



Eagle Grange #1

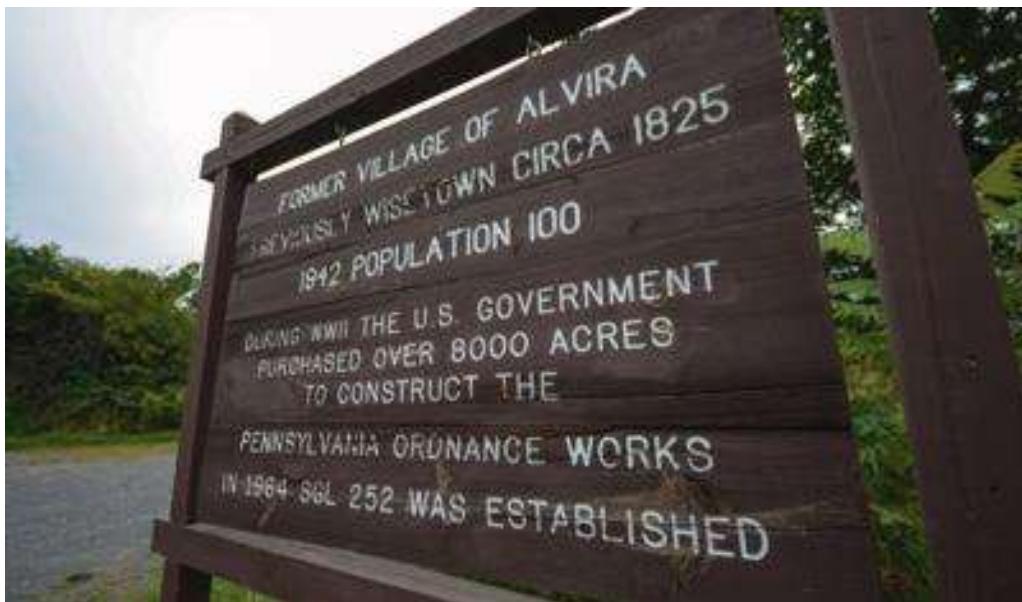
Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



July, 2021

Space is Limited; Advance Sign-Up Required

Surrender! The Sudden Death of Alvira



As war broke out in Europe in the early 1940's, the conflict seemed very far away from the bucolic White Deer Valley in Union and Lycoming Counties of Pennsylvania.

However by February 1942, 400 residents of the town of Alvira and vicinity would learn they had six weeks to vacate their properties as the federal government commandeered 8,500 acres of their land to build a massive TNT production plant - the Pennsylvania Ordnance Works - to manufacture explosives for the war effort.

The moving story of this event that disrupted lives and forever changed the agricultural nature of the valley is told in the 67-minute documentary film "Surrender! The Sudden Death of Alvira". A free showing of the film will held at the Grange's next meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in the air conditioned Eagle

Grange Hall, located within a mile of part of the land seized. The Grange's membership was greatly affected by the government's action in 1942 so re-visiting this important historical event is especially appropriate as the Grange observes its 150th anniversary of continuous service this year.

Steve & Martha Huddy, co-directors of the documentary, will be present to introduce the film and answer questions afterward. **The evening will begin with a free outdoor community picnic at 6 p.m.; attendees are invited to bring their lawn chair and a casserole, salad or dessert to share.** The Grange will provide meat, beverage and table service.

Seating inside is limited to 70 persons; advance reservations are required and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis by calling Joann Murray at 570-547-1340.

