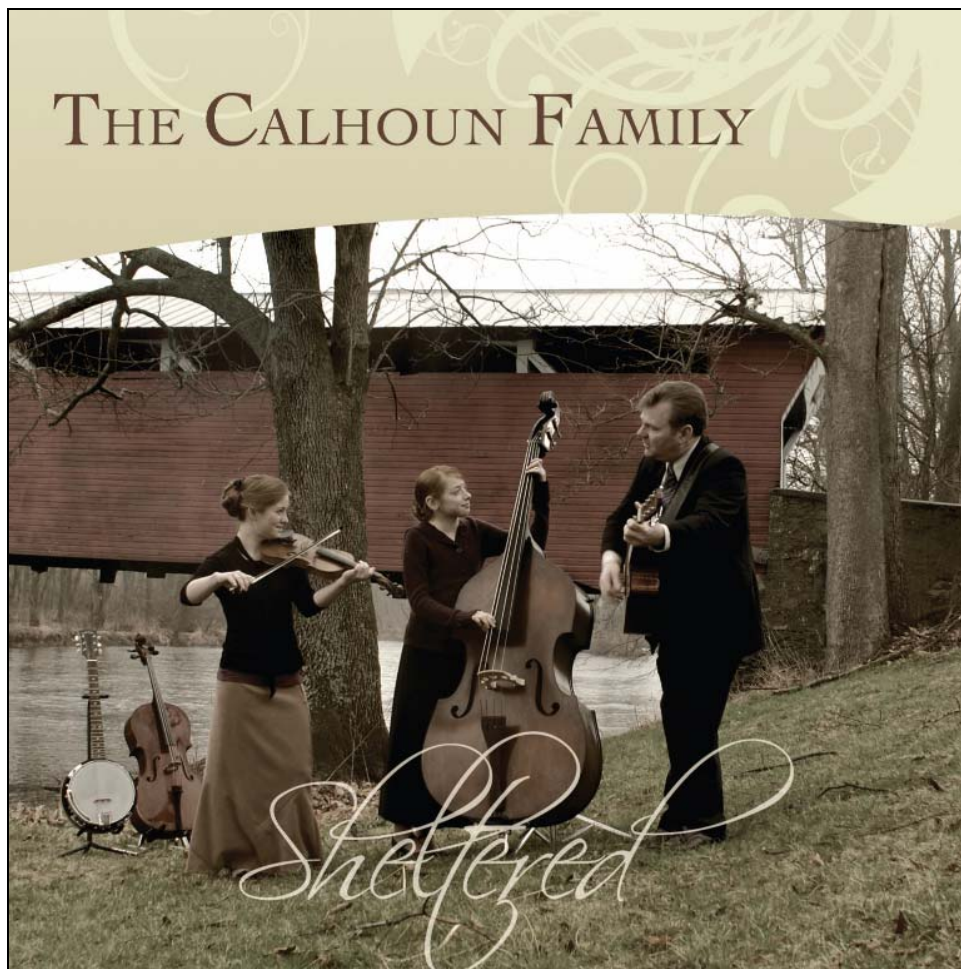




Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

Appearing at our 90th Anniversary Banquet, May 16th



Hailing from Penns Creek, PA, Tim Calhoun and daughters Elizabeth and Laura will entertain us with country and southern Gospel music, accompanied by a variety of instruments, at our Grange's 90th anniversary banquet on Saturday, May 16th. This event will be held in the Walker Grange Hall in Mexico (Juniata County) so the cooking and clean-up is left up to someone else as we look at nine decades of history for Perry Valley Grange. Advance reservations for the family-style meal (\$10 each) are due on May 9th so call Doug Bonsall today (921-1957) if you have not already purchased your ticket for this great evening. Also included on the program will be the recognition of long-time members and Past Presidents and the viewing of a variety of slides to show us and the Grange at work over many years of our long and busy history.

Another Successful School Essay & Poster Contest



Over 100 entries competed this year in the Grange sponsored essay & poster contest in Greenwood and Newport Elementary Schools. We are fortunate to get excellent cooperation from the principals and teachers of these schools as they encourage their fourth and fifth grade students to participate in this project each year.

This year's theme "Being Real, But Keeping It Safe" challenged the students to describe in an essay or show in a poster the ways in which they can/should follow safety practices in various aspects of their daily "real" life. The creativity demonstrated by the participants was astounding!

