



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

April 2024



Two Sure Signs of Spring Evident at Grange

April 2nd "Soils" Program

Sharon Whitmoyer Waltman, retired USDA Soil Scientist/Geographer, will discuss **"Soils & Soil Landscapes"** at the April 2nd meeting of Eagle Grange.



Born in Danville, PA and graduated from Warrior Run High School and Penn State University, Sharon worked for USDA Soil Conservation Service (later Natural Resources Conservation Service or NRCS) in Pennsylvania, New York, Nebraska, and West Virginia during her career.

She served as a Soil Scientist/Geographer for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for 32 years. She retired in 2016, has been married to Dr. William Waltman for 49 years and is the mother of two sons. She is involved in various community groups, including serving as Lecturer of California Grange near Washingtonville.

Representatives from the **SonLight House of Muncy** and **Footprints of Montgomery**, two local food pantries, are expected to attend this meeting to receive the proceeds from the recent Baked Potato Night benefit dinner. This project was jointly sponsored by Eagle Grange and the Montgomery High School FFA Chapter (see Page 4).

It's Flower Planting Time



That's Katy Moser braving a chilly March drizzle to plant flowers in the planters at the front and kitchen entrances. Soon three dozen pansy plants were added, their smiling "faces" as cheerful as Katy's.

Katy takes care of flowers around the Grange Hall throughout the summer. In addition, she and her friend Karen Schooley are also the two friends of the Grange who quietly but faithfully volunteer to clean up after events happening in the Grange Hall. What a blessing to have them come in to do this task after other volunteers have finished a long day of work at a dinner or service project!

A free food safety course designed especially for volunteers in non-profit organizations will be hosted at Eagle Grange Hall on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The course will be taught by Ms. Kaitlin Pander of the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service. Please RSVP to Doug Bonsall (717-921-1957) by April 20th if you plan to attend

Leap Year Celebrated with Food, Games, Music

Can you guess what these folks are doing?!? This volunteer “percussion section” provided accompaniment for the music presented by KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner (below left).



And just what is Janet Reynolds trying to do in the photo to the right? Grange president Phil Vonada led several “Minute to Win It” games like this one where the winner was the person who managed to move the largest number of candies from the table to the plate in one minute using an ordinary drinking straw.

Guests also learned interesting facts about Leap Year. This Grange meeting had it all – food, fellowship, entertainment, inspiration, fun and education.



Eagle Hosts State Grange Workshop



About 40 people attended a leadership training on March 9th. As host, Eagle prepared and served lunch to the guests. Our own Jenn Nauss (below) planned the day's agenda in her role as State Grange Lecturer.



Property Update

The kitchen drawer glides have been installed by Amos King. We no longer have sticking drawers or the danger of the drawers falling out if opened too far!

We continue to search for possible sources of grant funding to cover a portion of the expense for our next big project – installing insulation and vinyl siding on the exterior of the Grange Hall to save energy. A rough estimate of the cost for this work is just over \$34,000.

Grange Calendar

March 30 – Order deadline for Pomona Sandwich Sale; details below

April 1 – Reservation deadline for Pomona Legislative Banquet; details below

April 2 – Eagle Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Program – **“Soils & Soil Landscapes of Central PA”** by Sharon Waltman of Washingtonville, retired US Dept. of Agriculture and lecturer of California Grange

- *Host - Phil Vonada*

April 11 – Pomona Grange Sandwich Sale

April 13 – Pomona Grange Legislative Banquet

April 27 – **Cooking for Crowds** food safety course given by Penn State Extension – 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; free but advance registration required

May 7 – Eagle Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Program – **“My Journey to Becoming a Writer”** by Bonnie Swinehart, author of Benjy children's book series

- *Hosts – Ruth Lundy, Janet Reynolds*

Pomona Grange Events

North Central PA Pomona Grange #28
(Lycoming & Montour Counties)

Sandwich Sale - \$5/each

Ham & Cheese OR Turkey & Cheese

Orders due – March 30, 2024

Call Beth Downey 570-419-6849

Delivery - April 11, 2024

Volunteers welcome to help assemble the sandwiches at 10 a.m. at Allegheny Grange Hall
Orders may also be picked up at 2 p.m. at Eagle

North Central PA Pomona Grange #28
(Lycoming & Montour Counties)

Legislative Banquet

Place-California Grange Hall

17 California Rd., Watsonstown, PA 17777

Saturday, April 13, 2024

5:30 PM Doors Open - 6 PM Dinner

Roast Beef/Baked Chicken Meal

State Grange Speaker - Carrie Nace

Meet Your Legislators

Advance Reservations Required - \$15;

Call 570-768-7125 by April 1st

“Baked Potato Night” Raises \$525 for Food Pantries



The Montgomery FFA provided lots of helpers (above) to deliver orders to the eat-in diners at this new service project. Volunteer Hilda Sampsell (below) was evidently enjoying herself as guests arrived.



Kitchen helpers (above) Doug Bonsall, FFA Advisor Chris Ulrich and Phil Vonada dished out potato toppings while Libby Green (below) made sure the beverage table was well stocked.



March 23rd Pork Loin Dinner – Another Success Story



Patty Peterman & Joann Murray filling meal orders.



Hilda Sampsell, Jenn Nauss & Karen Williamson packing the take-out bags.



Tom Styer & Glenn Pauling had the “sweet job” tending to customers at the bake sale table.



Yum! Brownies, cookies, apple dumplings.



Greeting guests and verifying advance reservations were Ruth Lundy, Janet Rynolds (back) & Daisy Styer.



Is Reba Crawford trying to catch some run away mashed potatoes?



What was Phil Vonada doing back behind while Jackie Murray dished out the gravy? It seems Phil was responsible for those fluffy mashed potatoes.



Joann Murray makes sure the roast pork is hot as the assembly line is set up.



Beth Downey was stationed near the front door to promote Grange as guests entered.

A generous Grange benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous has recently underwritten the cost of two anti-fatigue mats placed in front of the sinks in the kitchen. The cushioning makes standing there for long periods of time to prepare food and wash dishes more comfortable.

Eagle's May Fund Raiser – We Need Your Help!

Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Roast Beef

Roast Beef, Stuffing, Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes, Buttered
Peas & Carrots, Cranberry
Relish, Pickles, Roll & Butter,
Red Velvet Cake

Suggested Donation - \$14



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

Rt. 15 & East Blind Rd., Montgomery, PA

Next Take-Out Dinner

Baked Ham – June 22, 2024

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



April 2024 Newsletter

Enjoying the Music @ Leap Year Potluck



The March 5th potluck dinner featured lots of audience participation in the musical entertainment and a message about adapting to change from KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner.