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Grange News

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Grangers Trek To Mount Vernon For Annual Convention

Grange members from across Washington State will be trekking to Mount Vernon for their state organization's 129th annual convention, June 27-30. The convention returns to the Skagit Valley for the first time since the 1990 convention was held in nearby Sedro Woolley.

The majority of those gathering at the convention site – the Skagit County Fairgrounds – are delegates elected to represent their local Granges. The bulk of their time will be spent in meetings, making decisions that will set the course for their organization for

the coming year. Besides delegates, there are scores of volunteers who will have other responsibilities during the week, and many other members drive in to participate in special events, listen to guest speakers or simply to get together with old friends. It is anticipated

that more than 500 people will either participate all week long or join in for at least a day or two.

Officiating at the business meetings will be State Grange Master Tom Gwin of Humptulips Grange in Grays Harbor County.

Preparations for this

year's event have been under the direction of a district convention steering committee led by Steve Hall of King County. He has been assisted by a host of volunteer sub-committee chairmen and committee members.

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Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

- June 1-3**.....Grange Camper Association Fun Rally at Spokane.
- June 2**Grange Day with the Seattle Mariners (vs. the Tampa Bay Rays)
- June 19**State Grange Executive Committee Meeting, 9 a.m. in Olympia
- June 24-29**Camp Wooten Junior Grange Camp
- June 27-30**129th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange at Skagit County Fairgrounds, Mount Vernon
- July 1**Secretary Reports (Second Quarter) due to State Grange Office
- July 1-7**Camp Mayfield Junior Grange Camp
- July 8-13**Camp David Jr Junior Grange Camp – Session I
- July 15-20**Camp David Jr Junior Grange Camp – Session II
- July 15-21**Camp Morehead Junior Grange Camp
- July 22-28**Camp NEWA Junior Grange Camp
- August 3-5**Western Regional Grange Leaders and Youth Conference in Olympia
- August 5-10**Camp Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp
- November 13-17**152nd Annual Session of the National Grange at Stowe, Vermont
- December 8**Grange Travel Adventure Tour to the Leavenworth Christmas Lighting Festival

Centerville Grange Honors Longtime Members



Centerville Grange recently celebrated Grange members with 25, 40 and 50 year memberships at their Waffle Supper.

By-Laws

Salmon Creek Grange #849 will be meeting on June 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to vote on amended By-Laws. All members are encouraged to attend. There will be a Potluck at 5:30 p.m.

Spring Hill Grange #909, Spokane County, will vote to only have one meeting per month to be held on the second Monday of each month. The vote will be taken at the June 14, 2018 meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

Eye On Membership

Planting The Seed For Grange Growth



John Hamilton

John Hamilton Membership Director

After recently attending the FFA Convention in Pullman and visiting with the young students along with the help of Brittney Oliver our state Ceres, one of the things I learned was that these young people's eyes would light up and open wide in amazement when they heard how the Grange is instrumental in changing laws to better our lives. And how beginning at the age of 14 they can become a member of the

Grange and have a vote in the Grange as all members do.

The process was explained from the being as being able to participate in resolution writing at the Subordinate level all the way through the Convention and beyond and how they themselves can play a vital role. I was amazed how these young FFA members were so interested in how their voice and vote counts in the Grange.

The seed has been planted in these future farmers and hopefully they took their

new found opportunity home with them along with their limitless energy as they contact their local Granges and are welcomed with open arms.

I look forward to visiting with everyone at convention in Mt. Vernon this month and I invite you to stop by the Membership table and for sure plan on attending the Membership workshop on Wednesday so we can discuss and share how we can plant those seeds in our local communities and watch our Granges grow.

WA State Grange Intersessions Committees Meet in Olympia

The Intersessions (Standing) Committees of the Washington State Grange met at the Grange Headquarters in Olympia on April 10 to review the legislative handbook, current legislation, and to make recommendations for changes in state Grange policy. The recommendations of the committees will be presented to the delegates at the upcoming State Grange Convention in June. Committees who met this year were: Agriculture, Conservation & Ecology, Education, Health Care, Fish & Wildlife, Good of the Order, State and National Issues, Transportation/Taxation and Veterans Issues. Committee members are appointed annually by the State Grange Master. Persons interested in serving on a standing committee should contact the State Master.



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President's Message

Crossing The Horizon To Grange Growth

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

Can you feel the excitement? We spent 2016 charting the voyage of our organization. In 2017, we "set sail for a brighter future" for our Granges by providing increased opportunities for our Grange members. This year, we are crossing the horizon with a flurry of Grange activities. We now have the opportunity to see a part of our hard work culminate with the State Grange Convention, while at the same time sailing through the currents and waves to where we can cross the horizon to greater opportunity for our organization.

The 129th Annual Washington State Grange Convention will officially open on Wednesday, June 27 at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon. In addition to the delegate sessions, where one can see State Grange policy being developed, there are plenty of opportunities to observe the culmination of the years' hard work by our members. The work of our talented members will be on display throughout the week in the display rooms. In addition to the various individual contests, you can see the work of many Granges on display through their community service reports, Grange hall improvement entries, and other group efforts.

We will again be recognizing the recipients of scholarships offered by the WA State Grange. I am so pleased that our changes in the State Grange Financial

Investment Policy has allowed us to award \$12,750 in college scholarships this year. Recognition of our scholarship winners will take place at the Celebration Banquet on Thursday evening. Several workshops will be held on Wednesday afternoon. The workshops are a means for Grange members to share ideas and to learn what is working in other areas of the

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-- Tom Gwin

state. With the wide range of projects, programs and activities, there will certainly be something for each member of your family at this year's convention.

Thank you to the Grange members of the Northern District for their outstanding work in putting the convention activities together for the benefit of all Grange members. While tulips season is now past, we won't be tiptoeing into Skagit County fair the convention. Rather, we will be standing tall and proud as we consider several issues to determine if they should be included in our state Grange policies. As of this writing, we



Tom Gwin

still have almost two weeks for submitting resolutions for consideration at the convention. Thus far, we have 36 plus a wide range of standing committee reports for consideration by the delegates.

If you have extra time during your convention visit, you may want to travel up the Skagit River Valley to the communities of Burlington, Sedro Woolley, Concrete, and Marblemount. Be sure take your camera as bald eagles are plentiful in the valley. From Mount Vernon, you could also travel down the valley to visit scenic LaConner and its historic downtown area. Or, travel further west to Anacortes and take a ferry out to the San Juan Islands. We are one of the few states with Granges located on islands. With the remoteness of the islands and dependence on the state ferry system, our Granges play a major role in the lives of the island residents.

The convention, of course, will be full of activities. Make the most of your time in the Skagit Valley by visiting this vast fertile agricultural land. We should be on the verge of the beginning of berry season. Enjoy the fruits of our agricultural labors while in the area.

I hope you will take the opportunity to attend all or a part of the upcoming convention. Join the excitement as we cross the horizon in our Grange voyage!

Legislative

Legislators Not Seeking 2018 Re-Election



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

All Representatives and half of the Senators are up for election. (That is the same at both the state and federal levels.)

With every election cycle, some legislators choose not to run for re-election. Some are ready to retire, some need a change of pace, the reasons vary. This year is no different. Because both the state House and Senate have only one seat majorities, every open seat is likely to be hotly contested. As I write this, filing week has just begun. By Friday, we will know who is running for each office at the federal, state, county and local level.

Only two state Senators have given notice they will not seek re-election. Senator Michael Baumgartner (R), Spokane and Senator Sharon Nelson (D), Seattle.

In the House, thirteen members, ten Republicans and three Democrats, have announced they will not seek re-election. They are:

- Rep. Judy Clibborn (D), Mercer Island
- Rep. Cary Condotta (R), Wenatchee
- Rep. Larry Halder (R), Richland
- Rep. Jeff Holy (R), Cheney (Rep. Holy will run for the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Michael Baumgartner.)
- Rep. Norm Johnson (R), Yakima
- Rep. Ruth Kagi (D), Seattle
- Rep. Dan Kristiansen (R), Snohomish
- Rep. Kristine Lytton (D), Anacortes

- Rep. Joyce McDonald (R), Puyallup
- Rep. Terry Nealey (R), Dayton
- Rep. Liz Pike (R), Camas
- Rep. Jay Rodne (R), Snoqualmie
- Rep. Melanie Stambaugh (R), Puyallup

Compared to past years, this is a small number. Of course, not all incumbents who run will be reelected. It is possible that either, or both chambers could see the majority party change. This is important because the majority party controls the agenda. They appoint committee chairs who decide which bills will be heard and control what comes to the floor for a vote.

Between now and the primary election on August 7, voters will need to learn all they can about the candidates and decide who to vote for. Consider hosting a candidate forum in your county. If that's not possible, find one to attend. Forums provide a wonderful opportunity to hear candidates talk about the issues important to them and give you the opportunity to ask about issues important to you.

More and more, information about candidates is now available online. Nearly every candidate will have a website and a Facebook page.

Washington State has a proud history of populism and the Grange has long been a part of it. People have the power to change government when they get involved. Take the opportunity to make a difference this summer.

Immigration to Center Stage: Out of the jaws of defeat ...

By Burton Ehler
National Grange
Legislative Director

House Republican leadership announced last night they hope to bring an immigration bill to the House floor the third week of June. This will be followed by a procedural vote to reconsider the farm bill on June 22. As you know, the farm bill was voted

down last Friday to leverage an agreement to have the House take up immigration legislation.

But the Republicans have several hurdles to jump first. House conservatives have agreed to debate the Goodlatte (R-VA)-McCaul (R-TX) bill only. House moderates are negotiating a compromise bill by Denham (R-CA) that could draw Democrat support but might lose the

conservative Freedom Caucus. A broader compromise might need to address border security, border wall, DACA "Dreamers", and chain migration. Denham wants to narrow debate to border security and permanent status for "dreamers". The Goodlatte-McCaul bill contains ag worker relief.

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Community Service

Community Service Awards To Be Presented



Yvonne Knuth

By Yvonne Knuth
Community Service
Director

Judging for the 2018 State Grange Community Service Contest has been completed. We received 76 reports this year, making for a tough competition. The judges reviewed the reports and selected the most outstanding community service programs from throughout the state.

The top four finalists in each class are:

Class 1 (35 or less members)
– Clayton, Greenwood Park, North River, and Rose Valley.

Class 2 (36-60 members) – Collins, Mountain Valley, South Union, Sunnyside.

Class 3 (61 or more members)
– Elk Plain, Goldendale, Humptulips, Pleasant Hill.

Class 4 (Pomona Granges)
– Cowlitz County, Grays Harbor/Pacific, Pierce County, Thurston County.

The National Grange added a class for Junior Granges this

year to the community service contest. The Junior Grange department forwarded their reports to me. The finalists for the Junior Grange division are: Camp Mayfield Junior, East Hill Junior, Humptulips Junior, and San Poil Junior.

There were several nominations for the Community Recognition Program. After a careful review of all nominations, the following awards will be presented:

Firefighter of the Year – Glen Luebke, nominated by Fruitland Grange.

Teachers of the Year – Josh & Randi Krieg, nominated by Goldendale Grange.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – Officer Mark Ketter, nominated by Fruitland Grange.

Individual Volunteer of the Year – Ryana Covington, nominated by Sunnyside Grange.

Volunteer Group/Business of the Year – Dale McGee

& Sons Well Drilling, nominated by Rose Valley Grange.

All awards for the Community Service Contest and Community Recognition Program will be presented at the Celebration Banquet at the State Grange Convention. The banquet will be held on Thursday, June 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Skagit County Fairgrounds. The banquet will feature an Italian Buffet and will cost \$32 per person. Tickets must be ordered in advance. A coupon for ordering tickets is printed in this issue.

Also at the convention, you can deliver your aluminum can tabs, the personal care items you collected and the items for the Keep Washington Warm Project. The community service displays will be in the Pavilion. Items may be checked in on Tuesday afternoon and on all day on Wednesday.

