



# Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

December 2022



## Coming Up at Annual Holiday Dinner – December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.

A gala evening of food, fellowship and fun is planned beginning with a potluck dinner. Meat, beverages, place settings and seasonable decorations will be provided by the Grange and everyone attending is invited to bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share. See more details below about all the things planned for this very festive event at Eagle Grange.



Ken & Nancy Eck of Muncy will be honored as recipients of the 2022 Grange Community Citizen Award in recognition of outstanding volunteer service to many causes and organizations in the area.



“Be Passionate” - Chalk Artist Jeff Baker of Lewisburg will use his artistic skills, recorded music and the spoken word to show us how to have a life of passion, purpose and inspiration.



Grange members pictured above were busy recently getting the individual table favors ready for the annual holiday dinner. Everyone attending will receive a jar of Reindeer Food.... also known as homemade granola! Door prizes are also promised.



### Holiday Portraits

Irvin & Janet Reynolds (left) were among the first to have their picture taken in front of the holiday backdrop in the Grange Hall. Plan to do the same at the holiday dinner.

### Food Collection

Bring your donations by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. See next page for details about this project.

## Please Support This Project

The Grange reaches out to those in the community who need help by collecting food items during November/December

Jointly sponsored by Eagle Grange #1 and the Montgomery High School FFA Chapter

Bring your donations to the Grange Hall at any of the upcoming



## Holiday Food Collection



Eagle Grange #1 and the Montgomery FFA Chapter are jointly sponsoring a food drive this holiday season to collect items for distribution by the Footprints of Montgomery food pantry to area residents in need.

**There is a need for the following items:**

- **Canned items:** meats (chicken, ham, tuna), stews/chili, pastas (spaghetti-Os), creamed corn/ beets/carrots, fruit, soups, bottled juices; **Basic condiments** (ketchup/mayonnaise); **Hygiene products** (deodorants, soaps, shampoo, toothpaste); **Laundry soap**; **Paper products** (towels/toilet tissue); **Coffee**
- Currently there is **NOT** a need for: mac & cheese, cereals, canned beans, sugar, tea, r ice, spaghetti, noodles

**Donations may be dropped off at the following locations now through December 9, 2022:**

- Eagle Grange Hall, 32 East Blind Road, Montgomery  
Dates/Hours: 11/1/22 – 6-9 p.m.; 11/11/22 – 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 11/12/22 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 12/6/22 – 5-9 p.m.
- Montgomery High School, 120 Penn Street, High School Office  
Donation hours: Monday-Friday (except Nov. 23-25 & 28) 7:45 AM-3:05 PM
- St. John (Brick) Lutheran Church, 196 Brick Church Road, Montgomery
- Elimsport United Methodist Church, 16145 South State Route 44, Allenwood

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 those in need.**

## Long Awaited Parking Lot; Signage Completed



What a welcome improvement! The parking area behind the Grange Hall was installed in early November by Green Valley Paving. Grange fund raisers, plus two gifts of \$5,000 each, made the \$19,700 project a reality. Line painting remains to be done in the spring.



The temporary banners announcing Eagle's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary (1871-2021) have been removed and replaced with professionally made signs dedicated in October to the memories of Brother Robert Hively and Sister Elizabeth Anstadt. President David Troutman mounted the signs on the north and south ends of the hall to identify the home of Eagle Grange #1. Also note the hand painted quilt blocks on display that are part of the PA State Grange Quilt Trail.



# Turkey Take-Out Dinner Raises \$2,400+



Many hours of labor were volunteered by members and friends of Eagle Grange to make the take-out dinner another success.



Happy customers pick up their meals!

## Noteworthy Actions

### Decisions reached at the November meeting

#### Kitchen improvements

- Reported that exhaust hood is awaiting final electrical connections
- Moved to donate \$100 to the holiday food collection project in honor of Brian Fritz and Pat Matter – contractors who donated their services for the installation of the exhaust hood
- Approved an amended contract for \$4,450 from Harry Frey Plumbing for installation of new sinks & faucets
- Decided to delay installation of sinks & faucets until quotes to replace the countertops and backsplash are received; a separate quote will be sought that would also include refacing of the kitchen cupboards

#### Member Recognition

- Took action giving the secretary standing authorization to purchase recognition materials for members reaching membership milestones

#### Service Project

- Approved a request for the Grange to sponsor a free holiday open house event for families and children of the community on 12/17/2022 at a cost not to exceed \$250; See Page 7 for details of **Jingle Bell Jamboree**

