



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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State Grange Hosts Successful Legislative Day

The Washington State Grange held their Annual Legislative Day on January 29. More than forty Grangers gathered at the State Grange Office in Olympia for orientation and a presentation by National Grange Communications

Director Amanda Brozana-Rios on utilizing Grange advocacy and legislative activities to create publicity for your Grange.

Grangers then made the trek to the State Capitol Building for tours, legislative meetings, and additional speakers. The State

Grange made appointments for each attendee to meet with their State Representatives and Senator. Time between appointments was filled with attending hearings of the Senate and House Committees. Following a tour and meeting with his

State Senator, Darrell Myers, the Master of Mossyrock Grange #355, remarked "It was a great experience to be able to go down on the senate floor for a picture with Senator Braun".

This year's lunch speakers included State Senator

Judy Warnick, a member of Moses Lake Grange #1151, who discussed her work on rural and agricultural issues currently under consideration by the Senate. We also heard from Jim

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Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

- FEBRUARY 1**Leadership Conference, Eddy's Restaurant in Colfax, Whitman County, 6 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 2**Leadership Conference, Clayton Grange Hall, Stevens County, 12 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 2**Leadership Conference, Moran Prairie Grange Hall, Spokane County, 6 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 8**Leadership Conference, Terrace Heights Grange Hall, Yakima County, 6 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 9**2019 Convention Kick Off Meeting at Brewster
- FEBRUARY 9**Leadership Conference, Brewster Grange Hall, Okanogan County, following convention kick-off meeting
- FEBRUARY 10**Leadership Conference, Chelan County, location to be announced, 12 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 10**Leadership Conference, Moses Lake (O'Sullivan) Grange Hall, Grant County, 6 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 11**Leadership Conference, Kennewick Valley Grange Hall, Benton County, 6 p.m.
- MARCH 22-23**State Officers, Deputies, and Pomona Masters Conference
- APRIL 1** Application for WA State Grange Scholarships Due
- APRIL 1**Creative Writing Contest Entries Due to State Lecturer
- APRIL 15**.....Secretary First Quarter Reports Due to State Office
- APRIL 15**.....Convention Credential Reports Due to State Office
- APRIL 23**.....Intersessions Committee Meetings at Olympia
- APRIL 25**.....State Executive Committee Meeting
- MAY 25**.....Resolutions (for consideration at this year's convention) Due to the State Office
- JUNE 26-29**.....130th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange at Okanogan County Fairgrounds
- AUGUST 2-4**Western Regional Grange Leaders and Youth Conference in Montana
- NOVEMBER 5-9**.....152nd Annual National Grange Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota

Eye On Membership

Be A Grange Hero, Be A Grange Mentor!



Cecelia Hamilton



John Hamilton

By Cecelia & John Hamilton
Membership Directors

Leadership Conferences are underway and it has been great to witness the awesome turnout of Grangers excited about kicking off the brand new year with enthusiasm, encouragement and the desire to make a difference in their communities. Attendees have shared interesting ideas as well as carried out conversations filled with positive input and real life concerns pertaining to membership. Many asking the same question “So, how do we grow our Grange?” Through our conferences this year we have discovered together that we grow our Granges first off with a positive outlook for our future, an outlook consisting of well thought out goals as well as a consistent and steady focus on how to achieve these goals.

As a Subordinate Grange we have the opportunity to work together as a team with a vision sought by each of our members. Not just a chosen few who graciously have been the members who have always gotten it done in the past. Don't

assume that others will not or cannot take on a responsibility. Share goals with all members. In the Grange there is a job or a responsibility for everyone. An experience waiting to happen begins with an open mind, an open door and an opportunity.

We have been focusing on mentoring as a tool for leadership growth as well as the relationship between Grange Mentors and Grange Heroes. It is vital for us as a Grange Family to constantly encourage our youth and juniors as well as new members to take on leadership roles available along their Grange journeys. We as brothers and sisters within our Granges have the responsibility to walk beside our future leaders and assist them in whatever ways necessary to ensure not only a positive and productive outcome but a promising future as well. As Mentors and Grange Heroes we are looked upon as examples and role models as well as a Grange Family, ever present and consistent in promoting our core values and principles.

Thank you to all who share this amazing dedication and devotion for the future of our

organization. We may not always have our capes on as a physical example of the roles we play as Heroes, yet we can know that what we do today as a mentor will surely be a lasting impression in the hearts and minds of our future Heroes within our Grange.

There are many resources available for Grange Membership Growth. Visit our State Grange Website at www.wa-grange.com look for Membership Resources. There you will find Membership Applications, as well as all of the current program materials available. In closing we are slowly receiving our “Year End Membership Outreach Activities Reports”. Please take the time to fill out this one page report which shares your Granges activities of 2018 which involved and included your community and your members. Let us know how you reached out to promote your Grange. If you need a report feel free to contact us by email at jcbigpineranch@gmail.com or give us a call at 509-775-0191 and we will be sure to mail you one. Be a Grange Hero, Be a Grange Mentor!

Broadway Grange Undergoing A Resurgence

Broadway Grange #687, in Yakima, Wa has seen a recent resurgence in their activities in the past year. The past year has seen several activities going on with-in their walls. Contra dancing, which has been active for over 30 years at the Grange, is seeing an increase in participation of this gathering. They annually host a dance for "Coats for Kids" in December.

In the past two years, Head Master Murray Campbell has been teaching a Line Dance group that had started out as a few dedicated individuals to over 25 members who love to mingle and dance every Thursday evening. On December 16, the Broadway Line Dancers hosted a Christmas Social where participants came together for an afternoon of dance and community as they hosted a benefit for a local food bank, Entry to the social was free, but the members asked for a donation of canned goods or money for a local food bank. Over \$150 was donated as well as 4 boxes of non-perishable foods. What a great way to celebrate the holidays. Thank you to all the Grange members who assisted with this event and the Broadway Line dance troupe.



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President's Message

Are You Ready To Make A Difference In Your Grange?

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

Thank you to the multitude of Grange members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend one of our Grange Leadership Conferences. With a theme of "Making A Difference", the conferences were an opportunity for myself and the State Grange Department directors to present you with new and creative tools to utilize at the local level. We hope you will take those tools back to your Granges and to use them make a difference in your Grange and community.

We also took the time at these conferences to listen to your concerns and to provide answers to your questions regarding the activities of the State Grange. We will continue to listen to our members and to respond by creating inventive projects and activities that you can continue to build your Grange.

Thank you to our Grange hosts of the leadership conference series: Skookumchuck, Sharon, Catlin, Barberton, Edgewood, Tualco, Fredonia, Orcas Island, Sequim Prairie, Crystal, Terrace Heights, Brewster,

Moses Lake, and Kennewick Valley. Your hospitality was wonderful and greatly appreciated.

We completed our Legislative Day on January 29. Thank you to more than forty Grange members who came to Olympia to meet with their legislators and participate in this outstanding event. We hope more of you will join us at the 2020 Grange legislative event.

We will continue to listen to our members and to respond by creating inventive projects and activities that you can continue to build your Grange.

-- Tom Gwin

In March, we will hold the Grange Deputy, State Officers, and Pomona Masters Conference in Moses Lake. On Friday, March 22 we will be exemplifying the first four degrees. This activity will begin with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the degrees at 7 p.m. Any Grange member wishing to observe the degrees is invited to attend. Other activities at the conference will be focused on the future of our



Tom Gwin

organization.

The State Grange Convention will be here before we know it! The Convention Kick Off Meeting will be held on February 9. We will start with a tour of the Okanogan County Fairgrounds at 11 a.m., followed by a potluck and meeting at the Brewster Grange Hall. State Officers and Directors will be meeting with local committee chairs, providing direction for the planning of this year's convention. There will be minor schedule adjustments for this year's convention. The biggest change is that the Sixth Degree will be exemplified in the afternoon on Saturday, June 23. We hope the change to a weekend time slot will allow additional candidates the opportunity to observe this beautiful degree.

We will work to provide other opportunities to assist you in making a difference in your Grange and community. We can and will make a difference!

Legislative

The Legislature Hit The Ground Running



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

The legislature hit the ground running with 745 bills introduced the first week. Clean energy and creating new taxes appear to be reoccurring themes. Expect to hear more about these as the session moves along.

Our newest legislator, Alex Ybarra from Quincy, was sworn into office this week. He replaces Rep. Matt Manweller from Cle Elum who resigned. Ybarra is an employee of the Grant County PUD, a Quincy School Board member and vice president of the Washington State School Board Association. He will sit on the House Appropriations Committee.

We will soon have another new legislator when Senator Kevin Ranker's replacement is named.

The 2019 legislature is unique in many ways. There are 27 newly elected members who have never served in Olympia. That includes almost a full quarter of the House of Representatives. This is one of the more diverse legislatures Washington has ever had. There are four more women serving than in 2018, six additional members of color, three additional first or second-generation Americans, including new members who were refugees in their past.

Governor Inslee's proposed budget would, for the first time in history, spend more than \$50 billion over the next two years. To generate that much revenue, he's proposing an increase in the business and occupation tax for service industries, an increase in the real estate excise tax rate and instituting a capital gains tax.

A capital gains tax is a form of an income tax, which is prohibited by Washington's constitution. If it passes, a lawsuit is almost guaranteed. Other legislators are say there is no need for new or higher taxes. The revenue forecast is up, meaning the state will collect more money without increasing taxes.

One of the Governor's spending proposals would benefit Grangers. He hopes to spend \$25 million to bring high speed internet to some underserved rural areas of the state. More than 99% of Washington's 6 million urban residents have access to high speed internet, but that holds true for only 92% of the state's 1.2 million rural residents.

The legislature kicked off the new session by hearing multiple clean energy bills. The House heard HB 1110, sponsored by Joe Fitzgibbon. It would enact a low carbon fuel standard similar to the one adapted in British Columbia, but in its effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation fuels, it would increase the cost of fuel. For people who live in rural areas, the cost of fuel adds up quickly. Sen. Reuven Carlyle, who chairs the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy and Technology has committed to fast-track the governor's clean energy bills.

At some point during this session, there will likely be hearings about Snake River dams and other recommendations from the Orca task force.

There is also energy behind increasing access to affordable housing by modifying the state's Growth Management Act.

This is only week one. There's lots more to come.

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

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www.wa-grange.com/LegislativeSession.aspx

Your Grange Legislative Department At Work: Bill Tracking As Of 1/28/19

| Bill Details | | Status | Sponsor | Position |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| HB 1172 (SB 5314) | Capital gains tax/prop. tax Creates a capital gains tax. | H Finance | Santos/Wellman | Oppose |
| HB 1283 (SB 5277) | Agricultural fair funding Ensuring the funding of agricultural fairs. | H Approps | Dent/Warnick | Support |
| HB 1343 (SB 5129) | Revenue Creates a capital gains tax and increases the business and occupation tax rate on certain services. | H Finance | Tarleton/Rolfes | Oppose |
| HB 1498 (SB 5511) | Broadband service Expanding affordable, resilient broadband service to enable economic development, public safety, health care, and education in Washington's communities. | H Inn, Tech & E | Hudgins/Wellman | Support |
| HB 1611 (SB 5626) | Cultivation of shellfish Ensuring the safe and productive cultivation of shellfish. | H Env & Energy | Blake/Takko | Support |
| SB 5349 | Products identified as milk Prohibits the sale of a product that is identified by the word "milk" and, is intended for human consumption as food or drink, if the product is not milk or does not contain milk or milk products. | S Ag/Water/Natura | Ericksen | Support |
| SB 5550 | Pesticide application safety Implementing the recommendations of the pesticide application safety work group. | S Labor & Commer | Saldana | Support |
| SB 5552 | Native pollinators Concerning the protection of native pollinators, including bees. | S Ag/Water/Natur | Liias | Support |
| SB 5620 | Elk fencing pilot project Establishing a pilot project to test elk fencing. | S Ag/Water/Natura | Wagoner | Support |

Medium Priority Bills:

| Bill Details | | Status | Sponsor | Position |
|--------------------|--|------------------|--------------------|----------|
| HB 1025 | Horse slaughter Prohibits a person from slaughtering a horse if the person knows or should know that the meat from the slaughtered animal is intended to be used for human consumption. | H Public Safety | Appleton | Oppose |
| SHB 1110 (SB 5412) | Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. | H ENVIDPS | Fitzgibbon/Saldana | Oppose |
| HB 1113 | Greenhouse emission limits Reduces greenhouse gas emissions at a rate that is consistent with the intended nationally determined contribution submitted by the United States to the United Nations. | H Env & Energy | Slatter | Concerns |
| HB 1167 (SB 5476) | Composting/nuisance lawsuits Confirms that composting activities are recognized as agricultural activities and protected from nuisance lawsuits. | H RDev, Ag&NR | Walen/Kuderer | Support |
| HB 1211 (SB 5116) | Clean energy Establishes the Washington clean energy transformation act. Addresses the elimination of coal-fired electricity and the transition of the state's electricity supply to one hundred percent carbon neutral by 2030. Provides that it is the policy of the state that all retail sales of electricity to the state's customers be greenhouse gas neutral by January 1, 2030. Requires the department of commerce to convene an energy and climate policy advisory committee to develop recommendations to the legislature for the coordination of existing resources, or the establishment of new ones, to examine the costs and benefits of energy-related policies, programs, functions, activities, and incentives. Requires the department of health to conduct a cumulative impact analysis to designate the communities highly impacted by fossil fuel pollution and climate change. | H Env & Energy | Tarleton/Carlyle | Concerns |
| HB 1228 (SB 5130) | Fish barrier removal funding Helps fund state fish barrier removal by implementing a graduated real estate excise tax and increasing in certain vehicle weight fees. | H Finance | Chapman/Rolfes | Concerns |
| HB 1262 (SB 5229) | Presidential primary Changes the dates for the presidential primary. | H State Govt & T | Walsh/Zeiger | Support |
| HB 1287 (SB 5103) | Natural areas Requires the department of natural resources to recommend to the governor a prioritized list of all property acquisitions for the purpose of creating: (1) Washington natural resources conservation areas; and (2) A Washington natural area preserve. Authorizes the governor to remove projects from the list and submit the amended list in the capital budget request to the legislature. Prohibits acquisition without legislative approval and funding. | H Cap Budget | Griffey/Sheldon | Support |
| HB 1309 | Studded tires Phasing out the use of studded tires. | H Trans | Ryu | Oppose |
| HB 1310 (SSB 5273) | Presidential primary Changes the dates for the presidential primary. Requires each party to determine which candidates are to be placed on the presidential primary ballot for that party. Requires a ballot, if requested by a party chair, to contain a place for a voter to indicate a preference for having delegates to the party's national convention remain uncommitted. | H State Govt & T | Valdez/Hunt | Support |
| HB 1622 | Drought preparedness Concerning drought preparedness and response. | H RDev, Ag&NR | Blake | Concerns |
| SSB 5010 | Protected lands/fire levies Addresses parcels of land that do not pay the forest fire protection assessment or a local fire district levy. | S Rules 2 | Rolfes | Support |
| SB 5085 | Broadband internet access Authorizes a unit of local government or other subdivision of the state to provide broadband services when approved by the utilities and transportation commission pursuant to certain requirements. | S Environment, E | McCoy | Support |

Low Priority Bills:

| Bill Details | | Status | Sponsor | Position |
|-------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|----------|
| HB 1187 | Fish habitat projects Allows a fish habitat enhancement project to be approved by conservation districts as conservation district-sponsored fish habitat enhancement or restoration projects in order to receive a permit review and approval process. | H RDev, Ag&NR | Dent | Support |
| HB 1188 | Rangeland fire associations Creates rangeland fire protection associations defined as a nonprofit that has entered into an agreement for the detection, prevention, or suppression of wildfires. | H RDev, Ag&NR | Dent | |
| HB 1209 (SB 5063) | Ballots, prepaid postage Requires the state to reimburse counties for the cost of return postage on mail and absentee ballots for elections. Requires return envelopes for election ballots to include prepaid postage. | H State Govt & T | Hansen/Nguyen | |
| HB 1429 (SB 5447) | Dairy milk assessment fee Extending the dairy milk assessment fee to June 30, 2025. | H RDev, Ag&NR | ShewmakeVanDeWege | |
| SB 5026 | Parcel & planning boundaries Concerning the placement of planning boundaries in conjunction with parcel boundaries. Requires, under the growth management act, urban growth area boundaries to follow existing parcel boundary lines and make reasonable efforts to avoid unnecessary divisions. Requires any changes to be made as part of the next comprehensive plan periodic update. | S Local Governme | Honeyford | Support |
| SB 5100 | Cougar control pilot program Requires the department of fish and wildlife, in cooperation and collaboration with the county legislative authorities of Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Chelan, Okanogan, Mason, and Klickitat counties, to recommend rules to establish a five-year pilot program within select game management units of these counties, to pursue or kill cougars with the aid of dogs. Authorizes a county legislative authority to request inclusion in the pilot project after taking certain actions. | S Ag/Water/Natur | Sheldon | Support |

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS

January 2019

| | # Joined | Jr. +1 |
|--|----------|--------|
| Bryant #791 1 Claire Conway | 1 | |
| Buena #836 1 Edie Allan | 1 | |
| Centerville #81 1 Dennis Carver | 1 | |
| Cedar #534 1 Art Phelps | 1 | |
| Cedar Valley #306 1 John Gleisner | 1 | |
| Chimacum #681 4 Carol Sword, Dan Toepper, Judith Hoyle, Sun Field | 4 | |
| Crescent #1123 1 Linda Caswell | 1 | |
| East Spokane #148 1 Stephen Scott | 1 | |
| Fern Bluff #267 2 Jose Namba, Edith Namba | 2 | |
| Fern Prairie #866 2 Tina King, Kimberly Lafayette Thomas | 2 | |
| Five Mile Prairie #905 2 Jessica DeGroat, Chandler Ratsch | 2 | |
| Fruitland #999 3 Robert Klavano, Roger Jacobson, Sandra Jacobson | 3 | |
| Kellopp Marsh #136 1 Shereyl Hemp | 1 | |
| Glenwood #94 9 Wayne Vinyard, Nina Vinyard, Michael Dillenburg Carla Dillenburg, John Wells, Connie Eggleston Patricia Kreps Wyers, Eugene Baugher, Connie Augher | 9 | |
| Grays River #124 2 Jon Wrasse, Catherine Wrasse | 2 | |
| Green Bluff #300 5 Susan Banke, Michael Price, Jeffrey Banke Steve Cozzetto, Robin Scarlett | 5 | |
| Goldendale #49 1 Laurie Walker | 1 | |
| Mossyrock #355 1 Nathan Saunder | 1 | |
| Oakview #311 1 Mary Niccoli | 1 | |
| Rose Valley #953 1 Norm Nickel | 1 | |
| Sammamish Valley #286 1 Ervin Desmet | 1 | |
| San Juan Island 10 Jess Simone, Dan Tucker, Patricia Bolding, Lincoln Bormann Cynthia Brast, Rosanne Christenson, Regina Kammer, Jason Munkres, Jeffery Stonehill, Anne Woodward | 10 | |
| Skookumchuck #584 3 Suzanne Anderson, Kara Mcwhinney, Jojo Mcwhinney | 3 | |
| Swauk Teanaway 984 4 Tara Smith, Deanne Emmons, Harvey Coyne, Terry Coyne | 4 | |
| Windsor #980 2 Brian Hancock, Ed Pomra ky | 2 | |
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Washington State Grange Offers Scholarships

Scholarships are offered each year through the Washington State Grange Foundation to assist Grange members attending college or children of Grange members. Applications for the scholarships will be taken through April 1 of each year for the following school year. Requirements vary for the different scholarships. Additional information about the State Grange Scholarship program and an application form are available by writing, calling, or emailing the Washington State Grange. Forms are also available online at www.wa-grange.org

A summary of the available scholarships is as follows:

Family Living Scholarships - Two categories of scholarships are offered each year from funds collected by the Grange Family Living Department. The number of \$750 one-year scholarships granted depends upon the amount of funds accumulated during the previous year. One Family Living scholarship category is for students pursuing vocational education. The other category is

for individuals enrolled in home economics studies. Applicants for the family living scholarships must have been Grange members for at least one year.

Agricultural Scholarships - Applicants for these scholarships must be high school seniors or graduates already enrolled in institutions of higher learning. They must be Grange members, or sons or daughters of Washington State Grange members. The one-year scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or degree in some field of agriculture. This includes community colleges. The recipients must be majoring in some field of agriculture (or home economics for the Bozarth grants). Payments will be made directly to the college after notification of student's registration. The agricultural related scholarship include the Kegley Agricultural Scholarships (must have completed two years of college), the Norman Buchholz Agricultural Scholarship (up to \$2,500), the Kittleson Memorial Agricultural Scholarships, the

Horace Bozarth Scholarship (Ag or Home Economics), the Kiona-Benton (Koss Memorial) Scholarship, and the Martin & Grace Forry Scholarship.

General Scholarships - Applicants for these scholarships must be high school seniors or graduates already enrolled in institutions of higher learning. They must be Grange members, or sons or daughters of Washington State Grange members. The scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or degree in a recognized profession or vocation. Each scholarship is for one year and is a minimum of \$500. Payments will be made directly to the college after notification of student's registration. The general scholarships include the Delpha Goude Scholarship, the Marion & Snowie Vanderpool Scholarship, the Riverview Grange Scholarship, the Fox Island Grange Scholarship, the Nob Hill Grange Scholarship, the Ray & Marian Kamerrer Scholarships, the Enga M. Anderson Scholarship, the Bear Creek Scholarship, the Rock Creek



Isabella Lierman of Horseshoe Grange was recognized as a 2018 State Grange Scholarship recipient by the trustees of the Washington State Grange Foundation during the Celebration Banquet at the Annual State Grange Convention.

Scholarship, the French Creek Scholarship, the McCleary Grange Scholarship, and the Pomona Villa Scholarship.

Marie Snyder Memorial Scholarship - Applicant must be a senior at Kahlotus or Washtucna schools or a member of Ralston Grange.

Only applicants should request the application forms. All portions of completed applications must be in the State Grange Office by April 1. Applications will be available to download from the WA State Grange website: www.wa-grange.org.

Convention Info

JUNE 26 - 29, 2019

130th Annual Washington State Grange Convention at the
Okanogan County Fairgrounds, 175 Rodeo Trail, Okanogan, WA 98840

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. 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 25.

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.

2019 State Convention RV Parking

Bring your RV to the 2019 State Convention at the Okanogan County Fairgrounds. There are full hookups (\$30 a night) located adjacent to the main session hall. Hookups with electric and water (\$25 a night) are on the far side of the fairgrounds. Electric connections on the RV lots are 30-amp with almost no 50-amp service. Restrooms and showers are located on the grounds. Please mail your RV reservation form by June 14th to Jonny Pittman, 20547 RD 5.5 SE, Warden WA 98857. Please make checks payable to "Central Washington District Grange Convention".

GRANGE CONVENTION RV PARKING RESERVATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Grange Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Arrival _____ # of Nights _____

Please circle your RV hook-up choice: Full Hook up (\$30 a night) Elec. & Water (\$25 a night) Tent Camping (\$17 a night)

Total amount paid: _____ RV License #: _____ Length of RV: _____

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Mail by June 14 to: Jonny Pittman, 20547 RD 5.5 SE, Warden, WA 98857

!! REMINDER !!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All Resolutions must be received by May 25 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.



State Grange Hosts Successful Legislative Day

Legislative Day
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Jesernig, former State Senator and State Director of Agriculture who is currently lobbying for Washington State University. Jim discussed the funding proposals for agricultural projects at WSU and issues facing the shellfish industry, which was discussed at the 2018 State Grange Convention.

Following lunch and additional meetings, Grange members made their way back to the State Grange Office where State Grange Master Tom Gwin led the group in a discussion on the resolution writing process and the grassroots development of Grange policy. Resolutions for consideration at this year’s State Grange Convention are due by May 25 to the State Grange Office. All policies can be found in the Washington State Grange Legislative Policy Handbook, available on the State Grange website.

State Grange Lobbyist Heather Hansen completed the day with a debriefing session. It was a great day for the Grange and agriculture in the State of Washington!

