



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

September 2023



Come to a Hawaiian Luau Right Here in Montgomery, PA

A traditional Hawaiian luau frequently features a whole roasted suckling pig with an apple in its mouth. We're having a luau at Eagle on Tuesday, September 5th with barbequed pork on the menu, but it won't be quite a whole pig with an apple. Please bring your friends, neighbors and family to this regular first Tuesday gathering and join us for a fellowship meal starting at 6 p.m. Please bring something to share for the meal (casserole, salad or dessert) with a Hawaiian theme if possible. Beverage, table cover and place settings will be provided by the Grange; Joann Murray is social committee host for the evening and is being assisted by Doug Bonsall & Jenn Nauss who plan to decorate the hall as a tropical island paradise. Wear something casual, colorful & flowery.



Refer to Page 8 of this newsletter to see a picture of our entertainment for the evening. Brittany Snyder of Elizabethtown, a Grange member in York County and cousin-in-law to our secretary Jenn Nauss, has studied/taught Polynesian dance and will explain/demonstrate the traditional Hawaiian hula. She promises an opportunity for members of the audience to participate.

Eagle Receives \$5,000 Gift from Sister Grange

Fifteen Eagle Grange members enjoyed a great evening of food and fellowship on a lovely August evening along the banks of the Susquehanna River near Port Trevorton as guests of Perry Valley Grange.

The very special occasion was the presentation of a \$5,000 check from Perry Valley to help Eagle with the recently completed project to repair/repaint the fire escape and replace/upgrade exterior doors. Perry Valley has been giving an annual donation to Eagle for the past four years, including \$5,000 last year to help complete paving of the parking lot.



(Left) Eagle President Phil Vonada accept the gift from Perry Valley President Renee Hetrick.

News Flash received from National Grange

Word has just been received from President Betsy Huber that Eagle earned Distinguished Grange status for the third consecutive year.

Another Successful Take-Out Dinner

About 120 meals were served at the late July Pulled Pork Dinner; special thanks to all the members and friends who contributed an especially generous array of homemade goodies for the sale table. Altogether, the project raised just over \$1,200.



These were among the kitchen helpers getting ready to dish out the meals. (Left to right) Hilda Sampsell, Joann Murray, Doug Bonsall & Reba Crawford.



Karen Williamson (left) opened the carrying bags for each meal while Bernie & Beth Downey (center) attended to all the goodies on the popular sale table.



Libby Green & Doug Bonsall attend to the stove.



Tom Styer was the greeter and assisted anyone needing help as folks arrived to pick up their meals.



Ruth Lundy & Daisy Styer were at the check-in table.

Entomophagy Program Provided Unusual But Tasty Snacks

The program at the August 1st Grange meeting was anything but routine or boring.

Mr. Nathan "Nate" Moyer of Selinsgrove, an industrial arts and agriculture teacher in the Greenwood School District (pictured below in maroon shirt), gave a fast paced and light hearted look into the topic of "insects for food". When Nate initially asked how many of those present would never consider eating an insect, about half of the audience raised their hands amid snickers and comments of "yuck". But by the end of his presentation that evening, many of those who earlier had raised their hands were enticed to try edible insects, albeit doing so with some trepidation and nervous laughter. Most who sampled were surprised at the tastiness of the bug snacks..... *just ask Janet Reynolds!*



A Picture Worth a Thousand Words

Although initially determined she would never eat an insect, **Janet Reynolds** finally found the courage to pop a roasted grasshopper into her mouth and after chewing it slowly, declared "tastes like potato chips".

Among the bug snacks offered were: fruit bread made with whole crickets giving it a nutty crunch; trail mix of almonds, chocolate pieces & grasshoppers and another mixture of fly larvae, mealworms & barbeque flavored grasshoppers.



Joann Murray (right) bravely samples blueberry bread made with cricket flour but **Libby Green** (center) politely refused to try any of the bug snacks being circulated.

Exhibit Revamped to Fit Spaces at Multiple Fairs



Following the theme established by the State Department of Agriculture, Eagle’s 2023 exhibit “Growing the Future” tells the story of economic, educational and social impacts that county fairs deliver to the the local communities they serve. A particular challenge is adapting to the different spaces at each fair – *Lycoming County, Montour-DeLong, Perry County, Juniata County & Bloomsburg* – where the exhibit is going this year. (Above) Ruth Lundy, Doug Bonsall and Jenn Nauss are shown at Montour-DeLong where it earned first place. (Below) third place was received at Perry County.



Broadband Information



Jenn Nauss made sure that every meal at the last take out dinner received one of the information cards about financial help to access broadband service. The National Grange is distributing this information across the US, especially targeting it to rural residents where reliable internet access is limited and/or expensive.

