



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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National Grange Law Officer of the Year: Klickitat County (WA) Sheriff Bob Songer

Klickitat County Sheriff, Bob Songer (WA) was introduced at the 156th National Grange Session as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. He has been in law enforcement for over 45 years, 18 of those years in law enforcement management and is

currently completing his eighth year as County Sheriff. As a new Sheriff he soon realized that it was impossible to adequately patrol 24/7 all 1904 square miles of Klickitat County with only 13 deputies. Drug trafficking has always been a major challenge

for his department with US Highway 97, a major drug entrance running through the heart of the County.

So, one of his first endeavors as a new Sheriff was to form the Klickitat County Sheriff's Posse. Although it is called

a posse in reality it is a large rural neighborhood watch association. He now has over 130 additional eyes watching the county. With this group he also has access to several airplanes and pilots, all at no cost to the county.

He is a friend to the Grange and continually takes time to keep the 7 Granges in Klickitat County updated on the activities of his department. His wife Fran is a Grange officer and active Grange member.

JANUARY 2023 issue deadline – DECEMBER 20th
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Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

Due to Covid-19, many scheduled events are either cancelled or postponed. Please call prior to the event to confirm.

- DECEMBER 1 Grange Officer Lists (2023) due to State Grange Office
- DECEMBER 10..... State Grange Christmas Party, 1 p.m. potluck, at the State Grange Office in Olympia
- DECEMBER 15 Grange Fidelity Bond Payments due to State Grange Office
- DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 2, 2023 State Grange Office closed for the holidays.
- DECEMBER 28 Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom Meeting; Topic – A preview to Leadership Conferences and 2023 Grange Programs
- JANUARY 21 Convention Kick Off Meeting: Tour at 11 a.m. at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake. Meeting to follow at the Moses Lake Grange Hall.
- JANUARY / FEBRUARY Leadership Development Conferences to be held across the state.



Lecturer's Department

An Heirloom Program Challenge



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

In a previous article I provided some information to you about the Heirloom Program that has been developed by the National Grange Membership/Leadership Development Director. You may ask: What are Grange Heirlooms? Amanda Brozana Rios provides the following information.

Grange traditions and values are our heirlooms – inseparable pieces of our Order passed down over generations. These cornerstones of what it is to be a Grange and Grangers tie us to our root and the vision of our Founders, while preparing us for success in Grange and our own lives.

Yet many never read our Declaration of Purposes and misunderstand or avoid ritual, which they often see as a barrier to entry, unwelcoming

or frivolous. As we perform our degrees less, we become more appealing to new members who are unfamiliar with fraternal work, but we run the risk of losing our identity and the thing that bonds us together. We know nature “never goes backward” and nor can the Grange, but we must find ways to bridge the gap and make sure the next generations are prepared to inherit the great treasure that is Grange membership.

The Heirloom Program allows us to do just that – move forward, while retaining, celebrating and imparting our most cherished values through monthly readings and reflections. You can pass on the lessons most important to our Order and know you’re preparing the soil for a great crop of new Grangers to continue and carry our organization forward.

So...here is the December reading: "It is in the Home that we enjoy the fruits of our labors in the fields of the farm, and the fields of life." (Fourth Degree, Steward) My challenge to you is to share this with your members and have them reflect on what it means for them. They may relate this to their family life or their Grange membership. I think this is especially meaningful as we are in the time of year when we tend to reflect on family connections – both immediate and extended family.

All of the Heirloom Program materials can be found at bit.ly/grangeheirloom - please utilize the materials as you see fit!

My next Grange News article will provide the information on the topics for the 2023 Creative Writing Contest.

Beekeeping Made Easy

By Eileen Moebius
Special to the Grange News

Watching and taking care of the bees when they are in the hive makes you learn to be patient. They teach us to be slow and make sure you don't make mistakes. When you start moving too fast, the bees will let you know they are getting impatient. Sometimes they thump you in the head to say slow down.

If you can't have a hive of bees where you live you can still help

the bees out. You can plant flowers that the bees like so they can get pollen and nectar from the plants. If you do plant flowers, make sure they don't have chemicals on them. Also, you can put out bird baths and pans of water for the bees. Put rocks or marbles or both in the bottom of whatever you use to keep the bees safe.

We are starting into winter, so we need to make sure the bees have an enough food, and they are safe and dry. The job of the worker bees is to keep the queen

bee feed and warm, If you have enough bees in the hive it will be easy for them to keep the queen going all winter and into spring so the queen bee will start laying again. The winter bees are the ones that live the longest. They don't work as hard as bees do the rest of the year.

A honeybee colony has about 150,000 bees in it. The bees flap their wings up to 200 times per second. Honey is proudly made by bees even though the world around the bee have changed



so much. Somehow the bee has remained unchanged for the past million years.

• Some information came from Gardian Bees Apparel

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President’s Message

Western States Join Together To Host Successful National Grange Convention

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

The Western Grange States (California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington) joined together to hose the 156th Annual National Grange Session in Sparks, Nevada. Each state was assigned a list of tasks for the convention, whether it was items to bring, rooms to monitor, displays to create, or workshops to present.

Each task was successfully completed. Thank you to the Grangers from our state for their efforts in making the convention a wonderful experience for each of the attendees.

The Washington State Grange was represented by 30+ representatives at the convention. Thank you to each of you for your attendance and any tasks you helped us complete as a part of our hosting duties. Our attendees included:

- Centerville Grange – Lucille Bevis
- Columbia Grange – Claudine Lefever
- Deer Lagoon Grange – Laura Rookstool
- East Wenatchee Grange – Larry & Shirley Auvil
- Elk Plain Grange – David & Mary Bryant
- Five Mile Prairie Grange – Duane & Christine Hamp
- Fords Prairie Grange – Shavanna May
- Goldendale Grange – Richard Lefever
- Humptulips Grange – Tom Gwin, Jerry & Davona Gwin, Debbie & Jake Smith, Jacob Gwin, and Tessa Taft
- Kellogg Marsh Grane – Donald Nillson and Sheyenne Koen
- Moses Lake Grange – Jonathan & Brittney Pittman
- Pleasant Hill Grange – Lonnie & Annie Scott
- Sunnyside Grange – Butch & Florence Ogden
- Ten Mile Grange – Lew Gaskill and Shelley Macy

- Tualco Grange – Leslie Wells
- Waitsburg Grange – Rick & Terry Ferguson

It is important to note the National Grange had a net gain in membership for the year ending June 30, 2022. Twelve states had gains in membership, including all six states in the Western Region. You are all to be congratulated on the excellent job with membership growth. Let’s do it again in 2023!

We are finishing our end of the year tasks as the State Grange Office. As I write this, dues notices are printing, getting stuffed into envelopes and being

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-- Tom Gwin

mailed to each member. The Annual Officer Report from each Grange is now past due. Please complete your report send it in. We will be working on the 2023 rosters soon.

For those Granges desiring bonding insurance, please have your payments to the State Grange Office by December 15. That date will give us the opportunity to process the payments and forward on to the National Grange by their deadline.

We recently contracted with Jesse Taylor to be the new State Grange Lobbyist. You can read about Jesse’s qualifications and experience elsewhere in this issue. The State Grange Legislative Policy Handbook is nearing completion. A few more alterations and this document will be ready to print.

The 2023 State Grange Program Handbook will be next on our



Tom Gwin

plate. The department heads are submitting their revisions and we are updating our files. The program handbook will be available for distribution in January.

