



# Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road  
Montgomery, PA 17752



June, 2021

**Eagle has become the second Grange in the entire nation to reach 150 years of continuous service and has been so recognized on this plaque hanging in the National Grange headquarters in Washington, D.C.**

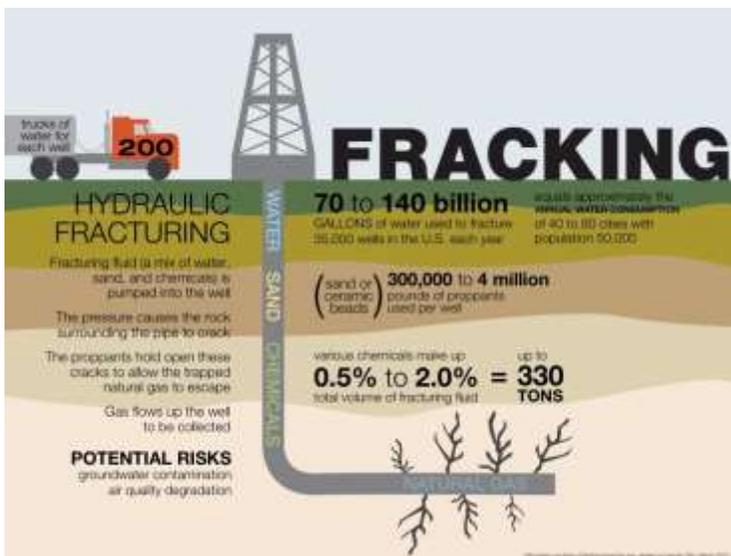


Photo Courtesy of Betsy Huber, National President

# What is Natural Gas Fracking All About?

**Eagle Grange – Tuesday, June 1, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.**

A bird's eye view of natural gas exploration in central Pennsylvania's Marcellus and Utica shale zones will be presented by our own president David Troutman who is involved with the natural gas industry. Drilling, fracking and production activities will be shared in a PowerPoint presentation.



Just in case you are not familiar with how this process works to extract underground deposits of natural gas and oil, here's some basic background found on the internet.

## What is fracking?

Also spelled *fracing* or *fraccing*; also called *hydrofracking* or *full hydraulic fracturing*, A process used in natural gas and petroleum production which involves, injection of a fluid at high pressure into an underground rock formation in order to open fissures and allow trapped gas or crude oil to flow through a pipe to a wellhead at the surface.

Fracking is a proven drilling technology used for extracting oil, natural gas, geothermal energy, or water from deep underground. Fracking has been safely used in the United States since 1947. More than 1.7 million U.S. wells have been completed using the fracking process, producing more than seven billion barrels of oil and 600 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Nationally, fracking produces two-thirds (67 percent) of the natural gas in the United States, according to the US Energy Information Administration, and approximately 50 percent of the nation's oil.

The Marcellus and Utica shale zones with their rich stores of fossil fuel have been hidden underground for eons in much of southwestern and northern Pennsylvania. Only recently have these resources become commercially productive sources of energy to meet society's energy needs. Fracking is considered controversial by some due to the chemicals used to extract the oil and gas, which could then contaminate local water supplies.

**As with all Grange programs, the goal of this presentation is to educate and provide information, not take a position "pro" or "con" on the topic.**

**Eagle's first Road Rally** back in March was such an outstanding success that its organizer Jenn Nauss was recently interviewed for a National Grange on-line webinar sharing community service ideas. She also wrote this article (re-printed here in part) for the Spring 2021 issue of the National Grange *Good Day! Magazine*.

## HOW TO PLAN A...

# Road Rally

By Jenn Nauss

*Pennsylvania State Grange Lecturer*

On Saturday, March 27, Eagle Grange #1 in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, hosted its first ever Road Rally, a part of its ongoing 150th Anniversary celebration in 2021.

The Rally was essentially a scavenger hunt completed by teams in their own vehicles and was held as a way to involve members of the community, support some local small businesses, and increase awareness about the Grange.

The Road Rally required teams to travel to ten local historic sites, notable places, and small businesses.

The route was around 80 miles in length and took teams around 3.5 hours to complete.

Teams were given clues that they opened when they arrived at each stop. Once solved, the clues directed the teams to do a specific task at each stop, including posing for certain pictures or certain items to purchase at a business.

Teams were provided a list of stops, but each team was responsible for developing their own route. Additionally, teams were provided a list of "bonus items", which included places and things they might see on the route.

Prizes were then given in a number of categories, including:

- First team to complete the rally
- Best costume/decorations (the theme for the Road Rally was "Decades" in honor of the 15 decades that Eagle Grange has been active)
- Most creative team picture taken at one of the stops
- Most bonus items found
- Most supportive of the small businesses

Although this was the first of this type of event that Eagle Grange had planned, the event was a success. Thanks to advance planning and publicity, the community response exceeded all expectations.



