



# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

## Operation Shoebox List

As part of its observance of the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America, Perry Valley Grange will ship gift boxes to persons from its surrounding communities who are currently serving in the United States armed forces. Names will be accepted on a first come, first served by Renee Hetrick at 589-3369. The Grange will underwrite a pre-determined amount of the shipping cost for the gift boxes.

Contributions of the following items should be brought to the Grange Hall on or prior to Friday, September 11:

- **heat resistant candy** (lollipops, chewing gum, bubble gum, throat drops and assorted hard candies)
- **individually packaged food items** (cereals, oatmeal, dried fruit, ramen noodles, beef jerky, Pop-Tarts, granola bars, TastyKakes, canned fruit in pop top cans, powdered drink mixes, iced tea, instant coffee, coffee creamers and sugar packets)
- **writing paper, envelopes, stamps, and pens**
- **personal toiletries** (liquid hand sanitizer, deodorant, sun screen, powder, combs, hairbrushes, and lip balm)
- **miscellaneous items** (zip lock plastic bags, pre-paid phone cards, insect repellent spray, small flashlights and flashlight bulbs)

## Fall Fun Night Scheduled for Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>

Our October meeting will be a return to **Fall Fun Night**, the event that eventually led to our public Fall Fests for five consecutive years. Fun Night will be open to everyone and will be an especially good opportunity for you to invite your non-member friends, neighbors and relatives to see what the Grange has to offer.

Events will be held outdoors and in the pavilion so dress appropriately for crisp fall weather. We'll gather at 6:30 p.m. for homemade chicken corn soup and hot dogs roasted over an open fire. Please bring a roasting stick or long handled fork if you have one.

The evening will include Harvest Bingo and hayrides for all ages to have fun together. We also hope to have a local story teller close our time together with a ghost story around the fire as we enjoy an assortment of apple and pumpkin desserts.

## Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Grange Event to Commemorate 9-11 Terrorist Attacks



## A patriotic fellowship picnic

will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the pavilion on the Grange grounds. Meat, beverage, rolls, table cover and place settings will be provided and those attending are asked to bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share.

Following dinner, the Carson Long Military School Color Guard will lead the audience into the Grange Hall where the organization's charter will be draped in loving memory of three deceased Grange members and all those who lost the lives in the events of 911. Local historian Dr. John Magill of Millerstown will speak on the history of the Purple Heart and Lynn Van Leaven of Harrisburg, Veteran Affairs Coordinator, will outline benefits available to veterans of the armed services. A demonstration on proper flag folding etiquette will be given by Sgt. Steven Hile of Ickesburg.

**Everyone please bring a pumpkin or apple dessert for the Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Fun Night. Soup, hot dogs, cider and hot chocolate will be provided.**

## Grange Taken for Granted?

It's that time of the year again when one Grange year is about to end and plans are being made for the new year beginning Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. That means your Executive Committee has held extra meetings to plan the coming year's program and budget.

Planning is not as easy as it may sound. By the time the newsletter comes out or an announcement is made at a meeting, all the details have been worked out so it sounds like it wasn't very hard at all. To get to that point, we have already spent hours trying to imagine new activities, projects and fund raisers that will raise enthusiasm among our members and in the wider community. Often our "wish list" is dampened by limited resources – *people, time, finances or facilities*.

A hallmark of the Grange has always been its commitment to serve the community. Those dedicated to the principles of the Grange – *faith, hope, charity, fidelity* – really want to help others and respond to requests for assistance. Yet, we struggle with those limited resources to meet all the worthwhile charitable needs that are constantly bombarding our organization.

Over the summer months our Grange received no less than a dozen appeals for various things – *buy animals at the fair raised by local students, help a local group meet its capital fund raising goal, replace the roof on the local public library, purchase new animal cages at the fairgrounds, donate apple dumplings for a community park benefit, feed hungry bike riders participating in a benefit, provide workers for recycling, etc.* Without a doubt - all wonderful causes!

The generosity of Perry Valley Grange over many years has gained us a fine reputation for always being willing to help. We want to help and yet we don't have enough people supporting our organization to raise enough money or provide enough volunteers to do everything we're asked to do. We can't help but notice how everyone seems to know about the Grange when they have a special need or request, yet it seems very few want to support the Grange beyond their pet causes.