#### Hall Usage

- Heard report from the president that the Grange Hall has been reserved for events on approximately 10 dates during November and December
- Increased fees effective 1/1/2023 for use of the Grange Hall to \$150/day (no alcohol served) and \$200/day (with alcohol)
- Granted the \$50/day member rate for use of the Grange Hall by the McEwensville Garden Club

#### Take-Out Dinners

- Decided to hold prices for 2023 at current levels

#### Snow Dates

- Established standing action that if inclement weather forces cancellation of Grange activities the rescheduled date will be the second Tuesday of the month for regular meetings and the following day for take-out dinners



**State Grange cookbooks make wonderful gifts for special occasions and the coming holiday giving season; available at the Grange Hall during any event.**

**150<sup>th</sup> anniversary cookbook (published 2021) - \$25 each; \$15 special sale price for 2010 book**

## Membership Recognition

Congratulations! The following members have reached membership milestones in 2022 and will be recognized for their years of continuous Grange membership on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your years of service in the Grange!

**60 yrs – William Corson, Ronald Waltz**

**50 yrs – Nancy Reynolds**

**45 yrs – Mona Bertin**

**35 yrs – Christopher Crawford, Elliott/Barbara Weiss**



At meetings each month from November 2022 through October 2023 Eagle will light the State Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary candle in a short ceremony exploring the basic principles of the Order. Our own Jenn Nauss, State Lecturer, wrote the ceremonies.

## Coming Events

**November 25 – Decorating the Grange Hall** (inside & out) for the holidays. Help needed from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.; if you have extra ornaments or decorations not being used, please share them with the Grange

**December 6 – Grange festive holiday dinner** – 6 p.m.  
See Page 1 for details

Meat, place settings and beverages provided; please bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share.

Program featuring a chalk artist and recognition of "Community Citizen Award" recipient(s)

- Hosts – Jenn Nauss & Doug Bonsall

If you have not already signed up to attend the holiday dinner, please call Doug Bonsall at 717-921-1957 no later than 11/30/2022 to make a reservation. This is important so we can make adequate preparations.

**December 17 – Jingle Bell Jamboree** – a free open house for children & families of the community; 12-1 p.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m. (See Page 7 for details)

**January 3** – Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Program – **A pictorial summary of the past year's activities and planning for 2023**

- Hosts – Libby Green & Ruth Lundy

**January 21** – Pomona #28 meeting @ California Grange

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# GRANGE MEMBERSHIP MAY CAUSE PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND COMMUNITY PRIDE



## Dues for 2023 Are Now Payable

When you joined the Grange, do you remember the Secretary saying these words?

*The members' dues constitute the financial life-blood of the order and Subordinate/Community, Pomona, State and National Granges are largely supported by this small contribution from the membership. Dues are payable in advance and should always be cheerfully and promptly met. Prompt advance payment of dues by all members assures good financial standing by the Grange and contributes very materially to its prosperity and growth.*

Grange dues for 2023 remain at the current levels: \$50 for each adult and \$15 for youth members. The dues are shared \$15 to the National Grange and \$30 to the PA State Grange to provide support for local Granges and to maintain our legislative presence in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C. This leaves \$5 of your annual dues for the local Grange so, obviously, fund raising events and donations are relied upon to generate the additional funding needed for the local Grange to meet operating expenses, improve its facilities, make charitable donations and support service projects. Every \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$1,000 gift helps move the Grange forward more quickly.

**To save postage for the Grange, please pay your 2023 dues in person to the Secretary at the holiday dinner. If you are able, please consider making an additional donation to support Eagle Grange.**

## 2023 Eagle Grange Dues

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dues attached/enclosed (\$50/adult; \$15/youth)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Voluntary additional donation for work of Eagle Grange

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total** (please make checks payable to: **Eagle Grange #1**)

Dues may also be mailed to: **Jenn Nauss, Secretary**  
**10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

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# Jingle Bell Jamboree



A Free Holiday Open House for Families

**Saturday, December 17th**  
**12 - 1 pm OR 1:30-2:30 pm**

Featuring:

- Visit and Pictures with Santa
- Photo Backdrop for Family Portraits
- Cookie Decorating
- Make-your-own Snacks and Crafts
- Games and Prizes
- Hot Cocoa and Snacks



**Eagle Grange Hall**  
**Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery**

\* Limited to the first 50 people in each session

\* All children must be accompanied by an adult

\* Advance registration required / accepted first come, first-served

Contact Jenn Nauss, [jnauss89@gmail.com](mailto:jnauss89@gmail.com), (717) 512-1261

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**Newsletter**

## Eagle Grange Is Finally Out of the Mud.....



After months of delay, the parking lot at the Grange Hall is finally done. See Page 2 for more pictures/details.