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Skagit County Pomona Elects Youngest Master in State

Skagit County Pomona Grange elected the youngest Pomona Master in the state, and possibly in the entire nation, at their meeting on November 6th at Skagit Valley Grange. Lacey Rude, an 18-year-old freshman at Skagit Valley College, was

chosen to lead Skagit County for the coming year. Lacey is very excited and looking forward to the opportunity. She has been a very active member of Fredonia Grange since she joined at the age of 13, holding several offices at both

the Subordinate and Pomona levels. She has been active in the Youth Department at State Grange for most of those years and was in the Rose Drill when the convention was held in Mount Vernon. She was part of the youth delegation that

went to the National Grange Convention in 2018. Lacey's plans for the coming year include revitalizing committees for more participation by members and emphasis on gaining new members. She also hopes to get the Granges

involved in more community service projects and activities.

Pictured: 2019 Skagit County Pomona Master, Dennis Hall, congratulating 2020 Pomona Master, Lacey Rude.

January 2020 issue deadline – December 15th
Submissions can be sent to grangenews@wa-grange.org

INSIDE: Looking back at the 2019 National Grange Convention



The National Grange Convention, held in Bloomington, MN from November 5-9, was well attended by Washington Grangers. Photos and information from the Convention can be found throughout this issue.

Pictured Left: The 2020 National Grange Youth Team consists of National Youth Ambassadors Alexis Kudsk (WA) and Jaycee Jette (MT) and National Outstanding Young Patrons Tracey and Phillip Jones (IL).

Washington State Grange Resource And Leadership Conferences 2020

This year's series of State Grange Resource and Leadership Conferences is set to begin on January 10 at the Ford's Prairie Grange Hall in Lewis County. Seventeen additional meetings will be held throughout the months of January and February at various locations across the state.

Each of the conferences will begin with a potluck luncheon or dinner. Approximately one hour after the meal, the conference will begin. A brief session will be held for the entire group, followed by breakout meetings. The breakout meetings will be 30-45 minutes each and be on a rotating basis.

State Master Tom Gwin will lead a discussion for Grange Masters and Membership, while State Secretary Terry Abbott will meet with the Grange Secretaries. Additional presentations will be given by Lecturer Leslie Wells, Family Living Director Helen Berg, Junior Grange Director Heather Ferguson, and the Youth and Community Service Program Representatives. The focus of this year's leadership conference series will be on providing resources that will assist each Grange to become more successful in their communities.

Packets of information for each department will be distributed, along with program handbooks, legislative handbooks, and useful materials for each Grange.

The complete schedule of conferences, which are open to all Grange members is as follows:

- Fri, January 10** – Ford's Prairie, Lewis County, 6 p.m.
- Sat, January 11** – East Oakville, Grays Harbor County, 12 p.m.
- Sat, January 11** – Catlin, Cowlitz County, 6 p.m.
- Sun, January 12** – Hazel Dell, Clark County, 12:30 p.m.
- Fri, January 17** – Steele Lake Highline, King County, 6 p.m.
- Sat, January 18** – Tualco, Snohomish County, 12 p.m.
- Sat, January 18** – Skagit Valley, Skagit County, 6 p.m.
- Sun, January 19** – San Juan Island, San Juan County, 12 p.m.
- Mon, January 20 (ML King Day)** – Quimper, Jefferson County, 12 p.m.
- Fri, January 24** – Moses Lake, Grant County, beginning at 6 p.m.
- Sat, January 25** – Buena, Yakima County, beginning at 12 p.m.
- Sat, January 25** – Centerville, Klickitat County, beginning at 6 p.m.
- Sun, January 26** – Convention Kick Off Meeting at Prospect Point, Walla Walla County
- Fri, January 31** – Entiat, Chelan County, 6 p.m.
- Sat, February 1** – Okanogan, Okanogan County, 12 p.m.
- Sat, February 1** – Addy, Stevens County, 6 p.m.
- Sun, February 2** – Eddy's Restaurant in Colfax, Whitman County, 12 p.m.
- Sun, February 2** – Five Mile Prairie, Spokane County, 6 p.m.

Lecturer's Department

2020 Creative Writing and Talent Contests Announced



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

The Lecturer Team met on November 2nd at Riverside Valley Grange in Pierce County. Our timing was good because we were able to enjoy their great hospitality and a delicious lunch before we got to work. We reviewed and discussed the various programs in the Lecturer Department that we will be using for 2020. We made few changes and I thought I'd share the information for the Creative Writing contest so you can get started on your entries.

Creative Writing – Get Your Creative Juices Flowing

Poetry – The 2020 theme for the Poetry Contest is: "Camping". There is no word limit.

Short Story/Anecdote – The theme for 2020 is "Thoughts on Nature". This category has a maximum word limit of 1000 words. Remember, your short story/anecdote should entertain the reader.

Essay – The 2020 theme for the essay is "It's Native to Walla Walla". This category also has a 1000 word limit. Your essay should be informative for the reader.

Book Review – This is a review of a book that you would recommend to others. Your entry should evaluate/critique the overall work – not re-tell the story of the book. The word count has been eliminated.

This contest is open to both members and non-members. The divisions are: Adults, age 20 and older and Youth, ages 14 – 19. There is no contest for kids younger than 14. Entries must be postmarked by April 1st and mailed to: Leslie Jo Wells, State Lecturer, 18232 201st Avenue SE, Monroe, WA 98272. The complete rules for the Creative Writing Contest will be in the Program Handbook, on the website and in the Lecturer Packet at the Leadership Conferences.

Talent Contest – Big Changes Coming for 2020

We will not be holding District Contests. For many years we have held District "qualifying" contests in the four areas of the state. Unfortunately, the participation has dropped off significantly over the most recent several years. In fact, of the 8 district contests scheduled in the last two years, only 4 were actually held. That meant that at pretty much the last minute we were trying to contact Granges and judges to cancel the event –

because we were not aware of any participants. The situation was not fair to the Granges who were opening their halls and furnishing refreshments or to the judges that were donating their time and expertise. We are going to try something new this year: You and your Grange member friends will be able to sign up to participate in the State Talent Contest once you arrive at Convention. We are still working on the details and will have them to share with you in the Program Handbook, at the Leadership Conferences in Jan/Feb and as they say... watch this space!

