



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

November 2023



At State Grange Session

History Repeats Itself for Eagle Grange



Phil Vonada, Jenn Nauss and Doug Bonsall at State Grange with Eagle's "Best of Show" Tabletop Display

The 150th anniversary of the PA State Grange, a celebration kicked off with a statewide event at Eagle Grange in 2021, was climaxed in grand style at the annual convention held October 18-22 in Morgantown, Berks County. Attending from Eagle (in addition to the three pictured above) were: Bernie & Beth Downey, Libby Green, and Joann Murray. See next page for more details about the many awards Eagle received there.

History truly did repeat itself! Back in 1973 when the State Grange was celebrating its 100th anniversary in Reading, Granges were invited to enter antique displays and Eagle won Best of Show. *(Sadly, we have been unable to find any pictures of that display or what was included on it.)* How coincidental and ironic that Pennsylvania's first Grange should also win "Best of Show" 50 years later for its 150th historical display.

More Pictures from State Grange



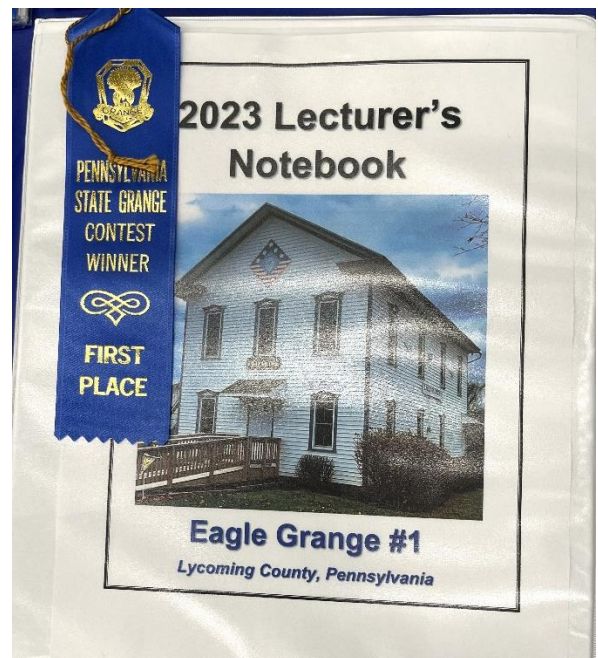
Our first place Community Service Report for Granges with 26-50 members received a prize of \$150.



Joann Murray was one of 10 persons honored for being a 6th Degree (state) member for 70+ years.



This pennant was prominently displayed with 50 or so others representing Subordinate, Junior and Pomona Granges from around the state.



Another first place for Eagle – this for noteworthy programming at meetings during past year.

County Commissioner Candidates' Night

All four candidates for Lycoming County Commissioner - Democrats **Denitra Moffett**, Williamsport, and **Mark Mussina**, Montoursville, and Republicans **Scott Metzger** and **Marc Sortman**, both of Williamsport. - participated in the forum sponsored by Eagle Grange on October 3, 2023.



Jason Fink (right), President/CEO of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, moderated the forum.



An audience of about 40 persons listened intently as the four candidates answered questions and later enjoyed refreshments with more conversations.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 30 – Grange will participate in “Trunk or Treat” @ Montgomery Schools - 5-6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 31 – Pick up orders for Pomona Grange hoagie/pizza sale at Grange Hall – 11 a.m.

NOVEMBER 3 – Work day for take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

NOVEMBER 4 – **Roast Turkey Take-Out Dinner.** Help needed from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch (see Page 6)

NOVEMBER 7 – **Grange meeting** – 6:30 p.m. @ Grange Hall. Program on **Hemp Production & Medical Marijuana**

- **Host** – Janet Reynolds

NOVEMBER 25 – **Launch the Holiday Season** Decorating the Grange Hall; Baking & Packing of cookies for shut-ins – 10 a.m. (see Page 5)

DECEMBER 5 – **Annual Holiday Dinner** - 6 p.m.

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

Recognition of long-term members

Presentation of Community Citizen Award

Program - **Our Favorite Holiday Traditions** by Williamsport native John Maietta, professional speaker and retired public relations executive now residing in the Harrisburg area

- **Hosts** – Jenn Nauss & Doug Bonsall

Property Updates

Completed - King Electrical & Plumbing is done with electrical repairs on outside lights and has replaced the porch roof over the back kitchen door.

In Process – Powerwashing & sealing of the entrance ramp is scheduled for a nice day the first week of November. .

Permission has been received from Penn DOT to install a 2” underground drainage pipe from the basement sump pump that will empty into the stone lined culvert along Route 15. This will eliminate the “swamp” in the lawn created by water from the basement previously drained on ground level. Pending approval by the Grange, this work can also be done shortly before the ground freezes.

