



# Quarterly Newsletter

31 October, 2025



## Welcome to our first issue of our new Quarterly Newsletter!

Welcome to our organization's new quarterly newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make positive change through coordinated collective action.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our members and outside volunteers who have continued to support us! Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to continue with our mission in our community.

In terms of our recent activities, we have successfully hosted our first Trunk-R-Treat despite bad weather. We are also currently wrapping up on our 5<sup>th</sup> year doing the Annual Benefit Yard Sale for the Montgomery County Christmas Store.

We are also excited to announce that we will be hosting our Crafts with Santa Event at the Grange. The community can come out and make a free craft and get free photos with Santa. There will also be free hot chocolate and cookies.

There is also much more, please see the upcoming events section for the events already scheduled

Finally, we want to remind everyone that our charity relies on the kindness and support of our community. If you are able to donate your time or resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Enjoy this quarterly newsletter!

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## Community News

As most of you are aware the Federal Government is currently in a shut-down which is limiting the federal funds for programs that rely on them.

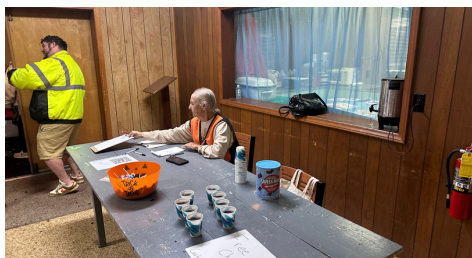
One of the most prevalent programs is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP. This program actively feeds over 800,000 Virginians every month.

Thankfully Virginia has initiated the VENA program which will give some supplemental benefits for the month of November or until the

Federal Government reopens, whichever comes sooner. This program will give ongoing SNAP recipients 25% of their allotment every week. However, this is not SNAP and is not the same benefits.

During this time be mindful of your neighbors and community that might be struggling. Consider donating time, money, or resources to your local food banks like the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry.

If you want more information visit [dss.virginia.gov](https://dss.virginia.gov)



## Member Spotlight

This month's Member Spotlight is about Barabara Yopp.

It's wonderful to recognize her for the volunteer work she has done this month. Her selflessness and dedication to helping others is truly inspiring.

Let's take a moment to appreciate her efforts with the Benefit Yard Sale and other projects and encourage others to follow in her footsteps.



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## Fundraising Update

We are still working on ideas over the next two years to focus on fundraising for much needed repairs around the Grange Hall.

We are hoping to raise enough money to get the roof resealed as well as to replace the flooring as it is starting to chip.

Please consider giving or talking to your friends and family to give so that we can keep the Grange Hall as an affordable place to rent for the community and a place to host community events!

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## Upcoming Events



### 5th Annual Benefit Yard Sale

We are holding the last Saturday of our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Yard Sale on 11/01/2025. We will be open from 8:00 AM till 4:00 PM. All proceeds go to the Montgomery County Christmas Store to benefit families in our community.



### Annual Membership Banquet and Potluck

We will be hosting our Annual Membership Banquet and Potluck on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 till 8:00 PM. Come learn about what our Grange has done this year as well as celebrating the amazing work of our members! Come bring a dish to share!



### Blacksburg Christmas Parade

We are happy to announce that we will be participating in the Blacksburg Christmas Parade on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

This year's theme is "Holy, Jolly, Holiday Parade." Come out and look for us passing out candy!



### Craft and Vendor Sale

We are hoping to host a Craft/Vendor Sale at the Grange in December. Please follow our Facebook Page to keep up to date with our upcoming events.

Facebook: Prices Fork Grange #786



### Crafts with Santa at the Grange

We are excited to do our Crafts with Santa at the Grange for a second year on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 till 4:00PM. Bring the family out for free crafts and pictures with Santa. We will also have free hot chocolate and cookies. There will also be a sensory safe corner for our sensory sensitive friends!



### Upcoming Meetings

- November Event Planning Committee Meeting is Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- November Membership Meeting is Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- December Event Planning Committee Meeting is TBD.
- December membership meeting is the banquet.
- Membership meetings for 2026 are TBD.



## EVENT RECAP: 2025 Trunk-R-Treat Thank you for the hard work!

First off, thank you to everyone who came out and volunteered their time to make our first trunk-r-treat and our first Halloween event in a long time such a success. I would also like to thank the Event Planning Committee for their hard work in planning.

Due to the weather being rainy and cold it was decided the night before to move it inside. Thank you to Amanda, Barbara and everyone else for pitching in to set this up inside on short notice. Despite having to move it inside we had over 97 confirmed people in attendance for this event which is our highest attendance for an event in a while.

We also had the chance to have a person from the Montgomery County Dolly Parton Imagination Library come out and help families sign up to get a free book for their child every month.

Not to mention we had many volunteers who were not Grange members that came from outside families as well as our neighbor The Prices Fork Community Church. We are very thankful for them stepping up and helping us to make this event a success.

We also had the chance to share our upcoming events with the families that attended. We hope to see many of the families that attended our Halloween event at our Crafts with Santa at the Grange in December.

Let's continue to support our community through events like these that allow a safe place for the community to meet and fellowship together.

*Thank you for reading!*

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