Adna Grange Holds Successful Fundraiser For New Refrigerator

Adna Grange #417 had a very successful fundraiser on Saturday, May 12, 2018 with a bluegrass concert by Fern Hill Bluegrass Band, Pie & Ice Cream Social, and raffle drawings to raise funds for a new refrigerator. There were 12 basket items and 12 gift certificates handed out. The Grange thanks Peter Wagner for his generous donation, The Home Depot for giving us a break on the cost of the refrigerator, Fern Hill Bluegrass Band for a wonderful day of music and a donation, and Linda Rissmann and Jackie Lester for visiting businesses for gift certificates/donations and making up gift baskets for the raffle. The following businesses/people donated raffle items: Jeremy's Farm to Table, Rose Nails, Parkside Salon & Spa, Al's Humdinger, Sweet Inspirations, All That N More, Book N Brush, Jim Lester, Les Shultz, Jackie Lester, and Kim Hepp. We appreciate the Grangers who made or brought pies, Jim Lester for supplying the ice cream, and these workers at the grange for the day: Dennis & Sandi Carter, Betty Sipp, Karen Fulcher, Chester Kelly, Jackie Lester, Jim Lester, and Lois Smith. We also thank Ron Sandrini for helping Jim get the permanent sign up in the field announcing our event. We appreciate the generous donations from Bill & Adele Carlson and many anonymous donors. The new refrigerator was delivered to the Grange on May 15th. Now we need to focus on getting the new freezer!



Convention Information

Resolutions For Consideration At State Convention

We have received 37 resolutions for consideration at this year's State Grange Convention. We have heard of additional resolutions and are awaiting their arrival in the state office. A listing of the resolutions received thus far:

#01 – Best Management Practices, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6

#02 – Custodial Accounts, submitted by Pierce County Pomona #16

#03 – Hosting State Convention, submitted by Pierce County Pomona #16

#04 – Refining Election of State Officers, submitted by Pierce County Pomona #16

#05 – Dairy Pride Act, submitted by Pierce County Pomona #16

#07 – No Budget, No Pay, submitted by Whitman County Pomona #2

#08 – Honoring Voting

Affiliate Members, submitted by Garden City #280

#09 – Opposition to Introducing Grizzly Bears, submitted by Logan Hill #1086

#10 – Correction to WA State Adverse Possession Law Concerning Belief of Ownership, submitted by Clark County Pomona #1

#11 – Stopping Identity Thieves, submitted by Clark County Pomona #1

#12 – Correction to WA State Adverse Possession Law Concerning Grazing of Animals, submitted by Clark County Pomona #1

#13 – 100% Medicare for Veterans, submitted by Stevenson #121

#14 – Ban Glyphosates and Roundup Nationwide, submitted by Stevenson #121

#15 – Build a Nationwide Internet Utility, submitted by Stevenson #121

#16 – Ban Glyphosates and Roundup for Agriculture Use in the State of Washington, submitted by Stevenson #121

#17 – Ban All Single-Use Plastics, submitted by Stevenson #121

#18 – Freedom from Drone Surveillance, submitted by Stevenson #121

#19 – Smoking/Tobacco Age to 19, submitted by Haynie #169

#20 – Emergency Call Boxes, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6

#21 – Firearms Preemption Law, submitted by Sunnyside #129

#22 – WSG Contests' Judging Results, submitted by King County Pomona #13

#23 – Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, submitted by Sunnyside #129

#24 – Opposing Cryptocurrency Mining, submitted by Sunnyside #129

#25 – Source of Fair Funding, submitted by Humptulips #730

#26 – Discouraging the Use of Debit Cards by Subordinate and Pomona Granges, submitted by Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28

#27 – Control of Burrowing Shrimp, submitted by Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28

#28 – Increasing the Level of the Agricultural Fairs Fund, submitted by Humptulips #730

#29 – Increased Funding for Researching the Control of Burrowing Shrimp, submitted by Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28

#30 – Dental and Health Insurance be Combined, submitted by Brighton Park #163

#31 – Preservation of Renewable Energy, submitted by Sequim Prairie #1108

#32 – Proposed Amendment to the U.S. Constitution,

submitted by Sequim Prairie #1108

#33 – Fiscally Responsible Defense Spending, submitted by Sequim Prairie #1108

#34 – Marijuana Grown Operations in Residential Areas, submitted by Sequim Prairie #1108

#35 – National Firearm Safety Training, submitted by Sequim Prairie #1108

#36 – Grange Membership Card and Dues Notice, submitted by Mossyrock #355

#37 – Radon Testing, submitted by Fruitland #999

These resolutions, along with others received by the May 28 deadline, will be referred to the convention committees that will meet on Wednesday, June 27, beginning at 12 p.m.



Convention Information



JUNE 27 - 30, 2018

129th Annual Washington State Grange Convention at the
Skagit County Fairgrounds, 479 West Taylor Street, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

Greetings From Mount Vernon, WA



Convention Committee Assignments

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TENTATIVE 2018 Convention Schedule

WEDNESDAY	8:00-5:00pm	Registration
	8:00-11:00	Lecturer, CFL and Junior Contest Entry Check-in
	10:00	Delegate Orientation
	11:30	Committee Chair Meeting
	12:00-2:00	Committee Meetings Group A
	12:00-4:00	Committee Meetings Group B
	2:00-4:00	Committee Meetings Group C
	3:00-4:30	Workshops
	6:00	6th Degree Opening and adoption of program
	7:15	Memorial
	8:30	Welcome Reception Hosted by State Officers
THURSDAY	7:30-12:00	Registration
	7:00	Family Living Breakfast
	8:30 -5:00	Business Meeting, Master's Address, Elections, Committee Reports, Cooperative Reports
	10:00	Youth Tour
	5:05	Group Photo (Weather permitting)
	5:30	Celebration Banquet Membership/Scholarship Awards State Grange Auction
FRIDAY	8:00-12:00	Business Meeting, Final Credentials Report, Committee Reports
	8:00-7:00	Displays Open
	12:00-1:30	Junior Grange Ice Cream Social
	1:30	5th Degree
	2:30	Conferral of the 6th Degree
	3:45-5:00	Business Meeting, Approve Minutes, Committee Reports
	5:30	Talent Practice - Closed to Public
	8:00	Talent Show
SATURDAY	8:00	Open by Youth - Youth Awards Junior Program - Junior Awards - RED TENNIS SHOE DAY!!!
	11:00	Granger of the Year
	12:00-2:00	Lecturer & Family Living Contest Entry Check-Out
	3:00	Installation of Officer
	4:30	Adjourn Deputies & State Officer's Convention Recap (directly after)

PLEASE NOTE: Convention Schedule is TENTATIVE and subject to change

APPLICATION FOR THE SIXTH DEGREE

If you are a Fifth Degree member, your participation in the Sixth Degree will be a rewarding part of your Grange journey. This beautiful degree is offered only once each year, at the Annual State Grange Convention.

The 2018 exemplification of the Sixth Degree will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, June 29 at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon.

The following information is needed from each candidate:

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County _____ Contact Phone (____) _____

Grange Name and # _____

The cost of the degree is \$10 for each candidate. If you are sending payment for more than one person, attach a list with the above information for each candidate.

Send check, payable to Washington State Grange to: Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507. Tickets may be picked up at the Skagit County Fairgrounds starting at 1:00 p.m. on June 29.

2018 WA State Grange Convention RV Parking

Overnight RV Parking will be available at the Skagit County Fairgrounds for this year's convention. RV's can arrive beginning on Monday, June 25 and must depart no later than 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 1. The rate is \$10 per night and may include water and electrical service. There are no sewer hook ups.

GRANGE CONVENTION RV PARKING RESERVATION

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Grange Name _____

E-mail _____

Telephone _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

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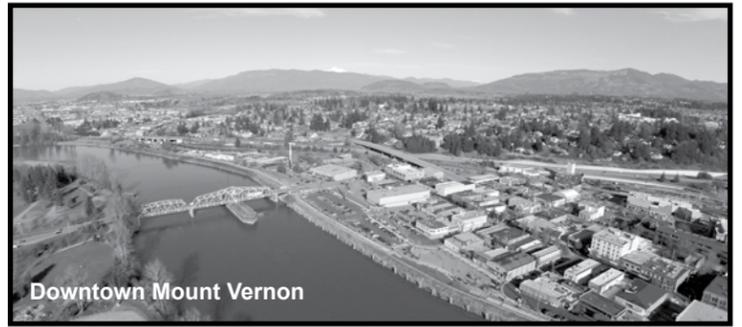
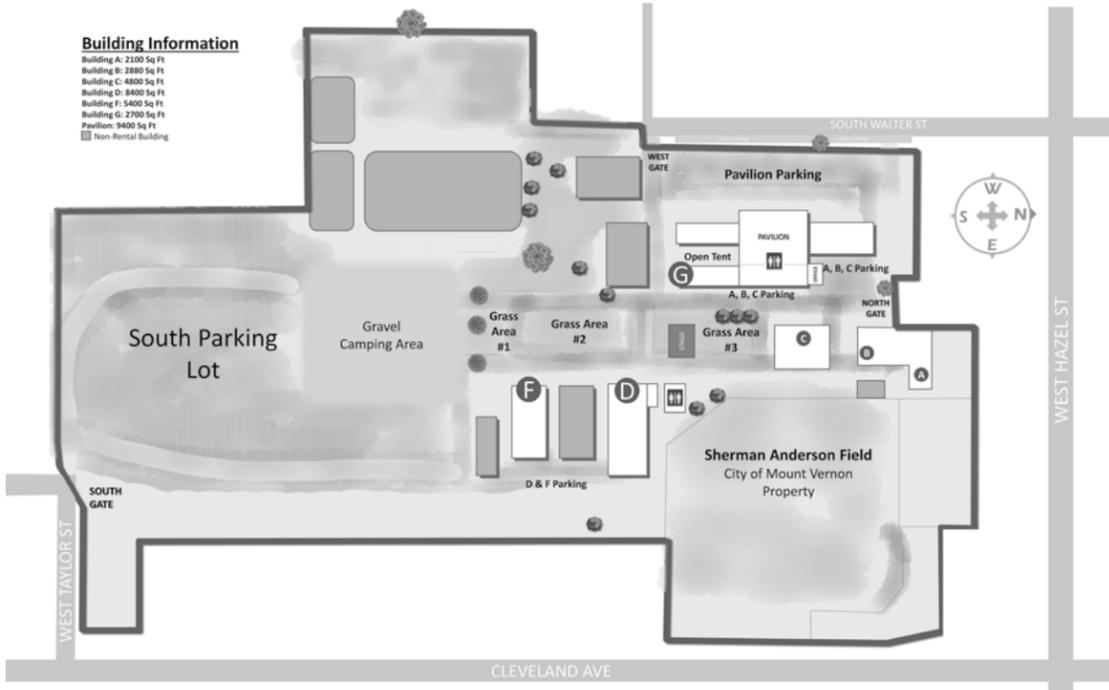
- Building A**Hospitality, First Aid, Family Living Breakfast, Daily Lunches
- Building B**Registration, Displays, Sales
- Building C**Delegate Body, Degree Work, Memorial Service
- Building D**Junior Meeting Room
- Building F**Youth Group Meeting, Celebration Banquet and Auction
- Building G**Committee Meetings, Workshops, Community Service Display, Youth & Junior Displays
- Pavilion**Lecturer & Family Living Contest Display Area
- Pavilion Office** . . .Progress Room



Building C at the Skagit County Fairgrounds. This is where the Delegate Body, Degree Work and the Memorial Service will be held.

Convention Information

Skagit County Fairgrounds Map And Directions



Grange Convention Meals Scheduled

Daily lunches will be available at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon on each day, Tuesday through Saturday. The lunches will be a complete meal and consist of a sandwich, chips, green salad, fruit, and cookies or cupcake, and beverage. The cost will be \$7 per person. You may order lunch tickets on the order form below. Hot dogs and pizza slices will also be available, but may not be pre-ordered.

The following group meals have been scheduled for the convention:

- Family Living Breakfast: to be held Thursday, June 28 at 7 a.m. at the Skagit County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$22 per person.
- Celebration Banquet: to be held Thursday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Skagit County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$30 per person and will be an Italian Buffet featuring seafood or meat cannelloni, Italian Roasted Garlic Parmesan Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Italian Style Veggies, Dinner Rolls, Mini Canola for Dessert, Coffee, Tea, and Iced Tea.

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 Mount Vernon area.

