

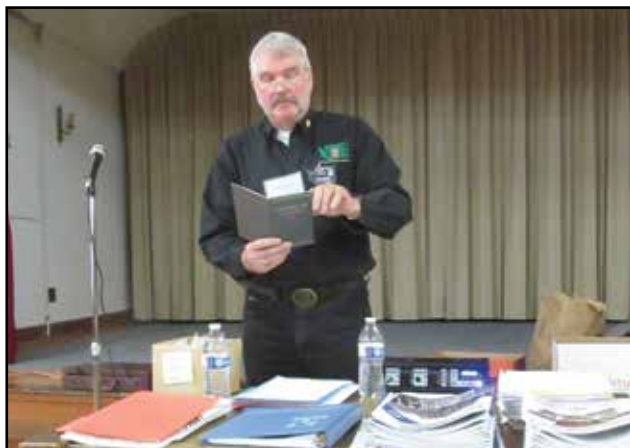


WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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Grange Deputies & Pomona Masters Gather In Yakima

Washington State Grange Deputies and Pomona Grange Masters gathered for their annual conference in Yakima on March 16-17.

The conference began with a potluck dinner, hosted by Tieton Grange and Yakima Pomona Grange. Following dinner, the deputies and Pomona Masters participated in the

exemplification of the first four degrees of the order. Prior to the conference, participants were divided into two teams: one to exemplify the first and second degrees and one to exemplify the third and fourth degrees. Participants were notified of their role in advance of the conference, so they could review their part. We were pleased to have a total

of nine candidates, representing Tieton, Lower Naches, and Fruitvale Granges.

Conference attendees gathered the following morning at the Fruitvale Grange Hall for a series of workshops. Following a brief orientation and discussion on timely topics, State Grange Master Tom Gwin led the group through a workshop on

communications and the need for our Granges and Grange members to communicate clearly and work toward preventing any miscommunications.

Cowlitz County Deputy Rex Ogden presented a workshop on basic parliamentary procedure. He conducted a discussion and led the group through the process of making motions and amending

the motions.

Prior to lunch, the group had an excellent discussion on Grange Finances and Cash Handling Procedures. Samples of balance sheets for fundraising events and guidelines for cash handling were distributed to all present.

Following a lunch provided by

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Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

- April 1 Secretary Reports (First Quarter) due to State Grange Office
- April 1 Washington State Grange Foundation Scholarship Applications Due
- April 1 Creative Writing Contest Entries due to State Lecturer
- April 10 Grange Intersessions Committee Meetings
- April 15 Community Service Reports Due to State Community Service Director
- April 15 Community Recognition Awards Program Nominations due to State Community Service Director
- April 18 Grange Travel Adventure Tour – Skagit County Tulip Festival
- April 20-22 State Grange Teen Weekend at Lewis & Clark State Park, near Toledo
- April 22 District Talent Contests, 2 p.m. at Newaukum (Southwest), McMillin (Northern), St. Andrews (Central), and Fort Colville (Eastern)
- May 28 Deadline for Resolutions to be considered at this year's State Grange Convention
- June 1-3 Grange Camper Association Fun Rally at Spokane.
- June 2 Grange Day with the Seattle Mariners (vs. the Tampa Bay Rays)
- 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
- December 8 Grange Travel Adventure Tour to the Leavenworth Christmas Lighting Festival

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS		
February 2018		
	# Joined	Jr. +1
Burbank #630	4	3
Bill Dodson, Lisa Dodson, Brad Peters, Lori Peters		
Gradenspot #278	2	
William Luke, Amy Luke		
Hope #155	1	
Janet Lord		
Moses Lake #1151	4	2
Connie Zielke, Randy Zielke, Patrick Hunter Sarah Hunter		
Skokomish #379	1	
Matthew Oswell		
	# Joined	Jr. +1
Totals	12	5

From the Chaplain's Desk

Consider Holding A Grange Memorial Service This Spring

By Pam Matthews
State Grange Chaplain

I would like to encourage you to hold a memorial service in your Grange this spring. Included in the Lecturer packets, is a memorial service. This service is a suggestion only, use all or part of it or do something else entirely. All I ask is that your Grange have a memorial service, in the spring,

to remember those brothers and sisters who have passed on in the preceding twelve months. A copy of the memorial service can also be found on the state Grange website. I would also like to remind you if your Grange has any members who were Deputies, State Officers, District Directors, or their spouses, who have died this last year, to let me know as soon as possible so I may write a special

tribute for these members for the annual memorial service at the state Grange convention. If you have any questions, comments, or have a report to make, please phone or email me at 360-352-7043 or mathewstwin@hotmail.com and please be sure to put "Grange" in the subject line please.



Pam Matthews

Eye On Membership

Grange Month: Set The Stage For Growth And Showcase Your Grange

John Hamilton
Membership Director

Grange month has arrived and what better opportunity to open our halls to our neighbors and community. A perfect chance to showcase our Grange and by doing so we set the stage for growth in the way of new members, public interest and fresh ideas.

One way to promote our Grange is to inform our county commissioners about our Grange month celebration and invite them to acknowledge the proclamation publicly. By the signing of the proclamation press release and publishing it in our local newspapers we place our presence in the public eye and share our history and purpose. The press release is available online at www.nationalgrange.org. Be sure to allow plenty of time to process the release as public meeting dates vary as well as newspaper publication deadlines. Also, feel free to use social media for publicly proclaiming Grange month. How about your Grange Facebook page? Place your

invitation for your open house where the public can view it easily and respond. Have you Grange placed your Grange month display in the public view and does it clearly state your address, contact information, meeting dates and times? If you are holding an open house, place the time and date in clear sight. Think about sending out invitations to your city officials, your Mayor, Fire Department and Police and Sheriff. Invite your School Board and other community volunteers. This would be a good time to present a special recognition to your Granges Outstanding Achievement Award recipient or a Police Officer, Fireman or Teacher. As you showcase your Grange be sure to share our Grange ENERGY! Have cheerful greeters with name tags on available to welcome visitors. Have plenty of new membership applications available. Hang that bright colorful banner which represents who we are. Be ready to answer those unexpected questions that may arise. A few questions I am asked regularly include; "Are

there any requirements to join?" "Do I need to be a farmer?" "What does it cost to join?" "Is there a program for children?" "What do you do?" Research and be prepared. Having current literature explaining our Junior, Youth and departmental programs on hand will surely invite conversation and the possibility of new memberships. Sharing our legislative handbook will inform the public of the issues we support as a legislative voice. Displaying your community service notebook, family living notebook, Grange hall improvement notebook or other fun activities captured in photos will bring your Grange to life for others to see. Also, How about a sign in sheet requesting visitor contact information to enable a follow up telephone call or note. Finally let's not forget a very important part, FUN! By making it a fun event for all ages you will be guaranteed that those who attend your open house will surely return. And don't forget your sunglasses; no doubt the Grange energy will surely be BRIGHT!



John Hamilton

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President's Message

Grange: A Politically Active, But Nonpartisan Organization

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

The next few months will generate a great deal of interest in our governmental elections. Filing will take place in June for a wide variety of political offices, from U.S. Congress to precinct committee officers. With many retirements in the State Senate and House of Representatives, we can expect candidates to come out of the woodwork.

Throw in the fact that our country is divided to the far left and far right, with so few candidates taking a moderate approach, we have the makings of a political firestorm at our doorstep. We should expect another nasty election with accusations, smear campaigns, and other questionable tactics that will make this an election to remember.

As always, we hope our membership will take the opportunity to learn as much as we can about the candidates and their stance on the issues. We must, however, keep politics out of our Grange and our Grange out of politics.

The Grange is a politically active, but non-partisan organization. As a Grange, we get involved on issues, but do not support candidates of any party for political offices. Our organization was founded on

this principle, and we remain committed to being a non-partisan organization.

Earlier this month, I noticed an event on a Grange facebook page advertising a town hall event with a candidate for the US Congress. The advertising of this event on the Grange facebook page could be interpreted to be an endorsement of the candidate, which is against our organization's principles.

