

May-June 2019

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Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

Newsletter

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

Candidates Night an Overwhelming Success



It was standing room only in the Millerstown Community Park Building on April 12th when the Perry Valley Grange sponsored event introduced county office candidates at a public forum. Above, six County Commissioner hopefuls respond to questions from moderator Dr. Meecee Baker.



Long-time (69 years & counting) Grange member Bill Cameron invited participants at the meal packing event to join the Grange and also to take part in a \$10,000 volunteer challenge as part of the group's 100th anniversary.

The first 100 persons to give 100 hours of volunteer service to local organizations between 3/1/2019-2/29/2020 will be recognized as a Grange Centennial Community Volunteer and an organization of their choice will receive a \$100 grant. At press time, three volunteers had submitted documentation verifying each had reached their 100 hours of service. These individuals will be recognized at the June 18th concert in the Millerstown Community Park.

Grange Meeting Millerstown History Friday, June 14th

Local historian David Patton will discuss the colorful history of the Millerstown area during the program. Mr. Patton is a retired Greenwood Elementary teacher and well versed in stories from the past of Perry County's oldest town.

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building with a dessert reception. During the business meeting, the charter will be draped in loving member of Sister Avonel (Crist) Waller who died in early April. She was a life member of the Grange, resided in Florida, and the sister of Andrea Cameron.

School Ag Day Thursday, May 23, 2019

Continuing the success of the past three years with a day-long educational outing focusing on agriculture and environmental issues, the 2019 Ag Day for elementary students will be held May 23rd at the Millerstown Community Park.

Perry Valley Grange provides major funding to help underwrite this event sponsored jointly with the local FFA chapters. Costs include bus transportation from Greenwood and Newport Schools for the students, substitute teacher fees, speaker honoraria, food and supplies. Students will have the opportunity to attend several presentations and visit activity stations on environmental topics. An awards ceremony for the annual Grange sponsored essay & poster contests, will be part of this special day.

This project will take lots of volunteers to greet arriving students, keep the activities running smoothly and provide snacks/bag lunches to all attendees. There are many different opportunities to help, so please volunteer to Krista Pontius (385-6015) if you want to help. Volunteers are not limited to Grange members, and anyone who wants to support our community's youth are invited to help.



After all expenses from the meal packing event were paid, funds remaining were split between the Perry and Juniata County Food Banks. Each bank received \$850 to support their work.

Candid Shots from 2019 Meal Packing Event – March 1st



Volunteers (above and below) worked in teams to pack about 48,500 meal kits.



State Grange President Wayne Campbell was one of the meal packing volunteers..



This is one of the FFA educational displays greeting arrivals at Greenwood Elementary.



A gong was sounded to celebrate reaching another goal for total meals packed.

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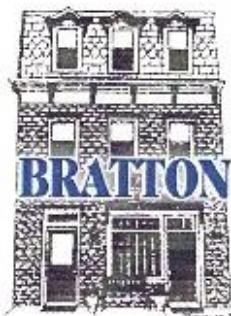
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2019 Summer “Concerts in the Park”

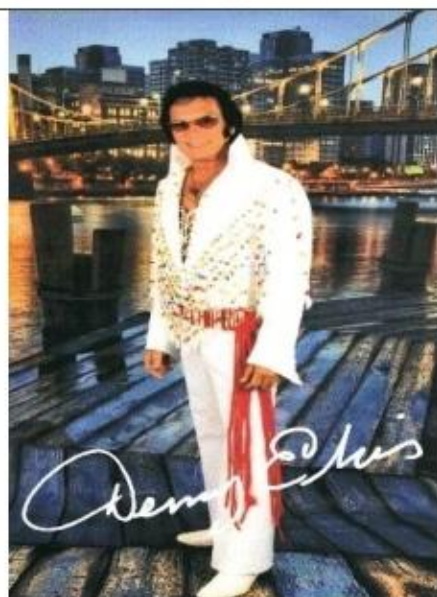
Millerstown Community Park, 110 West Juniata Parkway

Enjoy a relaxing summer evening of free musical entertainment in the park amphitheater. Bring a lawn chair. If it is raining at 5 p.m. on either date, the concert will be moved to the Greenwood High School Auditorium, 405 East Sunbury Street in Millerstown.