2020 Candle Lighting Ceremony

I plan to have the Candle Lighting Ceremony posted on the website by mid-December. I'm still trying to get all my creative juices flowing in the same direction!

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Lecturer Department, please call me (360-306-0905) or email me (lesliewells@att.net). Also, one more time, I have a new address: Leslie Jo Wells, 18232 201st Avenue SE, Monroe, WA 98272.

Seniors Help Lower Naches Valley Grange Clean-Up



Naches Valley High School seniors donated time and effort to help the Lower Naches Grange #296 with Fall clean-up inside and outside. Our thanks to their Advisor, Mrs. Autumn Britt and to seniors Joanna Simmons, Cooper Schorzman, Malorie Stevens, Amber Uecker and Sheldon Leakey.

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President’s Message

Cultivating Connections In Every Grange

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

As we enter our 153rd year as the Grange organization, we may reflect on our successes of past years. We just completed our 153rd Annual National Grange Convention in Bloomington, MN. I, along with State Executive Committeeman Duane Hamp, served as the delegates from the Washington State Grange. Duane was the Chair of the Audit & Budget Committee, while I served as the Chair of the Conservation Committee. The Conservation Committee considered 15 resolutions, ranging from environmental issues to public lands, power, and the weather. Each resolution was thoroughly discussed, both pro and con. No topic was left untouched as we explored all aspects of our committee work.

Moving on to 2020, the new National Grange theme is “Cultivating Connections”. Putting these two words together can lead to a wide array of thoughts. Starting with the word “cultivating”, we think about spring when we prepare the soil and plant the seeds for our Grange year. We nurture the tender plant until it grows into maturity and becomes productive. In the Grange, we nurture our youth and juniors in hope they will grow and be productive members. We provide opportunity for our adult members to grow and develop their leadership and communication skills that will lead to a stronger organization.

Likewise, “connections” are the lifeblood of each Grange. From making our halls available to our community citizens to

partnering with individuals or groups to complete a service project, those Granges that connect with their community find themselves making an impact in their community. Another aspect of connections is putting our experienced members in contact with our newer members and mentoring or teaching like skills to the younger members. Our youth Grangers are

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outstanding mentors to the Junior Grangers in our camping program. We must continue to utilize the skills of our experienced Grange members in developing the skills of new and potential members that will create a positive productive Grange experience for all.

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We are renaming the Grange Leadership Conferences to the Grange Resource and Leadership Conferences this year. The new name will better reflect the intent of the conference in providing resources to each Grange for their yearly program of activities. The schedule can be found elsewhere in this issue. The plan is to include each of the State Grange Directors in the conferences. Each of the conferences will begin with a general session for all Grangers, where we will



Tom Gwin

provide you with resources and ideas on where and how you can begin cultivating connections in your Grange. This session will be followed by a breakout session where you will choose one to attend. The sessions will include a training for Grange Secretaries and multiple presentations focused on opportunities for Grange Lecturer, Family Living Chairs, Membership Development, Community Service Projects, and Youth and Junior Programs. I suggest bringing a carload of people from your Grange so you can be represented at each of the sessions.

Also, in this issue, you will find a list of dates for the upcoming year. Two important dates are Grange Legislative Day, scheduled for February 20 in Olympia and the State Grange Convention, which will be June 24-27 in Walla Walla.

As we approach the holidays, you are invited to one of our Grange Holiday Celebrations: December 14 at the Moses Lake Grange Hall and December 15 at the South Union Grange Hall. Both events will begin with a potluck dinner at 1 p.m., followed by activities for the entire family. We hope you will take the time to socialize and make connections with your fellow Grange members.

From the officers and staff of the Washington State Grange, our best wishes to each of you for a wonderful holiday season. Let’s work to cultivate the connections that will lead to increased activity and success in every Grange in our state and nation!

Legislative

How An Idea Develops Into A New Law



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

Last month, I wrote about what happens to resolutions after convention. This month let’s take it a step farther and learn how an idea can develop into a new law.

Washington has 49 legislative districts, each elects a Senator and two Representatives so, each citizen is represented by three legislators. Senators serve four-year terms and Representatives serve two-year terms.

The Washington state legislature meets every year. In odd numbered years, following an election, the legislature meets for 105 days and crafts a new biennial budget. In even numbered years, the legislature meets for 60 days and adopts a supplemental budget. Either session can be extended with 30-day special sessions if needed. The regular session begins the second Monday in January each year. In 2020, that will be January 13.

Citizens have a voice. Any legislator may introduce a bill on any subject. If one or more constituents approach a legislator with an idea, that legislator may have a bill drafted and introduced on the subject.

Legislators can’t help you if they don’t know who you are or what you need. Washington state is becoming increasingly urban. Fewer and fewer legislators understand rural issues. If farmers, foresters and other citizens from rural area don’t come to the capital to tell their story, it won’t be heard. After the next census and redistricting, it is very likely that half of all legislators in Washington State will be from King County.

To be effective at influencing legislators, it’s best to develop a relationship with them before the legislative session begins. Get to know all three of your legislators and their staff. A good way to do this is to attend events where they are speaking or invite them to speak at Grange meetings. Every legislator has an assistant who manages his or her calendar. Legislators are very busy and some Legislative Assistants (LA) are very protective of their time. The better relationship you have with the LA, the more likely you are to get an appointment. LAs can also be very helpful at guiding you to the best approach to communicate with a legislator. Sometimes, an email or phone call may work better than a meeting.

Do your homework. Every legislator’s bio is online on the Washington State legislature’s

website and on his or her campaign website. Search for them by name. Reading their bio will tell you about their family, work experiences and interests. Finding something you have in common is a great way to build a relationship.

It’s also important to research your issue. Know who might oppose it and why. How much will it cost? Legislators do not like to be blindsided, so the more thorough your research, the more willing they will be to take up your issue. Prepare a one-page sheet about your issue to give to your legislators.

I will continue this series about influencing the legislature. As always, if you have any questions or would like more information, please let me know.

By-Laws

Molson Grange #1069 will meet on December 12, 2019 to vote on changing their meeting times to the 2nd Wednesday or each month at 2:00 p.m.

Whatcom Pomona will meet on February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Ten Mile Grange to vote to confirm their by-laws.



Session Watch 2020

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



The Membership Corner

Cultivating Connections in 2020

As the National Grange Master, Betsy Huber announced at the 153rd Annual Session last month, the National Grange's theme for 2020 is "Cultivating Connections". This theme builds upon the 2018 "I'm a Do-er" and 2019 "Hometown Heroes" themes.