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-- Tom Gwin

With this in mind, I requested the event listing to be removed immediately from the Grange's facebook page.

Regarding partisan politics, here are some of the basic guidelines we use to remain non-partisan:

- Grange halls may be used by political candidates for their events. Full rental rates must apply.
- The Grange cannot host



Tom Gwin

an event for a candidate for a political office.

- We encourage Granges to hold candidate forums. All candidates for an office must be invited to participate.
 - While individual Grange members may support a candidate, the Grange itself cannot endorse or support a specific candidate for political office.
 - As a State Grange, we ask elected officials to speak at our convention, but not candidates for political office. This sometimes is difficult in election years.
 - The Grange, as a whole, may not contribute time, finances, or services to a candidate for political office.
 - The Grange name and emblem may not appear on brochures, flyers, social media, etc. for any candidate for political office.
- By keeping these guidelines in mind, we will continue to be active in the political arena, but also remain a non-partisan organization that works to educate the voters on the issues. My best wishes to you as we work together for the betterment of our communities, towns, cities, state, and nation.

Legislative

2018 Legislative Session Officially Ends



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

The 2018 legislative session ended on time on March 8. The most important news might be what did not pass. Both the capital gains tax proposal and the carbon tax bill died in the last days of session. Immediately upon the death of the carbon tax bill, a coalition of tribal, labor and environmental groups filed a petition for a citizen's initiative to create a carbon fee. The fee would add an estimated 14 cents to the cost of a gallon of gasoline. The groups supporting the initiative have until July 6 to gather 260,000 signatures to qualify the measure for the November ballot.

Sadly, the bill that would have allowed the Fair Fund to increase for the first time in 20 years died. On the bright side, the bill updating the law that governs how the Fair Fund is used passed and is headed to the Governor for signature.

Abill of concern to agriculture, E2SSB 6529 creates a pesticide safety work group which must report back to the legislature with recommendations for legislation for next year. The focus is primarily on applications made via air and airblast sprayers. The group, which is made up of legislators and state agencies, will meet over summer.

After the passage, and veto of a bill that partially exempted the legislature from the public disclosure act, the senate facilities and operations committee and the house of representatives executive rules committee were directed to convene a task force to propose standards for maintaining and disclosing public records for the legislative branch of government.

As always, the operating budget provides interesting insights into how your tax dollars are being spent.

\$3,897,000 was provided for the Department of Ecology

to implement ESSB 6091, the Hirst fix, dealing with water availability. These funds are to cover the costs of watershed planning, a metering pilot project, a joint legislative task force, and preparation of a programmatic environmental impact statement. An additional \$20,000 was provided to the Department of Agriculture.

\$625,000 was provided to the Department of Ecology for water rights compliance and enforcement staff to address water use in violation of state water resources laws, including technical assistance, informal enforcement, and formal enforcement actions.

\$80,000 was provided to the Department of Agriculture to provide to the sheriff's departments of Ferry and Stevens counties to cooperate with the department and the department of fish and wildlife on wolf management activities.

\$525,000 was provided to the Department of Fish And Wildlife for training for a work unit to engage and empower stakeholders in decisions about fish and wildlife, and the continued conflict transformation with the wolf advisory group, and for cost share partnerships with livestock owners and the use of range riders to reduce the potential for depredation of livestock from wolves.

\$1,690,000 was provided to the Department of Natural Resources to increase fire response capability, including upgrading information technology systems and equipment for wildfire and forest health data, training department and fire service personnel, adding fire management staff, and replacing aviation fuel trucks and fire engines.

\$198,000 was provided to the Department of Natural Resources for weed control and to maintain public access at seventeen sites.

Lecturer's Department

Talent. Talent. Who's Got Talent?

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

Can you sing? Play an instrument? Perform in a skit or dance or...? If you answer yes to any of these questions then I hope we see you on April 22nd at 2 PM. That's the date and time of the four District Talent Contests being held at: McMillin Grange - Northwest District, coordinated by Helen Gardner; Newaukum Grange - Southwest District, coordinated by Davona Gwin and Judy Steigmann; St. Andrews Grange - Central District, coordinated by Leslie Jo Wells, and Fort Colville Grange - Eastern District, coordinated by Sherry Cummins and Carol Evans. Contact information for the coordinators is available in

the Program Handbook (both online and hard copy) and on the entry form your Lecturer has. Participants do not have to be Grange members to perform in the District Contest but if they advance they have to join a Grange before June 15th. Your Lecturer received the entry form in their Lecturer Packet at the Leadership Conferences. The entry forms must be received by the Lecturer Team member coordinating the appropriate District Contest by April 15th. Please send in your entry forms ASAP because in the event there are no entries by the 15th, there is a very strong possibility that the particular District Contest will be cancelled. If you have an entry contact you after the 15th to participate, please contact the



Leslie Jo Wells

District Contest Coordinator by phone or email to see if the contest is still being held. If it is not, then your entry can enter one of the other District Contests. To participate in the State level Talent Contest each participant must have performed at a District Contest. I hope we have lots of participation so we can have a nice, entertaining contest at Convention in Mt. Vernon.

I am still accepting your annual reports for last year. Please send them to Leslie Jo Wells, 18529 State Route 203, Monroe, WA 98272. Thank you Terry Abbott for forwarding to me the ones that have been mailed to you.



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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**



Downtown Mount Vernon

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
	12:00-4:00	Committee Meetings Group A
	2:00-4:00	Committee Meetings Group B
	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
	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
	5:10	Talent Practice – Closed to Public
SATURDAY	7:30	Talent Show
	8:00	Open by Youth – Youth Awards Junior Program – Junior Awards – RED TENNIS SHOE DAY!!!
	11:00	Granger of the Year
	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

**!! REMINDER !!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

All Resolutions must be received by May 28 at the State Grange Office to be considered at the State Grange Convention. Resolutions must have the original signatures of the sponsoring Grange Master and Secretary and have the Grange seal affixed.



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.

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.

**Visit us on the web:
www.wa-grange.org**

Convention Information

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: bwclegewayinn@comcast.net

2018 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

Nights at \$10 per night = \$ (amount enclosed)

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

Grange Connection

Crescent Grange: Hoping For The Best; Preparing For The Worst

It's coming! It's definitely coming! Unfortunately, the experts don't know exactly when or where, but they do know that the Cascadia Fault is waiting to strike and those living along the Washington Coastline had better be prepared.

The small town of Joyce, population 3,500, on the Olympic Peninsula, is situated between two disaster areas. The Elwha Bridge going east on Hwy 112 and the slide area to the west. Should these events happen during an earthquake, the town would be totally isolated until emergency services got through to the residents. This could take up to thirty (30) days and the community needs to be self-sufficient. It was with this scenario in mind that JEPP, Joyce Emergency Planning and Preparation, came into existence.

Spearheaded by the Clallam County Fire District #4 and members of Crescent Grange #1123, the plan covers emergency food supplies for 300 people for 3 weeks, medical needs and evacuation supplies. Crescent Grange hall, together with the gymnasiums of Crescent High School and Joyce Bible Church will serve as evacuation shelters.

As the committee began to set down their plans, larger and more sophisticated cities said it couldn't

be done by such a small rural group. Many have lived to eat these words as JEPP is now a shining model of earthquake preparedness with interest from Seattle King Television Station #5 and the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation). King TV Station #5 aired a program on JEPP and the BBC sent a crew from their Washington DC Bureau to film the story of how the little town of Joyce is now better prepared than most of the major cities along the Cascadia Fault line.

The Joyce Emergency Planning and Preparation Program continues to evolve. The committee is sending speakers to groups and towns around the Peninsula explaining what needs to be done to survive an earthquake of the magnitude of the Cascadia Fault. Their programs include "Camping in Your House" and "30 Days on Own". Being prepared means having (a) a "pick up and go " bag in your home and car; (b) a communication system set up with the family and (c) food and water for at least 2 weeks.

