Grangers from across the state converged on Olympia for their Annual Legislative Day, held on March 16. The days’ activities began at the state Grange office, where participants were welcomed to the program and briefed on meetings with their legislators. The state Grange legislative priorities were reviewed and discussed.

Following that briefing, the participants caught the DASH bus up to the capitol and legislative buildings. State Grange staff members arranged for appointments for each of the participants with the legislators from their district. While some were attending their appointed meetings while others attended hearings. A few took tours of the capitol building, while others visited the gift shop in the capitol.

Following their legislative appointments, everyone went back to the state Grange office for a working lunch. The lunch featured a legislative panel with Rep. Brian Blake (D-Aberdeen), 19th district representative and Chair of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, and Rep. Vincent Buys (R-Lynden), 42nd district representative and the Ranking Minority Member of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. The two legislators reviewed legislation currently before the committee and the need for bipartisan legislation for the benefit of both agriculture and the state as a whole.

That discussion was followed by a panel of lobbyists who discussed agriculture-related issues. Bill Clarke, Policy Director for the Washington Realtors, discussed land use permitting issues. Jim Jesernig, a former legislator and Director of the Department of Agriculture and current lobbyist for the WA State Potato Commission and the Association of Conservation Districts, talked about support for agricultural research through Washington State University. Heather Hansen, lobbyist for the WA Farm Forestry Association, WA Friends of Farms and Forests, and the WA State Fairs Association, discussed support for the funding of agricultural fairs and several pesticide issues before the legislature this year.

The final presentation of the day was from Assistant Secretary of State Mark Neary. Filling in for Secretary of State Kim Wyman, Mr. Neary noted the Grange involvement in our primary election system and discussed upcoming topics that could improve our election process.

The Annual Legislative Day was organized by Grange Legislative Lobbyist Jennifer Ziegler, with the assistance of state Grange staff. The legislative day provides an opportunity for Grange members to take an active role in legislative activities and to have face to face contact with the state legislators.
Mark Your Calendars:
Upcoming Washington State Grange Events

April 1..................Washington State Grange Scholarship Applications Due
April 1..................Creative Writing Contest entries due to State Lecturer
April 11..................State Grange Intercession Committee Meetings, 10 a.m. in Olympia
April 15..................Community Service Reports due to State Community Service Director
April 15..................Secretary First Quarter Reports due to State Office
April 23..................Northwest District Talent Contest at Cedar Valley, 2 p.m.
April 23..................Southwest District Talent Contest at South Union, 2 p.m.
April 23..................Central District Talent Contest at Buena, 2 p.m.
April 23..................Eastern District Talent Contest at Five Mile Prairie, 2 p.m.
April 23..................Northwest/Northern District 2018 Convention Planning Meeting at Cedar Valley, 3 p.m.
April 23..................Southwest District 2017 Convention Planning Meeting at South Union, 3 p.m.
April 30..............Skagit Valley Grange 100th Anniversary Celebration
May 1..................Grange Month Display Contest Entries due to State Office
June 25-30..............Wooten Junior Grange Camp, Dayton
June 28-July 1.........128th Annual State Grange Session at the Ocean Shores Convention Center
July 1..................Deadline for Ordering Baseball Tickets
July 2-8..................Mayfield Junior Grange Camp, Mossyrock
July 9-14..............David Junior Grange Camp A, Lake Crescent
July 9-15..............Morehead Junior Grange Camp, Long Beach/Ocean Park
July 16-21..............David Junior Grange Camp B, Lake Crescent
July 25..............Grange Celebrates with the Seattle Mariners (versus Boston Red Sox)
July 23-29..............NEWA Junior Grange Camp, Colville
July 30..............Addy Grange 100th Anniversary Celebration
August 4-6..............Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference, Buena Park CA
August 6-11..............Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp, Oak Harbor
November 7-11........151st Annual National Grange Session in Spokane

Spokampers First Camp-out of 2017 Scheduled: April 20th

The Spokampers held their February meeting at the Elis Tapa Mexican restaurant in Medical Lake hosted by Walt and Janice Radmer. The March meeting was held at The Timber Creek Buffet on 25 March at 1PM hosted by Joan Anderson and Bobbie Olinger. Our first campout of the year will be at the restaurant in Medical Lake hosted by Walt and Janice Radmer. The March 23rd event is sure to be a hit with Grangers.

From The Lecturer’s Department:
It’s Contest Time

By Terry Abbott
State Grange Lecturer

Over the next two months, Grangers have the opportunity to participate in the first level of Grange contests across the state. The Pomona Granges have set their dates and are awaiting your entries in the contests. The photography and art/craft contests are opportunities for Grange members to share their talents with others. We offer a wide variety of classes in each contest. There certainly is something for everyone in the two contests. Please keep in mind that our contests are not limited to only Grange members. Potential Grange members are encouraged to participate. Use the contests as membership tools in exposing others to the Grange and its’ programs. It is a foot in the door with these potential members. Swing that door wide open by encouraging non-members to visit your contest displays at the local level. Please check with your Pomona Grange Lecturer on date, location, and entry times for the contests in your area.

The district talent contests are coming up on April 23. Each contest will begin at 2 p.m. Locations of this years contests are: SOUTHWEST DISTRICT – South Union Grange Hall in Thurston County; NORTHWEST DISTRICT – Cedar Valley Grange Hall in Snohomish County; CENTRAL DISTRICT – Buena Grange Hall in Yakima County; and EASTERN DISTRICT – Five Mile Prairie Grange Hall in Spokane County. All contestants should arrive at least 30 minutes early to be sure all necessary entry forms have been completed.

All Pomona Grange Lecturers are reminded to complete the contest report form and send it to me immediately following your Pomona contests. This will allow us to be better prepared to receive your contest entries at the State Grange Convention in June.

Happy Spring! Enjoy the vibrant colors of our spring flowers. Summer will be here before we realize it.

BY-LAWS CHANGES

OKANOGAN GRANGE #1103
NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE: Okanogan Grange #1103 will vote on a proposed $10.00 increase in subordinate annual dues at its April 12, 2017 regular meeting. The effect of the increase will raise annual dues from $48.00 to $58.00 beginning in 2018. Subordinate dues were last changed in 1998. Master Jim Martin 509-846-6311.

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Welcome to Grange Month 2017!

By Tom Gwin
State Grange Master/President

Grange Month is an opportunity for our Granges to promote our organization with a common theme. The theme chosen by the National Grange for this year is “What Will We Do When the DO-ers are Gone?”. As an organization, we have 150 years behind us of valuable lessons in agriculture, on the farm, and across rural America.

For many of those years, we have experienced an abundant membership who give themselves tirelessly to the Grange and the community. Unfortunately, the members who liberally contribute to the betterment of their Grange and community are decreasing in numbers. These unselfish members are known as the “DO-ers”. While the number of DO-ers is decreasing in our Granges and communities, we have the opportunity to change the tide and begin building our organization with an energetic younger set of DO-ers from a new generation.

To attract a new set of DO-ers to your Grange, I have prepared the following steps that can be easily accomplished by your current Grange members:

• Contact other organizations in your area to determine if the DO-ers are known to be present in your area. It may be necessary to break down the tasks into bite-sized pieces to attract those with limited time available.

• Think outside the box and let us know what you are doing. Asking your members for ideas on how you can creatively impact your community, we want to inspire you to do more than usual this year and try to impact your community as creatively as possible.