So how can we build upon this theme as both a state Grange and at our local Granges? Let's first look at what those two words mean; the word cultivating is of course a word used in agriculture but how else can that word be used? In our everyday life, cultivating relationships is key. Cultivating means planting, growing, nurturing and developing, all of which can be used to begin or strengthen a relationship with others whether they are old or new to you. How can we help grow, nurture and develop our connections with others? Identifying our connections would be a great start. Connections means linking others together, networking and creating relationships.

It is important to also cultivate



our connections in our youth and junior programs as well. How do we do this? We begin by planting the seeds, nurturing the seeds and then we will begin to watch them develop and grow in knowledge, abilities, commitment and leadership. All of these skills are so important in our everyday lives and our juniors and youth will one day say that the Grange was a critical part of their path to learning and growing into adulthood. How active is your Grange in helping to cultivate these connections

with our youth? How can your Grange better strengthen those connections? Do you invite youth in your community into the Grange? Organizations such as FFA, 4-H, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are great avenues. Maybe your Grange is located near a school where you might invite them into the Grange or offer an after-school activity hosted by the Grange. Hosting events like a Trunk or Treat or an Easter egg hunt or a Santa's breakfast are great ways to get to know the youth in your community.

Finding your local connections in your community is a key factor to consider. Is your Grange connected with local organizations, local government, the military and veterans in your area? How can we better cultivate those connections? What does the Grange offer to them and how can we better partner with others in the community?

These are all great questions to ask as a Grange as you begin to work to set goals for the coming year.



2020 Legislative Day

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Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

- DECEMBER 1.....Grange Officer Reports Due to the State Grange Office
- DECEMBER 14.....State Grange Christmas Party @ Moses Lake Grange Hall. Grant County
- DECEMBER 15.....State Grange Christmas Party @ South Union Grange Hall, Thurston Cty
- DECEMBER 31.....Fourth Quarter Secretary Reports Due to the State Grange Office
- JANUARY 10.....State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Ford's Prairie Grange Hall, Lewis County
- JANUARY 11.....State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ East Oakville Grange Hall, Grays Harbor County
- JANUARY 11.....State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Cowlitz County
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- JANUARY 20.....State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Quimper Grange Hall, Jefferson County
- JANUARY 23.....State Grange Executive Committee Meeting @ Olympia
- JANUARY 24.....State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Moses Lake Grange Hall, Grant County
- JANUARY 25.....State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Buena Grange Hall, Yakima County
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- FEBRUARY 2.....State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Eddy's Restaurant in Colfax, Whitman County
- FEBRUARY 2.....State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Five Mile Prairie Grange Hall, Spokane County
- FEBRUARY 20.....State Grange Legislative Day @ Olympia
- MARCH 6-8, 2020.....State Grange Teen Getaway Weekend @ Moses Lake
- MARCH 27-28, 2020.....State Grange Deputies, Officers, and Pomona Masters Conference @ Olympia
- JUNE 24-27, 2020.....131st Annual Session of the Washington State Grange @ Walla Walla County Fairgrounds
- AUGUST 7-9, 2020.....Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference @ Boise, ID
- NOVEMBER 17-21, 2020.....154th Annual Session of the National Grange @ Valley Forge, PA

National Grange Convention

Washington State Grange Resolutions Sent To National – 2019

Resolution Number	Title	Sponsoring Grange	Action at National
2019-01-1301	Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act	Manor #1101	Present Policy
2019-12-1105	Sale of Grange Property	Humptulips #730	Rejected
2019-15-0301	Breaching the Four Dams on the Snake River in Eastern Washington	Steele Lake Highline #805	Present Policy
2019-16-0302	Supporting Farmers Innovations	Whatcom County Pomona #6	Added to Policy Statement
2019-19-1304	Protection of the Electrical Grid	St. Andrews #832	Adopted
2019-22-0102	Definition of Milk	Sunnyside #129	Present Policy
2019-23-1404	Waste to Energy Incineration Facilities	Sunnyside #129	Withdrawn – needs rewritten and resubmitted
2019-24-1306	Daylight Savings Time on the West Coast	Sunnyside #129	State Issue
2019-30-1107	Grange Flag Display at Grange Meetings	Pierce County Pomona #16	Withdrawn – needs rewritten and resubmitted
2019-39-1203	Opposition to Importing Non-FDA Approved Prescription Drugs	Humptulips #730	Present Policy
2019-40-0901	Supporting Youth Firearms Education Programs	Humptulips #730	Adopted as Amended
2019-41-1502	Student Agriculture Protection Act of 2019	Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28	Adopted as Amended
2019-42-0107	Restoring and Expanding Markets for American Producers	Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28	Present Policy
2019-43-0201	National Grange Financial Audit	Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28	Adopted
2019-44-1204	Basic Dental Coverage Through Medicare	North River #946	Present Policy
Agriculture Committee #1	USDA Inspections	Agriculture Standing Committee	Adopted
Agriculture Committee #2	Disposal of Unwanted Agricultural Animals	Agriculture Standing Committee	Present Policy
Agriculture Committee #3	Food Safety Modernization Act	Agriculture Standing Committee	Withdrawn – Congress passed the act following our state session
Cons/Ecology Committee #1	Opposition to Wild Olympic Wilderness	Conservation & Ecology Committee	Present Policy
Transportation Committee #1	Standardized Seat Belt Buckles	Transportation Standing Committee	Rejected
Transportation Committee #2	Automatic Daytime Low Beam Headlights	Transportation Standing Committee	Adopted as Amended
Veterans Affairs Committee #2	Eliminate Veterans Offsets	Veterans Affairs Standing Committee	Adopted as Amended

National Grange Convention

National Grange John Trimble Legislative Award Winner Jonny Pittman Discusses His Experience

By Jonny Pittman
John Trimble Legislative
Experience Award Winner

It was my pleasure to attend the 153rd National Grange Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota as the youth representative for the John Trimble Legislative Experience. The John Trimble Legislative Experience is a National Grange program that allows one to two Grange Youth, aged 16 to 35 to be a full voting member of a national committee, to be officially be seated with the National delegate body, and to be recognized during roll call of the delegates.

As a founding member of Moses Lake Grange #1151 in May of 2017, I knew little about Grange at any level. By November 2017, I became a 7th degree member at the National Convention in Spokane, WA.