For more information on how to get ready for the "big one" ... contact Donna and Jim Buck, at buckdj@olypen.com

Note: Written by Kathleen Walton. Photos by Emil Moilanen & Donna Buck.



1st photo: BBC Correspondent Colleen Hagerty interviews Alex Baker, Fire Chief District #4 where the JEPP began.

2nd photo: Camping at home... food, water, pocket radio, space blankets, emergency phone numbers, warm clothes, cash - both coin and bills, flashlights, extra batteries.

3rd photo: Water tanks capable of furnishing 1,000 to 2,000 gallons of purified water per day.

Resolution Writing Tips

Resolutions are not hard to write!

One of the real benefits of membership in the Grange is the opportunity that membership gives to every Grange member to have an effective voice regarding the issues that affect their lives. Each of the National and Washington State Grange policy positions all started as resolutions that were written and adopted by a local Grange chapter.

Even so, some people are still intimidated at the idea of writing a Grange resolution.

As the State Grange is scheduled to hold its Annual Convention this June, we hope it will help generate greater interest in grass-roots participation in our Grange legislative program. The postmarked deadline for submission of resolutions from Subordinate and Pomona Granges is **May 28**.

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

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

Whereas, this is where you identify one problem that needs to be addressed or solved; and

Whereas, only place one reason or fact that supports your argument in each whereas paragraph; and

Whereas, only put facts in the whereas paragraphs that make it easier for the reader to understand the purpose of your resolution; Therefore, be it

Resolved, that this is where you clearly state the primary action that you propose to solve the problem you identified in the whereas paragraphs (Resolved should stand alone from the Whereas' as this will be the policy printed in the Legislative Handbook. No information from the Whereas' will be printed in the handbook), and

Be it Further Resolved, that any secondary actions to address the problem are placed here.

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

Mt. View Grange Presents Historical Display

Pat Sajdak, Secretary of Mt. View Grange provided their display, pictured top right. On the wall behind her display is a picture of a red barn; that picture illustrates the resourcefulness of early Grangers. In 1893, Mountain View Grange, located on a picturesque bluff above the Columbia River was scheduled to host the fifth annual Washington State Grange Session. The local planning committee realized that neither the local school or the church would be big enough to accommodate this state meeting. Being a creative group they contacted A.H. Jewett who had recently built a new barn with an extremely large hay loft that overlooked White Salmon. After a quickly assessing the building with A.H. Jewett it was decided to hold the Grange Session in the loft of his new barn. Mt. View Grange added several windows and a new stairway to the loft. During the Grange Session, the barn was decorated with wreaths and flowers, and the 1893 State Session ended a complete success.

Today, a painting of that Red Barn occupies a place of honor in the Mountain View Grange Hall.

In the bottom photo, Pat Sajdak, Secretary of Mt View Grange is seen talking with Candy Hack of Goldendale Grange.



The Grange Exchange

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Minimum for one month	\$3.75	

Word count: A hyphen, space or / creates separate words, except for phone numbers which count as one word.

Deadline: First Monday in each month. Ads must be paid in advance. (Tear sheets not sent for classified.)

Ad copy (or attach copy):

No. words @ rate \$ x # months = \$ (enclosed)

Grange Connection

ADAMS COUNTY

Ralston Grange met on March 20. The program was provided by Carly Gillette, owner of a local antique store featuring some of the unusual and interesting items in her antique shop. Grange members also brought antiques, family heirloom, or collectible items from their own collection to share. Upcoming activities include the Easter Egg Hunt on March 24 and a litter pickup on Hwy 261 on April 22.

BENTON COUNTY

Kennewick Valley Grange will hold their Spring Bazaar and Flea Market on April 20-21. There is no admission cost for the vent. The café will be open with biscuits & gravy, soup & sandwiches, and brownies fresh from the oven. Potential vendors should email KVGrange@gmail.com for more information.

CLARK COUNTY

Barberton Grange will hold a Spring Dance on Thursday, April 12, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. An Open Mic & Jam Session is scheduled for the last Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The next monthly breakfast is scheduled for April 21.

Washington Grange draped their charter in February for Mary Harrington, a 54-year Gold Sheif member, who died recently at the age of 93. Toni Kapitanovich reported that fifty canned food items were donated to the Clark County Food Bank. At the March meeting, Lecturer Linda Westfall read a story about Saint Patrick's Day. Frank Grobli reported that the Clark County Fair will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary this year and handed out nine pages of their history to the members present.

COWLITZ COUNTY

Silver Lake Grange will hold a workshop (Growing Giant Pumpkins" on April 7 at 2 p.m. at the hall. The net business meeting is on April 12. Craft night is scheduled for April 18.

Woodland Grange will host "Woodland's Got Talent 2018" on May 5 at the Woodland Middle School. The event promises to be a night of entertainment from local talent of all ages.

FERRY COUNTY

Malo Grange will celebrate Grange Month on April 9 with their monthly meeting and an open house, beginning at 6 p.m. Malo will host the Ferry County Pomona Grange on April 10, beginning with a 5:30 pm. Potluck. Pinochle Night and Open House will be on April 14 at 6 p.m. with desserts being served.

GRANT COUNTY

Moses Lake Grange held a Bingo Night on March 10 at the Monroe House in Moses Lake. The Grange will be holding a raffle for a gas barbeque. Plans are under way for a spring picnic.

White Trail Grange held a

Spring Bazaar on March 17. New officers have stepped forward as the Grange works to revitalize itself.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Elma Grange is hosting a clothing and dress exchange on Sat, April 14, beginning at 10 a.m. A spring flea market was held to raise monies for the Grange Scholarship Fund.

Humptulips Grange members are preparing for their fundraising auction on April 7. Over 300 items have been collected for the silent and live auctions. We held our monthly bingo on March 3 and a special Basket Bingo on March 24 to benefit the Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange. The Grange food bank served 54 families last month. The Grange is offering a scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Applications are due May 15. Lighting has been installed on the front and side of the Grange Hall to improve visibility in our parking areas.

Olympic View Grange members have been busy with hall rentals. The Grange is planning a garage sale for May 5-6 and a Lazy Man Cake Walk on April 14.

Satsop Grange has their flea market on the first weekend of each month. The Grange parking lot has been graveled. Donations were sent to the women's shelter in Aberdeen. The Grange will sponsor the Satsop School Easter Egg Hunt on March 31.

Sharon Grange will hold their Annual Oyster Dinner on April 21. The event is \$20 per person and will be held 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The menu will include oyster stew, fried oysters or ham, mashed potatoes, string beans, coleslaw, roll, and pie. For more information, contact Mark George at 360-273-6517.

KING COUNTY

Sammamish Valley Grange meeting featured a program, "Ready, Set, Grow", speakers from the WSU Extension Master Gardener program. Sharon O'Grady and Beth Robinson shared numerous tips and resources including information on garden location, soil testing and preparation, crop rotation and planting practices, watering, and more. The March program featured several board members of the Woodinville Arts Alliance who will share the organization's accomplishments and its vision for the future as they celebrate their first year in operation. Grange members are looking forward to building this relationship. Historically, Grange members have been involved not only with farming instruction and techniques, but home economics, and the visual and social arts. Through contests and county fairs, Grange initiatives have long supported programs showcasing artistic talent. A "Fix It, Don't Pitch It" workshop is planned for Wednesday, April 4.

KITTITAS COUNTY

Swauk-Teaaway Grange presents the 5-Man Trio, part of America's First Corps Band, in a FREE concert at the Grange Hall at 1361 Ballard Hill Road, Cle Elum, on Saturday, April 14 at 2 PM. The mission of the 5-Man Trio is to boost morale, education and community support through Jazz and Groove. Please join us for an afternoon of

rousing music by these men and women in uniform. Call Carel at 509-674-5744 for information. Look for signs at the intersection of SR 970 and Teanaway Road.