*Submitted Photo*

**Road Rally participants gathered near this vintage car parked outside the Eagle Grange Hall in Pennsylvania, early on the morning of Saturday, March 27 to register for a mobile family-friendly scavenger hunt. The rally was sponsored as a community service by Eagle Grange #1, which is observing its 150th anniversary in 2021.**

About 50 people, grouped into 17 teams, participated in the rally. While some of the teams had connections to the Grange, many did not.

This event served to introduce these community members to the Grange and showcase the organization in a new and fun way.

The participating teams complimented Eagle Grange on the organization of the event and shared that they could not wait to do it again next year.

In addition to the interest of the local community, the Road Rally has also garnered the attention of several other

Grangers across the country who have wondered how they can plan a similar event.

Although the locations and other details may be specific to a local Grange or local community, a Road Rally event can certainly be conducted by any Grange, regardless of its location.

For more details, information, or questions about planning a Road Rally or similar event, contact me, Jenn Nauss, a proud Eagle Grange member and Pennsylvania State Grange Lecturer, at [jnauss89@gmail.com](mailto:jnauss89@gmail.com).

## **Back by Popular Demand**

**The first Road Rally was so popular that a date has been set for a second one!** The Grange at its last meeting approved the recommendation from Jenn Nauss to schedule another rally on **Saturday, October 9, 2021**. This rally will feature a different route and new opportunities to appreciate the beauty of the area at the height of the fall foliage season. We won't be serving a dinner the same day so our faithful Grangers can take part this time!

**But never fear.....**we have another new idea in mind to make sure there is food at this Grange event!. A **Food Truck Festival** on the Grange Hall grounds is being investigated both for Road Rally participants and for the general public to enjoy. Combining these two popular events should make for another banner day in the life of Eagle Grange. Stay tuned as details are worked out!

# Coming Events

**May 21 – Work Day** for take-out dinner – starting at 10 a.m.; lunch provided

**May 22 – Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner;** help needed from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; lunch provided

**June 1 – Eagle Grange meeting @ 6:30 p.m.;** Program – “**Natural Gas Fracking**” by David Troutman; Also celebrating **Dairy Month**

**Hosts – Karen Williamson; Richard Kelley**  
Bring toppings for ice cream sundaes; call Karen at 570-323-5832 to let her know what you will bring

**\*July 6 – Community Picnic starting @ 6 p.m.;** followed by showing of documentary movie “**Surrender! The Sudden Death of Alvira**”

**Hosts – David Troutman, Mike Wallis**  
Reservations required; limited to 70 persons

**July 24 – Free Family Fun Fair & Corn Hole Tournament - 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Help need throughout day (rain date is July 25<sup>th</sup>)**

*\*The showing of this documentary is expected to generate much interest in the community since many local families were affected by the seizing of over 8,000 acres of land in the White Deer Valley during World War II . Before being announced to the public, a sign-up list will be circulated at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for members to have first chance at one of the 70 seats. Next newsletter will have more details.*

## Property Improvements

- Two HVAC “split units” installed, one on each floor, to improve both heating and cooling. We are still learning how to regulate them!!
- Dismantled and removed the old piano that technicians determined was not worth fixing
- Purchased a new electronic keyboard for use at Grange functions
- Purchased a large wall-mounted screen that can be unhooked and taken to either floor
- Completed about half of the matting and framing of pictures and other memorabilia for a permanent historical gallery display in the second floor anteroom
- Planning to replace the kitchen entrance screen that was mysteriously damaged beyond repair
- Looking into the Grange’s incorporation status

## FFA-Grange Joint Project Moves Forward

We are thrilled with the enthusiasm of our new partners at Milton FFA. Grange member and FFA Advisor David Bittner presented a report at the last meeting on planting of trees and installation of blue bird boxes on the Grange property. The FFA will build and install two bird boxes - the maximum number recommended due to the territorial nature of these birds. **You may sponsor one of the boxes for just \$12 to cover the cost of materials.** Four trees will be planted early this fall in memory of members of Eagle Grange deceased during the past year – Ernestine Beach, William McElroy, Paul Renninger, Virginia Reynolds and Lois Wertman.