The following 2018 Washington State Grange was the first state convention attended as a voting delegate. I knew nothing about Robert's Rule of Order or how the resolution process worked. Sitting on the committee we read the resolution, debated what we thought about the resolution, and then voted on what to do with the resolution. After the opening of the State Grange, we moved into the work with the delegate body. I remember sitting there wondering what in the world is going on? A resolution is read,

someone makes an amendment, then an amendment is made to the amendment. Somebody else is confused and asks to question. But instead of answering their question the delegate body stops debating and immediately votes. Not knowing what was going on was a feeling I did not like. After state convention, I read Robert's Rules of Order, bought a double-sided cheat sheet to Robert's Rule of Order, and read another book that walked through different examples of how a meeting progresses using Robert's Rule of Order.

November 2018, I attended the National Convention in Stowe, Vermont as part of the National Youth Officers Team. I remember surviving Grange drill boot camp, learning an opening and closing drill in two nights, to be done during the youth opening for Friday's Session. During the opening, I first heard of the John Trimble Legislative Experience, as the winner of that year's experience, a youth from California, was included in the morning roll call of officers. After the 2018 National Convention I made it known to my local Grange and to the State Grange President that I would like to apply for the John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience.

After signing up as a delegate for the 2019 state convention, I was surprised to be assigned chair of the National Legislative Committee.

Leading the committee meeting, and answering the questions when the delegate body asked wwwhhhyyyy were all challenges that pushed me just outside of my comfort zone. I am grateful to have been surrounded with a team of committee members, each qualified to lead the committee, but kind enough to share their wisdom and experience when I was not 100% sure how to proceed.

The official photo backdrop of the 2019 National Grange Convention read "Everything has led you here". The above story explained how I made it to the 2019 National Grange Convention for the John Trimble Legislative Experience, when just a couple of years before I was ignorant in all things Grange.

At the 2019 National Convention I was placed on the Ag committee. I remember walking into the committee room to be warmly greeted by Grange leaders from Maryland, Nebraska, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Montana, Indiana, and Illinois. I observed how the committee worked through the resolutions and spoke up on topic I knew, or when computer-based research was needed. This year marked the second year the National Grange gave delegates the option to follow the resolution work using a computer and SharePoint. As the youngest person in the room, it was satisfying to show the delegates how to use SharePoint and watch them



learn, only needing to show them once. I later learned the delegate from Nebraska was given the job as committee secretary, so he would be too busy typing to have time to talk.

The National Session Opened in the 7th degree and I was seated next to my mentors from North Carolina, Jimmy and Anita Gentry. Jimmy and Anita showed me true southern hospitality. All session long when I had a question Jimmy and Anita would give straightforward, thought out answers. On the first day, Anita assured me I had the authority to ask to speak on the session floor and kindly encouraged me to speak up. Observing Jimmy for the week, I saw a leader that was always reading to learn, not speaking unless he had something worth saying, and when speaking he spoke with knowledge, authority, and enthusiasm. I could not have asked for a better pair of mentors.

For the most part, I now understand what is happening on the session floor, and can appreciate delegates that speak well on the floor. I realize how important committee work is. In the committee setting the resolutions can really be discussed, reviewed, and dug deeply into. By the time a resolution hits the session floor, things are moving quickly and there is no time to dig deeply into the meaning of the resolution. Furthermore, I am starting to understand what makes a good resolution. First a resolution needs a specific, unique title. Next a resolution needs enough whereas detail to explain the resolution, but the resolved needs to be direct and detailed enough to stand on its own. Yet it should not be so narrowly detailed in scope, written to support a specific bill going through the legislation. As bills progress through the legislature, bills can be changed from what the

Grange initially supported. Or if the bill dies, the meaning behind the resolution will need go through the resolution process all over again. But if the original resolution had covered the intent of the specific bill, the Grange would be able to lobby for it without needing to have it brought back through the resolution process. When a resolution says the Grange supports xyz, that is a very powerful statement, that allows our state Grange representatives and national legislative director to work with other like-minded groups to build coalitions to promote legislation the Grange stands for in our legislative handbooks.

The 2019 National Convention was not spent entirely in session. The best memories from convention came from reconnecting with Grangers met at past conventions and meeting new friends all over the United States. There was one nice old granny from Ohio that said I could call her grandma. I met a fellow chemist working to overcome the same professional struggles I face. I talked with the WWII quilt for valor recipient, and ordered a book he recommended that documented his time in occupied Japan dealing with the nuclear bomb fallout.

The youth from Washington State represented our state well at Nationals, including but not limited to leading the opening drill, marching in step, speaking with confidence during the opening, passing on the National Young Patron title, and winning another National Youth Ambassadorship. Doing the John Trimble Legislative Experience and everything that led me to it has taught me skills that will be used in the Grange and in my professional life for the rest of my life. Thank you for supporting the Washington State Grange Youth.

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Orders due by December 18th

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National Grange Convention



National Grange Master Betsy Huber presented the first place Community Service award to North River Grange. Georgia Clark accepted the award on behalf of her fellow Grangers at North River.



Retiring Youth Team Member Brittney Oliver is flanked by the 2020 National Grange Youth Ambassadors – Jaycee Jette of Montana and Alexis Kudsk of Washington.



The Washington State delegation to the National Grange Convention pose together for a group photo following the Celebration Banquet on Saturday, November 9 in Bloomington, MN. The delegation included: (Front Row) – Jacob Smith, Jerry Gwin, and Cindy Kudsk; (Middle Row) – Chris Hamp, Brittney Oliver, Davona Gwin, Debbie Smith, Georgia Clark, Isabella Lierman, and Alexis Kudsk; (Back Row) – Duane Hamp, Lane Smith, Skylar Zaborac, and Tom Gwin. Oren and Lou Gaskill and Tom McKern had already departed and were unavailable for the photo.

