



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

Officers Installed for 2025-2026

All of Perry Valley's new officers turned out October 29th for the county-wide installation held in the Oliver Grange Hall, Newport. Once again, everyone was amazed and impressed with the fine work of the installation team, most especially Sister Anna May Nauss who delivered the charges to all officers from memory.



Seated: Nancy Walker – Lady Assistant Steward; Bill Cameron – Steward; Debbie Morrison – Flora; Standing: Peg Bolton – Secretary; Doug Bonsall – Treasurer, Renee Hetrick – President; Ken Bolton – Assistant Steward, Linda Byers – Vice President, Krista Pontius – Program Coordinator; Dan Barkley – Chaplain.

Perry Valley members installed that same evening as Pomona Grange officers were: Doug Bonsall – President; Nancy Walker – Program Coordinator; Linda Byers – Chaplain; Dan Barkley – Greeter; Renee Hetrick – Pomona; Krista Pontius – Ceres.

Don't Miss Any of These Events

November 2024 Calendar

8	<p>Grange Fellowship Dinner – 6:30 p.m. @ Millerstown Park Community Building</p> <p>Meat, beverages & place settings provided; everyone asked to bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share</p> <p>Program – Musical Entertainment by Greenwood sophomore Quinn McAllister</p> <p>Membership Recognition Awards</p> <p>Hosts – Ken & Peg Bolton</p>
10	Reservations deadline for County Grange Appreciation Dinner (<i>see details below</i>)
19	Executive Committee Meeting – 7 p.m. Home of Ken & Peg Bolton
26	Perry County Grange Appreciation Dinner Grange @ Newport Firehall – 6 p.m.

December 2024 Calendar

13	Holiday Arrangement Workshop – 6:30 p.m. @ Millerstown Park Community Building (reservations required; details below)
20	Blanket Making at Greenwood High School
30	Work day for New Year's Dinner at Park Building – 3 p.m.
30	Pomona Grange Holiday Potluck at Park Building – 6 p.m. followed by stroll on Christmas light trail

Member Recognition Awards

- 55 Years – Doug Bonsall, SueAnn Byers
- 50 Years – Boyd & Shirley Delancey
- 35 Years – Marjorie Earnest
- 30 Years – Dolores Guyer
- 5 Years – Jim Fuller

Make a Fresh Holiday Arrangement on Dec. 13th



Floral designer Diane Glock-Cornman will teach how to make a holiday centerpiece as one of the activities for the December Fridays taking place at the Millerstown Park. The Grange is sponsoring the workshop and will subsidize one-half of the cost. Each participant must pre-register with Krista Pontius (717) 385-6015; first come, first served to a maximum of 35 persons. The fee is \$10/person, payable at the door.



Perry County Pomona Grange #69
Organized 1919

October 2024

We love our volunteers! Thank you for being one of them!

The Pomona Grange is pleased to invite you to an Appreciation Dinner in thanks for your help during the past year with Perry County Ag Day in May, the 4-H/FFA Benefit Chicken Barbeque in June and/or the concession stand at the Perry County Fair in August. The Grange could not have accomplished these events successfully without the time and effort donated by so many people.

WHAT: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
WHEN: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 beginning @ 6 p.m.
WHERE: Newport Fire Hall, 301 Mulberry Street

Volunteers will be treated to a free Swiss steak dinner, the menu will also include mashed potatoes, corn, pepper slaw and assorted homemade desserts. Following the meal, Miss Alexis Otstott will entertain with musical selections. She is a well-known in Perry County and recently performed at Newport Canal Days. Alexis is a past Perry County Fair Queen, a FFA and 4-H member and a current animal science major at Penn State University.

There is no charge for any volunteer to attend the dinner. If you wish to bring a guest who was not a volunteer at one of these Grange activities, you may do so at a cost of \$17/person, payable in advance.

Reservations are required for all attendees and must be submitted no later than **November 10, 2024** by phone, email or mail to the Pomona Grange Secretary:
 Joyce Williams, 159 Apple Ridge Road, Loysville, PA 17047
 (Cell) 717-275-4270; (E-mail) jwilliams@pca.net

Due to requirements of the Fire Company catering the dinner, no late reservations or walk-ins will be accepted. If mailing payment for a guest, please make the check payable to: **Perry County Pomona Grange** and mail in time for the reservation and check to be delivered by the deadline.

We look forward to your participation in this thank you event.

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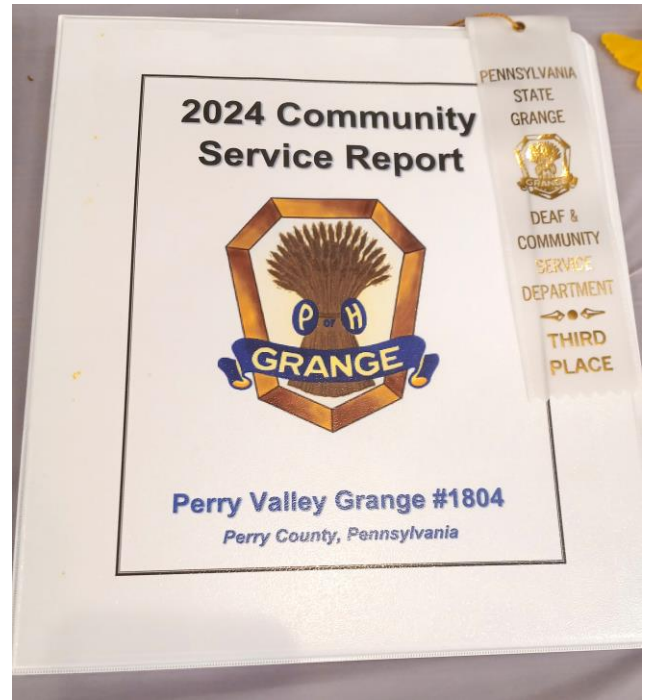
Community Service Projects – Past & Future



Linda Byers looks mighty proud of her culinary creations! Actually, a whole group of helpers made 150 apple dumplings on Oct. 18th which the Grange donated for the annual Perry County “Farm to Fork” event held at the fairgrounds.