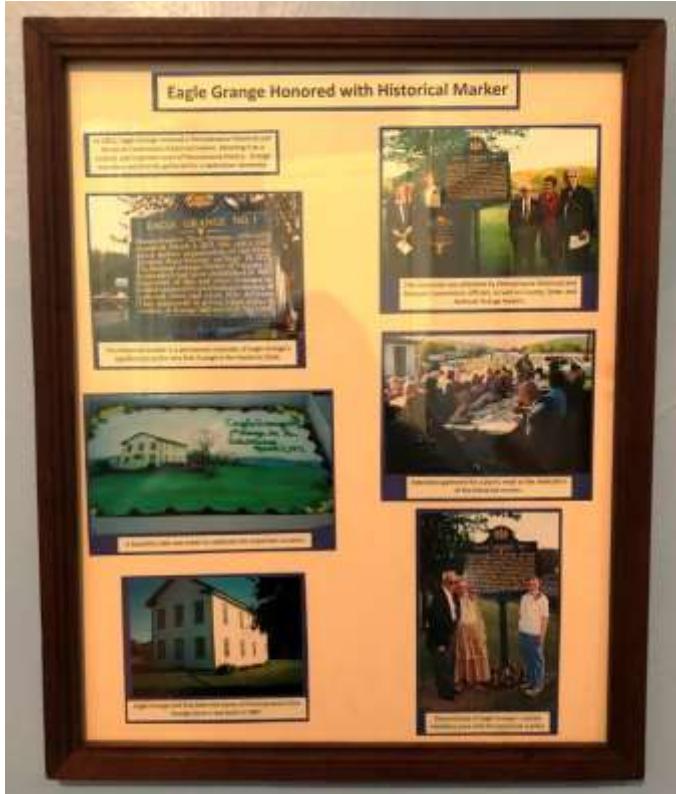
History Comes Alive in Picture Gallery



These shots of the new gallery in the second floor anteroom of the Grange Hall provide a glimpse of this wonderful new display about Eagle's history. Please visit in-person for a closer look to view all 12 frames about the past 150 years. Thanks to Jenn Nauss for sharing her talent & giving leadership on this project.



More Gallery Shots



The beautiful frames, formerly displaying charters from disbanded Granges, were given to Eagle by the State Grange and repurposed for this gallery.

Grange Display at Local Fairs

It's been more than a decade since Eagle Grange entered an exhibit at local fairs. That's about to change with plans underway now for an educational display about agricultural land preservation in Pennsylvania. David Bittner, David Troutman, Jenn Nauss and Doug Bonsall are working on the project and invite others to help with the set-up and tear-down at the Lycoming County Fair in July, the Montour-Delong Fair in August and the Bloomsburg Fair in September. .

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

Landfill Tour Slated in August



The Lycoming County Sanitary Landfill was proposed in 1973 on some 180 acres of land in Brady Township, about 2 miles from Eagle Grange. Minutes of the Grange from that time indicate a strong community opposition to the proposal. Now the operation processes trash from several surrounding counties.

We've arranged a tour of the operation for our August meeting - Tuesday, August 3rd. Meet at the Grange Hall at 6:15 p.m. sharp. We will then carpool to the landfill where van transportation and driver/guides will be provided for up to 30 persons. There will be no cost for the tour but advance reservations must be made by calling Doug Bonsall 717-921-1957

After the approximate one hour tour, we'll travel a few miles to **Thad's Place, 2218 Route 54 in Montgomery** for a Dutch-treat snack. Ice cream, pizza, sandwiches, etc. will be available.

Final Call for Book Ads

The response has been absolutely phenomenal to the invitation to place ads in the 150th anniversary historical booklet. As this newsletter is being prepared on 6/15/2021, the total received has reached \$1,850.

The response means the book will be larger than the 24 pages originally planned, but the ads will more than cover the added cost. The completed book is expected in time for the anniversary on August 7th.

An ad is a perfect way to remember a deceased loved one, honor a family member, celebrate a special occasion or simply express congratulations to Eagle Grange.

Ad sizes & costs are: eighth page - \$25; quarter page - \$50, half page - \$100; full page - \$150. Complete details were printed in the past two issues of this newsletter; contact Doug Bonsall at 717-921-1957 or douglas.b@verizon.net if you need the information. Please note ads must be submitted by July 1st.

Recent Actions

- Completed matting and framing of pictures and clippings for a permanent historical gallery display in the second floor anteroom
- Authorized Attorney Elliott Weiss to proceed immediately with incorporating the Grange
- Adopted a set of proposed by-laws
- Delegated decision to Executive Committee re: installation of an additional "split" HVAC unit to provide better cooling in the kitchen as soon as possible

Anniversary T-Shirts

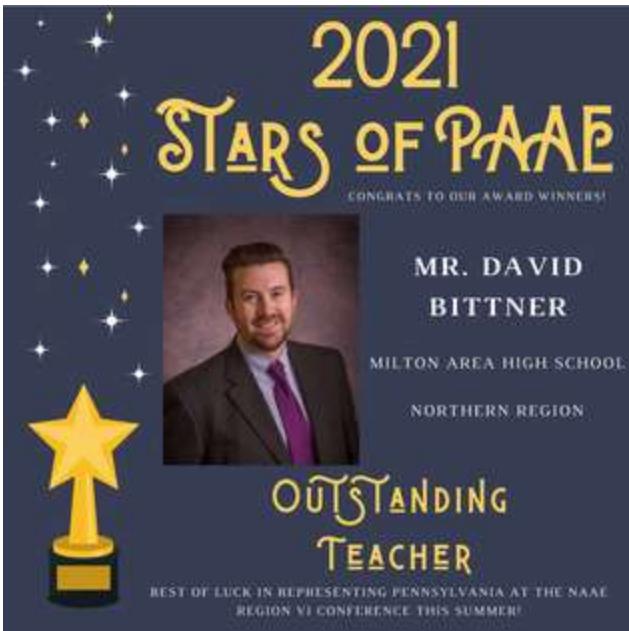
- \$12 each - Small, Medium & Large sizes
- \$14 each - X-Large, 2X-Large & 3-XLarge sizes

Contact Jenn Nauss at any event or call 717-512-1261.