Klickitat County

Centerville Grange recently had a busy weekend. March 16 was a pinochle party, followed by the Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on March 18. The luncheon featured corned beef and cabbage or stew.

LEWIS COUNTY

Adna Grange has a Potato Bake Fund Raiser set for April 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Baw Faw Grange will hold the Boistfort Valley Spring Festival on May 12. The event begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m. This event will include a plant sale, lunch and many vendors selling their wares. Grange lunch and plants proceeds go to the upkeep of the Grange.

Oakview Grange honored two members, Bill Deming and Alice Coakley, with their 55-year continuous membership awards. The Oakview Little Opry is the newest venue appearing at Oakview Grange on the third Saturday of the month. The show is from 6p- 9p. The band, "Classics" plays and sings hits from the '50's and '60's for the first half of the show. Following a break, "Prairie Fire" plays bluegrass music. The public's response to this latest offering has been very positive. This is an ongoing monthly venue at the Grange. Show tickets are \$5/person or 2/\$8 and may be purchased at Picky Puppy, Holly's Place or at the door. Dinner is also available each evening from 5:00pm - 7:00pm for \$8/person which includes entrée, salad, beverage and dessert. We hosted a used clothing drive March 25-31. The St. Pauly used clothing shed is open 24/7. Donations of clothing, shoes, belts, purses, drapes, bedding and stuffed toys are welcome. This special clothing drive will support the "Ag in the Classroom" program. Members are preparing for annual contests in baking, canning, food preservation and candy making along with woodworking, arts & crafts, photography to name just a few of the contests. The entries must be made between 10am and noon on April 7th at Cowlitz Prairie Grange near Toledo. We are in the initial phase of planning a Grange booth for the Southwest Washington around this year's theme, "Touch of Country".

MASON COUNTY

Matlock Grange members are preparing for the Old Timer's Fair, to be held on May 5-6. Grange members will be preparing pies for sale at the event.

Skokomish Grange will hold their Pie Social and Silent Auction on May 5th. Donations will be accepted for the pie and coffee and serving will begin at 6 p.m. Bids must be made on the Silent Auction with the winners to be announced at 7 p.m. This is a major fundraiser for Skokomish #379.

Twanoh Grange held a fundraiser for the Twanoh Grange and Grapeview Fire Department. The Taco and Baked Potato Bar was held on March 3rd at the fire hall. The Grapeview Fire Dept. shares its facility with Twanoh Grange and

Mt. Valley Grange Fills Bags For Share House



After Mt. Valley Grange's meeting on Feb 10th, personal items were gathered in a mug and put in Valentine's bags for the Share House. Judy Steigmann organized the project and delivered them to Share House. Dave Johnosn, Darrell Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Georgene Neal, and Susan Courtney helped Judy in filling the mugs and bags.

Farmers Tool Box Series at Goldendale Grange

An enthusiastic standing room only crowd gathered Sunday evening, February 11, at the Goldendale Grange Hall for the first in a series of Environmental Educational Workshops sponsored by Goldendale Grange #49, Klickitat Valley Health and Goldendale Suicide Awareness /Prevention Coalition.

Wayne Pearson, SGS Dryland Crop Advisor started the evenings activities off with a discussion on soil acidity, an issue that is eventually going to affect every person in Klickitat County whether you raise three tomato plants in your back yard or a dryland farmer raising hundreds of acres of wheat. Soil Ph is very complex issue that can be mitigated, although the fix is costly and needs to be formulated on an individual basis.

During Wayne's remarks the Grange ladies were busy carving the roast beef and dishing up the hot chocolate brownies and ice cream, for a much larger crowd than expected. The aroma of the expectant free dinner permeated the hall during the opening remarks.

Michael Garnett, Goldendale M.D. provided a lively discussion fittingly presented during the meal on "New Ideas in Health," and "How Todays Eating Habits are Effecting Our Daily Lives,".

Dr. Mary Schroeder, Goldendale High School Counselor and Multicultural Consultant followed up on Dr. Garnett's comments with what she sees daily within our schools and explained the Risk Factors and Warning signs that lead to teen suicide. She stressed that suicide is becoming more common place in our society and everyone needs to be able to recognize the warning signs.

The evening closed with a discussion about the impact of the "Hirst Decision" on our local water rights with Dave McClure, Klickitat County Environmental Director.

The evening was tremendously successful, closed on time in the allotted two hours and plans are already underway for the next segment of the series.



Speakers in picture at Farmers Series: L to R - Dave McClure, Klickitat County Environmental Director; Dr. Mary Schroeder, Goldendale High School Counselor and Multicultural Consultant; Dr. Garnett, Goldendale M.D., Klickitat Valley Health; and Paulette Lefever Holbrook, Program Organizer.

Grange Connection

Mountain View Grange Gets A New Floor



Mountain View Grange #98 in White Salmon, WA has become the unofficial home of the Secret Salsa Society, an all-volunteer group that promotes mostly Latin dancing. The group holds weekly social dances at the Grange. For some years Jeanne and Eric Pelton were the volunteers who kept the Wednesday night doors open.

Jeanne and Eric were seen all over the Gorge at various dance events. Their support of local musicians and dance venues was unwavering, and they became known as the Gorge's favorite dance couple. Eric felt that the Grange needed a new dance floor. He talked about the splinters that were known to sneak out from worn areas and attack feet. The floor had been repaired several times with floor boards taken from closets. In many areas it had been sanded so thin that nails were poking through. Eric's dream was to win the lottery and put in a new floor and do other repairs to the Grange. In April of 2016, our dear friend Eric passed away unexpectedly. The dance community reeled from the loss, but his loving wife Jeanne was going to make sure his memory and big heartedness lived on.

Donations from Eric's memorial service started the "Floor Fund" and adding to that the "Fund Me Site". Jeanne didn't stop there she arranged a silent auction which was held in December of 2016. Jeanne single-handedly went to local establishments gathering a multitude of auction items. She enlisted the help of a local band to provide the entertainment. All proceeds went to the floor fund. The event was a huge success attended by more than 125 people. It was overseen by Master Dan McBride who presented appreciation awards to Board Members Pat Sajdak and Ruth Olin for their contributions of "time, talent and friendly deeds". Over \$6,000 was added to the fund, bringing the grand total to \$9,360.

One thing led to another and, thanks to Eric's dream, the project grew. Friends and members helped this effort. Aaron Hanson and crew at Hood River Painting painted the hall. Grange members Amanda Kitchings, Ruth Olin, Pat Sajdak, Mike Guthrie and Bill Hoffer patched, painted and installed trim, while Bruce Bolme did electrical work. Ron Krause and team laid the 1600 square foot floor in one weekend. Twinkly lights were the final touch. It was time to dedicate the floor in Eric's name; to thank Jeanne Pelton for her commitment and hard work, and to thank the Community that made it all possible. On October 21, the dedication took place. The band, Center Street, played to a large receptive and grateful audience, which had no problem breaking in the new floor.

Pat Sajdak presented the plaque to Jeanne and the Pelton family from Mountain View Grange #98. It is now proudly displayed in the case in the main hall for the world to see, and the Eric Pelton Memorial Floor is a reality for all to enjoy. Thank you Eric! Dreams really do come true!

Goldendale Grange Finds Original Charter



Lost, Found, Framed for Preservation! The original Goldendale Grange No. 49 Charter had been missing but found in where else? The old hall... It was taken to Jeanne Morgan of Golden Photos for framing and preservation and then she presented it to some of the youngest Grange members: Daniel Lefever, Sara Wade & Erin Stelljes for hanging at the hall for all to see.

they plan events together.

OKANOGAN COUNTY

Okanogan Grange will host an informational presentation by Dan and Susan Brown of their travels on this trek to Camino a Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a Basque dinner served and Three Sisters seed packets available. Donations to benefits Okanogan Grange and Slow Food Okanogan

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange will have their next Consignment Auction on Sat, April 14. Consignment items may be dropped off at the Grange hall on Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Long Beach Grange has requested to be transferred to Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange.

