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WA State Fair Attracts Grange Participation

The Washington State Fair attracted the participation of ten Granges at their 2019 fair, held August 30 to September 22 in Puyallup. Granges competed in two separate categories for the honor of being named the Grand Champion Sweepstakes winners this year.

For overall display, Riverside

Valley Grange was awarded Grand Champion honors this year. Humptulips placed second, with Mason County Pomona in third, and East Hill in fourth place.

The Grand Champion for the arrangement of the display was awarded to Collins Grange, followed by Riverside Valley in

second, Humptulips in third, and Thurston County Pomona in fourth.

Other participating Granges were Ohop, Meridian, Fruitland, and Edgewood/McMillin. The Washington State Junior Grange program also participated in the fair with a display booth, while the State Grange Informational

Display featured the posters submitted for the "Grange In Action" Program.

The Grange displays were featured in a fair report on KING-5 News of Seattle. Comments overheard throughout the fair included several from fair goers stating the Grange displays were their favorite part of the State Fair.

The Washington State Fair attracts over one million exhibitors annually to the fair, held over the four weekends in September.

To see photos from each of the Granges competing at the Washington State Fair, please turn to page 6.

November 2019 issue deadline – October 15th
Submissions can be sent to grangenews@wa-grange.org

INSIDE: Take a look back at 2019 Fairs and Exhibits



Fair Photos can be found on Pages 4, 5, 6 and 7, as well as elsewhere throughout the issue.

Pictured Left:
JoAnne Artz along, with Leroy and Cindy Hokenson of Calispel Grange, assisted children at the Pend Orielle County Fair with painting a birdhouse. Birdhouses were again built and provided by Leroy Hokenson. Approximately 115 birdhouses were painted by Saturday attendees.

MARCH 6-8, 2020 .. Youth Get Away Weekend
(for ages 14 – 20) at Moses Lake
Grange Hall.

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President's Message

Wrapping Up Summer Activities And Moving Toward The Next Decade

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

As we complete our summer activities and move toward the end of this year, the new decade is upon us. The hot summer days appear to be over, while cooler days with occasional rain are here. I am even hearing the prediction of snow for the last weekend of September in some of our higher elevations.

While harvest is complete in some areas, there are a few that have much work to be completed before winter arrives. We are just starting the cranberry harvest over here on the coast and some areas of the state still have fruit on the trees for picking. Let's pray that all harvest gets completed before the weather completely turns on us.

Following the State Grange Convention in June, changes have been made in several of the leadership positions in our organization. I have appointed new deputies in several counties. Jim Lyle (Pine Grove Grange) will be the new deputy in Whitman and Adams Counties, while Kathy Knott (East Hill) is returning to the deputy position in King County. Robert (Bob) Knapp (Logan Hill) is the new deputy for Lewis County, while Jennifer Oliver (Pierce) will be the new deputy in Pierce County.

With Jennifer's move to the deputy position, that left a vacancy in the Junior Grange Director position. Heather Ferguson (Waitsburg) has agreed to fill that role. She brings a vast array of Grange

and educational experience to the position. Her ability to work with kids will be a tremendous asset to the department.

It is with great sadness that I announce the resignation of June Hendrickson from the State Grange Executive Committee. The remaining members of the Executive Committee and myself have discussed the process for appointment and hope to have the position filled in the next few weeks. The replacement will be appointed until June, whereupon

Plan your events wisely, keeping in mind that every event is an opportunity to promote membership in our organization.

-- Tom Gwin



Tom Gwin

chairing the Conservation and Ecology Committee.

The Washington State Grange will be recognized as a Distinguished Grange, along with three Subordinate Granges – Five Mile Prairie, Goldendale, and Oakview. More than 60 Granges will be recognized as Granges in Action. Entries have been submitted for the Junior Grange and Community Service Departments. Seven of our youth members will be travelling to the convention as representatives of our state. Parts of the convention, including the Evening of Excellent will be live-streamed for those unable to attend the convention. A complete convention schedule, including meal functions and speakers, is available on the National Grange website: www.nationalgrange.org

After a summer of camps and fairs, Granges are busy planning booster programs, fund raising events, and holiday happenings. Plan your events wisely, keeping in mind that every event is an opportunity to promote membership in our organization. Be sure to order your banners, membership applications, and flyers from the state at headquarters. Our new updated materials are attractive and will make your job of attracting new members easier.

Here's to a successful autumn of successful Grange activities in every Grange as we move toward the next decade!

the remaining one year of the term will be open for election.

The various departments of the Grange are now working on putting their programs and activities for 2020 together. Please share your ideas with directors and department heads on what you would like to see in our new program.

In just a few weeks, the 153rd Annual Convention of the National Grange will be held in Bloomington, Minnesota. State Secretary Terry Abbott will be serving as our second delegate this year. Terry will be on the Grange Law Committee, while I will be

Legislative

Livestock IDs And Ag Overtime Pay



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

Livestock Identification

If you haven't sold cattle or horses since July 28, you may not be aware of changes to livestock identification rules. These changes are the result of the passage of Senate Bill 5959 during the 2019 legislative session. Along with the new rules come increased fees for livestock identification. The changes include incentives to encourage livestock owners to use electronic identification and reporting rather than brand inspectors.

The preferred method of livestock identification is "840" tags — a three-number international code for the U.S. These are USDA-approved radio-frequency identification tags. Livestock owners using these tags will be able to report sales online to the state Department of Agriculture using the Electronic Cattle Transaction Reporting (ECTR) system. The system has been expanded to all animals – branded or not. This eliminates the need for a state brand inspector and brand fees for anyone selling animals with official 840 tags. The department hopes the convenience will motivate more cattlemen to use the tag. The 840 tags allow animal-health officials to track a cow from birth to slaughter. The USDA plans to make 840 tags mandatory by 2023. The agency believes that tracking each animal will prevent trade sanctions if a livestock disease breaks out. The 840 tags and

online reporting are voluntary, for now.

The department is also expanding its advisory board from six to 12 members.

Overtime pay for agricultural workers

In two months, the Washington Supreme Court will hear a lawsuit brought by farm workers over pay for overtime work (working more than 40 hours per week). Agricultural workers are exempt from overtime pay at both the state and federal levels due to the seasonal nature of the industry. A court loss would cost Washington growers millions of dollars a year. A judge could rule that wages must be paid retroactively.

To complicate the situation even more, the Department of Labor and Industries is in the process of changing who qualifies for overtime pay. Currently, salaried workers who make \$455 or more per week are exempt from overtime pay. Under rules proposed by Labor and Industries, that threshold is estimated to increase to \$1536 per week by 2026. There would be incremental increases every year beginning in 2020. By 2026, salaried worker would have to be making nearly \$80,000 per year to be exempt from overtime pay after working more than 40 hours in a work week.

A court loss coupled, with the new rule, would be a double hit for labor intensive sectors of agriculture. Tree fruit, wine grapes, asparagus, berries, dairies would be especially hard hit.