• Invite your community, especially potential DO-ers to a “Community/Grange Awareness Event”, also known as a “DO-ers Program” to discuss your activities and the tasks required to conduct those activities.

• Have a supply of Grange membership applications on hand. Applications are available from the State Grange Office.

• Be sure to ask the potential DO-ers to join the Grange, keeping in mind that some will and others will not. Be grateful to all who will join.

By following these general guidelines, our hope is that you will be able to recruit energetic younger members to the Grange. Encourage you to give it a try. Our hard work will lead to continued success that will shine on a brighter future for the Grange.

Reach Out To Legislators Regarding Grange Priorities

By Jennifer Zeigler
Legislative Lobbyist

On March 16th, we had a full and productive legislative day. Grange members started the day by meeting with their individual legislators. Representative Brian Blake and Representative Vincent Buys joined us for lunch and talked about proposed legislation related to water issues, as well as legislation regarding wolves. In the afternoon, a panel of lobbyists met with the group to talk about issues ranging from potential action on legislation to address the Hirst decision, to ways to address fair funding. We concluded the day with a presentation from Assistant Secretary of State Mark Neary on election issues. Assistant Secretary Neary also shared some fun history regarding the Grange and Daylight Savings Time. Thanks so much to all of the Grange members who spent their day with us.

In early March, the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council released the March Revenue Forecast. The Council found that Washington’s personal income and employment forecasts are slightly higher than they were in November and Washington’s economy is continuing to outperform the National economy. General fund state revenues are expected to grow 13.5% between the 2013-15 and 2015-17 biennium and 6.8% between the 2015-17 and 2017-19 biennia. As a result, the 2015-17 forecast is up by $275 million and the 2017-19 forecast is up by $310 million over November projections.

The Senate recently released their general fund budget proposal and we expect to see a House proposal soon. The last day of the regular legislative session is April 23rd, so there is still plenty of time to reach out to legislators to make sure that the legislative priorities of the Grange are addressed in 2017.

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS

February 2017

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Centerville #81..................1
Dry Creek #646..................2
Hazel Dell #1124.................2
Hope #155................................3
Kettle River #1120..............1
Matlock #357......................6
Prosperity #315..................3
Stevenson #121..................1
White Lake #484...............1
Winder #980.....................1
Woodland #178..................1
Junior +1
Cedar Valley #306...............1

Session Watch 2017

Stay informed about what is happening in the State Legislature. Send us your email at grange@wa-grange.org to receive our weekly Session Watch report. You can also find each weeks Session Watch on our website under the Legislative Department page at:

www.wa-grange.com/LegislativeSession.aspx

NATIONAL GRANGE LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN

April 23-26, 2017

Join the National Grange in the Capitol
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Jennifer Zeigler
Resolution Writing Tips

Resolutions are not hard to write! One of the real benefits of Grange membership is the opportunity that membership gives to every Grange member to have an effective voice regarding the issues that affect their lives. Each of the National Grange’s policy positions and the State Grange’s policies all started as resolutions that were written and adopted by a local Grange chapter. Even so, some people are still intimidated at the idea of writing a Grange resolution.

As the State Grange is scheduled to hold its annual convention this June, we hope it will help generate greater interest in grass-roots participation in our Grange legislative program. The postmarked deadline for submission of resolutions from Subordinate and Pomona Granges is May 26.

Here is a quick and easy overview of writing a resolution:

**Title of Your Resolution Here**
(This should be just a few words and easily summarize what this resolution is about)

Whereas, this is where you identify one problem that needs to be addressed or solved; and
Whereas, only place one reason or fact that supports your argument in each whereas paragraph; and
Whereas, only put facts in the whereas paragraphs that make it easier for the reader to understand the purpose of your resolution; Therefore, be it
Resolved, that this is where you clearly state the primary action that you propose to solve the problem you identified in the whereas paragraphs (Resolved should stand alone from the Whereas’ as this will be the policy printed in the Legislative Handbook. No information from the Whereas’ will be printed in the handbook), and
Be it Further Resolved, that any secondary actions to address the problem are placed here.

Be sure to include both the Master and Secretary signatures, Grange seal, contact information and any supporting materials.

**Convention Schedule**

**TENTATIVE**

**WEDNESDAY**
- 8:00-5:00pm  Registration
- 8:00-11:00  Lecturer and CFL contest entry check in
- 8:30  Delegate Orientation
- 9:30  Committee Chair Meeting
- 10:00-1:30  Committee Meetings
- 12:00-3:00  Workshops
- 3:00  Deputy Group Photo
- 3:30  Memorial
- 6:30  5th Degree
- 7:10  State Officer/Rose Drill Photos
- 7:30  6th Degree Opening, Exemplify 6th Degree

**THURSDAY**
- 7:30-12:00  Registration
- 7:00  Breakfast Celebration
- 8:30-5:00  Business Meeting, Master’s Address, Elections, Committee Reports
- 6:30  Celebration Banquet & Auction – Membership/Scholarship Awards & State Grange Auction

**FRIDAY**
- 8:00 – 5:00  Business Meeting, Elections, Committee Reports
- 10:00  Cooperative Reports
- 5:10  Talent Practice – closed to public
- 7:30  Talent Show

**SATURDAY**
- 8:00  Open by Youth – Youth Awards Junior Program – Junior Awards
- 11:00  Grange of the Year
- 2:00  Installation of Officer
- 5:00  Adjourn
- Deputies & State Officer’s Convention Recap

**PLEASE NOTE: Convention Schedule is TENTATIVE and subject to change**

2017 STATE GRANGE “OCEAN SHORES SCRAMBLE” GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Westside Convention District will host a golf tournament on Tuesday, June 27 at 9 a.m. at the Ocean Shores Golf Course.

The costs for the nine-hole tournament is $25 per player. Seniors get a discount to $20. Carts can be rented at the rate of $16 for nine holes.

Fill out the form below to participate. Make checks payable to: Westside Convention District. Mail completed forms and checks to Terry Abbott, PO Box 8, Silver Creek WA 98585.

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Your Signature

For scramble rules or additional information, contact Allan Harrington, 360-423-2122.
RV Options For State Grange Convention

There are several options for those wishing to attend the State Grange Convention in Ocean Shores with their RV this summer. The host committee has compiled the following list:

- JB’s RV Park & Campground – 512 Damon Road, Hoquiam. Telephone 360-289-9227 or 360-591-8774. Full hookup $32, cable $35, dry camping $25. One mile (three minutes) from the convention center.
- Quinault Marina & RV Park – 1098 Discovery Avenue SE, Ocean Shores. Telephone 360-289-4789. Five miles (11 minutes) to the convention center.
- Ocean City State Park – 148 SR 115, Hoquiam. Telephone 1-888-226-7688 or use the state parks web page. Three miles (six minutes) from the convention center.

Housing Options For WA State Grange Convention

There are numerous options for housing available for this year’s State Grange Convention. The convention will be held June 28 to July 1 at the Ocean Shores Convention Center.

In light of the closeness to the July 4th holiday, the convention host committee recommends participants to make reservations early. Rates will increase as we get closer to the convention and hotel facilities begin to fill up. In addition, most hotel facilities will have different rates for week nights and weekends.

