



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 22nd 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 to 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 27th 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



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



Summer Concert in the Park

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



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, Loysville – 7 p.m. Election of officers

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, 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
30	Bill Cameron, Bob Yohn
October Anniversary	
18	Bob & Barbara Sheaffer

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..... - 2,385.32
Checking Balance 8/31/2021\$ 30,297.21
Certificates of Deposit.....\$102,911.76



New Cookbook Coming Soon

The wait is almost over! The limited edition 150th 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