In Memoriam: Harold "Butch" Ohlsen



Harold Norman "Butch" Ohlsen was born June 5, 1941 to Peter and Alice (Rogers) Ohlsen and was the oldest of their four kids. Butch spent his entire life in Monroe, never far from the land and farm his grandfather homesteaded on the Ben Howard Road in the 1880s.

Butch was a Bearcat, graduating in the class of 1959 and was honored by the Future Farmers of America with the American Farmer award in 1960. On March 19, 1966 he married Margaret E. (Rule) Ohlsen and together they had two kids, Christine and Michael. He was drafted into the Army and served in the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam.

He and Marg farmed and milked a small herd of dairy cows until 1976 and then he started Ohlsen Electric and worked as an electrician until his retirement. Butch could fix and make anything.

Butch was an active, 62 year member of Tualco Grange #284 and a past state officer and deputy of the Washington State Grange; a life member of the Monroe Masonic Lodge; and was active with the Monroe Historical Society and many other civic endeavors and committees benefiting Monroe.

Butch loved rooting for his kids and grandkids at sporting events, camping with extended family and friends, growing a big vegetable garden, and giving away hand-made creations.

His 25 year fight with Parkinson's Disease ended on September 6, 2019 at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margaret, daughter Christine (Duane) Hamp, son Michael (Brenda) Ohlsen, grandsons Kyle Ohlsen and Tanner (Jordan) Ohlsen, siblings Harriet (Alan) Barr, Roger (Judy) Ohlsen and Don Ohlsen, sister-in-law Rita Dunn and many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Please join Butch's family and friends on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 1-4 p.m. at the Cascade Community Church, 14377 Frylands Boulevard SE, Monroe for a potluck and to smile and laugh over shared memories.

Memorials may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown MD 21741-5014; the Monroe Historical Society, PO Box 1044, Monroe WA 98272; or the Sky Valley Food Bank, PO Box 724, Monroe WA 98272.

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Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Junior/Youth Grange Fairs Program Creates Interest

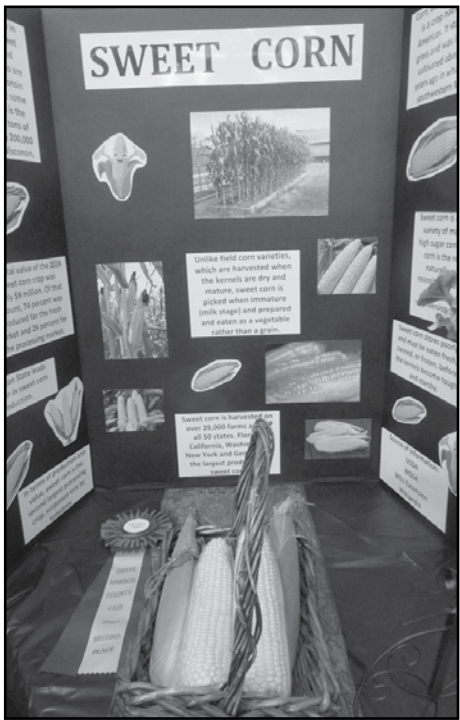
The WA State Grange Junior/Youth Fairs Program continues to create interest in our organization. The Clark County Fair (Ridgefield) and Grays Harbor County Fair (Elma) both provided opportunities for our Grange youth and junior to exhibit in their own divisions.

The Junior/Youth Grange display at the Clark County Fair was awarded the “Black & White” Special Award by WA State Fairs Commissioner Trish Meyers. In presenting the award, it was noted this was the second time in a three-year period for the Grange to be recognized their excellent display. Accepting the award on behalf of the Granges were Debbie Richards, Rodger Lance, and Tom Hann.

At the Grays Harbor County Fair, the Grange display featured three Junior Grange display booths, three youth agricultural displays, and 102 exhibits from the youth and junior Grange members. The Grange display was awarded the “Supers Award” as the outstanding department in the fair as voted on by all of the fair superintendents.

The Grange Junior/Youth Fairs Program is a prime opportunity for Granges to recruit young members and to provide opportunities for those young members to display their talents through local and county fairs. Grange membership, either in a Junior or Subordinate Grange, is required of all participants. This includes the 1+ Junior Grange program.

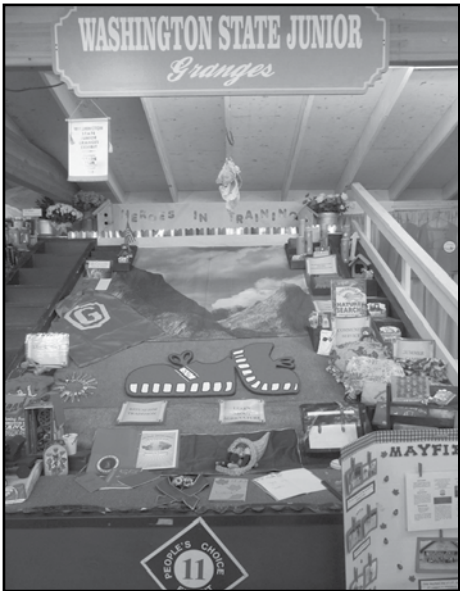
Any Subordinate or Pomona Grange wanting to develop a Junior/Youth Program at their local fair should contact State Master Tom Gwin for guidelines and details.



An Agricultural Education display by the Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange Youth Group took Second Place.



Junior Grange displays at the Grays Harbor County Fair: Camp Morehead Junior Grange



Junior Grange display from the Washington State Fair: WA State Junior Grange



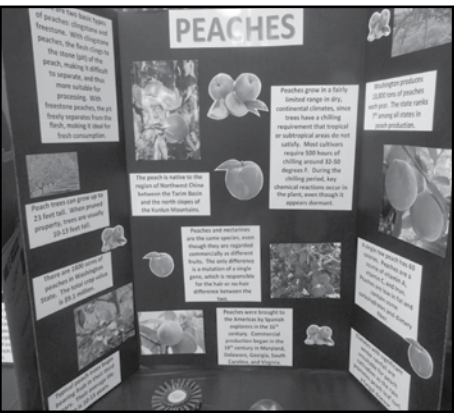
From the Junior/Youth Grange department at the Clark County Fair: hanging basket.



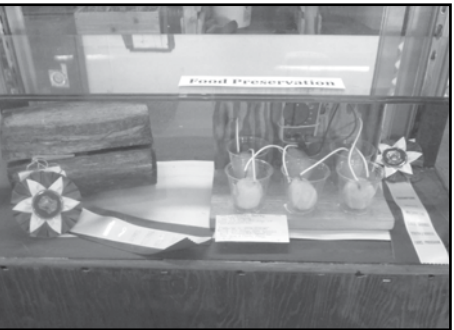
Junior Grange displays at the Grays Harbor County Fair: North River Junior Grange



A craft project, video projector, that actually works, created by Xander Burgess of Humptulips Grange.



An Agricultural Education display by the Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange Youth Group.