National Grange Convention Contest Results & Recognition Awards 2019

National Grange Youth Ambassador
Alexis Kudsk, Haynie Grange #169

Firefighter of the Year
Captain Larissa Rohr of the Hoquiam Fire Department,
nominated by Humptulips Grange #730

National Grange GROW Club Scholarship
Leah Bardal, Pleasant Hill Grange #101

Community Service Contest
Subordinate Granges, First Place: North River Grange #946
Junior Granges, Second Place: Humptulips Junior Grange #376

Quilt Block Contest
Adults, First Place: Debbie Anders, Tualco Grange #284
Men, First Place: Duane Hamp, Five Mile Prairie Grange #905
Juniors, Third Place: Colton Kuhnkey, Green Bluff Grange #300

Junior Grange Contests
Junior Art, ages 12-14, First Place and Best of Show:
Ione Sheldon, Camp Morehead JG #401
Junior Photos, ages 12-14, Second Place:
Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg Grange #1
Agriculture Awareness Recognition: Camp Mayfield JG #403

Distinguished Grange Recognition
Washington State Grange
Five Mile Prairie Grange #905
Goldendale Grange #49
Oakview Grange #311



The WA youth delegation at the youth costume party. This year's theme was "Snapchat Filters".



National Grange Master Betsy Huber presented the second place award in the National Junior Grange Community Service Contest to Humptulips Junior Grange. Accepting the award are Lane Smith, Jacob Smith, and Skylar Zaborac.



Davona Gwin accepted the Firefighter of the Year Award from National Grange Master Betsy Huber for Larissa Rohr of the Hoquiam Fire Department.



The Washington State Grange junior and youth delegation to the 2019 National Grange Convention: Jonny Pittman, Jacob Smith (front), Skylar Zaborac, Georgia Clark, Alexis Kudsk, Isabella Lierman, Lane Smith, and Brittney Oliver.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Juniors

Juniors Are The Future Leaders Of Our Grange

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director



Heather Ferguson

Having a Junior program is easier than you think. If you have children that attend your meetings, but not enough to organize a Junior Grange, then the 1+ program is for your Grange. The 1+ program allows a single child, ages 5-14, to become full-fledged Junior Grange members. All they need to do is submit a simple application to the subordinate Grange and receive the Junior Grange obligation to start their Grange journey. Keeping Juniors active and busy during Grange meetings will get them excited and curious about the Grange.

As a 1+ member, they are eligible to enter any of the State and National Junior contests appropriate for their age. The new 2020 National and State Junior programs will be available after the New Year, so keep an eye out for them. This would be a great time for your Junior Committee or chairperson to help make a goals list for each Junior or your group of Juniors on what they want to accomplish for the year. Making a list that outlines all of the requirements and deadlines will help you and your Juniors achieve more and make sure all of their entries are complete and on time.

Junior members need to understand the importance and reasons of our degree work. As 1+ members they will not have the opportunity to participate in a Junior meeting and will need to learn about degree work during a subordinate meeting. This is as easy as 1+ members filling in absent seats or shadowing an officer during the opening and closing of your meeting. Remember, Juniors attention spans can be very short you may want to allow them to leave during the business portion of the meeting to work on their own projects.

Juniors are valuable and should be treated as the future leaders of our organization. Please consider adding 1+ Junior members to your Grange. If you are needing information, have questions or need ideas about a 1+ program or a Junior Grange program, I am always available.

Youth

Washington Grange Youth Shine At National Convention

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

The youth members of the WA State Grange did themselves proud at the 153rd National Grange Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Brittney Oliver (Moses Lake) gave up her title as 2019 National Grange Outstanding Young Patron. We are pleased to have Alexis Kudsk (Haynie) named as one of the 2019 National Grange Youth. Alexis is sure to have an exciting year in store as she travels to represent

both the National Grange and the Washington State Grange.

The National Grange Youth Officer Team performed an impressive drill as they opened the Grange on Friday morning. Congratulations to Youth Assistant Steward Skylar Zaborac (Humptulips), Chaplain Georgia Clark (North River), Secretary Isabella Lierman (Horseshoe) and Executive Committeeman Lane Smith (Humptulips) for your excellent representation of our state.

Jonathan Pittman (Moses Lake)

was this year's recipient of the John Trimble Legislative Experience. You can read about Jonny's experience elsewhere in this issue.

As we close the book on 2019, we are planning our youth department activities for 2020. Our first event will be the State Grange Youth Getaway Weekend on March 6-8 in Moses Lake. Information on this event will be in the January issue of The Grange News.

The State Grange Youth Department wishes you all a happy holiday season.

Junior Connection

HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange will hold their annual Bingo Fund Raiser on Saturday, December 14. The Junior Grange will be providing oranges and Christmas candy for the Humptulips Food Bank in December.

GREEN BLUFF JUNIOR GRANGE

Green Bluff Junior Grangers were happy to win 2nd place at the Interstate Fair this year!! Our 4th Annual Kid Friendly Haunted House was a huge success, raising over \$1200 and serving over 500 people. The kiddos had a spectacular time! The kids voted on an amount to donate to Mead Food Bank at our last Tuesday of the month meeting.



Join us for a
**GRANGE
HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION**

Sat, December 14

1 p.m.

Moses Lake Grange Hall

Corner of Hwy 17 and Rd 3 SE – Moses Lake



Sun, December 15

1 p.m.

South Union Grange Hall

10003 Tilley Road S. - Olympia

You and your family are invited to join us for a Grange Holiday Celebration. Potluck at 1 p.m. with turkey and trimmings provided.

Our celebration will include:

Gift Exchange (homemade or \$10 maximum cost)

Door Prizes

Silent Auction (to benefit Grange youth travel)

Games and Activities for Grange members of all ages

Visit from Santa Claus (parents bring a small gift for their children)



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Event sponsored by the WA State Grange, in cooperation with the host Granges.

LOOKING FOR A JUNIOR PROGRAM?



GOOD DAY! MAGAZINE WRITING CONTEST

Junior submissions welcome on
the topic: "If I were President..."

Send submission as a Word document attachment
along with short bio of Junior author by Jan. 21, 2020
to communications@nationalgrange.org

For more information, see Good Day! magazine
or contact Amanda at communications@nationalgrange.org
or by calling (301) 943-1090



Home & Family

Family Living

December News From Your Family Living Director

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

As we enter the Christmas season I would like to take some time to encourage you to begin working on projects that make a difference. If you have never made a comfort toy give it a try. I took a bag of toys to the fire department and they were so excited to get them. Just remember that sewn on or painted faces are required so as to keep small parts out of young children’s mouths. Adult bibs are greatly appreciated in our nursing homes. Try making one reversible with a Christmas print on one side.

Care packages for the homeless including hygiene and toiletries products along with a special treat would be fun to put together.