Glimpses at 150 Years of Service

A booklet cover titled "Glimpses at 150 Years of Service". It features a blue building with a chimney and a small bridge over water in front of it. Below the image is the text "1871-2021....It All Started at Eagle #1".





David Bittner, AgriScience Teacher at Milton Area School District and an active new member of Eagle Grange, has been named the 2021 PA Association of Agriculture Educators' **Outstanding Agriculture Teacher**. David established the program at Milton in 2017-2018 and has already developed studies in Animal Science, Plant Science, and Food Science. After receiving nearly \$30,000 in grants, David has created unique initiatives such as the Bunny Backpack Program, Gecko Grotto project and a project to teach elementary school students about hydroponics and aquaponics.

Coming Events

July 1 – Deadline to submit ads for the 150th anniversary historical booklet; details from Doug Bonsall at 717-921-1957

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; see Pages 1 & 10

July 23 – Preparation for Family Fun Fair – 10 a.m. (lunch provided)

July 24 – **NEXT BIG SERVICE PROJECT**

Free Family Fun Fair & Corn Hole Tournament - 11 a.m.-4 p.m. See Pages 8-9 for details. **Help needed throughout the day both outside and in kitchen (rain date is July 25th – same hours)**

August 3 – Tour of Lycoming County Sanitary Landfill & refreshments at Thad's Place
Reservations required; See Page 4.

August 7 – Pomona Grange meeting @ 2 p.m.
Eagle's 150th anniversary buffet & program @ 5 p.m.; Reservations required; contact **Jenn Nauss at 717-512-1261**. Butterfly release, free dinner, historical slide program, citations by local officials, cutting the anniversary cake.

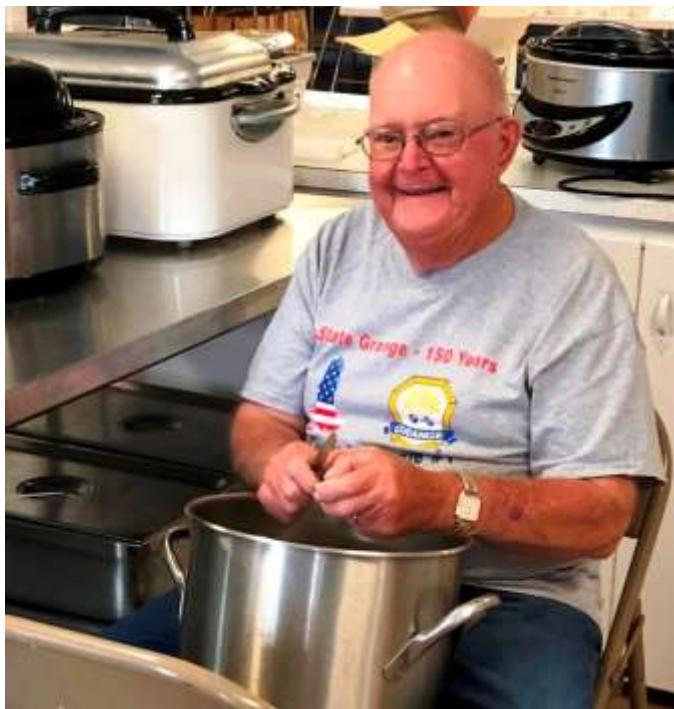


Eagle President David Troutman presented an overview of natural gas fracking as the program at the Grange's June meeting.

Roast Beef Dinner Nets Both Profits & Good Times



Eagle's popular take-out dinners started last year to conform to limits on group gatherings during the worst of the COVID pandemic. Each one has grown larger than the one before with 182 meals served at the most recent dinner in May. Thanks to donations from both members and guests, more than \$1,800 was earned for Grange projects. Notice all the smiling faces of the volunteers.....it was fun!



EAGLE GRANGE #1

FREE FAMILY FUN FAIR!