We are finalizing the schedule of Grange Leadership Conferences. The preliminary schedule had us in the following general areas:

January 14-16 – Southwest District

January 20-22 – Central District

January 27-29 – Northwest/Northern District

February 3-5 – Eastern District

Additional Zoom meetings will be held in January and February for each of our Grange departments to review their programs and activities for the year. The schedule of the Zoom meetings will be announced in late December.

The 2023 Convention Kick Off Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21, beginning with an 11 a.m. tour of the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake. We will then head to the Moses Lake Grange Hall for our Kick-Off Meeting. State Grange representatives will meet with the local planning committee and relay information as to the tasks needed to be accomplished for the convention. Prior to the meeting, state officers and directors will tour the facilities to be used for this year’s convention. The convention, itself, is scheduled to be held on June 21-24.

The next few months are sure to be busy for the State Grange. As we continue winding down 2022, take a few minutes to enjoy time with your friends and family. 2023 will be here soon and we will vigorously move forward to make our Granges and communities stronger and more impactful in 2023. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

Legislative

Greetings WA State Grange Family

By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist



Jesse Taylor

This column is to introduce myself to you, the members of the Washington State Grange, as your new lobbyist, taking over for the retired Heather Hansen. This opportunity is one that I am very excited about as I have been involved in the agriculture industry and community for the past two decades and my entire adult life.

I’m a native of the Puyallup Valley and graduated from Sumner High School. Before attending WSU and earning my B.S. in Agriculture Economics, I was elected, and served a year, as the Washington FFA Vice-President. That experience took me to 37 of our 39 counties as an ambassador for Agriculture Education.

Upon graduating from WSU and after three years of teaching high school CTE Ag Science, I joined the office of Senator Mark Schoesler – the Senate Majority Leader- as a full-time staffer. I worked on issues pertaining to Agriculture, Budget and Education. Senator Schoesler is an Adams County wheat farmer and cattleman who served as our state’s Senate Majority Leader from 2013-2017

After serving Senator Schoesler for five years, I formed Taylor Consulting LLC to offer legislative representation focusing on Agriculture and Education. I also serve as the Director of the Washington FFA Foundation. In these capacities I am able to stay plugged in to the issues of the day and stay apprised of the needs of the agriculture industry - from the forest to the field, and from the classroom to the committee hearing room.

Like you all, I believe the Family Farm is the basic unit of agriculture production in America, and the rural way of life is worth defending. In Washington State 9 out of 10 farms are small family farms, but we don’t always have the loudest voice. I take pride in the fact that the Grange has a mission of offering a voice to the most important people in agriculture, family farmers. And I believe that our anecdotal experience through honest voices need to be the adjunct weaponry to our displays of product and toil. With your support I will work in that fashion to support the needs of the Grange membership.

I live in Yelm, WA with my wife and two kids on our small farm with cows, horses, chickens and goats. I look forward to meeting and working with many of you in the future.

BONDING INSURANCE
NEW DEADLINE DATE FOR 2023

Fidelity Bonding coverage is again available through the National Grange.
2023 coverage begins January 1, 2023 and must be received in the State Grange **no later than 12/15/2022.**

**DUE DECEMBER 15, 2022,
TO WA STATE GRANGE**

Fidelity Bonding is a type of insurance overage to protect the financial assets of your Community, Pomona, or State Grange. According to the Digest of Laws of the National Grange, all Granges, at their own expense, are to be bonded or insured for employee with coverage to include at least the Secretary and Treasurer of each organization.

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS November 2022

	# Joined	Jr. +1
1123 Crescent1 Janice Harsh		
846 Deer Lagoon.....2 Nicholas Sayko, Jennifer Kelly		
148 East Spokane1 Teresa Dixon		
1012 East Wenatchee3 Matt Gates, Kerri Gates, Jake Gates	1	
999 Fruitland2 Matthew Davis, Melissa Davis		
124 Grays River.....1 Heath Thompson		
925 Lummi Island1 Gayle Mitterer		
276 Marion4 Danny Shannon, Molly Shannon, Mitch Eld, Lanci Eld	2	
79 Mt. Valley.....3 Rex Harper, Dawn Harper, Alexandra Harper	2	
947 N Willapa Harbor.....1 Susan Davis		
812 Ohop2 Elisabeth Runyan, Cathy Larkins		
315 Prosperity.....2 Becky Reavis, Amber Baird		
953 Rose Valley.....5 Kynsi Culp, DeDe Dinnan, Brittaney Casbeer Steve Waitkus, Clarice Waitkus		
183 Satsop2 Doug Krikava, Donna Hilliard-Griess		
1108 Sequim Prairie4 Steven Johnson, Ann Johnson, Matthew Lawson Brenda Lawson	2	
584 Skookumchuck.....2 Sarah Moorehead, Martha Mange		
860 South Union.....2 Tori Johnson, Ashlinn York		
984 Swauk-Teanaway.....2 Muriel Fisher, Kathy Ogg		
1008 Tri-Community2 Anthony Klutz, Leta Marie Klutz		
452 Williams Valley.....4 Louis Hutton, Andrea Hutton, Layce Hutton, Logan Hutton		
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Membership: Happy Holidays

It's hard to believe we are already in the last month of the year! The hustle and bustle of the holidays are now in full swing. Friend and family gatherings are happening and many of our Granges are celebrating with Santa arrivals and breakfasts, holiday parades, bizarre's, food banks, adopt a family, and the list goes on and on. It's always such a festive time at the Grange!

The State Grange will be hosting a Christmas Open House and Potluck right here at headquarters, Saturday, December 10th beginning at 1:00pm. There will be activities, games, and a silent auction as well. All Grangers and their families are invited so come on out and bring some holiday cheer.

Washington State Grange has been on the membership move again this year. We should see a second year of membership gains

(fingers crossed). The National Grange recognized 80 Granges from the State of Washington who had a membership gain from

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July 21, 2021-June 30, 2022. Eighty Granges! That is impressive and exciting to say the least. As of this writing, the State Grange has reported a total of 1,000 new members in the last 11 months. With one month left to go, we crushed our goal of adding 1,000 new members in 2022!! Way to

go all of you Grangers out there inviting people to join your Grange. If it wasn't for you, we would not be looking this good.

With new memberships growing by leaps and bounds, others around the country want to know what we are doing. It's hard to really pinpoint one reason, but its important to note that the Grange is an organization that many want to help and to join. People want to be part of their community and the Grange is a great way to do just that. And with new family memberships in all Granges in our state, there is no reason the whole family can't be part of the Grange.

So, this year, think about giving a membership or even a family membership (2 memberships) as a gift. It's a gift that keeps on giving and warms the heart all at once.

I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year!

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Grangers for bringing in 3 new members into your Grange. You will each receive the membership t-shirt with our mission statement.

Stacy McIntyre – Prosperity #315
Mary Hursh – Fruitland #999
Krist Novoselic – Grays River #124
Nicole Nickel – Rose Valley #953
Kirby Pollard – Marion #276

Congratulations to the Grangers who have brought in 5 or more new members into your Grange. You have each won a \$25 Amazon gift card for every 5 new members brought in.

Nicole Nickel – Rose Valley #953
1-\$25 Amazon gift card

This Contest runs from January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022.

There are many members close to receiving their membership t-shirt or a \$25 gift card.
So, let's get out there and invite our friends and neighbors to join the Grange!