From the Junior/Youth Grange department at the Clark County Fair: Food Preservation



From the Junior/Youth Grange department at the Clark County Fair: Plants



Junior Grange displays at the Grays Harbor County Fair: Humptulips Junior Grange



From the Junior/Youth Grange department at the Clark County Fair: Fargher Lake Junior Grange display

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Our Youth Department Is Looking Ahead To The National Grange Convention

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

The Washington State Grange was well represented with several youth at the Western States Grange Leaders and Youth Conference in Elliston, MT in August. In the prepared speech contest, Heather Ferguson (Waitsburg Grange) placed third in the 36 year and over group. For impromptu speaking, Georgia Clark (North River) placed second in the 14-21 year old age group and Heather Ferguson placed third in the 36 and over age group. Georgia Clark also placed second in Grange Baseball and qualified for the national contest.

Now that summer is behind us, our focus turned on to the National Grange Convention, to be held in November. Alexis Kudsk (Haynie) will be our representatives in Horizon Youth Ambassador Program. Johnathan Pittman (Moses Lake) will be a participant in the John Trimble Legislative Experience. We are



Jerry Gwin

pleased to have four members on the National Grange Youth Officer Team: Skylar Zaborac (Humptulips) will be the Assistant Steward; Isabella Lierman (Horseshoe) will be the Secretary; Georgia Clark will be the Chaplain; and Lane Smith (Humptulips) will be on the Executive Committee. I will accompany the western WA teens for their trip to Minneapolis. The tour at this year's national convention will take us to the Oliver Kelley Farm in Elk River, MN. This tour of the farm of our Grange founder is sure to be an educational experience for all of our youth.

Planning ahead and looking to 2020 ... we scheduled the Youth Get Away Weekend (for ages 14 – 20) for March 6 - 8, 2020 at the Moses Lake Grange Hall. Grange youth are encouraged to bring a friend. The cost will be \$20 per person. Registration forms will be available after January 1.

National Grange Youth Officer Team Chosen For 2019

Iowa ladies will lead the 2019 National Grange Youth team as Emma Edelen and Samantha Han- son will take the gavels as Mas- ter/President and Overseer/Vice President respectively.

From there, the field of officers has members from six different Grange states.

New York's Eliot Wilser will add entertainment to the Youth morning opening on Friday, November 8, while serving as Lecturer.

Steward Cole Settle of North Carolina, and his team, Washington's Skylar Zaborac and Oregon's JC Dumbold, as Assistant and Lady Assistant respectively, will ensure traditions are respected including great floorwork during the opening drill and presentation of the flag.

Georgia Clark of Washington, serving as Chaplain, will ground the group with a reminder of our original lesson of faith.

James Lesley, North Carolina, and Isabella Lierman, Washington, will serve as Treasurer and Secretary,



respectively, keeping the records in order of the group's activity.

Jordyn Moyes of Iowa will secure the doors as Gatekeeper while Ceres Charli Moore, of Oklahoma, Pomona Olivia Barber and Flora Ashley Drop, both of North Carolina, provide an example of decorum.

Finally, Sasha Secor and Ayden Slominski both of New York, and Lane Smith or Washington will round out the impressive group as Executive Committee members.

This year's Youth Officer Team will meet with the National Grange Officer Corps on Wednesday evening for an exclusive meet- and-greet where they will talk to their

officer counterpart and others about what it takes to perform their duties throughout the year and how the Grange has been part of their lives from Youth age on.

"This is a great group and I'm excited to see what they learn from our National Officers," National Grange Youth Director Mandy Bostwick said.

Bostwick, in her first year as director, said the experience she had as a Youth Officer helped her connect to other youth from around the country who have a passion for the organization, some of which she has stayed in close contact with over the years. "It also literally gave us the opportunity to sit in the seat and wear the sash that we may someday hope to wear. It made it some thing to strive for and showed us that it could be a reality," Bostwick said. "I can't wait for these Youth to get that experience and more by talking to the current officers and better understanding what it takes and what is expected of the person elected to wear that sash for real."

Juniors

Thank You For A Great Experience!



Marvin & Jennifer Oliver

By Marvin & Jennifer Oliver
Junior Grange Directors

We have had such a wonderful experience being the Junior Grange Directors for the Washington State Grange. We would like to say thank you for allowing us to be a part of your Juniors' Grange experience! We belong to an amazing organization and what a joyous group of juniors we have! Watch out Youth team they are on their way up! The Grange is a family organization that we believe in and whole heartedly support.. We will carry these past years and each of the juniors in our hearts forever.

Washington State Grange members are lucky to have such a supportive State Master and National team that allow our program to progress and be innovate, so that we can continue to grow and thrive! I know that the new junior director will take what we built and, grow the program to exceed all that we could imagine. We are excited to see what the next steps in the junior journey will be! We know that it will be great, with the new director leading the way. We whole heartedly support the new director and know the entire state will to.

Every journey of the Grange is exciting and an opportunity for growth. We are looking forward to our next step in the Grange where we can take our Junior Grange passions and focus purely on Camp. Our state is so very lucky to have not only 1 but 6 amazing and affordable camps! It is truly the Washington State's best kept secret. It is our goal to get the camps recognized for the incredible experience they are. We want to get the camps noticed by the public and increase attendance of all the camps.

Specifically, as directors of Mayfield Jr. Grange Camp, we are excited to announce that we are expanding and growing at a rapid rate. The camper attendance more than doubled in attendance in 2019. We want and expect to double that number again in 2020! I know that with the continued support and some forward thinking we will continue to grow and offer the camp experience to many more kids.

Similar to the Grange as a whole, we need to embrace the new social media opportunities to interact with our communities. The printed Grange paper is perfect for informing our Grange members. We need to modernize our advertising and communication with social media to reach non-grangers about camps, our family friendly organization, and the variety of opportunities the grange provides. We have begun, and will continue to tap our juniors, youth and adults into our camping program. Having a variety of age groups involved, aids the new direction of spreading the word about Junior Grange Camp and the Grange as a whole.

We are excited to dive into planning for another year of camp, and invite all of you to our visitor's night.

Thank you all, for a life time of memories and continued friendships.