Directions to the Skagit County Fairgrounds

Directions to South Entrance (with parking lot):

479 W. Taylor Street, Mount Vernon, WA

Directions From I-5 Southbound

1. Take exit 226 for WA-536 W/Kincaid Street
2. Keep right at the fork, merge onto WA-536 W/E Kincaid Street
3. Continue to follow E Kincaid Street0.2 mi
4. Turn left onto S 2nd Street0.2 mi
5. Turn right onto Taylor Street0.7 mi
6. Destination will be on the right0.1 mi

Directions From I-5 Northbound

1. Take exit 225 for Anderson Road
2. Turn Left onto Anderson Road
3. Turn right onto US-990.3 mi
4. Turn left onto Taylor Street0.6 mi
5. Destination will be on the right0.1 mi

Convention Special Meal Functions

FAMILY LIVING BREAKFAST

Thursday, June 28 at 7 a.m.
 At the Skagit County Fairgrounds
 Tickets are \$22 each
 Use the meal order form

CELEBRATION BANQUET

Thursday, June 28 at 5:30 p.m.
 At the Skagit County Fairgrounds
 Tickets are \$30 each
 Use the meal order form

HAS BEENS LUNCHEON

Thursday, June 28 at 12 p.m.
 Meet in the hospitality room
 Order a meal tickets on the meal order form
 or bring your own lunch.

GROW CLUB DINNER

Friday, June 29 at 5:30 p.m.
 Round Table Pizza
 115 E. College Way, Mount Vernon
 Order off of the Menu



Pictured Above Left - Building A; and Pictured Above Right - Building B at the Skagit County Fairgrounds. Building A will be where the Daily Lunches will be held. Building B will be where you can find Registration, Displays and Sales.

2018 GRANGE CONVENTION MEAL ORDER FORM

Name _____

Grange Name _____

E-mail _____

Telephone _____

Are you planning to be a delegate to the convention? YES NO

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

Complete Lunch _____ @ \$7 each = \$ _____

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

Complete Lunch _____ @ \$7 each = \$ _____

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

Complete Lunch _____ @ \$7 each = \$ _____

Family Living Breakfast _____ @ \$22 each = \$ _____

Celebration Banquet _____ @ \$30 each = \$ _____

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

Complete Lunch _____ @ \$7 each = \$ _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

Complete Lunch _____ @ \$7 each = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Checks should be made payable to: Northern District Convention District. Please mail payment and reservation form to: Russ Weston, 2223 Cody Avenue, Bellingham WA 98225.

Convention Information

Convention Speakers and Honored Guests

F. Philip Prelli National Grange Overseer

National Grange Overseer Phil Prelli and his wife, Maureen, will be the National Grange representatives at the 129th Annual Washington State Grange Convention in Mount Vernon. Prelli was elected Overseer at last year's national convention in Spokane.

Phil has been a member of the Grange for more than 45 years on the local, county, state and national levels. Prior to being elected Overseer, he was elected to the National Grange Board of Directors in 2007. He also is the former Chairman of the Connecticut State Grange Board of Directors. In the past, he has served as Master of the Connecticut State Grange and Treasurer of the National Grange. Phil also has served as Gatekeeper, Assistant Steward, Steward, Overseer and Deputy of the CT State Grange.

He is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge of the Masonic Order.

Phil Prelli was appointed Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Connecticut on May 20, 2005 a position he held until January 5, 2011. Prior to that, he served as a State Representative from the 63rd District, in Connecticut.

While a State Representative, he served as an Assistant House Minority Leader serving as Chairman of the House Republican Bill Screening Committee and a member of the General Assembly's Banks, Environment, Commerce, Finance Revenue and Bonding, Government Administration and Election (where he served as a Ranking Member) and Legislative Management committees.

He also served on the Winchester Board of Education from 1983-87 and was a member of the Superintendent Ad-Hoc Search Committee from 1983-84. He also served on the Gilbert School Long-Range Planning Committee from 1989-92.



He is an Honorary Member and Past Captain of the Winsted Volunteer Fire Department, Co. No. 3.

From 1970 to 1976, Phil was a member of the 729th Railroad Transportation Battalion Army Reserve where he reached the rank of Specialist 5.

Prior to being appointed Commissioner, Phil was an insurance agent and a partner in Tangarone and Prelli Insurance in Winsted and prior to forming that company was the owner of the Prelli Insurance Agency.

Born Nov. 16, 1948, in Winsted, Phil received his Associate of Science Degree from Northwestern Connecticut Community College and his Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in mathematics and minor in economics from Central Connecticut State University in New Britain.

Phil and his wife, Maureen, also a member for over 45 years, have been married for 40 years and have twin daughters, Jennifer Hester and Marie Keefe and 5 Grandchildren Gavin, Anna and Reid Hester and Molly and Addison Keefe.

Rep. Suzan DelBene U.S. Congresswoman (WA-01)

Congresswoman Suzan DelBene represents Washington's First Congressional District, which spans from northeast King County to the Canadian border, and includes parts of King, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties.

First sworn into the House of Representatives on Nov. 13, 2012, Suzan brings a unique voice to the nation's capital, with more than two decades of experience as a successful technology entrepreneur and business leader. Her experience and focus on achieving concrete results allowed Suzan to break through congressional gridlock and get things done, earning her early praise from the Everett Herald, who called her "the most prolific, effective member of her freshman class."

Suzan takes on a wide range of challenges both in Congress and in the First District and is a leader on issues of technology, health and agriculture.

Suzan currently serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, which is at the forefront of debate on taxes, healthcare and retirement security. There, Suzan is working to ensure all Americans have meaningful access to affordable, quality healthcare. She is also prepared to fight against attempts to dismantle Medicare, repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and slash Social Security benefits, all of which help millions of families. Instead of these dangerous proposals, Suzan believes Congress should build on the progress made by incentivizing high-quality patient care, reducing costs for small businesses and expanding access for our most vulnerable populations.

In addition, Suzan serves on the House Budget Committee where she is working toward a bipartisan, long-term budget solution that reduces our



deficit and grows our economy. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the New Democrat Coalition, and co-chair of the Women's High Tech Caucus, Internet of Things Caucus, Dairy Caucus and Aluminum Caucus.

Suzan spent part of her early childhood in Newport Hills and Mercer Island before her father, an airline pilot, lost his job. After fourth grade, her family moved all over the country in search of work. With hard work and financial aid, such as student loans and work-study programs, she earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Reed College.

Following Reed, Suzan worked in the biotechnology industry before earning an MBA from the University of Washington and embarking on a successful career as a technology leader and innovator. In more than two decades as an executive and entrepreneur, she helped to start drugstore.com as its vice president of marketing and store development, and served as CEO and president of Nimble Technology, a business software company based on technology developed at the University of Washington. Suzan also spent 12 years at Microsoft, most recently as corporate vice president of the company's mobile communications business.

Before being elected to Congress, Suzan served as Director of the Washington State Department of Revenue. During her tenure, Suzan proposed reforms to cut red tape for small businesses. She also enacted an innovative tax amnesty program that generated \$345 million to help close the state's budget gap, while easing the burden on small businesses.

Suzan's mix of real world experience in the private and public sector gives her a deep understanding of how to build successful businesses, create jobs, implement real fiscal accountability and adopt policies that provide individuals with access to opportunity.

Suzan and her husband, Kurt DelBene, have two children, Becca and Zach, and a dog named Reily.

Rep. Carolyn Eslick State Representative 39th District

Rep. Carolyn Eslick was appointed in 2017 to the 39th District seat vacated by former Rep. John Koster.

Carolyn grew up on a farm, learning the value of hard work and commitment to purpose. As a restaurant owner for more than 20 years, she understands the challenges facing employers and employees. When she was a small business owner, the city allowed some new retail shops to put their entrances facing Highway 2 instead of Main Street, which is in the heart of the city. That problem, and finding the solution, got her started in local government.

Since then, Carolyn has served six years as a city council member and more than nine years as the mayor of

Sultan. She is a champion for economic growth and is the founder and former president of GroWashington, a business development and retail incubator.

While working in local government, she demonstrated an unwavering commitment to keeping her community safe. Carolyn is also dedicated to helping young people reach their full potential. She served on the board of the Boys and Girls Club and works closely with community members to find solutions to teenage drug and alcohol abuse.

Carolyn lives in Sultan with her husband, Chuck Donaldson, a high school shop and agriculture teacher. They have a blended family, with five children and five grandchildren.



Convention Information

Grangers Trek To Mount Vernon ...

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This year's session is being hosted by Granges in the Northern district that includes Island, King, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties.

Prior to the official opening session on Wednesday evening, June 27, several activities will occupy delegates and others. All committee members will report for work at 12 p.m. on that day. In those meetings, the Grangers will begin their task of closely examining all resolutions referred to the convention by local community Granges. Additionally, they will review standing committee reports and, in some instances, draft committee resolutions. All of those reports will be referred – with committee recommendations – to the delegate body for further debate and action later in the session. The resolutions cover a wide variety of topics from internal organization matters to policy issues that will occupy the organization's Olympia and Washington, DC, lobbyists in coming years.

Young people (teens and above) will begin their convention activities on Wednesday morning, electing and installing their own slate of officers.

At 6 p.m. on Wednesday, members will assemble for the official opening of the convention. The opening will be followed by the annual memorial service that remembers all those who have passed on during the past year. The first evening of the convention will close with a reception hosted by the State Grange officers and their spouses.

The work of the convention will begin in earnest at 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning when Gwin opens the session. Immediately after opening, he will deliver his report to the delegates. Following a short break, the delegates will begin their business session with reports from the various delegate committees.

That evening, the Grange Celebration Banquet will be held. The banquet will include the presentation of several

membership awards and the recognition of the 2018 State Grange Scholarship winners and two inductions into the State Grange Memorial Hall of Fame. The banquet will be filled with the Fund Raising Auction that is utilized to support the activities of the various Grange departments.

Several special speakers will bring delegates up-to-date on current issues of concern. Complete information on those speakers can be found elsewhere in this issue.

On Friday morning, the annual cooperative program will be presented, where members will hear reports from the members of the Grange Cooperative Group. As a part of that program, awards for the Grange Hall Improvement Contest will be presented. The election of officers will be on Friday morning. Two officers will be elected, one for a three-year term on the State Grange Executive Committee while the other office will be an unexpired one-year term as the Director of Family Living.

Following a lunch time ice cream social during lunch on Friday, the State Grange officers will perform the fraternal Grange's sixth degree, beginning at 2:30 p.m. This impressive ceremony includes the beautiful Rose drill that will be conducted by a team of young men and women from the host counties. Tickets for those members wishing to take the degree will be available at the convention in the registration area. Presiding Master for the degree will be David Bryant.

The largest crowd of the week will be present at the annual Grange Talent Contest program on Friday evening at 8 p.m. The popular production, under the direction of State Lecturer Leslie Wells, is open to the public. There is no admission charge. The program will include performances from individuals and groups who passed through the District Talent Contest in April. The Youth Department will also hold their public speaking and sign-a-song contests. The winners of those two events will advance to regional competition at the Western Regional Youth

and Leaders Conference on August 3-5 in Olympia. The evening's top talent winner will perform at the 152nd annual National Grange Convention this November in Stowe, Vermont.

The Saturday morning schedule will be filled with presentations by the Grange youth and junior programs. The young people will be recognized and awards presented for their Grange work over the past year. The Grange Leadership Award, the highest honor bestowed by the State Grange, will be presented at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. The newly elected State Grange officers will be installed on Saturday afternoon, followed by the completion of business and the rapping of the gavel to close the convention.

There are many opportunities for fun and recreation at the convention. There is an ice cream social on Friday, baking contest and sale, special talent and presentations, youth tours and activities, banquets, workshops, conferences and, of course, the impressive Grange displays. Most members attending the convention for the first time are amazed at the large quantity and wide variety of handiwork submitted by Grangers and others across Washington state. Tables will be filled with samples of needlework, quilts, sewing, craft creations, works of art and photography. These displays are open to the public beginning Thursday afternoon. The displays are under the supervision of the state lecturer and the directors of family living, youth, junior Grange, and community service activities. State Master Gwin urges all Grangers to consider spending at least one day at their state session. Members who live in the area are encouraged to attend any of the events, especially presentations from visiting speakers. They may also bring along their prospective member friends to the open sessions.

Additional information about the convention and a schedule of events appears in this issue.

Multiple Options For Housing At State Grange Convention

There are many options for housing at this year's State Grange Convention, scheduled for June 27-30 at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon. We encourage Grangers to make reservations early as there are other events occurring in the Mount Vernon area during the same week.