North River Grange hosted a spelling bee for the North River School. An open house for Grange Month is scheduled for April 21. May 5 will be a Community Garage Sale. The Grange continues to operate the North River Food Bank. Soup and education labels were sent to the North River School. Lighting in the hall was updates with LED lights.

North Willapa Harbor Grange continues to work on raising funds for the beach erosion project that threatens State Hwy 109 in the Washaway Beach area.

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange will hold a Summer Craft Sale and Flea Market on July 14, 2018, from 9am to 3pm at their Hall. Suggested admission is a non-perishable food item which will be donated to a local food bank. More than 50 vendors are anticipated. More information will be available at <http://www.facebook.com/FruitlandGrange/>. A Canning Class will be conducted at the Fruitland Grange by Sister Debra Basquez on July 18, 2018, from 7-8:30 p.m. The class will be free and open to the public. Master Jim Moebius introduced a guest at our meeting, Dr. Troy Munson. Dr. Munson is the president of the Orting Chamber of Commerce and spoke briefly on the upcoming Daffodil Festival and Orting's involvement. Master Jim Moebius and Lecturer Eileen Moebius gave an entertaining demonstration on how to bake a cake to enter in the upcoming lecturer baking contest.

SAN JUAN COUNTY

Orcas Island Grange will host JP & the OK Rhythm Boys on May 19 at 7:30 p.m. There is sure to be Toe tappin', hand clappin' old time fun music for the entire family! Admission is \$10; tickets available at Darvill's Book Store and at the door.

San Juan Island Grange Lecture series was held on February 27 with 65 community members attending, featuring Lopez Islander Milla Prince. The Grange meeting room floor was refinished in February. Grange history and an explanation of degree work is now scheduled into every regular Grange business meeting. Presentations are given by a 7th degree Grange member. Many committees have been active since the New Year! The Growers Circle has been meeting weekly with an

enthusiastic steady attendance of 8-12 new and older farmers. A new Emergency Resilience Group has formed to help Grange families become more resilient in the face of disasters. This group is currently working on emergency kits and supplies, and surveying Grangers to find out what skills, tools, and needs we have in our community.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Rexville Grange is transformed for ten days in April into a wonderful gallery of art and fine crafts. Come and enjoy the superb collection of pottery and jewelry, paintings, photography, garden art, scarves, bags, hand turned wood and glass at the Rexville Grange Art Show, April 6 - 15, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm each day.

SKAMANIA COUNTY

Stevenson Grange will have the annual Plant and Seed Swap and the Walk-In Plant Clinic on April 7th, from 10 am - 2 pm, at the Stevenson Library gallery. We want to have a lot of participants in the Plant and Seed Swap, especially from local folks. If it grows locally, it is a good thing! Share your seeds and starts with your neighbors and friends. We will have an info table for those who have CSA or other information to share.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Stillaguamish Grange will host it's Spring Fling event on April 21. This is a super fun event with over 40 vendors, live music, food truck, fashion show presented by Ladders and Lace, and silent auction. All proceeds go to the Grange to help refurbish the Hall.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange held a St. Patty's Baked Potato Bar fundraiser on March 17—great food, fun, and entertainment (Jr. Grangers had a talent show plus The Haran Irish Dancers)—proceeds benefit our Scholarship Fund. Green Bluff Home Ec Club held their annual Spring Dinner on April 21. A beautiful quilt was raffled off plus many items in the silent auction with all proceeds toward their Scholarship program. March 6 was our Disaster Preparedness community event. Attendees learned how to be prepared for any disaster. April 3 will be our Open House for Grange Month. Community members are encouraged to help us celebrate with a hot dog dinner, dessert, games and information booths will be available. Scholarship applications (due April 1) and grange contest information (due for judging on May 18 at Five Mile Grange) is being disseminated to the community via our gbgrange300@gmail.com email. Our Jr. Grangers are getting their entries ready too. Besides working it, members will help with cookies/treats for the Spokane County Pomona rest stop project April 30-May3. We are open for breakfast on Sunday, April 29 and May 27 from 8-11 a.m. Let's hope spring is really here when we get the April edition.

STEVENS COUNTY

Kettle River Grange presents "Hoodwinked & Hoodooed" on April 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, & 15.

Family night will be April 6 & 11 with a cost of \$25 per family. April 14 will be a dinner theatre, with a cost of \$30 per ticket. The remaining nights will be \$10 for adults, \$6 for ages 6-11, and 5 and under are free.

Valley Grange held a Community Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast on March 31. Proceeds from the breakfast went to the Grange, while the proceeds from the Easter Basket Raffle went to support the Communities in Progress.

THURSTON COUNTY

McLane Grange will begin their Delphi Craft and Swap Meets on April 14. The event will start at 9 a.m. and run until 3 p.m. This event will run on the second Saturday of each month through November.

Skookumchuck Grange had some cousins to a coyote break into the Grange hall...nothing was stolen, thankfully, but the damage to the doors came with a price. We continue to support our Tenino FFA. Annually, they have a live Auction fund raiser to fund the kids trip to Chico, CA to compete at the FFA Field Ag.Day. This year, Tenino Police Chief Moody and our Pomona Master were the Auctioneers! What a fun event for our Agriculture future. Our Grange had a submission for the State dessert contest in the form of a pie, but it was far from perfect and Ginny and Terri are seasoned judges.

South Noy Grange holds dances on the first, second, and fourth Saturdays of each month. Orientation to the event begins at 7 p.m. with dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

South Union Grange has a dance to live country music on the first Saturday of each month. The next event will be on Sat, April 7, beginning at 7 p.m.

WHATCOM COUNTY

Haynie Grange Opry began its 13th season this spring, kicking off with 2nd Saturday concerts from March through May, and expanding to its full 2nd Friday and Saturday concerts in June, July and August. As always, the Haynie Grange at 3344 Haynie Road hosts the Opry. The evening shows being at 7pm and are \$10; the afternoon Gospel matinees are at 3pm, and entry is \$5. For all shows, tickets will be sold at the door, beginning one hour before the show. The house band, and creator of the Haynie Opry is Matt Audette and the Circle of Friends Band. Here's the line-up for March and April: Sat. In, March was featuring tributes to Don Williams, Fats Domino, and Mel Tillis, in the first hour. The second half was a tribute to Patsy Cline, with special guest Marcia Kester. The next show will be Sat. April 14 – Gospel matinee; evening show is a repeat of March. At intermission, coffee, water, cookies are available for donation. More to come in future issues. For questions, contact Matt Audette 360-366-3321.

Pomona Connection

Cowlitz County Pomona
Cowlitz County Pomona Grange Lecturers and Family Living Contest will be held at Catlin Grange, 205 Shawnee, Kelso. On Friday April 20, entries are due 9 - 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Then on Saturday April 21 at Catlin Grange, Pomona will have the Baking Auction during the regular meeting. Catlin Grange's Pomona service project will be to bring items for Hugs in a Mug - pencils, cards, small games, puzzle books, etc.

Grays Harbor/ Pacific Pomona
Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona held a successful Basket Bingo on March 24 at Humptulips. This completes our Pomona fund raising events for this year. The Pomona subscribed to Good Day! magazine for each of the subordinate Granges in our area. The Pomona also agreed to support the effort of Long Beach Grange in transferring to our Pomona Grange. We started the steps of changing our name to better reflect our Granges, changing from Grays Harbor County Pomona to Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona. We are offering four partial campships to attend Morehead Junior Grange Camp this summer. Letters from campers are due by May 10 to the Pomona Master. We will have the art, craft, photography, sewing, quilting, and food preservation contests with entries due on May 11 to the Elma Grange Hall, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Pomona will meet on May 12 at 10 a.m. at Elma.

Klickitat County Pomona
Klickitat County Pomona celebrated the Grange's 150 Anniversary with an open house and program on March 4 at the Goldendale Grange Hall. Representatives from all seven Granges from Klickitat County were in attendance. The event featured historical displays

and a presentation from the Goldendale FFA.