The following hotels are close to this year’s convention sight:
- Best Western Lighthouse Suites – 491 Damon Road, Ocean Shores. Telephone 360-289-2311
- Comfort Inn & Suites – 829 Ocean Shores Blvd NW, Ocean Shores. Telephone 360-289-9000
- Days Inn Ocean Shores, 891 Ocean Shores Blvd NW, Ocean Shores. Telephone 360-289-9570
- Morning Glory Hotels, Inns, & Suites – 685 Ocean Shores Blvd NW, Ocean Shores. Telephone 360-289-4900
- Oasis Motel – 686 Ocean Shores Blvd NW, Ocean Shores. Telephone 360-289-2350
- Ocean Shores Inn & Suites – 648 Ocean Shores Blvd NW, Ocean Shores. Telephone 360-289-3351
- Quinault Beach Resort & Casino – 78 State Route 115, Ocean Shores. Telephone 360-289-9466
- Quinault Beach Resort & Casino – dry camping only, first come, first served. $5 weekdays and $10 on Friday and Saturday. Four miles (8 minutes) to the convention center.
- Rustic! Five miles (ten minutes) from the convention center.
- Ocean Breeze (KM Resort) – 2428 State Hwy 109, Ocean City. Reciprocal affiliates: Coast to Coast, Resorts of Distinction, RPI. Telephone 1-800-392-5722 or reciprocal affiliate. Four miles (eight minutes) to the convention center.

Grange Convention Meals Scheduled

Daily lunches will be available at the Ocean Shores Convention Center each day, Tuesday through Saturday. The lunches will consist of a sandwich with either salad or soup. The cost will be $7 per person. You may order lunch tickets on the order form below.

The following group meals have been scheduled for the convention:
- Family Living Breakfast: to be held Thursday, June 29 at 7 a.m. at the Ocean Shores Convention Center. The cost is $16 per person.
- Celebration Banquet: to be held Thursday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ocean Shores Convention Center. The cost is $28 per person and will include chicken and BBQ rib buffet

Additional meal functions, such as the Has Beens Lunch and the GROW Club Dinner will be scheduled at a later date at restaurants in the Ocean Shores area.

MEAL TICKET ORDER FORM
2017 STATE GRANGE CONVENTION

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Tickets will be packaged and may be picked up at the registration desk during the convention.

Ticket orders must be received by June 22. Extra tickets, if available, may be purchased at the convention.

Make checks payable to: Westside Convention District

Mail tickets/order form to: Terry Abbott
PO Box 8
Silver Creek, WA 98589

State Grange Convention Host Committee Meetings

2018 CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE TO MEET

The 2018 State Grange Convention Host Committee from the Northern District will meet on Sunday, April 23 at 3 p.m. at the Cedar Valley Grange Hall in Lynnwood. The committee consists of Granges in Pierce, King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island, and San Juan Counties. The 2018 convention in scheduled for June 27-30 and will be held at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon.

2017 CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE TO MEET

The next meeting of the 2017 State Grange Host Steering Committee will be held on Sunday, April 23 at the South Union Grange Hall in Thurston County. The meeting will be held at approximately 4 p.m., following the district talent contest on the same day. The committee consists of Granges in Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Thurston, Lewis, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, and Clark Counties. The 2017 convention will be June 28-July 1 at the Ocean Shores Convention Center.
**Spotlight on Youth & Juniors**

**Juniors: April Is An Exciting Month For Juniors**

By Marvin & Jennifer Oliver  
Junior Grange Directors

April is a busy and exciting month for Junior Grangers. We hope that all who want to have the opportunity to participate or go to your regions District Talent Contest. Some contests can be in remote areas so why not carpool or caravan and make it a Junior Grange outing! It’s a great opportunity to educate your Juniors on the region and see some of the local attractions while making the trip to the Talent Contest. Participants always appreciate the support and it’s always a great time when a group of Grangers are together. Make it an opportunity for the Juniors to take cameras and make stops to photograph the area for entries in the upcoming Lecturers contests! Collect rocks, leaves or other natural items to make a 3-D panorama of what they saw. They can draw / paint a picture of what they saw and enter that in the Junior Grange state contest. So many opportunities every day! Let the Juniors amaze you and get their ideas!

April is also the time to finish the reports for Junior Grange. These reports qualify you and your Junior Grangers for certificates, Ribbons, awards, plaques or even prize money. We cannot honor you if we don’t have internet access please call us and we would love to send you the needed forms. We request that the forms be post marked May 1st to Marvin and Jennifer Oliver 12604 34th Ave East Tacoma Wa. 98446. You can also email them to us. Jenandmarv@yahoo.com. Need help filling them out? Call us at 253-906-6078.

As always we would love to see more pictures of our very busy Juniors! Why not send us some photos and the Juniors write a brief description of what was going on and let’s get it in the paper for all to see!!

**Youth: WA Youth Contest Deadlines Approaching**

By Jerry Gwin  
State Youth Director

As we enter the spring solstice, we are slowly creeping upon the first of several deadlines for Grange youth contests. May 15 is the deadline for applications for the Horizon Youth Ambassador Program and Young Patron Program, the Outstanding Young Adult Award, 4-H/FFA member Award, and Spirit of Youth Award. Contests in the sign-a-song contest and the prepared speech contest also must notify the youth director of their intent to enter by the May 15 deadline.

In addition to the contests listed above, Grange youth members are encouraged to participate in the various contests in the Lecturer and Family Living Departments. There is a wide range of contests, from baking and canning to photography and craftwork. Most of the Pomona level contests are held in April and May. Please check with your Grange Lecturer and Family Living Chair on the date and location of the contests in your area.

We are hoping for a large delegation of youth at the annual State Grange Convention in Ocean Shores. We are planning a variety of activities to enjoy the beach.

We just received word on the location of this year’s Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference. The conference will be August 4-6 and will be held at the Knott’s Berry Farm Hotel in Buena Park, California. Registration information should be available in the next month.

**Take Me Out to the Ball Game!!**

Who’s ready for a Grange Event?

Join us TUESDAY, JULY 25th at Safeco Field for the Seattle Mariners VS. Boston Red Sox

Tickets are currently available for $20 ea.

Level 321, Rows 11-16  
Reserve yours today!

**Things To Look For Next Month**

- Did you say Camp? Yep! Let’s get excited about our awesome camping program!! I say summer ... You say Camp!!!! SUMMER … CAMP!!
- Sneak peak at events at the Washington State Grange Convention at Ocean Shores! … any guesses … We won’t tell. Maybe next month!

Thank you for all you do!
The schedule has been set for this summer’s Junior Grange Camping Program. Registering early is the best way to secure a spot for a child in your life to experience a week of fun, safe and wholesome activities. Thanks to the Richard Kimball Memorial Fund, we will again offer partial scholarships for first-time campers. Application information is provided below.

Each camp will feature a week of fun activities including music, hiking, swimming, special program, games, crafts, and Junior Grange instruction. It is not necessary for children or their parents to be Grange members to attend camp. Eligible ages are 9-14 years.

### Washington Ag In The Classroom:

**It’s Already April! So, It Must Be Grange Month!**

My Father always prepared the garden and cut up the potatoes, ready to plant them over the Good Friday weekend (except, as he would say, when Easter comes early). Likewise, many of us are preparing our vegetable gardens and flower beds, making certain the machinery is ready for spring field work, are fretting about late frosts, and are making certain the machinery is ready for spring field work, are making certain the machinery is ready for spring field work, are making certain the machinery is ready for spring field work, are making certain the machinery is ready for spring field work.

