



# Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

June 2023



## June 6<sup>th</sup> Program to Focus on Mental Health

The National Grange has entered into a partnership with Rural Minds, Inc., a nationwide advocacy organization, to draw attention to issues surrounding mental health, the stigma often associated with this and the lack of mental health services in rural America. Many people in rural communities struggle with mental illness and their loved ones who provide care face challenges that are often overlooked.

Mental health is just as important as physical health as it affects how we think, feel and act. Taking care of our personal mental health is essential for overall well-being and the program at our next meeting will examine this subject which often is not openly discussed.



A short video introducing Rural Minds and its work will be followed by a discussion on the availability of local mental health services led by two representatives of the Lycoming-Clinton affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness).

**Ms. Kelly Gordon** (left) and **Ms. Michaela Detrick** (right) will discuss the question “What is mental health?” and explain the 988 emergency hotline number for mental health crises. Information about mental health services available in the local area will be shared.



### Special Election Scheduled

With regret the Grange at its last meeting accepted the resignation of President David Troutman and recorded in our minutes much appreciation for all that David has done for Eagle Grange over many years. Vice president Philip Vonada has stepped up to act as interim president until an election can be held at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to fill the position permanently.

### Dairy Refreshments

In recognition of June designated as Dairy Month, the refreshments at this meeting will feature a “make your own ice cream sundae” bar arranged by hosts Irv & Janet Reynolds. Everyone attending is invited to bring a snack to add to this tasty dessert; something salty or savory would be especially appropriate.

# Tour of College Earth Science Center



A group of 18 Grange members and friends journeyed to the nearby Schneebeli Earth Science Center for a tour of their facilities for the program at the May meeting. The Science Center is part of the PA College of Technology. Afterward, the group returned to the Grange Hall for an informal meeting and refreshments.



# Another Successful Fun-Filled Take-Out Dinner

About 140 meals were served at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Roast Beef Dinner. There was a great turn-out of volunteers and the Grange realize a profit of almost \$1,800.



Looks like the kitchen crew is ready and waiting to start serving.



Joann Murray tends to the stuffing that comes with each meal.



It takes many hands to pack the meal fixings into individual containers and bags.



Reba Crawford and Ruth Lundy handled mashing almost 100 pounds of potatoes that were served with the meal.



Janet Reynolds & Elliott Weiss are at their stations; the bake sale table is quite popular.

## More Helper Smiles at Dinner



**Karen Williamson is back after her recovery.**



**Ruth Lundy and the Styer boys - Sam, Keith & Tom - waiting to check folks in as they arrive.**



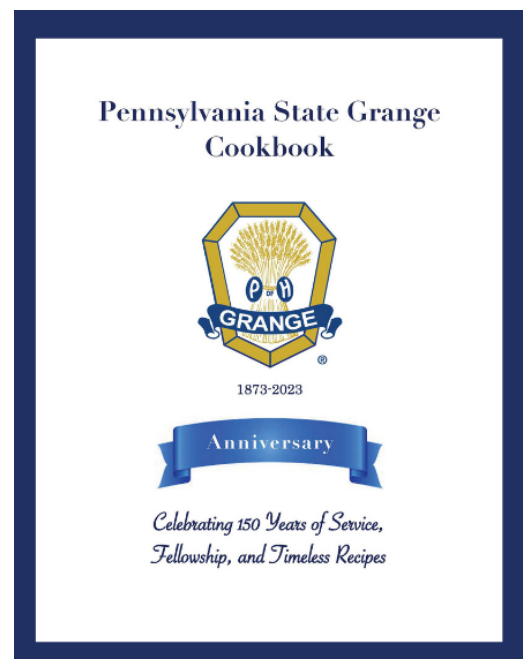
**Hilda Sampsell and Janet Reynolds make even washing the dishes look fun.**

## Property Updates

- Thanks to the Styer family for quick action to deal with a bird problem that found the recently installed exhaust hood a comfortable nesting site. Wire screening has been installed to prevent this issue.
- The exterior wooden enclosure around the exhaust fan was painted by Doug Bonsall.
- Katy Moser has volunteered to care for the flowers around the Grange Hall this summer. Pansies for the four planters and petunias for the beds along the ramp and the back entrance by the parking lot have been planted.
- Our thanks to Mike & Lori Wallis for donating and installing mulch on the flower beds.
- A weed whacker has been donated to the Grange for use by volunteers who trim where the mower cannot reach. We continue to appreciate the volunteer mowing provided regularly by Grange friend Max Farley.
- Tom Styer is investigating the installation of stone around the perimeter of the paved parking area.
- Two contractors have visited the hall to get specifics for replacement and/or retrofitting of exterior doors and are expected to submit proposals in the near future.

