



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

This Year's Fair Exhibit



This year's Grange exhibit earned a first place blue ribbon recently at the 2018 Perry County Fair and a second place red ribbon at the Juniata County Fair. Following the state fair theme (*Farms-Families-Fairs-Fun*) the exhibit conveyed a message about the issues facing the dairy industry, the economic impact of the dairy business and the importance of including dairy products in a healthy daily diet.

Summer Reading Program The Grange created lots of smiles and encouraged good reading habits among local children with a \$500 contribution to the Newport Public Library's summer reading program. Grange members **Barbara McMillen & Doug Bonsall** and Grange friend **Becky Snead** spent an afternoon reading to the children at the library as part of this summer program.

Supporting Local Agriculture Be sure to note in the calendar on Page 6 the Sept. 21st project to make the 150 apple dumplings being donated to the Perry County "**Farm to Fork**" event happening at the fairgrounds the following day. We'll gather in the kitchen of Barner's Lutheran Church near Liverpool that Friday evening at 6 p.m. Contact Linda Byers or Peg Bolton if you can help with this service project.

Rain Fails to Dampen Second Community Concert

A rainy July evening drove the second free "Concert in the Park" sponsored by the Grange from the Millerstown Community Park amphitheater into the Greenwood High School auditorium. Over 100 people enjoyed the program given by folk singer/historian Van Wagner and the free ice cream sundaes served afterwards.



The inside venue was actually an added plus as it provided an opportunity for Mr. Wagner to share some of his own compositions enhanced with slides about the history of the area.



Despite challenges facing the dairy industry, these young people from the Perry County Dairy Promotion Committee were all smiles as they served ice cream to concert go-ers.

Coming Attractions

Fellowship Picnic Installation of Officers Friday, September 14th

It's time once again to install new officers for our Grange and this year we'll be hosting our good friends from Valley Grange #1360 in York County for the event. A potluck picnic supper will be enjoyed in the Hoverter Pavilion in the Millerstown Community Park starting promptly at 6:30 p.m., followed by the installation ceremony in the Community Building around 7:30 p.m.

Barbara McMillen is chair of the evening's Social Committee and invites everyone to bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share. Meat, beverage and place settings will be provided.

During the meeting, the Grange charter will be draped in memory of the late **M. Louise Cameron** and **Rev. Charles "Chuck" Tressler**, both long-time members. The Nauss-Snyder family team will install the officers of both Granges.

Pizza & Apples Friday, October 5th



In lieu of a formal meeting at the Park Building this month, 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.

To foster fellowship for our members/guests, the Grange will provide pizza at Chris' Pizza in Liverpool at 6 p.m. Volunteers may either help at the church from 3-6 p.m. before coming for pizza OR may join the group for pizza first and then go to church for the evening.

Fair Time

Thanks to Perry Valley members/friends who helped in the Pomona Grange concession stand near the race track/animal barns during the Perry County Fair.

State Grange in Cranberry

The PA State Grange's 146th annual session will be held this year in Cranberry Township, north of Pittsburgh, October 19-21. Doug Bonsall, chair of the State Grange History Committee, will be attending Friday evening & Saturday as one of Perry Valley's voting delegates. A second delegate position is available; contact Linda Byers (589-7889) if you are willing to serve.

Recent Charitable Gifts



The Perry County Memorial Wall, set to debut in Marysville this fall as a tribute to local veterans, received a \$1,000 Grange contribution in July.

Other contributions recently made by the Grange include \$500 to the Perry County Food Bank "Back Pack Program" and \$500 to the PA State Grange History Committee.



Financial Report

Checking Balance 7/1/2018..... \$28,244.59
PLUS: Receipts – July-Aug 2018+ 858.90
LESS: Expenses – July-Aug 2018.... -12,848.61
 Checking Balance 8/31/2018..... \$16,254.88
 Certificates of Deposit..... \$99,555.75

We Love Our Pets!



Dr. Jim Lawhead, Millerstown Veterinary Associates, spoke on good pet care at the Grange's July picnic.



Everyone who attended the picnic enjoyed the food and fellowship despite the heat. Some canine and feline visitors attended the event with their owners.

2019-2020 Grange Officers

- President - Linda Byers
- Vice-President - Renee Hetrick
- Program Chair - Krista Pontius
- Steward - Bill Cameron
- Assistant Steward - Dan Barkley
- Lady Assistant Steward - Peg Bolton
- Chaplain - Olga Brookhart
- Treasurer - Doug Bonsall
- Recording Secretary - Carol Gantt
- Financial Secretary - Carol Rhoades
- Greeter/Decorations - Natalie Fritz
- Ceres - Natalie Fritz
- Pomona - Cathy Morrison
- Flora - Barbara McMillen
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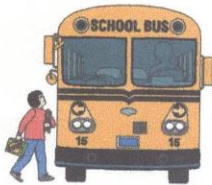
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**September-October
2018 Newsletter**

Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

September 2018	
10	Remove exhibit at Juniata County Fair
14	Grange Picnic/Installation <i>(see details on Page 2) Millerstown Park</i> Potluck Meal @ 6:30 p.m. Hoverter Pavilion Social Chair – Barbara McMillen Draping of the charter & installation of officers inside at 7:30 p.m.
17	Executive Committee Meeting
21	Grange makes “Farm to Fork” apple dumplings
25	Perry Valley hosts Pomona Grange meeting
October 2018	
5	Apples & Pizza –apple snitzing at Barner’s Church & pizza party <i>(see details on Page 2)</i>
15	Executive Committee Meeting
19-21	State Grange convention in Cranberry Twp, PA

Celebrating Special Days

September Birthdays	
13	Carol Rhoades
17	Sue Ann Byers, Scott Delancey
21	Dean Cauffman
24	Carol Eckenrode
29	Peg Bolton
October Birthdays	
2	Glen Cauffman
3	Lloyd Byers
14	Carol Gantt
30	Bill Cameron, Bob Yohn
October Anniversaries	
18	Bob & Barbara Sheaffer