



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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Granges Hold Christmas Parties Across The State

While many of our subordinate and Pomona Granges held Christmas Parties in their own communities, the Washington State Grange also held two

Christmas Parties in December. The first was held on December 14 at the Moses Lake Grange Hall. The second was held on December 15 at the South Union

Grange Hall.

Following a potluck dinner, games and activities were enjoyed by the attendees. At the South Union event, teams of five

persons were given a supply of tissue paper and scotch tape. The teams were instructed to dress one of the members as Santa Claus, using only the tissue

paper and scotch tape. State Grange Gatekeeper Nicholas Oliver and Thurston County

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INSIDE: Photos from Grange Christmas Celebrations can be found primarily on pages 7 through 10, and throughout this issue.



PHOTO ABOVE:

The Terrace Heights Grange #586 had a big turnout for their annual Community Christmas party on Dec. 11th... and Santa had some pretty cute elves helping him!

PHOTO LEFT:

Santa's Helpers. Members enjoy one of the two Washington State Grange Christmas Events.

Grange News Adjusts Advertising Rates

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From The Chaplain's Desk

Welcome And Reminders For Granges In 2020



Pam Matthews

By Pam Matthews
State Grange Chaplain

Greetings. I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and will have a safe and happy new year. As the New Year begins, I would like to say, "welcome back" to those Chaplains serving another year; and to those newly elected, "welcome to the fold".

I encourage you to attend one of the leadership conferences being held throughout the state. The department presentations are interesting and informative for all members.

As the Chaplain of your Grange, I want to encourage you to have a memorial service

in your Grange this spring. Included in the Lecturer packets, is a memorial service. This service is a suggestion only and you may want to use all or any part of it. Or do something else entirely. That is fine; I just ask that your Grange have a memorial service, in the spring, to remember those brothers and sisters who have passed on in the preceding twelve months. A copy of the service will be on the State Grange web site.

I would also like to remind you if your Grange has any members who were Deputies, State Officers, District Directors, or their spouses, who have died this last year, to

let me know as soon as possible so I may write a special tribute for these members for the annual memorial service at the State Grange convention.

Grange secretaries, please send me the names of your past Masters and/or spouses who have passed away this last year, for the Memorial roll at the State session. The form is in the secretary's packet.

If you have any questions, comments, or have a report to make please phone or email me at: 360-352-7043 or mathewstwin@hotmail.com. Please put "Grange" in the subject line.

May the Lord bless you all.

WA State Grange Offers Scholarships

Scholarships are offered each year through the Washington State Grange Foundation to assist Grange members attending college or the children of Grange members.

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 under the age of 25 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.

The following scholarships are being offered this year:

- Grange Family Living Department Vocational Scholarship
 - Grange Family Living Department Home Economics Scholarship
 - Kegley Agricultural Scholarship
 - Norm Buchholz Agricultural Scholarship
 - Kittleson Memorial Agricultural Scholarship
 - Delpha Goude Scholarship
 - Horace Bozarth Scholarship
 - Kiona-Benton (Koss Memorial) Scholarship
 - Martin & Grace Forry Scholarship
 - Martin & Snowie Vanderpool Scholarship
 - Riverview Grange Scholarship
- Fox Island Grange Scholarship
 - Nob Island Grange Scholarship
 - Ray & Marion Kammerer Scholarships
 - Enga M. Anderson Scholarship
 - Bear Creek Scholarship
 - Rock Creek Scholarship
 - French Creek Scholarship
 - McCleary Grange Scholarship
 - Pomona Villa Scholarship
- Details on the requirements for each scholarship, along with applications forms, can be found on the Washington State Grange website, www.wa-grange.org. Completed applications and all other required materials must be in the State Office by April 1.

By-Laws

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

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President’s Message

Opportunities for Grange Growth

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

We are ready to “Cultivate Connections” in each of our Granges.

We have two excellent opportunities coming up in the next month. Your State Grange Leadership Team will be visiting 18 counties for our Annual Grange Resources and Leadership Conference Tour. The list of dates and locations is found elsewhere in this issue. Some of the locations may seem “out of the way” or a little “off course”. Please keep in mind that it is important for the State Grange to visit different Granges each year. At the conferences, we will be distributing program materials, packets of information, and sharing ideas. Program Handbooks and Legislative Handbooks are printed and will be available at the conferences.