"I’m A Doer" is the National Grange 2017 Grange Month Theme. The Washington State Grange Month Display Contest has the theme: "Setting Sail for a Brighter Future"

- Together both themes speak to us needing to get the word out about our Granges and why people can be involved and how they can make a difference for themselves and their community.
- Together both themes emphasize the long-time Washington State Grange belief that education is important for everyone AND all students need to intentionally learn about the importance of agriculture in the State of Washington.

Washington Ag in the Classroom is just such a program!

### 2017 Junior Grange Camps

**Offer Opportunities For Kids**

Although each camp is administered separately by a board of directors, each requires a signed medical permission slip from parents, a completed registration form and pre-payment of camp fees. Pamphlets for each camp are available from Granges, county deputies, the camp coordinators, or directly from the State Grange headquarters in Olympia (360-943-9911 or 800-854-1635). Also, brochures on the camps and all forms are available on the State Grange website (www.wa-grange.com/JuniorCamps.aspx). One may also call the individuals listed below for each camp.

There are a number of camperships available for first-time campers. These camperships will pay $75 each, which is approximately one-half of the camp fee. These camperships are made possible by the Richard A. Kimball Memorial Fund.

A prospective camper who have never attended any of the Junior Grange camps simply has to write a letter of interest in securing the campership and sending it to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507. An application form for the camperships is available on the State Grange website; follow the link for the Richard A. Kimball Memorial Camp Scholarships on the site’s front page.

Donations to this special fund are still being accepted. Regulations for **Camp Wooten**, June 25-30, 1 can be sent to Deena Stallings, PO Box 3033, Pasco WA 99302. The registration fee is $175. Checks must be made out to Wooten Junior Grange and sent with the registration form. Camp Wooten is located near Pomeroy. The camp director is Deena Stallings, (509) 521-1340 or email campwooten@gmail.com.

The fee for **Mayfield Junior Grange Camp**, located near Mossyrock, July 9-12, is $150 if received prior to June 1 and $175 for late registration. Checks should be made out to Mayfield Junior Grange Camp and sent with the registration and medical forms to Jennifer Oliver, 12604 34th Avenue E., Tacoma WA 98446. Jennifer can be reached at (253) 906-6078 or jennlmarv@yahoo.com.

**Camp Morehead** is located near Nahcotta on the Long Beach Peninsula. The camp will run July 9-15 under the guidance of Tom Gwin (360-581-0177). Registration fees will be $160 if received prior to June 15 and $180 if received after June 15. Send fees and forms to Tom Gwin, PO Box 181, Humptulips WA 98552. Checks should be made payable to Morehead Junior Grange Camp.

Camp **David Jr.** is expanding to two camping sessions this year, July 9-14 and July 16-21. Camp fees are set at $150 for those with a Grange affiliation and $180 for those without a Grange affiliation. The camp director is Chrissy Kelley, 1308 S. A Stree, Port Angeles WA 98363. Telephone (360) 452-8028 or email grandpas_twerp@hotmail.com.

**Camp NEWA** will be held near Colville on July 23-29. For registrations received by July 1, the cost will be $175. Registrations forms and fees should be sent to Bill Weiss, 11810 N. McLaughlin Road, Rearden WA 98029. Make checks payable to NE Washington Junior Grange Camp. The camp director is Carol Evans, (509) 535-1165.

The final camp of the season will be **Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp**, held at Deception Pass on August 6-11. The registration fee is $140 if received before July 1 and $160 if received after July 1. Send checks (payable to Northern District Junior Grange Camp) and registration materials to Kathy Knott, 29415 218th Place SE, Black Diamond WA 98010. The camp director is Largette Lierman, (425) 745-2180 or email mlieirm@hotmail.com.

Potential campers should check the brochures on each camp for a list of items to bring and a list of items not to bring to camp.

Grangers are encouraged to volunteer to help with the camps. They are also requested to visit the camps in their area, especially for the designated Visitor’s Program. There is a guest charge for dinner, other meals, and overnight stays.

Remember, the child needs no prior Grange affiliation to enjoy the summer camping experience. Spread the word about this Grange camping opportunity!

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**Junior Grange News**

Camp Cornet Bay Junior Grange is **scheduled for August 6-11**. This year’s theme is “Up Up and Away.”

Camp David Junior Grange is being **planned for two weeks of camp this year**. July 9-15 and July 16-21. Registrations are accepted beginning **April 1**. Registration information is available on the camp website.

Camp Morehead Junior Grange will be on **July 9-15 at Morehead Park, near Nahcotta**. This year’s camp theme is “Setting Sail for a Tropical Paradise.” Registration information has been sent out to area Grange and 2016 camp participants. Camp counselor applications are due April 1.

Camp NEWA Junior Grange has an **updated schedule with a date change**. Camp will now be held July 22-29 at Camp Princess Fine, near Colville.

Humptulips Junior Grange will meet on **April 9 to plan their spring retreat, to be held the first weekend in June**. Two members received purple ribbons in the baking contest. The program at the meeting will be a 4H members only egg hunt.
McMillan Grange Celebrates 90th Anniversary

McMillan Grange #848 turned ninety on February 23 and celebrated with a small party on February 26. Among those present were 2017 officers (left to right) Ceres Jan Sonderegger, Flora Victoria Bower, Treasurer Becky Scholz, Secretary Helen Gardner, Lecturer Robert Conley, Assistant Steward Ginette Mitchell, Lady Assistant Steward/CFL Charlie Phinney, Master Jarrod Gardner, Chaplain Laura Jobe, Gatekeeper Warren Hartle, Overseer Bill Rudnick, and Steward John Gardner (Pomona Karri Marsh not present).

FFA Presents Generous Gift To Skookumchuck Grange

In March 2017, the FFA Tenino Chapter voted and gifted Skookumchuck Grange with a check for ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS! Past Secretary, Sally Montgomery gasped! We hosted the Pomona Grange meeting which included a Pie/Dessert contest and auction, one member Deanna Warren was sworn into the Fifth Degree at that meeting. A broken window was replaced, that a no-good'er had thrown a rock through. We were addressed by the Tenino VFW Post 587. . . . more about that next month…. Also discussed was sponsorship and more involvement with the Tenino Farmers Market. Our Grange meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30p.m. and we encourage guest speakers. Our waters matter! Please inform yourselves about upcoming legislation.

Pleasant Hill Grange Celebrates 125 Years

State Master Tom Gwin presenting Pleasant Hill Master Jack Patten with the National Grange Certificate of Achievement for 125 years of continuous service. Pleasant Hill Grange #101 is the oldest active Grange in Cowlitz County.
sites, a play, square dance, and vintage pump organ music at Camano Lutheran Church. A drawing will be held at the end of the day at Camano City Schoolhouse at 3:30 pm on the 26th. For more information call Pat at 360-629-3276.

KING COUNTY
Sallal Grange collected cheese for the local food bank. March 24 was game night at the Grange hall and featured a variety of tabletop games.