Historical Tidbit

As part of the State Grange's 150th anniversary celebration coming up in October, persons who received the Sixth Degree 50 or more years ago will be recognized with a special certificate and a fresh red rose when the degree is conferred on Saturday, October 21st. This will be the first time in many years the degree will be presented in full form with three traditional female drill teams and performed on a high school auditorium stage. Eagle members eligible for this recognition are: **Doug Bonsall, Joann Murray, Irvin & Janet Reynolds and Karen Williamson.** Joann will be among a very special and select group who have reached 70 or more years of Sixth Degree membership; congratulations!

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 5 – **Hawaiian Luau Celebration** – 6 p.m. @ Grange Hall. Come dressed in casual, colorful Hawaiian-style garb and bring something to share for the meal. Traditional Hawaiian foods are suggested but not required. Meat, beverage and place settings will be provided by the Grange.

- **Host** – Joann Murray

Program - We'll learn about our 50th state and see a traditional hula dance demonstration by Brittany Snyder; there will be an opportunity for others in the audience to participate, too!

SEPTEMBER 22 – Work day for Stuffed Chicken Breast take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

SEPTEMBER 23 – **Stuffed Chicken Breast Take-Out Dinner.** Help needed from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch (*details on Page 7*)

OCTOBER 3 – **Candidates' Forum for Lycoming County Commissioner** - 6:30 p.m.

- **Hosts** – Elliott & Barbara Weiss

OCTOBER 18-22 – **State Grange session in Morgantown, PA** celebrating 150th anniversary. Phil Vonada and Beth Downey have been elected Eagle's voting delegates.

By the Lazy River.....



A candid shot above of the joint Perry Valley-Eagle picnic held on August 11th along the Susquehanna River just south of Port Trevorton.

Coming Down the Home Stretch!

A great deal of progress has been made this past month with multiple property improvements and repairs around the Grange Hall and grounds.

Thanks to a generous anonymous member's \$1,000 donation, the installation of the outdoor lighted sign has been completed with the exception of making the electrical connection. When the underground conduit wiring and timer is installed by King's Electrical & Plumbing, the sign can be lighted each evening from dusk until 10 p.m. or thereabouts. The dual sided Eagle Grange #1 name placard was made by Abby Sign Co. of Montoursville, and is an attractive identification for all who pass by the Grange Hall. Doug Bonsall finished the landscaping under and around the sign on a rainy August day while other volunteers were working with corn in the hall.



(Left to right) Irvin Reynolds, Ruth Lundy and Karen Williamson ventured out to see the finished sign.

Approved at the August 1st meeting was a \$10,990 bid from Frey Plumbing & Heating to install a heat pump system to bring heat and air conditioning into the kitchen and rest rooms of the Grange Hall. The 50% down payment for this work was made on 8/21/2023 so materials could be ordered and the actual work scheduled. Funding will come from a \$5,820 anonymous gift from another generous member received through the State Grange Foundation and the Grange's decision to withdraw up to \$5,000 from Eagle's custodial fund; these are monies received from the sale of real estate from the several Granges which merged into Eagle. Held in trust by the State Grange, the principal may be accessed for property improvements and community service projects.

Volunteers preparing for the Grange's take-out dinners provide another important part of the fund

raising needed to do property upgrades. A Grange friend from Perry County donated this sweet corn.



Part of the volunteer crew – (above) Larry Robbins, Irvin Reynolds, Ruth Lundy and Bernie Downey – did the husking and brushing outside while another group – (below) Hilda Sampsell, Joann Murray, Doug Bonsall and Janet Reynolds – worked inside to cut and bag the corn for freezing. Others also helped.



Also now completed 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. This work was completed in mid-August by King's Electrical & Plumbing of Montgomery for a total cost of \$8,766. We no longer have a wobbly, inadequately anchored fire escape stairs. Now the escape is firmly attached to the side of the building and supported on a concrete pad at ground level.

Your help and donation of baked goods for the sale table are needed for this dinner; please sign up at next meeting.

Stuffed Chicken Breast Take-Out Dinner

Sat., Sept. 23, 2023

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, succotash, cole slaw, pickled beets, roll & butter, apple crisp

Suggested Donation - \$13



Advance reservations suggested*

Contact Daisy Styer @ 570-546-5861 by 9/16

**Limited # of meals available without reservations*

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

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Next Take-Out Dinner

Roast turkey & all the trimmings – Nov. 4, 2023

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Coming Up on September 5th



Enjoy a live demonstration of the hula at Eagle's Hawaiian Luau