



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



April, 2022

The Faiths of Abraham



Three major world religions - **Christianity, Judaism and Islam** - trace their faiths back to a common ancestor Abraham who lived some 4,000 years ago in the Middle East and is considered the patriarch of each faith. The program "**The Faiths of Abraham**" at Eagle Grange #1 on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, (6:30 p.m.) will feature a panel of local speakers representing these three faiths. It is particularly appropriate the program should take place at this time of year when all three faith groups are observing holy seasons – Lent (Christianity), Passover (Judaism) and Ramadan (Islam).

Moderating the panel will be **Rev. Gwen Bernstine** of Williamsport, retired Executive Director of the United Churches of Lycoming County. Other panelists will be:

- **Craig Staller** of Dauphin and a former ordained Lutheran pastor – Christianity
- **Sarah Weiss** of Williamsport - Judaism
- **Zokaa Rajjoub**, also of Williamsport – Islam

Among the questions each speaker will be asked to address, as time permits:

- Do you have dietary laws you observe? How do these dietary laws affect life in a small town or when you go out to dinner at a restaurant or are invited to someone's home?
- Please explain any dress codes in your tradition.
- Does your faith have different kinds (denominations) of congregations? How are they different and similar?
- Explain the leadership or hierarchy of your faith tradition.
- Are you allowed to marry a person of a different faith? If so, in what faith are children raised?
- Are there required times to pray or prayers to pray on any given day?
- What is the greatest teaching of your faith?
- Does your religion believe in One God or Three Gods?
- Does your religion believe it is ever OK to kill another person?
- Are families in your religion allowed to adopt a child?
- Does your religion have specific rules and regulations around dating and marriage?
- What are some of the practices of your religion around funerals and grieving?
- How do most people come to practice your faith tradition? How did you become a part of your faith tradition?
- What is something you'd like to clear up tonight that most people misunderstand about your faith tradition?
- Is there something that you have learned about another faith tradition that has enhanced your own faith journey?

Don't miss what promises to be an interesting and enlightening program on April 5th!

Coming Events

March 25 – Work day for take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch will be provided

March 26 – **Pork & Homemade Sauerkraut Take-Out Dinner** – help needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lunch will be provided; **See Page 6 for poster**

April 5 – **Grange Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

Program – *The Faiths of Abraham*, a 4-person panel discussion on Christian, Jewish and Islamic religious traditions

- **Hosts** – Tom & Daisy Styer

April 9 – 2nd annual **Road Rally** through northcentral PA; **See Pages 7-8 for details**

April 19 – Community workshop **Work-Life Balance**; **See Page 9 for details**

April 23 – **Pomona #28 meets at Eagle** – 1 p.m. rescheduled from March 12; continue planning and brainstorming

May 3 – **Grange Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

Program – *History Themed Quilts* by Carol Shetler from the *Muncy Luminary*. See quilts created to document and share stories of local people, places, and commemorative events including grist mills, blacksmiths, relatives & shops

- **Hosts** – **Needed....please volunteer**

May 20 – Work day for take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch will be provided

May 21 – **Roast Beef Take-Out Dinner**; help is needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lunch will be provided

Looking Ahead to

Future Programs

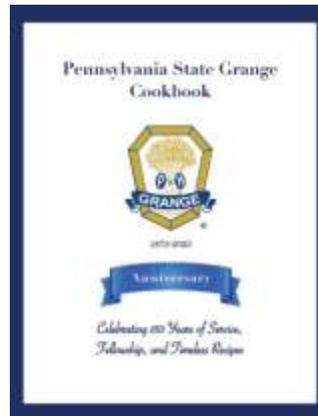
June 7 – **Tour of SunnyBrook Meadows Farm** therapeutic riding school, Montgomery. Ice cream party afterwards.

July 5 – **Community Picnic & Grange Community Citizen Award**

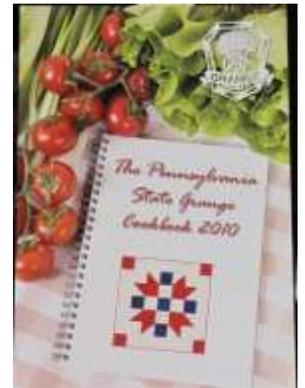
August 2 – *The Art of Origami (Japanese) Paper Folding* by Jordan Downey

September 6 – **Free tour** of Lycoming County Historical Society Taber Museum

Grange Cookbooks



150th Anniversary Edition - \$25 each



2010 Edition – Discounted to \$15

Property Concerns

The relatively mild winter and frequent precipitation resulted in a very big mud problem recently in the grassy parking area behind the Grange Hall. Right now we are waiting on estimates from contractors to pave the driveway and some parking spaces. This will be a costly project in the thousands of dollars but a very necessary investment as more events are taking place at the Grange Hall.

But here's some early good news – Eagle has been notified of two separate \$5,000 gifts for the paving project! Our Secretary Jenn Nauss is also investigating sources of grant funding that might help underwrite another portion of the cost.