First time attendee Rodger Lance of Washington Grange #82 stated, “Going to legislative days can indeed be a rewarding experience. Doing it on a day with the weather in January being so favorable made it even better. It was such a busy day on the hill. You could feel the intensity as we travelled from office to office getting as much out of the day as we could. Without the help of Sophia and Heather I would have truly been lost. Thank you for an outstanding experience.”



(Above) Washington State Grange Youth Ambassador, Morgan Browning, shakes hands with Senator John Braun on the Senate floor. (Below) Washington Grangers gather on the Senate floor.



(Left) Tom Hann and Rodger Lance with Representative Vicki Kraft.



What People Are Saying ...

“It was a wonderful experience. Meeting Senator Braun and actually going on the floor of the Senate was an amazing opportunity. Talking with the Senator and thanking him directly was special too. Meeting Representative Orcutt and hearing how he felt on bills we were interested in was great also. And we all appreciated him taking time out of his busy day to talk to us. Learning how to put a Resolution together was very informative as well. The whole day was a great learning experience”.

-- Brenda Lester, Fargher Lake Grange #853

“It was one of the best Legislative Days I have attended and LOVED seeing so many different Grangers take an interest”.

-- Terry Abbott, Mossyrock Grange #355

“It is our opportunity as Grange Members to meet with Senators and have a voice on issues of interest. This was my first time attending a legislative day and it was a great experience”.

-- Barbara Hagedorn, Fargher Lake Grange #853

2019 Grange Leadership Conferences Winding Down

The State Grange Leadership Team is winding down with this year's conference schedule. There five remaining conferences, scheduled for the central part of the state over the weekend of February 8-11.

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 break out meetings. The break out meetings will be 45 minutes each and be on a rotating basis.

State Master Tom Gwin will lead a discussion for Masters, while State Secretary Terry Abbott will meet with the Grange Secretaries. Additional presentations will be given by Lecturer Leslie Wells, Family Living Director Eileen Moebius, Membership Directors John & Cec Hamilton, Community Service Director Yvonne Knuth, and the Youth and

Junior Program Representatives. The focus of this years' leadership conference series will be on providing tools that will assist each Grange to make a difference in improving their Grange and the surrounding community. Packets of information for each department will be distributed, along with program handbooks, legislative handbooks, and useful materials for each Grange.

The remaining conference schedule includes:

- February 8** – Terrace Heights Grange Hall, Yakima County, 6 p.m.
- February 9** – Brewster Grange Hall, Okanogan County, following convention kick-off meeting
- February 10** – Chelan County, location to be announced, 12 p.m.
- February 10** – Moses Lake (O'Sullivan) Grange Hall, Grant County, 6 p.m.
- February 11** – Kennewick Valley Grange Hall, Benton County, 6 p.m.



(left) Washington State Grange Master Tom Gwin and State Lecturer Leslie Jo Wells enjoy lunch. (right) Membership Directors John & Cec Hamilton discuss membership development with eight enthusiastic members of the Orcas Island Grange at the leadership conference held at their hall in San Juan County.

Lopez Island Grange Hosts The Little Winter Market

Lopez Island Grange hosts the Little Winter Market on the second and fourth Saturdays through the winter. The events are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to a wide range of vendors, the event includes live music. The January 26 market featured live music from The Fieldboards. Vendors included: Barn Owl Bread, Mountain Wave Coffee, Setsunai Gyoza, Nuts and Dried Fruits, Lamb, Sunnyfield Farms Goat Products, Tacos, Produce and more. Musicians & vendors vary from market to market. The February markets will be on February 9 and 23.



SpoKampers Discuss 2019 Camping Season



SpoKampers recently met at luncheon in Spokane to discuss plans for the up-coming camping season. March 30 we will be travelling to Ellensburg to attend the State Grange Camper Association meeting at noon for lunch. Plans will be made for the Fun-Rally to be held June 6-8 at Verne and Pam Figg's place in Ocean Shores. Some SpoKampers will begin prior to the Fun Rally by travelling throughout Washington State and end at the Rally. In April we will be camping at Potholes Reservoir, May in St Regis, Montana, July at Randall, and August at Moses Lake. Anyone is welcome to join us anywhere they might be able to. Call me for a schedule of the year's agenda and contacts.

Green Bluff Grange Hayride



Green Bluff Grange members enjoying an Olde Fashioned Hayride around the bluff.

Home & Family

Family Living

We Will Be Taking Part In The Quilts Of Valor Program

By Eileen Moebius
Family Living Director

May this new year be the happiest and the best of all years for you. This year has been phenomenal, I have been very blessed to meet and work with many of you and hope to meet more of you in 2019. Thank you for your support. I would not be here without you. I am looking forward to being with all of you at the conferences the next couple of months, and hope you will join us at one of the meetings. I have been getting the reports -

thank you for sending them in. I have notes that not many of the Granges are doing the contest. For 2019 please try to have your Grange participate in the contests. Remember the contests are open to the public. We need to get our numbers up in the contest area. This year at convention we are going to give 5 to maybe 8 Quilts of Valor quilts. We are looking for people to help with this project. We have 4 blankets donated. In order to do the 8 blankets we need 4 more. If you can donate 1, we would greatly appreciate it. I know this is asking a

lot, but I think this is an important project for the Grange to do. The website for the directions is on www.govf.org. State Grange Family Living will have the labels that need to be put on the quilts. We will be taking applications for recipients by the end of March. If you can help, please let me know soon so we can get the labels for the quilts. The quilts need to be to me by the 30th of May so we can make sure we have the quilts we need for the project. Thank you. This year be sure to spend time with the trees.



Eileen Moebius

Lecturer's Department

Talent Contest: Changes Afoot

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

Yes that's right, we have made a big change to the Talent Contest. Participation in the contest has seemed to diminish over the last couple of years and we are hoping that a date format change may stimulate more entries. Instead of having all four district contests on the same day we are going to split them over two different dates - April 7 and April 28. **District Contests:** There will be two district contests, to be held on Sunday, April 7, 2019, 2 P.M. The entry form must be to the coordinator by March 30, 2019. The locations for April 7th are: **Eastern District:** Williams Valley Grange Hall in Stevens County. Includes Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Excelsior, Franklin, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Snake River, Stevens, Walla Walla and Whitman Pomonas. Coordinated by Carol Evans and Sherry Cummins. **Northwest District:** South Lake

Stevens Grange Hall in Snohomish County. Includes Island, King, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Pomonas. Coordinated by Helen Gardner. **District Contests:** There will be two district contests, to be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019, 2 P.M. The entry form must be to the coordinator by April 20, 2019. The locations for April 28th are: **Central District:** Buena Grange Hall in Yakima County. Includes Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Riverside, Sunnyside, and Yakima Pomonas. Coordinated by Leslie Jo Wells. **Southwest District:** Olympic View Grange Hall in Grays Harbor County. Includes Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Thurston, and Wahkiakum Pomonas. Coordinated by Davona Gwin. A person may enter only one contest but they can select the contest that works best for them. For example, Sally lives in Spokane but already has a commitment for



Leslie Jo Wells

April 7th, she could instead attend a contest being held on the 28th in Yakima or the one in Olympic View. She would send her entry form to the coordinator for the Central District or the Southwest District. The entrant needs to be sure to send the entry form to the correct coordinator. We hope that the change in the date format will offer more opportunities for people to participate. Remember too, that the contest is open to members and non-members alike. Your Lecturer has the full Talent Contest rules and the entry form in the Lecturer information received at the Leadership Conferences in January and early February. If you have any questions please contact the District Coordinator or myself, Leslie Wells, 360.306.0905 or lesliewells@att.net.

Community Service

Be Aware Of Community Service Notebook Changes

By Yvonne Knuth
Community Service Director

One can get out in the yard when it is sun shining. I have bulbs coming up and rhodies budding out. It is time to think what your project is for the community. What is it that you think needs the most help. ATTENTION! Changes have been made in the community service notebook. Check in last month's paper and I will put more

in. Reports and notebooks are due by JUNE 1st and not after that. On the cover put name and number of Grange, year, community service book and class. Next will be your main project. Remember only four pages with description and pictures. One may use paper for the background of pictures but that is all. NO scrapbook items. That takes away from what you are doing for the community. Another thing don't count hours of things you do for the Grange. The next pages will

be other projects and use only two pages for each project. At the back put hours in and other donations you receive. Only use one or two thank you notes in the book. Any questions you can call me, please be sure to leave your name and number. Yvonne-360-274-4042. Conferences are going great. This year a lot of questions are being asked and that is great. If you do not get the information from your master or deputy, please call.



