



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

Great Programs Coming Up!

Join us at Millerstown Park Community Building both nights

Friday, May 3rd – 7 p.m.

(Note change from usual second Friday)

Bonnie Swinehart, a resident of Liverpool, PA, is a wife, mother, and author who will discuss "My Journey to Becoming a Writer".

Mrs. Swinehart holds a degree in Mass Communication/Journalism. Her first book, "Benjy and the Belsnickel" is a Christian historical middle-grade fiction novel. She has also written a study guide and published two more books in the series. Her books not only provide adventure but great life lessons.



In the past, she served as writer and editor of a publication she created,

Watershed Weekly, which was distributed to 20,000 people weekly. She was honored with a governor's award for her work on this publication. She then moved on to become a full-time staff writer for three weekly newspapers until she was disabled in an auto crash in 2007. She is now a columnist, speaker, presenter and workshop instructor at writer's conferences.

Friday, June 14th – 7 p.m.

Susquehanna Service Dogs

Susquehanna Service Dogs give people the confidence to live more independently and do things they didn't think were possible. These dogs change lives. Part of Keystone Human Services, Susquehanna Service Dogs breeds, raises, trains, and places assistance dogs and hearing dogs, as well as facility dogs, to assist children and adults with disability to lead the lives they want to live. They have over 300 dogs at various stages of training in our program. They work hard to match people and dogs to form a successful partnership and follow each team for the working life of the dog and through the dog's retirement. Whether the assistance dogs are retrieving dropped items or helping their partner navigate a crowded store, they're assisting their partners to live full, rich, meaningful lives.



At our June meeting, one of the representatives will talk about their program and explain some of the training that the dogs experience to be lifelines to their humans.

Ag Day 2024 – Help Needed

The Grange was founded as an organization to promote and progress agriculture practices in the United States. One-hundred and fifty years later, the values and foundation remain the same. On May 20 at the Perry County Fairgrounds, Perry County Pomona Grange will host Perry County Ag Day which will give our Grange members an opportunity to work with agriculture-based community organizations to spread the good news about modern agriculture practices with county elementary students. After the Ag Day experience, the students will have a better understanding of the origin of their food and how hard agricultural producers work to provide it to all of us.

If you want to join in the fun, we will meet at 1:00 p.m. on May 19th at the fairgrounds to get the facility ready, stuff the goodie bags, and do initial food preparation. Then on May 20th, we will start at 9:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds to make Ag Day happen! Many hands make light work and we welcome everyone to join us to experience the exciting day!



Rev. Robert “Bob” M. Lescallete of Harrisburg provided an interesting review of several hundred years of Barner’s Church history at the April 12th meeting. Now a Lutheran church near Liverpool but originally a Reformed congregation, its story from the time of Native Americans living in the area to today was the subject of his book entitled *“An Aerie in Perry”*.

Ryan & Friends

Event: Ryan & Friends – Christian Ventriloquist / Comedian
 Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024
 Time: 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
 Cost: \$20.00 per ticket
 Place: Greenwood Jr/Sr High School -Auditorium
 405 East Sunbury Street
 Millerstown, PA 17062

For tickets and information contact:
 Will Benner (717) 579-9184 or Sue Brofee (717) 275-3945

Sponsored By: Perry Valley Grange
 Benefits: Millerstown Recreational Committee –
 Community Park

Perry Valley Grange recently donated \$2,381 to underwrite the cost of bringing this Christian ventriloquist & comedian to Greenwood High School on Saturday, May 4, 2024, for two shows. This is a benefit for the Millerstown Community Park which is hoping to raise \$15,000 from the event to fund planned capital improvements.

Financial Report



Checking Balance 3/1/2024	\$ 27,581.30
PLUS: Receipts – March-April.	+ 6,222.09
LESS: Expenses – March-April.....	4,282.00
LESS: Transfer to certificate.....	<u>10,000.00</u>
Checking Balance 4/25/2024	\$ 19,521.39
Certificates of Deposit.....	\$129,432.16

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May Birthdays

16	Debra Morrison
21	Barbara Sheaffer
22	Bonnie Cameron
24	Ezra Grubb
29	James Fuller

May Anniversary

23	Jason & Krista Pontius
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June Birthdays

13	Dolores Guyer
15	John Gothel
17	Scott Delancey
27	Dan Barkley

June Anniversary

27	Edgar & Linda Byers
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Coming Events

May 2024 Calendar	
3	Perry Valley Grange Meeting – 7:00 p.m. @ Millerstown Community Park Building; details on Page 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosts – Nancy Walker, Natalie Fritz
4	Ryan & Friends – two shows at Greenwood High School; benefit for Community Park
19	Ag Day set-up – 1 p.m. at Perry County Fairgrounds
20	Perry County Ag Day for elementary school students @ Fairgrounds, Newport
21? 28?	Perry Valley Executive Committee – 7:00 p.m. @ home of Ken & Peg Bolton

June 2024 Calendar	
8	Work day at Shermanata Grange Hall to prepare for Pomona fair concession
14	Perry Valley Grange Meeting – 7:00 p.m. @ Millerstown Community Park Building; details on Page 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosts – Linda Byers, Renee Hetrick
18	Orders due for 6/25 benefit chicken barbeque – See Page 5 for details
18	Pomona Grange Executive Committee meeting – 7 p.m. @ Madison Grange Hall, 77 Emory Green Rd., Loysville
25	Benefit Chicken Barbeque for Perry County 4-H & FFA youth programs – work begins at 1 p.m.; pick-up from 4-5:30 p.m.

The benefit barbeque is a project of all four Granges in Perry County. This project enables the Pomona Grange to pay the dues for all 4-H members in the county and contribute to the work of the FFA chapters. Volunteers are needed to take advance orders & help on 6/25. Perry Valley is responsible to supply homemade baked beans & baked potatoes.

<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Take-Out Benefit Dinner</div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.1em;">Tuesday, June 25, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em; color: #C00000;">Chicken Barbeque</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">Sponsored by Perry County Granges with special support from Millerstown Moose</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: 0.9em;">Half of Barbequed Chicken, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Roll & Butter, Applesauce, Pepper Cabbage, Bottled Water</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; font-style: italic;">A minimum donation of \$12/meal is requested to support youth participating in Perry County 4-H & FFA programs</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #C00000;">Advance reservations required</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Debra Campbell by 6/18/2024 717-275-4469 OR secretary@pagrange.org</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #C00000;">Pick-up location 4-5:30 p.m.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Community Park Building, 110 W. Juniata Parkway, Millerstown</p>	Salesperson: _____			
	Name	Phone number	# dinners	Suggested donation total

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May-June 2024 Newsletter



A full house attended the March 8th meeting held in the form of a hands-on workshop to make succulent wreaths led by a floral designer.