The convention Housing Committee has compiled the following information on hotels in the area:

Tulip Inn – 1200 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon; 2.8 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes breakfast that you must take back to your room, free Wi-Fi, in-room mini fridge, microwave, coffee maker and hair dryer. Currently under renovation and will be done by June. Allows dogs at \$10 per night, but no cats. Cost - \$75 per night plus tax. Telephone 800-599-5969 or 360-428-5969. Email: gm@tulipvalleyinn.com

Quality Inn – 1910 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon; 2.6 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool and spa. Pets are \$20 per night. Cost – Double Queen \$121.49/night plus tax, Single King \$112.49/night plus tax. Telephone 360-428-7020. Email: Qualityinnwa083@gmail.com

Holiday Inn Express – 900 Andis Road, Burlington. 5.3 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool, and hot tub. No pets allowed. Telephone 360-755-7338. Email: sales.bkob@smjmanagement.com

Days Inn – 2009 Riverside Drive, Mount Vernon. 2.2 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool, in room microwave and mini fridge. Pets are \$10 per night. Telephone 360-424-4141. Email daysinnMV@aol.com

Best Western College Way Inn – 300 W. College Way, Mount Vernon. 2.5 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool and hot tub. Pets are \$20 per night. Telephone 360-424-4287. Email: bwcllegewayinn@comcast.net

Convention Workshops

Tentative Schedule

A revised convention schedule is allowing for two time slots for workshops this year. Convention delegates and non-delegates alike may attend the workshops to learn new ideas to move their Grange forward. All workshops will be held at the Skagit County Fairgrounds.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 – 3:00 P.M.

- ✓ **AG IN THE CLASSROOM**
presented by Judy Hossner, Grange Ag in the Classroom Representative
- ✓ **HOW HEALTHY IS YOUR GRANGE**
presented by Tom Gwin, State Grange Master

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 – 3:45 PM

- ✓ **FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING FOR GRANGE FUND RAISING EVENTS**
presented by Terry Abbott, State Grange Treasurer, and Tom Gwin, State Grange Master
- ✓ **PLANTING THE SEED FOR GRANGE GROWTH**
presented by John Hamilton, State Membership Director

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Washington State Grange Awards ...

The Washington State Grange is awarding \$12,750 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors and current college students. The scholarships are offered through the Washington State Grange Foundation to assist Grange members and children of Grange members in attending college. The scholarships range from \$750 to \$1000 each. The scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Celebration Banquet at the Annual State Grange Convention in Mount Vernon on June 28. Order forms for banquet tickets are printed in this issue of The Grange News.



Kendall Harner is the recipient of the Fidelity Grange Scholarship in the amount of \$750. The daughter of Dan and Lisa Harner, Kendall has been a member of Olympic View Grange for five years. A seventh-degree Grange member, Kendall also served as a delegate at the 2017 State Grange Convention. She is a 2017 graduate of Elma High School and is currently attending Grays Harbor College with an undecided major. She holds the office of Ceres in Olympic View Grange and Gatekeeper in the Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange. Kendall is involved with several fundraising events at her Grange, volunteers in various department at the Grays Harbor County Fair and has been a first-place winner in the State Grange Baking Contest.



Isabella Lierman, the daughter of Davie and Janelle Lierman, is the recipient of the \$1000 Bear Creek/Horseshoe Grange Scholarship. The family is members of Horseshoe Grange. Isabella is a 2017 graduate of Snohomish High School and is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education at Washington State University. Isabella has been an officer at both Horseshoe Grange and Snohomish County Pomona Grange. She has been a counselor at Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp for five years. Isabella has participated in numerous service projects, such as tutoring students at Lincoln Middle School, collecting cans for the food bank, collecting toy for the holidays, and helping set up displays at the Evergreen State Fair. Isabella was a trumpet girl for the seventh degree at the 2017 National Grange Convention in Spokane.



Charles Hunt will receive the Fox Island Grange Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Charles is a member of St. Andrews Grange, along with his parents, Rusty and Jacquie Hunt. He graduated from Almira Coulee Hartline High School in 2017 and is attending Spokane Community College, where he is studying Electrical Maintenance and Automation. While in high school, Charles was an active 4-H and FFA member and was named to the All-State Academic Team in Football and Basketball. Now in college, he plays intramural sports and in a men's basketball league, while also assisting with radio broadcasts of his high school. Charles has worked on the family farm, operating much of the equipment. He has also worked in maintenance at Sun Lakes Resort.



Leah Bardal, a member of Pleasant Hill Grange, is the recipient of the \$1000 Rock Creek Grange Scholarship. Leah is the daughter of Arnold and Denise Bardal and is attending Eastern Washington University, working toward her degree in Early Childhood Education. Leah is the Pomona of the Washington State Grange, Lady Assistant Steward of Pleasant Hill Grange and currently on the State Youth Team. She was a member of the rose drill team who performed at the 2017 state and national conventions. She is a Past State Grange Youth Ambassador and was Runner-Up for National Grange Youth Ambassador in 2014. Leah has worked as an aide at Washington State Parks during the summer and is currently a trip leader and customer service representative for EPIC Adventures.



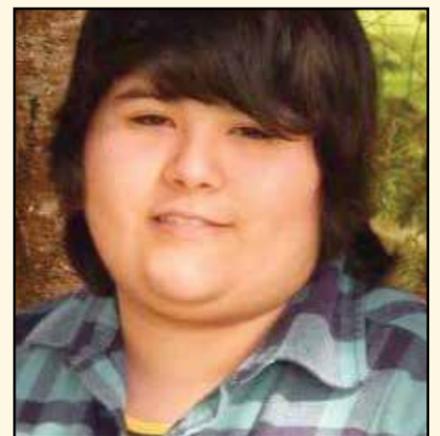
Kennedy Gwin, is the recipient of the McCleary Grange Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. She is the daughter of Jerry Gwin and Tammy Gwin-Cork. She and her father are members of Humptulips Grange. Kennedy is studying Political Science and Global Studies at Pacific Lutheran University. She was recently accepted into PLU's IHON Program and will be studying at Oxford University in England this fall. Kennedy is the Lady Assistant Steward at Humptulips Grange and the Family Living Chair for Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange. Kennedy served as the 2016 WA State Grange Youth Ambassador and went on to be named 2017 National Grange Youth Ambassador. Kennedy was a member of the 2017 State and National Grange Convention Rose Drill Team. She works as a Dormitory Resident Assistant at PLU and spent part of her 2017 summer as an intern at the National Grange Office in Washington, DC.



Rachel Fricke will receive the \$1000 Nob Hill Grange Scholarship. Rachel is the daughter of Kevin and Suzanne Fricke. All are members of McIntosh Grange. Rachel attends the University of Washington, where she is working toward degrees in Aquatic and Fishery Sciences and Environmental Studies. Upon receiving her bachelor's degree, Rachel intend to pursue both a law degree and a PhD in ecology as part of a joint degree program. She has served several years as a State Grange Youth Officer and was a camp counselor for four years at NEWA Junior Grange Camp. In the summer of 2017, Rachel worked in Senegal for six weeks as a field technician for the Upstream Alliance, a group reducing schistosomiasis infection in the Senegal River basin.



Hilary Holtrop, is the recipient of the \$750 French Creek Grange Scholarship, Hilary is the daughter of Joe and Karen Holtrop and all are members of Sequim Prairie Grange. She is a 2017 graduate of Sequim High School and is studying Psychology or Education at Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR. Hilary is a member of the Pacific University cheer and dance team. During the school year, she works as a library assistant at an elementary school. While at home, she is a childcare worker at the Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Port Angeles.



Mackenzie Raney has been awarded the Pomona Villa Scholarship in the amount of \$750. The daughter of Melissa Raney, Mackenzie is a seventh-degree member of the Olympic View Grange. Mackenzie is a 2017 graduate of East Grays Harbor High School who is currently studying Automotive Technology at Grays Harbor College. She participates in Grange fundraising activities and helps set up the Grange displays at the county fair. She volunteers at an automotive shop and does vehicle maintenance in her spare time.

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... Over \$10,000 In Scholarships



Levi Will, the son of Rick and Gay Will, is the recipient of the \$750 Norman Bucholz Agricultural Scholarship. Levi is a 2017 graduate of Naches Valley High School and is currently studying Agricultural Welding at Perry Technical Institute. A member of Lower Naches Grange, he handled all lawn mowing and some maintenance for the Grange for three years while in high school. While attending vocational school, he also works part-time at a local hotel as the weekend maintenance person. Levi attained the rank of Eagle Scout. For his senior high school project, Levi rebuilt one rock and mortar parking pillar at the Lower Naches Grange Hall.



Jesse Thompson will receive the \$750 Riverview Grange Scholarship. Jesse, the daughter of Tracey Thompson and Ronda Morris, is a member of Humptulips Grange. She will graduate in June as the valedictorian at Wishkah Valley High School and then study pre-medicine at Washington State University. Jesse is active on the Twin Valley Equestrian Team and served as the ASB Vice President. She has worked as a horseback tour guide on the beach. Her service projects include assisting with several horse related events and volunteer at the American Red Cross Blood Drive.



Jack Mallonee a senior at W.F. West High School in Chehalis, is the recipient of the \$1000 Kittleson Agricultural Scholarship. Jack is the son of Charles and Kimberly Mallonee, who are members of the Baw Faw Grange. He is planning to study Animal Science and Agricultural Business at Walla Walla Community College. He will then pursue a bachelor's degree, with the intent on coming back to work on the family farm after college. In addition to lawn mowing and working on the farm, Jack has worked for numerous farmers in the Boistfort Valley. He participates in school athletics and has been a peer leader/mentor at his school.



Alexandria Greene, the current Master of Mossyrock Grange, has been awarded the Martin & Grace Forry Agricultural Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Allie is the daughter of Mark and Janice Greene. She will be graduating from Mossyrock High School in June and pursuing a degree in Entomology and Pre-Vet at Oklahoma State University. Allie is a former Junior Granger who has been a Grange camp counselor for several years. She was also a member of the rose drill team at the 2017 National Grange Convention in Spokane. Allie is an avid equestrian and has shown her paint horse at many level, winning a world championship at the 2017 Youth World Championship Show. She has been active in 4-H and FFA and is the Senior Class President at Mossyrock High School.



Josie Emery was awarded the \$1000 Ray and Marian Kamerrer Memorial Scholarship. Josie is the daughter of Clayton and Kelly Emery and is a member of Humptulips Grange. She is graduating in June from Hoquiam High School and plans to attend Central Washington University to study Clinical Physiology. Josie is a high school cheerleader and is on the golf and volleyball teams. She was a member of the rose drill team at the 2017 State Grange Convention. Coming from a timber industry family, Josie has represented that industry as a member of the Hoquiam Loggers Playday Court. Josie was recently recognized as one of two "Students of the Year" at Hoquiam High School.



Morgan Goodrich was named as the recipient of the Delpha Goude Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Morgan is the daughter of Carl and Sheila Goodrich, who are members of Baw Faw Grange. She is a graduating senior at W.F. West High School in Chehalis and will be attending Centralia Community College to study Dental Hygiene. Morgan was selected by her school administrators to serve as a peer mentor. She played on the school fast pitch team and participated in school leadership activities. She was formerly a Junior Grange member and assisted in preparations for the Annual Christmas Program, hosted by the Grange.



Bryce Miller is the recipient of the Dee and Ina McKern Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship, funded by the McKern family, is selected by the Grange Insurance Association and administered by the Washington State Grange. Bryce attends Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, ID. The son of Brent and Julie Miller, he is studying International Studies with the hope of becoming a Consular Officer for the USA. Bryce and his family spend 6-8 months each year working and living on their 48-foot fishing troller, the F/V North Fork, based in Sitka, AK. The remainder of the year, the family lives in the Davenport WA area.

Grange Connection

ADAMS COUNTY

Ralston Grange held their annual "Dinner For The Ladies", prepared by the men of the Grange, on May 15. The program included a presentation by some of the students who went on the science trip to Florida last year. Also, Ben Clinesmith entertained us with his speech "Why Did The Chicken Cross The Road?", and there was a unique (aren't they all) performance by the Ralston Players. The Grange held a yard sale on May 19 at the Ralston Grange Building Building at the Ritzville Fairgrounds. The John Wayne Trail Ride and Dinner was scheduled for May 26.

