



# Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

August 2023



## August 1<sup>st</sup> - Bugs for a Snack, Anyone?



**Nathan Moyer**, (left) of Selinsgrove and an agriculture teacher/FFA Advisor at Greenwood High School in Perry County, will lead a rather unusual program at tonight's meeting. **Entomophagy**, or insects for food, is practiced worldwide but not embraced in the United States. Nathan will discuss the history of the industry, the current practices and what the future holds for the cultural practices and economic value of entomophagy. There will be samples of edible insects and food made with them for the adventuresome to try, but no one will be required to taste these goodies. Please bring your favorite refreshments for the social hour.

## August 11<sup>th</sup> – We're Invited to a Special Picnic

Eagle Grange has been invited to a 6 p.m. picnic hosted by our friends at Perry Valley Grange. During this event, Eagle will be receiving a \$5,000 donation from Perry Valley to help fund our door upgrades and fire escape repairs.

**Location:** Bolton Family River Lot, 9 Shady Lane, Port Trevorton, on the banks of the Susquehanna River (*about 35 miles from Eagle Grange Hall*)

**Directions** - Follow Routes 11-15 south through Shamokin Dam-Selinsgrove area. South of Port Trevorton, look for Weaver's Market & Bakery on the right in the village of McKees Half Falls. Approximately one mile south of Weaver's, look for blue signs along the highway for **MAHANTANGO BOAT ACCESS AREA** and bear right onto the jug handle road that allows you to go north back toward Selinsgrove. From the jug handle, go straight across the highway onto Shady Lane. Do not follow the paved road that turns left to the boat access area but instead go straight down the unpaved Shady Lane toward the river. Travel a couple hundred years and at the "T" make a left turn; the picnic will be held at the second lot/cottage on the right. There is plenty of parking behind the cottage. If you get lost, call Doug's cell phone at 717-460-0723.

### Please bring:

- Something to share for the meal (casserole, salad or dessert)  
*meat, beverage, table cover and place settings provided by our hosts*
- a prize, wrapped or unwrapped, for bingo and other games.

# Annual Grange Picnic – Police K9 Program

More than 30 Eagle Grange members and friends attended the annual picnic on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton Township Park on Route 54 just outside Montgomery. The Grange had contributed \$500 to help with the park's reconstruction so it was nice to see the finished facilities; note the Grange's name on the sign below. Sgt. Brian McGee of the Williamsport Police Department and his service dog Niko (below) joined us for the evening and provided a very interesting program on the work of the Police Canine Unit which is supported by voluntary donations.



# Smiling for the Camera

Yes, it was a hot sticky day and it was VERY warm in the exhibit building, but the four Grangers who set up Eagle's educational display at the Lycoming County Fair continued to smile.



Helpers included (left to right): Doug Bonsall, Jenn Nauss, Phil Vonada and Ruth Lundy.

Plans are in the works to take Eagle's fair exhibit to five fairs this year – Lycoming County, Montour-DeLong, Perry County, Juniata County and Bloomsburg. Since the work of planning the exhibit is done and the cost of supplies has been incurred, it makes perfect sense to take it as many places as possible to get Eagle's name before the public and, at the same time, earn some premium dollars.

## Looking for Community Service Ideas.....

One of the major purposes of the Grange is to be of service to others. Outreach outside our own walls is very important in making the community aware of and appreciate the Grange. During the past year we've collected food for the local food pantry, made blankets for the homeless, purchased FFA jackets for local students and contributed to various appeals.

Plans are in the beginning stages to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Jingle Bell Jamboree** in December. This holiday event for families and children was begun last year and the Montgomery FFA Chapter provided many volunteers to help with the day's activities. The date for 2023 is not yet confirmed.

If you have ideas for other projects, please bring them to the next Grange meeting and share your suggestions. Funding for supplies may be available through a Thrivent Action Team grant.

# COMING EVENTS

**JULY 28** – Work day for Pulled Pork take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

**JULY 29** – Pulled Pork Take-Out Dinner. Help needed from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch (*details on Page 5*)

**AUGUST 1** – Grange business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- **Host** – Phil Vonada
- **Program** – “Entomophagy” (Edible Insects) by Nathan Moyer

**AUGUST 11** – Eagle Grange will be guests of Perry Valley Grange; 9 Shady Lane, Port Trevorton - picnic @ 6 p.m. (*details on Page 1*)

**SEPTEMBER 5** – Hawaiian Luau Celebration – 6 p.m. @ Grange Hall. Come dressed in Hawaiian garb and bring a Hawaiian dish to share for the meal. Some recipe ideas will be shared at the August meeting but feel free to search for others. Learn about our 50<sup>th</sup> state and see a traditional hula dance demonstration by Brittany Snyder; others in the audience may have an opportunity to demonstrate their moves, too!



Wonder if these two will be adorned in grass skirts for the luau next month???

# Progress Being Made on Property Improvements

We continue to play “Catch Up” and are making good progress with many projects. Thank you to all those who are helping to make these improvements possible.

**Some pesky birds** apparently love the Grange Hall! The birds somehow twice found ways to build nests around the kitchen exhaust system. Much to our surprise, they returned after having been removed earlier this spring when wire screening was installed over access holes. We engaged the services of contractor Earl Neff who came up with an even stronger defense against future nesting in this area.

**The septic tank** was located and cleaned by Foresman’s Septic Services to comply with Clinton Township’s regulation requiring septic systems to be pumped every five years. A “collar” has been added so the opening to the tank is now at ground level for easier access in the future; the total cost was \$610.

Another unfinished project has now been completed with the **painting of lines on the paved parking lot area** (below). Don Smith from Safety Line Co. did a good job and gave the Grange a great deal, doing the job for \$350.