Lewis County Pomona
Lewis County Pomona is offering a Grange Scholarship this year. Applications are due by May 1.

Mason County Pomona
Mason County Pomona held their contests on March 17 at the Matlock Grange Hall.

Okanogan County Pomona
Okanogan County Pomona will hold their Lecturer and Family Living Contests on April 14 at the Twisp Valley Grange Hall. Entries are due at 10 a.m.

Pierce County Pomona
Pierce County Pomona will be finishing up the Grange contests over the next two months. The Sewing, Needlework, and Quilting contests will be on April 6. Entries are due to the Waller Road Grange Hall by 9 a.m. The Art, Craft, and Photography Contests will be on May 4 with entries due to the McMillin Grange Hall by 9 a.m. The degree work will be exemplified at the Pomona meeting on April 7 at Waller Road, beginning at 10 a.m.

Skagit County Pomona
Skagit County Pomona met in February at the Skagit Valley Grange Hall amid valentine decorations. Lecturer Susan Custance presented an impressive candle lighting ceremony. Pomona again met at Skagit Valley in March amid St. Patrick's decorations. The baking, canning, and candy contests were held under the direction of Family Living Chairman Jean Swift. Lots of baked goods, candy, and canned items were judged with purple, blue, and red ribbons awarded. Items were auctioned off and the proceeds will go to Grange charities.

Snohomish County Pomona
Snohomish County Pomona will exemplify the first through the fifth degrees on April 28 at the Horseshoe Grange Hall. The event will begin at 10 a.m. and will include a potluck at 12 noon. There will also be a Family Living and Lecturer Conference on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kellogg Marsh Grange Hall.

Thurston County Pomona
Thurston County Pomona will hold their Lecturer and Family Living Contests on April 14 at the Brighton Park Grange Hall. Entries are due 9-11 a.m. and may be picked up after 2 p.m.

Whatcom County Pomona
Whatcom County Pomona held their Baking Contest on February 20, with a total of 19 entries. Funds raised from the auction totaled \$171. Pomona Master Scott Hackett was our Auctioneer, and Haynie Grange Junior Member Melissa Kudsk served as his assistant. There was a great assortment of cookies, sweet breads, pies and cakes among the entries. Luckily, Russ Weston baked two blackberry pies, as his intended entry slipped out of his hand as he was leaving his house that morning, and landed upside down on his outside welcome mat! His "alternate" pie was entered, and garnered him a purple ribbon, and a chance to try again at State Convention. Ten entries will represent Whatcom county at the state contest in June.

Yakima, Riverside, and Sunnyside Pomonas
Yakima, Riverside, and Sunnyside Pomona Granges are having a community ice cream social on April 26, from 6pm to 8pm at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall to celebrate Grange Month! We will have memberships to each Grange available! Contest judging is set for April 21 at the Fruitvale Grange Hall. Entries are due at 9 a.m.

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	April 18 at Crescent, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting
Clark	TBA
Cowlitz	April 21 at Catlin, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. All contest entries due on April 20. Baking auction at the Pomona meeting.
Excelsior	May 19 at Greenwood Park, 9:30 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck. Lecturer and Family Living contest entries due.
Ferry	April 10 at San Poil, 6 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. meeting.
Grays Harbor/ Pacific	May 12 at Elma, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck. Lecturer and Family Living contest entries due on May 11, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
King	May 12 at Sallal, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck.
Kitsap	April 20 at Crystal, 7:30 p.m. Baking contest entries due. Lecturer contests to be held on April 24 at Silverdale.
Klickitat	May 5 at Alder Creek, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.
Lewis	April 7 at St. Urban, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Lecturer and Family Living entries due 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Community service collection is non-perishable items for the food bank.
Mason	May 19 at Skokomish, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck.
Okanogan	April 14 at Twisp Valley, 10 a.m. Baking, crafts, and sewing entries due.
Pend Oreille	April 14 at Fertile Valley, 10 a.m. Baking Contest entries due by 9:30 a.m. Baking auction during the meeting. Sewing and craft contests to be held at Calispel on May 1 with a 9:30 a.m. check in.
Pierce	April 7 at Waller Road, 10 a.m. Sewing and Needlework entries due on April 6 at 9 a.m.
Riverside	April 21 at Lower Naches, 1:30 p.m.
Skagit	April 4 at Fredonia, 7 p.m. Lecturer and CFL contest entries due 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. May 2 at Samish Valley, 7 p.m.
Snake River	May 19 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m. Lecturer and Family Living contests to be held.
Snohomish	May 19 at Granville, 10 a.m. Lecturer and CFL contest entries due May 17, 2-6 p.m.
Spokane	May 19 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m. All contest entries due on Friday, May 18.
Stevens	May 19 at Addy
Sunnyside	April 10 at Buena, 6:30 p.m.
Thurston	April 5 at Skookumchuck. 7 p.m. Lecturer and Family Living contests to be held on April 14 at Brighton Park, entries accepted 9-10 a.m.
Whatcom	April 17 at Rome, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Art, craft, and canning contest entries due.
Whitman	April 21 at Rimrock, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck.
Yakima	April 20 at Fruitvale

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Thurston County Baking Contest Winner Awarded



Pictured are Cloe Johnson (granddaughter of Duane and Shirley Johnson) holding the purple ribbon she earned at the Thurston County baking contest. Shown with her on the left is Ginny Nelson, Thurston County Pomona CFL and Rita Klein, Brighton Park CFL.

San Poil Juniors Present Community Service Project



San Poil Junior Grange's participation in the State Juniors Community Service project is book collection. They are pictured here setting up at the local Republic Market. Junior Leader Heather Baldwin is on the right.

Green Bluff Juniors Elect 2018 Officers



Green Bluff Junior Grange elected officers: Master Mia Baldwin, Overseer Braden Donough, Steward Keagan Schnell, Assistant Steward Aveya Walls, Secretary Aveya Walls, Chaplain Keeli Holestine, Gatekeeper Keagan Schnell, and Lecturer MacKenzie Winchell.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Juniors

Summer Is Coming ... And That Means Fair Time

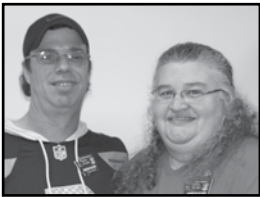
By Marvin & Jennifer Oliver
Junior Grange Directors

Summer is coming and that means fairs will soon be here. If your Junior Grange participates in putting a booth in a fair, why not take the opportunity to enter the Junior Grange Fair Booth contest.

Any theme can be used. The booths should be done entirely by the children with adult supervision only. The booth should tell a Junior Grange story or it can follow the fairs theme. The booth must show the name of the Junior Grange, eligible age for Junior Grange membership and local contact information. Entries are due to

the State Director post marked by October 31st. Cash awards to top three. Ribbons and certificates will be awarded to all entries at the Washington state Grange convention.

Let's not forget how important and fun it is for the Junior Grangers to participate in the District talent show. There are four district contests to be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 2 pm. 1. Eastern District at Fort Colville Grange Hall in Stevens County. 2. Northwest District: McMillin Grange Hall in Pierce County 3. Central District at St. Andrews Grange Hall, in Douglas County. 4. Southwest District at Newaukum Grange Hall in Lewis County.



Marvin & Jennifer Oliver

Participation in the talent contest allows for the Junior Granger to get practice and positive feedback and to gain confidence to perform at the State Convention during the Junior program. All junior performers who perform at district will be eligible to perform at state convention during the Junior Grange program on Saturday.

For details for all the Junior Grange Contests see the Washington State Grange program guide starting on pages 13-16.

Remember to always stand up and speak out!