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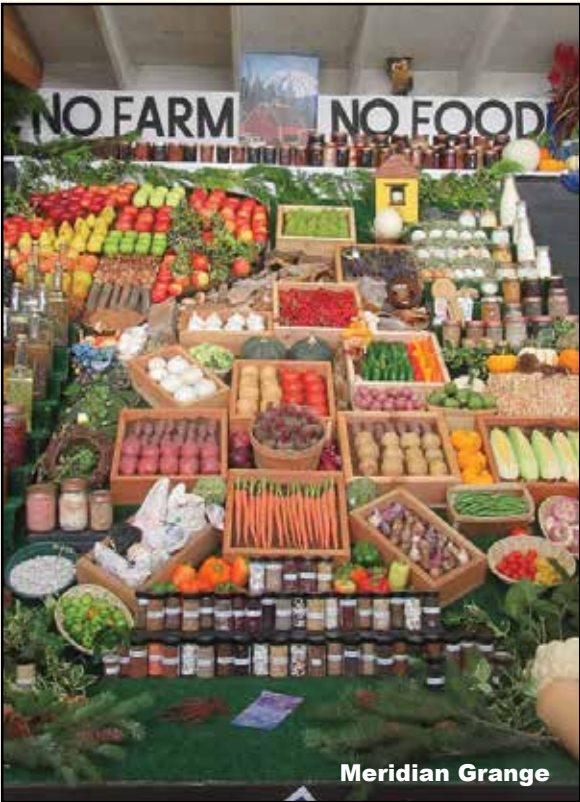
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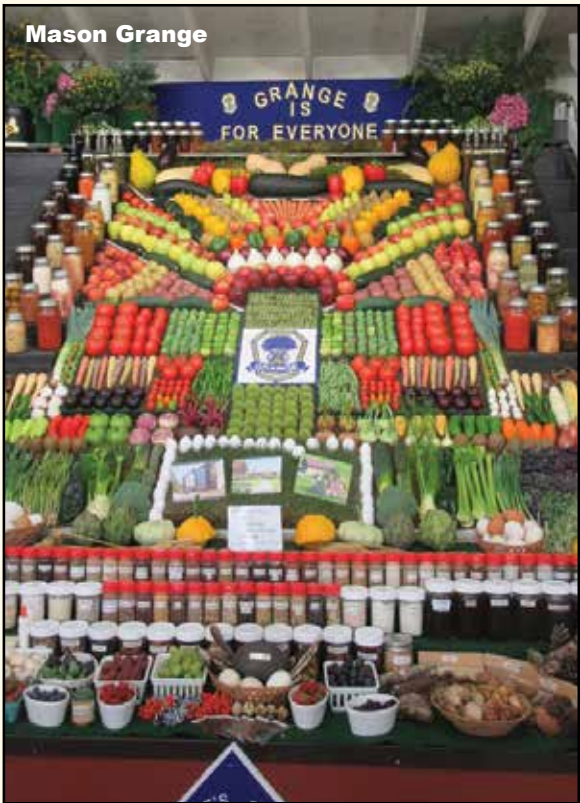
Fruitland Grange



Collins Grange



Meridian Grange



Mason Grange



Humptulips Grange



Ohop Grange



Thurston County Pomona



East Hill Grange



Edgewood / McMillan Granges

Fair Time Memories

Fair Memories From Around The Grange



From the Spokane Interstate Fair: (top) Green Bluff Grange Display and (bottom) Green Bluff Junior Grange Display.



Skagit Valley Grange Produce Booth at the Skagit County Fair at Mount Vernon. Sweepstakes Ribbon and People's Choice Award.



Washington Grange No. 82's Clark County fair entry this year was inspired by Tom Gwin's address to the 130th State Convention body this year in Omak WA. The booth received both a blue ribbon and a sweepstakes ribbon for the booth.



Pierce County Pomona Grange #16 was busy with the Pierce County Fair from August 8 through August 11. (Left) Judi Weston (Waller Road #1111) at register and David Bryant (Elk Plain #782) on grill in Pomona Kitchen. (Right) Ken Cockle (Riverside Valley #1047) on fries, David Bryant (Elk Plain #782) on grill, Judi Weson (Waller Road #1111) at register in Pomona Kitchen



Stranger Creek Grange #374 of Stevens County joined in the fun with entries in the Colville Fair and the Hunters Fair. Both entries took blue ribbons and helped promote and educate about our Grange.



Humptulips Grange was awarded first place on their display in the produce division at the Grays Harbor County Fair in Elma.

Home & Family

Family Living

Quilts Of Valor Program To Continue In 2020

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

I was so impressed with the QUILTS OF VALOR ceremony at our state session that I would like to continue this program for next year. That said I would encourage all you quilters out there to make a quilt for some deserving veteran. You can go on line and look at the QOV sites. Here are few of the basics rules needed to be followed. Use good quality fabric of red, white and blue. Size should be between 55x65 or 72x87 inches and machine quilted. Prewash fabric to ensure no bleeding of color. We will supply the label for each quilt if

it is being presented at our next convention. A matching pillow case should accompany the quilt. Be sure there are no pet hairs or smoking odors on quilt. I hope to have 10 quilts for session in Walla Walla. While I am on the subject of quilts I would like to share a few thoughts on the difference between traditional and non traditional quilts. In all my research traditional quilts are made with repeating blocks. Non traditional would include quilts such as bargello, applique, stars and stripes and the like. Landscape quilts also fall in this category. Needless to say I have been working on revising our program handbook. Look for



Helen Berg

the changes at our leadership conferences. An area I saw very lacking this year was the comfort toys. I remember when we had so many that we were able to take bags back home to distribute. I took a large bag to the fire department. They were thrilled to get them. My challenge to you is see how many you can make with your fellow members. This may be a great way to get new members if you invite your fellow sewers to help you. Remember it is not too soon to be thinking about next years contests.



Get Back Into The Swing Of Dinnertime

(Courtesy of Family Features)

After juggling work, school, extracurricular activities, homework and preparing dinner, getting back into a weeknight routine may feel impossible. With Smithfield Marinated Fresh Pork in your fridge, you can cut down on meal prep and add quality time back into your day. Perfectly seasoned with ingredients like Applewood Smoked Bacon and Steakhouse seasonings, just sauté or roast and you can have a delicious meal ready in 30 minutes or less any night of the week. Consider this quick, flavor-filled recipes for Smoked Bacon Pork Alfredo that everyone will enjoy. Find more time-saving meal ideas at: www.SmithfieldRealFlavorRealFast.com.

Smoked Bacon Pork Alfredo

Prep time: 8 minutes
Cook time: 22 minutes
Servings: 6-8

Ingredients:

- 1 Smithfield Applewood Smoked Bacon Topped Pork Loin Filet
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 pound dry penne pasta
- 1 package (8 ounces) sliced fresh mushrooms
- Salt, to taste, divided
- 2 jars (15 ounces each) Alfredo sauce
- Pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup finely chopped green onion
- Grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

Cut pork loin filet into 1/2-inch thick slices then into 1/4-inch wide strips. Bacon will fall off, but reserve for later. Working in two batches, in large skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Stir fry half the pork and bacon pieces 7-8 minutes until well browned. Set aside on separate plate; repeat with 1 tablespoon oil and remaining pork and bacon. Cook pasta according to package directions. In skillet over medium-high heat, heat remaining oil; add mushrooms and sprinkle lightly with salt, to taste. Cook 3 minutes, or until tender, stirring occasionally. Drain pasta and return to pot; stir in pork and bacon, mushrooms and Alfredo sauce. Stir over medium heat, about 4 minutes, until heated through. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Sprinkle with green onions and Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Grange Camping Updates

July Campout at Lake Pend Oreille

Five camping units attended, camping at "Beyond Hope" campground. We visited Sandpoint, the Fjord horse show at the Bonner County Fairgrounds, and swam in the lake. Potlucks and dinner at the "Floating Restaurant" kept our strength up. Attendees included the Brittons, Kuttels, Krenkels, and Radmers.