On Friday, March 27th the Grange sponsored assemblies in each school to recognize all the contest participants. Personalized certificates were presented to each participant and the following winners announced:

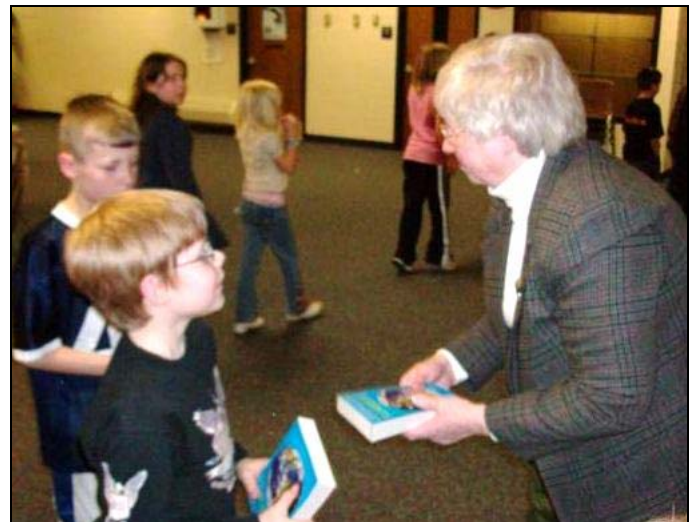
Essays	Greenwood	Newport
1 st	Morgan Kauffman	Cierra Millwood
2 nd	Marie Barnard	Dena Fickes
3 rd	Tori Hostler	Samantha Coletta

Posters	Greenwood	Newport
1 st	Miranda Fawver	Abbie Good
2 nd	Morgan Burkepile	Hailey Weller
3 rd	Jaret Stroup	Jadyn Temple

In addition to receiving in \$400 in cash prizes supplied by our Grange, the local winners are now competing in the state level of competition.



An important part of the assemblies is an educational program on a pertinent safety topic age appropriate for the students. Trooper Kelly Lynam of the Newport Barracks, Pennsylvania State Police, gave a presentation at each assembly about the importance of personal identity safety as students communicate using internet e-mail.



At Greenwood, Perry Valley distributed dictionaries purchased by the Pomona Grange as part of the "Words for Thirds" project. This is a program undertaken by Granges all across the nation to present third grade students with a personal dictionary to help with their spelling and reading comprehension.

The essay-poster-dictionary-school assembly project is one of our Grange's biggest community services conducted each year.

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Grange Member Celebrations



May Birthdays

- 5 Debra Kinney
- 7 Robert Smith, Dorothy Yohn
- 8 Mary Smith
- 9 John Byers
- 21 Barbara Sheaffer, Charles Tressler, Marcy McDermond
- 22 Bonnie Cameron
- 24 Ezra Grubb

May Anniversaries

- 18 Jim & Helen Hoffman
- 23 Jason & Krista Pontius
- 25 Charles & Susan Tressler
- 31 Lee & Catherine Morrison

June Birthdays

- 2 Evelyn Newlin
- 3 Ruth Crist, Martin Hudson
- 4 Olga Brookhart
- 13 Dolores Guyer, Louise Cameron
- 15 John Gothel

June Anniversaries

- 7 Henry & Evelyn Newlin
- 16 John & Virginia Shotzberger, Elwood & Betty Wingert
- 19 Dale & Helen Cox
- 27 Edgar & Linda Byers



You're missing a valuable opportunity for Grangers if you are not member of the Grange Blood Bank. Membership in the Blood Bank could save your life or that of a loved one. You can find an application in the literature rack in the lobby of the Grange Hall. Call **Doug Bonsall** at 921-1957 for details.

Grange Busy with Community Service Projects

Books for Kids

We are again thrilled to have been approved to receive a \$500 matching grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans #31063 to support our annual summer reading program. This is the second consecutive year that our Grange's \$500 has been doubled to purchase books for distribution in two local summer reading programs. In the Greenwood School District students who receive summer tutoring to improve their reading ability will be given a book of their own. Newport area children who participate in the public library's summer reading program will also get a book courtesy of Perry Valley Grange. The coordinators of each reading program are working hard to use the unexpected extra funding wisely.



Daffodil Sales Report

Our Grange raised over \$1,000 in March to help in the fight against cancer.

For almost more years than anyone can remember, our Grange has taken an active role to support the American Cancer Society by selling daffodils each March in Millerstown and Liverpool. Sales were down this year, attributed to a sluggish economy and a substantial jump in the price of the flowers. Special thanks to Marcy McDermond for coordinating this project.