KITSAP COUNTY
Olalla Grange had a great week on Saturday, March 11th for our BINGO event. Our attendance was our highest yet, over 80 people. Thank you to all that came out. What a great turn out!! Please come out and join us for our Saturday Dinner and Bingo events. Come early, we start selling at 5 PM, eat a great dinner and have some fun playing bingo. Bring a friend or two. See you there!! Our meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

KLINKITAT COUNTY
Goldendale Grange recognized its members for their years of service. 40 year members Art Justman and Brett Schuster, 50-year member Richard Lefever, 55-year member Candy Hack, and 60-year member Linda Anderson. Joy Cook, 50-year member, who was unable to attended sent a note congratulating the grange and reminisced about her great grange memories. Her father Tal Bratton was our County Deputy for many years.

LEWIS COUNTY
Adna Grange continue to host Potato Bakes, which are held on the 4th Saturday of each month through May unless there is a holiday. Check our Facebook page for information. 11:30am - 1:30pm (new end time); $7.00 includes baked potato with toppings of sour cream, butter, chili, shredded cheese, bacon, broccoli, cheese sauce, tomatoes, ranch dressing; plus salad, beverage, and dessert.

Oakview Grange hosted a Spring Craft & Plant Sale on March 31 and April 1. They meet once a month – the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Our meetings usually last an hour and half; covering a wide range of subjects and are open to non-Grangers as well. Many times the evening starts with a potluck at 6:00 pm. Coming Soon: Prairie Steppers Square Dance Club – dances 2nd Sat. of month Sept - May 7p-10:30p public welcome and lessons also available. Wash. Acoustical Music Assn. jam sessions 3rd Fri. of month 6p-9p, public welcome.

MASSON COUNTY
Twanoh Grange is mourning the death of Past Master Dorothy Harper. A charter member of Twanoh Grange, Dorothy was a 70-year member.

Farmland Sustainability in the Sammamish Valley—A Grange Program

In partnership with the Sammamish Valley Alliance, the Sammamish Valley Grange #286 presented a community program in March on sustainable practices and the challenges faced in protecting the agricultural lands, open spaces and natural resources in the Valley. Panelists leading the discussion included: Ted Sullivan, King County Farmland Preservation Program Manager; Bea Covington, Executive Director, King Conservation District; Ben Axt, King County Agricultural Drainage Program Coordinator; Kurt Sahli, 21 Acres’ Operations Director; and, Thomas Quigley, Sammamish Valley Alliance President.

In tradition and service to the broader community, the Sammamish Valley Grange presents programs, at no charge, on the first Wednesday of every month. By working to improve the rural nature of the Sammamish Valley, the Grange shares its mission through educational outreach and neighborly engagement. For more information, please contact Tom Quigley, Grange Master, at tlquigley@msn.com.
who passed away on February 17, 2017. She held many officers during the decades of her active membership and especially enjoyed the friendships that she made attending the State Grange conventions.

OKANOGAN COUNTY
Twisp Valley Grange is partnering with Ulrich’s and the Winthrop Kiwanis to put on their Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Pearrygin Lake State Park. The event will be held on Sat, April 15 and will include the egg hunt, bunny pictures, free barbeque. Grange members made a proposal to the Winthrop Kiwanis Club for funding an access ramp to the Grange hall.

PIERCE COUNTY
1916 and Grange held a success Flea Market/Crafts sale in March. The event was a rousing success. If you are interested in finding out more about the Fruitland Grange, contact us and we would LOVE for you to come visit us at a meeting. We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of most months at 6:30 upstairs in the Grange. Hope to see some of you there.

SAN JUAN COUNTY
San Juan Island Grange launched this year’s public program series with Civics 101, a presentation by Cindy Wolf of Orcas Island, on March 23. The program was preceded by a potluck dinner. The program included a presentation on how the government is structured, followed by a workshop on how to organize at the grassroots level for issues, candidates, and voter empowerment.

SKAGIT COUNTY
Samish Valley Grange will be holding a SWAP Meet the third Saturday in June, July & August. For more info, call Kim at 360-708-7434 or Bill at 360-708-1747.

Skagit Valley Grange was first organized in 1908 at Sedro Woolley, WA. Meetings in 1908 were held at Sedro Woolley. Meetings from 1909 thru 1912 were held at Bow, WA. Skagit Valley Grange #230 was dissolved in 1912. Skagit Valley Grange #620 was organized in 1913 at Sedro Woolley. The first meetings were held in the Old McRae School House. In 1928, they built their own hall near the Cook Road between Burlington and Sedro Woolley. The hall was enlarged in 1930 and was destroyed by fire in 1946. The present Grange Hall was built further back from the Cook Road and opened in 1948. A 100-year celebration will be held with an open house on April 30, 2-5 p.m. The event will be held on the fourth floor of the Grange Hall at 21273 Cook Road, west of Sedro Woolley. All are welcome.

SKAMANIA COUNTY
Stevenson Grange will host a Walk-in Plant Clinic and Plant and Seed Swap. on April 2nd.

SPokane County
Green Bluff Grange held a St. Paddy’s Baked Potato Bar fundraiser on March 17 — great food, fun, and entertainment. Green Bluff Home Ec Club held their annual Spring Dinner on April 15. A beautiful quilt was raffled off plus many items in the silent auction with all proceeds toward their Scholarship program. The Old Orchard Theatre held auditions on March 28. We will present “A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court” in September. Our Grange is getting more rental requests. GB Horticulture Club will meet every Wednesday at the grange from March 29 – May 17 starting off with a 7 a.m. pancake breakfast and program at 7:30. Scholarship applications (due April 1) and Grange contest information (due May 15 for judging on May 19) is being disseminated to the community via our gbgrange300@gmail.com email. Our Jr. Grangers are getting their entries ready too. Besides working it, members will help with cookies/treats for the Spokane County Pomona rest stop project April 24-26. We are open for breakfast on Sunday, April 30 and May 28 from 8-11 a.m. Troop 288 held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jordan Beckley and Michael Mihalasky on March 12 at the Grange. Let’s hope spring is really here when we get the April edition.

Tri-Community Grange held their Annual Spaghetti Feed on March 31. Proceeds go toward supporting the Grange Hall, which is also used by the Boy Scout, 4-H, and many other community organizations.

THURSTON COUNTY
McLane Grange is hosting the Delphi Craft & Swap Meet - New Season Opens April 1st 9:00 am — 3:00 pm at McLane Grange Hall, 931 Delphi Rd SW, Olympia, WA 98512. 2017 Dates: April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, and November 11. To sell your crafts or items contact Eladice Arnold: 360-866-7254, $15.00 includes a table & chair. Free coffee & house-made lunches for sale.

WAHIAKUM COUNTY
Grays River Grange members helped member Bob Larson celebrate his 90th birthday with a coffee hour on March 5 and the Grays River United Methodist Church. Mr. Larson is a long-time attendee of the WA State Grange Convention and served for several years on the Conservation & Ecology Intersessions Committee.
Pleasant Hill Grange Presents Sleds to New Junior Members

(left to right) Pleasant Hill Grange member Carra Molgard presented sleds to three new Pleasant Hill Junior Grangers who just moved here from California. They had never played in snow before, and they really enjoyed this special gift. Holding their sleds are Skylar, Haley and Penelope with their mom Sara behind.

Rose Valley Grange Presents 50-Year Membership Award

At the February 13 meeting of Rose Valley Grange, a new member was initiated and a 50 year member, Becky Molt was given her 50 year pin. Molt said she had now been in the Grange about 65 years since she had been taken to Grange by her folks, when she was about 4 years old.

