

July-August 2016

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# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

## Newsletter

Meeting Location .....Millerstown Community Park Building  
110 West Juniata Parkway, Millerstown, PA 17062

### Upcoming Grange Meetings

Please note the next three planned meetings will not be held on the usual second Friday

The scheduling changes were necessary to take advantage of special events (like the Symphony concert) or to avoid conflicts with other community events involving our members and/or the meeting space.

#### Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

A special fellowship picnic in the Black Pavilion at Millerstown Community Park starting at 6 p.m. Don't forget to bring something to share for the meal. Also, bring a lawn chair because after we eat together, we'll move a short distance to the stage and enjoy a free outdoor concert by the Harrisburg Symphony.

#### Saturday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

Annual Family Picnic at home of Tom & Carol Eckenrode; gathering at 5 p.m. for swimming and fellowship; eating at 6 p.m. There are several covered places so the event takes place **rain or shine**. The Grange will provide meat and place settings; please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share. The pool will be open for swimming (weather permitting).

#### Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

Regular meeting and program at Park Building; dessert reception at 6:30 p.m.  
Program to be announced

### Summer Reading

Continuing a long-time commitment to the youth of our community, the Grange provided \$300 for the purchase of books distributed in the summer reading



program at the Newport Public Library. Children who complete the library's planned activities will receive a book of their own through the Grange's generosity.

**And building on a new opportunity begun last summer.....**our Grange will provide three adults to read to groups of children in this summer program on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Natalie Fritz is coordinating this effort.

### 2017-2018 Officers Elected

New leadership for Perry Valley Grange was elected at the June 2016 meeting to serve for the next two years. The following officers will be installed this fall (date to be determined), tentatively in a joint ceremony with our friends at Valley Grange in Lewisberry:

- **President** - Linda Byers
- **Vice President** - Krista Pontius
- **Program Chair** - Renee Hetrick
- **Steward** - Carol Rhoades
- **Assistant Steward** - Wyatt Anderson
- **Lady Assistant Steward** - Morgan Landis
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- **Recording Secretary** - Carol Gantt
- **Financial Secretary** - Carol Rhoades
- **Greeter** - Carl Landis
- **Ceres** - Peg Bolton
- **Pomona** - Natalie Fritz
- **Flora** - Barbara McMillen
- **Executive Committee** - William Cameron, Peg Bolton, Natalie Fritz, Cathy Morrison plus ex officio members: President, Vice President, Program Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary

# May 23<sup>rd</sup> Ag Education Day a Whopping Success!!

The biggest community service project of the year for Perry Valley Grange was the sponsorship of an Ag Education Day at the county fairgrounds for more than 150 fourth grade students. Here we share some pictures of the event but you can view more shots of this fun-filled, educational day on our website @ [http://www.perryvalleygrange.org/whats\\_new.html](http://www.perryvalleygrange.org/whats_new.html).



The day dawned sunny and clear for students arriving in buses from Newport & Greenwood Elementary Schools.



FFA members greeted the arriving students and assisted with every aspect of AG Day.



Leading a workshop was the current Perry County Fair Queen Hannah Bryner.



Two FFA students in period costumes presented an original skit about the founding of the Grange by Oliver Hudson Kelley and his associates.



The "All About Goats" station was set up in the animal show ring and included live goats.





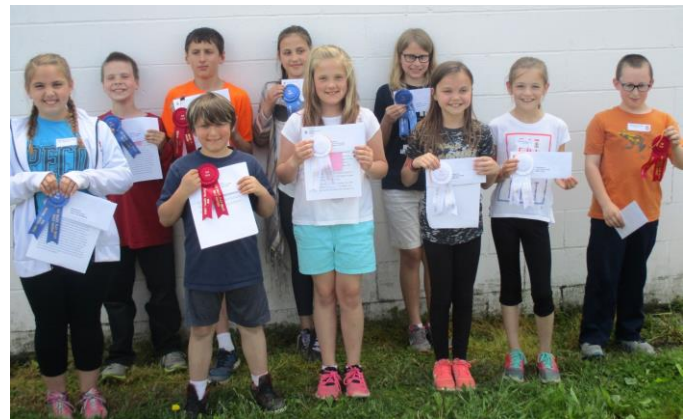
Kristy Smith of the Perry County Conservation District instructs students in the importance of watersheds.



Students learned about forests, trees and wood in the PA Woodmobile trailer.



One activity station (above) gave students the chance to find references to agriculture in various publications while still another (below) discussed pollinators.



These students shared \$350 in cash awards for their winning "Ag is Everywhere" essay and poster entries.



Ag Day provided the opportunity for students to interact with rabbits, pigs, sheep and cattle.

Ag Day was financed with funds released by the PA State Grange from Perry Valley's trust for the sale of its property in 2014.



