



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

May 2024



May 7th Program

“My Journey to Becoming a Writer”

Children’s Author to Speak

Bonnie Swinehart, a resident of Liverpool, PA, is a wife, mother, and author who will discuss “My Journey to Becoming a Writer” at the next meeting of Eagle Grange.



Mrs. Swinehart holds a degree in Mass Communication/Journalism. Her first book, “Benji and the Belsnickel” is a Christian historical middle-grade fiction novel. She has

also written a study guide and published two more books in the series. Her books not only provide adventure but great life lessons. In the past, she served as writer and editor of a publication she created, Watershed Weekly, which was distributed to 20,000 people weekly. She was honored with a governor’s award for her work on this publication. She then moved on to become a full-time staff writer for three weekly newspapers until she was disabled in an auto crash in 2007. She is now a columnist, speaker, presenter and workshop instructor at writer’s conferences.

This meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall. Janet Reynolds and Karen Williamson are hosts and invite everyone to bring a snack to be served as part of the evening’s refreshments.

Cancelled!!

The free food safety course “Cooking for Crowds” scheduled for Saturday, April 27th at Eagle Grange has been cancelled due to insufficient registrations.

Still On!!

Helpers needed! Work day at the Grange Hall to mulch outside and do some inside cleaning will take place on Sat., April 27th but will now get started at 10 a.m. A light lunch will be served to all volunteers!

Baked Potato Night Proceeds Reach \$1,050

A new project held in March at the Grange– Loaded Baked Baked Night – was sponsored jointly by Eagle and the Montgomery FFA with proceeds designated for two local food pantries. The dinner earned \$525 which was then matched by the FFA Chapter as part of a statewide FFA emphasis this year in the fight against hunger. See picture on Page 4 for the presentation to Sonlight House Muncy and Footprints of Montgomery.

Grange Calendar

April 27 – Work Day at hall will start at 10 a.m.

May 7 – Eagle Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Program – “*My Journey to Becoming a Writer*” by Bonnie Swinehart, author of Benjy children’s book series

- Hosts – Janet Reynolds & Karen Williamson

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

May 11 – Roast Beef Take-Out Dinner. Help needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch and some baked goods to sell.

June 4 – Eagle Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Program – “*History of the American Flag*” by Rudy Mummy of Lewisburg, retired educator and flag collector

- Host – Patty Peterman

June 6 – Crosscutter’s Baseball Game in Williamsport; Contact Phil Vonada for details and tickets

June 23 – Pomona Grange Picnic @ Lime Bluff Park, Hughesville – 4 p.m. All Grangers and guests welcome.



Looking Ahead

Eagle’s annual picnic outing will be held Tuesday, July 2nd at the historic Warrior Run Church, just outside Watsontown.

The church is near the site of Fort Freeland where a Revolutionary War battle happened. Our picnic will take place at the picnic tables under a beautiful grove of large trees beside the church and cemetery. After we eat, we’ll have a guided tour. Note the large wide portico at the front of the church – this is where we’ll gather to eat in case of rain that evening. Plan to bring a lawn chair and a dish to share.

April’s Program on Soils



Sharon Whitmoyer Waltman (above), retired Soil Scientist/Geographer with the United States Department of Agriculture, shared date and then enlisted the help of Montgomery FFA members Weston Taylor (below center) and Landyn Rine (right) to demonstrate the water retention capacity of different types of soil.



Property Update

The Grange appreciates two donations recently received. **Fred Pfeiffer** gave a mower needed to trim around the building after our friend Max Farley donates his time and equipment to mow all the lawn around the hall during the summer. A dehumidifier provided by Doug Bonsall is now removing some of the excess humidity in the basement..

Still waiting to hear responses to the grants submitted requesting financial assistance for the Grange’s next big project - install energy efficient insulation and siding on the hall, The estimated cost for this is just over \$34,000.

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

Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Roast Beef

Roast Beef, Stuffing, Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes, Buttered
Peas & Carrots, Cranberry
Relish, Pickles, Roll & Butter,
Red Velvet Cake

Suggested Donation - \$14



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

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Next Take-Out Dinner

Baked Ham – June 22, 2024

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



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Grange & FFA Project Helps to Feed the Hungry



Montgomery FFA members and Grange President Phil Vonada (right) joined forces at Eagle's April meeting to present checks of \$525 each to food pantry representatives Nancy Eck (left) from SonLight House of Muncy and Ruth Little and Barb Shrimp (center) from Footprints of Montgomery.