



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

Public Forum:
Spotted Lanternfly Issue
Friday, March 13, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Community Park Building, Millerstown



Pennsylvania is being invaded! An insect known as the Spotted Lanternfly, first confirmed in September 2014 in Berks County, threatens a significant negative impact to Pennsylvania's agricultural economy and natural resources. The Spotted Lanternfly epidemic will be discussed at a public forum sponsored by Perry Valley Grange on Friday, March 13, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building, 110 West Juniata Parkway. The public is encouraged to participate in this forum; refreshments will be served.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, confirmed the first detection of this non-native species in the United States and, realizing the negative consequences of its spread, issued a quarantine in November 2014 intended to restrict the movement of the Spotted Lanternfly. Despite efforts to contain its spread, the Spotted Lanternfly was recently detected in Dauphin County.

The Spotted Lantern fly is a plant hopper native to China, India and Vietnam. The insect is known to feed on more than 70 plant species, 25 of which are in Pennsylvania. In the U.S., the Spotted Lanternfly has the potential to greatly impact the viticulture (grape), tree fruit, plant nursery, and timber industries. This

pest poses a significant threat to Pennsylvania – at risk are the \$28 million grape, \$87 million apple, and \$19 million peach industries, as well as the state's hardwood industry which accounts for nearly \$17 billion in sales. Early detection is vital to the effective control of this pest.



Speaking at the March 13th forum will be Dr. Liz Bosak from the field and forage crop team for Penn State Extension. She will discuss this invasive insect's biology, scouting methods, and management options. Prior to joining the Penn State team, Dr. Bozak worked at the University of Wisconsin with cranberry growers using integrated pest management tactics and grain farmers with

herbicide resistance management strategies and cover crops. She is originally from Chester County, PA, and earned her Undergraduate Degree from Hampshire College in Organic Chemistry and Plant Science and her Ph.D. from Penn State in Entomology.

For more information, contact Krista Pontius at 717-385-6015.

Coming Up.....Don't Miss These Grange Activities

Visit to Kinkora Pythian Home Saturday, April 18th

The Grange's regular meeting night this year would fall on Good Friday. No meeting will be held that evening and, instead, a visit to the Kinkora Pythian Home will take place the following week on Saturday, April 18th. The home is located at 25 Cove Road, Duncannon (intersection of Routes 11-15 and Cove Road) and we'll meet there at 2 p.m. We hope for a good turnout of members/friends to greet the residents there and participate in refreshments and entertainment for everyone. Peg Bolton is coordinating arrangements for this visit.

Open House Community Night Friday, May 1st

Kentucky Derby theme.... details later.

Elementary School Ag Day Wednesday, May 27th

A full day of agricultural & environmental education activities for fourth grade students from two local schools; volunteers are needed to help.

Celebrating Special Days

March Birthdays

- 2 Marguerite Gochenaur
Renee Hetrick
- 4 Debbie Ramp
- 7 Edgar Byers

April Birthdays

- 5 Susan Tressler
- 22 Alice Kirchner, Linda Byers,
Lori Comp
- 24 Rodney Rhoades

No reported anniversaries in March or April

Free Concerts in the Park

sponsored by Perry Valley Grange

**Millerstown Community Park
Amphitheater, 110 West Juniata Pkwy.**
*(in case of rain, the location will be the
Greenwood High School auditorium)*

June 23, 2020 – Jeremy Goodling
Christian singer

July 28, 2020 – Van Wagner
Historian/storyteller/musician



Financially Speaking

Checking Balance 1/1/2020..... \$ 27,535.00
PLUS: Receipts – Jan-Feb 2020..... + 759.75
LESS: Expenses – Jan-Feb 2020 - 2,019.79
 Checking Balance 2/28/2020..... \$ 26,274.96
 Certificates of Deposit \$ 101,522.77

GRANGE COOKBOOKS

Perry Valley Grange still has a limited supply of two Grange cookbooks available for purchase. The cost varies for each edition shown below:



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\$13

2010
\$18

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Unfortunately, we do not have any of the popular 1972 (white) cookbooks and they are no longer available from the State Grange. However, we do have contact with another Grange that still has some of this edition available (cost is \$20 each); contact Doug Bonsall if you want to order.

**THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO
HELPED IN THE MILK SHAKE BOOTH AT THE
PA FARM SHOW IN JANUARY.**

Scenes from Recent Grange Activities

Three more local residents were recognized in January for completing the Grange Centennial Volunteer Challenge to give 100 or more hours of volunteer service to local organization(s).



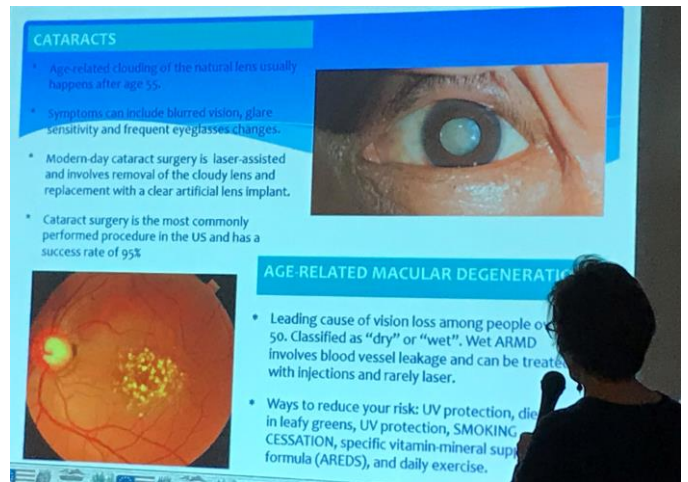
Grange Treasurer Doug Bonsall (above left) awarded certificates to recipients and \$100 checks to their designated charities. Honored were: (below left to right): Frank Campbell of Newport, Linda Strawser of Newport and Linda Andrews of Millerstown.



The Grange Centennial Volunteer Challenge, part of Perry Valley's celebration of its 100th anniversary, ends 2/29/2020. To date, 22 persons have been recognized and \$2,200 has been given by the Grange to assist local organizations in their work. Will any final applications be received?

Protecting our Vision

"20-20" was an especially interesting and timely program at the beginning of the new year, focused on one of our most precious resources – our vision. Two local eye doctors discussed ways to protect our sight, care for the eyes and treatment options for common age-related conditions, like cataracts and macular degeneration.



On Valentine's Day, February 14th, about 16 Grange members and friends gathered at the home of Tom & Carol Eckenrode near Seven Stars for an evening of food and fellowship. After enjoying a lovely buffet, our hosts shared pictorial and narrative highlights of several trips they have taken.

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March-April 2020 Newsletter

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Feeding the Hungry

A contribution of \$1,000 was recently given by the Grange to "Champions for Food", a March 2020 food packing event sponsored by our good friends at St. John (Barner's) Lutheran Church.

March 2020

13	Spotted Lanternfly Forum <i>(details on Page 1)</i> Dessert Reception at 6:30 p.m. Social Chair – Natalie Fritz
16	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
31	Pomona Grange meets at Community

April 2020

18	Trip to Kinkora Pythian Home – 2 p.m. <i>(details on Page 2)</i> Visiting, entertainment, refreshments Social Chair – Peg Bolton
20	Executive Committee meeting – 6:30 p.m.
28	Pomona Grange meets at Shermanata