Perhaps putting together a few hugs in a mug would be something you

could do and take to a nursing home or VA center. These could include a puzzle book, pencil, deck of cards, hot chocolate and anything else you think a patient could use to help pass the time.

Lap robes are always appreciated. Just be sure they are long enough to cover their legs. This is a great way to try out a quilt pattern you have been wanting to try. They need to be washable in very hot water.

We will be collecting used eyeglasses again this year. Dr. Ogden in Goldendale uses these glasses when he goes to third world countries and distributes them to people who have a great need for them. He is willing to visit your grange and put on a program if you are interested. I have seen pictures of several of his trips and can personally say it was well worth



Helen Berg

the time. You can contact him at his office at (509) 773-4114.

Our State Quilt Block will be colors purple and teal. You may use any pattern you like however it must measure 12 ½ “. Hope to have many blocks this year. Remember they do become property of the of the Family Living Dept. and will be put into a quilt which will be auctioned off at State Convention in Walla Walla. Proceeds go to support projects in our department.

In this joyous Christmas Season may we not forget the reason for the season. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Leadership Conferences.



The Perfect Sauce To Pair With A Roast

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Creating a crowd-pleasing holiday centerpiece starts with choosing a flavorful, tender cut of meat. This year, you can make a holiday roast to remember with an elegant cut from Omaha Steaks paired with this Red Pepper Cranberry Sauce to elicit rave reviews from guests. Find more recipes and tips to create a holiday dinner to remember at OmahaSteaks.com.

Holiday Roast with Red Pepper Cranberry Sauce

Prep time: 5 minutes, Cook time: 25 minutes, Total time: 30 minutes, Yield: 2 cups

Roast

- butcher’s twine
- 1 Omaha Steaks chateaubriand roast (2 pounds)
- 2 tablespoons, plus 2 teaspoons, canola oil, divided
- Omaha Steaks Private Reserve Rub

Red Pepper Cranberry Sauce

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 medium red bell peppers, finely diced
- 1 cup red wine
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons yellow mustard seeds
- 6 tablespoons dried cranberries
- 6 tablespoons dried currants
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Instructions

To make roast: Heat oven to 250 F. Using butcher’s twine, tie roast to maintain shape. Coat all sides with 2 tablespoons canola oil and season with rub.

In medium skillet, heat remaining oil. Sear all sides of roast 2 minutes each. Place roast in roasting pan and bake 1 hour, 30 minutes.

To make Red Pepper Cranberry Sauce: Heat medium skillet on medium-high heat. Add olive oil and diced red pepper; saute 3-5 minutes.

Add red wine, red wine vinegar, sugar, mustard seeds, cranberries, currants and salt. Bring mixture to boil then turn temperature to low and simmer 20 minutes, or until liquid is mostly evaporated and thickened.

Top each serving of roast with Red Pepper Cranberry Sauce.

Family Living Dates To Remember

Please note the following important dates for the Family Living Department:

January

- January 1st – Family living Year End Reports due to State Director.
- All Month – family Living Conferences at various location throughout the state.
- Do you have your location set for your Pomona Contests yet? Have you chosen your judges?

February

- All Month – Family Living Conferences at various locations throughout the state.
- Family Living Pomona Contests happening around the state.

March

- Family Living Pomona Contests happening around the state.
- March 31st – Yearly Donations to various Family Living Sponsored charities suggested submission date.

April

- Grange Month activities across the state.
- April 1st – Family Living Scholarship Applications due to State Headquarters.
- Spring cleaning time! Does your Grand Hall shine?

May

- May 10th – Pomona Contests completion date.
- May 20th – Pomona Contest Reports due to State Director.

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

Here’s how you can help:



Do you shop at Amazon?

Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile will donate to the Washington State Grange Foundation when you do your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6064592 (you can also search by our name, the Washington State Grange Foundation). By remembering to shop at smile.amazon.com, Washington State Grange Foundation can significantly increase its AmazonSmile donations (you MUST shop at AmazonSmile not just the normal Amazon website).

Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?

Support the Washington State Grange Foundation just by shopping at Fred Meyer with your Rewards Card. You are now able to link your Rewards Card to your favorite nonprofit by visiting customer service desk at your local Fred Meyer or by creating an account online and linking your rewards card to the Washington State Grange Foundation (account # DI486). Whenever you use your Rewards Card when shopping at Freddy’s, you will be helping our organization earn a donation from Fred Meyer. They are donating \$2.6 million each year - up to \$650,000 each quarter - to the local schools, community organizations and nonprofits of your choice. All you have to do is link your Rewards Card and scan it every time you shop at Fred Meyer.



GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION (Seattle, Washington)

NOTICE OF 2020 ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS’ MEETING

The Annual Policyholders’ meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 16th day of September 2019.

Rodney A. King, CIC, AFIS
Corporate Secretary
GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Grange Connection

ADAMS COUNTY

Ralston Grange held their Veteran’s Appreciation Dinner on November 19. Veterans were honored following a turkey and ham dinner. The Annual Grange Christmas Potluck and Program will be on Sunday, December 15 beginning at 5 p.m.

CLARK COUNTY

Barberton Grange baked pies and donated them to the local fire station. Grange members also baked and sold pies at their monthly breakfast, which is held on the third Saturday of each month.

COWLITZ COUNTY

Silver Lake Grange will hold Brozaar III, similar to a bazaar, but focusing on masculine items that me would want. The event will be on December 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Columbia Valley Grange held the election officers with Dennis Love continuing to serve as president for 2020. Local volunteer fireman painted and repaired the Grange hall interior and it looks great. The group next meets on December 12.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange will have Breakfast and Pictures with Santa on Saturday, December 14. Breakfast will include pancakes, egg, sausage, juice, and coffee. Donations are welcome to support future events in the Oakville community.

Elma Grange will host a Shopping with Santa event on Saturday, December 14.

The holiday bazaar was held on November 23-24. Garage sales are on the first Friday and Saturday of each month. A lifeline screening program is scheduled for January 8 and a clothing exchange will be on January 11.

Humptulips Grange had six members and one junior attend the National Grange Convention in Minnesota. Congratulations to Captain Larissa Rohr of the Hoquiam Fire Department, who was named National Grange Firefighter of the Year. Turkey bingo was held on November 16, with a full house attending. Gift card bingo is scheduled for December 7. The Grange Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 13, beginning with a 6:30 p.m. potluck. We set our Grange’s 100th Anniversary Celebration for Sunday, March 15. The Grange and Food Bank purchased 60 turkeys for the November food distribution.