SATURDAY, JULY 24
11 AM - 4 PM

RAIN DATE - JULY 25 / 11 AM - 4 PM
EAGLE GRANGE HALL AND GROUNDS
RT. 15 & E. BLIND RD, MONTGOMERY

- Children's Carnival Games
- Pet Parade
- Create-your-own Crafts
- Face Painting
- Coloring Contest

(First 100 children up to age 15 to register will receive a coupon for free snack pack)



LASAGNA DINNER
\$8 per meal - Dine-In or Take-Out
Advance reservations recommended.

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

Registration - \$25/Team
(Advance registration required)
Prizes for Top 3 teams.
Limited to first 40 registered teams.



For Fun Fair registrations, Corn Hole registrations, Pet Parade registrations, and dinner reservations, contact Jenn Nauss - (717) 512-1261 / jnauss89@gmail.com
See reverse for details.

Family Fun Fair

July 24 - 11 am-4pm (Rain Date - July 25 - 11 am-4 pm)
Eagle Grange Hall and Grounds / Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery

Several activities will be ongoing throughout the Fun Fair, including: Face Painting, Carnival Games, Coloring Contest, Snack Stand, Cornhole Tournament (advanced registration required; see below)

Other activities are scheduled as follows:

- 11:00 am - Pinecone Bird Feeder Craft / Check-in for Cornhole Tournament
- 11:30 am - Cornhole Tournament begins
- 1:00 pm - Pet Parade
- 2:00 pm - Paint Your Own Flower Pot Craft
- 3:30 pm - Awards - Coloring Contest and Cornhole Tournament (once completed)

Activity Details

- Educational and fun craft demonstrations are scheduled for 11 am and 2 pm. The Pinecone Bird Feeder Craft at 11 am has no limit; the Flower Pot Craft at 2 pm has a limit of 20 children. Register in advance to save a spot!
- Pet Parade - 1 pm - Fun Fair attendees are invited to show off their pets! Prizes will be awarded for: Best Dog, Best Cat, Cutest Costume, and Most Unusual Pet. To keep all attendees safe, pets must be leashed or crated. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Snack Stand

- The first 100 children (up to age 15) who register will be given a voucher for a free snack pack, including a hot dog, bag of chips, and a drink. Advance registration is recommended to reserve a free snack pack voucher; any remaining vouchers will be available the day of the Fun Fair on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Additional snack packs will be available to any attendees for a recommended minimum donation of \$2. All proceeds from the Snack Stand will benefit the Milton FFA.

Lasagna Dinner

- A homemade lasagna dinner will be served from 12-3 p.m. during the Fun Fair. Tables will be set up in the air-conditioned hall for dine-in eating; meals are also available for take-out.
- Each dinner will include a generous serving of lasagna, bread, fruit cup, side salad and bottled water; suggested donation is \$8 per meal. A variety of homemade desserts will be available ala carte.
- Advance meal reservations are recommended. A limited number of meals may be available without reservation on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cornhole Tournament

- Advance registration and payment of entry fee are required.
- Check-in for the tournament will begin at 11 am. The tournament will begin at 11:30 am and run until it is completed.
- The tournament will be limited to the first 40 registered teams at a cost of \$25 per team. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st - \$150; 2nd - \$100; 3rd - \$50

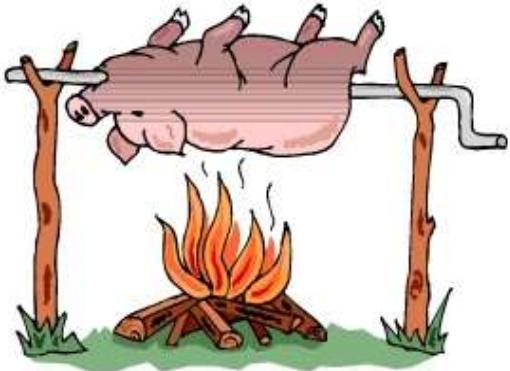
For all registrations or any questions, contact:
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Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Sat., August 28, 2021

Pulled Pork



Roast Pulled Pork with Homemade Barbeque Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Oriental Cabbage Salad, Applesauce, Roll & Butter, Peach Shortcake

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

Roast Turkey & Trimmings – November 13, 2021

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*c/o Douglas A. Bonsall
300 Swatara Street, PO Box 765
Dauphin, PA 17018-0765*



July 2021 Newsletter

TUESDAY, JULY 6TH
EAGLE GRANGE #1 HOSTS:

"SURRENDER! THE SUDDEN DEATH OF ALVIRA"

Film Showing at **7:00 pm** - in the air-conditioned hall - seating limited to 70 persons

Join us for a community picnic before the film at **6:00 pm**. Please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to share and your own lawn chair.

Advance registration is required.
Call (570) 547-1340.