



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

March 2024



KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner of Lewisburg

Singer, Song Writer, Motivational Speaker at Eagle Grange on Tuesday, March 5th

Eagle Grange will celebrate Leap Year 2024 with a potluck dinner and VERY special program of entertainment and inspiration on Tuesday, March 5th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring your family and friends.....guests are welcome and expected!

Adapting to Today's Reality will be the topic of our guest entertainer's program of music and inspirational words. KJ is one of our Grange members, having joined after her first appearance with us back in 2020. She is a singer, song writer and motivational speaker who performs throughout the United States and England.

Every four years we have a Leap Year, which means a day is added to the end of February (the shortest month) called Leap Day. The extra day – February 29th - is a corrective measure that synchronizes the calendar with the earth's almost year-long orbit around the sun. Without Leap Day, a few hours would cumulatively disappear every year, eventually throwing off our calendar and seasons.

The Grange will provide **Swedish Meatballs over Rice** as the meat, beverage and place settings for the meal. Everyone attending is asked to bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share. In case you're looking for an idea to add to our buffet table, here are some foods that were either first introduced or were particularly popular in Leap Years during the past 70 years or so.



- (1952) - Salisbury Steak
- (1956) - Banana Cream Pie; Grasshopper Pie
- (1960) - Molded Jello Salads
- (1964) - Swedish Meatballs-provided by Grange
- (1968) - Carrot Cake w/ cream cheese icing
- (1972) - Granola
- (1976) - Chicken Kiev
- (1980) - Potato Skins
- (1984) - Tiramisu
- (1988) - Bran Muffins
- (1992) - Ranch Dressing (of course, with salad)
- (1996) - Sundried Tomatoes
- (2000) - Gourmet Cupcakes
- (2004) - Green Tea
- (2008) - Pesto
- (2012) - Brussell Sprouts
- (2016) - Avocados

Of course, anything else is welcome, too!

A New & Different Service Project during Lent to Feed the Hungry in our Community

BAKED POTATO SUPPER

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

AT EAGLE GRANGE #1

(Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery)

**Co-sponsored by Eagle Grange and Montgomery FFA
to benefit 2 Local Food Pantries**



Each meal includes:

- Large Baked Potato

- Choice of Toppings

(including meatless options - perfect for Lent!)

- Dessert

- Beverage

There is no set charge for this meal;
free will donations will be encouraged
to help feed those in need.

Take-Out and 2 Seating Options

5:30 and 6:30 pm

(each limited to the first 50 people; advance reservation required)



RESERVE TODAY!

Order online at:

**<http://bit.ly/eaglepotatosupper>
or call Jenn Nauss at (717) 512-1261**

This idea came from our member Tammy Rupert who headed up a similar event some years ago while serving as a Scout leader. Students from the Montgomery FFA Chapter will be helping to wait on tables for those who eat in; we need Grange members to provide desserts (any kind, enough to make at least 12 servings) and to help in the kitchen beginning at 1 p.m.

PA Grange Benefits

Shopping

- **BJ's** - Savings of either \$15 off Regular Membership or \$30 off Rewards Membership. 13 month is free and receive a second membership card for free.
- **Rakuten** - Get \$10 Cash Rebate for signing up and get up to 40% Cash Back at over 2,500 stores. Go to their website: <https://www.rakuten.com/r/PAGRAN24eeid=28187> if asked for a referral code use: pagrange



Rakuten

Grange Benefits = Savings!



Entertainment

Tickets at Work - Offers discounts on movie tickets, concerts, travel, theme parks, and shopping.

Insurance/Medical



AMERICAN INCOME LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY



Agri-Services Agency
Leaders in Agricultural Insurance

Gunn Mowery - has a long history with the PA Grange offering insurance products for our membership.

American Income Life - PA Grange Members receive a \$3000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefit Coverage.

ASA Agri-Services Agency - offers health insurance coverage for PA Grange members.

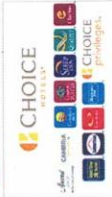
AIA ALERAGROUP - offers Vision Care for benefits for our Grange Members.

PSECU - Not-For-Profit Member Owned Credit Union offers low interest loans, Free Checking, Surcharge Free ATM's



Members 1st Credit Union - PA Grange is an affiliate of which entitles members to join any branch of the credit union.

National Grange Benefits



CVS Caremark - program offers the RxSavings Plus Card, a NO FEE exclusive benefit to National Grange members that is not offered to the public. The program applies to 99% of prescription drugs and even pet medications!

American Hearing Benefits - is a convenient hearing benefits program which provides access to free hearing consultations and significant discounts on hearing aids

Choice Hotels - Choice Hotels - Member save 20% at over 4,000 Comfort Inns, Comfort Suites, Quality, Sleep Inns, Clarion, MainStay Suites, EconoLodge, and Rodeway Inn hotels worldwide.

Visit National Grange at www.nationalgrange.org for additional benefits.

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Blue Jackets Everywhere During FFA Visit

Fourteen Montgomery FFA members, all neatly dressed in their signature Blue Jackets, and their advisor attended the February meeting of Eagle Grange to express their thanks for the Grange's sponsorship of several jackets awarded to their students at the PA Farm Show in January. A very impressive demonstration of FFA meeting procedures, remarkably similar to Grange meeting procedures, was given by the students.



