



# Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road  
Montgomery, PA 17752



September 2022

## Free Tour of Taber Museum

Tuesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

858 W. Fourth Street, Williamsport

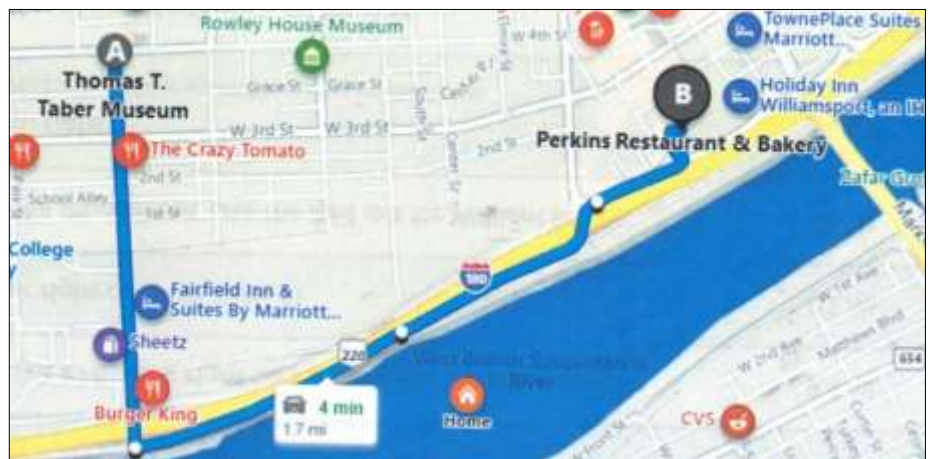


Last year when Eagle Grange officially donated its antique corner cupboard to the Lycoming County Historical Society, an invitation was extended to visit the museum in Williamsport where that item had been on display loan for almost 50 years. In lieu of a formal meeting at the Grange Hall this month, we will be traveling to the museum for a guided tour lasting 60-75 minutes.

*There is no charge for the tour but an advance reservation is requested so the museum has sufficient staff available that evening to show us their historical collections. If you have not already signed up to participate, please call Doug Bonsall at 717-921-1957 no later than 9/1/2022 to add your name(s) to the list.*

Please indicate whether you will be meeting at the Grange Hall at 6 p.m. to carpool to Williamsport OR if you will meet us at the museum. There is parking behind the museum. Get off I-180 at the Maynard Street exit and travel a few blocks to the intersection with Fourth Street. Turn left onto Fourth Street and in about half a block as you pass the museum, turn right onto Third Avenue and then make another right into the parking lot.

After the tour, we will travel 1.7 miles from the museum to Perkins Restaurant for Dutch-treat dessert and a short informal meeting. Karen Williamson is our hostess for the evening. The restaurant is located at 160 Via Bella Street (running parallel to I-180) between the Holiday Inn and Wegman's. The Google map (right) shows that the easiest route from the museum to the restaurant is to take Maynard Street toward the river and make a left turn onto Via Bella Street.



## Summary of PA State Grange Departmental Contests – 2022 & 2023

Unless otherwise noted, bring or send entries to State Grange Session in York on October 14 (6 – 9 pm) or October 15 (8 – 10:30 am).

Contact Jenn Nauss (jnauss89@gmail.com or (717) 512-1261), Doug Bonsall (douglas.b@verizon.net or (717) 921-1957), or Phil Vonada (pajuniorgrange@gmail.com or (814) 404-7985) with questions.

### Family Activities Department

- Quilt Blocks (Made into Department Quilt which is raffled off)
- Quilt Contest
- Baking/Cooking Contest
- Afghan Contest
- Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Plastic Canvas Contests
- Cotton Thread Contest
- Doilies/Centerpieces
- String Art
- Jewelry
- Woodburning

### Lecturer's Department

- My Favorite Anything Contest – Maximum 2' x 2' x 2'
  - 4 Classes – Wood, Plastic, Fabric/Material/Yarn, Miscellaneous
- Art Contest
- Pen In Hand Contest – due by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Virtual Photography Contest – due by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - 5 Classes – Bridges, Wildlife, Landscape, People, Celebrations
- Design a Program Contest – due by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**

### Deaf and Community Service Department

- Sign-a-Song Contest
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Poster

### Youth/Young Adults Department

- Start with a Cake Mix
- Cupcake Decoration
- Scrapbook Page
- Recycled Craft
- Building Block Creation
- String Art Creation
- Grange Display Contest
- Create a Grange Flyer
- Public Speaking
- Youth Officer Team

### Junior Grange Contests

- Recycled Craft – Buttons
- Cooking Contest – Cereal or Granola Bars
- Design a T-Shirt – Theme: Junior Grange
- Creative Writing – Topic: If I was President for a day...
- Building Blocks Contest
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Scrapbook Page – Theme: Me & My Friends
- Art Contest
- Photography Contest

# Pulled Pork Dinner Another Good Success

About 135 take-out meals were served on August 13<sup>th</sup>. A profit of over \$1,500 was realized from this project.



