

## Cancer Patient Benefit Dinner

As the 2008 Grange year got underway, a major project for the year could not be immediately identified. The Grange decided to wait and see what need might present itself. That need came to the attention of the Grange Executive Committee in July, 2008 when a local resident called with the request that Perry Valley Grange consider sponsoring a benefit dinner for a young woman suffering from a severe type of cancer.

Approval was given and two co-chairs from the Grange appointed to work with community volunteers planning a spaghetti dinner at the Grange Hall on Saturday, September 6, 2008. Contacts were made with all local churches requesting donations of food and/or cash to support the project. The response was immediately overwhelming - almost 350 tickets were sold in advance, food donations provided almost all of the dinner supplies, raffle prizes were donated and thousands of dollars in cash donations were received. On the day of the dinner there were so many volunteers to help that it was a challenge to keep everyone busy despite the hundreds of hungry patrons.

A fellowship dinner was held on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> with the recipient – Bobbi Jo Cauffman Rumfelt – and much of her family present to express their appreciation to the members of the Grange and a large number of the community volunteers who worked on the project. Proceeds of \$11,842.83 were presented. **This represents the largest result of any single service project that our Grange has ever completed.**



**Presentation of \$11,842.83 to Bobbi Jo Cauffman Rumfelt at the Grange**

# Scenes from the Benefit Dinner Project



## Scenes from the Presentation Dinner



**The Grange was the catalyst that brought the community together for a truly outstanding benefit dinner.**

