



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



December, 2021

Ring Those "Bells" Slated for Holiday Dinner



This handbell quartet from St. John's-Newberry United Methodist Church in Williamsport will entertain.

Eagle's annual holiday dinner will be held Tuesday, December 7th starting at 6 p.m. (note earlier starting time than our regular meetings). Main entrées (Swiss steak & baked fish), beverages, rolls and table service will be provided; everyone attending is asked to bring a hot casserole, salad or dessert to share.

Dr. Jim Diamond (right) of Bucks County, a former State Grange official and retired professor from Penn State and Delaware Valley Universities, will give his fascinating presentation on bells from around the world, each with its own unique story. It promises to be a festive night...more details on Page 2 & 8!



Coming Events

December 4 – Pomona Grange #28 meets @ Eagle – 1 p.m.; Continue planning after the recent consolidation of Lycoming and Montour Counties; light refreshments afterward

December 7 – Eagle Grange Holiday Dinner – 6 p.m. Program on “Bells from Around the World” and musical entertainment by local bell choir; meat, beverage and place settings provided; bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share
Hosts – Jenn Nauss & Doug Bonsall

Holiday Food Collection for Kids in Need

Please bring single serving, individually wrapped or packaged items listed on Page 8. This is a cooperative project between the Grange and the FFA Chapters at Milton & Montgomery Schools. Cash donations will also be accepted to purchase additional quantities of these items for distribution.

Dues for 2022

Save yourself and the Grange postage by paying your 2022 dues in person to the Secretary, Jenn Nauss, at the holiday dinner. Dues remain at the same levels as 2021 - \$50 for each adult and \$15 for youth members.

Dues may also be mailed to: **Jenn Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.** Checks should be made payable to: **Eagle Grange #1.**

Membership Recognition

Congratulations! The following members have reached membership milestones in 2021 and will be recognized for their years of membership on December 7th. Thank you for your years of service in the Grange!

- **15 years – Carl Reed**
- **30 years – Bernie Downey, Philip Weiss**
- **35 years – Robert More, David Troutman**
- **45 years – Belinda Frey**

January 4 – Eagle Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m. Program – Goal setting & planning for 2022. Come with ideas to keep the momentum going.

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

- Learned that the Grange Hall kitchen passed its annual food safety inspection “with flying colors”
- Received a written report on Jordan Downey’s Eagle Scout project to build an outdoor pavilion on the Grange grounds; planning continues with Penn College Construction Association and Your Building Centers
- Voted to sponsor six FFA Blue Jacket Scholarships for 2022 – 3 each in Milton and Montgomery High Schools
- Heard a report, written and verbal, about the recent State Grange session in Valley Forge from Eagle delegates Daun Williamson and Jennifer Nauss; among issues approved were support for the development of solar energy so long as this does not inhibit normal production on prime agriculture land and support for a proposal that would sell the National Grange headquarters building in Washington, DC
- Authorized the Treasurer Karen Williamson to secure a safety deposit for safekeeping of Grange documents at a convenient location
- Designated Secretary Jenifer Nauss as the second signatory on Grange accounts
- Learned that the State Grange Family Activities Department is collecting tabs from soda, cat food, dog food and soup cans, as well as used greeting cards and old cell phones; give donations of these items to Beth Downey
- Showed the second wooden quilt block painted by Bernie & Beth Downey to be installed on the exterior of the hall along with the recently received sign designating Eagle as an official stop on the PA State Grange Quilt Trail
- Adopted a proposal to sponsor the second annual “Share the Love” free take-out dinner on Saturday, February 12, 2022

Take-Out Turkey Dinner A Smashing Success!

Meal orders kept coming by phone and by walk-ins for the November 6th dinner until (unfortunately) we finally had to turn people away. The final totals – about 190 meals served and profits over \$2,200. This extraordinary profit was the result of very generous contributions of food, baked goods and monetary donations. A good group of volunteers from the Grange and community helped with Friday dinner preparations and Saturday packaging, serving and clean-up.



Baked & canned goods, cookbooks, t-shirts for sale



John Nogle & Larry Robbins mashed the potatoes



The take-out bags await pick-up



Kitchen crew readies to pack the hot meals



Helpers take time to eat lunch together



Cashiers greet guests as they arrive



Hot Item: New State Grange Cookbook

Eagle has already sold almost 150 copies; limited supply still available. Get them at Grange meetings or from Daisy Styer at 570-546-5861.

Two from Eagle Attend National Grange Session in Kansas

Eagle Grange members, Philip Vonada and Jenn Nauss, attended the National Grange annual session November 9-13 in Wichita, KS. During the week, Phil was officially announced as the new Communications Director on the National Grange staff. Congratulations and best wishes to Phil on his new position! As part of his new role, Phil also served as a Senior Communications Fellow and was responsible for editing and publishing the *Patrons Chain* newsletters throughout the week.