CLALLAM COUNTY

Sequim Prairie Grange hosted a Memorial for Esther Nelson on April 28. Fred Grange and Joy Barrett officiated, while Buck Ellard played the violin and sang. The May Tea was held on May 7, while the Grange hosted the Sequim Pioneer Dinner on May 11. A dinner and dance, featuring Buck Ellard, was held on May 20.

COWLITZ COUNTY

Rose Valley Grange will be holding a Do it Yourself Garage Sale & Junk in the Trunk Sale. \$10 per table or trunk. Clear out your Garage, get that Spring purge done & sell those items! Bring it down to the Grange! Its DIY, and you must manage your own sales, but we will provide the space! Join the entire valley in having a sale!

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Columbia Valley Grange hosted a Junior Grange meeting and a potluck dinner. Following dinner, Chaplain Sherry Pond conducted a memorial service honoring John Corson and Ethlyn LePage. Members voted to buy Youth Group raffle tickets.

GRANT COUNTY

Moses Lake Grange held a spring picnic on May 19. A raffle drawing was held for a new gas barbecue. The Grange is meeting at the O'Sullivan Grange Hall and will be voting soon to accept the members of the old Moses Lake and Adrian Granges and any remaining members from the O'Sullivan Grange.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Elma Grange held a successful garage sale on May 5-6. The April clothing exchange was also successful, moving over 270 pieces of clothing.

Humptulips Grange held their last two bingos of the season on May 5 and 19. Grange members are ready for a summer break before starting the bingo events up again in October. Two members attended Teen Weekend in April. Jerry Gwin and Debbie Smith were selected to be our delegates to the State Grange Convention. We wrote several resolutions and forwarded them on to the State Grange for consideration. The Grange Food Bank is keeping busy, serving over 40 families each month. We finally sold our 5-acre parcel of land, with the approval of the State Grange Executive Committee. The Grange voted to have displays at the Grays Harbor County Fair in Elma and the Washington State Fair in Puyallup.

Olympic View Grange held a garage sale on May 5-6. Sales were brisk. The Grange is busy with hall rental and preparing for summer activities.

KING COUNTY

Sammamish Valley Grange #286 hosted a professional panel of experts on Drip Irrigation and Rain Harvesting at their monthly Community Program this spring. Nick Jennison, Leads Ground Technician at 21 Acres in Woodinville discussed water conservation challenges on the farm and acreage, and the importance of rain gardens, bio-swales, and wetlands to manage storm water run-off. Phillip McArthur is the Operations Manager for Olympic Nursery, Inc. He shared information and demonstrated the assembly of several drip irrigation systems and helped attendees calculate what was needed for their gardens and yards. Thomas Quigley is President of Olympic Nursery (and also the Sammamish Valley Grange Master) talked about using rain barrels and other water storage options. A lively Q & A followed the panel. We expect we will have helped our neighbors conserve hundreds of gallons of water in our community! The June 6th Community Program will feature John Prucich, The Falconer, at the Grange Garden in Woodinville. We'll learn the impact birds of prey play in our natural environment and be inspired by his raptor ambassadors. Come join us! All ages are welcome. We'll start at 6:30 p.m. this month to take advantage of the evening light. The Grange Garden is located at the end of the farm road with entrance at 16215 140th Pl NE, Woodinville, WA 98072.

LEWIS COUNTY

Hope Grange sponsored the spelling bee at the Evaline School. Quilters are now using the hall on a regular basis.

Silver Creek Ethel Grange elected Bill Randall to be their new Master. The Grange is working to revitalize itself after losing several long time members.

MASON COUNTY

Skokomish Grange had a successful fundraiser on May 5th. Homemade pies, Olympic Mountain ice cream and a silent auction brought in over \$560. Grangers and Skokomish Valley residents visited and enjoyed renewing friendships. The Hunter Farm Greenhouses are colorful and bright with flowers and vegetables ready to plant and the Richert Farm in Skokomish Valley is busy planting for their roadside vegetable stand that opens in the summer.

OKANOGAN COUNTY

Twisp Valley Grange will hold a Flea Market and BBQ on Saturday, June 2. The event begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until 1 p.m. The BBQ lunch will begin at 11 a.m. Enjoy a hamburger, chips, lemonade, and cookie for \$5.00. Tables are available for \$10. Donations of gently used are gladly accepted for the Twisp Valley Grange Fundraising table.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange met with State Master Tom Gwin present. He

discussed the upcoming Morehead Junior Grange Camp and the activities and meeting schedule of Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange.

North River Grange held a successful Spring Community Potluck with plant and seed exchange in April. The Grange continues to support the nursing home and to also operate the North River Food Bank. North River is proud of Grange Youth Member Georgia Clark who attended the State Teen Weekend and then participated in the District Talent Contest and qualified for the state contest.

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange made a decision to provide cookies for the Pierce County Pomona coffee stop. Brother Bob Ballou, past president of the South Hill Historical Society, circulated a petition to preserve the old Firgrove Grade School built in 1935. A memorial service for Brother Ted Cunningham, past master of Fruitland Grange, will be held at the hall on June 10 at 2:30pm. The Summer Craft Sale and Flea Market at Fruitland Grange will be held on July 14, from 9am to 3pm. Suggested admission is a non-perishable food item which will be donated to a local food bank. More information will be available at <http://www.facebook.com/FruitlandGrange/>. A Canning Class will be conducted at the Fruitland Grange by grange member Debra Basquez on July 18 from 7-8:30 p.m. The class will be free and open to the public. If interested in attending contact Debra at dbasquez2000@yahoo.com. Bunco, a social dice game, was held on April 15 at the hall. Another game will be scheduled in the future.

McMillin Grange draped the charter for longtime member Harrison Ford at the May 2 meeting. McMillin hosted the Pierce County Pomona craft and photography contests on May 4 and hosted Pomona May 5, providing the literary program conducted by Worthy Lecturer Jan Sondergeld. Brother Robert Conley was honored as Pierce County Pomona Granger of the Month for May.

SPOKANE COUNTY

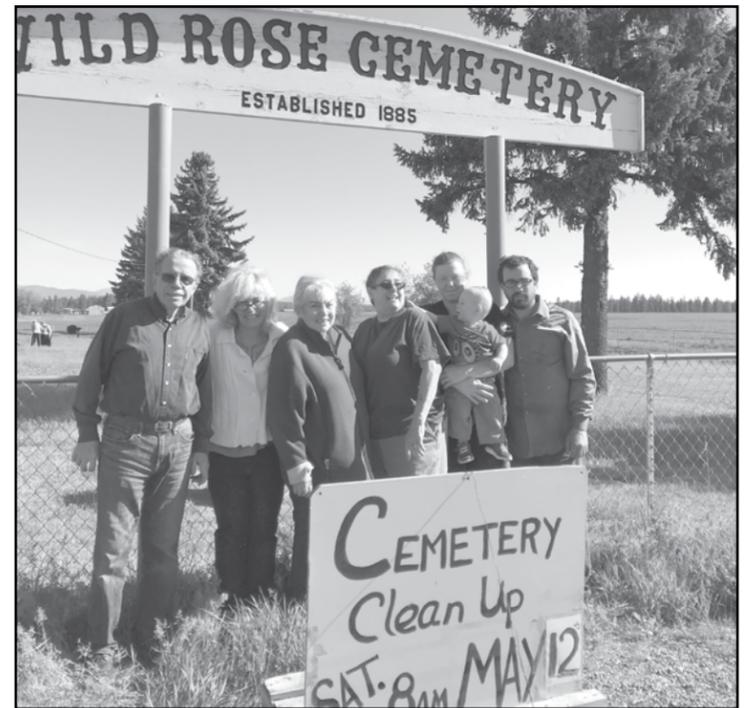
Green Bluff Grange is proud to announce the KXLY NEWS Extreme Team will be doing a Green Bluff Grange Makeover in September! We have been blessed with a sizable donation from BECU too!!! GBGrange is showing good faith by having various fundraisers to help with this wonderful Grange Renovation. A pie auction was held on April 3. A Chili Cook Off was held on May 1. A Flag Retirement Ceremony will be on June 5 and on Saturday, June 23 a Barn Dance, Silent auction and Spaghetti dinner. July 3 will be an all community patriotic potluck picnic with lots of fun contests, food, and a "Chicken Bingo" fundraiser. Grange members had several entries in the Grange baking contest. We continue serving our "All you can eat" pancake breakfast the last Sunday of the month. It's a great way to have an outing over Memorial Day weekend on May 27. And June 24 will be our annual strawberries and pancakes! Through Spokane

Moran Prairie Grange Holds Annual Strawberry Festival



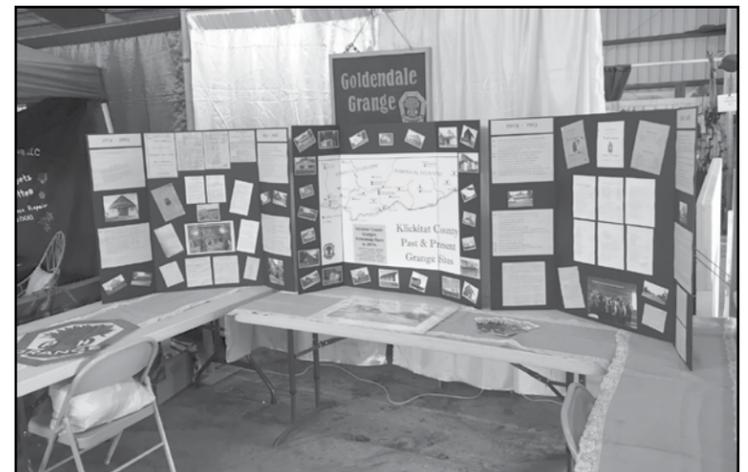
Moran Prairie Grange recently held their Annual Strawberry Festival on May 19th.

Granges Clean-Up Cemetery



Members of Williams Valley Grange #452 and Gardenspot Grange #278 participated in the Wildrose Cemetery clean up in May.

Goldendale Grange Presents Home & Garden Show Display



Goldendale Grange prepared a display at the recent Home, Garden and Outdoor show held at the Klickitat County Fair Grounds and Event Center. Our display combined current promotional material with our 150th anniversary materials. This event was part of our Grange Month activities.

Grange Connection

Gives 2018, a United Way event, Jr. Grangers had 3 volunteers help clean and plant flowers on April 3. They also helped at our Pie Auction and Hot Dog Dinner event that night. We submitted and received a mini-grant to purchase flowers for our flower boxes and other needed items. Mike and Lisa Beckman will be our delegates to the State Grange Convention. Our 1st Tuesdays are our community events/fundraisers and our business meetings are the 3rd Tuesdays of each month. We invite you to come see us at the Green Bluff Grange.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange members have been busy. Quilter Irene has the annual raffle quilt ready to display at events. Several quilts are already completed for the September Dinner of Thanks, and Grange member Darlyn has been working on the menu for that event. There are several area groups that also use the Grange Hall for Bingo, one blackout prize was a large flat screen tv. The Camas

Valley Jr. Grange has also been busy. In addition to writing camp letters, they have been collecting aluminum cans to recycle and pulltabs for Ronald McDonald house. Grange member Leora will be holding a Youth Grange meeting in the near future.

THURSTON COUNTY

Black Lake Grange: Mike Fair reported that they have been doing maintenance around the building. They fixed the outside lights and discussed refinishing the floor.

Brighton Park Grange: John Weatherbie reported the Ron Nelson and Duane Johnson put up new motion sensor lighting. They got bids on painting. They are working on getting the foundation of the hall fixed. Grange members enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship on May 10. Visitors came from South Union, Lincoln Creek, Cowlitz Prairie, and Oakview Granges. Shavanna Burlingame led all in a song, accompanied by Marge Reed on the piano. We hope to arrange for additional events

to work with and enjoy our fellow members.

McLane Grange: Pat Veleke said their new exit light has been installed and they have new smoke detectors. The benches outside have been repainted, and they will be painting the kitchen. They have new doors, and the men's restroom has an ADA-compliant seat. They replaced their refrigerator and have the kitchen faucet fixed. The water pressure problem has been fixed. They have lots more to do. The new men's room door is coming. They also did a cleanup day outside. They hold swap meets the second Saturday of each month through November.

Prosperity Grange: Pam Mathews reported that Prosperity had a very busy flea market last weekend.