### Anniversary T-Shirts

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



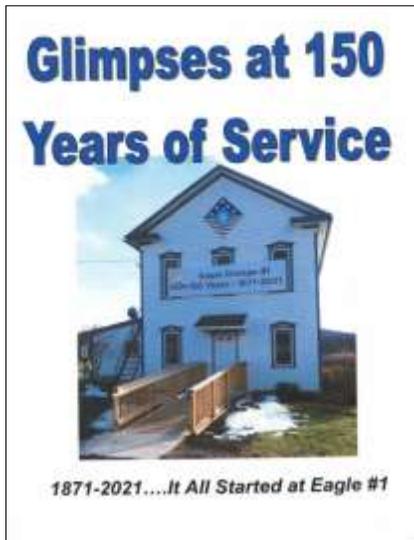
Contact Jenn Nauss at any event or call 717-512-1261 to purchase your shirt!

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

## You Still Have Time to Sponsor an Ad

The response has been absolutely phenomenal to our recently announced ad sponsorship opportunity in the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary historical booklet. Just a month after announcing this to our members, friends and sister Granges, we have received over \$1,000 in ads and they continue to arrive.

An ad is a perfect way to remember a deceased loved one, honor a family member or celebrate some special occasion in your life. Please see the next two pages, re-printed again this month, for complete details. **Please note ads must be received by July 1, 2021.....so don't delay!**



*It All Started at Eagle #1.....*

# Your Invitation to Become a Historical Booklet Sponsor

A commemorative history booklet is being prepared by Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County, as part of its sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary observance. Preliminary plans are for a 24-page full size (8 1/2" x 11") and full color booklet featuring narrative and pictures of the past 150 years for this first Grange in the state. A proposed cover page is shown to the left and a template of the various sized ad blocks is shown on the reverse. The finished product will be available in time for the local celebration of the anniversary on August 7<sup>th</sup> and for the September 18<sup>th</sup> open house brunch and luncheon to kick-off the State Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary period.

Individuals, families, businesses and other Granges that wish to lend support to the printing of this booklet are invited to become a Sponsor. One-eighth page ads (business card size – approximately 2-1/2" x 3-3/4") are just \$25. Larger ad spaces are also available: quarter page - \$50, half page - \$100, and full page - \$150. The layout of ads may include text, art work and/or photos to promote a business/Grange and/or express greetings from the sponsor. Copy must be submitted by July 1, 2021. Submission of camera-ready copy, appropriately sized for the space desired, is strongly preferred but not required.

All sponsors will receive a copy of the commemorative booklet upon its completion. Contact Doug Bonsall at 717-921-1957 or [douglas.b@verizon.net](mailto:douglas.b@verizon.net) to become a sponsor or for more information.

## Eagle Grange 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historical Booklet

Name of Business/Grange/Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Check desired size:**

Eighth Page (\$25)     Quarter Page (\$50)     Half Page (\$100)     Full Page (\$150)

**Cash or check payable to:** Eagle Grange #1

**Ad copy/payment due by July 1, 2021, to :**

Doug Bonsall, PO Box 765, Dauphin, PA 17018 or [douglas.b@verizon.net](mailto:douglas.b@verizon.net)

**Eighth Page Ad - \$25**

(Approx. 2-1/2" height x 3-3/4" width)

**Quarter Page Ad - \$50**

(Approx. 5" height x 3-3/4" width)

**Eighth Page Ad - \$25**

(Approx. 2-1/2" height x 3-3/4" width)

**Half Page Ad - \$100**

(Approx. 5" height x 7-1/2" width)

**Full Page Ad - \$150 (Approx. 10" height x 7-1/2" width)**

Preliminary Announcement for Next Big Project; Details Later

# Free Family Fun Fair

**Sat., July 24, 2021**

*Rain Date: Sun., July 25, 2021*

*11 a.m.-4 p.m. (either day)*

**Eagle Grange Hall & Grounds**

***Rt. 15 & East Blind Rd., Montgomery, PA***

Featuring: Children's Carnival Games, Build-Your-Own  
Crafts, Pet Parade, Face Painting, Coloring Contest

*First 100 children up to age 15 will receive  
a coupon for free refreshments*

## **Corn Hole Tournament**

**Registration - \$25/team;**

*Advance registration required*

**Prizes for top 3 teams. Limited  
to first 40 registered teams.**

**For Details & Registration Form**

**Contact: Jenn Nauss at 717-512-1261**



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Dauphin, PA 17018-0765



# June 2021 Newsletter

**HURRY!** There are still a few days before the Grange's next take-out dinner. If you haven't already done so, call today to order your meal. Better yet, why not volunteer also to help with preparations on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and for serving on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The fellowship we experience working together is great!

## Take-Out Dinner

*Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1*

**Sat., May 22, 2021**

### Roast Beef

Roast Beef, Stuffing, Gravy,  
Mashed Potatoes, Peas &  
Carrots, Roll & Butter,  
Lettuce with Bacon Dressing,  
Applesauce, Angel Food  
Cake & Strawberries

*Suggested Donation - \$13*



**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**

*Pulled Pork – August 28, 2021*