



# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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



## New State Grange President Visits Perry County

Representatives from all four Granges in Perry County enjoyed an evening of food, fellowship and entertainment at a dinner held in late November at the Ranch House Restaurant near Duncannon. This holiday dinner was sponsored and the ticket cost partially subsidized by the Pomona Grange as a way of saying thanks for help and participation during the past year. A good number from Perry Valley were among those attending.

The recently elected President of the PA State Grange Matthew Espenshade (left) and wife Charlene of Lancaster County joined us for the evening. This was among his first appearances since accepting the position. We were pleased to hear Brother Matt, a dairy farmer, share his vision for the continued work of the Grange during this year of celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the state of PA.

**More than 40 members and friends (below left) attended the Pomona Grange holiday dinner at The Ranch House Restaurant and were entertained by The Buffalo Mountain Blue Grass Band made up of the talented Moore siblings (below, right).**



# Winter Events Announced

January 2023 Calendar	
6-14	<b>PA Farm Show, Harrisburg</b> Volunteers needed to help in State Grange and milk shake booths
17	<i>(if needed)</i> <b>Executive Committee meeting</b> – 7:00 p.m. @ home of Peg Bolton
<b>20</b>	Grange meeting @ Community Park Building – 7 p.m. (see program details below) Hosts – Ken & Peg Bolton
31	<b>Pomona Grange meeting</b> at Millerstown Community Park Building – 7 p.m. Calendar for 2023 will be finalized and the program will focus on the meal packing project coming up in March.

February 2023 Calendar	
<b>10</b>	Grange meeting @ Community Park Building – 7 p.m. (see details below) Hosts – Edgar & Linda Byers
??	(tentative) Sandwich Sale (ham & cheese OR turkey & cheese) to benefit food packing project – joint event co-sponsored with Greenwood FFA – time to be announced

## February 10<sup>th</sup>

### Program – Dairy Facts



Carol Hardbarger, director of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board, will join us to share the history and process of dairy products. We will also enjoy a taste of dairy that evening from this year's edition of the Royal Dairy recipes, which

is a collection of dairy favorites by the current county dairy princesses.

The meeting and program will start at 7 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building.

## January 20<sup>th</sup> *(note change of date)*

### Program – Fighting Hunger

Everyone on earth has the same basic needs; it is only our circumstances—where we live and the culture into which we are born—that differ. Some are born into relative prosperity and security, while millions, through no choice of their own, are born into poverty. One in seven people go hungry every day, but hunger is not about too many people and too little food. Our rich and bountiful planet produces enough food to feed every woman, man, and child on earth. Join us on January 20 as Greenwood FFA members talk about an upcoming meal packing event in March, in which our Grange has already become a partner.



## Financial Report

Checking Balance 11/1/2022..... \$ 18,897.34  
**PLUS: Receipts – Nov.-Dec..... + 2,489.05**  
**LESS: Expenses – Nov.-Dec..... - 800.00**  
 Checking Balance 12/31/2022..... \$ 20,586.39  
 Certificates of Deposit ..... \$114,2232.25

## Celebrating Special Days

### January Birthdays

- 4 Bob Sheaffer
- 25 Cathy Morrison, Dennis Comp
- 30 Jonathan Gantt

### February Birthdays

- 3 Gerald Holman
- 5 Marge Earnest
- 24 Doug Bonsall

### February Anniversary

- 17 Boyd & Shirley Delancey

# Ushering in the Christmas Season



Edgar & Linda Byers began with the lighting of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary candle and reading.



Lots of smiles, laughs & wrappings (above & below) during the gift exchange games.



Perry Valley's holiday gathering was held at the home of Doug Bonsall & Craig Staller in Dauphin. Tinka, the resident sharpei dog, made her rounds among the guests seeking back scratches and snacks.



Lynn Fuller examines the gift she got to unwrap as it and other packages made their rounds around the table. Don't get too attached to it!

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## Grange Dues for 2023

Please help our Secretary and save postage for the Grange by paying dues in person at the next meeting. Dues remain at: adults - \$50, youth - \$15, family/household - \$100, Business Sponsor - \$60. Dues provide member families with the bimonthly *PA Grange News* and helps maintain a legislative presence in Harrisburg and Washington. Dues may also be mailed to: **Peg Bolton, 680 Mountain Rd., Millerstown, PA 17062** (phone 717-589-3897).

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# New Year's Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

The Grange's traditional start to another year was a take-out dinner on New Year's Eve day, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Although not intended primarily as a fund raiser, generous donations from guests enabled the food costs to be covered and leave a profit of over \$700 for the Grange's community service work.



**Ken Bolton shows versatility while cooking potatoes (above) and washing dishes (below).**



**Natalie Fritz helped pack rolls, applesauce & cake to accompany the hot food containers.**



**Tony & Joyce Williams from Madison Grange helped dish out meals at the steam table.**

# More Dinner Shots



Packing the condiment bags for each meal (above) and cooking the succotash (below) .



Dennis Comp stirs the stuffing for those not eating sauerkraut with their pork.



**Thanks! The turn-out of volunteers to help was exceptional!**

**CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION**

**GRANGE MEMBERSHIP MAY CAUSE  
PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND  
COMMUNITY PRIDE**



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**Bob Sheaffer (right) received Golden Sheaf recognition for 50 years of Grange membership from secretary Peg Bolton at Perry Valley's December potluck dinner.**