Skookumchuck Grange honored the local Law Enforcement in accordance with Grange Resolution 2016-02-1400 by offering our Police and Sheriff's a free dinner at our Annual Steak Dinner and BBQ in July. At our last meeting,

member Moz Wright asked that our Fire Department should be recognized and honored as well. We unanimous agreed! motion was passed. We will offer free dinners to the Fire Dept. and EMT in our community at the Skookumchuck Annual Harvest dinner and Bazaar in October.

South Bay Grange: Rick Nelson reported that he went to South Bay's open house.

South Union Grange: Pam Mathews and Christie Vintilo as selected to be delegates to the state convention. Mary Brouillard and Diane Williams will serve as

alternates. Donations to the St. Pauly donation shed have been very generous lately, but they are still having trouble with someone breaking into the shed and going through the bags of donations. The next meetings will be held at 7 pm on June 18 and July 16. Dance to live country music by The Country Four and More from 7 to 10 pm the first Saturday of every month. All ages are welcome and the cost is just \$6 per person.

Violet Prairie Grange: Luella Huber reported that they did the rest area last month and made over \$900.

Pomona Connection

Cowlitz County Pomona

Cowlitz County Pomona will meet on June 16, 2018 at 6:30pm with a potluck and meeting following at 7:30 p.m. The Pomona service project is to bring canned food. There will be no meeting in July or August.

Grays Harbor/ Pacific Pomona

Grays Harbor / Pacific Pomona voted to officially change their name to Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange #28 to be reflective of their total area. Contest day was held on May 11 with 170 entries between the lecturer and family living

department. Plans are progressing for the inclusion of small animals in the Junior/Youth Grange department at the Grays Harbor County Fair with entries from outside of the county being allowed. The next Pomona meeting will be on Sat, July 14 at North River at 10 a.m.

Lewis County Pomona

Lewis County Pomona will hold their Golden Sheaf and Silver Star Dinner on June 2 at 5 p.m. at the Newaukum Grange Hall.

Mason County Pomona

Mason County Pomona met at

the Skokomish Valley Grange Hall on May 19th. The agenda included plans for the State Fair booth. Two Pomona Scholarships of \$750 each will be awarded to two students.

Juan Julian Equihua-Torres will graduate from Shelton High School and plans to attend Bates Technical College. He wishes to enroll in Welding. He chose to do this "in hopes of making good money for my own future." His grandfather is a member of Twanoh Grange. Ian Richard Frost has been accepted at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and plans to take Biological Engineering. He will graduate from Mary M. Knight High School in Matlock. Ian plans to pursue prosthetics after his undergraduate education. He was the Washington State 1B Champion in Discus in 2017 and Washington State Silver Medalist Champion in the Hammer event, also in 2017. Ian plans to continue with track and field at Cornell University.

Snake River Pomona

Snake River Pomona recently met at Columbia Valley Grange Hall. A memorial service for Don Sperber, John Corson and Ethlyn LePage was conducted by Chaplain Loren Amack. Contest judging was done and Al Meyer, Laura and Jacob Lyle will have entries at state convention. Youth group raffle tickets were purchased. The group meets next on September 15 at Burbank Grange Hall.

Thurston County Pomona

Thurston County Pomona #8 met on May 3 at McLane Grange for their regular meeting. Pam Mathews led the memorial program where flowers were placed in memory of Joyce Wuerth of Brighton Park, Arleen Ramsauer and Donald Hepp of McLane, and Arden Evey of Violet Prairie. Carol Spaulding and Teri Ramsauer of McLane were obligated into the Fifth Degree. The Pomona picnic will be held at 2 pm on July 8 at the Nelson Ranch. There will be no regular business meeting in July or August.

Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are requested to send their list of 2018 meeting dates, times, and locations to grange@wa-grange.org for inclusion into this calendar.

Clallam	June 11 at Quillayute Valley, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting
Clark	June 13, location to be announced, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. July 11 at Salmon Creek at 7 p.m.
Cowlitz	June 16 at Sunnyside, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. Fifth degree to be exemplified.
Excelsior	July 21 at Enterprise, 10:30 a.m. meeting, 12 noon picnic.
Ferry	time and date to be announced.
Grays Harbor/ Pacific	July 14 at North River, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
King	July 14 at East Hill, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. BBQ.
Kitsap	July 20 at Silverdale, 7:30 p.m.
Klickitat	September 8 at Centerville, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
Lewis	June 2 at Newaukum, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Collection is food bank non-perishables. August 4 at Adna with the collection being school supplies.
Mason	Pomona picnic date and location to be announced.
Okanogan	July 14 at Molson, 10 a.m.
Pend Oreille	June 9 at Camden, 10 a.m. July 14 – Pomona BBQ at Fertile Valley at 1 p.m.
Pierce	June 2 at Marion, 10 a.m. July 21 at Elk Plain at 10 a.m.
Riverside	Tri-Pomona Picnic on August 26 at Ag Museum, Fulbright Park, 1:30 p.m.
Skagit	June 6 at Summit Park, 7 p.m. July 11 – Picnic at Skagit Valley at 5 p.m.
Snake River	September 15 at Burbank, 10 a.m.
Snohomish	July 21 at Horseshoe, 10 a.m. July 27 – Visitation at Granville, games 3-6 p.m., potluck at 6:30 p.m.
Stevens	July 28 – Picnic at Douglas Falls Park
Sunnyside	June 12 at Buena, 6:30 p.m. July 10 at Buena at 6:30 p.m.
Thurston	June 7 at South Bay, 7 p.m. Floral arranging contest entries due 6-6:30 p.m. July 8 – Picnic at the Nelson Ranch at 2 p.m.
Whatcom	June 19 at Laurel, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Flower contest to be held.
Whitman	June 16 at Wheatland, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. July 21 – picnic at Jim & Bonnie Lyle's home, 2 p.m.
Yakima	June 15 at Broadway, 7 p.m. July 22 at Fruitvale at 1:30 p.m., includes picnic.

Klickitat County Pomona Grange Holds Mini Fair



Pomona Grange Master Lucille Bevis entering a working model of a Center Pivot irrigation system made from Lego's at the Klickitat County Pomona Grange Mini Fair held in April. Mini model created by Nick Bowdish, Centerville Grange.

GIA Calls For District 1 And District 5 Director Nominations

The position for Director in District 1 and for Director in District 5 are up for election in March 2019. 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, 2018. 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, 2018 for placement on the ballot.

District 1 consists of Adams, Lincoln, Spokane and Whitman counties in Washington.

District 5 consists of Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Island, King, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom counties in Washington.

Bell from 1874 Boistfort School Back at Its Original Location

HISTORY: Bell Sat in Barn for Decades Before Lions Club Member Tripped Over It

By Katie Hayes
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After decades spent hidden in Norine Jones' barn, a bell that once called children to class at the 1874 Boistfort schoolhouse is back on public display near the site of the long-since demolished school.

"I've had that bell for over 60 years," Jones, 95, said. "The bell has just been in the family. My grandpa was a Grange member."

The bell is currently outside of Baw Faw Grange. Jerry Zabriskie, a member of both the Lions Club and the Grange, has been working with other Lions Club members to build a bell tower to display the artifact of western Lewis County history.

"We are in the process of putting up the tower now," Zabriskie said. "We hope to have it finished before school is out and have a big ceremony. Our plan is to try and get the state school superintendent to come down for a photo op and the school will be out and they'll get to all ring the bell, that kind of stuff. We'll have a plaque for it that states what it was and where it came from. The date of that's not decided yet. We haven't got the siding up and it's not all painted with pretty bushes put around it and all that stuff."

Zabriskie said Boistfort was the first school district in the state. The first school opened in 1855 and the first permanent school opened in 1874. The school that opened in 1874 had the bell that now sits outside of the Baw Faw Grange.

"The Boistfort School District was number six in Oregon Territory," Zabriskie said. "Then when Oregon became a state, it became number one in Washington Territory ... (It) was a school in Oregon four years before Oregon became a state. Then when they set the border it became part of Washington Territory and School District #1 in Washington Territory."

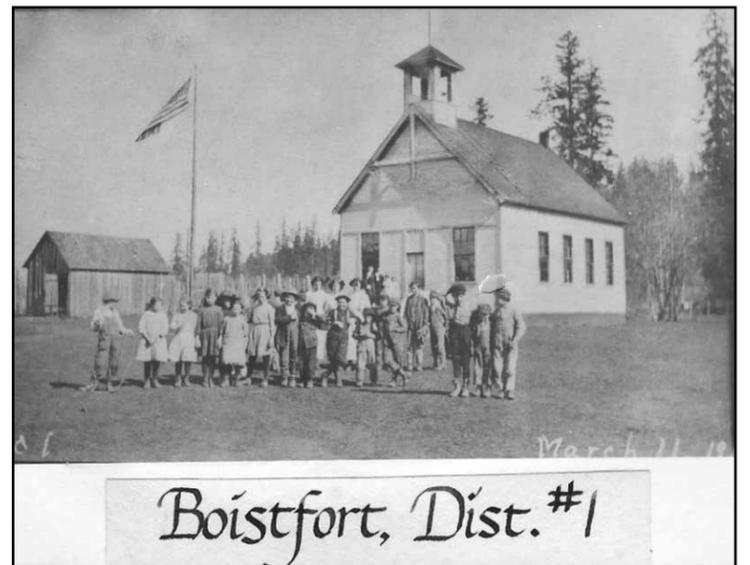
Jones' grandfather was very involved with the Grange.

"The Grange had been organized in 1894, but then they disbanded and closed the Grange," Jones said.

In 1912, the Grange was reorganizing and the school district was planning on building in a new location.



Jerry Zabriskie rings the bell that originally hung above the Boistfort School in 1874. The Lions Club began constructing the bell tower in January, with plans to finish before school lets out. Photo by Katie Hayes.



The bell originally hung above the old Boistfort School in 1874. Norine Jones, who had the bell in her barn, donated it to the community. The Lions Club is currently constructing a bell tower by the Baw Faw Grange for the bell.

Jones' grandfather, J.P. Roselle, loaned the Grange \$400 to buy two acres of land and the 1874 schoolhouse, she said. In 1914, the debt was repaid and Roselle gave the deed to the Grange in November of that year.

"Being newly reorganized they did not have much money," Jones said. "My grandpa had or acquired enough money to buy that building."

The Grange didn't have plans for the bell, so Roselle took it home. Jones said she has memories of ringing the bell at her grandfather's homestead. The grandchildren were only allowed to ring it one time each. When Jones' grandmother came to live with her and her family years later, she brought the bell with her.

Zabriskie found the bell in Jones' barn when he was looking for tools for a different Grange project. Jones said she had thought about offering the bell to the Grange for some time, but it wasn't until Zabriskie tripped

over the bell that she officially did.

The Lions Club began putting up the bell tower outside the Baw Faw Grange in January.

"It doesn't belong to the school, it doesn't belong to the Grange, doesn't belong to the Lions Club, doesn't belong to anybody else but the community," Zabriskie said. "And the Lions Club, which also meets here, took it on as a project to pay for and construct a bell tower. As best we could, we are replicating that tower. We are replicating that bell tower and we had the bell sandblasted and cleaned and clear epoxy varnished, painted, so that it will stay this color forever instead of rusting like it had been. And we're building this tower and putting the bell, the bell is in it now, as a donation to the community. But it has come home to its spot."

Note: Article original appeared in the April 6, 2018 edition of the Centralia Chronicle.



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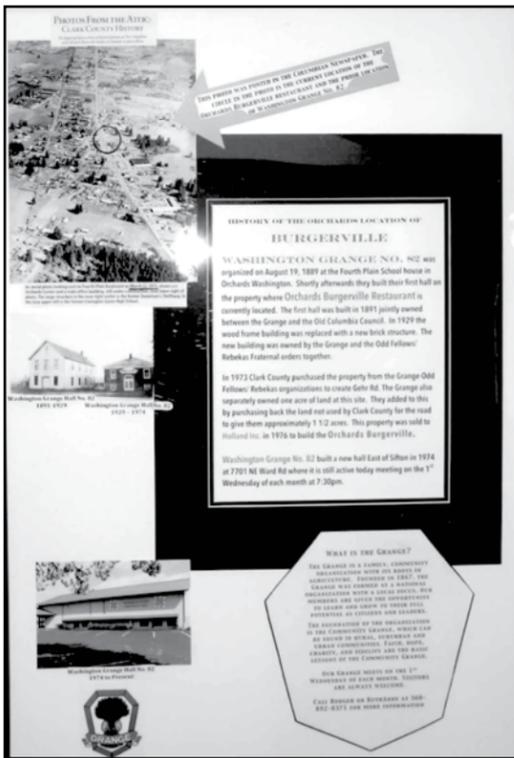
During Grange Month we encourage Granges to highlight their Grange in their communities and state in the form of a Grange Display. As we celebrate Grange month in April Granges are encouraged to showcase their individual Grange and to also support other Granges by attending their activities. The State Grange Membership Department is having a Grange Month Display Contest to assist in promoting

the Grange by portraying the positive influences the Grange has made on communities, state and nation.