**Could it be that the Grange has done such a good job serving others for so many years that our good works are taken for granted?** Don't fall into the mistaken complacency that there will always be someone else to do your share of the work. If too many take the Grange for granted, you just might wake up one day and find there are no longer all these good things happening at the Grange. ***Can we count on you to be more active in the Grange this next year?***

*Doug Bonsall*, President

## Upcoming Service Projects

**Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** – **Operation Shoebox** for those serving in armed forces (see details on page 1)

**Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Homemade Apple Dumplings for Millerstown Community Park.** One hundred of our delicious apple dumplings are being baked and donated to the local group working hard to develop a community park just east of town. The group has adopted the Grange's former FALL FEST idea as a fund raiser for this purpose.

**Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>** – **Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic at the Grange Hall from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** We are providing free space for the Visiting Nurse Association to administer seasonal flu shots to the public for all persons age 18 and over; (*A separate shot for the swine flu is required but is not yet available.*) Most major insurance plans will be billed for the vaccine; otherwise, the fee is \$32. Advance reservations are NOT necessary but you may call 233-1035 for more information.

**Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>** - **Homemade Chicken Corn Soup for the Newport Public Library Bike Ride.** It has become a tradition for our Grange to donate 50 quarts of soup to help feed the many riders who 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 (\$500) and our recent special gift (\$500) to replace the library building roof.

## Completed Projects



There's Renee Hetrick (left) in the pig pen again after making the Grange's purchase at the Fair Livestock Sale. The animal was raised/shown by Newport FFA member Amanda Dobbs.

- The Grange helped staff the **Millerstown Recycling** program on the last Saturday of July.
- Several hundred children in and around Millerstown and Newport have received **300+ books purchased by the Grange** and distributed through local summer reading programs.

# Summer Scenes from around our Grange



A new fund raising project this year was this homemade pie concession at the Perry County Fair. The trailer was loaned to the Grange free of charge by another civic group.



The rainy weather during the fair dampened attendance so the pie sales were slow! Yet the volunteers who baked every morning at the Grange Hall and those who staffed the trailer had an enjoyable time working together.



Perry Valley also took its turn providing volunteers to staff the Pomona Grange concession at the fair. Here Charlie Page is shown flipping burgers and grilling hot dogs.

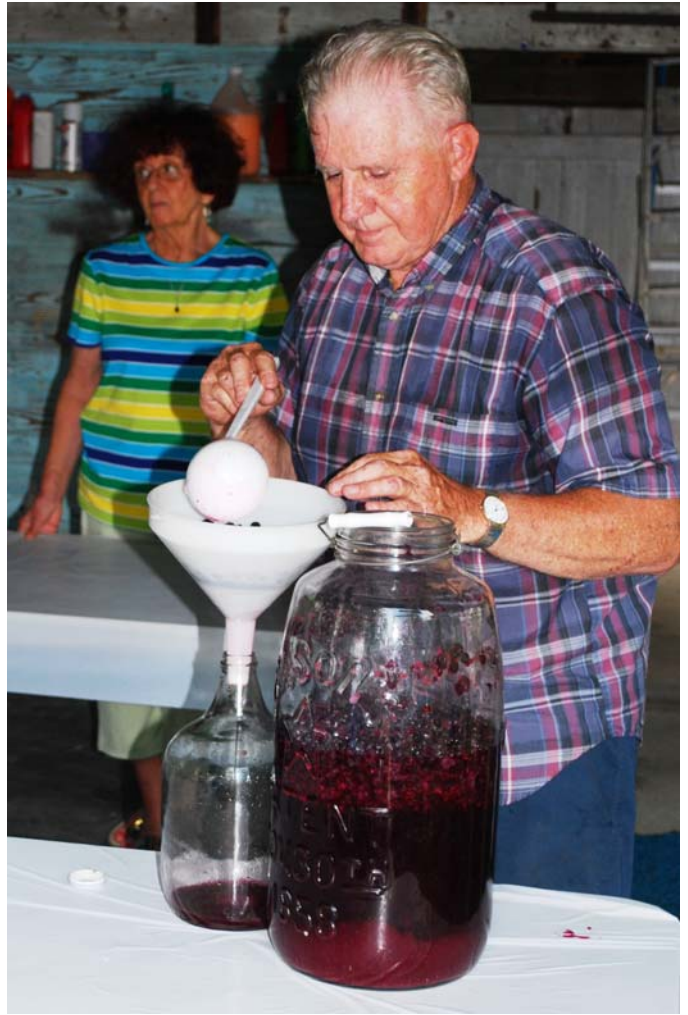
An August bus outing included a buffet lunch at Country Cupboard in Lewisburg and a ride on the paddlewheel boat Hiawatha on the Susquehanna River in Williamsport.