Yvonne Knuth

Family Living Program Updates: February 2019

Please add the following items to your program handbook and Family Living packet:

- The telephone number for Eileen Moebius, State Director, is 253-358-6440.
- Please add your Grange name to the yearly report.
- On the date calendar, June 30 needs to be changed to May 30.
- Food Preservation, Adult and Youth Classes, Class 8 Lot 2 should be titled "Vegetables" (take out the word "pickled"). All pickled vegetables are to be entered in Class 8 Lot 4 - Pickles, Relish and Chutneys.
- Food Preservation - Canned Tomatoes are to be entered in Class 8 Lot 2 - Vegetables.

Warm Meals Are Family-Favorite Comfort Food

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Warm meals that come together quickly are a necessity for busy families, especially on weeknights filled with homework, practices, meetings and more. Serving up comfort foods that require less time in the kitchen make for more moments spent together at the table. For a rich, creamy, one-dish dinner solution, Pasta and Chicken in Garlic Cream Sauce requires less than 45 minutes of kitchen duty, making it an ideal weeknight family-favorite. Find more weeknight meal solutions at milkmeansmore.org.

Pasta and Chicken in a Garlic Cream Sauce

Prep: 30 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes Servings: 8

- 4 slices bacon, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch-wide pieces
- 3/4 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 10 ounces (about 4 cups) farfalle (bow tie) pasta
- 2 1/2 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 cups baby spinach leaves
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes, for garnish

Place removable pan inside programmable pressure cooker. Using saute function, cook bacon, uncovered, until crisp. Use slotted spoon to remove bacon from pan. Drain bacon on paper towels. Leave 1 tablespoon drippings in pan; discard remaining. Add chicken to bacon drippings in pan in two batches. Using saute function, stir-fry chicken 2-3 minutes, or until cooked through. Use slotted spoon to remove chicken from pan. Repeat until all chicken is cooked. Press cancel. Stir pasta, broth, garlic, Italian seasoning and pepper into drippings in pan. Secure lid and set pressure release to sealing function. Select high pressure setting and cook 5 minutes. Press cancel. Allow pressure to release naturally 5 minutes. Move pressure release to venting function to release any remaining steam. Remove lid. Stir cream into pasta mixture. Using saute function, cook and stir, uncovered, until boiling. Boil, uncovered, about 4 minutes, or until sauce generously coats pasta, stirring frequently. Press cancel. Stir in chicken and Parmesan cheese. Place spinach and bacon in large bowl. Pour pasta mixture over top. Toss until combined. Ladle into serving bowls. Top each serving with tomatoes.



Fredonia Grange Welcomes New Members



In 2018 Fredonia Grange welcomed new member Peggy Williams, Tracey Squires, Pat and Jim Iversen, and Linda Miller. Also shown are Sandy Rude, Master, Michael Custance, Treasurer, and Betty Whited, Chaplain. Not shown: Laurel and Dave Jacobs. (photo by Susan Custance)

In The Spotlight

Profiles of Grange Legacy Families

The Ogden Family: A Five Generation Grange Legacy Family

1st generation: Alonzo & Jessie Ogden joined Sunnyside Grange some time in the 1940's. Jessie served as Secretary in 1942 when the Grange was incorporated.

2nd generation: Keith Ogden, the middle son of Alonzo & Jessie Ogden, bought a car when he was 16. This allowed the Ogden family to get to town more often and they were able to join the Grange. Keith & Bernard Ogden joined Sunnyside Grange in 1940, with their parents joining after that. Before 1940, their older brother, Hiram Ogden, had joined Sandy Bend Grange. Keith was elected Master in 1942, and also 1947-48. Keith married Marguerite Holbrock, who had also joined the Grange at the same time as Keith and Bernard. Hiram married Dorothy Stokes in 1942, and she joined while he was in the service. The Grange paid Hiram's dues while he was in the service. He later dropped his membership because of financial circumstances. Dorothy would pay her dues each quarter instead of once a year. Dorothy was active with the women's activities and she sang for the 1st & 2nd degree team for many years. Hiram then rejoined Sunnyside Grange at a later time.

3rd generation: Rex Ogden (who's folks are Hiram & Dorothy) was involved with the Junior Grange and was a camp counselor who joined the Subordinate Grange at 16. Phyllis Sowers joined the Junior Grange at 12 and then became a subordinate member in 1970. A youth ritual team was formed in

Cowlitz County by Deputy Royal King. The team went around to each Grange to demonstrate the proper way to open and close a meeting. Rex & Phyllis were appointed to be the Assistant Steward & Lady Assistant Steward. This is where they met and started dating. They were married in 1973. Rex & Phyllis have been involved in all aspects of the Grange ever since, holding many different offices in their Subordinate and Pomona Granges and are both Past State Grange Officers. They were Young Couple of the Year in 1986 and went on to be National Runner-Ups. They have raised their three boys in the Grange. Rex is currently Master of Sunnyside and Assistant Steward in Cowlitz Pomona. Phyllis is currently Subordinate Treasurer and Pomona Secretary. Both are involved with the 5th degree team.

Other 3rd generation grange members are Helen Berg, Jim Ogden, Linda Knowles, Joe Ogden, Kendall Ogden, and Butch & Florence Ogden. Florence was a Jr. Camper and a camp counselor, and first joined Fruitvale Grange in Yakima. The State grange youth dept. is where Butch and Florence met and after they were married, she demitted to Sunnyside.

4th generation: Greg, Larry and Alonzo Ogden were all involved in the Jr. Grange and were counselors at various camps. They all joined the Subordinate Grange when they were 14 years old. They were active in the State Youth Program and were youth officers. Greg was a State Youth Ambassador. Larry also was a State Youth Ambassador

and was chosen to be on the National Youth Team. He is also a past State officer. He took all 7 degrees within one year of joining. Larry and Greg were marching candidates for the 7th degree in Spokane in 1996.

Their wives, Bridget, Amanda and Julia, have all joined the Grange. All six of them help out at the Sunnyside Grange food booth during the Castle Rock Fair.

5th generation: Sophia Ogden joined in 2015 while Lori Ogden joined in 2017. Lori followed in her dad's footsteps by being able to get all 7 degrees in one year. They both have attended Grange camp and Sophia has been a counselor. They are both involved with the State Youth Program and are officers. They have been on several Rose Drill teams over the past 5 years. They performed in the Rose Drill at National Convention last November. Sophia was also a National Youth officer.

Sophia is currently Chaplain of Sunnyside and Pomona in Cowlitz Pomona.

There are 6 children of the 5th generation that are coming up.

As of this writing, Marguerite Ogden who will be 96 in January is the oldest Grange member in Cowlitz County, with 78 years of service. She has played the piano for the Grange for many years. She can no longer play the piano or attend meetings, but she keeps busy at home by baking cookies for her family, Grange, Eagles & Senior Center coffee breaks. Her legacy will live on through all of us.

Centerville Grange: The Bowdish Family



The Bowdish Family, representing Centerville Grange #81, was recognized at the recent National Grange Convention in Stowe, Vermont as a Grange Legacy Family. The legacy award is presented to families who have five or more generations of service to the community, state, and nation through the grange organization. In 2018, only 33 families from across the nation qualified for this recognition. The Bowdish family had the honor of representing the entire west coast in the current legacy program.

They're enduring tradition got its start in the 1890's and the early 1900's. They enjoy a unique family legacy that spans six generations on two sides of the family and involves six different subordinate granges in both Washington and Oregon.

Their involvement started with the J.W. Messinger family in Oregon and the John Harding family in Washington. Civil War Veteran J.W. Messinger, owned a store in downtown Moro, Oregon when the first grange opened its doors in Moro. He soon became an ardent supporter of the organization and eventually Moro Grange Master. Across the river in Washington State, the John Harding family had settled in Cleveland, WA. The Harding's became involved it with the grange and assisted in obtaining the original Alder Creek Grange #890 Charter.