**The permanent installation of the outdoor lighted sign** is currently underway, also by Mr. Neff. A dual sided Eagle Grange #1 name placard will be made by Abby Sign Co. of Montoursville for the top of the sign. The total cost for the project is \$1,100; an anonymous donor has committed \$1,000 to fund most of this project that started more than 4 years ago when the sign was purchased.

Also **in process is the repair/re-painting of the fire escape, the replacement of three ill-fitting wooden exterior doors and the addition of panic**

**hardware/closers on two existing metal doors.** Written bids from three companies were considered during a short business meeting at the July picnic and the project awarded to Amos King Electrical & Plumbing of Montgomery for a total cost of \$8,766. One of the other bids did not include any work on the fire escape and the third bid was several times higher than the one accepted.



***Photo (above right) – The fire escape has already been stripped, re-attached to the building, the damaged siding replaced and, for the first time, is now securely anchored with a concrete pad. Painting is next!***

When completed in the next few weeks, these improvements will provide for a safe emergency exit from the second floor of the hall via a well anchored escape, bring all our doors into codes compliance with panic (crash bar) hardware and out-swing opening, and reduce cold air infiltration by eliminating the poor fitting kitchen doors. As noted on Page 1, Perry Valley Grange from Perry County is making another \$5,000 donation to pay a major portion of this work. Perry Valley gave \$5,000 last year to help pay for the paving of the parking lot.

Finally, **two proposals will be considered at the August meeting to add HVAC to the kitchen and rest rooms.** Currently those areas of the hall do not have any direct heating or air conditioning; the propane wall unit previously heating the kitchen had to be removed when the exhaust system and stainless steel wall covering was installed and there is no available wall space to mount a unit like this. But we probably would not want to re-use this unit anyway after having been advised by a heating contractor that the propane wall units (there is also one in the main hall) are a source of carbon dioxide emissions.

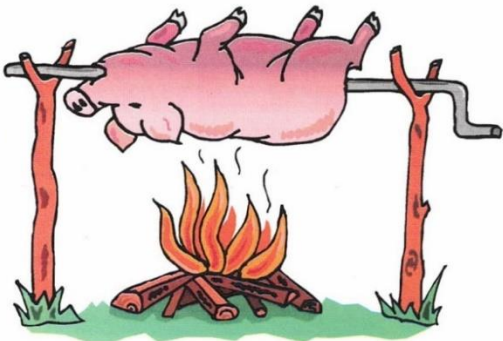
Your help and donation of baked goods for the sale table are needed for this dinner; please volunteer.

# Take-Out Dinner

*Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1*

**Sat., July 29, 2023**

## Pulled Pork



**Roast Pulled Pork with Homemade Barbeque Sauce & Relish, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Oriental Slaw, Roll & Butter, Fruit Cup, Homemade Cookies**

*Suggested Donation - \$13*

**Advance reservations suggested\***

Contact Daisy Styer @ 570-546-5861 by 7/22

*\*Limited # of meals available without reservations*

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

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**Next Take-Out Dinner**

*Stuffed Chicken Breast – Sept. 23, 2023*

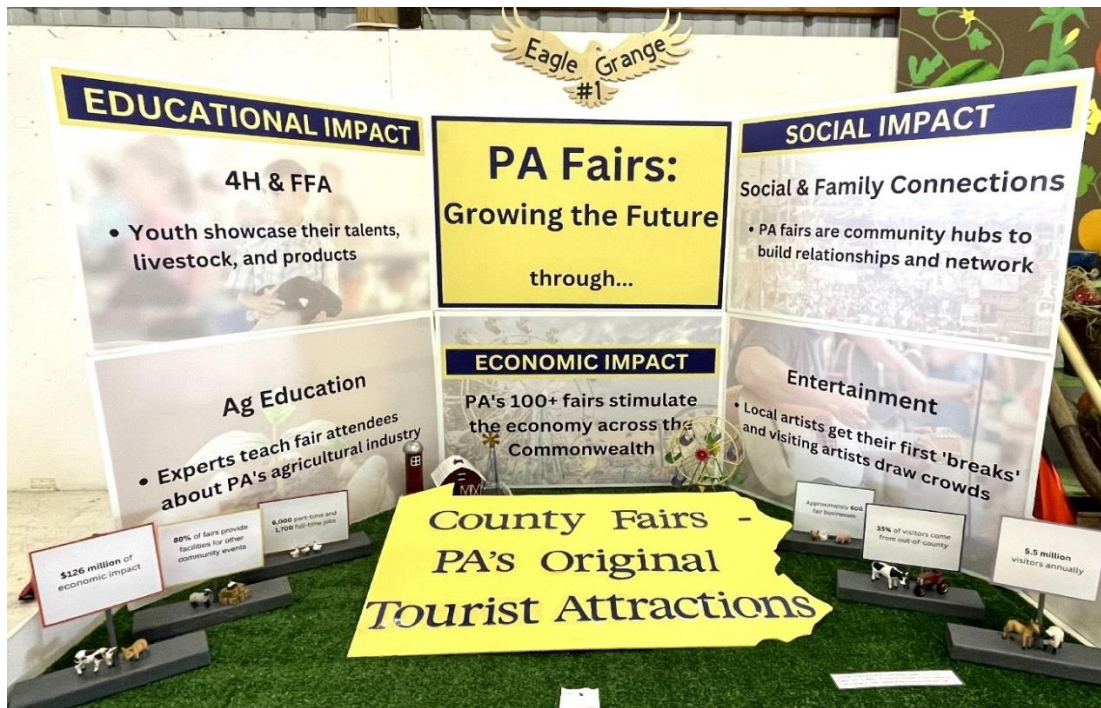
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## August 2023 Newsletter

# Growing the Future...Fair Display



Eagle's First Place Grange Display at the 2023 Lycoming County Fair