

## Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

#### Granges Raise \$6,100+ for 4-H



From a discussion at a meeting of Perry Valley's Executive Committee late last winter, a spark was ignited to support the local 4-H program that grew to involve all Perry County Granges.

Krista Pontius brought to that meeting a request to raise funds to pay 4-H dues so no local youth would be denied the ability to participate in 4-H activities for lack of financial resources. After approaching the Pomona Grange seeking support, a project was adopted that included direct contributions from the community and a drive through chicken barbeque benefit dinner held at Millerstown Community Park on June 22<sup>nd</sup> preceding the first free "Concert in the Park" for the year. Each of the five Granges in the county supported the project, with Perry Valley contributing volunteers and \$1,000 in food and cash. **The \$6,124.72 proceeds were recently presented by Grange officials to 4-H representatives during the Perry County Fair:** (*left ro right*) Renee Hetrick & Linda Byers of Perry Valley; Jay Bratton,4-H member; Kyle Miller, 4-H Youth Development Committee Chairperson, Martha Ebersole, Pomona Grange president; and Brent Yohn & Mary Gantt of Oliver Grange.

#### **Grange Provides Readers for Library**



Grange volunteers read to children on July 27<sup>th</sup> during the Newport Public Library's summer reading program: (above left rear) Cathy Morrison, (below) Amber Hetrick Bassler, (right) Peg Bolton and Craig Staller. The event was held at the Newport Playground and children completing their activity kits received a free book purchased with the Grange's \$500 annual contribution to the library supporting this educational program.







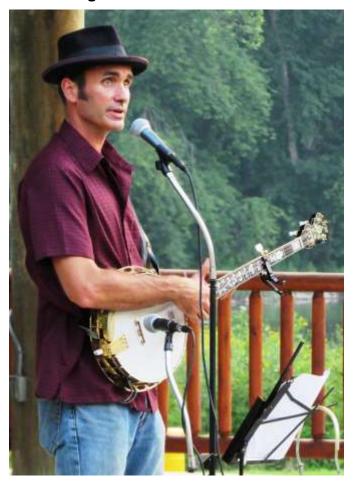
#### **July State Park Outing**

Blue Ball Tavern Museum Tour, Snacks & Walk at Little Buffalo



#### **Summer Concert in the Park**

Musician, Story Teller, Historian Van Wagner was a Crowd Pleaser



#### **August Family Picnic**

About 20 members and friends of the Grange gathered at the home of Tom & Carol Eckenrode near Seven Stars for a relaxed evening of food & fellowship







#### **Coming Events**

September 2021 Calendar			
2	Enter exhibit at Juniata County Fair		
10	Grange Meeting - 7 p.m. @ Millerstown Park Building  PROGRAM - Game night; please bring a favorite card or board game and snacks to share		
13	Remove exhibit at Juniata County Fair		
27	Executive Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Location to be announced		
28	Pomona Grange meeting hosted by Madison Grange Lovsville – 7 p.m. Election of officers		

#### Friday, Sept. 10th @ 7 p.m.

BRING GAMES & SNACKS! The Executive Committee has recently decided to move the start time of regular business meetings to 7 p.m. since the earlier starting time is not convenient for some members. We'll revert to the former practice of having refreshments at the close of the evening. Dinner meetings will continue to start at 6:30 p.m.

## **Celebrating Special Days**

September Birthdays				
3	Wendy Weyant			
13	Carol Rhoades			
17	Sue Ann Byers, Scott Delancey			
21	Dean Cauffman			
24	Carol Eckenrode			
29	Peg Bolton			
October Birthdays				
2	Glen Cauffman			
3	Lloyd Byers			
14	Carol Gantt			
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October 2021 Calendar			
No meeting this month at Community Park			
1	Grange provides volunteers for Barner's Church benefit event		
15- 17	State Grange convention in Valley Forge		
25	Executive Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Home of Peg Bolton		

#### Friday, October 1st

Help cut apples at Barner's Church for apple butter boil – 3:30 p.m.

Grange supplies meal to helpers @ Chris' Pizza, Liverpool - 6:30 p.m.

### Financial Report



Checking Balance 7/1/2021	\$ 32,680.91
PLUS: Receipts – July-August	+ 1.62
LESS: Expenses – July-August	<u>- 2,385.32</u>
Checking Balance 8/31/2021	\$ 30,297.21
Certificates of Denosit	\$102 911 76

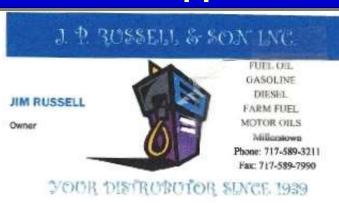


#### New Cookbook Coming Soon

The wait is almost over!
The limited edition 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary PA State
Grange Cookbook will be available this fall. Just 5,000 books are being

printed so we'll act quickly to get a supply; watch for more details. The cost is expected to be \$20 each. Many Perry Valley members submitted recipes for this new book.

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#### **State Grange Moves to New Headquarters**

Nearly 20 years of renting office space in Lemoyne after selling its Harrisburg headquarters has ended as the PA State Grange closed on the purchase in May of a former craft shop just off the Route 35 exit of Route 22-322 to serve as its new home. The new facility, featuring two spacious open floors with a ground level entrance to the lower level, is located at: **26 CJEMS Lane, Mifflintown, PA 17059.** Doug Bonsall, Chair of the State Grange History Committee, has been helping to organize the collection of records and memorabilia collected over the years.



Exterior (above) and interior (below) views of the new State Grange Headquarters.



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Perry Valley's first place Grange exhibit at the Perry County Fair