Pat Wallenmeyer is now the Matriarch in their grange legacy. Pat spent her youth in the Vancouver area with her parents. They were members of Washington Grange #82 in Orchards, WA. Pat was one of the original junior grange members when Washington Grange #82 organized their junior grange.

Her mother Emma Fisher, had previously won a National Grange dress making contest and later Pat won a State Grange Sewing contest. Pat was also active in 4-H. She participated in meat judging and eventually was awarded an all-expense paid trip to the Nation's Capital in Washington D.C. She had the privilege of being one of four 4-Hers out of sixty to shake hands with then President Eisenhower.

When Dale and Glenda Bowdish moved to Centerville they established a large diversified farming operation. Their son Dean and daughter in law Susan, are now actively involved in the operation, as well as William and his wife Tessa, Drew, and Nickolas. The Bowdish family are extremely active members and officers of Centerville Grange #81. Dean is Master, William is Overseer, Drew who is currently in college is Gatekeeper, Dale is a Past Master of both Centerville and Klickitat Pomona, at the present time a member of the executive committee, Glenda is Chaplain following many years of being the Centerville Grange Treasurer, Tessa is Lecturer. Susan is now and has been Lady Assistant Stewart for many years.

2018 NATIONAL GRANGE LEGACY FAMILY AWARDS

More than 30 families were recognized for their deep roots in the Grange during the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention. The program was originally unveiled as part of the Grange's 150th birthday in 2017, as a way to honor those families with five or more generations involved as Grange members.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Washington State Grange Adopts Youth Protection Policy

Following the direction of the National Grange, the Washington State Grange Executive Committee adopted a Child Protection Policy at their January meeting. The policy goes into effect on February 1, 2019 and applies to all Granges in the State of Washington. The policy, as adopted by the committee, is as follows:

POLICY: The Washington State Grange (WSG) is herewith establishing a policy to effectively eliminate opportunities for abuse within the Youth and Junior Grange (JG) programs. This policy will focus on placing barriers to abuse within these programs.

The quality of our youth and junior programs and the safety of these young members are directly linked to the high-quality youth and junior leadership we have in place. Leaders should always remember that leading these programs is a privilege, not a right. We as leaders within the WSG need to recruit and train the best possible leaders we can on the state level.

WSG needs to conduct a background check on individuals who will have a supervisory or any other leadership role within these programs. While there is no fool-proof screening process that will identify a possible child abuser, we need to learn as much as possible about a potential leader through an application process. This will, at a minimum, reduce the risk of accepting a child abuser. Some simple

questions about why they want to be a Youth or JG leader and what discipline techniques they would utilize should be included on the application.

It is also important that current Youth and Junior Grange leaders realize the importance of conducting these background checks, even on present leaders. These checks will serve as a form of protection to our leaders from false accusations.

PROCEDURES: The following are procedures that will be followed by all Junior and Youth Granges within the WSG. If these are not followed, it could be cause for the Charter of said youth or Junior Grange to be suspended.

Background Checks

1. All current members of the WSG Youth and Junior Committees will have a background check performed within three months. This applies even if the individual has had a background check performed for their present or previous position.

2. All future WSG Youth and Junior committee members will have a background check performed prior to being appointed to the committee. This applies even if the individual has had a background check performed for their present or previous position.

3. All JG and youth program leaders for all Granges in the State of Washington shall be Grange members and will have a background check performed.

This will include all JG Camp board members and staff 18 years of age and older. If this is not followed, it could be cause for the Charter of said youth or junior Grange to be suspended.

4. JG Camp Counselors, under 18 years of age, must complete the Washington State Patrol Background Check at least two weeks prior to attending camp.

5. All approved JG leaders will be 18 years of age or older.

6. Actions to be taken on all background check forms returned from the agency performing the check:

a. The forms will be maintained on file by the Master of the Washington State Grange, or other properly designated person, in a well-marked, secure file.

b. If a background check reveals a possible area of concern, the State Master shall send appropriate notification to the individual.

c. The individual in question will then have an opportunity to remove their name (in writing) from consideration or explain (in writing) the basis of the finding of the background check.

d. Explanations received (paragraph 6.c) will be reviewed by the Master of the WSG possibly in conjunction with the Executive Committee and Legal Counsel of the same, to determine any or all actions to be taken by the WSG on the explanation. The Master of the WSG will provide the results

of this review in writing to the individual. Failure to receive a positive review will result in immediate termination of consideration, with the individual in question notified of the same in writing.

7. Junior and Youth Events (WSG function)

a. Any Individual who will have a supervisory or leadership position will have a background check conducted if a member of the State Committee is not physically present 100% of the time.

b. At each event, there will be a minimum of two individuals present, with at least one of them having a completed background check.

8. Junior and Youth Events (non-WSG function)

a. All Junior Granges in this state will have a minimum of two individuals present, with at least one having a completed background check.

9. Payment for Background Checks

a. With the approval of the State Master and through the adopted budget of the WSG, all background checks will be paid for by the WSG.

10. Abuse Prevention Standards

a. Two Deep Leadership: A minimum of two approved adult leaders or one registered leader and a parent or legal guardian of a participant, are required on all trips and outings.

b. No One-on-One Contact: One-on-One contact between adults and junior/youth members is not permitted. In situations that require personal counseling, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youth/juniors.

c. Respect of Privacy: Adult leaders must respect the privacy of junior/youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers and intrude ONLY to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.

d. Separate Accommodations for Camp: Separate sleeping,

shower and toilet facilities are optimal for males and females. If separate shower and toilet facilities are not accessible, then separate times for use shall be prominently posted.

e. Accommodations for Other Events: There are occasions when adults and youth will be sharing hotel rooms for various reasons. The adult shall have a completed background check. The parents/guardians of the youth member will be required to sign a written permission form allowing the sharing of a hotel room between their child and a non-family member adult.

f. Appropriate Attire: Proper clothing for activities is required. For example, skinny-dipping is never appropriate as part of a Grange event.

11. Other Prevention Standards (Camping Programs)

a. Closed Camp: except for emergencies, campers are not permitted to leave camp, except for camp approved events. By no means is an individual counselor (under 18 years of age) to leave camp with an individual camper. A parent can, however, pick up a child and later return them to the camp, provided the camp leader is aware of this situation in advance.

b. Camp Security: ALL VISITORS (including parents/guardians) are required to check in at pre-designated locations.

c. Releasing Campers: Campers who are minors will only be released to their parent or guardian or someone authorized by them, as indicated in writing.

12. Reporting

a. It is important that any reported case of abuse, whether they occurred at camp or not, be reported to the proper authorities. It will be the responsibility of the WSG Junior and Youth Committees or other person in charge of the activity to determine whether the action was inappropriate behavior or abuse.

b. Law enforcement should be notified immediately of any criminal activity.

Youth

Looking For Youth Nominees For National Grange Award Programs

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

The State Grange Youth Program Guides are now available. We are handing them out at the leadership conferences across the state.

We are looking for nominees for three National Grange Award Programs. Each of these programs has an application form that is due to the State Youth Director by June 1.

Youth Community Service Award – to recognize Grange youth members who work toward serving their community. Applicants must be 14-35 years of age and demonstrate their involvement in community service projects and how those projects benefitted their community.

Junior Mentor Award – to recognize Grange youth members who work to guide and mentor Junior Grangers. Applicants must be 14-35 years of age and document how their guidance to Junior Grangers has assisted them in becoming better Grangers and citizens of our nation.

Youth Grange Member Recruitment Award – to recognize Grange youth members, ages 14-35, for their involvement in recruiting new Grange members and participation in Grange membership building activities.

The other youth program with a looming deadline is the **Grange Grassroots Activism Award**. This program is for those interested in the Grange legislative process. Applicants must fill out an application

form complete a typed analysis pater of 2,500 to 3,000 words illustrating the merits of National Grange policy and an action plan for Grange members across the country to advocate on behalf of that policy. The award for this program, sponsored by Potomac Grange #1, is an \$800 travel scholarship to attend the 2019 National Grange Legislative Fly-In, scheduled for April 28 - May 1 in Washington, DC. Applications are due to the National Grange Youth Director by March 1.

All applications for National Grange Youth Programs are available on the National Grange Youth website: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org.



Jerry Gwin

Rose Valley Grange Donates Dictionaries

Rose Valley Grange recently presented dictionaries to third graders at a private. The students were having a great time with pajama day on the day they received their dictionaries, but were reminded of the important information in the back of the books.