Goldendale Grange Makes Holiday Pies

Providing holiday pies is a tradition started by Goldendale Grange almost 30 years ago. Since those early years we've consistently delivered around 200 pies each year. Inflation hit this year and we were forced to raise prices, leaving us concerned whether our past customers would still purchase pies and support our scholarship fund. Our concern diminished on Sunday morning when our pie count reached 218 and was still climbing. Having made 245 pies, the long tradition of Grange pies was apparently going to live on another year.

Monday morning the Grange ladies arrived at the hall and the pie marathon commenced. Bags of flour were stacked high on the kitchen counter tops, butter by the case was piled high in the refrigerator. Apples and peaches, peeled and sliced were chilling in large tubs, gallons of succulent huckleberries were awaiting their fate in freezer bags.

As the ladies arrived they took



their preferred positions in the kitchen. These aren't just any ladies; these ladies truly love making yummy pies. It's become a passion for them. Every pie is personally handcrafted and they are not afraid to reject a pie if it doesn't meet their combined approval. I found that even a slice of rejected pie was delicious, but they wouldn't allow me to carry it out of the hall.

By mid-afternoon hot pies fresh from the ovens were being placed on special cooling racks and the aroma of freshly baked pie permeated the building. An additional regiment of

women arrived during the cooling process to start placing the freshly baked pies in special pie boxes. Lastly, a label stating what variety of pie was attached to the box. By Wednesday morning customer orders had been assembled alphabetically by last name and ready for pickup. By noon the fresh pies had been picked up, scholarship money counted and the event was history for another year.

A big thank you to the ladies who spent hours in the Grange kitchen and to our loyal customers for supporting our scholarship program.



Washington

Agriculture in the Classroom

WA Ag in the Classroom: Junior Grange Fair Displays - Youth Drill Team Practice - Choir Performance - Friday Night Football

By Judy Hossner
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Washington Ag in the Classroom (WAIC) continues to promote 3 educational programs and teacher outreach:

- 1) Ag Literacy Project- reading ag books in 2nd grade classrooms and leaving the book for the class library
- 2) Magazine- publish magazine Ag@School for 4th graders
- 3) Journey 2050 - curriculum-based school program that takes students on a virtual simulation which explores world food sustainability, for grades 7-12.
- 4) Teacher Outreach- planning for Summer 2023

Yes, this is our 22nd year publishing Ag@School, but WAIC was organized by volunteers thirty-nine years ago (1983) as a non-profit organization. Do you have Grange members who remember Marie Snyder encouraging your Grange to sponsor and donate to the Washington Ag in the Classroom in the 1980s? Sister Marie traveled around our State encouraging our membership to help WAIC. Now,

the WAIC Board continues to oversee these three educational programs including publishing Ag@School the magazine, teacher outreach, and funding through donations.

During this late spring, WAIC contracted with a new Public Relations & Promotion Administrator, Alisha Klein, our new contractor, grew up on a wheat and cattle ranch south of Ritzville and she has a degree in elementary education. She, her husband, and their 3 children live and work on that same ranch. As Alisha has written, "Today's Children, Tomorrow's Leaders. Every person should know and understand where their food comes from. Students must have an understanding of agriculture and how it affects their world." She goes on to remind us that "WAIC is funded entirely by donations and grants from individuals, organizations, businesses and commodity commission" and "[o]ur sponsors allow WAIC to continue our mission to teach the next generation about the importance of agriculture and to share our story.

As your State Grange Representative on the WAIC Board, I'm often available for Grange meetings.

- Speak with members before and/or after your meeting
- Present our WAIC programs with some local information (with a little history too)
- Give specific information about Ag@School, ie: sources, commodities, suggestions, and more
- Read an ag picture book that we share with 2nd grade classes; discussion about the importance of ag education

Agriculture is the world's oldest, largest, and most essential industry. Yet, in America's urban society, 90% of the population has little contact with the systems that determine our general welfare and standard of living. Washington Ag In the Classroom strives to bridge this gap.

As Alisha Klein also wrote, "Together we can promote our industry and be the voice that advocates for Washington agriculture to younger generations."

Please visit our website at <http://www.waic.net> and find our Fall issue of Ag@School at <http://www.waic.net>, go to Publications, then Ag@School, and down to Fall Volume 22, Issue 1.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND POTLUCK AT STATE GRANGE OFFICE

The Washington State Grange will host a Holiday Open House and Potluck:

Saturday, December 10th
at the State Grange Office, 924 Capitol Way S. in Olympia.

Activities will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner.



There will be games and activities, along with a silent auction.

All Grange members and their families are invited.

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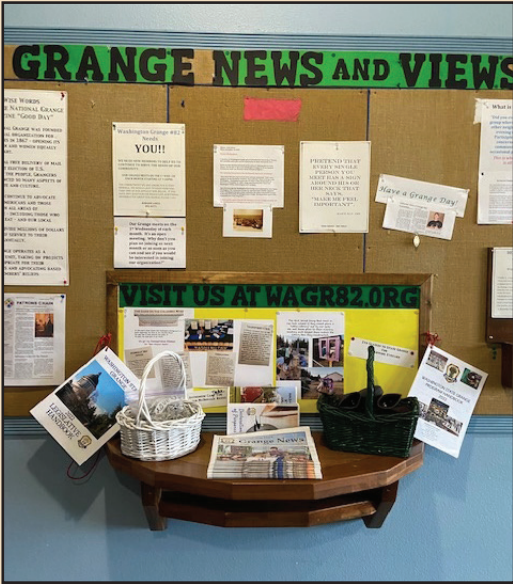
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Washington Grange No. 82 "What Is The Grange" Display



Washington Grange No.82 has been busy making our bulletin board more attractive. We have added a new shelf below the bulletin board for brochures and other information about our Grange. The hope is to have information available to those who rent our hall. How often to we hear someone say, "What is the Grange"? Maybe this will help answer that question.

Clark County Pomona Showcase Events With Sandwich Board



Clark County Pomona Grange No. 1 saw the need to create a large sandwich board to showcase Grange events. The sign is 5' tall and 2-1/2' wide with both sides with the same printing. Our main use of this board will be to promote our area at the Clark County Fair by placing the sign close to the midway to draw attention to the Grange. It has a whiteboard to let the public know about special events and/or presentation and demonstrations happening in our building. Because the sign is generic, it can be used at any event Pomona wants to promote. Rodger Lance, a Pomona member from Washington Grange No. 82, spearheaded this project.

AN UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE GRANGE ACTIVITIES AND QUESTIONS/ANSWERS WITH THE STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

ZOOM MEETINGS
Last Wednesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

December 28 – A Preview to Leadership Conferences and 2023 Grange Programs

January 25, 2023
February 22, 2023
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Cedar Valley Grange Makes Numerous Hall Improvements

How old is your Grange Hall? Are you just maintaining the building or busy making improvements? Why is it important to make improvements? Cedar Valley Grange #306 President, Tom Berg, believes it is our fiscal responsibility to keep the Grange alive and to make improvements to our buildings so we can better serve our communities. He and our Building Committee (Charlotte / Jack Wixon and Wendell Ewing) have worked hard to not only maintain our building but to make improvements that modernize it. Numerous hours of planning and their volunteer labor have resulted in a top-notch grange hall.

