple snitzing at Barner's Church

October 2016	
10	Joint Installation of Officers with Valley Grange @ Grange Hall in Lewisberry
14	Grange Meeting/Program <i>(see details on Page 2-3)</i> 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building Social Chair – Tom & Carol Eckenrode <i>Everyone bring an apple dessert</i> Program - Everything Apples Apple Dessert Contest Speaker – Patty Wertz of the PA Apple Marketing Board
17	Executive Committee Meeting
21- 23	State Grange convention in Shippensburg, PA

Celebrating Special Days

September Birthdays			
13	Carol Rhoades	21	Dean Cauffman
17	Sue Ann Byers, Scott Delancey	24	Carol Eckenrode
		29	Peg Bolton
September Anniversaries			
1	Bruce & Paula Fleming		

October Birthdays			
2	Glen Cauffman	14	Carol Gantt
3	Lloyd Byers	27	Bruce Fleming
9	Paula Fleming	30	Bill Cameron, Bob Yohn
October Anniversaries			
7	Tim & Lisa Albright		
18	Bob & Barbara Sheaffer		



Financial Report

Checking Balance 7/1/2016.....	\$14,838.31
PLUS: Receipts – July-Aug 2016.....+	247.33
LESS: Expenses – July-Aug 2016 ...-	<u>1,262.24</u>
Checking Balance 8/31/2016.....	\$13,823.40
Certificates of Deposit	\$87,152.89

Summer Reading Program

We did it again! Perry Valley created lots of smiles and encouraged good reading habits among local children with its \$300 contribution to buy books for the Newport Public Library's summer reading program. An added bonus was the opportunity for three Grangers – *Natalie Fritz, Barbara McMillen and Doug Bonsall* – to spend some time reading to the children who participated in the program.

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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.*

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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