SpoKampers visit Moses Lake Suncrest RV

SpoKampers visited Moses Lake Suncrest RV. We enjoyed an evening meal at Guidos Brick Oven Pizza, visited the Farmer's Market at McCosh Park, drove around Grant International Airport Park and saw many remnants of the Larsen AFB (1942-1966) and 70 -737 jet planes there, went for a bike ride around Blue Heron Park, and had a wonderful meal at the Pillar Rock restaurant, near the golf course. Brittons and Diehls went on to Nevada for a 3 week excursion from Moses Lake.



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View From The Hill - Summer 2019 Wrap Up

By Burton Eller
National Grange
Legislative Director

Agriculture and Food

Hemp Farmers -Be Enthusiastic but Cautious

New hemp farmers should be excited about the huge potential of industrial hemp ranging from medical uses to bioplastics, chemicals, fuels, paper and animal feed. But they are advised to proceed with caution. That's the advice USDA Under Secretary Greg Ibach gave to the National Industrial Hemp Council recently. Lots of regulatory work must be done before hemp can be a commonplace commodity option for producers. Ibach has been working with numerous other federal agencies to develop rules and regulations to fully legalize production, sale and interstate commerce. This new regulatory framework should be in place this fall to include testing requirements, farm inspections and the destruction procedures for any hemp crop that tests above 0.3 percent THC. In the meantime, the FDA is moving as rapidly as possible to issue regulations but says it is moving cautiously because there is still too much we don't know about CBD such as cumulative exposure risks and long term effects.

Cities like Denver, Colorado are selling CBD-infused beer, food and dog treats. But an American Herbal Products Association conference there recently heard FDA's concern about unsubstantiated health claims that CBD cured everything from Alzheimer's to cancer. It is prohibited to add CBD to food at this time because there is a significant amount of data needed to understand the effects on human exposure and the long term effects of regular consumption.

Another Court Finds "Waters of the U.S." Rule Legally Deficient

A federal district court in Georgia has ruled the EPA and Corps of Engineers overreached their jurisdiction in asserting federal authority over activities in interstate waters, tributaries and adjacent waters. The judge found the WOTUS rule's vast expansion of jurisdiction over waters and land traditionally within states' regulatory authority cannot stand absent a clear statement from Congress (congressional intent) in the Clean Water Act. Since no such statement has been made, the WOTUS rule is unlawful under the CWA according to the court.

Grange Supports Ag Research

The National Grange sent a letter to the leadership of the Senate agriculture and appropriations committees in support of the American Growers Act unveiled by Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) in early August. He intends to formally introduce the bill with cosponsors in September. The Act would authorize a five-year 5% inflation-adjusted annual agriculture research funding increase for the National Institute for Food and Agriculture, Agriculture Research Service, Economic Research Service and National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Presidential Candidates Pay Attention to Ag

Democratic presidential candidates are beginning to court agriculture more than usual as they roll out farm policy platforms to woo voters in Iowa. Senator Bernie Sanders has a sweeping 10-year plan to carry out the Green New Deal and reshape U.S. agriculture through regulations and subsidies to reduce its environmental impact and push farmers into smaller scales of production and organic methods. Specifically he would pay farmers to capture carbon in soil through environmental practices, pay states to develop food recovery systems, transition large-scale confinement animal feeding operations into "ecologically regenerative practices", pay urban and suburban dwellers to transform their lawns into food-producing or reforested space that sequesters carbon and saves water, and bring back Depression-era supply management and grain reserves to prop up commodity prices and cut food waste. Senator Elizabeth Warren's ag proposal would break up big corporations such as meat packers and pesticide manufacturers, encourage climate-friendly practices, control overproduction, guarantee prices at the cost of production (known as "parity"), and rely upon the government to stabilize the market by storing surpluses. Senator Amy Klobuchar takes a more moderate approach to focus on expanding farm support programs, tie farm subsidies to the cost of production, increase the portion of crop insurance premiums covered by taxpayers and expand rural jobs. The one common theme of all Democratic candidates from top to bottom of the polls is climate change and that farmers will benefit from addressing it.

Health Care

Where are Seniors' Drug Rebates and Discounts Going?

A new report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) addresses the growth of manufacturer discounts and rebates in the Medicare Part D program. Patient costs for health care have become a focus of public policy on the Hill and in the Administration. Patients are intended to share in the \$166 billion in rebates and discounts biopharmaceutical companies pay to insurance companies, the government, Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and others in the drug supply chain. Here are some facts about the report's findings.

The bulk of these savings are not reaching America's seniors at the pharmacy counter. Insurance companies say they use rebates and discounts to keep premiums low. But a Kaiser Family Foundation February poll found a majority of seniors said a lower copay for prescription drugs at the pharmacy was more important than lower insurance premiums.

The three largest PBMs own or are owned by insurance companies. The lion's share of PBM rebates are passed through to insurance companies. But the PBM and insurance markets are heavily integrated as evidenced by CVS Caremark's merger with Aetna, Express Scripts ownership by Cigna and OptumRx ownership by United Healthcare.

Fees paid to PBMs have quadrupled in the past two years. Regardless of whether they pass rebates to insurers, Part D is a significant revenue stream for PBMs.

The National Grange continues to work with other patient groups to find ways to reduce the price of prescription drugs at the pharmacy counter.

Canadian Patients Who Cannot Wait Come to America

The Fraser Institute reports that 63,000 Canadians left their country to have surgery in 2016. The Canadian universal health care system is often referred to by proponents of nationalized or socialized health care. Surgeries in both Canada and the United States are normally scheduled after patients are seen by the surgeon after first being referred by their own physician. In the U.S., 70% of patients were seen by specialists within four weeks after referral whereas in Canada less than 40% were seen in four weeks. After being advised a procedure is necessary, 61% of Americans had their surgery within a month compared to only

31% of Canadians. Our American health care system needs to be improved and made more cost effective. However, the Canadian system may not be the best model to follow.

Telecommunications

AT&T and T-Mobile Team Up to Counter Robocalls

AT&T and T-Mobile working together have begun to deliver caller authentication technology that works across both their networks. This is an important first step toward industry-wide call verification. Nearly 48 billion robocalls were received by U.S. mobile customers last year. Unwanted robocall attempts will continue but caller verification will help customers better decide which calls to answer or ignore. A call that is "spoofed" showing a faked number will fail the SHAKEN/STIR Caller ID verification and will not be marked as verified. Conversely, verification will confirm a call is coming from the identified number.

Future Farming Will Demand 5G Wireless Internet Service

An op-ed by National Grange President Betsy Huber and published by Agri-Pulse says that expanding wireless internet access in rural areas will continue to fuel the truly game-changing advances made by precision agriculture. These include new ways to grow crops by using less water, seed, fertilizer and pesticides. Made possible by a faster mobile internet, precision agriculture will continue to support new innovations like driverless tractors, robots and drones which are already increasingly handling farming tasks.