For over 150 years, the Grange has worked to make our nation a better place for our citizens. We are active in 240 communities throughout the State of Washington, providing a wide range of services and offering multiple activities and programs. A public display of our Grange programs will assist in

informing the citizens of your community of our programs and achievements. 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.

While several Granges participated in creating displays for Grange month, only three Granges submitted reports on their display for the contest.



(Top Left) Washington Grange #82 created a display at the Burgerville in Orchards. This is the location of the original Washington Grange Hall.



(Top Right) North River Grange #946 created their display for the North River School branch of the Timberland Regional Library. The school is the only available display area within an 18-mile radius of the Grange hall, located at Brooklyn.



(Right) Five Mile Prairie Grange's Grange Month Display.



(Left) Riverside Valley Grange #1047 created their display for the Valley Barber Shop in downtown Puyallup.



Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS

April 2018

	# Joined	Jr. +1
Barberton #571	2	
John Little , Jan Neil		
Bee Hive #385	1	
Frosty Hansen		
Catlin #199	1	
Elizabeth Nichols		
Centerville #81	1	
Tyrell Linden		
Clarkston Heights #982	2	
Whitney Nasurd , Jesse Economen		
Columbia Valley #938	1	
Lee Wood		
East Spokane #148	1	
Kimberly Klemann		
Five Mile Prairie #905	1	
Marcia Edwards		
Fruitvale #348	2	
David Jorgensen , Lauri Jorgensen		
Goldendale #49	1	
Tammy Kayser		
Green Bluff #300	2	
Taylor Deal, Sara Dorosh		
Haynie #169	2	
Adam Archuletta, Thelma Archuletta		
Kellogg Marsh #136	1	
Al Dailey		
Lopez Island #1060	2	
Linda Barton, Karen Hattman		
Long Beach #667	2	
Geoff Reed, Darla Baxter		
Manson #796	1	
Nancy Dalen		
Molson #1069	1	
Vicky Didenhover		
Moses Lake #1151	2	
Susan Freeman, Benita Shearer		
Mt. View #98	1	
Lori Foster Harvey		
Okanogan #1103	2	
Kristina King-Dellabatma, Libby McDonald		
Olalla #1125	1	
Diane Lindall		
Pine Grove #115	1	1
Stacy Davis		
Quillisascut #372	1	
Stacee Potts		
Quimper #720	1	
Chris Stuart		
Rimrock #941	0	1
Riverside Valley #1047	1	
Linda Mastin		
Rome #226	1	
Linda Solberg		
Rose Valley #953	1	
Paul Miller		
Samish Valley #926	1	
June Bradshaw		
San Poil #684	1	
Liz Stinson		
Skamokawa #425	2	
Charles Gilbert Jr, Kelly Guest		
Skookumchuck #584	1	
Raymond Bower		
South Lake Stevens #690	1	
Judith Bronson		
Stevenson #121	1	
Del Allen		
Ten Mile #399	1	
Katie Marteny		
Tyler #610	2	
Patrick Krepel, Pamela Krepel		
Washington #82	1	
William Castlebery		
TOTALS	47	2

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Juniors

Convention is not just for Adult Grangers!



Marvin & Jennifer Oliver

By Marvin & Jennifer Oliver
Junior Grange Directors

We are getting so excited for 129th Washington State Grange convention at Mt. Vernon. It is a great time to bring your kids, grandkids or your Junior Grangers as a group to have a great time in a safe wholesome environment. We have many fun activities planned; fieldtrips, crafts, games, learning how to run a meeting and drill, learn leadership skills and of course meeting new lifelong friends and seeing ones you made last year. The Junior room will be open during session and most lunches have been donated by Granges. (See daily posting for those Granges on the door) Remember if your Junior has lunch with you please see a team member to sign them out and back in so we have an accurate head count. All adults responsible for the Juniors will be asked to sign a permission slip for transportation and emergency treatment in the unlikely event it would be needed. If you plan to have someone other than the parents pick up a Junior please put their name on that form. Without the name we will not release the Junior to anyone other than their parent. Our goal is to have fun and keep our Juniors safe. The daily schedule will be posted on the door of the Junior meeting room.

Wednesday we will be checking in entries from 8-11. Please see program handbook page 13 for all contests rules.

Categories:

1. General Crafts
2. General Craft Display Table
3. Tri-fold Display or Poster
4. Creative Writing Contest

Thursday we will sit as a group and watch the opening of the 129th Convention! Then we will be leaving the convention site for a field trip. Adults are welcome to come and chaperone and have some fun and lunch with us for the day! We will be part of the group photo this day also!

Friday is our annual Ice Cream social and the donations collected help support the activities at the Grange Convention. We thank you all in advance for your support.

Saturday is Red Tennis Shoe day. Wear your Junior colors and red shoes to show your support for them as they open the session that morning. We will be showing some of our talented juniors that day as well. It is a must see!!

After the Juniors have opened the session and marched out, the Junior room will be closed. We ask that you make arrangements to have the Juniors be picked up by 1200 when the session recess for lunch. We will be leaving asap to go to Mayfield Junior Grange Camp. (If your Junior is not signed up for one of Washington's 6 camps it's not too late!)

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for any auction items that you may donate to Juniors. We participate in the live and silent auction so please look at the Junior tables to see what will be auctioned on Thursday. We truly appreciate you and are always amazed at the generosity of the Grange membership.

Please stop in and say hello to the Juniors!

STAND UP
AND
SPEAK OUT!



2018 Junior Grange Camps Offer Opportunities For Kids

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.

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 has 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.

Registrations for **Camp Wooten**, June 24-29, can be sent to Deena Stallings, PO Box 3033, Pasco WA 99302. The registration fee is \$180. 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 campwooten1@gmail.com.

The fee for **Mayfield Junior Grange Camp**, located near Mossyrock, July 1-7, will be \$175 for registrations received prior to June 15 and \$200 for late registration. Checks should be made out to Mayfield Junior Grange Camp and sent with the registration and medical forms to Jennifer Oliver, 3307 128th Street E., Tacoma WA 98446. Jennifer can be reached at (253) 906-6078 or jenandmarv@yahoo.com.

Camp Morehead is located near Nahcotta on the Long Beach Peninsula. The camp will run July 15-21 under the guidance of Tom Gwin (360-581-0177). Registration fees will be \$160 if received prior to July 1 and \$180 if received after July 1. 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 8-13 and July 22-27. The camp director is Chrissy Kelley, 1308 South A Street, Port Angeles WA 98363. Telephone (360) 452-8028 or email grandpas_twerp@hotmail.com.

Camp NEWA will be held near Colville on July 22-28. For registrations received by July 1, the cost will be \$150. Registrations forms and fees should be sent to Kendra Meeker, 2727 E. 53rd Ave. Apt D203, Spokane WA 99223. 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 5-10. The registration fee is \$145 if received before July 1 and \$165 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 Janelle Lierman, (425) 745-2180 or email jmlierman@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!

WA State Grange Attends State FFA Convention

The Washington State Grange participated in the WA State FFA Convention with a display by the State Grange Membership Department. State Membership Director John Hamilton, State Ceres Brittney Oliver, and State Family Living Director Cec Hamilton greeted FFA members from across the state and emphasized partnerships between the FFA chapters and local Granges. They encouraged FFA members to consider Grange membership as they transition into the adult world.



Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Youth Group Plans A Busy Week In Mount Vernon

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

The Host Youth Committee for this year's State Grange Convention is busy planning a wide variety of activities. A summary of our activities is as follows:

Tuesday, June 26:

2-5 p.m.turn in donations for the Keep Washington Warm project – Building /Pavilion

Wednesday, June 27:

9 a.m.youth group opens and elects officers – Building F
 12 p.m.youth attend delegate committee meetings
 2 p.m.youth group meeting – installation of officers
 6 p.m.attend sixth degree opening, followed by memorial service and welcome reception

Thursday, June 28:

8:30 a.m.youth group opens – drill practice
 10 a.m.youth tour to fish hatchery
 12 p.m.youth picnic at Pomona Park
 1 p.m.tour continues
 5:30 p.m.attend celebration banquet
 7:30 p.m.attend and assist with live auction

Friday, June 29:

8:30 a.m.youth group meeting – drill practice
 10 a.m.public speaking contests
 12 p.m.JG ice cream social
 1:30 p.m.attend exemplification of the fifth degree
 2:30 p.m.attend exemplification of the sixth degree
 3:45 p.m.youth group meeting – drill practice
 5:30 p.m.GROW Club No-Host Pizza at Round Table Pizza,
 113 E. College Way., Mount Vernon
 7:30 p.m.hand out programs for talent show
 8 p.m.attend talent show and public speaking contest

Saturday, June 30:

7:30 a.m.youth group meets
 8 a.m.youth group opens session
 9 a.m.attend junior program
 10 a.m.youth group meets – convention wrap up

From this schedule of events, you can see that we have a busy week planned for the youth at this year's convention.

Junior Connection

Green Bluff Junior Grange

Green Bluff Jr. Grangers led a “clean up the Bluff roadsides” on May 29. They also gave a \$200 donation to the Mead Food Bank. BSA Troop #288 will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 5 at the Grange at 7 p.m. (some Jr. Grangers are BSA scouts.)

Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grangers had to cancel their retreat because the Grange's insurance carrier would not issue a certificate of insurance for the facility. Rather than a retreat, Junior Grangers met at the Grange Hall and learned to make cherry jell, apply jelly, salsa, pickled asparagus, marinated mushrooms, and herbal vinegars. A work party is scheduled for Memorial Day – Monday, May 28 at 10 a.m. to place flags on the veteran's graves at the Humptulips Cemetery. Junior Grangers have collected over 40 books for the children's book drive. We also collected new socks for donating to the Keep Washington Warm project collection at the State Grange Convention.



Green Bluff Junior Grange show the \$200 Donation Check they presented to the Mead Food Bank.

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(one per form)

Address _____

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Telephone _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Grange Name _____

Junior (5 to 13) Youth (14 to 35) Adult (36+)

Conference Registration: Covers dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday as well as the meeting room, snacks and all conference materials: Registration fees are:
 Full conference - \$75 per person
 Saturday only (all day) - \$60 Saturday dinner only - \$40

Total Amount Due to: Washington State Grange (Checks - No Credit Cards)
 Make checks payable to the Washington State Grange and mail with registration form to:
 Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507

Lodging: Hotel RL by Red Lion, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia WA 98501. Rooms are \$126.00 plus tax for either a room with 1 king or 2 queen beds. You will need to specify room type preference when making reservations. The room block will be released on July 14. Make arrangements directly with the hotel by calling 1-800-733-5466 – identify yourself as being with the Washington State Grange.

Arriving by Air: SeaTac International Airport is one hour from Olympia. The commute could take two hours, depending upon time of day and traffic. Please contact the WA State Grange office if you are flying in and need transportation to Olympia. We will attempt to provide that service.

A roster will be created of all attendees. The following information to be included: Name, Address, Email, Phone, Grange Name and #. Do we have your permission to publish your personal information in a roster to be distributed to all Grange members attending the 2018 Western Regional Grange Conference? Yes No

Photos and videos will be taken at the conference and used to promote the Grange. Do we have your permission to publish photos and videos of you? Yes No

Questions?
 Contact the WA State Grange Office at 360-943-9911
 or email tagwin@wa-grange.org

Home & Family

Family Living

Working Together To Accomplish Great Things

By **Cecelia Hamilton**
Family Living Director

Soon we will be gathering for our busy week in Mt. Vernon as we work together to accomplish great things as a Grange family. I get super excited as I anticipate seeing the many amazing entries that are due to arrive in all departments. Thank you to all who participate in our contests and activities!