So why is this important? People are anxious to get back together and celebrate with family and friends. Our Grange Hall has become a familiar and comfortable place used by several dance groups, antique radio and clock clubs, garden club, sewing club. In addition, it is utilized for birthday parties, retirement parties, showers, wedding receptions, and so on. Keeping the Grange Hall in good shape and modern has been well worth the cost and effort. People utilizing the grange are excited and appreciative of the improvements. They cannot thank us enough for these efforts. In addition, these improvements have helped us in maximizing the rental of our building.

What type of improvements are needed? Although it varies per building and use, we have modernized our dance hall by redoing the stage and stairs leading up to it. Sound boards have been



installed to enhance the music for the dancers.

We have updated the interior entry making it more appealing to the dancers including shelves for water bottles. Quite a few positive comments have been received from the dancers.

The building has been painted and a new roof installed (including our storage shed). The exterior entry downstairs was re-sided with cedar and is very welcoming.

The Building Committee just finished installing an ADA ramp and two ADA parking stalls.

Although our building started out as a temporary building with a meeting hall added to it, and the fact that it was moved to its current

location in 1950, the building still stands and serves its community. With ongoing improvements, we plan to have the building available for many, many more years.

Maintaining our Grange buildings is essential. Look at the big picture and ensure your building is available for several years to come. Make a capital improvements list and start ticking those items off. Rate them by importance and look to see when projects can be combined. When there is forward thinking and planning such as our President (Tom Berg) has provided, it maximizes the use of funds. It is a win-win situation for all!

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Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

What/Who Are Grange Youth?

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

Have you been asked “What/Who are Grange youth? A Grange youth is an individual who is a subordinate Grange member that participates in activities organized by the State or National Grange Youth Departments.

The Grange Youth program is designed to provide leadership training and life skills training opportunities. The youth program focuses on developing the skills of 14-35 year old Grange members. There are two age specific programs: the Youth Ambassador and Young Patron Programs. Both programs feed into the National Grange’s Horizon Leadership Program.

The goals of the Grange Youth

Development department include providing leadership training through a variety of opportunities such as:

- Teen Weekend
- Regional Conferences
- Ambassador Programs
- John Trimble Legislative Experience
- Mentoring Programs
- The Grange Youth Fairs Program
- The State and National Grange conventions and activities

We work with the Junior Grange department in creating opportunities for older Junior Grange members to begin their transition into the Subordinate Grange by encouraging youth to be mentors to those older juniors and by providing opportunities

for them to become involved Subordinate Grange Programs.


To begin the future of your Grange, each Grange should appoint a Youth Committee Chairman to promote the youth activities to potential members and to assist in recruiting them for membership in youth Subordinate Grange. It takes time to recruit new members, thus doing it now will assist in building your Grange for the future.

I just received the new Youth Program Handbook while at the National Grange Convention. We will adapt the programs to our state and have our State Youth Program Handbook available before the end of the year. Copies will be distributed at the leadership conferences.



Jerry Gwin

Violet Prairie Grange At Successful Trunk Or Treat



Pictured is Violet Prairie Grange at the annual “Trunk or Treat” event in Tenino. The Grange had 550 trick-or-treaters visit their table for Halloween.

Junior Connection

GREEN BLUFF JUNIOR GRANGE

Green Bluff Jr. Grangers who were dressed lots of various costumes had a very successful Halloween Drive Thru handing out lots of goodie bags. They also sold refreshments at the Nov. 19 concert. They love helping decorate the Grange for the holidays.

HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange are pleased with their string art contest entries at the National Grange Convention. We sent seven entries in for competition and came award with six award winners. We also received the first-place award for the National Grange Community Service Contest for Junior Granges. Junior Grangers met to decorate the Grange Hall for the holidays. We are adopting a family of four foster sisters and will provide gifts for them for Christmas. We will have our Junior Grange Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 18 at 1 p.m.

Stranger Creek Grange Hosts Trunk Or Treat And Potluck



Stranger Creek Grange #374 held a Trunk or Treat for Halloween. A taco bar, games and of course candy was a big hit with everyone. November 5th saw the Community Potluck Dinner serving turkey, ham and all the trimmings. Delicious side dishes and desserts were shared by the community. No one went home hungry.

Hope Grange Donates Dictionaries To Third Graders



October 26, 2022 on behalf of Hope Grange #155, members Kris Carroll, Ronetta McConnell and Les Vian visited Napavine Elementary 3rd graders with their annual gifting of dictionaries. This annual event began in the 1990s and continues to delight students with an educational tool that has been cherished and enjoyed by thousands of Napavine, Evaline and Winlock 3rd graders. Hope Grange receives handcrafted cards from the students with heartfelt thanks which is appreciated and fuels the motivation for the distribution of dictionaries for next year's 3rd graders.

Fargher Lake Youth Crowned 2023 Dairy Princess



Fargher Lake Grange's youth member Meredith Meats was crowned 2023 Dairy Princess for Clark County, we are so very proud of her.

Resolutions Sent To The National Grange From The Washington State Grange

RESOLUTION NUMBER	TITLE	SPONSORING GRANGE	ACTION TAKEN BY NATIONAL GRANGE
2022-11-1104	National Grange Voting Representation	Moses Lake #1151	Adverse
2022-14-1204	Essential Immunizations	Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28	Adopted as Amended
2022-16-1106	Placement of the Grange Flag	Pierce County Pomona #16	Rejected
Auditing Committee Res #1	Proceeds from the Sale of State and National Grange real Property	Auditing Committee	Withdrawn

Recognition/Awards Received At The 2022 National Grange Convention

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST

National Grange Law Enforcement
Officer of the Year
Klickitat County Sheriff Bob Songer,
nominated by Goldendale Grange

Junior Grange Community Service
first place to
Humptulips Junior Grange

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grange Legacy Family Recognition
to the Vetter/Vest Family of Olympia View Grange

Distinguished Grange Awards
Goldendale Grange (five year plaque)
and Five Mile Prairie Grange

JUNIOR GRANGE CONTESTS

Handicraft - String Art:
Best of Show - Jaelyn Johnson, Humptulips JG
First Place, ages 5-7 - Phoenix Stewart, Humptulips JG
Second Place, ages 5-7 - Lilianna Brownrigg, Humptulips JG
First Place, ages 8-10 - Eagan Yarmey-Stanley, Humptulips JG
First Place, ages 11-14 - Jaelyn Johnson, Humptulips JG
Second Place, ages 11-14 - Jonathan Miles, Humptulips JG
Third Place, ages 11-14 - Farren Yarmey-Stanley, Humptulips JG

LECTURER VIRTUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

Sky Class - first place to Danielle Ford of Oakview Grange
Truck Class - first place to Christine Hamp
of Five Mile Prairie Grange
Truck Class - honorable mention to Sara Wade
of Columbia Grange

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS HONOR GRANGES

Based on a net gain in membership for the period of 7/1/21 to 6/30/22

Menastash #1054 - gain of 110 new members
Prospect Point #1067 - gain of 66
Barberton #571 - gain of 53
East Wenatchee #1012 - gain of 47
Waller Road #1111 - gain of 43
Kettle River #1120 - gain of 42
Addy #603 - gain of 41
Davis Lake #501 - gain of 38
Freedom #1152 - gain of 28
Deer Lagoon #846 - gain of 26
Moses Lake #1151 - gain of 25
San Juan Island #966 - gain of 25
Sharon #800 - gain of 25
White Trail #1143 - gain of 23
Camden #687 - gain of 22
Manson #796 - gain of 15
Quimper #720 - gain of 15
Sequim Prairie #1108 - gain of 15
Fargher Lake #853 - gain of 14
Lummi Island #925 - gain of 12