Kitchen volunteers (above, left to right) JoAnn Murray, Nancy Eck, David Troutman and Doug Bonsall are ready to start dishing up meals.



As usual, Karen Williamson and Fred Murray (top right) greet our guests upon arrival, check off reservations and accept payment.



Hilda Sampsell and Phil Vonada handled meal distributions as customers picked up their orders. (*Jenn Nauss is missing from the picture because she is always behind the camera at Eagle.*)



Meanwhile outside Mike Wallis (left) directs parking and helps our customers carry the food to their cars.



Janet Reynolds staffed the table selling Grange cookbooks, anniversary t-shirts, baked goods and other homemade goodies.



Pulled pork, macaroni & cheese, fresh stewed tomatoes and homemade relish & barbeque sauce were just part of each meal. A bag with berry cobbler, pepper cabbage, applesauce and roll/butter was also included.

## Exhibit @ Montour-DeLong Fair



Nancy Walker (above left), president of Perry County Pomona Grange, helped Phil Vonada and Doug Bonsall put up the Eagle Grange display on a scorchingly hot day at the fairgrounds in Washingtonville. The work received a first place blue ribbon.



With some modifications, the display will also be going to the Sullivan County Fair in early September and the Bloomsburg Fair at the end of that month to help educate fair goers about the importance of family farms in feeding America.

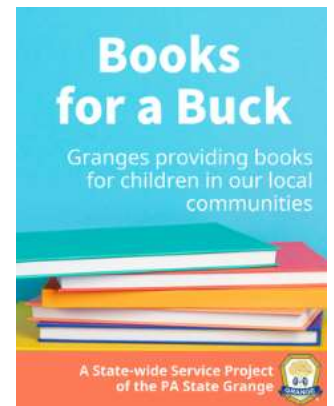
## Officers Elected for 2023-2024

President.....	David Troutman
Vice president .....	Philip Vonada
Program Director.....	Doug Bonsall
Steward.....	Tom Styer
Assistant Steward .....	Mike Wallis
Lady Assistant Steward .....	Daisy Styer
Chaplain.....	Elliott Weiss
Treasurer .....	Karen Williamson
Secretary.....	Jennifer Nauss
Greeters.....	Bernie & Beth Downey
Ceres .....	JoAnn Murray
Pomona.....	Ruth Lundy
Flora.....	Elizabeth "Libby" Green
Executive Committee	
.....	Fred Murray, Janet Reynolds, Elliott Weiss

*These officers will be installed at the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting along with officers from other Granges in the Pomona district. We are fortunate to once again been able to engage Sister Anna May Nauss and her team from York County to lead the installation ceremony.*

## Recent Grange Actions

- Approved updated bylaws reflecting the incorporation of Eagle Grange #1 Pennsylvania, Inc. and clarifying the Executive Committee is comprised of five voting members (president, vice president, three elected members at large) and two non-voting members (secretary & treasurer)
- Authorized \$2,749.08 required transfer tax payment to retitle the property owner as Eagle Grange #1 Pennsylvania, Inc.
- Designated use of memorial funds received for the late Robert Hively to underwrite the cost of the second exterior sign for the south end of the Grange Hall.
- Made a voluntary donation of \$1,500 for the recently acquired commercial exhaust hood/motor and console piano
- Decided to offer the electronic keyboard for sale as soon as the piano has been moved into the Grange Hall and tuned
- Adopted the new State Grange initiative "Books for a Buck" by underwriting the approximate \$225 cost to provide one book for each student in an elementary classroom of the Montgomery Area School District, a different classroom to be selected each month of the 2022-23 school



## Property Improvements Continue

Two new exterior signs for the north and south ends of the hall purchased with memorial funds given in memory of Elizabeth Anstadt and Robert Hively will be put up soon and dedicated in October.

The used console piano is now on site and the kitchen exhaust hood/fan is expected to be delivered the fourth week of August.

Installation of the exhaust system and new sinks/faucets are pending; both will be scheduled as contractor schedules permit.

Routine landscape maintenance has been performed by volunteers Max Farley (mowing), David Troutman (grass trimming), Mike Wallis (bush trimming) and Doug Bonsall (flower bed weeding/feeding/deadheading).

The fire pit area has been renovated by Jordan Downey as part of his Eagle Scout project. Staining and sealing of the wooden benches remains to be done.