These carts filled to overflowing with fleece blanket kits purchased by the Grange at Joann Fabrics will become one of the projects at the Greenwood High School annual service day on December 20th. For many years Grange volunteers have worked alongside students to make 20 or more blankets which are donated to those in need.



Perry Valley’s 2024 Community Service report notebook was awarded third place in judging at State Grange. Doug Bonsall was our voting delegate at the convention in western PA.



Financial Report

Checking Balance 9/1/2024 \$ 16,582.02
 PLUS: Receipts – Sept.-Oct. + 338.21
 LESS: Expenses – Sept.-Oct..... - 3,404.99
 Checking Balance 10/31/2024 \$ 13,515.24
 Certificates of Deposit..... \$131,057.54

Celebrating Special Days

November Anniversaries	
8	Dennis & Lori Comp
December Birthdays	
5	Shirley Delancey
9	Frank Campbell
10	Boyd Delancey
25	Nancy Walker
December Anniversaries	
7	Ken & Peg Bolton

Blankets Warm Hurricane Victims in North Carolina

(Picture on Page 8) The old adage “Many hands make light work” was never truer than on a Tuesday afternoon in October when 83 community volunteers joined efforts to make 76 tied fleece blankets for delivery to victims of recent storms that devastated parts of the southern U.S. Gathering in Millerstown’s New Harvest Church, the task was completed in less than two hours in an inspiring demonstration of community spirit and generosity for those in need. Comments heard from volunteers included “It hardly seemed like work” and “We had a great time while doing a good deed for others”.

Originally an idea promoted by the Perry County Pomona Grange, the proposal quickly gathered support from school and community groups, which generously provided blanket materials, recruited volunteers and donated food to provide a light supper for those who helped. Participating groups included the local Granges of the county, the Greenwood High School FFA and National Honor Society, New Harvest Church, St. John (Barner’s) Lutheran Church and Hetrick Daycare. The blankets were delivered by Pete and Heather Brummer of Millerstown to residents in areas of North Carolina especially hard hit by the storms.

It’s Sauerkraut Making Time

Getting ready for New Year’s Dinner



This trio of volunteers gathered on a recent morning to cut cabbage donated by Dobbs Produce for the homemade sauerkraut that will be served at the Grange’s New Year’s take-out dinner. This annual event raises funds for Grange service projects. (left to right) Renee Hetrick, Linda Byers, Chrissy Nipple.

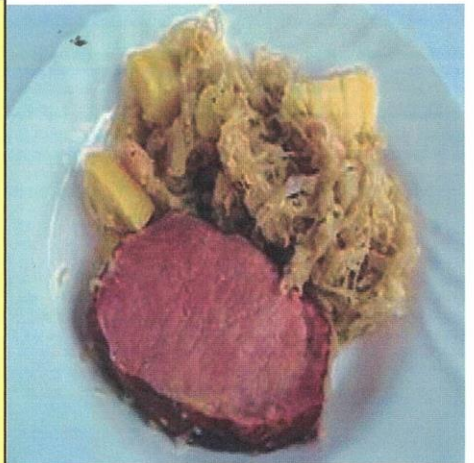
Take-Out Dinner

New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2025

**Roast Pork Loin + Homemade
Sauerkraut or Stuffing**

**Roast Pork Loin, Homemade
Sauerkraut (or alternate - stuffing with
gravy), Mashed Potatoes, Buttered
Vegetable, Applesauce, Sweet Pickles,
Roll & Butter, Assorted Cakes**

*Suggested minimum donation of \$13 per meal
is requested; proceeds support Grange
sponsored community service projects*



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Advance reservations strongly suggested*

Contact Peg Bolton @ 717-589-3897 by 12/27/2024

**Limited # of meals available without reservations*

Pick-up 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

@ Community Park Building

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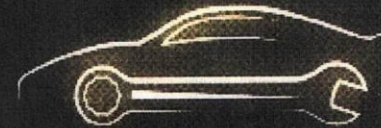
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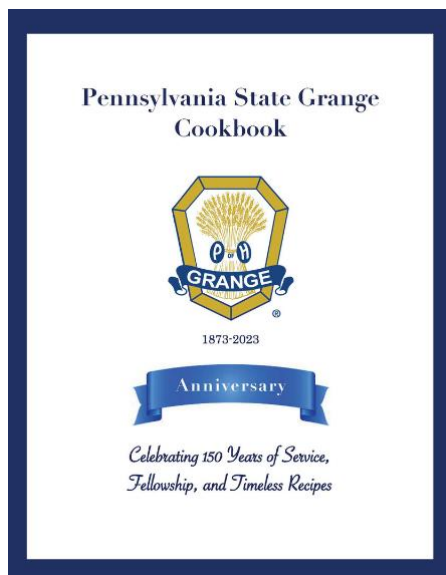
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November-December 2024

Newsletter

County Granges Spearhead Massive Project to Help North Carolina Hurricane Victims



Some of the 83 volunteers who gathered in Millerstown October 15th to make 76 fleece blankets for delivery to North Carolina storm victims. The project to provide badly needed relief supplies was supported by a number of high school and community groups. *More details inside on Page 4.*