Olalla #1125 - gain of 12
Ralston #943 - gain of 10
Columbia Valley #938 - gain of 9
Marion #276 - gain of 9
Oakview #311 - gain of 9
Manor #1100 - gain of 8
Clarkston Heights #982 - gain of 7
Crescent #1123 - gain of 7
Fords Prairie #33 - gain of 7
Green Bluff #300 - gain of 7
Oroville #985 - gain of 7
Broadway #647 - gain of 6
Camas Valley #842 - gain of 6
Stranger Creek #374 - gain of 6
Tyler #610 - gain of 6
Greenwood Park #590 - gain of 5
East Spokane #148 - gain of 4
Enterprixe #784 - gain of 4
LaCenter #49 - gain of 4
Saint Andrews #832 - gain of 4

South Union #860 - gain of 4
Swauk Teanaway #984 - gain of 4
Baw Faw #33 - gain of 3
Bryant #791 - gain of 3
Forest #153 - gain of 3
Granville #857 - gain of 3
Lincoln Creek #407 - gain of 3
Mossyrook #355 - gain of 3
Mountain View #98 - gain of 3
Spring Hill #909 - gain of 3
Adna #417 - gain of 2
Dry Creek #646 - gain of 2
Fern Prairie #866 - gain of 2
Haynie #169 - gain of 2
Long Beach #667 - gain of 2
Molson #1069 - gain of 2
Rose Valley #953 - gain of 2
Skamokawa #425 - gain of 2
South Camano #930 - gain of 2
Tunk Valley #1019 - gain of 2

Twisp Valley #484 - gain of 2
Violet Prairie #996 - gain of 2
Wilcox #141 - gain of 2
Elma #26 - gain of 1
Garden City #280 - gain of 1
Kenova #556 - gain of 1
McMillin #848 - gain of 1
Newaukum #198 - gain of 1
North & South Palouse #1004 - gain of 1
Olympic View #774 - gain of 1
Patit Valley #1039 - gain of 1
Sallal #955 - gain of 1
Salmon Creek #849 - gain of 1
San Poil #684 - gain of 1
Silver Lake #105 - gain of 1
Skokomish #379 - gain of 1
Steele Lake Highline #805 - gain of 1
Stevenson #121 - gain of 1
Ten Mile #399 - gain of 1
Trout Lake #210 - gain of 1

GRANGES IN ACTION

Washington State Grange
Clallam County Pomona #31
Clark County Pomona #1
Cowlitz County Pomona #7
Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28
Lewis County Pomona #3
Pierce County Pomona #16
Thurston County Pomona #8
Yakima Valley Pomona #11
Addy JG #396
Camp Morehead JG #401
Clallam County JG #408
Fargher Lake JG #49
Green Bluff JG #373
Greenwood Park JG #379
Humptulips JG #376
Kettle River JG #413
North River JG #410
Sharon JG #414
Stranger Creek JG #412
The Valley JG #156
Addy #603
Adna #417
Barberton #571
Baw Faw #34
Bee Hive #385

Black Lake #861
Burbank #630
Calispel #500
Camas Valley #842
Camden #687
Cedar Valley #306
Centerville #81
Chimacum #681
Clarkston Heights #982
Collins #893
Cowlitz Prairie #737
Crescent #1123
Davis Lake #501
Deer Lagoon #846
Dry Creek #646
East Oakville #902
East Wenatchee #1012
Elma #26
Fargher Lake #853
Fern Prairie #866
Fords Prairie #33
Fort Colville #533
Fruitland #999
Goldendale #49
Grays River #124
Green Bluff #300

Greenwood Park #590
Happy Valley #322
Haynie #169
Humptulips #730
Inland #780
Issaquah Valley #581
Kettle River #1120
Lincoln Creek #407
Logan Hill #1086
Long Beach #667
Lopez Island #1060
Malo #679
Manson #796
Marion #276
McLane #383
Menastash #1054
Molson #1069
Moses Lake #1051
Mossyrook #355
Mountain Valley #79
North River #946
Oakview #311
Oroville #985
Pleasant Hill #101
Prospect Point #1067
Quimper #720

Ralston #943
Rexville #815
Rome #226
Saint Andrews #832
Sammamish Valley #286
San Juan Island #966
Sequim Prairie #1108
Sharon #800
Silver Lake #105
Skamokawa #425
Skookumchuck #584
South Bay #250
South Union #860
Stevenson #121
Stillaguamish #1058
Stranger Creek #374
Swauk Teanaway #984
Terrace Heights #586
The Valley #1048
Tunk Valley #1019
Twisp Valley #482
Tyler #610
Violet Prairie #966
Waitsburg #1
Washington #82
White Trail #1143

National Grange News

A View From The Hill - November 2022

By **Burton Eller**
National Grange
Legislative Director

WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

Midterm Elections

On November 8th, voters across America took to the polls to vote in the 2022 midterm elections. Despite the expectations of pundits, after all the votes were counted Democrats were able to maintain their control of the Senate, and potentially gain a seat pending a runoff election in Georgia, while Republicans only narrowly gained control of the House. As a result, the next Congress will face serious challenges passing legislation without broad bipartisan support. In the House, Republicans have signaled an interest in increasing oversight of the executive branch and certain members have expressed an interest in holding up must-pass legislation such as government funding, increases in the debt ceiling, and the National Defense Authorization Act unless certain concessions are made. Meanwhile, Senate Democrats are likely to continue confirming President Biden’s executive and judicial branch nominees.

Congressional Leadership Changes

In both the House and Senate, leaders in both parties faced serious challenges following the 2022 midterm elections. In the House, Republican Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) was forced to make significant concessions to the more conservative wing of the party including decreasing the power of leadership and increasing the influence of individual members. Currently, McCarthy has secured the votes to remain leader of the House Republican Conference however it remains to be seen if he will be able to secure the required 218 votes to become Speaker of the House when the next Congress is seated in January next year. Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) also faced a challenge to his leadership in the Senate from Senator Rick Scott (R-FL), however he was able to maintain his position without making concessions.

Finally, after more than two decades leading House Democrats, Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

announced that she would not seek a leadership position in the next Congress. Democratic Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and Democratic Whip Jim Clyburn (D-SC) also signaled that they will no longer hold their current positions in the next Congress. The most likely successors for each of these long-time leaders are Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA), and Pete Aguilar (D-CA), respectively. This represents a generational shift in House Democratic leadership as Pelosi, Hoyer, and Clyburn had led the caucus for the majority of this century.

Lame Duck Session Begins

With control of the House of Representatives switching hands in the next Congress, Democrats are rushing to pass legislation on a variety of priorities before they lose total control of legislation. These efforts began quickly as the Senate took a bipartisan vote to pass the Respect for Marriage Act, a bill which codify many of the protections created for gay marriage which emerged from the Supreme Court decision Obergefell v. Hodges. Other headline priorities for the lame duck period include passing government funding, the National Defense Authorization Act, raising the debt ceiling, continuing aid funding to Ukraine, elections reforms, a ban on congressional stock trading, and executive and judicial branch confirmations. Of interest to the National Grange, legislation on issues such as concentration in cattle markets, railroad shipping troubles, voluntary carbon credits in agriculture, expanded coverage for early cancer detection through Medicare, and more.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

USDA Funds Processing Capacity Expansion

Projects in 21 states are set to receive funding to expand the number of processing facilities available to livestock producers. The \$223 million from the American Rescue Plan will be distributed in the form of loans, grants and technical assistance for small to mid-size plants to expand beef, pork and mixed processing capacity at the local

level. The National Grange has long advocated for local processing capacity expansion.