Grange Connection

ADAMS COUNTY

Ralston Grange held its annual "Planning Meeting" in January to discuss upcoming activities, fundraisers and other events the Ralston Grange will sponsor in 2019. The Grange will continue fundraisers sponsoring a dinner for trail riders who overnight in Ralston as part of the cross-state ride on the Palouse To Cascades Trail in May, provide breakfast at the Lind Combine Derby in June, run their food and bingo concession at the Wheat Land Communities Fair in Ritzville Labor Day weekend as well as provide the dinner for Superintendents at the fair and continue selling their Ralston Grange t-shirts and mugs. Additional fundraisers either for the Grange's general fund and for special needs in the community will be added if needed. The Grange will organize a couple of trips for members and friends this year with Silverwood, Mica Moon zip line, Spokane Indians baseball game, area museums and the Harrington Opera House suggested at the meeting. Improvements to the Grange hall and park are planned this year including refinishing the hall floor, painting in the basement, additional security lights, and a park playground update. The next meeting of the Grange is on Tuesday, February 19 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Ralston and Rimrock Granges are again sponsoring the David L. and Frances G. Ray Scholarships. Up to \$3000 is available to high school seniors, home-schooled seniors or graduates from the Lind-Ritzville, Washtucna and Lacrosse school districts. Applicants do not need to be Grange members. In addition to these qualified districts, any senior who is a descendant of a current Ralston or Rimrock Grange member living outside of these districts may also apply. The scholarship is managed by the Innovia Foundation and applications can be found at their website innovia.org. The Ray Scholarship was established to assist qualified students in furthering their education while promoting the involvement of community members in the Ralston and Rimrock Granges. Application deadline is April 1.

COWLITZ COUNTY

Rose Valley Grange will have an Easter Egg Extravaganza on April 13th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Spring Bazaar is scheduled for May 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange scheduled the reorganizational meeting for January 31. At least 14 persons have expressed interest in joining and revitalizing the Grange.

Elma Grange hosted a holiday bazaar. The Grange Christmas Dinner featured the Olde Time Fiddlers. A clothing exchange was held in January, with a flea market scheduled for February. The Elma VFW is now using the hall on a regular basis.

Humptulips Grange served 57 families at their food bank in January. Grocery bingo was held on January 4, with upcoming events scheduled for February 2 and 23. Members are spending the slow month of January redoing the floor in the meeting room, dining room, and kitchen. Discussion at the last meeting included placing

gates at the entrance to the Grange parking lot to assist in decreasing vandalism at the hall. The Annual Grange Fund Raising Auction is scheduled for April 6.

Olympic View Grange members baked pies for the Union Gospel Mission. Several members attended the volunteer dinner at the fairgrounds in Elma. Four members attended the Grange Travel Adventure Tour to Leavenworth.

Satsop Grange is hosting a flea market on the first weekend of each month.

Sharon Grange has scheduled the Annual Oyster Feed for Saturday, April 13 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

KLICKITAT COUNTY

Centerville Grange sponsored a special soup, salad, and dessert dinner on New Year's Eve, followed by an evening of Pinochle. The evening was a huge success with 45 people in attendance, providing enough pinochle players for seven active tables. The evening of Thursday, January 24, a group of Centerville Grange officers will be traveling to Goldendale to install some newly elected officers of Goldendale Grange.

Goldendale Grange prepared a spaghetti dinner at the local community kitchen a few days before Christmas. Prior to the meal, Grange members Luann Kayser Whitmire and Lanae Johnso helped the young kids attending make homemade Christmas Tree Ornaments. Each young person made and took home at least one ornament. For the last project of the year, Luann Kayser Whitmire arranged a special survival class for our Grange members. Fifteen members participated in the strenuous but fun event. Members are encouraged to attend the State Grange sponsored Leadership Conference at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall, February 8 in Yakima. Transportation will be arranged from the Goldendale Grange Hall.

LEWIS COUNTY

Adna Grange announces a winter Bluegrass Jubilee to be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 2pm to 5pm at the Grange hall located at 123 Dieckman Road in Adna. Two of the Pacific Northwest's best representatives of traditional bluegrass music, Fern Hill Bluegrass Band and Whiskey Deaf (John Kael & Annie Staninec) will each perform at the event. During the break, the grange members will have cookies, cake, coffee, punch, and water available by donation. Advance discounted price of \$15.00 per person can be obtained by sending your check, payable to Adna Grange #417, to PO Box 44, Adna, WA 98522. Your ticket will be held at the door. Per person admission at the door will be \$20.00. Children aged 12 and under will be admitted for free.

OKANOGAN COUNTY

Molson Grange's famous pancake breakfast was held in conjunction with the Molson Ice Fishing Derby on January 19. The Grange hall was filled with vendors featuring lots of "goodies".

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange has a consignment auction on the second Saturday of each month. Items for consignment are accepted on the

Thursday and Friday prior to the auction. Viewing of the items is during the day of the event.

North River Grange was host for a "Bake Across Pacific County" event. Pies were baked for the Union Gospel Mission for Thanksgiving. Donations were made to area service men, comfort toys for the nursing home, books to the Timberland Library Reading Tree, and health care kits to the Women's Shelter. The Grange held a Community Christmas Potluck and luminary lighting at the cemetery. Members are working on hosting the spelling bee for the North River School.

North Willapa Harbor Grange honored Gene and Pat Kuest for their years of service as officers of the Grange. Members repairs the fence around the Grange yard. The Grange had a harvest festival in November and a Christmas Dinner in December. A bake sale is being planned for the "Wood Fest".

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange handed out dictionaries to the third graders at Pope Elementary School. The Spring Craft Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, March 16. Applications for vendors are available on the Grange's facebook page.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange's ole fashioned Hayride going around the Bluff was well attended even though it was quite a chilly ride—people want to do it again next year. Our community event on Feb. 5 will be "sewing a 2019 quilt block" for anyone who wants to. The Spin-In on January 19 was very well attended and all proceeds goes to our scholarship fund. February 24 is the next "all you can eat pancake breakfast." Those who were able to go to the Grange Leadership Conference on February 2 for Spokane County indicated it was very informative. We continue to rent the grange hall. Our 2019 calendar of events is filling up to be a busy year again for Green Bluff Grangers.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange members have been busy getting ready for Spring and upcoming events. Irene, in charge of the Quilts, scheduled the first "Sew Day" on February 12 to replenish the quilts that are handed out to local veterans, current military, and first responders. Marilyn, the CWA officer scheduled a "Sweet Heart Dinner" on February 16. BINGO nights are already scheduled for February 2, March 2, April 6, and May 4. The Camas Valley Grange Hall will host a Craft Fair on April 13 and 14. The Junior Grangers are an immense help at the events and bake sales.

THURSTON COUNTY

Skookumchuck Grange gained two new members, one of which attended the Open House at the State Grange Building in Olympia. Go Sue! We are getting a new refrigerator and chairs for our kitchen! Our Grange hosted the Installation of Pomona officers and our sister Grange Master Alice of Violet Prairie was in attendance. At our regular January meeting, our new Master gave the obligation to new members and our Pomona Master Rick Nelson was there to swear in our

new officers. We also hosted the first of the State Leadership Conferences. Lots of very good info was distributed and delivered by State officers. Worthy State Master Tom Gwin had answers to ALL questions, he was very helpful and very well informed! Just the facts. State Secretary Terry Abbott blew out candles at her Brighton Park Grange meeting in January.

South Union Grange will meet on February 18 at 7 pm. Dance to live county music by The Country Four on the first Saturday of every month from 7 to 10 pm. All ages are welcome.

WHITMAN COUNTY

Whelan/Ewartsville Grange will meet on Saturday, February 16 (not our regular meeting night). This is a Middle of Winter Potluck Dinner Just Because meeting. Dinner at 3 p.m. at the Grange Hall. Bingo will follow. Members from other Granges in the county are invited. If you have been a member in the past, but not currently, come to the dinner anyway. Please contact Barney Buckley or Barbara O'Donnell with what you plan to bring for the dinner, or for suggestions on what to bring.