You may also download the information from the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.org.

I hope you will take the opportunity to join us at one of this year’s conferences.

The upcoming legislative session will occupy our interests here in Olympia. Our Legislative Lobbyist, Heather Hansen, continues to work for us and all of agriculture. Heather will represent us well as she has the experience and

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-- Tom Gwin

knowledge required of an agricultural based lobbyist. The Grange Legislative Committee, chaired by Rick Nelson, will assist in guiding our legislative department. The legislative committee will also be involved with planning and conducting our annual Legislative Day,



Tom Gwin

scheduled for February 20. You can find additional materials on this event elsewhere in this issue.

The 131st Washington State Grange Convention will be June 24-27 at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds in Walla Walla. The convention Kick Off Meeting is January 26. Next month, you will find the housing information in The Grange News. I encourage you to book your room early to assure the best motel rates in Walla Walla.

This year promised to be busy and filled with exciting Grange activities. As Superheroes in our Granges and our communities, we encourage all Granges to cultivate and build connections with each other and other organizations to assist in building a brighter future for our Granges, our communities, our state, and our nation.

Legislative

2020 Legislative Session Begins January 13th



By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

Heather Hansen

The 2020 state legislative session will begin January 13 for a 60-day session. In preparation, Governor Inslee has proposed supplemental budgets for the next fiscal year which runs from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. During a short session, the legislature usually passes a supplemental budget which is intended to make adjustments to the two-year budget passed last spring.

Governor Inslee is proposing a \$53 billion budget that would increase state spending by nearly a \$1 billion. The budget passed in May was a record \$52.4 billion. His proposal would draw \$319 million from the state’s emergency fund to pay for homeless services over the next three years. Using the emergency fund requires a 60% majority vote of the legislature. That means, both Democrats and Republicans would have to vote in favor.

Inslee’s operating budget proposal also includes a Low Carbon Fuel Standard proposal and \$1.5 million in funding to implement it. A Puget Sound Clean Air Agency analysis that shows a Low Carbon Fuel Standard could increase gas prices in the region by nearly 60 cents a gallon.

Some transportation consultants say that analysis is optimistic, and the program could cost the average household in the Puget Sound region \$900 a year. A Low Carbon Fuel Standard would hit rural communities especially hard because rural citizens must drive further to reach services.

A Low Carbon Fuel Standard works by setting up a credit program in which participating entities generate either credits or deficits, depending on whether the fuel they provide is below the carbon intensity standard. Entities that generate deficits must then purchase credits from those that provide clean fuel. The fuel standard of allowable carbon gradually becomes stricter. For consumers, the net result is ever increasing prices at the pump.

Governor Inslee also proposed a transportation budget that would reduce spending on transportation projects by \$454 million in the coming budget year. The reductions are a response to Initiative 976, which capped annual car-tab fees at \$30. Most of the reductions would be accomplished by delaying planned highway and transit projects not yet under construction.

The initiative, if it goes into effect, would cut more than \$4 billion from state and local transportation projects over the next six years. It is currently on hold as the courts decide its constitutionality. Since the voters passed the initiative, government must work under the assumption that the money will not be collected, so the transportation budget passed last May must be reduced.

Another transportation issue that will be controversial this session is a proposed road usage charge as a possible replacement for the gas tax. The Washington State Transportation Commission voted to support recommending the road use charge. This means rather than paying tax at the pump, drivers would be charged by the number of miles they drive. The intent is to capture gas tax revenue lost to the increase in electric and hybrid vehicles. Again, rural areas would bear the brunt of the change. The Transportation Commission did recommend restricting revenue from the road usage charge to road construction projects the same way gas tax money is restricted under the 18th Amendment to the state constitution.

