



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

West Juniata Parkway & Owl Hollow Road, Millerstown, PA 17062

Composting With Worms – Friday, August 2nd

THAT'S RIGHT.....*this is not an error.....you read correctly.* Perry Valley Grange is going to have a program about worms.

Penn State-certified Master Gardener Kathy Martin will discuss the beneficial aspects of worms as an aid to composting. She lives in Duncannon with her family and her gardening interests also include native plants, pollinators and vegetable gardening.



Please note change of date for the August meeting to avoid conflict with the Millerstown Firemen's Carnival.

The meeting begins with a dessert reception at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall. The Social committee for August - *Doug Bonsall (chair), Sue Byers, John & Virginia Shotzberger, Olga Brookhart* – invites everyone to bring along something "light and cool" to share.

Weiner Roast/Game Night Friday, September 13th

We'll gather at the Grange Hall for a shared meal beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring along your favorite hot dog roasting stick or fork and a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share. The Grange will provide hot dogs & sausages, beverages and place settings.

Bring along your favorite card or table game to enjoy among the company of your Grange friends as our program for the evening.

The September Social Committee is: Peg Bolton (chair), Marge Earnest, George & Twyla Courtot.



In Loving Memory.....Since our last newsletter, our fraternal circle has been broken with the death of **Sister Viola Byers**. Sister Byers joined our Grange in 1963, making her a 50-year member in 2013. She was also the first Matron (leader) of the Junior Grange when it was organized in 1964. The charter will be draped in her memory at the August Grange meeting.

State Grange to Meet in State College, October 19-21

For anyone who would like to get the 6th Degree of the Grange, the PA State Grange is presenting it at the annual convention in State College on October 19th (Saturday) at 1:30 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center on Atherton Street.

One would need first to be obligated in the 5th Degree by Perry County Pomona Grange. That meeting would be at Community Grange Hall on Middle Ridge Road, Newport on September 30th at 7 p.m. I would be happy to escort anyone interested to that meeting.

Each Subordinate (local) Grange is authorized to send two delegates to the State Grange convention to vote on resolutions that would guide the Grange in the coming years. Normally the President and another person would represent Perry Valley Grange; please let me know if you are interested in being one of those delegates.

Bill Cameron, President



Carol Eckenrode (above) welcomes Grange members and friends to her home for our annual family picnic in July. It was a rainy evening, forcing most of the activities inside. Some of our younger members managed to get in a swim before the rains came, but nonetheless everyone enjoyed a great abundance of food and fellowship. Look at the next page for another picture of event.

Community Service

Children's Books

Again this summer Perry Valley Grange has provided funds to buy books for the children's reading program at the Newport Public Library. Through the Grange donation, each participating child receives a book of their very own to encourage the development of lifelong good reading habits. Since Greenwood School District no longer sponsors a similar summer reading program, the Grange was able to increase the funds provided to Newport to \$300.

Student Awards

Perry Valley continued its long tradition to recognize the achievements of local students by giving awards in both Greenwood and Newport High Schools this spring for the outstanding FFA and Vo-Tech students. The recognition included a \$100 cash gift to each of the four recipients:

- Greenwood FFARoy Miller, Millerstown
- Newport FFAMaverick Robinson, Newport
- Greenwood Vo-Tech ...Shirley Zeiders, Millerstown
- Newport Vo-Tech Cody Gamble, Newport

Congratulations to all recipients and best wishes for your future education and/or career endeavors.

NO RECYCLING THIS YEAR

For many years, our Grange provided volunteers every July to help with the Greenwood Recycling Program and then served a breakfast at the Grange Hall to everyone who helped. Due to the recycled items no longer being sorted by volunteers, this service project for the Grange has ended. Now all donations must be pre-sorted by its donors into specially provided bags. Collections are still received the last Saturday of each month from 8-10 a.m. at the Millerstown Community Park, east of town.



Fair Time

Congratulations, Krista!

Educational Exhibit – 2013 is the 60th consecutive year that exhibits have been entered by our Grange in one or more local fairs. Linda Byers & Krista Pontius are taking the lead to plan and construct the educational display on the theme **Harvest Your Dreams**, but other helpers are needed with set-up, and take-down at both the Perry County and Juniata County Fairs. The exhibit is a public relations effort to tell the community about the Grange, not a fund raiser.

Pomona Concession – The Perry County Pomona Grange operates a concession stand near the race track/animal barns during the Perry County Fair as its only fund raiser. Local Granges take turns staffing the stand and Perry Valley's day is Wednesday, August 21st. Carol Gantt (567-6725 or 275-3433) is coordinating our helpers and needs volunteers for three shifts:

- 7-11 a.m.
- 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 4 p.m. to closing (around 9 p.m.)

