



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

Two Picnics Scheduled

Fellowship is such an important part of the Grange and two picnics will be held this summer so everyone can enjoy the social side of our organization. Both will be held rain or shine with the Grange providing table service, meat and beverage. Please bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share for the meal and your own lawn chair. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to be part of the fun.



Saturday, July 6th @ 5 p.m.

Picnic at the Millerstown Community Park MCSI Pavilion and free outdoor concert by the Harrisburg Symphony.
Complete details on next page.

Friday, Aug. 9th @ 6 p.m.

Picnic hosted by Ken & Peg Bolton at their Miller Family River Lot, 9 Shady Lane, Port Trevorton, on the banks of the Susquehanna River

Bring a prize, wrapped or unwrapped, for bingo and other games.



Nathan Lesh (left) accepts two Grange donations of \$600 each from President Renee Hetrick to support projects in Millerstown – one for painting at the historic Cochran-Anspach House and the other to improve access to the Juniata River walk trail.

Directions - Follow Routes 11-15 north approximately 6.5 miles from Liverpool. After crossing into Snyder County, look for blue signs along the highway for **MAHANTANGO BOAT ACCESS AREA** and turn right off Route 11-15 onto Shady Lane. Do not follow the paved road that turns left to the boat access area but instead go straight down the unpaved Shady Lane toward the river. At the "T" make a left turn and the Miller Family lot is the second lot on the right.

Congratulations to our member Nathan Lesh on his recent election as vice president of the Pennsylvania FFA. He will be traveling throughout the state during the next year in this work.

You're Invited to a Picnic & Free Concert

Saturday, July 6, 2024



Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra @ Millerstown Community Park

MCSI Pavillion & Amphitheater

**110 West Juniata Parkway,
Millerstown, PA 17062**

Check out this website for some pictures and more information about the park:

<https://www.facebook.com/millerstowncommunitypark/>

Directions:

From Harrisburg: Take Route 22/322 West to the Millerstown exit.

From Camp Hill and the West Shore: Take Route 11/15 through Marysville to intersection with Route 22/322 north of Duncannon and follow Route 22/322 west to the Millerstown exit.

At end of Millerstown exit ramp, turn left onto West Juniata Parkway and the park is 4/10 mile ahead on the right. You will pass the community pool and the community park building on your right. To access the pavilion assigned to our group, turn right into the driveway that is just beyond the park community building surrounded by a paved parking lot. Pass the playground and the MCSI Pavilion will be the one to the right nearest to the amphitheater. *(There are two other pavilions in this part of the park plus a large one on the edge of the paved lot between the community building and the amphitheater.)*

Parking on the grass is available near the pavilion; it is just several hundred feet from this pavilion to the amphitheater where the concert takes place. There is a well-lighted paved parking area near the amphitheater but it is obviously "first come, first served". Since it will be dark when the concert ends, you may move your car right after eating from the pavilion area to the amphitheater area. Some folks even stake out their seating spot at the amphitheater early!

Meet at the pavilion any time after 5 p.m. Bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to share for the picnic meal; meat, cups, plates, utensils and beverages will be provided. You'll also need to bring a folding chair for the concert.

We'll eat promptly at 5:30 p.m. to give us plenty of time to socialize and clean-up before the concert starts at 7:30 p.m. If it rains, we can still eat under cover of the pavilion but if the weather is too stormy, the concert may be moved to the auditorium of Greenwood High School which is about a mile away in the center of Millerstown.

Questions? Please contact Doug @ douglas.b@verizon.net or 717-460-0723 by July 5th to let us know how many plan to attend.



Financial Report

Checking Balance 5/1/2024..... \$ 18,097.49
 PLUS: Receipts – May-June..... + 991.13
 PLUS: Trust Fund Withdrawal..... + 7,815.00
 LESS: Expenses – May-June... .. - 3,479.75
 Checking Balance 6/30/2024 \$ 23,423.87*
 Certificates of Deposit \$129,596.22

* charitable gifts for 2024-25 year yet to be distributed



Recent programs were given by children's book author Bonnie Swinehart (above) and Susquehanna Service Dog "Elwood" (below) and his handler.



Celebrating Special Days

July Birthdays

- 5 Carol Wierzbicki
- 11 Carl Landis
- 12 Donald Brightbill
- 19 Krista Pontius
- 22 Bethany Comp
- 27 Tim Albright

July Anniversaries

- 5 Rodney & Carol Rhoades
- 8 Lloyd & SueAnn Byers

August Birthdays

- 5 Ken Bolton
- 6 Andrea Cameron
- 29 Natalie Fritz

August Anniversaries

None

Coming Events

July 2024 Calendar

6	Picnic/Concert – Gather 5:00 p.m. @ Millerstown Community Park <i>Details on Pages 1-2</i>
23	Executive Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Home of Ken & Peg Bolton
30	Pomona Grange Meeting – 7 p.m. Trout Brothers Farm/BootLleg Creamery, 508 Red Rock Road, Loysville, PA Election of officers/dairy tour/ice cream

August 2024 Calendar

9	Grange Picnic - 6:00 p.m. @ 9 Shady Lane, Port Trevorton - <i>See Page 1</i> Guests from Eagle Grange #1
11	Fair exhibit set-up at Perry County Fair
12-17	Perry County Fair , Newport Help needed every day in Pomona Grange Concession near the animal barns
30	Fair exhibit set-up at Juniata County Fair

Perry County Ag Field Day Held May 20th

A perfect clear and sunny spring day for about 475 Perry County elementary students participating



(Above & below) The butterfly tent was an especially popular attraction for all ages.



Learning stations were set up all over the grounds to teach many topics - animal husbandry, environmental issues, safety, etc.



Ag Day is sponsored by the Pomona Grange for elementary students. Financial support came from many other groups & businesses; the learning stations are planned/managed by Perry County FFA members.



The theme of the annual essay & poster contests was "Feeding Our Families, Community & World". Awards were given to classroom winners & county champions.

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500 Meals Served to Benefit 4-H & FFA Programs



Grange, 4-H and FFA members, as well as some other community volunteers, really turned out to help with the June 25th benefit chicken barbeque. A very special thank you to the Millerstown Moose for providing the charcoal, use of their barbeque pits and “grill chefs”.



Meals were filled in two serving lines and quickly delivered as each car pulled up.



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July-August 2024 Newsletter



An aerial shot of Perry County Fairgrounds in Newport where many activities take place throughout the year, including the Pomona Grange Ag Day in May and the annual fair in August.