Olympic View Grange held a Lazy Man Cake Walk Fund Raising event in October. Members worked at the county and state fairs. Other fund-raising events are planned for the near future. Grange members baked pies for the Union Gospel Mission for Thanksgiving.

Satsop Grange continues to hold their flea markets on the first weekend of each month.

Sharon Grange held a bake sale at the 41st Annual Country Christmas Bazaar on November 23-24. All proceeds were donated to charity to support kids for Christmas.

KING COUNTY

Sammamish Valley Grange hosted the third annual Farmers Roundtable in November. New farmers and growers, along with those who have been farming long-term in the Sammamish Valley, came together to discuss this years’ successes and challenges. New Grange Member, Andrew Ely of Eunomia Farms, helped lead the conversation with discussion topics including new technologies, food security issues and information on bringing local food products to the marketplace. Grange members are looking forward to hosting the annual Holiday Party and Potluck on December 4th, followed by participation in Celebrate Woodinville Winterfest activities on December 7th.

LEWIS COUNTY

Cowlitz Prairie Grange will hold their last breakfast of the year on Sat, December 21, 7-10 a.m.

Mossyrock Grange celebrated with their Harvest Dinner on November 17. The Grange is collecting items for their ditty bags. The Mat Monsters wrestling team has started practices at the Grange Hall.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange is continuing with their consignment auctions on the second Saturday of each month.

North River Grange held a successful community workshop in November on Making Burn Salves and Lip Balm. The Grange sold food at the Saginaw Logging Days

in Brooklyn. Dictionaries were presented to students at the North River School. The Community Christmas Potluck and Crafts for Kids will be on December 7.

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange offered four canning classes this past summer. Each class averaged 100 people in attendance. The instructor, Sister Debra Basquez, presented the Basics of Home Canning, Dehydration and Pickling/Fermentation. The classes were lecture/discussion style. This was a great way to get to know our community, invite them to our Grange meetings and provide them with a solid skill set. We plan on doing these again in the summer of 2020. If any local Granges want to have a canning class, Debra is available to come to your Grange and teach. Fruitland Grange members welcomed five new members at their meeting on October 14, 2019. One of the new members, Steven Reams, provided entertainment with a song.

The Fall Bazaar in October was successful with over 60 vendors. Food was collected for donation to a local charity. Grangers are enjoying potlucks at the first meeting each month beginning at 5:30 followed by the meeting at 6:30.

SAN JUAN COUNTY

San Juan Island Grange will hold a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables are \$10 for Grange members. You may sell used, made or grown items. Members are welcome to donate any or all proceeds to the Grange. Set up starts at 8am Saturday morning and we must

be packed up by 2pm that same day. In future, we’re hoping to hold two Bazaars each year as Grange sponsored events and will bring this topic up at the December meeting. We believe this will benefit Grange Members – by providing a location and marketing for members to sell items, and our Grange – as a fundraiser that generates income for Grange projects (such as scholarships, the Community Kitchen Upgrade, etc.)

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange had their last “All You Can Eat” Pancake Breakfast on November 24. Next breakfast will be January 26. At our Booster night on November 5, Master Mike Beckman present a 25 year award to Richard Kaelin. Election of officers was held at our business meeting on November 19. Our 2nd annual cookie/candy exchange was on December 3 along with the tree/Grange decorating party. The annual Community Christmas Party is on December 14—Santa is sure to show up! Marines will also be present as we collect for “Toys for Tots.” Our December 17 Grange meeting will be our annual member Christmas exchange party while enjoying holiday treats after our meeting, possibly with a planning for 2020 taking place also. First Tuesday community events may include a 2nd chili cookoff, quilt block sewing event, St. Patrick’s dinner, and whatever grangers feel would be an event to get our “bluffers” involved.

Tri Community Grange has several events coming up: Dec

Welcome New Members		
GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS		
November 2019		
	# Joined	Jr. +1
Brighton Park #163.....	0	1
Lummi Island #925.....	4	
Barbara King, Tobey Kin, Kjell Rye, Wynne Lee		
Moses Lake #1151.....	4	
Sand Golob, Don Williamson, Lynette Williamson		
Steven Mclain		
Tri-Community #1008.....	4	
Kim Hoff, Brenda Grob, George Grob, Zach George		
	# Joined	Jr. +1
TOTALS	12	1

Centerville Grange Parking Lot Paved

Centerville Grange recently had their parking area paved. The paving was done on the north and west side of the building and funding for the project was provided by a grant received from the State of Washington thanks through the effort of our State Representative Gina Mosbrucker. The lot on the south side of the building will be paved in the future once the ground has settled. The Community Church had very little parking space and they now will be able to park at the Grange hall.



Grange Connection

18, we are doing a Christmas present wrapping service. In January we will be hosting a Newman Lake Book club. We have been hosting a twice a week yoga class (Mondays and Thursdays 5:30-6:30PM) with a \$5.00 donation for instructors for the past 3 years with no breaks in classes. We have top quality yoga instructors who know how to adapt and guide even the most novice of attendees and class sizes range from 6-13 twice a week. We plan to offer once a month tutoring sessions for school age kids, and a monthly family movie night. We have not had a spaghetti feed for quite some time, but have one planned on March 20th, 2020.

STEVENS COUNTY

Addy Grange is holding a Christmas Bazaar on December 7 at their hall. The event will begin with a Breakfast with Santa activity, 8-10:30 a.m.

Camas Valley Grange Master resigned due to health, the Treasurer (who was the Master

for some years) was appointed as Master to finish the year, and another Grange Member, with extensive accounting background, agreed to finish the year as Treasurer. A slate of officers was duly elected to start their positions in January 2020. The Grange Hall is now getting decorated for the Annual Dinner of Thanks/Community Christmas Dinner on December 1, and finishing quilts to hand out to the Veterans, Military, and First Responders. The dinner will be delicious, thanks to Marilyn and her crew. There will be a number of door prizes available, drawing for the Raffle Quilt (with an award to the grange member that sold the most tickets-Charley won last year), fresh fruit for the Seniors, wrapped tubes of candy for the children and handmade scarves by Darlyn. Santa will be there handing out toys for the little ones. Even though it is hard work to get everything done in time, each Grange member enjoys this amazing annual event.