Our own Krista Pontius has recently earned two well-deserved rewards for her outstanding work as one of Greenwood High School's agriculture teachers. "Mrs. P", as she is known to her students, is sharing her outstanding leadership skills with the Grange as our vice president this term.

The first award, received in May, was the 8th annual Teacher Impact Award. Co-sponsored by WGAL-TV and Rotary Clubs, Krista was among five educators honored at a banquet held at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey.



Krista was the driving force behind the Hunger Banquet co-sponsored last January by the Greenwood FFA and Perry Valley Grange. A report on that event was submitted to the Pennsylvania Association of Agricultural Educators *Ideas Unlimited Contest* and was selected as the curriculum to enter at the National Meeting in Las Vegas. The contest is designed to give members an opportunity to exchange classroom, leadership and other teaching ideas.

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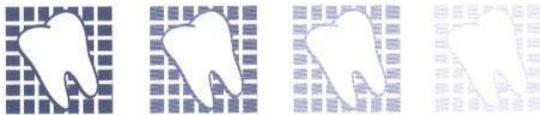
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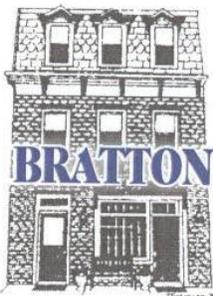
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That's a frequently asked question.....so much so that the Juniata-Sentinel newspaper recently called for information to share with their readers who were "concerned" about what the sale signs on the Grange property meant. The article included a good invitation for "concerned" readers to get involved with the Grange.

- Yes – The Grange is trying to sell its 5-acre property
- No – it has not been sold yet
- No – Perry Valley Grange is not disbanding
- Yes – The Grange will continue, albeit at some different location

The Grange is close to reaching an agreement with the Millerstown Community Park for our activities and events to be held in the community building there.

Recognition of Veterans Flag Day - June 14, 2013

As part of a nationwide program to recognize the sacrifices of men and women who have served in the United States armed forces, Perry Valley Grange No. 1804, Millerstown, honored local veterans at a special program on Flag Day, June 14, 2013. Certificates were presented to each of the 27 veterans present and those who served in World War II and the Korean War were individually given the opportunity to reminisce about their service experiences.

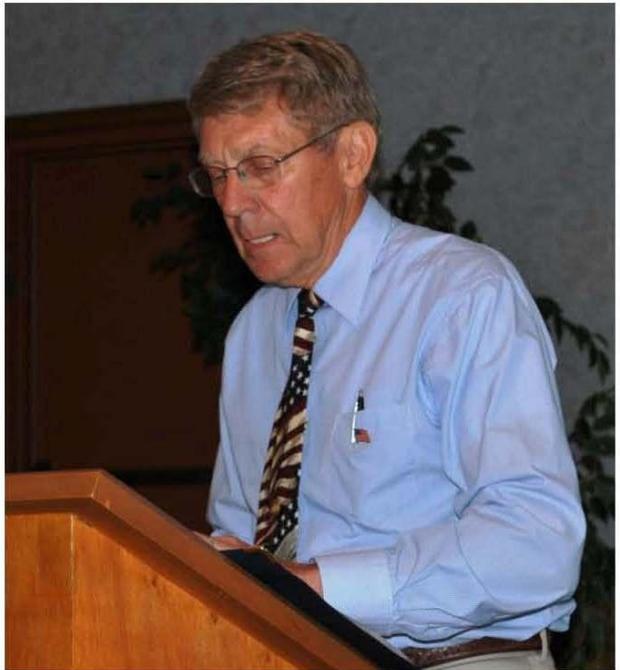


The evening began with a dessert reception, including a commemorative cake in honor of the veterans.





K-ration packets proved to be none-to-popular in comparison to all the delicious desserts.



Veteran and former state representative Allan Egolf of Landisburg spoke about his own military service and the origins of Flag Day.



As is the practice at every Grange meeting, the American flag was presented and an opening prayer was given.



Some of the veterans brought along their uniforms and other military memorabilia to display and explain.



The New Bloomfield VFW demonstrated the flag folding ceremony that is done at funeral services of deceased veterans.



Turkey Dinner

Sat., Sept. 21, 2013

Serving from 4 PM while supply lasts

**All you can eat with dessert & beverages included
Tickets sold at the door; Take outs available**

Adults - \$10

Children: (ages 6-12) - \$5; (ages 5 & under) - FREE

Perry Valley Grange Hall

***West Juniata Parkway & Owl Hollow Road
2 miles east of Millerstown***

Menu

Roast turkey, bread stuffing, "real" mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, cranberry relish, applesauce, chow-chow, rolls & butter, beverages, homemade dessert

Details: Call 567-6844 or log onto www.perryvalleygrange.org

Buy 1 ticket for \$2, 3 tickets for \$5 or all 6 tickets for \$10. Just fill out the stubs below for as many tickets as you wish to buy, cut them apart & return them to the address shown below with payment.