# Picnic, Wine Making & Dulcimer Music Much Enjoyed



As usual, there was plenty of food at the Grange's July picnic. An added feature this evening was the tasting of homemade wines.



Bill Cameron demonstrated the wine making process, here showing how to strain and rack the wine. Music from the *Strung Out Dulcimer Band* (below) provided entertainment.



Yes, they really are stomping the grapes with their feet! Could this be Lucy & Ethel re-incarnated?!?





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## Special Days for Our Members



### September Birthdays

- 5 Ron Makibbin
- 12 Thomas Stone
- 13 Linda Wingert, Carol Rhoades
- 17 Scott Delancey, SueAnn Byers
- 20 Audrey Wyble
- 21 Dean Cauffman
- 24 Carol Willow
- 26 Marge Fenicle
- 29 Peg Bolton

### October Birthdays

- 2 Glen Cauffman
- 3 Lloyd Byers, Charles Freeman
- 9 Paula Fleming
- 14 Carol Gantt
- 16 Sue Pontius
- 27 Bruce Fleming
- 30 Bill Cameron, Bob Yohn

### September Anniversaries

- 1 Bruce & Paula Fleming
- 6 Bill & Marge Earnest
- 19 Dick & Louise Pennay

### October Anniversaries

- 7 Tim & Lisa Albright
- 13 Martin & Bernadette Hudson
- 18 Bob & Barbara Sheaffer

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**.

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**CORN DONATED.....**Thanks to the generosity of **Steve & Betsy Hinkel, Edgar & Linda Byers and Rodney & Carol Rhoades**, the Grange had three “corn parties” this summer and froze about 100 gallons of corn for serving at dinners and banquets. It was both lots of work and lots of fun – (as shown below) some pulled the corn from the field, others husked or brushed, and many cut and bagged the delicious results.



This educational exhibit from Perry Valley greeted visitors at the Perry County and Juniata County Fairs. Special thanks to Megan Gantt for all her work on it.

## Change of Custodians

**Bruce & Paula Fleming** have recently been contracted to provide custodial services for Perry Valley Grange. They will assume responsibility for cleaning the hall and for assisting with clean-up duties at dinners/banquets. They replace **Ron Makibbin**, our custodian of many years, who has recently taken full-time employment that makes him unavailable to work at the Grange when most of our events are taking place.

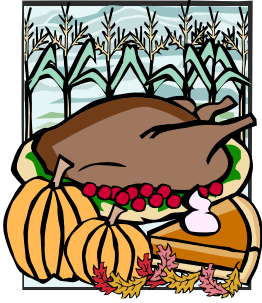
## New Two Officers Named

The untimely deaths of **Mary Smith** and **Martha “Marcy” McDermond** left two vacancies among our Grange officers. The Executive Committee has appointed **Beth Reisinger** to the office of Pomona and **Margaret “Peg” Bolton** to the office of Flora.

## Property Notes

Thanks to everyone who gave time and effort to help with a **summer housecleaning night** to spruce up the kitchen, conference room and dining room.

