



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

July 2024



Two Townships Give \$11,000 to Grange



Eagle Grange President, Phil Vonada (left), receives a \$1,000 donation toward the insulation and siding project from Brady Township Supervisor John Sear (second from left) and a \$10,000 donation from Clinton Township Supervisors Lanny Wertz and Donald Wagner (right). Thank you to both townships! Project details on Page 5.



July 2nd Picnic & Tour @ Historic Warrior Run Church

Please join us for this annual summer outing. We'll meet at 6 p.m. at the picnic tables under a beautiful grove of large trees beside the church and cemetery. The church is close to the site of Fort Freeland where a Revolutionary War battle happened on July 28, 1779. During a guided tour after we eat, we'll learn all about this skirmish between the frontier settlers and the British, aided by the local native Americans unhappy with the white settlers on their land. In case of rain that evening, we will still be gathering under the large wide portico at the front of the church to eat. Plan to bring a lawn chair and a casserole, salad or dessert to share; meat & beverage will be provided. ***If you didn't sign up for the picnic at the last meeting, please call Doug Bonsall at 717-921-1957 by June 30th to tell us how many to prepare for.***

June Ham Dinner Is Big Success Despite Heat Wave



Patty Peterman helped to make pies for this dinner.



Irv Reynolds makes sure the ham is ready to serve.



Daisy Styer checks the list of reservations as the guests arrived to pick up their meals.



Janet Reynolds and Jackie Murray cut the pies.

The June 22nd take-out ham dinner + bake sale earned just over \$2,000 and brought the Grange closer to reaching its financial goal for the next property improvement project.



(Left to right) Tom Styer, Gina Styer, Libby Green, and Lila Styer fill containers with apple sauce.



Doug Bonsall stirs up the hot bacon salad dressing.



JoAnn Murray (above) prepares the macaroni and cheese while (below) Larry Robbins, Lila Styer, and Karen Williamson work on the salads.



There are always lots of pots and pans to wash at Grange dinners. Libby Green frequently handles this task while meal orders are being filled.



Grange Calendar

July 2 – Annual Grange Picnic at historic Warrior Run Church, 41 Warrior Lane, Watsontown (near the intersection of Route 147 & 8th Street); more details on Page 1

- Hosts – Doug Bonsall & Jenn Nauss

July 9 – Exhibit set-up at Lycoming County Fair

July 21 – Remove exhibit at Lycoming County Fair and set up at Montour-Delong Fair

July 28 – Remove exhibit at Montour-Delong Fair

August 6 – Eagle Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Program – “*Bees, Pollination & Honey Production*” by Davey Hackenberg of Hackenberger Apiaries of Lewisburg,

- Election of officers for 2025-2026
- Host – Volunteer(s) needed

August 12 – Exhibit set-up at Perry County Fair

August 18 – Remove exhibit at Perry County Fair

August 30 – Exhibit set-up at Juniata County Fair

Stay tuned for date(s) later this summer to husk, cut & freeze corn for future dinners.

Learning About U.S. Flag



Rudy Mummey (above left), a retired educator from Lewisburg, showed many examples from his collection of 2,000+ flags at the June Grange meeting. This particular 13-star flag is what many people think of as America’s first flag, although Mr. Mummey shared that there is really no way to know which one of the many early flags was the first and even if seamstress Betsy Ross was really the creator of the very first U.S. flag. Note in the picture below, another example of a 13-star flag, this one featuring six-point stars.



Did you know the official title of a flag collector like Mr. Mummey is “**vexillologist**”?

Stuffed Chicken Breast Take-Out Dinner

Sat., Sept. 28, 2024

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, Oriental slaw, pickled beets, roll & butter, apple crisp

Suggested Donation - \$13



Advance reservations suggested*

Contact Daisy Styer @ 570-546-5861 by 9/23
*Limited # of meals available without reservations

Pick-up 2-4 p.m. @ Eagle Grange Hall
Rt. 15 & East Blind Rd., Montgomery, PA

Next Take-Out Dinner

Roast turkey & all the trimmings – Nov. 2, 2024

Take Us Out to the Ballgame!



Behind those shades are members and friends of Eagle Grange who enjoyed a Williamsport Crosscutters baseball game on June 6th. About 20 persons participated in this group event planned by President Phil Vonada.

FAIR EXHIBITS – If you noticed in the list of dates on the calendar, starting in July Eagle Grange will be busy taking its 2024 educational exhibit to fairs all over central Pennsylvania. This project, long a tradition of Granges all over the country, is a wonderful way to educate the public about agriculture and the Grange's commitment to rural communities.

This year's exhibit theme established by the State Association of County Fairs and the PA Department of Agriculture is "**Flourishing with Opportunities & Rooted in Agriculture**". Jenn Nauss and Phil Vonada, both very artistically talented, are taking the lead to develop Eagle's exhibit that will go to five fairs – *Lycoming County, Montour-Delong, Perry County, Juniata County and Bloomsburg* – with minor adaptations at each to fit the specific spaces.

A volunteer (or two) are needed to help with set up and removal of the exhibit at each fair. Please contact Phil or Jenn if you are willing to help with this; it only takes an hour or so each time.

COMING IN 2025 - At the last Grange meeting a communication was read seeking financial support for the 2025 State Grange session being hosted in Williamsport by the the Granges of northcentral PA. It was suggested that action on this request be postponed until after fair season and then designate all or part of the exhibit premiums earned to support this event. Eagle has also been asked to host and provide a light breakfast for the overnight Junior Jamboree that will take place during the 2025 convention.

Insulation/Siding Project on Track for Fall

Details are falling into place for the major property improvement goal for 2024 set at the annual planning meeting in January. By vote of the Grange on June 4th, a contract for \$34,309 has been awarded to Amos King of King's Electrical & Plumbing to install 1" foam insulation and vinyl siding plus soffit and fascia on the hall, including the cinder block kitchen addition.

Mr. King has provided sample materials and members/friends reviewed them over lunch on June 22nd to select colors. The consensus was **Heritage Cream** for the siding and **Cypress** (a shade of green) for the trim – soffit, fascia and wrapping of door & window frames. Long-time member Joann Murray recalls the hall as originally trimmed in green. The actual work on-site should begin in September.

Right now we are waiting on an inspection of the roof by Jonathan Fisher Roofing. It seemed a wise move to take check on the condition of the roof before proceeding with the siding since it has been many years since the existing metal roof was last painted. We suspect the roof should be painted again.

Financially, a report shared at the last meeting showed \$29,500 available for the project (a combination of donations, commitments and reserve funds in the checking account), putting us within \$4,809 of the goal. The Grange has received the offer of an interest-free loan for this balance needed so the vote to proceed was affirmative.

The Montgomery FFA Chapter has stepped forward to remove the old bushes around the Grange Hall when students from the Earth Science Center of the Penn College of Technology are ready to re-design and re-plant our landscape shrubbery. This work might not take place until the spring of 2025; when this gets underway, the Grange will be responsible only for the cost of the materials.



Congratulations and best wishes to Ruth Lundy and Tom Drick (left) on their recent marriage. They now reside in Holiday, Florida. Ruth is the former treasurer of Eagle Grange.

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July 2024 Newsletter



An early summer heat wave with temperatures outside in the high 90's did not deter these faithful volunteers from helping at the latest Grange takeout dinner. From left – Reba Crawford, Patty Peterman, Doug Bonsall, Joann Murray & Jackie Murray. More pictures on Pages 2 & 3.