Recent Events At Goldendale Grange



(left) Goldendale Grange members help make Christmas ornaments at the local community kitchen where they hosted a Spaghetti dinner. (right) Luann Kayser Whitmire arranged a special survival class for Grange members, where 15 members participated.

Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are requested to send their list of 2019 meeting dates, times, and locations to grange@wa-grange.org for inclusion into this calendar.

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| CLALLAM | April 17 at Crescent, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. |
| CLARK | February 13 at Hazel Dell, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. |
| COWLITZ | February 16 at Sunnyside, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting |
| EXCELSIOR | March 16 at Greenwood Park, 11 a.m. Potluck at 12 noon. Baking and Canning Contests. |
| FERRY | April at San Poil. |
| GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC | March 9 at North Willapa Harbor, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Baking and Candy Contest entries due at 9 a.m. |
| KING | March 9 at Happy Valley, 10 a.m. |
| KITSAP | February 15 at Silverdale, 7:30 p.m. |
| KLICKITAT | March 9 at Mountain View, 12 p.m. potluck, meeting follows. |
| LEWIS | February 2 at Newaukum, 5:30 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. |
| MASON | March 16 at Matlock, 10 a.m. Potluck at 12 p.m. Lecturer and Family Living Contest Judging. |
| OKANOGAN | February 9 at Mount Olive, 10 a.m. Installation of Officers. |
| PIERCE | February 2 at Collins, 10 a.m. |
| RIVERSIDE | February 17 at Lower Naches, 1:30 p.m. |
| SKAGIT | February 6 at Skagit Valley, 7 p.m. Candle Lighting Ceremony. |
| SNAKE RIVER | March 16 at Burbank, 10 a.m. Will include judging of Lecturer and Family Living Contests. |
| SPOKANE | February 16 at Spring Hill, 10 a.m. Potluck at 12 noon. |
| STEVENS | March 16 at Greenwood Park (meet with Excelsior Pomona), 11 a.m. Potluck at 12 noon. Baking and Canning Contests. |
| SUNNYSIDE | February 12 at Buena, 7:30 pm. Valentines Party and Candle Lighting. |
| THURSTON | February 7 at Brighton Park, 7 p.m. |
| WHATCOM | February 19 at Ten Mile, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Baking contest entries due 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Auction of baked good at 6:45 p.m. |
| WHITMAN | March 16 at Whelan/Ewartsville, 10 a.m. Potluck at 12 noon. Baking Contest and Bake Sale. |
| YAKIMA | February 15 at Tieton, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. |

Pomona Connection

Grays Harbor/ Pacific Pomona

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona will hold a bake sale on February 16-17 at the Elma fairgrounds in conjunction with the quilt show. The last Pomona meeting included the state leadership conference and candle lighting ceremony. The Pomona voted to support each of our subordinate Granges by providing banners, flyers, applications and other tools for a membership drive. Pomona officers will visit each Grange to present the items and encourage the Granges to work on increasing membership this year. The next Pomona meeting

is scheduled for March 11 at North Willapa Harbor at 10 a.m. Entries for the baking and candy contests are due at 9 a.m. Following the judging, there will be a bake sale.

Thurston County Pomona

Thurston County Pomona #8 will meet on March 7 at South Union Grange for its regular meeting and the baking and candy contests. Contest rules can be found in the 2019 Program Handbook (available on the State Grange website). Contact Family Living chair Ginny Nelson if you have questions. Baking and candy contest entries need to be brought in between

5 and 6 pm. There will be a potluck dinner at 6 pm with the meeting at 7 pm. Installation of officers was held on January 13 at Skookumchuck Grange and was followed by a yummy selection of refreshments. Installing officer Deena Holsinger headed a team drawn from Prosperity, Violet Prairie, and South Union Granges, included Barbara Ramsdell, Jan Erickson, Christie Vintilo, Keith Holsinger, and Andrew Jacobson. The 2018 Pomona booklets were distributed to Granges at the installation. Contact Pomona Secretary Shavanna May if you have questions about the booklet.

Grange Connection

Sequim Prairie Grange Presents Award



Sequim Prairie Grange, 1108, honored Carole Crose as Granger of the Year at the Grange Family Christmas Party on December 9, 2018. Outgoing Master Fred Grant is pictured presenting Carole the Plaque. Carole and her husband, Pete, joined the Grange in 2005. Carole is active in all activities and, as head of the Auxiliary Sunshine Committee, designs and creates, all the cards she sends to members. Carole also designs and creates table decorations and favors for different activities. Carole has also led Auxiliary members to get together to create several dozen cakes each year for the Cake Walk at the Country Fair. Carole has a most friendly and bubbly personality and loves to travel with her husband.

Williams Valley and Gardenspot Granges Coordinate Christmas Toy Drive

Williams Valley Grange and Gardenspot Grange coordinated the annual Christmas toy drive for children 0-16 in our southern Stevens County community. 97 children from 43 families were included this year. In addition to toys donated by the community, hats, gloves and books are distributed. Local businesses and organizations support the Grange in the success of this annual event. Pictured: Brooklyn Smith and Lilia Riordan Rodgers, Sara Riordan and Nicole Romaine, and Jesslynn Riordan Hall.

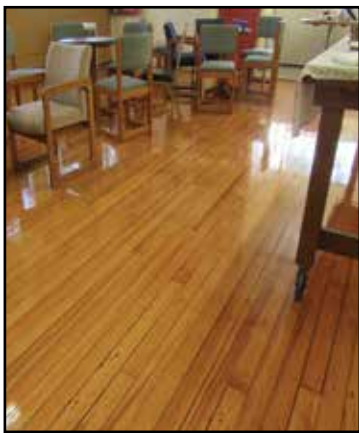


Glenwood Grange Honors 50-Year Member

At its January 11, 2019 meeting, Glenwood Grange #94 honored Howard "Bun" Wellenbrock for his more than 50 years of service to the Grange. The pin, certificate, and recognition presented by Master Linda Williams were long overdue, as Bun is in his 57th years as a member. In addition to his 50-year membership recognition, Bun was presented with a special certificate of thanks and recognition for overseeing the Glenwood Grange #94-owned Mt. Adams Cemetery business for the past forty years. Bun keeps the cemetery records, serves as the first point of contact when a burial is being planned, and has a wealth of historical knowledge about the history of the cemetery. His dedication to Grange #94 and the cemetery is greatly appreciated by his fellow Grange #94 members and the community as a whole.

Orcas Island Grange Hall Improvements

Orcas Island Grange recently completed the refinishing of the flooring in the Grange Hall. The flooring in the dining area is the original floor from the early 1900's. The flooring in the meeting room/theatre is much newer and has been refinished as well. The floor required a finish similar to that of a basketball gymnasium. In addition to several fund raising activities, a number of donors stepped forward to sponsor the hall improvement project.



Rose Valley Grange Donates Food

Rose Valley Grange #953 donated food to the stuff the bus program with the Kelso School District Transportation Dept.



Cedar Grange Honors 50-Year Member

Cedar Grange celebrated Terry Beckler's 50 years of service in the Grange on January 15. Sister June Hendrickson, Washington State Ex Committee, presented him with his certificate and pin. Sister Kim Knott, State Deputy of King County, presented him with a flower arrangement. Sister Pam Figg Washington State Treasurer and Brother Dave Knott Washington State Steward and Brother Nick Figg Washington State Youth Assistant Stewart were present.

Terry Beckler has been a great accent to the Maple Valley community of the past 50 years. He took his first two degree's and then was shipped off to the the Vietnam War and serviced for many years. When he got out of war he came home and took his 3rd & 4th degree's and became a Cedar Grange member. He was the President of the United Way in Maple Valley and helped start the Maple Valley Food Bank in which he served as President for 10 years. He also designed the logo that is used. In 1973 he opened Beckler's Insurance where he worked Monday - Friday, then on the weekends he worked at the local grocery store. As of today he is the Master and hall rental agent for Cedar Grange. Congratulations on all your service.




Your 2019 Program Handbook Is Nearby

This year's Washington State Grange Program Handbook is available through department heads, at the leadership conferences in your area and as an online publication. It is right at your fingertips at any time on the State Grange website.

Refer to the Handbook often for details about contests and programs from each Grange department. Valuable information about Grange Foundation and GIA scholarships is also in the handbook.

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