



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

June 2024



June 4th Program

“History of the American Flag”

Mr. Rudy Mummey of Lewisburg (left) has been a flag collector, also known as a vexillologist, for 68 years. An owner of more than 1,900 flags and with an avid interest in their history, symbolism and usage, Mr. Mummey will present a program **“History of the American Flag”** at the next meeting of Eagle Grange on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

The evening will include a short business meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall, 32 East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA. Local municipal officials are expected to present donations for the Grange’s most recent capital improvement project and the charter will be draped in loving memory of the late **William “Bill” Messersmith**, former Lycoming County Extension agent

and a long-time Grange member originally from West Branch Grange, now merged into Eagle.

To accommodate the speaker’s arrival schedule, refreshments will be served at approximately 7:15 p.m. while Mr. Mummey sets up a small sampling of flags from his personal collection, followed by his fascinating story about Old Glory’s history.

Builds/Installs Bird Boxes

A project discussed by the Grange several years ago has become a reality thanks to the efforts of **Sam Styler** (right) who built and installed two bird boxes on the grounds of Eagle Grange. The one pictured is located along East Blind Road near the corner of the Grange property. The other may be found in front of the hall by the culvert that carries Black Hole Creek under Route 15.

Our thanks to Sam for his initiative to plan and carry out all aspects of this project. Now we hope the birds that previously built their nests in various spots around the Grange Hall and even in the kitchen exhaust fan will find these boxes a better spot for raising their families!



May Beef Dinner Realizes \$1,900 Profit



Lila Styer (above) provided help to our veteran potato masher Phil Vonada (below).



Many hands, including those above of (left to right) Nancy Eck, Doug Bonsall & Jackie Murray, helped with the peeling duties because the Grange always serves "real" mashed potatoes at its dinners.



Patty Peterman keeps a watchful eye on the selection of fresh pies that sold quickly on the bake sale table.



Reba Crawford & Nancy Eck were on the serving line.



The next time you see Joann Murray ask her about her gravy “experience” at this take-out dinner. It was interesting to say the least!



No dinner would be possible without dishwashers – Janet Reynolds & Hilda Sampsell shown on prep day.



Lila Styer seemed to be everywhere as she jumped in to help Glenn Pauling fill take-out bags.



Daisy Style (lett) and two of her grandchildren Lila and Sam verified reservations at the cashier table.

These take-out dinners do involve a great deal of planning and work over many days but the fellowship & results make it all worthwhile!

Grange Calendar

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; ticket reservations @ \$6 due to Phil Vonada by 5/23; game time is 6:35 p.m. with seats (not bleachers) on the first base line.

June 21 – **Work day for take-out dinner** - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

June 22 – **Baked Ham 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 23 – **Pomona Grange Picnic @ Lime Bluff Park, Hughesville – 4 p.m.** All Grangers and guests welcome.

July 2 – **Annual Grange Picnic** at historic Warrior Run Church, 41 Warrior Lane, Watsonstown (near the intersection of Route 147 & 8th Street)

A host is needed for this gathering!



The church is close to the site of Fort Freeland where a Revolutionary War battle happened. Our picnic will take place at the 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; meat & beverage will be provided..

Officer Change

Patty Peterman has been elected treasurer of the Grange due to the resignation of **Ruth Lundy** who has moved to Florida and will soon become Ruth Drick. Thanks to Patty for accepting this position and to Ruth for her past faithful service.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER - Fair season is quickly approaching and Eagle Grange needs help to plan and enter its exhibits at several local fairs. If you are willing to help, please volunteer to president Phil Vonada at the next meeting as we must get started.

Financial Support Coming

A couple officers of Eagle Grange have been working behind the scenes for several months to apply for and follow up on grants that would help us reach the long awaited goal to install insulation and maintenance-free siding to the exterior of the Grange Hall. In fact, a discussion about this project first appeared in the Grange minutes during the early 1970’s and several more times years thereafter, but limited financial resources always prevented the completion of this much needed improvement.

Now it appears we are nearing the successful completion of fund raising that will move this project across the finish line! At the June 4th meeting, officials from Clinton Township will present \$10,000 to support the project and officials from Brady Township will make a \$1,000 gift. Two other donations totalling \$5,500 have been committed and will be received shortly. With available funds in the Grange treasury, we have now raised about two-thirds of the \$34,309 cost of the work. Several other likely funding sources are still to be confirmed.

Any individual, business or group that wishes to make a tax-deductible contribution may do so by routing funds through the PA State Grange Foundation which then transfers those funds to Eagle Grange under the “historical preservation” provisions of the Foundation’s trust declarations filed with and approved by the IRS. Contact Doug Bonsall (717-921-1957) for details about this process.



Children’s book author Bonnie Swinehart discussed her Benji book series at our May meeting.

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

Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Sat., June 22, 2024

Baked Ham

Baked Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Candied Yams, Lettuce w/Bacon Dressing, Applesauce, Roll & Butter, Assorted Homemade Pie

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

Stuffed Chicken Breast – September 28, 2024

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



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Don't let Eagle Grange be a well-kept secret! Bring a friend along to our summer activities and don't forget to ask them to become a member.

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**GRANGE MEMBERSHIP MAY CAUSE
PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND
COMMUNITY PRIDE**

