



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

Grange Makes Two Major Gifts to Help Groups

Continuing to distribute funds to support worthy Grange and community causes



Eagle Grange #1 president Phil Vonada (left) accepts a \$5,000 gift from Perry Valley president Renee Hetrick at a joint picnic of the two Granges held August 11th at the Bolton family cottage near Port Trevorton. The donation will help the historic Lycoming County Grange, the first in the state and continually active since 1871, with building repairs and improvements.



The adult education/workforce programs and social services provided by the Perry County Literacy Council (PCLC) received a \$500 boost as its Executive Director Leslie Heimbaugh (left) accepted a gift from Perry Valley president Renee Hetrick. PCLC has recently seen a reduction of 35% in funding received from government sources. To continue its services to 400 or more clients, the Newport based 501(c)3 non-profit needs to raise \$200,000 annually from local sources through grants/donations like those from the Grange.

September Birthdays

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| 3 | Wendy Weyant |
| 13 | Carol Rhoades |
| 17 | Sue Ann Byers, Scott Delancey |
| 21 | Dean Cauffman |
| 24 | Carol Eckenrode |
| 29 | Peg Bolton |

October Birthdays

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| 3 | Lloyd Byers |
| 30 | Bill Cameron |
| October Anniversary | |
| 18 | Bob & Barbara Sheaffer |

Coming Events

September 2023 Calendar

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| 8 | Informal Grange Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Millerstown Park Building Program – Spotted Lantern Fly project Host – Renee Hetrick |
| 9 | Pomona Grange catering lunch for Perry Co. Township Supervisors @ Fairgrounds |
| 17 | Pomona Grange Picnic – 4 p.m. @ Little Buffalo State Park Pavilion #3 |
| 19 | Perry Valley Executive Committee – 7 p.m. @ home of Ken & Peg Bolton |

October 2023 Calendar

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| 6 | Grange making 150 apple dumplings to donate for FFA “Farm to Fork” dinner; meet at Barner’s Church at 9:30 a.m. to help |
| 13 | <i>(in lieu of this month’s regular meeting)</i> Apple Schnitzing – come to Barner’s Church anytime after 10:30 a.m.; lunch and/or supper will be provided to volunteers |
| 18-22 | State Grange session in Morgantown, PA 150 th Anniversary Celebration; Doug Bonsall is one of our delegates; a second is needed |
| 24 | Pomona Grange Executive Committee – 7 p.m. @ Oliver Grange Hall, Newport |

Spotted Lantern Fly Project (Sept. 8)

For something different and of service to the community, tonight’s informal meeting will feature a presentation by Greenwood FFA members on the current Spotted Lantern Fly situation and an opportunity make traps to eliminate some of these pests. All supplies and instructions to make the traps will be provided by the Grange; please bring a staple gun and/or a hot glue gun if you have them.

Pomona Grange Picnic & Memorial Service (Sept. 17)

Pomona Grange Picnic in Pavilion #3, east area of Little Buffalo State Park, Newport, near the stage. Gather at 4 p.m.; Yard Sale bingo at 4:30 p.m.; eat at 5:30 p.m. followed by memorial/candle lighting service in memory of deceased members. Meat, beverage and table service provided; bring a salad, casserole or desert to share and a prize. Raid your closets/garage/attic for new or slightly used articles to contribute to the bingo prize table - a great chance to find a new home for your “treasures”.

Apple Dumplings (Oct. 6)

For many years our Grange has baked and donated 150 homemade apple dumplings to support the FFA Alumni “Farm to Fork” dinner. The park building is not available on this date so we’ll be working at Barner’s Lutheran Church kitchen starting at 9:30 a.m.

Apple Schnitzing Project (Oct. 13)

In lieu of a regular Grange meeting this month, Perry Valley typically provides volunteers to help Barner’s Lutheran Church, 5 Barners Rd., Liverpool get ready for their annual charity Apple Butter Boil. Wear a cap or hairnet, bring your favorite knife & a large bowl and come to the church anytime after 10:30 a.m. to help cut apples.

Financial Report



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| Checking Balance 7/1/2023 | \$ 32,318.40 |
| PLUS: Receipts – July-August..... | + 6.40 |
| LESS: Expenses – July-August..... | - 6,900.17 |
| Checking Balance 8/31/2023 | \$ 25,424.63 |
| Certificates of Deposit..... | \$114,223.25 |



About 40 Grangers from Eagle & Perry Valley enjoyed a lovely summer evening spent along the Susquehanna River for a joint picnic on August 11th

July 3rd Picnic & Symphony Concert

Sunny, hot, humid, threat of severe storms.....that's the weather on the night of the Harrisburg Symphony's annual free concert scheduled for the Millerstown Community Park. Perry Valley Grange hosted a picnic with almost 50 people enjoying an abundance of food and fellowship in the Todd Black pavilion along the Juniata River. As we cleaned up from the picnic, word circulated that the concert had been moved indoors to the Greenwood High School auditorium. That proved a wise move because heavy rains came to the area during the standing room only performance.



This annual free concert is brought to Millerstown largely through the generosity of the Lawrence & Julia Hoverter Foundation. The Hoverters were long residents of Millerstown before their deaths.

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Perry Valley’s “Growing the Future” exhibit explored how hydroponic food production might feed the world in the future. It won first place at the Perry County and will be competing at the Juniata County Fair over Labor Day. Some of the helpers ((left to right – Dan Barkley, Linda Byers, Renee Hetrick and Nathan Lesh) – seem pleased with the results of their efforts.