



# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

# Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

## Programs Announced for Upcoming Meetings

**Friday, March 8, 2024**

Millerstown Park Building – 7 p.m.

Join the Grange tonight for a fun and engaging workshop where we will be using everyday tools to create a whimsy moss wreath (below) featuring locally grown dried flowers and everyone's favorite: succulents. All materials will be provided to create this sweet little piece of home décor, intended to be displayed indoors as the succulents are tender living plants. Lavender & Locks Floral Design and Flower Farm, with 9 years of experience, will lead this workshop. The Grange will underwrite one-half of the cost for each wreath; participants are asked to pay just \$10 each per wreath.



**Friday, April 12, 2024**

Millerstown Park Building – 7 p.m.



An **“Aerie in Perry”** is the history of St. John (Barner’s) Lutheran Church of Liverpool Township, Perry County Pennsylvania. This book is a stroll through time authored by Rev. Robert M. Lescallette, (above) current intern pastor of church. The book is written about a small congregation situated on a hill in a very rural “off the beaten path,” sparsely populated location.

The church known as “the Little Church with the Big Heart”, has seen its ups and downs from the first European and Christians to set foot upon the hill to the current Lescallette years. It is widely known for its generous outreach efforts financed largely by its Apple Butter Boil held every fall for more than 70 years. Pastor Lesallette will discuss some local history that he unearthed while researching information to write his book.

## Blessing Bags Made/Given



A fun, easy and meaningful service project was done at the January Grange meeting to pack several dozen Blessing Bags. The bags (above), containing toiletries and snack foods, were then distributed to individuals in the area (below). All recipients expressed appreciation for this small remembrance and visit from the Grange



## Aviation Ministry

Above, Shawn and Rachel (Little) Monyer spoke at the February Grange meeting about the aviation ministry program that will take a Christian message into remote areas of the globe. The Grange made a \$250 donation to help fund Shawn's training and other individual contributions resulted in nearly \$1,000 given that evening for this initiative

## Financial Report



Checking Balance 1/1/2024..... \$ 24,502.49  
**PLUS: Receipts – Jan.-Feb..... + 6,110.65\***  
**LESS: Expenses – Jan.-Feb..... - 3,137.14**  
**Checking Balance 2/29/2024 ..... \$ 27,476.00\*\***

\*Receipts includes gross receipts from catering events - New Year's Dinner and Historical Society Gala

\*\*Balance includes net profits from two catering events to meet \$3,000 pledge for Millerstown Park benefit

Perry Valley recently gave a \$500 donation to Shermanata Grange to help install updated HVAC in its hall. This Grange near Duncannon is in a renewal stage and is in need of financial support.

## Celebrating Special Days

### March Birthdays

2	Renee Hetrick
6	Patricia Powley
7	Edgar Byers

### April Birthdays

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

No March or April anniversaries reported



# Benefit Dinner for Cochran-Anspach House

The Grange was requested by the Perry County Historical Society to prepare the food for a benefit Valentine's Dinner to raise funds for painting the historical Cochran-Anspach House in Millerstown. Quite a few years ago when this house was being restored, the Grange sponsored a Christmas homes' tour to raise funds to renovate one of the rooms.



Some of the beautiful food we prepared...





# Elegancy Everywhere



Grange member Nathan Lesh spearheaded and planned this event down to the finest detail.





Many volunteers from the community and the Historical Society were a tremendous help to the Grange preparing and serving the food.







(above) One of our newer Grange members Jay Bratton sported a bow tie as one of the servers.



It was a big job to prepare the food in the Methodist Church kitchen and then transport it down the alley and across the lawn to the Cochran-Anspach House but the Grange is pleased to have been a part of this community effort. Thanks to all who helped.



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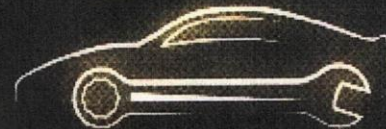
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# Grange Happenings Coming Up Shortly

## March 2024 Calendar

8	Grange meeting @ Park Building – 7 p.m. Program – Blessing Bags (see next column) Hosts – Bill Cameron & Krista Pontius
9	<b>State Grange Leadership Conference</b> for officers & committee chairs – 10 a.m.-3 p.m. @ Eagle Grange, Montgomery
19	<b>Perry Valley Executive Committee meeting</b> – 7:00 p.m. @ home of Ken & Peg Bolton
26	<b>Pomona Grange Executive Committee meeting</b> – 7:00 p.m. @ Shermanata Grange Hall

## April 2024 Calendar

12	Grange meeting @ Park Building – 7 p.m. Program – To be announced Hosts – Dan Barkley & Doug Bonsall
30	Pomona Grange meeting – 7:00 p.m. @ Shermanata Grange Hall, Duncannon

## Looking Ahead

May 20, 2024 – Youth Ag Day at Fairgrounds  
June 25, 2024 – FFA/4-H Benefit Chicken BarBQ





## Government Officials Present at Pomona Grange February Frolic

(Left to right) State Representative Perry Stambaugh, County Commissioners Frank Campbell, Brenda Watson and Bill Lyons. State Senator Greg Rothman was also present but absent from picture.

### PA Grange Benefits

#### Shopping

- **BJ's** - Savings of either \$15 off Regular Membership or \$30 off Rewards Membership. 13 month is free and receive a second membership card for free.
- **Rakuten** - Get \$10 Cash Rebate for signing up and get up to 40% Cash Back at over 2,500 stores. Go to their website: <https://www.rakuten.com/r/PAGRAN24eeid=28187> if asked for a referral code use: pagrange



**Grange Benefits = Savings!**



#### Entertainment

**Tickets at Work** - Offers discounts on movie tickets, concerts, travel, theme parks, and shopping.

### Insurance/Medical



**Gunn Mowery** - has a long history with the PA Grange offering insurance products for our membership.

**American Income Life** - PA Grange Members receive a \$3000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefit Coverage.

**ASA Agri-Services Agency** - offers health insurance coverage for PA Grange members.

**AIA ALERAGROUP** - offers Vision Care for benefits for our Grange Members.

**PSECU** - Not-For-Profit Member Owned Credit Union offers low interest loans, Free Checking, Surcharge Free ATM's



**Members 1st Credit Union** - PA Grange is an affiliate of which entitles members to join any branch of the credit union.

### National Grange Benefits



**CVS Caremark** - program offers the RxSavings Plus Card, a NO FEE exclusive benefit to National Grange members that is not offered to the public. The program applies to 99% of prescription drugs and even pet medications!

**American Hearing Benefits** - is a convenient hearing benefits program which provides access to free hearing consultations and significant discounts on hearing aids

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## March-April 2024 Newsletter



**Part of the Grange Crew for the Historical Society Benefit, Feb. 16-17**