***If you’ve noticed the large iron posts next to the kitchen entrance to the Grange Hall.....soon a security fence will be attached to them to comply with rules to safeguard the above ground oil tank and prevent a toxic spill in case of a vehicle colliding with the tank.***



# Roast Beef & Turkey Dinner

Sat., Sept. 26, 2009

*Serving from 4 PM while supply lasts*

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# Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

## September 2009

2	Executive Committee meeting – 7 PM
3	Enter exhibit at Juniata County Fair
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Grange Fellowship Dinner &amp; 9-11 Anniversary Program</b> <i>(details on page 1)</i></p> <p>Members of Valley Grange, York County, will be our guests</p> <p><b>Meal in pavilion begins at 6:30 p.m.</b> Everyone bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share. The Grange will provide meat, beverage, rolls, place settings and table cover.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Program in dining room at 7:30 p.m.</b></li> <li>• <b>Bring items for Operation Shoebox</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Social Committee</b> – Ken &amp; Peg Bolton (chairs), Kitty Smith, Marty &amp; Bernie Hudson, John &amp; Virginia Shotzberger, Millie Cubbison, Henry &amp; Evelyn Newlin, Betty Wingert</p>
12	Cater Thompson wedding reception @ Little Buffalo Campground
13	Remove exhibit at Juniata County Fair
15	Pomona Grange 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree rehearsal
19	Grange provides 100 apple dumplings for Fall Fest at Millerstown Park
20	Rental (Newport Senior Center)
22	Breakfast - Hite
24	Work night for public dinner
25	Pie baking for public dinner and bake sale
26	Grange provides 50 quarts of chicken corn soup for Newport Public Library bike-a-thon
26	Visiting Nurse Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic Conference Room 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
<b>26</b>	<p><b>Public Beef &amp; Turkey Dinner</b></p> <p>Help needed starting at 12 noon; serving to the public begins at 4 PM <i>(see page 12)</i></p>
29	Pomona Grange meeting at Perry Valley Conferral of the Fifth Degree

Throughout the summer, the Grange has been enjoying the bounty from various gardens. We've made a good supply of **chow-chow, bread & butter pickles, 14-day sweet pickles, corn relish, pickled beets and homemade apple butter** for sale at our upcoming public dinners.

## October 2009

<b>9</b>	<p><b>Fall Fun Night – 6:30 p.m.</b> <i>(details on page 1) outdoors &amp; pavilion</i></p> <p><b>Social Committee</b> – Barbara McMillen (chair), Marge Earnest, Bonnie Cameron, Rodney &amp; Carol Rhoades, Glen &amp; Sue Byers, Ann Wilson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Harvest Bingo/Hayrides for all ages</b></li> <li>• <b>Chicken Corn Soup/Roasted Hot Dogs/Apple &amp; Pumpkin Desserts</b></li> </ul>
15	Breakfast – PA Twp. Supervisors Assoc.
17	Banquet – Perry County Livestock Sale
17-19	State Grange convention in Johnstown, PA
19	Banquet – Perry Co. Republican Committee
27	Banquet – Greenwood Community Band
27	Pomona Grange meeting at Madison



## Financial Report

<b>Checking Balance from 6/2009.....</b>	<b>\$15,898.27</b>
<b>PLUS:</b>	
Receipts – July 2009 .....	+ 3,899.79
Receipts – August 2009.....	+ 2,539.82
<b>LESS:</b>	
Expenditures – July 2009 .....	- 4,397.91
Expenditures – August 2009.....	- 4,679.50
<b>Checking Balance to 9/2009 .....</b>	<b>\$13,260.47</b>
<b>Savings Balance .....</b>	<b>\$34,332.72</b>

## State Grange Session

The annual convention of the PA State Grange will be held in Johnstown beginning on Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Again this year, the date of this year's session conflicts with two of the largest fall banquets at our Grange, but several of our members will be attending part-time. President Doug Bonsall will be one of our voting delegates; if you are interested in serving as Perry Valley's second delegate, please contact Doug at 921-1957 to volunteer.

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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.*

## E-Newsletter Distribution Begun

This is the first edition of the Perry Valley Grange newsletter that is being distributed to some readers electronically. Sending the newsletter electronically realizes a savings in paper and postage costs and greatly reduces the time spent to collate, staple, fold, label and stamp.

If we have your e-mail address on file, you are being sent an **E-NEWSLETTER** in pdf format. Any browser on your computer should be able to open this format. We encourage you to print the newsletter and post it in a prominent place in your home so you are reminded frequently what is happening at the Grange. You may always pick up a paper copy at the Grange Hall if you want one or do not have a printer.

If you are receiving a printed copy in the mail, it means we do NOT have your e-mail address on file in the Grange's records. Please send your e-mail address to: [douglas.b@verizon.net](mailto:douglas.b@verizon.net).

### 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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