



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



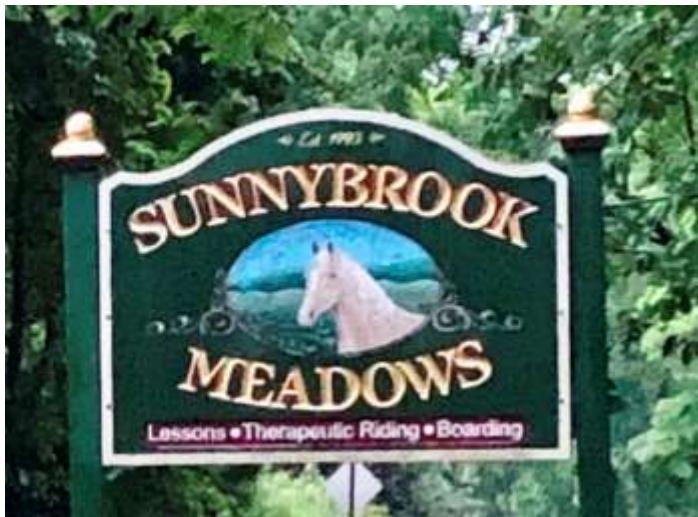
July 2022

Grange Tours SunnyBrook Meadows Farm; Gives \$500 to Therapeutic Riding School



The rainy and chilly June 7th evening did not deter about 20 members and friends of Eagle Grange from visiting this facility near Montgomery that provides horse riding lessons for special needs children and adults. A visit to the stables and a riding demonstration by a student and her instructor was included on the tour. Edna Riddell (left), who founded the school in 1993, accepts the Grange's donation to support this work from treasurer Karen Williamson and president David Troutman while Little David (the horse) obediently watches. But this equine was not the only new friend at SunnyBrook Meadows; see Page 3 to view another acquaintance Karen made there.

More Candid Shots from June Event



Edna Riddell (below) founded SunnyBrook Meadows in 1993 as a registered 501c(3) charitable organization to provide therapeutic horse riding services to special needs children and adults. Many volunteers make the work possible.



Irvin Reynolds (above) and Janet Reynolds (below) admire horses at SunnyBrook Meadows.



After the tour at Sunnybrook Meadows, the Grange enjoyed the hospitality of Tom & Daisy Styer at their farm market in Muncy. We celebrated June Dairy Month with three kinds of homemade ice cream, enjoyed other snacks, had great fellowship and about half of the group went home with a door prize – a potted plant given by the Styers.

Thanks also to the Styers for donating flowers that have been planted around the Grange Hall.



One of the feline residents at
SunnyBrook Meadows
quickly made friends with
visitors from Eagle Grange.
Hope you aren't
superstitious about black
cats, Karen!!

Contact David Troutman @ 570-220-1685 to
schedule use of the Grange Hall.

Fair Exhibits Coming Up Soon

Last year was the first time in many, many years that Eagle was represented with an educational exhibit at local fairs and it turned out to be a banner year with first places at each fair – Lycoming County, Montour-Delong & Bloomsburg. The proceeds were given to the Clinton Township Park for improvements to the park.

Phil Vonada is heading up the committee for the 2022 exhibits with help from Ruth Lundy, Jenn Nauss, Karen Williamson, David /Troutman & Doug Bonsall. Fair dates are: Lycoming – mid July; Montour-Delong – early August; Bloomsburg – late September.

Recent Decisions by the Grange

- invite members of California Grange #941 to Eagle's July 5, 2022, picnic at Montour Reserve
- proceed with the building of a pavilion and adjacent paved parking area on the grounds of Eagle Grange Hall at an estimated cost of \$43,349, fully contingent on receipt of funding from a grant application recently submitted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- approve a quote of \$18,200 from Green Valley Paving, Hughesville, to install a paved parking area of just under 5,000 square feet on the grounds of Eagle Grange Hall with the project to begin as soon as feasible and dependent on any timing requirements of a grant request recently submitted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- accept the proposal of \$2,470 from Harry Frey Plumbing & Heating, Montgomery, to replace sinks and faucets in the Grange Hall kitchen.

Thanks to Fred & Joann Murray for obtaining a used commercial slicer for the Grange kitchen to replace the failed home model slicer.

More Property Improvements

- installation of Eagle Grange sign (memorial to the late Elizabeth Anstadt) on north end of hall and a second painted quilt block on south end of hall
- replacement of fire pit on grounds by Jordan Downey Eagle Scout project
- acquisition of a commercial hood and exhaust system, spinet piano and microwave from a closed church, requiring only a donation from the Grange and the cost of installation

The last item above is a tremendous gift to the Grange, saving thousands of dollars that these items would cost if bought new. Better ventilation to exhaust heat from the stove/oven has been a problem in the kitchen during take-out meals that will not be completely resolved even with the installation of another "split" unit for better heating/cooling that was approved by the Grange some time ago. Some re-arrangement of existing equipment will be necessary to accommodate the 8' stainless steel hood/exhaust fan unit.

We are investigating the logistics of installing the hood on the blank back wall of the kitchen between windows (the current location of the refrigerator) and venting the unit through the cinder block wall. The stove would then move to this location under the hood and the refrigerator moved to the current stove location after some minor adjustment to the adjacent cabinets. These moves will also involve the relocation of the propane gas line and of some electrical outlets.

Grange Picnic at Montour Preserve – July 5th

WHAT: Eagle Grange Picnic

WHEN: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 @ 6 p.m.