Other projects “in the pipeline” include:

- Installing a baby changing station in the handicapped restroom
- Investigating purchase of table and chair racks to make set-up and tear-down easier
- Arranging for kitchen improvements to install new deeper sinks and higher “gooseneck” faucets

The Grange Hall is being used by more outside groups and that income helps to cover the increased utility costs for year round heating and cooling. Call David Troutman @ 570-220-1685 to arrange for use of the building.

Grange Gives Appreciation Bags to School Staff



Special thanks to Thrivent Financial for providing a \$250 grant that underwrote part of the cost for the supplies needed for this project. We also appreciate Tom & Daisy Styer and Joann Murray who did all the shopping for goodies, decorated the gift bags and helped with the packing.



Volunteers (above) from the Montgomery FFA Chapter came to the March 1st meeting & helped pack the gift bags with the items shown below.



(Above) FFA members delivered the token of thanks to some 140 teachers, administrators & support staff in Montgomery School District.

Mardi Gras, March 1st – An Evening of Food, Fun and Fellowship



Tables decorated in the three traditional Mardi Gras colors (gold, purple and green) were the perfect setting for the Sausage & Pancake Supper. Bacon, scrapple, fruit, juice & coffee was also served.



More Candid Shots of Eagle's Mardi Gras Celebration



Each of the three tables featured a homemade KING CAKE (above left) and a bottle of sparkling juice used to toast the lucky person (above right) who found the small plastic baby hidden in the cake.



Lots of laughter was heard during the “break-out” activity that involved everyone in solving puzzles and riddles to unlock small boxes leading eventually to the grand gift box. This table solved the challenges first and generously shared their winnings with everyone— Mardi Gras candy bars.

Games of “dirty” or “robber” bingo were also enjoyed during this fun evening. The Grange is planning to continue holding different types of meetings – some formal in traditional Grange style, some informal meals & programs, still others in the form of outings to a local site or attraction.

Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Sat., March 26, 2022

**Roast Pork Loin &
Homemade Sauerkraut**

**Roast Pork Loin, Homemade
Sauerkraut (or alternate - stuffing &
gravy), Mashed Potatoes, Buttered
Vegetables, Fruit Cup, Pickled Beets,
Roll & Butter, Shoofly Pie**

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 21, 2022

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Route 15 & E. Blind Rd., Montgomery

Second Annual

ROAD RALLY

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



**SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022 -
10:00 AM**

\$20 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.

**"Raised Right Here" - supporting local points of
interest and the following local businesses:**

The Cookie Dude,
Lewisburg
Dewart Country Store,
Dewart

Four Friends Winery,
Montgomery
Montour Farm Market,
Watsonstown

ROAD RALLY

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1
Saturday, April 9th – 10:00 am

RULES AND INFORMATION

- Each team will travel together in one vehicle to complete the scavenger hunt.
- A list of sites and stops will be provided to each team. It will be up to each team to plan a successful route.
- Stops will include historical sites, notable locations, and local businesses.
- A task will need to be completed at each stop to finish the rally (posing for a specific picture, locating a specific item, etc.).
- Clues will be provided for each team to solve to figure out what the task is.
- On the trip, keep your camera out and ready to snap photos of bonus items, sites, and views.

- The **Starting Point will be Eagle Grange Hall, located at Route 15 & East Blind Rd., Montgomery, PA.**
- Teams should arrive at the Grange Hall by **9:30 am to register** and receive instructions before departing. The route and tasks will likely take teams about 3 to 3.5 hours to complete.

- Gift cards to participating local businesses will be awarded as prizes for:
 - The first team to successfully finish the rally and return to the Grange Hall
 - The team that is most creative in completing a task
 - The team that finds the most bonus sites/items
 - The team that is most supportive of the local businesses during the rally (time incentives will also be given for teams who support local businesses by spending some time visiting and making a purchase)
- Prizes will be awarded at **1:30 pm at the Grange Hall.**

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- The cost is \$20 per team. Advance registration is required. Contact Jenn Nauss at jnauss89@gmail.com or (717) 512-1261 to register. Payment may be made by cash, check, Venmo, or PayPal.
- The registration fee includes a light lunch for all participants at the Grange Hall (served upon return to the hall, from 12:30-1:30).



Striking a Healthy Life Balance

A 3-hour workshop open to the public and sponsored by the Grange as a service to the community

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 – 6-9 p.m.

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- *What is a good work-life balance?*
- *Why does a healthy work-life balance matter to you?*
- *Techniques to improve the balance between career and family*



Leader: Krista Pontius

Greenwood High School (Millerstown, PA) agriculture teacher and recipient of the “Live with Kelly & Ryan” 2021 Top Teacher Award

Registration Deadline: April 12, 2022

Materials and refreshments included.

To register, contact Jenn Nauss at jnauss89@gmail.com or (717) 512-1261. Workshop registration fee is \$10/person with payment due at time of registration. Payment may be made by cash, check, Venmo, or PayPal.

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April 2022 Newsletter



Inside see more pictures of the festive Mardi Gras celebration held at Eagle Grange on March 1st where (left to right) Joann Murray, Fred Murray and Tammy Rupert were crowned the evening's "royalty" after finding the lucky "babies" in their pieces of King Cake.