

Community Citizen Award Presentation

The “Community Citizen Award” is a nationwide program of the Grange to recognize the outstanding service of a non-member individual, couple or organization. It has been given annually by Perry Valley since 1978. The 34th annual *Community Citizen Award* of Perry Valley Grange was presented to Millerstown Community Success, Inc. at the April 15, 2011, Open House-Community Night.

Promotion for the 2011 award began in March when Grange members received their bi-monthly newsletter that included the award nomination form. Excellent media coverage was received from several local newspapers, including an article about and photo of the award recipient.



About 75 persons enjoyed a free fellowship dinner and program when the 2011 Community Citizen Award was presented. The Grange provided meat, beverage, table cover, place settings and beautiful decorations/favors for the meal. Everyone brought a casserole, salad or dessert to share so there was more than enough food and fellowship for all to enjoy.

Presentation of the Community Citizen Plaque



Grange President Doug Bonsall (left) presented the 2011 Community Citizen Award to Willard “Will” Benner (right) of 7628 Seven Stars Road, Millerstown

To say that “Will” Benner is a busy man may be a bit of an understatement. The list of his community involvement is impressive:

- *current president of both the Millerstown Lions Club and the Millerstown Sportmen’s Club,*
- *member of the Jaycees,*
- *chartered organization representative and assistant leader for the Boy Scouts,*
- *member of the Millerstown Park Committee plus its bookkeeper,*
- *member of the Village Chapel in Donnally’s Mills.*

Mr. Benner’s nomination for this award reads in part: *“Will is a well-rounded individual who show superior performance in whatever jobs he tackles. In community, scouting and his church, Will is always there working with a wonderful, cheerful attitude of helping each other rather than ‘what’s in it for me?’ or expecting someone else to carry the load.”*



A Citation from the office of State Senator Jake Corman was presented to Mr. Benner by Lori Comp of the Senator's staff



The award recipient is surrounded by proud members of his family

Perry Valley Grange Community Citizen Award Recipients

- 1978 - Leonard Beasom, Millerstown
- 1979 - Richard Pennay, Liverpool
- 1980 - Oscar Fyler, Millerstown
- 1981 - Newport Fire Company
- 1982 - Millerstown Lions Club
- 1983 - H. Benjamin Campbell, Millerstown
- 1984 - Millerstown Jaycees
- 1985 - Thelma Patton, Millerstown
- 1986 - Rev. William T. Warne, Newport
- 1987 - Mary M. Landis, Newport
- 1988 - Curtis Black, Millerstown
- 1989 - David M. Myers, Newport
- 1990 - John I. Losch, Millerstown
- 1991 - Richard Fegley, Millerstown
- 1992 - Henry & Evelyn Newlin, Liverpool
- 1993 - David & Bonnie Oren, Newport
- 1994 - John & Thelma Teats, Liverpool
- 1995 - Rebecca E. Kurtz, Millerstown and James A. McGowan, Newport
- 1996 - Gary Shipp family, Millerstown and Eric J. Lindstrom, Newport
- 1997 - Ardella Brubaker, Newport
- 1998 - Suzanne B. Beamer, Newport
- 1999 - Robert Ackard, Millerstown
- 2000 - Fred & June Knight, Liverpool
- 2001 - Barner & Wilma Swartz, Millerstown
- 2002 - Billy M. Roush, Millerstown
- 2003 - John A. Hall, Millerstown
- 2004 - Larry & Donna Ferguson, Liverpool
- 2005 - Mary Kay Miller, Newport and Millerstown Family Moose Center
- 2006 – William “Bill” Ritzman, Millerstown
- 2007 – Greenwood & Newport High School FFA Chapters
- 2008 - Wayne & Ruth Shuler, Liverpool
- 2009 - Charles R. “Charlie” Beaver, Millerstown
- 2010 – Millerstown Community Success, Inc.
- 2011 – Willard “Will” Benner, Millerstown