More Blankets Made and Delivered with Love to Warm Hearts & Bodies at Wolf Run Senior Living Community



Our Perry County Grange friend Linda Byers (above) did sale shopping for all the blanket project materials.




(Left to right) Patty Peterman, Ruth Lundy, Tammy Rupert & Carol Gresh were among the many helpers.




A total of about 30 blankets were cut, tied, bagged and delivered to Wolf Run residents this winter.

Pennsylvania's First Grange Serving the community since 1871



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Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752

This blanket

made and given with love
from members & friends of
Eagle Grange #1,
Montgomery, PA. May it
bring warmth and comfort to
you as you wrap yourself in
its folds.



Speaking Legislatively at Grange Meeting



Liz Vollman, representing Senator Gene Yaw's office, outlined several current legislative priorities including: responsible solar energy, broadband infrastructure improvements, declining population projections for rural areas and flood damages funding.



Carrie Nace, PA State Grange Legislative Liaison, noted the Grange has supported the extension of reliable broadband service to rural Pennsylvania for the past 20 years. Other goals include support of proposed legislation that would restrict the use of prime farmland for solar farms and to require bonding of solar companies for decommissioning costs.

Grange Calendar

March 5 – Leap Year Potluck Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

Everyone brings something to share for the meal;
Details on Page 1.

Program – “*Adapting to Today’s Realities*” by
singer/song writer/speaker KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner

- Host – Volunteer(s) still needed

March 9 – State Grange Leadership Conference @ Eagle
– 10 a.m.-3:15 p.m.;

State Grange department heads (including our own Jenn Nauss, Phil Vonada & Doug Bonsall) will be conducting a leadership training conference at Eagle for Grangers throughout central PA. As the host Grange, we will be serving lunch and need several volunteers to help starting at 9 a.m. Contact Doug Bonsall if you are willing to help.

March 15 – Lenten Loaded Baked Potato Night to benefit two local food pantries – Details on Page 2

March 22 – Work day for take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

March 23 - Roast Pork Take-Out Dinner with homemade sauerkraut or stuffing/gravy. Help needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch.

April 1 – Reservations deadline for Pomona Legislative Banquet; details below

North Central PA Pomona Grange #28
(Lycoming & Montour Counties)

Legislative Banquet

Place-California Grange Hall
17 California Rd., Watsontown, PA 17777

Saturday, April 13, 2024

5:30 PM Doors Open- 6 PM Dinner

Roast Beef/Baked Chicken Meal

State Grange Speaker- Carrie Nace

Meet Your Legislators

Reservations Required - \$15;

Call 570-768-7125 by April 1st

April 2 – Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Program – “*Soils & Soil Landscapes of Central PA*” by Sharon Waltman of Washingtonville, retired US Dept. of Agriculture and lecturer of California Grange

- Host - Phil Vonada

April 13 – Pomona Grange Legislative Banquet – 6:00 p.m. at California Grange Hall

April 27 – *Cooking for Crowds* food safety course given by Penn State Extension – 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; free but advance registration required & limited to first 50 persons

“Share the Love” Dinner Gives 220 Meals to Community



The lasagna is out of the oven and ready to cut!



Glenn Pauling and Susan Downey count the individual cups of homemade salad dressing.



Judy More (standing) and Tom Styer (seated) handled packaging the applesauce for each meal.



Greeting guests and verifying advance reservations were Ruth Lundy and Daisy & Tom Styer.



Volunteer Fred Pfeiffer helped with the garlic bread.

More Photos from Feb. Dinner



Jenn Nauss made short work of cutting 15 angel food cakes with that electric knife.



Daisy Styer is always willing to clean the onions and everyone is delighted she likes this task.



Perhaps Joann Murray, Lila Styer, Hilda Sampsell, Glenn Pauling, Phil Vonada and Reba Crawford are asking "Do we really need all this salad?"



Jackie Murray always has a smile on her face!

Eagle's Next Fund Raiser – We Need Your Help!

Roast Pork Loin Take-Out Dinner

**Served with choice of Homemade
Sauerkraut OR Stuffing & Gravy**

Sat., March 23, 2024

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

**Roast Pork Loin with Homemade
Sauerkraut OR Stuffing & Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes, Succotash,
Applesauce, Pickled Beets, Roll &
Butter, Pineapple Upside Down Cake**

Suggested Donation - \$13



Advance reservations strongly suggested*

Contact Daisy Styer @ 570-546-5861

**Meals cannot be guaranteed without reservations*

Pick-up 2-4 p.m. @ Eagle Grange Hall

Rt. 15 & East Blind Rd., Montgomery, PA

Next Take-Out Dinner

Roast Beef with Stuffing – May 11, 2024

Eagle Grange #1

c/o Douglas A. Bonsall
300 Swatara Street, PO Box 765
Dauphin, PA 17018-0765



March 2024 Newsletter

Grange Hosts FFA Blue Jacket Night



These FFA students and their advisor from Montgomery High School brought youthful enthusiasm to the Grange's February 6th gathering. See more pictures from this event on Page 4 inside.