Keep Voice Services in the Lifeline Program

In a letter to the commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), National Grange President Betsy Huber urged the Commission to maintain support for Lifeline voice services at the December 1, 2018 levels and to not eliminate support for voice services as proposed for 2021. Many senior, handicapped and veteran rural Americans still depend upon voice services to access health care, contact social services agencies, find jobs and keep connected to family and friends. The Washington Post recently published a letter to the editor from Crystal Rhoades, a member of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, who pointed out that federal Lifeline program smartphones are the simplest and most efficient way to connect low

income Americans. She says she relied on Lifeline to gain a solid footing and pursue her education as a single parent.

Trade

Some Good News

During the recent G7 summit in France, President Trump and Prime Minister Abe of Japan announced they had reached an agreement in principle to lower Japanese tariffs and increase market share for U.S. agricultural commodities. U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer who led the negotiations says the new deal will eventually pave the way for an additional \$7 billion in agricultural exports to Japan. The agreement is expected to be a major benefit for beef, pork, wheat, dairy products, wine, ethanol and a variety of other products. Earlier in August, Lighthizer announced a deal whereby the U.S. would get exclusive access to a large portion (80%) of Europe's tariff rate quota for beef. The agreement is expected to go into effect later this fall following European Parliament approval.

Some Bad News

The economic effects of the trade war with China that affected so much of agriculture is now spreading through the American landscape. True, it is a war that needed to be fought to curtail China's monetary and intellectual property shenanigans that threaten so much American business. But trade wars take their toll on both countries and this one is no different. High tariffs and more expensive goods cut into the economies of both countries. More tariff escalation is set to go into effect September 1. In the meantime, President Trump has announced that talks will resume with China. Our best analysis is...."Stay tuned".

Hold the Date for the Fly-IN

Mark your calendars for the tentative dates of February 7-8, 2020 for the "First in the Nation" presidential primary in New Hampshire. The National Grange has traditionally held its fly-in every four years in New Hampshire to allow Grangers to participate in the presidential campaigns of the candidates of their choice. It has proven to be an outstanding experience for Grange youth and young adults. Note: If another state sets their primary earlier than February 11, New Hampshire will adjust their date to match it in order to continue their "First in the Nation" legacy.

Grange Connection

ADAMS COUNTY

Ralston Grange has been busy with a wide range of activities this summer. The Bingo/Food concession at the Wheatland Fair netted the Grange nearly \$2400 of income; third best year ever. The Grange and community support will be needed to maintain the Ray Scholarship program. Details about a pledge drive will be forthcoming.

Worn out carpet on the front steps of the hall was removed, but the backing stayed glued down. Anyone having an idea to try to remove it is more than welcome to give it a go. Once removed, outdoor carpeting or some other coverage will be installed. Some of the basement walls are in need of repair and painting.

There were a number of campers throughout the summer using the Keppler Memorial Park. It was suggested that we keep the lookout for events at which we could sell cotton candy. Kris Robbins offered to check out the possibility of selling at the football stadium during the youth football tourney in October.

Codi Titus will host a craft project afternoon for any kids who would like to take part at the hall on Sunday, September 29th at 1:00 p.m.. This Jr. Grange sponsored activity is a great way to get "warmed up" for the "Fall Fest" in October!! Needed are clear wine bottles! Speaking of "Fall Fest", it is scheduled for Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. We will enter our Grange and Jr. Grange fair display booths in the State Grange contest. Our annual Christmas Party & Potluck is tentatively set for Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m.. We are having it later this year as the first Sunday, our usual day, is only 3 days after Thanksgiving and the next Sunday, Lind has their festivities, including the lighted parade.

It was noted that next year is our Grange's 90th anniversary. Some ideas were tossed around on how to celebrate the event.

CLARK COUNTY

Mt. Valley Grange put in a booth at the Clark County Fair. The theme at the fair this year was "Sounds of Summer". Judy Steigmann, chair, Ann Van Antwerp, and Val Weisenborn designed and set up the booth on July 31st. The project won a blue ribbon. Dave Johnson, Judy Steigmann, Darrell Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Val Weisenborn, and Ann Van Antwerp manned the information booth during the fair.

Mt. Valley manned the Gee Creek Rest Area in September and served coffee and cookies to travelers. They all thanked us for being there and appreciated what we do.

The mural on the back of the stage was damaged. Val Weisenborn repaired the tear, and Judy Steigmann, Jerry Johnson, Dave Johnson, and Darrel Johnson put it back up. They framed it on the back wall with boards. It now looks like a picture.

Washington Grange's Clark County fair entry this year was inspired by Tom Gwin's address to the 130th State Convention body this year in Omak WA. As Tom was explaining the status of how well the State of Washington does in agriculture production our member, Rodger Lance was listening and at the same time scratching out an idea for this year's Clark County Grange booth. After the address Rodger told some of the other members of Washington Grange his idea of doing a feature of agricultural production in Washington. His thought was to show the Columbia River as it went through the State with samples of agricultural production and signs giving the amount of production along with some fun facts. The booth area is only 6X4' limiting the information we could display. We held it to the 5 largest types of produce that is actually grown in Washington. Apples; Wheat; Cherries; Grapes; and Potato's. All agreed to the idea but were surprised when Rodger said he wanted water running in the river!

Come fair time Rodger and Don Kapitanovich spent a considerable amount of time making it happen. RuthAnne Lance did all of the wording displays for the booth. The results were to receive both a blue ribbon and a sweepstakes ribbon for the booth.

COWLITZ COUNTY

Rose Valley Grange has a sewing day the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10-12. We are making adult bibs and fidget lap blankets. Everyone is welcome to join us.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Columbia Valley Grange met for their first fall meeting following a bountiful potluck dinner. The charter was draped for Betty James, Arlene Robertson and Tom Kawauchi. Columbia Valley Junior Grange won first place for their State Convention display; also, first place along with other awards at the Benton-Franklin Fair in August. The group next meets on October 10.

GRANT COUNTY

White Trail Grange will hold a Vintage Motorcycle, Car and Tractor Show on October 5. The show will be 4-6 p.m. and will be followed by a BBQ and Silent Auction, beginning at 5 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person. Any donation is welcome. The White Trail Grange Hall is located at 3392 Road 5 NW, Ephrata. Upcoming events will be our Christmas bazaar on Dec. 14, 2019, followed by a Christmas party for the members and their families.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humptulips Grange was represented by seven members at the Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference in Elliston, Montana. Grange members created a display for the Grays

Harbor County Fair in Elma, placing first in the produce division. The youth also did an agricultural education display. Six members worked the Pomona Informational Booth at the county fair. Ten members set up our display at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup, where we placed third in arrangement and second overall. Our attention now goes to our fall activities. Gift card bingo is scheduled for October 5, November 2, and December 7. Turkey Bingo will be on November 16. We are still operating the Humptulips Food Bank, serving 40-50 families each month. We are starting plans for our Grange's 100 anniversary, which will be in March of next year.