Youth

Grange Youth Activities Spring Into High Gear

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

The State Grange Teen Weekend will be held April 20-22 at the Lewis & Clark State Park Retreat Center, near Toledo in Lewis County. Registration information in this issue and can also be found on the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.org

As we enter the spring solstice, we are slowly creeping upon the first of several deadlines for Grange youth contests. May 15 is the deadline for applications for the Horizon Youth Ambassador Program and Young Patron Program, 4-H/FFA member Award, and Spirit of Youth Award. Contestants in the sign-a-song

contest and the prepared speech contest must notify the youth director of their intent to enter by the June 1 deadline. Nominations for the Youth Service Award, Junior Grange Mentor Award, and Grange Youth Recruiter Award are also due by June 1.

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

Living Chair on the date and location of the contests in your area.

We are hoping for a large delegation of youth at the annual State Grange Convention in Mount Vernon. There will be a variety of activities for the youth to enjoy.

The 2018 Western Regional Leaders and Youth Conference will be held August 3-5 in Olympia. We are putting together a good selection of workshops and activities as we will be hosting Grange leaders and youth from our neighboring states. Registration information will be available by May 1.



Jerry Gwin

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE YOUTH WEEKEND APRIL 20-22, 2018

The 2018 Youth Weekend will be held at the Lewis & Clark State Park, near Toledo in Lewis County. Youth Weekend is open to all you, ages 14-35. There is a \$10 fee for each participant. Everyone must have a registration form and medical release form (available on the State Grange website) that is current for 2018. Please send all completed forms to Jerry Gwin, State Youth Director. Forms must be postmarked by April 10.

We maintain a zero-tolerance policy on alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and weapons. Once a youth member arrives at the conference, they will stay with the group until they leave to go home, unless the absence has been preapproved by both the youth director and a parent/guardian. This includes the use of cars. Those participants over 18 years of age may drive themselves and siblings. Violators will be sent home. All food for the weekend will be provided. Please bring a sleeping bag and anything else you will need for the weekend – we will be sleeping at the retreat center. Bring your own toiletries.

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Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Email

Sponsoring Grange

County

Date Joined

I have read and agree to the above rules.

Parent Signature

Youth Signature

Please send registration form by April 10 to:
Jerry Gwin, State Youth Director, P. O. Box 14, Humptulips, WA 98552

National Grange Youth Team Participates in National Ag Day

The National Grange Youth Team participated in National Ag Day Activities in Washington, DC. The top photo below is the youth team with Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, while the second picture below is with Vice President Mike Pence. The Youth Team is Jennifer Nauss (Pennsylvania), Tessa Taft (New York), and Jacob Gwin (Washington). Jacob Gwin currently serves as the National Grange Youth Ambassador and the WA State Grange Youth Ambassador.



Junior Connection

Green Bluff Junior

Green Bluff Junior Grangers held a talent show at the Grange Baked Potato Bar fundraiser to benefit the Grange Scholarship Fund. Junior Grangers are busy preparing for the upcoming Pomona contests.

Humptulips Junior

Humptulips Junior Grangers are planning a spring retreat for April 27-29 at Morehead Park. We have worked out the menu. Our activities for the weekend will include sewing, dehydrating, photography, crafts, and a beach nature hike. Junior Grangers will be helping with the Grange auction on April 7 by donating items and helping to show the auction items. Two gift baskets were donated to the Pomona Basket Bingo event in March.

San Poil Junior

San Poil Juniors met recently to work on their upcoming Community Service projects. They placed a book collection box at the local market and have set their goal at 100 books. Their next meeting is March 26th after school.

Home & Family

Family Living

CFLs: Encourage, Empower and Educate Our Members

By Cecelia Hamilton
Family Living Director

Family Living Contests are underway and I am witnessing great things! I appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. There have been many awesome workshops held in preparation of our contests as well because of them! The energy that comes from seeing all of the delicious baked goods and preserved foods is amazing and infectious. It's vital we continue to share and teach these necessary life skills. The many beautiful quilts, apparel and needlework being entered are amazing!

Thank you all for sharing your years' activities and for allowing me to hear about your areas of concern and progress through your yearend reports. Keep them coming! We are always open to suggestions for our program. Please contact me with any ideas or concerns that you may have.

Leadership conferences are done, and it was great seeing the Grangers in attendance. However, I do have some serious concerns in regards to our Family Living program

representation. We need to work together to grow our program by encouraging others to step up to the plate to take on the office of CFL within our Subordinate and Pomona Granges. I ask myself why would a Grange not have a Family Living Chairperson? Is it due to the lack of members? That can be resolved by more than one Granger sharing the task or by recruiting new members. Or do we feel we don't need the program? The voice of Grangers over the years has proven that remark to be unacceptable. Maybe it's that we aren't sure of just what a CFL does. I choose to believe it to be the latter suggestion accompanied by the possible fear of commitment. I am going to briefly share my thoughts in hopes that I can encourage you to challenge your members to commit.

So, let's see, you already have a Granger that somehow loyally arrives in plenty of time to prepare your hall for meetings. They have coffee brewing and tables set. The lights are on, heat is going and yes even the pie is magically sliced. So, is this the sole job of a CFL? No, not necessarily, but we do happily take

these tasks on with the help of others. So, what do we do? Our duties are simply that we are to share a current educational program monthly regarding family safety, health or nutrition. Also we are asked to promote our Pomona contests and to be advocates of community service. By doing these activities I would say that we hold a vital role in our Granges. If not as an addition to our Granges community service goals, how about the dedication to our member's and communities in regards to their health and well being? Life is great, spread the joy, and become involved today! ENCOURAGE, EMPOWER, and EDUCATE by your example.

In closing, with Grange month underway how has your Grange planned to celebrate? Have fun, open your doors to your community and share what we are all about! Be sure to advertise your upcoming Pomona Contests to your communities as well.



Cecelia Hamilton

Delicious Pistachio Cake



(Courtesy of Family Features)

This delicious Pistachio Cake will be a hit at your next get together. Simple to make and it will be devoured in minutes. For more recipes go to www.culinary.net.

Pistachio Cake

- 1 package white cake mix
- 1 package instant pistachio pudding mix
- 3 Large eggs
- 1 cup Club Soda
- 3/4 cup canola oil
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

- Frosting:**
- 1 package instant pistachio pudding mix
 - 1 cup 2% milk
 - 1 carton frozen whipped topping, thawed

Preheat oven to 350° F. Spray non-stick spray into bundt pan. Combine cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, club soda and canola oil into a large bowl. Beat mixture on medium speed for 2 minutes. Add in walnuts and stir. Transfer mix to prepared bundt pan.

Bake 40-45 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean from the center. Cool in pan 10 minutes before transferring to plate.

For Frosting: Combine pudding mix and milk in large bowl. Beat mixture on low for 1 minute. Fold in thawed whipped topping. Spread over cake. Refrigerate until serving.

Community Service

Deadline Reminder: Community Service Reports Due April 15th

By Yvonne Knuth
Community Service Director

Community Service reports are starting to come in. Thank you to those that have already gotten them to me. Don't forget to write the class at the top of the report.

Is your Grange planning to turn in a community service notebook? If you haven't had a chance already, please read my "Tips for an Award-Winning Community Service Notebook" in the February

addition of the Grange News, page 10. Also, be sure to put your Grange name, class and year on the cover.

Now that spring has officially arrived, we should all be focusing on projects that help our communities. These could include; creating a community garden or educational garden for 2nd and 3rd graders, place flags throughout the community or at your local cemeteries, hold a Farm City Dinner where both rural and city people come together, sponsor

a local festival (bluegrass, jazz, or other local interests) or sponsor kids to attend Junior Grange Camp. Your Grange may also think about hosting a summer kids sewing camp or maybe a bicycle fair for the youth in your community or conduct a neighborhood block party. The list goes on and on, but you can see there is much we can be doing for our communities.



Yvonne Knuth

North River Grange Hosts Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, February 13, the North River Grange sponsored and conducted a Spelling Bee for students from grades 1-6 of North River School. We collaborated with Shiloh Bible Camp leadership, who graciously provided a warm environment, stage, sound equipment, and seating that made the competition possible. Grange members zealously decorated the room with banners and 'balloon bees,' adding a bright ambience to the spirit of competition.