WHERE: Goose Cove Pavilion #3 
@ Montour Preserve; directions below

(by decision of the Grange, picnic will be held rain or shine since we will have the shelter of a pavilion)

WHO: All Grange members & friends; special guests will be visitors from the nearby California Grange #941

- Grange will provide table cover, place settings, meat and beverage
- Please bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share
- (optional) A lawn chair if you wish



Directions to Goose Cove Pavilion #3 in Montour Preserve – The location is actually between Turbotville and Washingtonville but the GPS address is 600 Preserve Road, Danville, PA. From Eagle Grange Hall, travel north on Route 15 for one-half mile and turn right onto Route 54. Travel approximately 14 miles on Route 54 (through Montgomery & Turbotville) and turn left onto Preserve Road/SR 1006. Travel 2.3 miles and turn left at sign for Visitors Center; travel about ½ mile beyond Center and bear right at sign for Goose Cove.

Montour Preserve is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. It began back in 1967, when the local electric utility — then called Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. — announced that it would build a coal-fired power plant near Washingtonville in Montour County, the area was mostly farmland with a creek running through it. There was no Lake Chillisquaque and no Montour Preserve.

It was the first PP&L power plant not built next to a body of water. Instead, the company piped the main supply of cooling water for the steam electricity generating units through a 12-mile-long pipeline from the Susquehanna River. For a backup cooling source, PP&L bought 2,800 acres adjacent to the plant site and built a dam on Chillisquaque Creek to form the 165-acre Lake Chillisquaque.

Ground was broken for the power plant in 1968 and it began commercial operation in 1972. That same year, Lake Chillisquaque and its surrounding land opened to the public as Montour Preserve. The Preserve includes a boat-launching ramp, two picnic areas and two scenic overlooks. The lake itself is stocked with game fish by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission; only boats with electric motors are allowed on the lake. Today, the power plant is owned by Talen Energy, which leases the Montour Preserve to the Montour Area Recreation Commission that has operated the Preserve since 2015.

PROGRAM @ PICNIC - Plants that Eat Bugs; Miniaturized Trees

What started out as a hobby for owner Jason Paulhamus (right) has now turned into a home business! His licensed establishment **Bug Eaters and Stony Gap Bonsai** located at Cogan Station, PA, sells bonsai as well as carnivorous plants such as Venus Flytraps, Pitcher Plants, Sundews and Butterworts.



Bonsai is a gardening art form originating in Japan where the roots and branches of trees are pruned and then planted in a shallow container that restricts normal growth. Carnivorous plants have adapted to grow in places where the soil is thin or poor in nutrients by deriving some or most of their nutrients from trapping and consuming animals, typically insects. Don't worry.....they can't eat humans!!!

In addition to explaining their culture, Jason will bring some of his plants to show us at the picnic.

Coming Events

June 24 – Work day for take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

June 25 – **Baked Ham Take-Out Dinner** – help needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. bring something to share for lunch (*see details on poster on right*)

July 5 – **Picnic @ Montour Preserve, Goose Cove Pavilion #3 – 6:00 p.m.; “Carnivorous Plants & Bonsai” program by Jason Paulhamus**

- **Hosts** – Ruth Lundy, Libby Green, Phil Vonada

If you did not already put your name on the picnic sign-up list, please contact Doug Bonsall at 717-921-1957 by 7/1/2022 to make reservations. This courtesy will be of much help to our hosts as they plan to provide meat, place settings, beverages, etc.

August 2 – Regular meeting @ Grange Hall – 6:30 p.m.; Election of officers; Program - ***The Art of Origami Paper Folding*** by Jordan Downey

- **Host** – David Troutman

Eagle Grange has progressed a good deal in the past few years thanks to a growing membership and more members willing to get involved. To continue this growth, we are seeking persons who will accept responsibility to serve as officers for a two-year term 2023-2024. If you are willing to serve and/or want more information about the duties of various positions, contact Jenn Nauss (717-512- 1261) or Doug Bonsall (717-921-1957).

August 12 – Work day for take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

August 13 – **Pulled Pork Take-Out Dinner** – help needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

August 28 – **Pomona #28 Picnic – 4 p.m.**
Lime Bluff Recreation Area, Hughesville; Eagle is responsible for entertainment

September 6 – **Free tour of Lycoming County Historical Society Taber Museum in Williamsport; Dutch-treat dessert at Perkins Restaurant afterwards**
• **Host** – Karen Williamson

Welcome, New Members

- Linda Valentine of Mifflinburg
- Carol Schnure of New Berlin

There's still time to make meal reservation(s) and/or to volunteer your help with this dinner.

Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Sat., June 25, 2022

Baked Ham

Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Savory Green Beans, Glazed Carrots, Roll & Butter, Homemade Pickles, Applesauce, Assorted Cake
Suggested Donation - \$13



Advance reservations suggested*

Contact Joann Murray @ 570-547-1340 by 6/18
*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 13, 2022

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS

Community service is one of the main purposes of today's Grange. We are always looking for new ways to help others and support worthy causes.

Saturday, September 24th

Chicken Barbeque Take-Out Dinner sponsored by the Grange to benefit the Clinton Township, Montgomery and Washington Township Fire Companies. The companies are assisting with taking orders, food preparation, serving and are even offering meal delivery!

Sunday afternoon, October 2nd

Something completely different for the Grange! A “Paint Party” crafting event at the Grange Hall to benefit the Community Theatre League’s “Penguin Project” for special needs children. Jenn Nauss & Phil Vonada are planning this unique event.

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July 2022 Newsletter



Join Eagle Grange on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at this beautiful location for our annual picnic.

This is an aerial shot of the Visitor's Center at Montour Preserve with Lake Chillisquaque in the background.
See Page 4 for directions, a map and more details about the evening; California Grange will be our guest.