CONSERVATION/CLIMATE CHANGE

Major Food Companies Commit to Regenerative Agriculture

A consortium of twelve food companies including PepsiCo, Mars, and McDonalds will promote practices that encompass regenerative agriculture as a climate change mitigation tool. Converting to regenerative practices is a financial risk for farmers and ranchers who may have to buy new equipment and additional seed, fuel and labor. The current commodity market does not provide incentives to incur that cost. The consortium is looking at buying, perhaps at a premium, only commodities that have been grown using sustainable production practices such as cover crops, no-till and other carbon-capture methods.

Carbon Capture Pipeline

Several companies are planning thousands of miles of pipelines to transport liquid carbon dioxide throughout the Midwest to carbon sequestration sites. Companies report steady progress in obtaining voluntary easements, but the projects still face fierce opposition from many property owners along the proposed routes. In Iowa, 80% of the state’s residents oppose the use of eminent domain for carbon dioxide pipelines. An Iowa State University study last year indicated yields on pipeline ground were down 25% for soybeans and 15% for corn during the first two seasons compared to undisturbed fields.

You Want to Tax What?

Farmers across New Zealand have taken to the streets to protest government plans to tax the methane gas and nitrous oxide coming from both ends of 10 million beef and dairy cows, 26 million sheep and other ruminants. The new “burp tax” is part of the New Zealand government’s plan to tackle climate change. The prime minister said money collected from the levy would fund research, new technology and incentive payments to farmers.

HEALTH CARE

New Antibiotics Needed

The National Grange joined patient groups and the medical community to urge Congress to pass the PASTEUR Act in an end of year legislative package. Under PASTEUR, the federal government would enter into contracts with innovators to develop a reliable supply of novel antimicrobials to counter antibiotic resistance. The government would only pay for development of successful FDA approved treatments to combat super bugs. For several years, the medical community has been concerned with the growing crisis of antibiotic resistance. New antibiotics are urgently needed to counter resistance.

Extend Telehealth Benefits

A popular provision in the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act expires at the end of this year. It allows employers and health plans to offer telehealth services pre-deductible. The National Grange, employers, patient advocates, health care companies and consumer groups are asking Congress to extend this benefit in a year-end legislative package. An impressive total of 358 groups have joined this effort.

National Rural Health Day

The National Grange celebrated National Rural Health Day November 17 at its annual convention in Sparks, Nevada. Events included interviews with NBC and Fox News, and a presentation by Jeff Winton, founder and CEO of Rural Minds on rural suicide prevention and rural mental health awareness. The Biden administration reaffirmed its commitment to helping those in rural, Tribal and geographically isolated regions get access to high-quality, equitable medical care

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

New Broadband Coverage Maps Available

The Federal Communications Commission has released new broadband availability maps meant to more accurately show actual broadband coverage across the country. These maps will replace the census maps data previously



used to determine broadband availability which erroneously presumed internet was available in many areas of the country that were actually dead zones. State Granges are urged to contact their state broadband agency for copies of these maps to share with their local Granges to assess map accuracy at the local level.

Some Providers Leaving Rural Broadband

The Federal Communications Commission \$20 billion Rural Digital Opportunity fund drew intense bidding from startups and well known carriers alike. However, several startups have been dropped from the winner’s list because of financial problems or the inability to supply high-speed internet access. Some of these include Starry, GeoLinks, SpaceX and Cal. net. Other providers are expected to step into the gap.

TRANSPORTATION

Grange urges Congress to Avert Rail Strike

The National Grange and 192 members of the Agricultural Transportation Working Group urged Congress to take swift action to avert a threatened rail strike or lockout. Since enactment of the Railway Labor Act, Congress has intervened 18 times. Unfortunately, one major union has rejected the tentative agreement outright and another rejected the agreement but will work through December. Of the 12 unions who have to ratify the tentative agreement, 7 have ratified, 3 have voted against ratification and 2 are still outstanding. Should a strike occur, it could pull up to \$160 billion from the economy, trigger the loss of 700,000 jobs and spike inflation.

Home & Family

Time To Be Thinking About The Pomona Regional Contests

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

Oops. This is last months article with a few changes. Don't know what happened but you got a double dose of September's article. Sorry about the mix-up.

What do you do when you are handed a box of polyester brick blocks cut pre-rotary cutter era. This happened to me. Frugal as I am I had fun putting them together for a homeless quilt. It turned out quite stunning if I do say so myself.

Fall has finally arrived. I love seeing the beautiful colors and

hearing the long overdue rain. With fall comes the reminder that it is time to start thinking about next year's schedule of events. The new year will be here before you know it and with that comes our county contests. I live in an area that has very small Pomona Granges so we are going to try something different this contest time. We will be having a regional contest in which we will only need one group of judges for the whole contest. Each county Pomona will have their own purple winners eligible to go to state. My hope is that we will have a greater participation. I would encourage

any small Pomonas to think about joining with another. This makes it worthwhile for the judges to make the effort to help in our contests. Just a reminder, you will need to order your ribbons from Leslie Wells.

Now on a personal note I would like to know who made those wonderful, very soft, machine embroidered comfort toys. If you could call or e-mail me I would love to have more details as I do enjoy using my embroidery machine and would love to try something new.

May all of you have a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.



Helen Berg



Goldendale Grange Supports Kidney Transplant

When a local Grange officer's son needed a kidney transplant Goldendale Grange was happy to step up and help provide the family with assistance. Cameron Mains, the kidney recipient is a young man who grew up in Goldendale WA, graduated from GHS, was a two-time recipient of our local Grange Scholarship program, and is now a junior at the University of Washington college of Mechanical Engineering. He is the son of our Grange treasurer elect Nancy Mains and father Art Mains. When he was 10 years old he was diagnosed with a kidney disease that would eventually require a kidney transplant. That life saving kidney would be donated ten years later by a local second grade teacher. In early October Cameron and donor Allison entered the University of Washington Hospital and a very successful transplant was



achieved. Organ transplants place a heavy financial burden on both the donor and the recipient. Under the leadership of Susan Marlow and Jeanne Bradley a special two-day fundraiser, called "The Giving Tree Festival" was arranged at the Grange Hall. Eleven decorated trees were contributed. Goldendale Grange donated the hall, provided meals by donation for the two-day event and furnished one of the eleven decorated Christmas trees.

Tickets for each of the trees were drawn the evening of November 5. The event generated \$7,000 well beyond our expectations. Proceeds from the event were returned to the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) who paid the initial expenses for the procedure. Remaining food items from the meals were donated to New Hope Farms, a care facility for mentally and physically handicapped young adults.

Make Festive Holiday Memories With Apples

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Whether your festivities include immediate family or bring together relatives from around the country, the holidays are about making memories with loved ones. From the first days of the season to the last, many families spend their precious time together with favorite activities and the best foods the holidays have to offer.