Sharon Grange awarded scholarships to two graduating senior FFA students from Elma this year. The recipients are Lacy Mowry, who will be studying to become a teacher and Florencio Ramirez, who will be studying animal science and plans on becoming a veterinarian.

KING COUNTY

Sammamish Valley Grange welcomed three community members to speak at the September program "Backyard Chickens and Fowl 101." Presenters included Lila Chapman, Illka Kallio and Marshall LeRoy. This expert panel discussed choosing best breeds, raising chicks, care, environment and containment, in addition to the beneficial elements to gardens and farms; everything to keep new livestock happy and healthy. Programs for the remainder of the year were announced: October 2, Eaglesong Gardener, Herbs are People's Medicine: Growing Health In Our Hearts, Hands and Homes; November 6, Farmers Roundtable and December 4, the annual Holiday Party and Potluck. These free monthly education programs are offered in tradition and service to the broader community.

LEWIS COUNTY

Adna Grange announces the following events: October 26, - Fall Bazaar from 10:00am to 4:00pm., Potato Bake from 11:30am to 1:30pm while the bazaar is going on, the cost is \$7.00; November 9 -

Celebrating our veterans with our second annual Veterans Pie & Ice Cream Social from 4:00pm to 6:00pm with patriotic music provided by the Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association (donations appreciated); December 14 - Santa Breakfast from 9:00am to 11:30am featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, and fruit for \$6.00. Kid's meal includes making a craft and a visit with Santa Claus.

Mossyrock Grange cancelled their October meeting. The date for their Harvest Dinner is changed from November 3 to November 17.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Fredonia Grange is having a vendor sale on October 26 and 27. Lunch will be available on Saturday and breakfast will be

available on Sunday.

Skagit Valley Grange is having a garage sale on October 25 and 26.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange presented scholarships to three recipients for a total of \$1600. Kaycee Stinson and Tristandoss Davis each received \$450 and Brandy Donough received \$750. Master Beckman reported on the 130th Washington State Grange including any Green Bluff contest winners at our July 16 business meeting.

Green Bluff Grange received 3rd place for Grange Improvement. Terri Saak was recognized as an Outstanding Lecturer and Carol Franzen received 2nd Best of Show in the State Quilt Block Contest.

Our July 2 community event was a scholarship fundraiser "Henny Penny Chicken 'poop' Bingo" along with a Community Patriotic Potluck picnic with games for the kiddos and adults. Winners Pete, Kayden, James, Nancy and Doug helped us raise \$142.

Our 10th annual all you can eat "strawberries and pancake" breakfast was a berry successful breakfast on June 30; the July 28 "cherries and pancakes" and the 11th annual "peach and pancakes breakfast on August 25 was really a peachy event with lots of hungry eaters.

August 6th was National Night Out Against Crime community event. Members put together our grange fair booth for the theme "Pirates of the Carrots and Beans." Again Green Bluff Grange won People's Choice. Harvest Festival will take place 1st three weekends of October with various vendors.

Starting Sunday September 29, Sunday breakfasts will be "pancakes and applesauce" through October 20.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange built a little lending library in front of their hall for area residents to borrow books for reading. The library will be moved inside the

hall for the winter. The Grange set up a "Coats for Folks" box at the Springdale Grocery Store. The Kiddie Karnival, Kreepy Kafe, and Haunted House are scheduled for October 18-19 and 25-26. Volunteers are needed to help with this project. Bingo will be held at the Grange Hall on November 2.

THURSTON COUNTY

McLane Grange will have their monthly fundraiser on October 12 at the hall, 931 Delphi Road SW, in Olympia. The Delphi Craft & Swap Meet runs from 9 - 3:00 and includes new & returning vendors each month. Please stop by to help keep a local grange afloat. Free coffee & ample parking are available, along with homemade baked goods (for donation). And if you or your friends have art, crafts or pre-owned treasures to sell, contact Eladice now at 360-866-7254 to reserve a table.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY

Burbank Grange has again having Senior Lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday. Also, we are still doing the Food Commodity the first Wednesday of each month with a good turnout of low-income families.

The Washington old Time Fiddlers will be at the Grange Hall on October 19th. The Annual Holiday Bazaar is on October 26th 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with lots of homemade and handcrafted items for sale, lunch is available. If you like a table at the Bazaar contact Stephanie at 509-430-1027 or Roxanne at 425-765-6289. We will again be having Breakfasts on the 4 Sundays in November to raise money for scholarships for Seniors at Columbia Burbank High School.

WHATCOM COUNTY

Haynie Grange will hold a Grange Breakfast on Sunday, October 13, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost is \$6 per person.

North Bellingham Grange will NOT hold a meeting in October. In November (thru April), we will begin our winter schedule of meeting on the 1st Saturday at 1:00pm.

Mt. Valley Grange Hosts Old School/Old Timers Picnic



Mt. Valley Grange hosted the Old School/Old Timers picnic at Territorial Days Park on August 3rd. It's a chance for family and friends to gather and visit and exchange stories and pictures.

Grange Connection

Pomona Connection

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona has moved their next meeting to November 16. The Pomona Grange had a produce display at the Grays Harbor County Fair. There were 12 Grange displays at the fair, along with 102 exhibits in the Junior/Youth Grange Department. In the produce division, Humptulips placed first with the Pomona Grange in second. In the project division, Elma placed first, North Willapa Harbor was second, and Olympic View and North River were in third place. For the Junior Granges, Camp Morehead JG was first, Humptulips JG was second, and North River JG was third. In the youth division, Humptulips Youth placed first, Pomona Youth placed second, and State Youth placed third. The Grange department as a whole received the Fair Superintendent Award as the outstanding department as voted on by all the fair superintendents.

MASON COUNTY POMONA

Mason County Pomona Grange members and friends turned out to enjoy a picnic at Kneeland Park in downtown Shelton on August 3rd. The weather was nice, the food was great and the opportunity to relax and visit was well worth the time. Members are looking forward to and making plans to promote Mason County agriculture through the Grange exhibit at the Washington State Fair in September.

PEND OREILLE COUNTY POMONA

Pend Oreille County Pomona will hold their Harvest Dinner on October 26 at 1 p.m. at the Fertile Valley Grange Hall.

PIERCE COUNTY POMONA

Pierce County Pomona Grange was busy with the Pierce County Fair from August 8 through 11. Grangers installed subordinate Grange displays (with Riverside Valley Grange #1047 taking top honors), manned the Grange information booth, and served meals from the Pomona Kitchen, the major fundraising project of the year. Sister Helen Gardner (McMillin Grange #848) coordinated the information booth and the Grange displays as Pomona's representative on the Pierce County Fair Board and Brother Tom Weston (Waller Road Grange #1111) oversaw the efforts in the Pomona Kitchen. Many members gave hours and hours before, during, and after the fair to represent the Grange to the public and to raise money for various endeavors.