Contact Renee Hetrick at 589-3369 if you have any questions or want more tickets.

Charity Raffle

(#1446)

Jointly Sponsored by Perry Valley Grange and Newport Lodge F&AM to benefit local FFA chapters & children's holiday gifts

Drawing Date
Sat., Sept. 21, 2013 – 6 PM
 @ Perry Valley Grange Hall

12 GREAT PRIZES

- 1st prize\$150 gift certificate for Benner's Butcher Shop, Thompsontown
- 2nd prize.....\$100 Red Lobster gift card
- 3rd prize\$100 GIANT gift card
- 4th prize "Thirty-One" brand Market Thermal Set
- 5th prize \$75 Butcher's Farm Market gift certificate
- 6th prize \$50 Cabella's gift card
- 7th prize \$50 Sheetz gift card
- 8th prize\$50 VISA gift card
- 9th prizeFramed wooden mirror shelf
- 10th prize Hand painted bird feeder with seed
- 11th prizeHand crafted stuffed "Old World Father Christmas" with porcelain head
- 12th prize\$25 Giant gift card

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Summer Events for Your Enjoyment

August 2013

2	<p style="text-align: center;">Grange Meeting & Program <i>(see details on Page 1)</i></p> <p>Dessert reception – 6:30 p.m. Draping of the charter+ Program – Composting with Worms by Master Gardener Kathy Martin</p> <p>Social Committee – Doug Bonsall (chair), Sue Byers, John & Virginia Shotzberger, Olga Brookhart</p>
19	Set-up exhibit at Perry County Fair
20-24	Perry County Fair, Newport
21	Perry Valley's day at Pomona concession stand
25	Remove exhibit at Perry County Fair
30	Set up exhibit at Juniata County Fair

September 2013

8	Remove exhibit at Juniata County Fair
9	Executive Committee Meeting
13	<p style="text-align: center;">Weiner Roast/Game Night <i>(see details on Page 1)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall</p> <p>Things to bring along:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guests – invite non-Grangers • Hot dog grilling stick or fork • Favorite casserole, salad or dessert • Card or board game <p>Social Committee – Peg Bolton (chair), Marge Earnest, George & Twyla Courtot</p>
14	Luncheon – Foose Family reunion
19	Work night for public dinner
21	Public ROAST TURKEY DINNER Serving begins at 4 p.m.; help needed at 1 p.m.
30	Pomona Grange meets at Community Grange

Celebrating Special Days

August Birthdays

2	Ken Bonsall	24	Bernadette Hudson
3	Frank McDermond	26	Harriet Walker
5	Ken Bolton	26	Robert Cameron
6	Andrea Cameron	29	Natalie Fritz

August Anniversaries

4	Robert & Andrea Cameron
30	Ron & Bernice Makibbin

September Birthdays

5	Ron Makibbin	17	Sue Ann Byers
13	Carol Rhoades	21	Dean Cauffman
16	Matthew Brightbill	24	Carol Eckenrode
17	Scott Delancey	29	Peg Bolton

September Anniversaries

1	Bruce & Paula Fleming
6	Bill & Marge Earnest
30	George & Twyla Courtot



Financial Report

Checking Balance 4/30/2013.....	\$ 16,405.30
PLUS: Receipts – May-June 2013	+ 6,236.77
LESS: Expenses – May-June 2013	- <u>5,353.89</u>
Checking Balance 6/30/2013.....	\$17,288.18
Certificates of Deposit	\$64,948.16

Income will be very low during July and August but expenses continue at their usual rate. Please note that public dinners and other fund raising events will be scheduled until the Grange property is sold and our financial obligations are reduced.

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Perry Valley Grange Ideals

A good Grange member:

*Places faith in God,
Looks forward to the future,
Helps those in need, and
Is loyal to family, community and nation.*

Perry Valley Grange Vision

Foster an atmosphere where individuals can grow spiritually, intellectually and socially and, through that growth, improve themselves, their families, communities and the nation.

More FFA Benefit Raffle Tickets

On Page 12 inside you will find a page of tickets for the annual FFA Benefit Raffle sponsored by Perry Valley Grange. A similar page of tickets was included in your last newsletter. The drawing will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21st.

Underneath the listing of the 12 prizes, you'll find 6 stubs - \$2/each of \$5/for three, \$10 for all six. Either buy them yourself or sell them to others. So far more than \$500 of tickets has been sold to support the Greenwood & Newport FFA Chapters and the great work they do preparing our young people to become active, productive citizens.

If you are receiving this newsletter electronically and do not have means to print the stubs, please contact Renee Hetrick (589-3369) for paper tickets to be mailed to you. Likewise, contact Renee if you need more tickets to sell to family and friends.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT UPCOMING PUBLIC DINNERS

- Sept. 21 – Roast Turkey
- Nov. 9 – Pennsylvania Dutch

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