This year, you can change things up and start new traditions with a fresh ingredient like Envy apples, which provide an easy way to update classics due to their sweet taste and availability. The sweet, sophisticated flavor; uplifting, fresh aroma; delightfully satisfying crunch; beautiful appearance; and naturally white flesh that doesn't brown as quickly as other apples all lend themselves to shareable recipes like this Apple Wreath Salad, perfect for holiday parties.

Find more memory-making recipes at EnvyApple.com.

Apple Wreath Salad

Recipe courtesy of "The Produce Moms" (@theproducemoms)

- Balsamic Dressing:**
- 1 tablespoon honey
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 - 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, finely ground
 - 1 large garlic clove, minced
 - 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
 - 3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

- Salad:**
- 10 ounces baby arugula
 - 3 Envy apples, sliced
 - 9 ounces goat cheese, crumbled
 - 3 ounces pomegranate arils
 - 3 ounces pecans, toasted

To make balsamic dressing: In small serving bowl, whisk honey, Dijon mustard, salt, pepper, garlic, balsamic vinegar and olive oil. Place dressing bowl in center of large board or platter. Arrange arugula around dressing bowl in wreath shape.

Place apple slices on top of arugula. Sprinkle on goat cheese, pomegranate arils and pecans.

Now's a Great Time to Support the Washington State Grange Foundation

Here's how you can help:

Looking for a way to help?
Shop our AmazonSmile Charity Lists to donate items we need

Do you shop at Amazon?
You can make a difference in 2021. Shop for gifts at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6064592> to generate donations for the Washington State Grange Foundation (you can also search by our name, the Washington State Grange Foundation). You MUST shop at AmazonSmile not just the normal Amazon website.

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Grange Connection

CLALLAM COUNTY

Crescent Grange has a busy November. We elected officers and President Emil Moilanen appointed chairpersons to serve through 2024. We celebrated three new members – Janice Harsh and Inez and Andrew Finnigan. We are getting closer to having wireless internet for the Grange. The Little Free Pantry has been well received by the community. The Building and Grounds committee have plans to replace the bifold doors into the main hall and to readjust the downspout drainage away from the septic system. Plans are being finalized for Joyce to the World – our children’s Christmas festival of crafts. December 10th will be a bake sale to benefit the Christmas baskets for Crescent School. The December social meeting will be a Holiday Party with music and carol singing. We closed the November social with a workshop on making Christmas cards and Christmas ornaments

CLARK COUNTY

Mountain Valley Grange has been busy with several activities. Grangers were busy hosting the Old School/Old Timers Picnic in June and working on the booth for the Clark County Fair in July. Judy Steigmann, Lecturer, presented the Heirloom Program from National Grange. The Grange’s Heirlooms are traditions and values that are passed down from generation to generation. In July, Mike Gilmore spoke about his involvement with the Junior Grange at Fargher Lake, and how he became involved. He asked Mountain Valley to start a Junior Grange. In August, the booth at the fair was set up. We received a Blue Ribbon for our booth, “Members are Worth their Weight in Gold”. Heather Ferguson, State Junior Program Director was a guest speaker at our September meeting. She explained how a Junior Grange and a Junior Grange 1+ program worked. Rentals are increasing. Meals on Wheels People Senior Lunch has returned to Mt. Valley Grange. The first one since March of 2020 was on August 31st. It’s nice to have them back. Mt. Valley Grange members voted to start a Junior 1+ program. The leaders will be Val Weisenborn and Beth Goble. Booster Day/Open House was held on October 16. Entertainment was provided by Jan Petit. The Citizen’s Award was given to North Country EMS in Yacolt, Washington for their contributions to the communities in Clark County and areas in Cowlitz and Skamania Counties. They have an ambulance service, fire department, and a search and rescue operation. Five members of the department attended the event. A Grange Award was given to Judy Steigmann, Lecturer and Family Living, for her contributions to the Grange and to the Community. Election of officers was held in November. December meeting was moved to the 9th as there is a rental

on the 10th. December is a busy month with lots of rentals.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange will host Breakfast with Santa on December 10. Breakfast is free. Gifts will be provided for all kids and seniors.

Humptulips Grange had full house for Gift Card Bingo on November 5. Our next bingo events are December 3 (gift cards) and December 17 (holiday gifts). The food bank served 70 families in November. On November 26, we received a call asking if we would take a supply of organic green grapes for distribution in our community. We accepted and received 76 boxes (ten bags in each box) of grapes for distribution. We held a special food distribution activity on November 27 to distribute the grapes to whoever wanted them. Fortunately, we were able to distribute all 76 boxes in our small community and the surrounding area. The Grange Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Friday, December 9 at 6 p.m.

KING COUNTY

Sammamish Valley Grange held their Farmers Roundtable as part of the monthly Grange Community program series. Grange member, Erik Goheen, owner of Sammamish Farms, spoke with the group about challenges valley farmers faced growing food in the extreme weather conditions that occurred throughout the year. Sharing his story, along with other farmers in attendance, will help in planning what specialty crops can be grown in 2023, along with marketing and distribution efforts, where everyone can work together for successful harvest seasons in the new year.

LEWIS COUNTY

Hope Grange invited Grangers to join us for a bit of Christmas Magic on December 10, 6pm-9pm. Santa arrives at 7pm. There will be fun for the entire family including live holiday music, a fabulous Silent Auction, delicious Homemade Baked Goods. There will be hot comfort food available and fun activities for the little ones.

SAN JUAN COUNTY

San Juan Island Grange continues to grow, although we can’t claim credit for all of our increase. Recent social and economic changes have allowed more people to work where they want to live, and we happen to be a very desirable place to live. And as Amanda Brozana-Rios wrote in the November 2022 Washington State Grange News, “In this latest stage of the pandemic era, people are searching for a place to belong”. We do try to make it easy for them to find us, though. Several times a month, our booth at the farmers

market gains “walk-up” members who tell us about the land they just bought and the garden and orchard they are planning. We have a nice chat, have them fill out applications, pay their dues, and then we forward their names to the regular meeting for approval. Our booth is very lively, selling the produce, crafts and books of over a dozen Grangers, several of whom joined so they could sell their work. Grangers can buy at our booth with a 10% discount, so of course many of our customers are Grangers as well. We also receive 10% discounts at several merchants in town, including a very important one: car repair! We run a feed buying club, which delivers three pallets of organic feed to our 15 members every two months. The savings are substantial, so several livestock keepers joined our Grange to participate. On every Wednesday morning we host the Growers Circle Coffee Hour, a round-table discussion via Zoom for gardeners, farmers and livestock keepers. When new “Growers” discover that most of us are Grangers, they often join up. We have gained several members this way. We loan food processing equipment to members, such as food dehydrators and a cider press, and we are planning to add to our collection. Our members receive 25% discounts on renting the Grange Hall or our Commercial Kitchen. Consequently, we have many bakers, chefs and caterers on our roster. And each member has a single annual 50% rental discount, which may be used to benefit a favorite charity or service club. Nonprofits are encouraged to ask whether they have Grangers on their roster, which shines a positive light on our members. A recent article in the Grange News stressed the importance of a clear mission. This is our mission, written on all meeting minutes, on our membership applications, on our rental forms, on our website, and recited at every regular meeting: “To support a resilient community of growers, makers and keepers, to foster social and political engagement, and to maintain our hall as a home for celebrations and programs”. We use our membership recruiting to build that community.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange presented dictionaries to Spokane Christian Academy (11) and Colbert Elementary School (77). We sent card fronts to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital as a community service project. “Welcome Baskets” from the Grange are being disbursed by Robin. The November 1 Chili Cookoff had 9 entries. Susan Powers Cozza was voted as the winner. Yokes donated at \$50 gift card for the winner and proceeds of \$261 benefits our Scholarship account. At the Nov.15 business meeting election of officers took place. Many enjoyed the Jackie Fox & The Hounds concert on Nov. 19. Booster Night was held