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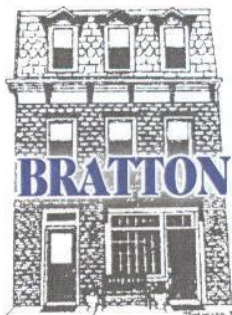
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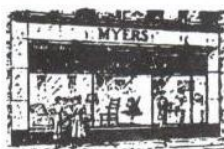
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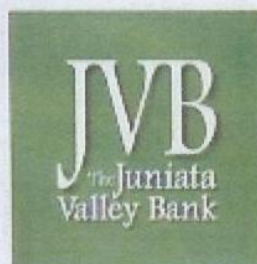
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Twenty local Business Sponsors have joined with our Grange in 2016 to serve the community. This is one of those "win-win-win" situations:

- The Business Sponsors receive publicity in our newsletter and on the Grange website
- The Grange uses the \$60 annual contribution from each business to support worthy projects and respond to needs in the community
- The community is better for the support provided by the Grange and its Business Sponsors

**YOUR Business could be listed here, too!**

**For details, call Carol Rhoades @ 717-567-6844**

## Financially Speaking....



Checking Balance 5/1/2016..... \$11,540.28  
PLUS: Receipts –May-June 2016 ..... + 6,159.33  
LESS: Expenses –May-June 2016..... - 3,621.30  
Checking Balance 6/28/2016..... \$14,078.31  
Certificates of Deposit..... \$86,956.65

## **Fair Exhibits**

Every year since 1954, Perry Valley Grange has entered exhibits in one or more fairs to help promote agriculture. First it was just the Juniata County Fair and later elaborate displays of agricultural and home economic products were taken to the Gratz and Bloomsburg Fairs. Since the Perry County Fair was re-organized in the early 1970's, Perry Valley has been there with an educational exhibit.

Bethany & Lori Comp have agreed this year to plan the Grange's entry at the Perry county Fair in August and the Juniata County Fair in September. Please volunteer your help to them for set-up and take-down.



## Membership Milestones

Congratulations to these long-time members for many years of continuous Grange membership. According to our records, these milestones will be reached in 2015:

66 years..... Bill Cameron, Reba Weimer  
64 years..... \*Andrea Cameron  
61 years..... \*Avonell Waller  
**60 years..... \*Rev. Charles Tressler**  
56 years..... Robert Cameron, Louise Cameron  
54 years..... Gerald Holman  
53 years..... Edgar Byers  
51 years..... \*Carol Rhoades, Olga Brookhart  
Marguerite Gochenaur  
49 years..... Lloyd Byers  
47 years..... Douglas Bonsall, SueAnn Byers  
**45 years..... Linda Byers**  
44 years..... Bob Sheaffer  
42 years.. Glenn Cauffman, Boyd & Shirley Delancey  
41 years..... Tim Albright, Ken & Peg Bolton  
Barbara Sheaffer  
38 years..... Don Brightbill, Scott Delancey  
35 years..... Ken & Joan Bonsall, Bonnie Cameron  
32 years..... Carol Gantt, Virginia Shotzberger  
31 years..... Dean Cauffman  
28 years..... Bob Yohn

***\* Indicates some years of membership in Grange(s)  
other than Perry Valley***

Recognition is given at 5-year intervals so those names highlighted above will be honored later this year.

# Celebrating Special Days

## ***July Birthdays***

2 Virginia Shotzberger  
5 John Ramp, Carol Wierzbicki  
10 Henry Newlin  
11 Morgan Landis, Carl Landis  
12 Donald Brightbill  
19 Krista Pontius  
22 Bethany Comp  
27 Tim Albright

## July Anniversaries

5 Rodney & Carol Rhoades  
8 Lloyd & SueAnn Byers

## August Birthdays

2	Ken Bonsall
3	Frank McDermond
5	Ken Bolton
6	Andrea Cameron
26	Robert Cameron
29	Natalie Fritz

## August Anniversaries

4 Robert &amp; Andrea Cameron

***If your special day(s) do not appear on this list or there is an error, please call Doug Bonsall (921-1957) with the information.***

# On the Grange Calendar this Summer

## July 2016

<b>1</b>	<b>Concert Under the Stars</b> Picnic at Millerstown Community Park "Black Pavilion" prior to attending Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra Concert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eat at 6 p.m.; concert at 7:30 p.m.;</li> <li>• Social Chair - Carol Rhoades</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	Executive Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
<b>26</b>	Grange provides adult “readers” @ Newport Public Library summer reading program
<b>26</b>	Pomona Meeting at Community Grange

## August 2016

<b>6</b>	<b>Annual Grange Family Picnic</b> <u>Rain or shine</u> at the home of Tom & Carol Eckenrode, 15003 Route 235, Millerstown, PA (near Seven Stars) • Gather/swim at 5 p.m.; eat at 6 p.m.
<b>15</b>	Executive Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
<b>21</b>	Enter Grange exhibit at Perry County Fair <i>(the fair runs all week through August 27<sup>th</sup>)</i>
<b>24</b>	Perry Valley helps in Pomona food stand
<b>28</b>	Remove fair exhibit

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Mini-tractor races were just one of the exciting things that took place at Perry Valley's AG DAY at the fairgrounds in May. Turn to pages 2-3 for more photos of this event.



## It Was a Perfect Time to Plant!



In May a group of Grangers took an outing to a nearby greenhouse where Carol Eckenrode (left) and Natalie Fritz (right) selected their favorite flower plants and got a head start planting their patio containers.

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