RIVERSIDE POMONA GRANGE

Riverside Pomona Grange hosted this year's Tri-Pomona Picnic on August 24 at Fulbright Park in Union Gap. A nice crowd, including State Master Tom Gwin, attended this year's picnic.

SKAGIT COUNTY POMONA

Skagit County Pomona Grange met at Skagit Valley Grange Hall for their annual picnic and convention report. Delegates from Pomona, Fredonia and Skagit Valley Granges were present to give reports on resolutions, contest results, and other business. June Bradshaw from Samish Valley Grange received a Best of Show for her embroidered tablecloth in the Family Living Department and Jean Swift from Skagit Valley Grange received a Best of Show for her embroidered pillowcases in the Lecturer's Department.

Rosettes were also won by Debbie Riegel-Yates from Rexville Grange, and Susan Custance and Laurel Jacobs from Fredonia Grange. Jean Swift also received an award for being one of the top five Pomona CFL's in 2018. Karen Kayala from Summit Park Grange won the Seahawk Basket Raffle sponsored by the Ag in the Classroom representative. Four Granges, Fredonia, Rexville, Samish Valley and Skagit Valley each put up lovely displays at the Skagit County Fair. Skagit County Pomona Grange #10 met at Rexville Grange on September 4th. Seth Peebles was elected to serve an unexpired term on the Executive Committee. It was reported that Pomona Park is very busy and is well used. After a discussion about Family Promise of Skagit Valley, an organization that provides services for homeless families, it was decided to "pass the hat" for donations, and over \$50 was raised. The next Pomona meeting will be at Fredonia Grange on October 2nd, and the following meeting will be election of officers at Skagit Valley Grange on November 6th.

WHATCOM COUNTY POMONA

Whatcom County Pomona presented the Grange Belt Buckles for the winners of the 4-H and FFA Round Robin Events at the Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden. This year's buckles were sponsored by Laurel Grange. Fair results for the Grange displays in the produce division show Laurel Grange in first and Rome Grange in second. In the project division, Ten Mile placed first while Lummi Island was second and Haynie was third. For informational displays, Pomona placed first and the Juniors were second. Laurel Grange won the People's Choice Award all week. The Whatcom County Grange Bowling League is starting up for the 2019-2020 seasons. Bowling will be on Saturdays at 4 p.m. at the Mount Baker Lanes in Ferndale.

YAKIMA COUNTY GRANGES

Yakima County Granges participated in the Grange displays at the Central Washington Fair. Results of this year's Grange competition put Buena Grange in first place, Yakima Pomona in second, Riverside Pomona in third, Lower Naches in fourth, Broadway in fifth, Fruitvale in sixth, Sunnyside Pomona in seventh, and Selah Heights in eighth. The Fred Yahn Trophy was awarded to Buena Grange. The Elmer and Dorothy Clark Award went to Lower Naches, and the Sid Morrison Trophy went to Broadway.

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	November 10 at Dry Creek, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting. Will include planning for 2020. Election of Officers.
CLARK	October 9 at Mountain Valley, 7 p.m. meeting. Harvest Dinner held prior to the meeting at 5:30 p.m.
COWLITZ	October 19 at Sunnyside, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
EXCELSIOR	November 16 at Williams Valley, 10:30 a.m. Lunch is provided at 12 noon, bring dessert.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	November 16 at Elma, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Will include planning for 2020.
KING	November 9 at Steele Lake Highline, 10 a.m. meeting. Election of Officers.
KITSAP	October 18 at Crystal, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. Will include the annual banquet and election of officers.
KLICKITAT	November 9 at Goldendale, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
MASON	November 16 at Twanoh, 11 a.m. Potluck at 12 p.m. Will hold election of officers.
OKANOGAN	November 9 at Brewster, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
PEND OREILLE	October 12 at Camden, 11 a.m. meeting, potluck to follow. Will hold election of officers.
PIERCE	October 5 at Elk Plain, 10 a.m. Will hold election of officers.
RIVERSIDE	October 19 at Lower Naches, 1:30 p.m.
SKAGIT	October 2 at Fredonia, 7 p.m. November 6 at Skagit Valley – will be election of officers.
SNAKE RIVER	November 16 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m. No host lunch following meeting.
SPOKANE	November 16, location to be determined, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
STEVENS	November 16 at Kettle River, 11 a.m. Potluck at 12 noon.
SUNNYSIDE	October 8 at Buena, 7:30 p.m.
THURSTON	October 3 at Skookumchuck, 7 p.m. – will include election of officers. November 7 at Violet Prairie
WHATCOM	November 19 at Haynie, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Will include election of officers.
WHITMAN	October 19 at Wilcox, 10 a.m. Potluck at 12 noon. Will include election of officers.
YAKIMA	October 18 at Tieton, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.

Junior Connection

CAMP MOREHEAD JUNIOR GRANGE

Camp Morehead Junior Grange had displays at the Cowlitz County Fair and the Grays Harbor County Fair, receiving first place in each fair. Members drew art posters, which were entered in the GH County Fair. Winning posters are being forwarded on to the National Grange for their contest.

HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange members completed their display for the Grays Harbor County Fair, where they received second place. Following the month. Eighteen members entered the Junior/Youth Grange department at the county fair. Following a September break, we are starting to formulate plans for our fall and winter activities.

GREEN BLUFF JUNIOR GRANGE

Green Bluff Junior Grange placed 2nd at the Spokane Interstate Fair Grange booth
The 4th annual Green Bluff Junior Grange Haunted House will be Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 26th, 6pm-9pm. The kiddos put on quite the scary show!!!

Grange Connection

Skagit Valley Grange Donates Backpacks For Foster Children



Forty one backpacks were donated by Skagit Valley Grange to the Department of Social and Health Services in Mount Vernon for foster children. In the picture is Fred Hall, Assistant Steward and DSHS employee, Bobbi Becham.

Twisp Valley Grange Completes Quilt Block Barn Square

Thought you might like to see our barn quilt square done by Sister Judy Brezina. It is a three by three done in a flying star pattern. Judy surprised everyone at the last meeting with the handcrafted square done in Twisp Valley Grange colors.



Pleasant Hill Grange Has Dictionary Project Meet-Up



Pleasant Hill Grange members Ted (center) and Zula Bryan (right) met with Grange Dictionary Project Director Mary French during a recent trip to Vancouver, Wash.

Rose Valley Grange In Parade



Rose Valley Grange #953 participated in the Kalama Community Parade.

Calispel Grange at Pend Oreille County Fair



(top left) Calispel Grange #500 hosted Bingo and sold cards for 25 cents per card as our fundraiser at the Pend Oreille County Fair. Prizes included an airplane ride over the county, and 2 tickets to Silverwood as grand prizes. It's a tradition to play bingo at the fair, young and old.

(lower left) Calispel Grange #500 took 1st place in decorated booth competition.

(lower right) Members of Calispel Grange #500 met for a post fair luncheon to share projects and ribbons. Grange ladies who sew once a week at our Grange did very well during the 2019 Pend Oreille County Fair.



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.

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