Jenn Nauss served as an Assistant Communications Fellow, working with Phil throughout the week. Jenn also served as the Musician for the National Grange Youth Officer Team (lower left with Grandmother Fae Snyder). During the Evening of Honors awards ceremony, Jenn was recognized with the 2021 *Wib & June Juste Youth Community Service Award* (lower right shown with National Grange Community Service Director Pete Pompper). This award recognizes a youth member for outstanding service to community and to the Grange Youth Department. **See Page 7 for details about the several awards Eagle received at National Grange..**



Scenes from Nov. 17th Holiday Magic Workshop



Retired Extension Educator & Centre County Granger Cheryl Miller led the workshop.



(above) Setting a festive holiday buffet with repurposed decorations and an ordinary shawl.
(below) Participants show their completed wall hanging craft creations.



Karen Williamson (above) gets started on the layout design for her craft project. The hands-on craft and serving of refreshments followed a PowerPoint presentation that gave penny-wise hints and techniques for planning, budgeting and menu selection to make a memorable, budget friendly holiday gathering.



Apple Paring Game; State Police Program @ Nov. 3 Meeting



(above) Jackie Murray and Beth Downey share a laugh, while (below) Libby Green (second from right) watches as (left to right) Tom Styer, Bernie Downey, and Daisy Styer compete to see who can create the longest unbroken apple peel.



State Police Trooper Lauren Lesher speaks about preventing fraud and avoiding scams



Visitors Hilda & Bob Sampsell demonstrate their apple paring skills.

Tasty Results of Apple Judging



Apple desserts were featured at the Grange's November meeting. Receiving honors were (left to right): Doug Bonsall – second, Janet Reynolds – first and Jenn Nauss – third. Janet's winning recipe is shared at right. Judges were our Grange friends Jackie Murray and Libby Green.

Apple Cheesecake Bars

- 2 – 8 oz. cans refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1-1/3 c. sugar, divided
- 1 large egg
- 16 oz. cream cheese @ room temperature
- 1-1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 4 Tbsp. butter, melted & cooled slightly
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 2 large apples, peeled & thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Unroll one can of rolls in the bottom of a greased 9" x 13" pan, pinching dough to seal edges. Mix 1/3 cup sugar with cinnamon. Arrange half of apple slices over dough and sprinkle with several teaspoons of the cinnamon sugar mixture. Combine remaining cup of sugar and egg, add cream cheese and vanilla, beating until smooth and fluffy (about 1-2 minutes). Spread cream cheese mixture over apples and then layer remaining apple slices on top. Sprinkle with more cinnamon sugar. Unroll second can of rolls over apples, sealing edges. Pour melted butter on top of the dough and spread evenly over dough. Sprinkle with remaining cinnamon sugar. Bake for 30 minutes until the top forms a golden brown crust.

Can You Find Eagle Grange's Name?

Eagle Grange was recognized for outstanding achievement during its 150th anniversary year with three awards at the National Grange annual session:

- Eagle was one of only 22 Granges across the country to be honored as a **Distinguished Grange for 2021**. This award acknowledges Granges that have been active in their communities, have grown their membership, and have offered educational and meaningful programs and activities.
- For the second year in a row, Eagle Grange was also recognized as an **Honor Grange** for a net growth of members during the year.
- Our Sesquicentennial **History Booklet** received first place in the National Grange Publicity Contest.



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December 2021 Newsletter



Food Collection for Kids



Eagle Grange, in cooperation with the Milton FFA and Montgomery FFA Chapters, is sponsoring a food drive this holiday season to collect items for distribution to students in both school districts. The following items are suggested; all must be single serving & individually packaged/ wrapped:

- cookies, crackers, granola/breakfast bars, pop tarts
- “pop top” cans of pasta, soup, tuna, chicken, macaroni & cheese
- raisins, instant oatmeal, cereal, Raman noodles, hot chocolate mix
- cups of pudding, applesauce, fruit, jello

Donations may be dropped off at the high schools now through December 10, 2021.

- **Milton** - 700 Mahoning Street, use entrance on east side of high school near Turkey Hill and look for the FFA Sign at Door #8; place donations in container outside door; Donation Hours: Monday-Friday (except Nov 24-26 & 29) 8:00 AM-11:30 AM & 1:30-3:00 PM
- **Montgomery** - 120 Penn Street, High School Office ; Donation hours: Monday-Friday (except Nov. 24-26 & 29) 7:45 AM-3:05 PM

Monetary donations to purchase additional items will also be gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to: Eagle Grange #1 and mail to: Karen Williamson, 900 Nichols Place Apt 205, Williamsport, PA 17701

Thank you for helping to provide nutritious food to local kids. Grange members/friends may bring food donations to Grange Hall on Dec. 7th.