## Coming Events

**August 28** – Pomona #28 Picnic – 4 p.m. @ Lime Bluff Recreation Area, Hughesville; Eagle is responsible for entertainment & preparing meat; see details on Page 8

**September 6** – Free tour of Lycoming County Historical Society Taber Museum in Williamsport; Dutch-treat dessert at Perkins Restaurant afterwards; see details on Page 1

- Host – Karen Williamson

**September 23** – Work day for take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

**September 24** – Stuffed Chicken Breast Take-Out Dinner; see poster on Page 6. Help needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

*(NOTE: this take-out dinner takes the place of the previously announced chicken barbeque benefit)*

**October 2** – Paint Party – 2 p.m.; see details on Page 7

**October 4** – Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m. Dedication of new exterior signage (outdoors weather permitting) and installation of officers for Granges of Pomona #28

- Host – To be confirmed

**October 14-16** – State Grange session in York, PA; Jenn Nauss is one of Eagle's voting delegates, a second delegate position is available



Beth Downey (left) and Hilda Sampsell (center) observe Jordan Downey discussing the Japanese art of origami during a program he presented at the August Grange meeting.

## Grange Incorporates After 151 Years

Since making significant improvements to the Grange Hall we have seen more activities taking place there, both Grange and community events. The modest donation requested for private events helps to meet the increased cost of insurance, utilities and maintenance. But with increased usage comes the concern of liability. It is for this reason the Grange voted last year to become incorporated for the protection of its officers and members. The official legal name is now **Eagle Grange #1 Pennsylvania, Inc.**

A legal proceeding has been necessary to transfer the ownership of the property from Eagle Grange to Eagle Grange #1 Pennsylvania, Inc. This required notarized signature affidavits by all the trustees (Grange Executive Committee) so that a new deed could be issued in the corporation's name. The transfer is considered a "sale" for purposes of the property transfer tax even though no money changed hands. After confirming with the State Grange legal counsel there was no way to avoid paying this transfer tax, Eagle was required to pay 2% X fair market value amounting to \$2,749.08.

*The fair market value of the Grange property is \$137,454.10, calculated as follows: Lycoming County Commonwealth ratio of 1.79% X \$76,790 (property's assessed value by the county).*

Volunteers are needed for preparation on Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> (10 a.m.-??) and Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) Donations of home baked goods and candy are always popular items for our sales table. Sign up at Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

# Stuffed Chicken Breast Take-Out Dinner

## Sat., Sept. 24, 2022

*Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1*

Stuffed chicken breast, buttered noodles,  
gravy, mixed vegetables, cole slaw,  
pickled beets, roll & butter, apple crisp

*Suggested Donation - \$13*

*Note menu change from previously announced chicken barbeque on this date*



Advance reservations by 9/17 suggested; a limited number of additional meals may be available

Contact Joann Murray @ 570-547-1340

**Pick-up 2-4 p.m. @ Eagle Grange Hall**

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**Next Take-Out Dinner**

*Roast turkey & all the trimmings – Nov. 12, 2022*

Our next service project will benefit children/adults with disabilities and is something very different designed to attract a new and younger audience with interest in today's popular instructor-led paint classes.

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## *Paint Party Fundraiser*

**to benefit the Penguin Project  
and Spotlight Program at CTL**  
(providing artistic opportunities to  
children and adults with disabilities)

**Sunday, October 2nd at 2:00 pm**  
**Eagle Grange Hall - Route 15 and East  
Blind Road, Montgomery**

**Painting Led by Wine &  
Design, Williamsport**  
**"Mountain Trees in Fall"**

**Snack Bar      Raffles**  
**BYOB**



**\$50 / person (Limited to the first 45 people)**

Register at: [https://www.wineanddesign.com/  
calendar/williamsport-pa/event/penguin-project-](https://www.wineanddesign.com/calendar/williamsport-pa/event/penguin-project-)  
Event Code: Grange

Contact Jenn with questions - [jnauss89@gmail.com](mailto:jnauss89@gmail.com) or (717) 512-1261

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## September 2022 Newsletter



## Pomona Grange Picnic

**Sunday, August 28, 2022**

Gather @ 4 p.m.; Eat about 5 p.m.

**Lime Bluff Recreation Area**

**461 Elm Drive, Hughesville**

(Traveling from Muncy on Route 405, turn left onto Elm Drive just before entering Hughesville Borough)

**Meat, table cover & place settings provided; bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share**

Everyone is invited!!! You do not need to be a member of the Pomona Grange or even a Grange member to participate in this fellowship event. This will be one of first gatherings since the merger of Pomona #28 (formerly Lycoming County) and Pomona #31 (formerly Montour-Northumberland-Union Counties), providing an opportunity for the four Granges (Eagle #1, Canusarago #27, California #941 & Allegheny #1843) to become better acquainted. There will be games and a memorial service honoring deceased members.