Grange Dues for 2024 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 2024 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.

If you are able, please consider making an additional donation to support Eagle Grange. Every \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$1,000 gift helps move the Grange forward more quickly.

You are encouraged to pay your 2024 dues to the Secretary in person at upcoming meetings on Nov. 7th and Dec. 5th.

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

Name(s) _____

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

\$ _____ Additional donation to Eagle Grange

\$ _____ **Total**

*Make checks payable to: **Eagle Grange #1***

Three Holiday Projects Planned



Holiday Food Collection



Eagle Grange #1 and the Montgomery FFA Chapter are again working together to sponsor 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, rice, spaghetti, noodles

Donations may be dropped off at the following locations now through December 15, 2023:

- Eagle Grange Hall, 32 East Blind Road, Montgomery
- Montgomery High School, 120 Penn Street, High School Office
- 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 noting "food collection" and mail to: Ruth Lundy, 597 Cemetery Drive, Hughesville, PA 17737.

Thank you for helping to provide nutritious food to those in need.



Something New on Nov. 25th
10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Choose to help decorate the Grange Hall for the holiday season OR bake cookies for delivery to shut-ins; bring some cookie batter or dough and names of households who should receive this remembrance.

HOSTED BY EAGLE GRANGE #1

Jingle Bell Jamboree

A Free Holiday Open House for Families

Saturday, December 16th
1:30 - 3:00 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

* All children must be accompanied by an adult

* Advance registration required / accepted first come, first-served
Contact Jenn Nauss, jnauss89@gmail.com, (717) 512-1261

Your help and donations of baked goods for the sale table are always welcomed for the Grange's fund raising dinners.

Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023

Turkey & All the Trimmings

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Cranberry Relish, Pepper Cabbage, Roll & Butter, Homemade Pumpkin Pie

Suggested Donation - \$13



Advance reservations suggested*

Contact Daisy Styer @ 570-546-5861 by 10/30

**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 – February 10, 2024

Free "Share the Love" Meal

Deadline Approaching to Submit Nominations

Complete and submit this form to recognize a deserving individual, couple or organization in the community for outstanding volunteer service. Eagle Grange's annual "Community Citizen Award" will be presented during our annual Holiday Dinner on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

Nomination for 2023 Eagle Grange

COMMUNITY CITIZEN AWARD

Here's your chance to help the Grange recognize outstanding volunteer service that makes the community a better place.

The Grange Community Citizen Award is a nationwide project to recognize the outstanding community service of non-Grange individuals, couples and organizations. Eagle Grange will give the 2023 award at the annual Holiday Dinner meeting/program on Tuesday, December 5th. The award recipient(s), their family and friends will be the guests of our Grange for the evening to receive well deserved recognition.

All Grange members are invited to submit nominations for this year's award. You may submit any number of nominations, but all must be submitted in writing. A committee will evaluate all nominations and select the most deserving to receive the award. Since the review committee may never have met the person(s) you are nominating and may know nothing of their community involvement, please be very specific as you describe why your nominee is deserving of this award.

Name of Nominee _____

Address of Nominee _____

City _____

State _____ **ZIP Code** _____ **Telephone** _____

List the nominee's community involvement(s)

(attach additional sheets as necessary to give details)

State why you believe this nominee should receive the Grange Community Citizen Award

References - List individuals who can be contacted for more information about the nominee

Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Nomination made by (name of Grange member) _____

All nominations must be returned by November 7, 2023 to:

Doug Bonsall, PO Box 765, Dauphin, PA 17018

or douglas.b@verizon.net

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



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Newsletter

Program at November 7th Grange Meeting

What's the Difference? Hemp vs. Cannabis vs. Marijuana

Past State Grange President Wayne Campbell (right) will present an illustrated program developed by the National Grange on one of the oldest cultivated agricultural crops that is not well understood. The botanically same plant - hemp - has been grown for thousands of years for food, fiber, oil and medicine. The first Bibles and the U.S. Declaration of Independence were printed on hemp paper. Medical marijuana, derived from the hemp plant, is now legal in PA for the treatment of many health conditions.



Wayne and Debbie Campbell

Debbie Campbell, who serves in the dual role as PA State Grange and National Grange Secretary, will present recognition certificates to three Eagle members – **Karen Williamson** and **Irvin & Janet Reynolds** - who received the Sixth (state) Degree 50 or more years ago but were unable to attend a recognition ceremony at the recent State Grange 150th anniversary celebration in Morgantown, Berks County. Joann Murray and Doug Bonsall were also recognized as long-time Sixth Degree members at State Grange.