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I certify that all information furnished is true and complete.
(Signed) Tom Gwin, Editor 11/30/2019



Session Watch 2020

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

2020 State Convention Kickoff Meeting Set

The Kickoff Meeting for the 2020 WA State Grange Convention will be held Sunday, January 26. A tour of the Walla Walla fairgrounds and facilities will be at 11:00 am. Following the tour, there will be a baked potato bar and meeting at the Prospect Point Grange Hall in Walla Walla.

The 2020 Convention will be hosted by the Granges of the Eastern District, which includes: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia. Franklin, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, and Whitman Counties.

We hope to see you there!

State Grange Legislative Day Set for February 20

As the holidays wind down and the legislative session kicks into high gear, the legislative department will be working to make sure the concerns and needs of our members are heard at the state and national levels.

It is proven, however, that a grass roots effort works extremely well with legislators on the hill. The best way to make this happen is to show them that the Grange is alive, the Grange is active, and we have a lot to offer the rural residents of Washington. This is where we need your help!

Grange Legislative Day is a great way to start to make this happen. This year's Grange Legislative Day will be Tuesday, February 20, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It's a prime opportunity to observe the process and to get involved in that process.

We are working to bring you the best Grange Legislative Day yet! What might be in store for the day? Grange staff will set up meetings for you to meet with your district legislators. You may also be able to sit in on senate and/or house committee meetings or watch the senate or house floor in action. You will also be able to hear from and meet some of our state officials and legislative gurus as they take time out to speak with all of us.

Our goal is to fill the halls of the capitol this year with Grangers! We ask for your assistance in helping to make our Grange Legislative Day a success. Ask your fellow Grangers to join you, invite your youth to attend, and spread the word to anyone interested in promoting the concerns of rural Washington. 2020 is a great year to start anew and to become involved in the Grange legislative program.



2020 Legislative Day

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Registration is \$15 per person. RSVP by February 14, 2020
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED

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City	Zip	Legislative District
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Phone		Email

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Check (make check payable to Washington State Grange)

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LODGING

Those attending that need lodging, we have secured a room rate of \$112.00 + tax @ the Hilton Garden Inn, 2101 Henderson Park Ln SE, Olympia 98501. Please call Sophia in the office to make room reservations. 1-800-854-1635 Secure your room early as hotel will quickly sell out! There is a 48 hour, no charge, cancellation policy.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

- JANUARY 10State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Ford's Prairie Grange Hall, Lewis County
- JANUARY 11State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ East Oakville Grange Hall, Grays Harbor County
- JANUARY 11State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Cowlitz County
- JANUARY 12State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Hazel Dell Grange Hall, Clark County
- JANUARY 17State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Steele Lake Highline Grange Hall, King County
- JANUARY 18State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Tualco Grange Hall, Snohomish County
- JANUARY 18State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Skagit Valley Grange Hall, Skagit County
- JANUARY 19State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ San Juan Island Grange Hall, San Juan County
- JANUARY 20State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Quimper Grange Hall, Jefferson County
- JANUARY 23State Grange Executive Committee Meeting @ Olympia
- JANUARY 24State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Moses Lake Grange Hall, Grant County
- JANUARY 25State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Buena Grange Hall, Yakima County
- JANUARY 25State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Centerville Grange Hall, Klickitat County
- JANUARY 262020 State Grange Convention Kick-Off Meeting @ Prospect Point Grange Hall in Walla Walla
- JANUARY 31State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Entiat Grange Hall, Chelan County
- FEBRUARY 1State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Oroville Grange Hall, Okanogan County
- FEBRUARY 1State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Addy Grange Hall, Stevens County
- FEBRUARY 2State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Eddy's Restaurant in Colfax, Whitman County
- FEBRUARY 2State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Five Mile Prairie Grange Hall, Spokane County
- FEBRUARY 20State Grange Legislative Day @ Olympia
- MARCH 6-8, 2020State Grange Teen Getaway Weekend @ Moses Lake
- MARCH 27-28, 2020State Grange Deputies, Officers, and Pomona Masters Conference @ Olympia
- JUNE 24-27, 2020131st Annual Session of the Washington State Grange @ Walla Walla County Fairgrounds
- AUGUST 7-9, 2020Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference @ Boise, ID
- NOVEMBER 17-21, 2020154th Annual Session of the National Grange @ Valley Forge, PA

The Membership Corner

Finding Your Granges' Value

How do we find “value” for potential Grange members? What value do you personally see in the Grange as a member?

