



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



October, 2021

Spotted Lanternfly Program

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Eagle Grange Hall, Route 15 & E. Blind Rd., Montgomery



Pennsylvania is being invaded! An insect known as the Spotted Lanternfly, first confirmed in September 2014 in Berks County, threatens a significant negative impact to Pennsylvania's agricultural economy, natural resources and even residential landscape plantings. **The Spotted Lanternfly epidemic will be discussed at a public forum sponsored by Eagle Grange on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall, Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA.** The public is encouraged to participate in this forum; refreshments will be served.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, confirmed the first detection of this non-native species in the United States and, realizing the negative consequences of its spread, issued a quarantine in November 2014 intended to restrict the movement of the Spotted Lanternfly. Despite efforts to contain its spread, the Spotted Lanternfly continues to spread north and west throughout the state. It is now affecting Lycoming, Northumberland & Union Counties.

The Spotted Lantern fly is a plant hopper native to China, India and Vietnam. The insect is known to feed on more than 70 plant species, 25 of which are in Pennsylvania. In the U.S., the Spotted Lanternfly has the potential to greatly impact the viticulture (grape), tree fruit, plant nursery, and timber industries. This pest poses a significant threat to Pennsylvania – at risk are the \$28 million grape, \$87 million apple, and \$19 million peach industries, as well as the state's hardwood industry which accounts for nearly \$17 billion in sales. Early detection is vital to the effective control of this pest.

Anna Bush from the Penn State Extension will present ***Biology and Management of a New Invasive Pest – The Spotted Lanternfly*** covering the basics of identification, biology, life cycle, the current quarantine situation and management of the destructive insect. Ms. Busch joined the staff of the Mifflinburg Extension Office in in 2017 and serves field and forage crop producers in the Central Susquehanna Region. She holds a B.S. in biology from Michigan State and a M.S. in entomology from Penn State.

Members of the Lycoming County Farm Bureau will be guests of the Grange for this educational presentation. Also on tap for the evening is the Grange's formal gifting of a 19th century antique corner cupboard to Scott Sagar, Curator of Collections for the Lycoming County Historical Society Taber Museum. Representatives of the Clinton Township Park are also expected to accept a \$500 donation from Eagle Grange to assist with the development of this community recreational facility on Route 54,

Large Audience @ Amish Program



(Photo/caption courtesy of CAROL SHETLER/The Luminary) Katie King, who spoke of her youth as “Growing Up Amish,” is surrounded by friends Suzanne and Eugene Burkholder of Muncy. As a former employer, Katie cared for Suzanne’s late mother. The threesome display Amish style hats while Katie holds a basket made by Amish in the Lancaster area some use as diaper bags.

Starting early on the night of Eagle’s last meeting on Sept. 7th, the door kept opening and soon 40 people had poured in. Visitors and members alike were anxious to hear the evening’s speaker Katie King of Cogan Station discuss her experiences *Growing Up Amish*.

Katie was dressed in traditional Amish attire and gave a very interesting first-hand account of being raised in the traditional culture of the Amish faith but deciding as a youth not to affiliate with the church. She is now married to an “Englischer” (Karen Williamson’s nephew) but still maintains close relationships with her still Amish family. Thank you to Karen for suggesting this program.

Call David Troutman @ 570-220-1685 to arrange for use of Grange Hall. Both floors now have improved heating/cooling for year round comfort.