Mt. Valley Grange Delivers "Hugs In A Mug" To Share

On February 11th, after their monthly meeting, the members of Mt. Valley Grange #79 put together "Hugs in a Mug" for Share in Vancouver, WA. The mugs were loaded with personal items and a few pieces of candy. The mugs and items were put in a Valentine Bag. 20 mugs were delivered to Share by Sister Judy Steigmann and Brother Darrell Johnson. (top) Darrell Johnson and Judy Steigmann delivering Hugs in a Mug to Share. (bottom) Jerry Johnson and Norm Merrill filling the mugs and bags for Share.

Skookumchuck Grange Supports Tenino VFW

At a recent meeting of Skookumchuck Grange, we had a presentation from Commander Hicks and V.P. Burnham representing the Tenino VFW. They are raising funds to erect a new Veteran’s Honor Roll Wall in the City. Also pictured is Don Montgomery V.P. of the Tenino Historical Society and a long time Granger. Thank you, VFW for giving us the opportunity to support you.

Skamokawa Grange members held a work party on March 18-19 to assist with the Lucky Mud Disc Golf business in their community. The Women’s Activities group made pillowcases at their March 15 meeting. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

WHITMAN COUNTY

LaDow Grange met and discussed the possibility of sponsoring the monthly Senior Dinners, currently held at the American Legion Hall in Garfield. It was decided that additional active members would be necessary before the Grange could take on the sponsorship of such a program. Membership for the Whitman County Library was renewed. A one-time donation was made to the American Legion Post to assist in paying for utilities used during the monthly food distribution.

Palouse Grange hosted their March Madness Rummage Sale on March 25. Proceeds from the sale were designated for building repairs.

YAKIMA COUNTY

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Goldendale Grange Hosts Community Potluck For Anniversary

Goldendale Grange held a community potluck, Sunday March 6, in observance of our 106th anniversary. Following lunch six members of the “Know Your Government” 4-H club presented a short program explaining about how government works. This year was spent on the Judicial System. Very encouraging to see and hear young people with an interest in learning about government. One of the students Alyssa Simmons served as a page earlier in the year for Senator Curtis King. Goldendale Grange has helped sponsor this group for two years. Deborah Heart, 4-H leader and Grange member accompanied the students to Olympia. Deborah quoted a juvenile detention officer she met “after working with juvenile offenders all week this was a refreshing group to be involved with.”

Brighton Park Grange Receives Award & Grant

Rick Nelson, Thurston County Pomona Master, presents Chloe Johnson with a Purple ribbon award for her entry in the “Decorated Cookie” category of the CFL baking contest. She is the granddaughter of Duane and Shirley Johnson of Brighton Park Grange.

Brighton Park Grange was awarded a grant of $2600 from the Thurston County Heritage Grant Program to update our electrical wiring and install a new electrical box.

Swauk Teanaway Grange Chili Cook-Off Winner

Congratulations to Lee Wilcox, 1st prize winner in the ninth annual Swauk Teanaway Grange Chili Cook-Off!

Five Mile Prairie Grange Holds First Trivia Night

On Monday, March 6th Five Mile Prairie Grange held its first Trivia Night. Our Trivia Night was a great success. Teams formed up with the rule that they include members born in at least 4 different decades. The hall was full and fun was had by all. Questions were created with all ages in mind and there were questions specific to Grange and our community!
Pomona Connection

CLARK COUNTY
Clark County Pomona #1 will meet on April 12, 2017 at Fishers Grange #211, 841 NE 362nd Ave., Vancouver, WA. 6:00 pm Potluck, 7:00 pm Business meeting. Baking, Candy & Food Preservation Contest. Check in 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm judging at 4:00 pm. The baked goods will be auctioned prior to the business meeting. For more information contact: 360-687-2259.

The following is reminder of our 2017 Schedule:

-- May 10, Manor Grange #1101, 7:00 pm Business meeting

-- Jun 14 Fargher Lake #853, 6:00 pm Potluck, 7:00 pm Business meeting

-- July 12, Salmon Creek #849, 7:00 pm Business meeting

-- Aug 8 - No meeting

-- Sep 13, Washington #882, 6:00 pm Potluck, 7:00 pm Business meeting

-- Oct 11, Pioneer #901, 5:30 pm Harvest Dinner, Planning Meeting, Business meeting

-- Nov 8, Hazel Dell #1124, 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner, 7:00 pm Business meeting

-- Dec 13 - TBA

COWLITZ COUNTY
The Granges of Cowlitz County have been busy this year with many Pomona projects.

Its time to start thinking about Grange contests, which will be held Friday, April 14, 2017 at Catlin Grange with entries taken from 9 am - 10 am. Please refer to page 23 of the handbook for Family Living or call Carol Brent 423-5373.

Reminder: Pies, Candy and Cookies, except decorated ones, were done last November. For questions about the Lecturers Dept contact Gene Frymire 274-8608. The contests are open for both Grangers and Non-Grangers.

GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC
Grays Harbor/Pomona Pomona met at the Humptulips Grange Hall. The baking contest was held with 29 entries. A report was given on the bake sale, held in February at the quilt show at the Elma Fairgrounds. Plans were finalized for the Pomona Grange Basket Bingo, to be held on April 8 at Humptulips. All Granges in Grays Harbor and Norther Pacific County are donating gift baskets for prizes for the event. The speaker for the Pomona meeting was State Grange Membership Director Shavanna Burlingame. She spoke about the need to recruit new members into the Grange. The next meeting will be on May 13 at the Sharon Grange Hall. Contest entries will be judged. Baking contest and auction. Lunch at a local restaurant followed the meeting.

Klickitat County Pomona Grange is again sponsoring a Grange Mini Fair at Goldendale Grange Hall Tuesday April 11 & Wednesday, April 12. You are invited to display your handy work whether you are a Grange member or not.

SKAGIT COUNTY
Skagit County Pomona met on March 1st at Samish Valley amid St. Patrick’s decorations. The baking contest was held with 36 entries. Michael Custance auctioned off the entries after the meeting. John Robbins was elected Gatekeeper and Michael Custance was elected Treasurer for the 2017 year.

SNAKE RIVER
Snake River Pomona met in March. Thank you letters from the Walla Walla County 4-H Achievement Program and from Washington State Ag in the Classroom for donations were read. The next Pomona will be on May 20 at the Columbia Valley Grange hall near Pasco at 10:00 AM and contest entries will be judged. Lunch at a local restaurant followed the meeting.

SPOKANE COUNTY
Reminder that Spokane County Pomona changed our meeting months to February, May, August and November for a trial period. The Day of the month does not change. It is still the third Saturday at 10:00 AM. The place to be announced.

THURSTON COUNTY
This year’s Lecturer and Family Living contests will be held on Saturday, April 8 at South Union Grange. Bring in your entries between 9 and 10 am. Judging will be from 10-2, so pick up your entries after 2 pm. The April 6 meeting will be held at 7 pm at Black Lake Grange.

AN EYE ON MEMBERSHIP

Set Your Sail To Bring In 500 New Members In 2017

By Shavanna Burlingame
State Membership Director

Greetings! Its already April and I’m sure you are geared up for open houses and of course the display contest for Grange Month.

Last year, in 2016 we “Chartered Our Course” and began to look at where we wanted to go and what we would have to do to get there. We thought of it as the way I plan a vacation. I and began to look at where we wanted to go and what we would have to do to get there. We want to encourage as many people as we can along the stages of the trip. We want to encourage as many people as we can along the way to get on board with us. So, I am encouraging all of you to set your sail to bring in 500 new members in 2017. It’s less than double what we did in 2016 so I know its do-able.