In November we asked you to “Vision the Future of Your Grange”. We suggested you meet to create your goals as well as your mission for your Grange for 2020 and this new decade. We then asked in December for you to begin “Cultivating Connections”. This is where we begin asking ourselves what our Grange can do for our community and how we can better connect with organizations and businesses close to us.

Now that we have determined our goals and began to work on making connections in our communities, it’s time to look at our Granges in a new light. New membership in your Grange is key to every Granges success. If we always do what

we have always done, and we do not invite others into our Granges, then we will continue to get what we have always gotten. Our Granges success starts here.

It is so important for us to look at our Granges and see all the wonderful things that we do. Do you see “value” in being a member of your Grange? How can you as a long-time member show potential members the “value” in a Grange membership? Value to one person may not be a value to others. So, what is the key here? Value to one person may be that we offer something for everyone in the family, or it could be they are interested in the scholarships we give out. Maybe they are interested in the discounts that are given to members only or others may see great value in giving back to their communities through

the Grange.

Striving to find your Granges value in your community will bring growth to your

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Grange and a new outlook on the Grange as a whole. Here are 5 steps to consider when discovering your Granges value:

Step 1: Recognize that finding value for your Grange is important. Let’s get ready for some very important discussions.

Step 2: Understand that the “more” part of your value proposition needs to be concrete and specific. Here is where members put in their own time to volunteer and contribute their time to the Grange. When you ask a member to contribute time to your Grange, there should be an exchange value. “My time for something I like.”

Step 3: Creating value really isn’t that hard to do. When we give our time to an organization and expect value, we do not need a big meal or even a pat on the back (although that might help) what we want is part of our human need. We want to feel needed. We want to have a voice in the action. We want to enjoy good fellowship. We want to make progress and get things done and we want to meet and make new friends. Give members these values and your value proposition is secure.

Step 4: Make value a part of your future plans. Not everything you want to do can be done in the short term. Some value proposition may take longer. It will take several years to be able to help families with needs like college scholarships. So, build the value proposition

into your planning activities.

Step 5: Ingrain your Grange’s value proposition into every activity for your Grange. When you build a team or committee, when you begin a community activity, when you plan something for your members, when you have a family night or new-member open house, make sure that the team leader adds the value proposition for your Grange into the goals for that team.

The team should consider these questions:

1. How will our members or participants view the importance of what we are planning?
2. What concrete steps can we take to make the event even more special?
3. How have we used (not abused) the time we are asking our members/participants to give?
4. How is the price/cost related to the actual value?
5. How will we successfully evaluate the results of our value proposition?
6. What steps could we take if we wanted our value proposition to be more for more?

Here are a few fun facts from a survey done a few years back: 95% of potential new

“Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.”

--Mattie Stepanek

members would join if they thought they would meet old friends, make new friends, and enjoy good fellowship.

85% listed first that they wanted an expanded role with their family, especially their children.

68% said they wanted their involvement to include an important and distinguished role in the community.

50% said they wanted to belong to an organization that was well organized and well led.

Now that we have the tools, its time to meet and consider your Granges value and begin to use those tools in the coming months and years. Let’s make the beginning of this new decade a time of growth for our organization.

These tools can also be used as individual members ask others to join your Grange. And to get everyone inspired to share your Granges values, we have officially introduced a new contest for individuals beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. Check out all the details below.