Free refreshments provided by community groups after each concert.

Tuesday, June 18

7:00 p.m.



Elvis Tribute Show

By Denny Heckard

**Refreshments by Perry
Co. Pomona Grange**

Tuesday, July 30

7:00 p.m.



True Heart Music

“Our sound is country...our message is Jesus!”

**Refreshments by Pfoutz Valley United
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Celebrating Special Days

May Birthdays

- 21 Barbara Sheaffer
- 22 Bonnie Cameron
- 24 Ezra Grubb

May Anniversaries

- 23 Jason & Krista Pontius
- 31 Lee & Catherine Morrison

June Birthdays

- 4 Olga Brookhart
- 13 Dolores Guyer
- 27 Dan Barkley

June Anniversaries

- 27 Edgar & Linda Byers

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

Summer Reading Program

Again this year, our Grange has supported the Newport Public Library summer reading program with a \$500 donation to purchase books/supplies for the participants. Our volunteers will read to the children on Tuesday, July 30th at 1 p.m.

High School Awards

Four outstanding vocational technical and FFA students, one of each in both Greenwood and Newport High Schools, will be recognized by the Grange this spring with cash awards of \$100 each.



Financially Speaking...

Checking Balance 3/1/2019..... \$ 20,369.95
PLUS: Receipts – March-April 2019..... + 12,169.34
LESS: Expenses – March-April 2019- 16,942.81
 Checking Balance 4/30/2019..... \$15,596.48
 Certificates of Deposit 4/30/2019..... \$100,507.18

Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

May 2019

3	Open House Community Night Fellowship Dinner/Program (details on Page 8)
5	Grange caters lunches at Fort Hunter event
19	Pomona Grange Church/Memorial Service Red Hill Church of God, Newport
22	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m. @ Millerstown Community Park
23	Ag Day for School Students (see Page 2)

June 2019

14	Grange Meeting (details on page 2)
17	Executive Committee meeting – 6:30 p.m.
18	Concert in the Park (see Page 6) The Elvis Tribute Show by Denny Heckard Millerstown Community Park – 7 pm
19	Grange caters volunteer picnic meal at Fort Hunter
25	Pomona Grange Picnic @ Oliver Grange

100th Anniversary Celebration – Friday, July 19, 2019

Bucks Valley Winery, 333 Meadow Grove Road, Newport, PA

Gather at 6:30 p.m. for appetizers and wine tasting; pizza, salad and birthday cake following

Seating limited to 30 persons; reservations required; call 717-921-1957

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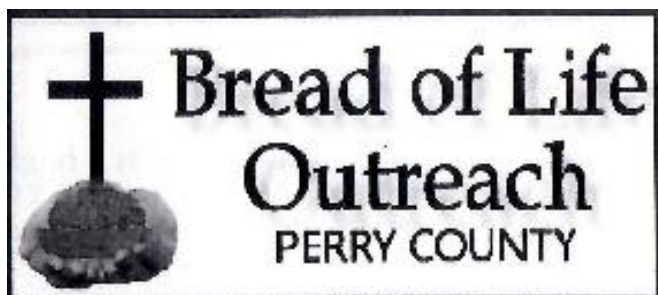


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Open House Community Night Fellowship Dinner Friday, May 3rd

Please note change of date from usual second Friday

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for the evening that begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building, 110 West Juniata Parkway, Millerstown. The Grange will provide meat, beverage, table cover and place settings; please bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share.



During the program, the **Bread of Life Outreach (BOLO)**, a non-profit resource distribution ministry operated by the Newport Assembly of God Church,

will be presented the Grange's 2019 Community Citizen Award. BOLO was begun in the early 1990's as a humanitarian outreach for the former Soviet Union. Since that time, BOLO has received and distributed food, cleaning supplies, health and beauty products, non-prescription medicine, medical supplies and equipment, school supplies, housekeeping items, and used furniture and appliances to those in need in the local area and around the world.

Musical entertainment for the evening will be provided by Craig Staller and Doug Bonsall.