As always, I’m here to help you and provide what I can in membership materials. Speaking of, a new application information brochure has been created for you. It is more concise and has both a family membership application and an individual application page just to make it even simpler.

If your Grange does not accept family memberships, you can always draw a line through that portion. It is my goal to continue to simplify and minimize the number of brochures so it is easier on you and your budget to have the materials you need. I will have a supply of them at convention and plan to have it on the website under membership application materials.

Blessings to you all.

Shavanna Burlingame

Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are requested to send their list of 2017 meeting dates, times, and locations to grangewa-grange.org for inclusion into this calendar.

CLALLAM.....June 12 at Quiluayute Valley, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting

CLARK.....April 12 at Fishers, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting

COWLITZ.....April 15 at Catlin, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. Baking contest and auction.

EXCELSIOR.....May 20 at Camas Valley, 10:30 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck lunch. Lecturer and Family Living contests to be held.

FERRY.....April 13 at San Poel, 6 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Open House and Grange Month Celebration.

GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC.....May 13 at Sharon, 10 a.m. potluck at 12 noon. Lecturer and Family Living contest entries due on May 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ISLAND.....May 6 at South Camano. Lecturer and Family Living contests to be held.

KING.....May 13 at Issaquah Valley, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Memorial program to be held.

KITSAP.....April 21 at Ollala, 7:30 p.m. Baking, candy, and canning contests.

LEWIS.....April 5 at Ford’s Prairie with contest entries due at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. May 6 at Forest.

MASON.....May 20 at Skokomish, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck lunch.

PEND OREILLE.....April 8 at Camden, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Baking Contest held.

Pierce.....April 1 at Waller Road, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. potluck. Degrees of exemplification. May 6 at Fruitland with craft and photo contest entries due on May 5.

SAN JUAN.....April 19 at San Juan Island. Lecturer and FL contest entries due 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Potluck at 6 p.m., followed by open house.

SKAGIT.....April 5 at Fredonia, 7 p.m. Lecturer and FL contests to be held.

SNAKE RIVER.....May 20 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m. Lecturer and Family Living Contests.

SNOHOMISH.....May 20 at Granville, 10 a.m. Lecturer and Family Living contest entries due on May 18, 2-6 p.m.

SPokane.....May 5 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and FL contest entries due on May 19 at 8 a.m.

STEVENS.....May 20 at Addy, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck lunch.

SUNNYSIDE.....April 8 at Buena, 2 p.m.

THURSTON.....April 6 at Black Lake, 7 p.m. Lecturer and Family Living Contest entries due to South Union on April 8, 9-10 a.m.

WHATCOM.....April 18 at Rome, 6 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. Arts, Crafts, and Photo Contests

WHITMAN.....April 15 at LaDow, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
Family Living:

Celebration Breakfast Tickets Available

By Cecelia Hamilton
Family Living Director

H a p p y Spring! I can officially say that now and it feels wonderful! Many of you have contacted me regarding your Pomona Contests and I appreciate all you are doing to make this the best year ever! I notice many of the answers to the questions I am receiving could have been solved by looking in your Program Handbooks. The handbook is a vital tool for a successful contest as well as program information. I love visiting on the phone with all of you so I invite you call anytime, I just wanted to remind all of you of the wonderful resources available to you. Check out our WA State Grange Family Living Facebook page also!

A reminder about the latest upcoming Heritage Quilt Trail Brochure. We are in the process of designing the new brochure for this year, it is very exciting seeing all of the beautiful and carefully crafted designs and finished squares that you have presented since last convention. I was told I need 10 additional quilt squares in order to print out a new brochure, I am just a couple shy of that number, so, let’s get your squares done and submit your registration to me by May 10th in order to be included. Feel free to mail or email me the information and include an attached photo. Registration forms are found on the state grange website. www.wa-grange.org.

Let’s make this happen!

Convention is a couple months away and its countdown time. So I just wanted to put a bug in your ear to order your Family Living Celebration Breakfast tickets! A delicious country breakfast sure to start your day off just right. This breakfast which is held on Thursday June 29th at 7AM, is such a fun and memorable event that takes place each year to recognize all who dedicated their generous time and efforts as Family Living Chairs, committees, and all who support their efforts as well. Many times we find Grangers that just seem to always be there when we need a helping hand, well, this breakfast is about you! Making a difference in the lives of others through education and service is what our program is all about. In our world, we have an urgent need for family centered involvement. This includes the coming together of all ages to celebrate the many blessings we have right in our own midst that somehow go unmentioned. Let’s take this opportunity to come together to celebrate our family as a Grange and share the exciting happenings that you have accomplished through your hard work and dedication. The reservation form is in this issue. See you there!

A shout out to my 2017 Convention Family Living Chairs; Lillie Savage & Diane Williams, Convention Family Living Chairs; See you there!

Let’s make this happen!

By Yvonne Knuth
Community Service Director

Community Service:

Reports/Notebook Due Soon

Everyone! Your Grange has 25 days (as of this writing) to get your community service reports in to Yvonne Knuth or Terry Abbott. Please send the notebooks to Yvonne. Use an envelope if possible, that way you don’t have to stuff with paper. April 15 is the deadline. Some reports are starting to come in. There will be a subordinate report and a Pomona report. Be sure to write in volunteer hours. This will determine how much money we get for all the work we do. I came home the other day and found pop tabs on my porch. If you do this, please label what Grange took them. ALSO your pop tabs-those on East side just right in the pounding. Give them to a person to take to Ronald McDonald. Be sure to fill out the form there and put it in your book. Those on the West side can bring them to community center. Good Luck working on your reports. A good time do this is on these rainy days.

Elevate Your Easter Feast with Sweet, Simple Ham

(Courtesy of Family Features)

For most, it’s not Easter without the classic ham centerpiece. This year, add a flavorful twist to everyone’s favorite holiday main dish with a glaze, chutney or sauce.

Ham pairs well with many flavors, making it easy to create a unique dish every time. From sweet to savory and ob-12-sc-21-succulent, these ham combinations can bring easy elegance and flavor to the table. Serve a decadent ham recipe to ensure your Easter feast is as memorable as it is delicious with a recipe like this Ham with Honey, Fennel and Mustard Glaze.

With this recipe, the traditional ham is now elevated with fresh spring flavors and a crowd-pleasing glaze. Served with bright, seasonal asparagus, this dish brings together unexpected flavors creating a soon-to-be family favorite.

For more Easter inspiration and ways to transform more or leftover ham into a family favorite.

Ingredients:

- 1 7- to 8-pound spiral-sliced smoked ham, bone-in
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- 6 tablespoons fennel seeds
- 1 cup honey
- 1 cup Dijon-style mustard
- 1 tablespoon pepper
- 3 pounds asparagus, trimmed

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 325° F. Position a rack in the lower third of the oven.

Meanwhile, use a mortar and pestle or spice grinder to coarsely crush the fennel seeds. Set aside 1 tablespoon, then transfer the remaining fennel to a medium bowl and add the honey, mustard, and pepper. Set 1 1/2 cups of the mixture aside.

