



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



April, 2021

PA Magazine Publisher Slated to Speak Eagle Grange – Tuesday, April 6, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.



Mr. Al Holliday of Camp Hill (left), founder and publisher of *Pennsylvania Magazine*, will share highlights and overviews of some of the most interesting, odd and perplexing people of our state since its founding. *Pennsylvania Magazine* is the only periodical that covers the whole state with feature articles and photos. Every attendee will receive a free copy of the magazine and a guide sheet to the presentation.

Al started the publication in 1981 with his wife as a guide to the history, regional attractions and stories about interesting Pennsylvanians and their accomplishments, past and present. He is a native of upstate New York and has BA and MA degrees from Michigan State University. He came to Pennsylvania to work in the Department of Education where he was director of public relations prior to founding the magazine.

Some of the fascinating topics which Al will discuss:

- *why purchasing the Erie Triangle made our colony unique*
- *the unusual honor that William and Hannah Penn received from federal government in 1983*
- *the odds that the composer of God Bless America was a Pennsylvanian*
- *the reasons the Pennsylvania Turnpike was constructed*
- *the good possibility that the real inventor of the telephone was a resident of Camp Hill*
- *even which of the Three Stooges was a native of Pennsylvania*

Persons who prefer to join the meeting remotely may do so using the same ZOOM log-in link as last month; contact Secretary Jenn Nauss at 717-512-1261 if you need this information again. A brief business session will be held prior to the program and will include the draping of the Grange charter in memory of the late William McElroy. Hosts for the social hour following the meeting are Bernie & Beth Downey; attendees are invited to bring their favorite finger food to share. Social distancing protocols will be observed and wearing of face masks required. Disposable plastic gloves will be provided for serving of refreshments.

Look for feature articles coming out soon about Eagle's 150th anniversary in the March-April *PA Grange News*, summer *West Branch Life* magazine and the *Milton Standard-Journal* newspaper. The Eagle Grange Facebook and website pages continue to reach dozens of new people every month spreading the latest news about Eagle Grange and our growing activities. A Go-Fund-Me giving program to raise \$3,500 toward the installation of the HVAC "split" units is now posted to receive outside donations on-line.

A Very Special Night at Eagle

Several very important events took place at the March 2, 2021, meeting of Eagle Grange. Five Blue Jacket Scholarships were presented to Milton FFA students, four new Grange members were received, members of the former Delaware Grange were welcomed into Eagle by consolidation and the 150th anniversary of the Grange's founding on March 4, 1871 was celebrated.



Milton FFA representatives (left to right) Jacket recipient Tristin Kitchens, Chapter President Kara Muller, Jacket recipient Keri Boyer and Chapter Advisor David Bittner. Kara spoke about the chapter's activities and the importance of FFA to the students while Mr. Bittner expressed thanks for the new partnership between the FFA and Eagle Grange.

Welcome New Grange Members

- David Bittner, Montandon
- Keri Boyer, Milton
- Tristin Kitchens, Milton
- KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner, Lewisburg

FFA members receive a free first year Grange membership through a special grant administered by the State Grange. We are exploring ways to involve the special skills and interests of these new members in the life of Eagle Grange.

More good news – we understand additional Milton FFA'ers and some of their family members are also planning to become Eagle Grange members.



Krista Pontius (above left) of Millerstown, Greenwood FFA Advisor and founder of the PA FFA Blue Jacket Scholarship program, described the special significance for students to wear the blue corduroy jacket.



A sweet treat to celebrate 150 years of service

Coming Events

March 26 – Work day @ 10 a.m.; prepare for take-out dinner; lunch provided

March 27 – Family Road Rally Scavenger Hunt; registration at 9 a.m. (see Page 4)



Brad & Anna May Nauss are among the teams preparing for the March 27th Road Rally.

March 27 – Pork Loins & Homemade Sauerkraut* take-out dinner; help needed @ 10 a.m.; lunch provided; meal pick-up by advance orders from 2-4 p.m. (see Page 5)

**alternate menu available upon request - stuffing and gravy in place of sauerkraut*

April 6 – Grange meeting @ 6:30 p.m.;
Program – “Amazing Pennsylvania” by Al Holliday, Publisher of *PA Magazine*
Hosts – Bernie & Beth Downey

May 4 – Grange meeting @ 6:30 p.m.;
Program – “Proposed PA Constitutional Amendments” by State Rep. Jeff Wheeland
Hosts – Elliott & Barbara Weiss

Anniversary T-Shirt

sales continue to be brisk as orders are received from other Granges around the state.

- \$12 each - Small, Medium & Large sizes
- \$14 each - X-Large, 2X-Large & 3-XLarge sizes



Contact Jenn Nauss at any event or by calling 717-512-1261 to order the size(s) you need.



Contact for Use of Eagle Grange Hall

David Troutman 570-220-1685

Handrails have been installed at the side and kitchen doors to provide safer access. Renovations to the second floor are almost finished and 36 new padded folding chairs are ordered for this space using donations specified for this improvement.

Change of Date for State Grange Anniversary Kick-Off

The kick-off for the State Grange's 150th anniversary celebration, originally scheduled for April 17th, has been postponed until **Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021.**

COVID concerns prompted the change with the hope that it will be safer for large groups to meet by fall. The day's events will begin with an open house brunch at Eagle (10 a.m.-1 p.m.) followed by a 1:30 p.m. luncheon and program at Country Cupboard in Lewisburg. As the first Grange in the state, Eagle members will have an important part in the program at this luncheon to spread the Grange light just as it happened 150 years ago. Tickets already purchased will be automatically transferred to the new date.

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ROAD RALLY

Get your team together for a scavenger
hunt through North-Central PA



**SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021 -
9:00 AM**

\$10 PER TEAM / PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Contact Jenn Nauss at jnauss89@gmail.com or
(717) 512-1261 for more information. Find us on
Facebook - Eagle Grange #1.

Thanks to participating businesses:

Four Friends Winery, Montgomery

Griggs Coffee, Montoursville

Community Theatre League, Williamsport

Styer Farm and Market, Muncy

Purity Candy, Allenwood

Masks are required in businesses. See rules and information on reverse side.

Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Sat., March 27, 2021

Roast Pork Loin & Homemade Sauerkraut

Roast Pork Loin, Homemade
Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed
Vegetables, Applesauce, Sweet Pickles,
Roll & Butter, Beverage,
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

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

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Next Take-Out Dinner

Roast Beef with Stuffing – May 22, 2021

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c/o Douglas A. Bonsall
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April 2021 Newsletter



Eagle Grange presented Five Blue Jacket Scholarships to Milton FFA Students in March 2021