Recent Actions

- Greeted new members **Tammy Rupert , Glenn Pauling and Daun Williamson** with the official Grange welcoming ceremony
- Elected **Jennifer Nauss** and **Daun Williamson as Eagle’s voting delegates** to the annual State Grange session, October 15-17 in Valley Forge
- Voted to make a **permanent donation to the Lyncing County Historical Society Taber Museum of the Grange’s 19th century corner cupboard**, reserving the right for the piece to be returned to the Grange if the museum no longer wishes to have it in their collection. The cupboard has been at the museum for 48 years but the the formal donations papers were never completed.
- Completed and submitted **Eagle’s annual community service and lecturer notebook reports** to the State Grange for judging.
- Entered Eagle’s **150th anniversary historical booklet and monthly newsletters** in the National Grange Publicity Contest
- Learned the new **150th anniversary limited edition PA State Grange Cookbook** will be available in October; an order quantity decision will be made at the next meeting
- Announced previous editions of State Grange Cookbooks are now available at a reduced price of \$15/copy
- Approved a **\$500 donation to the Clinton Township Park** to assist with the development on this recreational facility on Route 54
- Received word that **Eagle has earned the designation of Distinguished Grange for 2021** and will be recognized at the National Grange session in Wichita, Kansas, in November; Jennifer Nauss and Phillip Vonada will be present to accept the award .
- Committed **\$5,000 to an Eagle Scout project** from member Jordan Downey to purchase building materials for a pavilion and fire pit on the grounds of the Grange Hall. See Page 9 for more details about this proposal.
- Announced plans for a re-scheduled **holiday entertaining workshop** to be offered to the community on Nov. 13th; see Page 8 for details of this event postponed in 2020 by COVID.

McNett Band Concert & Veteran's Recognition

September 4, 2021 @ Montgomery Firemen's Park



A large crowd of about 200 persons enjoyed the outdoor concert on a beautiful summer evening. The Firemen gave the Grange complimentary use of the facilities for this event.



The current McNett Band donated its services to help the Grange give this gift to the community during the 150th anniversary year. The original members of the band had ties to the Grange and performed at a square dance in 1971 during Eagle's 100th anniversary.



Wreaths Across America sent its representative to explain the group's mission to place holiday wreaths on the graves of veterans in Lycoming County.

The Lycoming County Korean War Veterans gave a very impressive flag folding demonstration, explaining the significance and meaning of each fold. The group has done the ceremony at more than 1,700 military funerals over the past 30 years.



Eagle Members Among Veterans Honored



Grange members Richard Kelley (third from left), Daun Williamson (third from right) and William Messersmith (second from right).



Grange member Robert More (fifth from left).

Eagle Grange #1 Open House – September 18th, 2021



Eagle Grange friends, Cheryl Miller and Jackie Murray, served as refreshment hosts.



Eagle Grange pictures and artifacts are on historical display at Eagle Grange Hall.



Eagle Grange members pose for a group picture in front of the hall.



Eagle Grange President, David Troutman, accepts an anniversary plaque from National Grange President, Betsy Huber.



Visitors viewed an historical video comprised of interviews of some Eagle Grange members.



Guests enjoyed refreshments and fellowship at the Open House.

This picture collage was created by Jenn Nauss for a special anniversary section in the State Grange session notebook.

Kick-Off Luncheon Highlights



Keynote speaker Dr. MeeCee Baker challenged Grangers to **pivot** and make some much needed changes to membership and policy.



National Grange President, Betsy Huber (left), presents an anniversary plaque to Jo Ann Murray, Eagle Grange #1's longest continuous member in honor of Eagle Grange's 150th anniversary in 2021.



A few lucky attendees won the centerpieces, featuring these commemorative tumblers.



All Eagle Grange #1 members in attendance posed for a picture with National Grange President, Betsy Huber (center). Eagle Grange is only the second Grange in the nation to reach the milestone of 150 years.



The new anniversary cookbook was unveiled!



State Grange President, Wayne Campbell, repeated the challenge for Grangers to embrace change in order to remain active for another 150 years.

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The menu for our next take-out dinner (below) features the popular roast turkey and all the trimmings so we expect a big demand. We need helpers Friday to prepare (pare potatoes, bake pies, etc.), volunteers to roast turkeys and helpers on Saturday for all kinds of job. Donations, especially baked goods and pies, are welcome and help to increase profits.

Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021

Turkey & All the Trimmings

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Cranberry Relish, Pickles, Roll & Butter, Homemade Pumpkin Pie

Suggested Donation - \$12



Advance reservations suggested*

Contact Joann Murray @ 570-547-1340

**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 – February 12, 2022

Free “Share the Love” Stuffed Chicken Breast

This workshop was originally planned for last November but was a victim of COVID. It is a service to the community so please help to spread the word!