## Newest Grange Cookbook

*\$25 each; available at any event*



# COMING EVENTS

**JUNE 6** – Grange business meeting at 6:30 p.m. & program on “Mental Health” (see Page 1 for details)

- Hosts – Irv & Janet Reynolds

**JUNE 16** – Work day for Baked Ham take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

**JUNE 17** – **Baked Ham Take-Out Dinner.** Help needed from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Note below a few minor changes to previously announced menu.

## Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

**Sat., June 17, 2023**

## Baked Ham

Baked Ham, Buttered Noodles, Green Beans, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Roll & Butter, Mixed Salad with Homemade Celery Seed Dressing, Applesauce, Berry Cobbler w/Vanilla Hard Sauce



**Advance reservations strongly suggested\***

Contact Daisy Styer @ 570-546-5861

*\*Meals cannot be guaranteed without reservations*

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

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**Next Take-Out Dinner**

*Pulled Pork – July 29, 2023*

**JUNE 25** – Pomona Grange Picnic – 4 p.m. @ Lime Bluff Recreation Area, Hughesville. (see Page 6 for details)

**JULY 11** – Eagle Grange Picnic – 6 p.m. @ Clinton Township Park, Route 54 (near the Clinton Township Fire Company). **Note date change from usual 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday to avoid conflict with July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Meat, beverage and place settings will be provided; everyone attending please bring a casserole, salad or dessert for the buffet.

- **Program** – “Canine Demonstration” by Sgt. McGee of the Williamsport Police Department

# Business Matters

In a time where liability issues are of a major concern, action has been taken to enforce the **Rental Agreement** adopted by the Grange in 2020. The agreement requires renters of the building to sign this written agreement and provide proof they have liability insurance coverage for their event.

While it can be anticipated the Grange will receive some push back from groups who have used the Grange Hall in the past without meeting these requirements, we believe it is a necessary action. This is a common practice for most rental venues and provides legal protection for the Grange.

The updated **Rental Agreement** was reviewed by the membership at the May meeting and will be presented for final approval at the June meeting. The major changes will:

- require advance payment with the submission of the signed agreement and Certificate of Insurance
- provide a schedule for full or partial refund of rental paid if the event is cancelled
- remove the second floor of the hall from rental until the fire escape door and stairs are replaced

Doug Bonall has agreed to receive rental inquiries and handle the advance paperwork. A cadre of volunteers is being set up to open and close the building for rentals. A check list of things to do at opening/closing has been developed as a guide for these volunteers and is posted in the hall.

## Fair Exhibit Season Coming Up

The theme for this year’s fair exhibits set by the State Fair Association is **PA Fairs - Growing the Future** and it’s time to begin planning Eagle’s entry. Last year we exhibited at four local fairs, telling the story of the Grange and agriculture, earning about \$1,000 in premiums. Anyone willing to help with planning, set-up or take-down is welcome to volunteer. We’ll talk about this project at the next meeting.

**Historical Tidbit** Frank Porter, the brother-in-law of Eagle Grange founder Luke Eger, was at first reluctant to join the Grange but soon became one of the most energetic promoters of the organization. He became the first overseer (vice president) of the PA State Grange in 1873 and went on to organize 41 local Granges in PA between 1873 and 1907. He was a Civil War veteran, served one term in the state legislature and is buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Maple Hill, Brady Township.



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## June 2023 Newsletter



## Pomona Grange Picnic

**Sunday, June 25, 2023 (4-6 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)

**Table service & beverage provided;  
bring a casserole, salad or dessert to  
share**

Everyone is invited!!! Come to enjoy the food and fellowship and meet a new friend! You do not need to be a member of the Pomona Grange or even a Grange member to participate in this fellowship event. There will be a short business meeting and a memorial service honoring deceased members from the four local community Granges of the Pomona district.