Welcome New Members		
GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS		
December 2019		
	# Joined	Jr. +1
Baw Faw #34.....	2	
Bryan Kennedy, Farley Walker		
Calispel #500.....	1	
Diane Stone		
Camas Valley #842.....	3	
James Miniffani, Aeydin Newell, Lori Newell		
Edgewood #266.....	2	
Darryl Crombie, Ronna Sandner		
Forest #153.....	1	
Jenny Snodgrass		
Fruitland #999.....	7	
Nancy Brandt, Bev Forstrom, Lea Rodford		
Stephen Reams, Betty Schroeder, Ronald Schroeder		
Faith Hall		
Issaquah Valley #581.....	2	
Marjorie Steffin, Paul Gamman		
McLane #383.....	2	
William Truax, Arlen Veleke		
Prosperity #315.....	0	1
San Juan #966.....	8	
Valdi Bjarnason, Tim Clark, Eva Elasiq		
Cloud Oakes, Marilyn O’Conner, Rev Shannon		
Ken Sommers, Liz Smith		
Violet Prairie #996.....	3	
Kathleen Greco, Moz Wright, Shar Tiffany		
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TOTALS.....	31	1

State Grange To Recognize Individual Grange Recruiters

The Washington State Grange is placing an increased emphasis on membership recruiting over the coming year. With that in mind, the membership department has established a means to recognize individual Grange members for their recruitment efforts.

This program will begin on January 1, 2020 and end on December 31, 2020. Recognition will be given to each Grange member who recruits new members during the calendar year.

Awards for recruiting new members may be earned by Grange members as follows:

- 3 members – a State Grange T-Shirt
- 5 members – a \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- Each additional 5 members – a \$25 Amazon Gift Card

Information will be taken from the quarterly Grange Secretary reports. The awards will be cumulative and will be sent to the recipients as they are earned throughout the year. Grange recruiters will also be recognized in The Grange News.

Additional information on this and other membership development programs will be available at the upcoming Grange Resource and Leadership Conferences.

WA Grange Resource And Leadership Conference Schedule Announced

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

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

Presentations will include specific items for Grange Masters, Secretaries, Community Service, and Membership. Additional presentations will be given by Lecturer Leslie Wells, Family Living Director Helen Berg, Junior Grange Director Heather Ferguson, and the Youth Program Representatives. The focus of this years' leadership conference series will be on providing resources that will assist each Grange to become more successful in their communities.

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

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

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

Lecturer's Department

The Roaring 20's!!! What Is Our Vision?



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

Happy New Year to all! I hope you had an opportunity over the last few weeks to spend some quality time with your family and friends. The holiday season always seems to bring back memories of times past doesn't it? But as the New Year begins, we look to the future – what's in store for us? Let's call it the beginning of a new form of the "Roaring 20's." We need to get back to roaring about being Grangers! Please keep this in mind as we begin this new decade. Has your Grange had a planning meeting to determine where you are headed in 2020? Have you set some goals about projects to work on? Planned some social activities? Planned a membership drive? We have a lot to consider at this time of year and we need to make an effort to involve as many of our members as possible. If people help with the planning discussion then, I believe, they'll be more apt to see the effort through to accomplishment.

In Grange, we traditionally have a Candle Lighting Ceremony at one of the first meetings of the year. I have prepared one for you that is based on our 2020 Vision. Let's be clear and specific as we look to the future. It is included in the Lecturer's Packet that will be provided at the Resource and Leadership Conferences being held in January and February. It will also be available on the WA State Grange website (www.wa-grange.org) under the Lecturer's Department.

The Fair Booth Contest entries are with the judges at this time and the results will be included in next month's column. Thanks to the Granges that took the time to prepare an entry and send it in.

Speaking of preparing and sending something in – I am still waiting for your year-end reports to arrive in my mailbox. I know it is not the most fun thing to do but those reports are our way of measuring the activity that is taking

place in our Granges across the state. Based on your comments, we have an indication of what's working and what isn't. They really are read and reviewed. Please send them to: Leslie Jo Wells, WSG Lecturer, 18232 201st Avenue SE, Monroe,

WA 98272. Thank you in advance! I'll see you at the Conferences – encourage your fellow members to attend as well. I think the information being presented can be of benefit to all Grange members.

2020 Candle Lighting "It's A Grange Road Trip"

Lecturer: We've all heard the saying: "Life's a journey, not a destination." This year, 2020, signifies the beginning of a new decade in our Grange journey and we need to be prepared for what we may encounter. As with any trip, let's make a checklist of what needs to be done to ensure our efforts are successful. I light this candle to represent our Road Trip for this year 2020.

