



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

September 2024 Calendar

13	Grange Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Park Building Election of Officers for 2025-2026 Program – Kid’s Garden Club Hosts – Renee Hetrick & Linda Byers
14	Pomona Grange catering lunch for Perry Co. Township Supervisors @ Fairgrounds
17	Perry Valley Executive Committee – 7 p.m. @ home of Ken & Peg Bolton
22	Pomona Grange Picnic – Little Buffalo State Park Pavilion #3
24	Pomona Grange business/planning meeting @ Oliver Grange Hall, Newport – 7 p.m.

October 2024 Calendar

11	<i>(in lieu of this month’s regular meeting)</i> Apple Schnitzing – come to Barner’s Church any time after 9 a.m.; lunch will be provided to volunteers
18	Grange making 150 apple dumplings to donate for FFA “Farm to Fork” dinner; meet at Barner’s Church at 9 a.m. to help
18-20	State Grange session in Cranberry Township, Butler County; Doug Bonsall is one of our delegates; a second is needed
29	Installation of officers for Pomona & Subordinate Granges of Perry County – 7 p.m. @ Oliver Grange Hall, Newport

Grange Meeting (Sept. 13)

Tonight we will elect officers for the next two years and hear Mallory McClure of Central Pennsylvania Youth Ministries explain how the Kid’s Garden Club teaches the entire family the importance of getting outside, learning to grow their own food, embracing their creativity, and how God is at the root of it all.

Pomona Grange Picnic & Memorial Service (Sept. 22)

Meet at Pavilion #3, east area of Little Buffalo State Park, Newport, near the stage. Pre-picnic activities – 2:30 p.m. visit operating Shoaff’s Mill; 3:30 p.m. – guided tour of Blue Ball Tavern; eating 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.

Apple Schnitzing Service Project (Oct. 11)

In lieu of a regular Grange meeting this month, Perry Valley will again provide 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 any time after 9 a.m. to help cut apples. Lunch will be provided.

Apple Dumplings Service Project (Oct. 18)

For many years our Grange has baked and donated 150 homemade apple dumplings to support the FFA Alumni “Farm to Fork” dinner. We’ll be working at Barner’s Lutheran Church kitchen starting at 9 a.m.

Our 2024 Fair Exhibits



Third Place at Perry County



Third Place at Juniata County



A very big **thank you** to everyone who helped with the Pomona concession stand at the Perry County Fair. It was a big success, earning thousands of dollars that will be used for good purposes in the county. At left, the stand was repaired and re-painted before the fair.



August Picnic Moved Indoors

After weeks of hot dry weather, the skies opened in early August and dumped heavy rains on central Pennsylvania from the remnants of a tropical storm. 'One of the casualties of the extensive flooding and damages was Perry Valley's August 9th planned picnic at the Bolton cottage along the Susquehanna River near Port Trevorton. But not to be discouraged and after some quick phone calls, the event was held indoors at the China House Buffet in Shamokin Dam with about 23 people from Perry Valley and Eagle Granges attending.



Perry Valley president Renee Hetrick presented a \$6,000 donation to Eagle Grange #1 president Phil Vonada to help with a major new siding project at the historic hall near Montgomery, PA.



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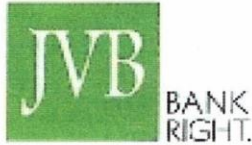
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Checking Balance 7/1/2024.....\$ 23,423.87
PLUS: Receipts – July-August.....+ 9.21
LESS: Expenses – July-August... ..- 6,851.06
 Checking Balance 8/31/2024\$ 16,582.02
 Certificates of Deposit\$130,823.40



New Grange Friends Frank & Sally Tengeres Helping Daily at the Fair

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

3	Lloyd Byers
30	Bill Cameron

October Anniversary

18	Bob & Barbara Sheaffer
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Perry County 4-H & FFA programs received a \$7,317 boost during the county fair with a gift from the Pomona Grange shared equally between the two youth groups. This donation was the gross proceeds from the June 25th benefit chicken barbeque held at the Millerstown Community Park with many Perry Valley members helping.