There were a total of 37 students that attended from North River School. The Grange and School also opened the competition to homeschoolers in the area, though none attended.

This year, many of the students

were competitive and studied assiduously, demonstrated by their mastery of the word lists, at times coming very close to exhausting all words from the grade level lists published by the 'Scripps National Spelling Bee - 2018'. Some grades were close to moving on to the next grade level!

We awarded the top three winners in each grade with Walmart gift cards and Certificates, and gave all participants, participation certificates. The Grange also provided Rice Krispie treats and juice for all participants, though some teachers and spectators may have also partaken of these sumptuous delights!

The winners of the Spelling Bee went on to Regionals, competing

against three other schools in the Aberdeen, WA area. In this competition, the North River Community had one first place winner, a couple of second and third place winners and, overall, did very well in Regionals. We are thankful for all the helping hands in our community that aided in this successful Spelling Bee for all the students, and for all the hard-work and dedication the students put in to studying their words.

We look forward to working with our community again for the Spelling Bee next year. In the meantime, we are preparing for our annual community-wide spring plant and seed exchange, and look forward to active community participation in this event.

Grange Travel Adventures To Visit Skagit Tulip Festival



Wednesday, April 18, 2018

The bus will originate in Olympia at 8:00 am at the State Grange Headquarters. Driving north on Interstate 5, the bus will make stops in the Tacoma and King County areas as well. The specific pick-up locations will be determined by the location of the members who register for the day's events. Confirmations with pick up locations will be mailed out prior to the event.

The bus will arrive in Skagit County in the late morning for a visit to Tulip Town. Tulip Town features an indoor garden and flower show, numerous outdoor gardens, an elegant gift shop, landscape murals, a trolley ride through the fields, and vendors who have something for everyone. After the visit to Tulip Town, the bus will proceed to Hillcrest Park Lodge for the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Wild Salmon Barbeque. The BBQ lunch features grilled salmon, baked potato, coleslaw, garlic bread, beverages, and dessert.

ADVENTURE TOUR TO SKAGIT VALLEY TULIP FESTIVAL

Registration Due by April 1, 2018

Name

Mailing Address

Email Address

Telephone ()

Grange Name

Please send registration with \$65 fee no later than April 1.

Checks should be made payable to the Washington State Grange.

Send to: Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507.

Celebration Of Grange Heritage In Klickitat County

More than seventy Grangers and friends from across the county crowded into Goldendale Grange Hall Sunday, March 11, for a celebration of Grange Heritage in Klickitat County. All seven, currently active Granges were present; Centerville #81, Columbia(Lyle) #87, Glenwood #94, Mountain View (White Salmon #98), Alder Creek #890, Trout Lake #210 and Goldendale #49. Although no longer active, Pleasant Valley #146, Woodbine #243, Dot #252, White Creek #1075 and Spring Creek Grange #162, were represented in the historical activities. Grange history dates back to the early 1890's when 34 Grange halls were

established across the Klickitat County landscape. As roads and transportation improved these small local units consolidated into the Granges we have today. Representatives from each participating local Grange provided a written history along with pictures and other artifacts depicting their long history. Klickitat County enjoys the distinction of having some of the oldest active Granges and lowest Grange numbers in the state. It is interesting to note that four State Grange Conventions were held in Klickitat County, Goldendale 1891, White Salmon 1893, Lyle 1897 and Centerville in 1904. A note found in Columbia

Grange Minutes states, "The 1894 Washington State Grange Session, was to be held in Vancouver, WA. Columbia Grange voted on and passed a motion to notify all Granges in Klickitat County that their teams of horses and wagons could be left at James Lyle's or John Olson's so that Grange members could take the river boat to the Vancouver Convention." Roads on the north side of the Columbia between Lyle and Vancouver had not yet been completed.

Klickitat County has been honored by several State Officers through the years; William Olson, from Lyle, WA, was one of the first. He was State Lecturer from 1897 – 1899. Records indicate he was the oldest surviving charter member of the State Grange in 1963 when he passed away. He had attended every session for 50 years until 1962 when failing health caused his absence. Locally he donated the land, the lumber and helped build the Columbia Grange Hall in 1889. Ray Hill, a Goldendale native, was our last State officer, he was elected State Overseer in 1972 and became State Master in 1983. He came from a family with deep



Goldendale FFA has been making and selling metal art signs as a fund raiser. Grange Deputy Lucille Bevis is showing off her new metal art cat sign after Goldendale FFA student, Tiana Watson, had successfully practiced her salesmanship skills. Goldendale FFA Advisor Josh Kreig, in the background smiling as the interaction is taking place.



Klickitat County Grange 150th Anniversary Celebration. Seven granges represented: Alder Creek, Centerville, Columbia, Glenwood, Goldendale, Mt View, Trout Lake with historical regalia and a presentation from the local Goldendale FFA organization. What a great turn out Klickitat County Granges!

Grange Travel Adventures Invites You To Join Us For An Evening At The Ballpark



Join us at the ballpark for another exciting excursion with your fellow Grangers, friends and family. Grange Travel Adventures have planned again this year to have a day at Safeco field for Grangers across the state. We have reserved 95 seats

in section 329, which is behind home plate, for the Saturday, June 2nd game against the Tampa Bay Rays at 7:10 pm. With a Saturday night event, we hope that more Grangers can attend this year to not interfere with work schedules and busy week night

activities. Reduced group ticket rates are just \$20 each. Reserve your tickets today! *Mail your check with registration to Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia, WA 98512

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To order tickets, fill out the form below and return it to the office or Mail to: PO Box 1186, Olympia, WA 98507-1186

Deadline to order is May 10th, 2018 | Questions? Contact Sophia Keller at 360-943-9911 or skeller@wa-grange.org

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Grange Deputies & Pomona Masters Gather In Yakima

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the Fruitvale Grange members, attendees participated in a teamwork workshop focused on creating displays for Grange Month. The participants were broken into six groups, with each group receiving a 3-part panel board. Each group also received a file with graphics and written descriptions of Grange milestones. Add in a variety of colored paper, markers, scissors, and double-sided tape for construction purposes. The result was six creative displays that could be used for placing in store windows for Grange Month. Following the creation of the displays, each group reviewed their achievement with the others and offered what they could have done to improve their own display. Each display was sent home to be placed in a business for the month of April. The final workshop for the conference focused on the Grange Month survey

distributed by the National Grange. Titled, "How Healthy Are Your Granges", we reviewed the surveys and the need to utilize the information on the survey in establishing where to prioritize State Grange personnel and resources in assisting Granges. Each Grange will be asked to complete the survey and to return it to the State Grange Office no later than April 15. The Pomona Grange Masters and State Deputy Masters have met together for the past two years to work toward building a team to assist Granges across the state. The annual conference not only provides an opportunity to build a cohesive team, but also gives the State Grange Master the opportunity to provide the tools necessary to create a harmonious tone with a progressive attitude toward the future of the Washington State Grange and the subordinate and Pomona Granges across the state.

Looking Back: Greenwood Park Grange Presents Member Awards

On April 23, 2016, Greenwood Park Grange #590 in Hunters, Washington awarded 25 year pins to Annette Herbert, Clarence Yarnell, Joe Schwartz Jr., and Michael Schwartz II. Additionally, Nadine Johnston was awarded her 75 year pin. On this date, we also celebrated 100 years of the Greenwood Park Grange.

(Right): Deputy Lynn Wells and Master Michael Schwartz presenting Nadine Johnston with her 75 year pin.

(Bottom): left to right- Annette Herbert, Clarence Yarnell, Nadine Johnston, Joe Schwartz Jr., Michael Schwartz II, and Master Michael Schwartz.



Sammamish Valley Grange Hosts Spring Gardening Program



Sharon O’Grady and Beth Robinson, WSU Master Gardeners, share tips and resources on spring gardening at a recent Sammamish Valley Grange #286 community program.

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