Holiday Magic for the Pennywise

Saturday, November 13, 2021

A 2-hour workshop; 10 a.m.-12 noon

Eagle Grange Hall

Intersection of Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA

Led by Cheryl Miller, Marion Grange #223, Centre County, Retired Extension Educator, Penn State Cooperative Extension

With the holidays approaching many hosts/hostesses are looking for ways to host the perfect event to celebrate Thanksgiving, Hanukkah or Christmas. This workshop will help you:

- * *Host an outstanding holiday party on a budget*
- * *Save money by applying pennywise principles to your party planning, resulting in an event that will bring comfort and enjoyment to all your guests without breaking the budget.*
- * *Plan a frugal event - by selecting economical recipes, following money saving shopping tips & re-purposing holiday decorations.*

Advance registration by 11/6/2021 is required

Contact Doug Bonsall at: douglas.b@verizon.net or 717-921-1957

Registration fee payable at the door

\$10/person to cover food and craft supplies

Coming Events

October 5 – Grange Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. with guests from Farm Bureau; program on *Spotted Lanternfly Invasion* by Penn State Extension. See Page 1 for details. **Host – Phil Vonada**

October 9 – Potluck Lunch & Planning Meeting for recently consolidated Pomona Grange - 1 p.m. @ California Grange

October 15-17 – 149th annual State Grange convention in Valley Forge, PA

November 3 - Grange Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.; **note change to Wednesday to avoid conflict with General Election**; program on *Preventing Fraud & Identity Theft* by PA State Police; Bring a paring knife or pocket knife for a fun activity.
Host(s) Needed

November 5 – Work day for take-out dinner – 10 a.m.; lunch provided; **Volunteers to roast turkeys are needed**

November 6 – Take-Out Turkey Dinner – See Page 7. Help needed from 10 a.m.; lunch provided

Donations Are Always Welcome! We've been given the corn for this dinner by two friends in Perry & Juniata Counties and a donor has come forward to provide the turkeys. If anyone is interested in donating potatoes, ingredients for the cranberry relish and pumpkin pies, and other miscellaneous things like milk, rolls, etc., contact Doug Bonsall at 717-921-1957.

November 13 – *Holiday Magic for the Pennywise* workshop; See Page 8

December 7 – Eagle Grange Holiday Dinner – 6 p.m. Program on "Bells from Around the World"
Hosts – Jenn Nauss & Doug Bonsall



Eagle Grange members wait for the candle lighting ceremony to start at the State Grange anniversary kick-off luncheon, Sept. 18; more pictures on Page 6



Proposed Scout Project at Grange

Our teenage member Jordan Downey has planned his Eagle Scout project to build a pavilion and fire pit on the grounds of Eagle Grange in 2022. He made a very good illustrated presentation at the last Grange meeting, including the drawing shown above of the proposed 30' wide x 56' long x 10' high pavilion, with a shed on the end facing Route 15 for storage and to provide a sound buffer.

The Grange would be responsible for a majority of the cost of building materials and is supporting the project with a financial commitment not to exceed \$5,000. Jordan is seeking other partners for the project, including student apprentice labor from the Penn College Construction Association and discount materials from area suppliers which support the college's building trades program. This initiative will complement the previously approved Milton FFA Chapter project to plant memorial trees & install bird boxes on the grounds.

Pomona Granges Consolidate

The former Lycoming Pomona #28 and Montour-Northumberland-Union Pomona #31 officially consolidated as of 9/1/2021. There are three active Granges in Lycoming County, one in Montour and none in Northumberland or Union. The first meeting of the new group was hosted at Eagle on the afternoon of August 7th.

A planning meeting to determine the name, meeting dates/times, purposes and goals for the new Pomona Grange will begin with lunch at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 9th in the California Grange Hall between Watsontown and Washingtonville. Doug Bonsall and Jenn Nauss will be leading the brainstorming discussion. All ideas welcome.

Numbers Growing

A very warm greeting to our newest member **Jerry Walls** of Montoursville, PA. Jerry has attended several of our programs this summer and we hope to formally welcome him at our next meeting.

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Eagle's Educational Display at 2021 Bloomsburg Fair