Enterprise Grange held a Bake and Craft Bazaar on November 23. The event also featured a blueberry pancake breakfast.

The Valley Grange hosted a Community Thanksgiving Potluck on November 23. An Old-Fashioned Christmas Craft Sale will be held on December 6-7. Holiday Bingo will be on December 13, with dinner at 5 p.m. and bingo starting at 6 p.m.

WHITMAN COUNTY

Whelan-Ewartsville Grange held election of Officers at the Nov 13th meeting. We are hosting our 1st Annual Bazaar on December 14th from 9am-4pm. Our Christmas party will be held on December 15th at 3pm. Potluck dinner followed by a program including presentation of 25 & 50-year membership awards. There will also be a white elephant gift exchange. RV parking at the hall is going well for the WSU home football games with spaces full for most games.

Fruitland Grange Distributes Dictionaries



Fruitland Grange members distributed dictionaries to third graders at Pope and Woodland Elementary schools for the Word for Third program.

Barberton Grange Hosts Clark County Pomona's Thanksgiving Dinner



On November 13th, Barberton Grange hosted Clark County Pomona's 2019 Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks to all who made the dinner a success.

Pomona Connection

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange met at the Elma Grange Hall. We had reports on the summer and fall activities and plans were made for 2020. Three youth and one Junior Granger attended the national convention, along with four adults from our Pomona. Congratulations to North River Grange for placing first in the National Grange Community Service Contest. The next Pomona Grange meeting will be on January 11 at the East Oakville Grange Hall.

MASON COUNTY POMONA

Mason County Pomona met in Grapeview at the Fire Hall with Twanoh as the host Grange. Officers were elected for 2020. CFL Betty Bogle reported that an assortment of stuffed animals had been delivered to Mason General Hospital in Shelton and two new members took the Oath of Office. The next meeting of Pomona will be held at The Agate Grange on January 18th.

SKAGIT COUNTY POMONA

Skagit County Pomona voted

to donate funds to several charities for the holidays. The Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund, Friendship House, Pioneer Crisis Center, and Family Promise of Skagit Valley will each receive \$100.

SNAKE RIVER POMONA

Snake River Pomona heard Lecturer Al Meyer report on June's State Grange Convention. Donations to Ag in the Classroom and to Walla Walla County 4-H Council were made. The schedule was set for 2020 meetings. The next meeting will be March 21, 2020 at Burbank Grange Hall.

Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are requested to send their list of 2020 meeting dates, times, and locations to grange@wa-grange.org for inclusion into this calendar.

- CLALLAM**.....January 22 at Sequim Prairie, 9 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting
- CLARK**January 8 at 7 p.m., location to be announced.
- COWLITZ**January 18 at Catlin, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC**January 11 at East Oakville, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Leadership conference to follow at 1 p.m.
- KING**.....January 11, location to be announced.
- KITSAP**January 17 at Crystal, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- Klickitat**March 3 at Goldendale, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- MASON**.....January 18 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PEND OREILLE**.....December 14 at Calispel, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. potluck. Will be installation of officers.
- PIERCE**.....January 4 at Ohop, 10 a.m.
- RIVERSIDE**.....February 15 at Terrace Heights, 1:30 p.m.
- SKAGIT**February 5 at Skagit Valley, 7.p.m. Program will be candle lighting ceremony.
- SNAKE RIVER**March 21 at Burbank.
- STEVENS**.....February 1 at Addy, time to be announced.
- SUNNYSIDE**December 10 at Buena, 7:30 p.m. Will include the Christmas Party.
- THURSTON**December 5 at South Union, 7 p.m. Christmas Party/Potluck at 6 p.m. Installation of Officers will be on January 12 at 2 p.m. at South Union.
- YAKIMA**December 20 at Fruitvale, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.

Grange Connection

Rose Valley Grange Makes Fidget Blankets



Rose Valley Grange is making fidget blankets for Alzheimer's patients. Here are a few that have been made. The picture of the boy was a first for Nicole and he absolutely loved playing with it. He is in a special needs class at school. Nicole posted it on Facebook to let the community know that they could make these at the Grange. A lady responded to the post asking for a special one for her step mom. Nicole made her a blanket and delivered it to her. She was so happy with joy on the beauty of it and was full of happy tears. It even had a place that she printed a picture of her daughter and husband so she could see it daily. We have had so many request for these blankets. It makes our hearts filled with joy to make them for people.

Stranger Creek Grange Serves Thanksgiving Dinner To Over 100



Around 100 people enjoyed ham, turkey and all the trimmings on November 9th at Stranger Creek Grange in Stevens County. The potluck is always popular with the local families and gives them a chance to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. A fun way to start the Holiday Season!

Barberton Grange Celebrates With Annual Halloween Dance



On October 31st the Barberton Grange hosted its annual Halloween Dance. As you can see in the pictures, we had some interesting guests! The dance was DJ'd by our Grange Master Matt Hodges.

The Grange Exchange

Let us help you buy or sell with a classified ad!

Cost per word	one month	4 or more
Regular	\$.50	\$.40
Boxed	1.00	.75
Centered or reversed text	\$2.50/line	
Minimum for one month	\$5.00	

Word count: hyphens, spaces and X's separate words. Phone numbers count as one word. **We do not print ads for 900 number services.**

Deadline: 5th of each month (for the following month's paper). Classified ads must be paid in advance. (Tear sheets not sent for classified.)

Ad copy (or attach copy): _____

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Fargher Lake Grange Hosts Carving Contests

For the 3rd Annual Fargher Lake Grange Pumpkin Growing and Carving Contest, prizes were sponsored by Jim Lester with pumpkins donated by the Farther Lake Store. Junior and Youth Grangers each had three pumpkins to carve. Prizes were given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Junior and Youth Grangers were also asked to grow pumpkins at home with a prize going to the largest home grown pumpkin. Arthur Zimmerman had an 85 lbs winner.



Junior and Youth Grangers proudly display their contenders at the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Carving and growing contest held at Farther Lake Grange.

Happy Valley Grange Hosts Pajama Party



Happy Valley Grange had a "pajama party" and movie night on Tuesday, Nov. 19th. We were able to collect 40 sets of new pajamas for homeless mothers and children at Acres of Diamonds in Duval, Washington. We also watched a movie and ate snacks.

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