All Family Living entries will be taken in starting on Tuesday around noon in the Pavilion. It is the big red barn like building on the right as you come in the gate. You can't miss it. We will be taking in all contest entries as well as your generous Live and Silent Auction items; Collectible donations such as Stamps, Eyeglasses, Hygiene & Toiletries, and Aluminum can tabs. We will be available until 5pm. Then again on Wednesday morning starting at 8am until 11am. Wednesday is our judging day. If these times do not work for you please give me a call and I will

do my best to help. Remember, if you bring someone else's items for them be sure to keep your entry tickets. In the past items have been lost and we do not want this happening again. Please expect a few moments at check in and check out. We want to be sure to make everyone's experience a pleasant one. If you need help checking in please don't hesitate to ask. Check out is Saturday beginning around noon.

I want to put a word out to remind all of the CFL's that there is still plenty of time to put together your yearly CFL Notebook. (Scrapbook). This is your opportunity to shine and to share with all of us your year and the many awesome projects and activities that take place in your Grange. Like I said earlier on this year; make this a fun activity, one that can be shared for years to come. Fill it with photos, clippings, flyers and of course a favorite memory or two. These will be judged and cash prizes are available to the top three.

The Heritage Quilt Trail will

once again have an area for displays. Bring your miniature, workbook, and pictures to share. If you have not yet shared your square with us feel free to bring your square to display also. I will have registration forms available for new squares to be added to our trail. Let's keep this trail growing!

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all at the Family Living Celebration Breakfast on Thursday morning. I know it is a little early for some but trust me it is so worth setting your alarm for! Come enjoy a delicious country buffet with all the trimmings. I promise you will not go away hungry. At the breakfast we will have an opportunity to recognize the outstanding CFL's from across the state and also present yearly service awards to some pretty awesome Grangers. You will have an opportunity to visit with your state officers and deputies and our visiting National Representatives. See you soon!



Cecelia Hamilton

Lecturer's Department

2018 Convention – Are You Ready?

By **Leslie Jo Wells**
State Grange Lecturer

Who: Grangers from across the state.

What: 129th Washington State Grange convention.

When: Wednesday, June 27th through Saturday, June 30th.

Where: Skagit County Fairgrounds, 427 West Taylor Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

Why: To take part in the business meeting which establishes the legislative agenda for the WSG; To celebrate accomplishments – for Granges and individual Grange members; To renew longtime friendships and make new ones and especially – to have FUN!!!

Lecturer Display Room

For those of you bringing your Pomona level winning items to

convention, the Lecturer display room will be open to receive your entries from 1:00 - 5:00 pm on Tuesday, 6/26 and from 8:00 -11:00 am on Wednesday, 6/27. The display room will be closed at 11:00 am, Wednesday for judging and display set-up. Once all the necessary recording of results and "ribboning" are completed, the display area will be opened for your enjoyment – hopefully by mid-afternoon on Thursday, 6/28. Please come in to view all of the items that your fellow Grangers entered into the Photography and Arts & Crafts Contests.

The Fair Booth Contest and Creative Writing Contest entries will also be on display in the Lecturer area.

All Contest entries may be picked up on Saturday from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.

During the contest entry times, we will also be accepting

your items for both the Silent and Live Auctions. These item donations are what help fund the activities and awards for the Lecturer Department. The Live Auction will take place following the Celebration Banquet on Thursday evening. Please consider supporting the auctions – for all the departments.

The Talent and Public Speaking Show will be held on Friday evening – June 29th at 8:00 pm. We have six Grange members participating this year in the talent portion. For many attendees, this convention event has become one that should not be missed!

Again, please come visit us in the display room and above all else...have fun while you are at Convention.



Leslie Jo Wells

Food for Gatherings

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Gatherings like reunions, picnics and potlucks can bring fun, the chance to reunite with family and, of course, food and celebration.

While catching up with family and friends is most important for many, food typically comes in a close second. Tried-and-true favorites are welcome, but so are new additions.

To help mix things up, take a break from sandwiches. Chipotle Chicken and Bean Quinoa Salad Cups are a contemporary meal or snack alternative which kids and adults alike can enjoy. For more recipes for family gatherings, visit READsalads.com and AuntNellies.com.

Chipotle Chicken and Bean Quinoa Salad Cups with Cilantro Lime Vinaigrette

Prep time: 25 minutes

Servings: 4

1 can (15 ounces) READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad
4 leaves Bibb lettuce

Dressing:

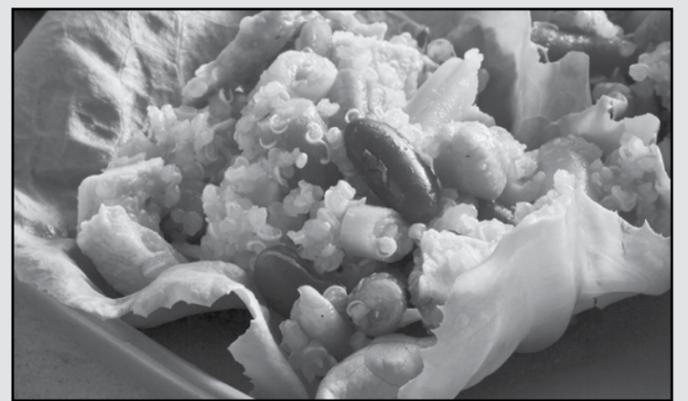
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
1 tablespoon adobo sauce
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
3 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro
1 1/2 cups cooked quinoa
1 cup diced chicken, cooked
1/4 cup finely sliced green onions
1 chipotle pepper, minced

Drain bean salad; reserve 2 tablespoons liquid.

To make dressing: In small bowl, whisk reserved liquid, lime juice, adobo sauce, mustard, salt and pepper. Whisk in oil until completely combined. Stir in cilantro; set aside.

In medium bowl, combine bean salad, quinoa, chicken, onions and chipotle pepper. Add dressing; toss gently.

Divide bean salad mixture equally among lettuce cups.



Terrace Heights Grange Donates To Local Shelter



Terrace Heights Grange members collected dog and cat food and supplies to donate to the local humane shelter at the May meeting.

Granges Improve Halls In Their Communities

For several years, the Grange Cooperative Group has recognized Granges for improvements to their Grange Halls with cash awards and award plaques. This year, five Granges have completed reports that include written descriptions of improvement projects, before and after pictures, and news clippings. A summary of this year's reports are:

Fargher Lake Grange (Clark County) – installed concrete footing wall between two different levels of soil under the hall; concreted the lower level floor to create a location for junior and youth Grangers to work on gardening projects and woodworking; new roof installed on the Grange hall by a contractor; contractor also laid new rock in front of the hall for better parking.



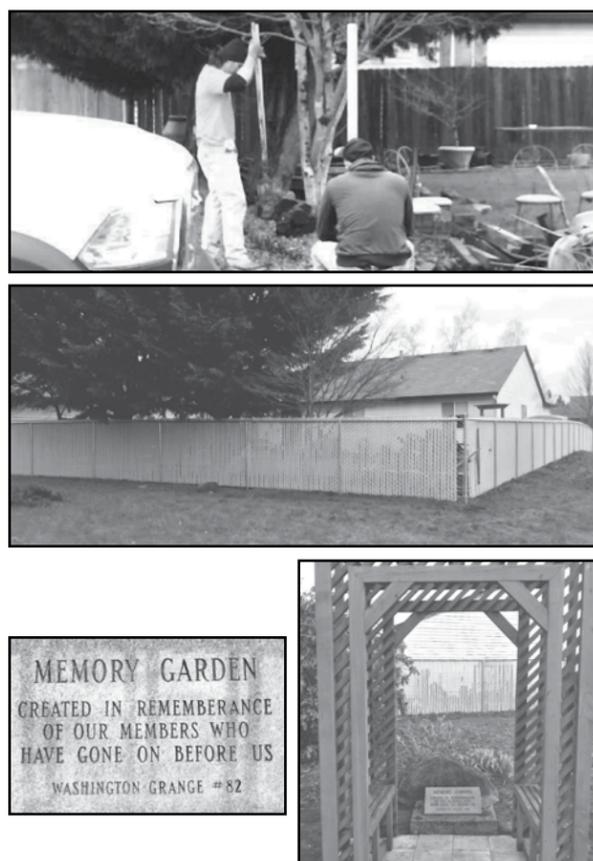
Ford's Prairie Grange (Lewis County) – power washing and painting exterior of hall; replacement of rotten wood boards on the hall with new boards and molding; repainting of the meeting hall and dining area on the interior of the hall; acquisition of "new to us" benches for the Grange meeting room; electrical repairs to the outdoor lighted Grange hall sign; upgrade parking lot lighting to LED lights.



Fruitland Grange (Pierce County) – cleaning of sheet rock around the front door and painting the main entry hall up to the second floor; remove all old carpet from the main entry to the restrooms and the second-floor landing and replace with a more modern style and color of carpeting.



Washington Grange (Clark County) – replace two exhaust vents above kitchen stove; seal and strip parking lot; remove large oak tree – split and sell for firewood, clean up hall entrance area; move memorial plaque and install new arbor; replace interior lights with new LED lighting; strip and wax floors; clean upstairs carpet.



McLane Grange (Thurston County) – replacement of fire extinguishers in the hall; design, build, and install a new Grange hall sign; sand and paint Grange hall tables; upgrade smoke detectors, emergency exit signs, and ceiling tiles; install wooden quilt square to the exterior of the hall; replace two non-secure Grange hall doors with exterior steel solid core doors with new door frames and thresholds; install new rain gutters on the exterior of the hall; removed non-working dishwasher from the kitchen; replace leaky toilets in men's room with ADA approved toilets; removal of overgrown shrubs and rebuilding of flower beds in front of their hall.



While not entering the contest and competing against the Subordinate Granges, the Washington State Grange headquarters building also underwent major improvements in the past year. Major improvement projects to the office building over the past year included replacement of an antiquated telephone system; removal of dead and diseased trees and shrubs in the landscaping and a complete overhaul of the landscape surrounding the building; repairs to the underground sprinkler system including connection of a water line that may have never been connected; and repairs to the HVAC system (funded primarily through a grant program).

The top four place winners will be announced at the State Grange Convention following the Grange Cooperative Group Reports on Friday, June 29 at 11 a.m. All entrants will receive a Grange town hall markers, while the top four place winners will receive plaques and cash awards of \$500, \$300, \$200, and \$100.

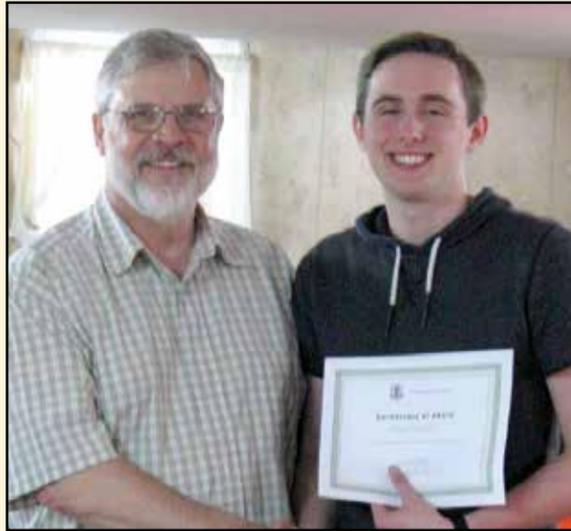
Judging criteria includes evaluation of the projects completed in the past year, a subjective evaluation that rates the extent of the projects compared to the size of the community and Grange membership, and the overall impact of the improvements on the appearance of the hall in its neighborhood and how those improvements boost the effectiveness of the local Grange.

Current members of the Grange Cooperative Group include the Grange Insurance Group, Great American Insurance Company, the Grange News, and the Washington State Grange.

Central Grange Honors Firemen And Presents \$1000 Scholarship

Central Grange #831 put on its annual Fireman's Appreciation Night Spaghetti feed Saturday night, May 5.

In addition to awards for the fire stations of District #9 (below), Central Grange awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Riley Dymond, grandson of Joyce Dymond (right).



Rose Valley Grange Promotes Travel Safety



Rose Valley Grange held a fundraiser on May 5 & 6, by serving coffee to travelers stopping at the Rest Stop on I-5 Northbound. This event is held to promote traveling safety by preventing accidents due to tired travelers. These coffee rest stops, offer an opportunity to get out of the car, use the restroom, stretch your legs, have a cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa, and a cookie, which helps travelers stay awake during their long trips. Donations to the Grange are accepted, but not requested, and the Grange does quite well through this event. Pictured: Marnie Blankenship

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