on December 6 presenting a 50-year award to Dwayne Anderson and 25-year awards to Samantha Griggs, Kathleen Johnson, and Becky Penman. Our Toys for Tots Santa Drive-Thru was Saturday, December 10 from 4:30 – 6pm. There will be an all-day Spin-In on January 21. Remember we plan to have a 1st Tuesday Community Event each month (January 3 (Game Night), February 7 (Quilt Block Making), and March 7 (Seed pots hand out). And come April 4 we’re having our Pie Auction.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange, including the youth and juniors, held a successful 2022 Haunted House such a success on Oct 21, 22, 28, 29. A lot of screams were heard, some people were coming out in tears, and some brave people were coming out wishing they had brought an extra pair of clothes to change into. Other than weather, its been a quiet November. The second Saturday November and December meeting times have been changed from 5:30pm to 3pm. All of the October decorations have been put away and the great hall is decorated for the annual free December 4 Community Christmas dinner. There will be a number of quilts and throws available for Veterans, Current Military, and First Responders. Raffle ticket for the quilt made by Irene will be drawn during the dinner. Several Grangers have been knitting and crocheting hats and donating them to Springdale Stitchers. That group distributes the hats to those in need through the Springdale Booster Food Bank and will also distribute hats at

the Christmas Dinner. There will not be a January 2023 meeting.

THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange met on November 21. New member Ashlinn York was welcomed into the Grange, and election of officers was held for the 2023 calendar year. We will hold our annual Christmas dinner and party on December 11 at 2 pm. The Grange will provide turkey and some sides, with the rest being potluck. If you are bringing a child under age 12, please bring a wrapped gift for that child (with their name on it) and sneak it to a Granger who will slip it into Santa’s bag for a surprise when the jolly old elf makes his entrance. Monthly dances with live country music by “The Country Four and More” are held the first Saturday of each month from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. All ages are welcome and the cost is \$6 per person. The holiday food drive for Thurston County Food Bank continues. Donations will be accepted at all South Union Grange meetings and events through December 19.

Violet Prairie Grange participated in an annual “Trunk-or-Treat” event sponsored by the local Tenino PTA, and about 550 “Trick-or-Treaters” passed by our “Trunk”. It was fun, of course, to see all the kids in their costumes and to chat with parents when asked, “What is the Grange, anyway?” We also hosted our first Fall “Harvest Bazaar”. Fellow Grange member Matt Hodges [Vancouver] provided live music, and multiple unique crafters/vendors offered early “Holiday Shopping”.

Green Bluff Grange Activities



Green Bluff Grange in Spokane County has hosted a number of fall activities.

(Top) Children at Colbert Elementary received dictionaries

(Left) Chili winner Susan with Yokes gift card prize



Pomona Calendar

The 2023 date request forms have been mailed to the Pomona Grange Secretaries. Please complete and return to the State Grange Office by December 1.

- CLARKJanuary 11 at Manor, 7 p.m.
- COWLITZ/ WAHIAKUMJanuary 21 at Catlin; 1 p.m. potluck, 2 p.m. Golden Sheaf and Silver Star Recognition. Planning Meeting and Pomona Grange meeting to follow.
- FERRY January 9 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
- GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC January 14 at Satsop, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- MASON January 21 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PIERCE January 7 at Riverside Valley, 10 a.m.
- SPOKANE February 7 at East Spokane, 10 a.m.
- THURSTON January 8 at McLane, 2 p.m.; installation of officers
- YAKIMA VALLEY January 9 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Pomona Connection

CLARK COUNTY POMONA

Clark County Pomona #1 has voted to hold all Pomona Meetings at the Manor Grange Hall. It is a centrally located Grange Hall and seems to work for everyone. The meetings will be on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Different Subordinate Granges will provide the program and door prizes each month. Santa and his elves will be going to the Learning Avenues Pre-school to deliver coloring sheets, crayons, scarves, hats, mittens, coats, or other donated clothes on December 8th at 10:00 a.m. Clark County Granges received the Agriculture Education Award for the Grange Booths. Election of officers was held with Janice Anderson reelected Pomona Master. Installation of officers will be on January 11th. Installing officer will be Calvin Russell, Master, Manor Grange #1101.

COWLITZ COUNTY POMONA

Cowlitz County Pomona Grange cancelled their December Meeting. The January meeting will be on January 21 at Catlin Grange. It will begin with a 1 p.m. potluck dinner, followed by Golden Sheaf and Silver Star Awards. The Pomona planning meeting and regular Pomona meeting will follow.

GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona reelected Davona Gwin as Master for 2023. The 2023 calendar of events was adopted. Our next Pomona meeting will be on Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m. at the Satsop Grange Hall. The Pomona Grange voted to continue sponsoring the Thanksgiving Pie Project for the Union Gospel Mission in Aberdeen.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona met on November 21 at the South Union Grange Hall. The proposed calendar of events for 2023 was read into the record and will be voted on at the next meeting. The December Pomona meeting will be held at the Brighton Park Grange Hall on December 1 at 7:00 pm. It will be the Christmas celebration and the meeting will be preceded by a potluck at 6:00 pm. Installation of officers will be held on January 8 at 2 pm at the McLane Grange Hall. Officers of Pomona and all subordinate Granges in the county will be installed.



Grange Connection

Happenings From Inland Grange No. 780

It has been a busy season at the Inland Grange. We have hosted a vendor fair, flag dedication ceremony, fall clean up, 100 Years of Souls (fall festival), and rentals. The community and members have been so wonderful.

The vendor fair was about overcoming online obstacles. We had a person asking to rent the grange for a craft fair. They were asked to come to our next meeting. Well they started to ask for vendor fees before we ever met. Vendors paid fees online through online payment programs without the Grange's knowledge this was happening. We did not have a contract, nor had we met this person. As soon as we found out, we decided no one would take advantage of our community like this. We tried to notify as many people as possible of the fraud and continued with a vendor fair on the same day and time. It was a success! We even had a person that had traveled 47 miles because of the scammer, we were so glad their efforts weren't for nothing.

Parker Carroll from Boy Scout



Troop 240, presented his Eagle Scout project. His project was to install two flag poles on the parade field. He researched, gained resources and conducted a flag ceremony. It left a sense of honor and tradition as the troop raised the flags. The project will proudly represent the flag in many more Grange events.

The 100 Years of Souls was the work of many, the theme came from the over 100 years the Grange has been a part of the Elk, WA community. We celebrated with a haunted house, games, cook-off and welcomed vendors. It was great to see the Grange used to invite the community in.

Barberton Grange Busy With Various Projects And Activities



Barberton Grange worked on their projects this month after their breakfast set-up, which included making homemade Christmas Cards for Meals on Wheels and making bedrolls for the homeless out of recycled plastic bags. They also delivered some homemade pumpkin pies to the local fire department, compliments of the Barberton Grange ladies. We really appreciate our first responders.