Place the ham flat side down in a large shallow roasting pan and brush with about 1/2 of the remaining honey-mustard mixture. Roast the ham, basting with the same honey-mustard mixture and pan juices every 25 to 30 minutes, until the internal temperature reaches 140° F., 15 to 18 minutes per pound (loosely cover with foil if ham gets too browned). Remove the ham from the oven, transfer to a cutting board, and let rest 15 to 30 minutes. Meanwhile, add a rack to the upper third of the oven and increase the temperature to 400° F. Arrange the asparagus on two large rimmed baking sheets. Drizzle with the olive oil, sprinkle with salt and reserved fennel seeds, and bake until tender, about 15 minutes.

Slice enough ham to serve and arrange on plates or a platter. Serve the asparagus and the reserved honey-mustard mixture on the side.

Serving: 15
Source: National Pork Board

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Place the ham flat side down in a large shallow roasting pan and brush with about 1/2 of the remaining honey-mustard mixture. Roast the ham, basting with the same honey-mustard mixture and pan juices every 25 to 30 minutes, until the internal temperature reaches 140° F., 15 to 18 minutes per pound (loosely cover with foil if ham gets too browned). Remove the ham from the oven, transfer to a cutting board, and let rest 15 to 30 minutes. Meanwhile, add a rack to the upper third of the oven and increase the temperature to 400° F. Arrange the asparagus on two large rimmed baking sheets. Drizzle with the olive oil, sprinkle with salt and reserved fennel seeds, and bake until tender, about 15 minutes.

Slice enough ham to serve and arrange on plates or a platter. Serve the asparagus and the reserved honey-mustard mixture on the side.

Serving: 15
Source: National Pork Board

Grange Exchange

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Grange Month

Washington State Grange: Grange Month Display Contest

“SETTING SAIL FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE”

Granges are encouraged to toot their own horn and the horns of other Granges as we celebrate Grange Month in April. The State Grange Membership Department is having a Grange Month Display Contest to assist in promoting the Grange and portraying the positive impacts the Grange has made on our state and nation.

For 125 years the Washington State Grange has worked to make our state a better place for our citizens. We are active in 244 communities throughout the state, providing a wide range of services and offering multiple activities and programs. A public display on our Grange programs will help in informing the citizens of our state of our programs and achievements.

Grange Month is celebrated in April. We ask that each Grange create a public display to promote the Grange and to focus on the positive impacts the Grange has made in our state.

General Guidelines:
- Each Grange will arrange for their own display area in a prominent public location in their community. The display area may be a window, table, showcase, or whatever is available for use in your community.
- Each Grange will design a display featuring their projects and activities, with a focus on the positive impacts they have had on the community or state.
- The display should follow the theme “Charting our Voyage Through the Grange”.
- A wide variety of Grange programs should be represented (i.e. lecturer programs, community service, youth activities, junior programs, family living, legislative etc.)
- The display must be in place for a minimum of seven days during the month of April
- Each display must include a Grange logo and contact information for the local Grange.

Contest Information:
- Each Grange is encouraged to take a 3-5 pictures of their display (including one of the complete display).
- Place the pictures in a folder and include a 300-word (maximum) essay describing the display and what you tried to portray.
- Include your Grange name and contact information in the folder.
- Send the folder to the State Grange Office no later than May 1.
- Pictures of the displays will be used for promotion in The Grange News. In addition, pictures will be displayed at the State Grange Convention.
- Judging will be completed by a committee and will be based on: originality, creativity, design, and overall impact.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five displays: $50, $40, $30, $20, and $10.

All entries should be placed in a folder and sent by May 1 to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1196, Olympia WA 98507. All entries will be available for pick up at the State Grange Convention.

For more information on Grange Month including downloadable files and more, please visit: www.nationalgrange.org

National Grange Young Zoom Meetings Return

The National Grange Youth Department is excited to kick off its spring Zoom meeting series.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 8 demonstrating how to utilize the Zoom platform to conduct Parli-Pro team practices. The parliamentary procedure contest has grown in popularity and interest. However, distance is a limiting factor for team practices. Contest coordinator Cassidy Cheddar will work with the National Grange Youth Team to demonstrate how to conduct a practice online to prepare

2016-2017 Distinguished Grange Program Guidelines

The Distinguished Grange program honors Subordinate and State Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in areas of membership, fundraising and service to their communities.

The award for being named a Distinguished Grange is presented annually at the National Grange Convention. The 2016-17 Distinguished Granges will be honored for their work done from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The postmark deadline to submit your materials to be considered for Distinguished Grange is August 13, 2017 for paper submissions and August 17, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EST for electronic submissions via our website at www.nationalgrange.org/

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GIA Calls For Director Nominations

The position for Director in District 15 is up for election in March 2018. The Grange Insurance Association is a mutual company having special regulations lawfully applicable to its organization, membership, policies or contracts of insurance.

By virtue of this policy, the policyholder is a member of the company and is entitled to vote, in person, by mail, or by electronic means approved by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting of the members of the company shall be held on the third Monday of March at 10:00 a.m. at the Home Office of the Grange Insurance Association.

The Directors are elected by the members at the member’s annual meeting each year. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article II, Section 3, (b) of the GIA Bylaws, the Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of candidates for the open positions on the Board of Directors. Additional candidates may be nominated by petition pursuant to the procedures of Article II, Section 3 (e) of the Bylaws. Such petitions must be signed by at least fifty (50) members who reside in the same district in which the candidate resides.

The qualifications for Director can be found in the GIA Bylaws Article II section 3 b. Director Eligibility. In summary a person to be eligible for nomination or election as a Director must be currently a member of this Association for five (5) consecutive years. The person and his/her spouse is not and has not been, within three (3) consecutive years, an officer (such as president, vice-president, etc.), director, manager, partner, master, Overseer, member of an executive committee, or holder of a similar position with any State or National Grange or affiliate thereof; other than a Director of this Association or its affiliated insurance companies; and (iii) the person and his or her spouse (if any) is not a director, officer, manager, agent, broker, or employee of an insurance company that writes property and/or casualty insurance other than a Director who is an agent of this Association or its affiliated insurance companies at the time these Bylaws are adopted. Candidates for nomination who attain the age of 72 years or older by the annual meeting for which they are a candidate for election may not serve as Director, unless that candidate at the time of his/her election is a serving Director of the Association. Serving Directors of the Association who attain the age of 80 years or older by the annual meeting for which they are a candidate for election are not eligible for nomination as a Director unless they are a serving Director at the time these Bylaws are adopted. Temporary vacancies resulting from death, disability or resignation of a Director shall not be deemed to reduce such total regular membership.

To be considered by the Nominating Committee, applications must be received by the Corporate Secretary no later than August 1, 2017. Applications may be found on www.Grange.com. If no application is received candidacy may also be achieved through the petition process.

Mail petitions for candidacy for Director to the Association’s Home Office, attention of the Corporate Secretary, at P.O. Box 21089, Seattle, WA 98111-3089. All nominations must be received by the Corporate Secretary by December 1, 2017 for placement on the ballot.

District 15 consists of Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Thurston and Wahkiakum counties in Washington.

Catlin Grange Members Make and Donate Bibs

Members of Catlin Grange #199 and Alpha Kappa Sorority of Longview, WA made 60 Bibs for the residents of New Westside Terrace Assisted Living Community. Pictured are Tena Hedges, Charlene Darby, Kim Lenzen(Westside Terr) and Marjorie Willenberg. The residents really loved them.