High School Awards

Continuing our long standing commitment to helping students, Perry Valley Grange will give four awards this spring to local graduates of Newport and Greenwood High Schools. Carol Gantt is working with each school to arrange for the presentation of a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond to recognize:



- **Outstanding vocational-technical graduates**
- **Outstanding FFA students**

2009 Community Citizen Named

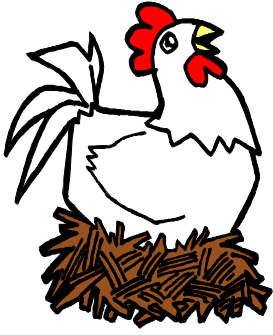


Charles "Charlie" Beaver of 225 Nekoda Road, Millerstown, shown here with his wife Ginny, received the Grange's 32nd annual Community Citizen Award at our Open House dinner in March.

Food Safety Course

Our Grange will be the site of a 3-hour safe food handling course on Wednesday, May 13th from 6-9 PM. Mr. Mark Hennessy, food inspector with the PA Department of Agriculture, will update us on the latest requirements in food sanitation. If you were not able to take this same course last summer and you help in the Grange kitchen or dining room, please plan to attend.

There will be no charge to take this course and everyone completing it will receive certification. We welcome anyone from the community who volunteers in food service to take this training.



Chicken & Ribs Barbeque

Sat., June 13, 2009

Serving from 4 PM while supply lasts

All you can eat with dessert included

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Adults - \$9.00

Children: (ages 6-12) - \$4.50; (ages 5 & under) - FREE

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Supplemental funding provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans #31063 to match Grange support for children's summer reading programs in Greenwood and Newport areas

On the Grange Calendar this Spring

May 2009

2	Luncheon – Ickesburg School Reunion
3	Cater luncheons at Fort Hunter Garden Faire event – 10:30 a.m.
9	Banquet – Susquenita Class of 1959
13	Food Safety Course – 6-9 p.m.
15	Banquet - Greenwood FFA
16	90th Anniversary Banquet <i>Walker Grange Hall, Mexico</i> 6:30 p.m. – Social hour 7:00 p.m. – Family style dinner 7:45 p.m. - Program
17	Pomona Grange Memorial Service New Hope UCC, Landisburg
20	Luncheon - PA Township Supervisors
24	Rental (conference room) - Bolze
29	Banquet – Perry-Juniata Shrine Club
30	Reception – Arthur wedding

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There are many opportunities for young and old to help with activities at Perry Valley Grange. In addition to always needing helpers with our various fund raising events, we are looking for people to coordinate:

- Exhibits for Perry & Juniata County Fairs
- Tanbark installation around Grange Hall
- Planting and care of flowers around hall
- Washing of hall windows (inside and out)
- Cleaning and preparation of pavilion for summer use

If you are willing to help, please contact Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

June 2009

1	Executive Committee Meeting – 7 p.m.
5	Grange Meeting - 7:00 PM <i>Weiner roast & games in the pavilion</i> <i>Brainstorming about the Future</i> Social Committee – Edgar & Linda Byers (chairs), Ron Makibbin, Bruce & Paula Fleming, Bruce & Patricia Wollever, Donald Brightbill
6	Cater picnic dinner for Perry Co. Republicans @ Owls Picnic area
7	Rental (dining room) - Himes
11	Work night for public dinner – 6:30 p.m.
13	Chicken & Ribs Barbeque (see poster on page 10) Needed – Help & baked good donations
30	Pomona Grange picnic at Oliver – 7 p.m.



Financial Report

Checking Balance from 2/2009..... \$20,218.70

PLUS: Receipts – March 2009..... + 9,743.70
Receipts – April 2009..... + 4,275.70
*Grant..... + 9,305.59

LESS: Expenditures – March 2009..... - 4,854.04
Expenditures – April 2009..... 3,876.28
Investment purchased -20,000.00

Checking Balance to 5/2009 \$14,813.37

Savings Balance \$34,279.21

*We are very pleased to have received a favorable response to our application to the Lawrence & Julia Hoverter Charitable Foundation. The Grange received this grant to fund the repairs made to our property during the past year, a number of which were required to meet more stringent food safety standards.

When we say “I can’t”...we are really saying “I won’t.” Funny, isn’t it, that the busiest people are rarely heard using the word “can’t”?

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Our 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.*

Save These Dates!

Saturday, July 11, 2009

Family Picnic, Swim Party and Wine Making
program @ home of Bill Cameron

Saturday, August 15, 2009

Summer Grange Outing to Williamsport
and Lewisburg

Details will appear in next newsletter.

Vision Statement

The Vision of Perry Valley Grange:

*Foster an atmosphere where individuals can
grow spiritually, intellectually and socially and,
through that growth, improve themselves, their
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