Speaker 1: It's difficult to get somewhere if we don't have a map. Have we developed our Mission and Vision statements for our Grange. Have we as a Grange had a planning meeting to establish what we hope to do this year? This planning should help provide a clear vision of what we plan to accomplish – think: "Is the windshield clean for looking ahead?" I light this candle to represent our Map for our road trip.

Speaker 2: Once we know where we're going, we need to make sure we have the proper equipment that will make our journey fruitful. Do we have the materials that will guide us – our officers have listened to and understand their duties as outlined in the installation charges; we as members have reviewed the obligations we heard or read in the ritual work that makes up much of what Grange has historically been; do we know who the Deputy for our county or area is to help us as we progress or if we hit roadblocks. I light this candle to represent our Owner's Manual that can provide answers if we get into trouble.

Speaker 3: Are we ready to go? As members, are we getting challenged by the materials being presented by the various departments – Lecturer, Family Living, Juniors, Youth, Membership and Community Service. These should be providing the Fuel we need for our journey. I light this candle to represent our fuel.

Speaker 4: The Mirrors – don't forget them. They help us look back at where we have been. However, don't spend too much time looking back or you will end up in a rut (to put it mildly!) The past is just a reference point – we need to be focused on the future! I light this candle to represent our moving forward.

Speaker 5: As we progress on our Grange Road Trip this year, don't forget the Tune-ups. We need to re-visit our checklist periodically to ensure we are still on the right road. I light this candle to represent our tune-ups.

Lecturer: This checklist is just that – a checklist. As we journey forward we may find obstacles or stray off course. It is our journey and we can revise it as we wish. Just remember – we have a definite starting point, which is today but our end point is what we make it. Let's make this a fun Road Trip!

Granges Hold Christmas Parties Across The State

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Pomona Master Rick Nelson were the victims and had to remain as still as possible. Every time either would take a step, their "costumes" would tear and had to be repaired.

The event also included signing Christmas carols, a visit from Santa Claus, and a gift

exchange. A silent auction was held, generating over \$300 to go toward Grange youth travel. Door prizes for each of the events were provided by State Grange Master Tom Gwin.

Thank you to South Union and Moses Lake Granges for hosting the events. Plans are to hold the 2020 events earlier in December.



Members enjoy one of the two WA State Grange Christmas Events.



From the beginning, supporting the private the Grange was an enterprise system. The organization developed success of these to protect farmer's cooperative efforts led interests and to to many ventures, one encourage working cooperative venture with others while that still exists today -

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Grange Holiday Memories

Twisp Valley Grange Holds Annual Santa Breakfast Pancake Feed



Twisp Valley Grange held our annual Santa Breakfast Pancake Feed. We have it at the same time the local Christmas Bazaar is on so that people can come see Santa (Eric Claussen) and have a good hot breakfast before shopping. It is so much fun and the whole community seems to show up. Our Grange is the hub for our valley and we love it. We are committed to Farm, Family and Community.



Baw Faw Grange Sponsors Boistfort Community Christmas Potluck Dinner



Baw Faw Grange sponsored the Boistfort Community Christmas Potluck Dinner on December 9, 2019 at 6pm. Meat, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, and entertainment provided free of charge. Community members were ask to bring a dessert or side dish to share. 112 plates served, and all seats were filled. Christmas carols were sang, the kazoo band played, and Edgar Jones handed out bags of goodies he made including his homemade popcorn balls! This has been a Grange tradition provided by his family for the past 80 years. This is the 12th year the community Christmas dinner has been served. It began after the Boistfort Valley flooded on December 3, 2007. Baw Faw Grange provided 3 meals a day for months after the flood, and then Community Friday night dinners until June 2007. This tradition will continue for many, many more years!



(Top Left) Meat cutters Terry Lane, David Parker, and TG Neason get busy cutting up turkeys & hams while Edgar Jones supervises. (Top Right) Baw Faw Grange Christmas tree. (Bottom Left) Full house for Christmas Potluck. (Bottom Middle) Jerry & Ann Zabriskie leading the Kazoo band. (Bottom Right) Edgar Jones, past Baw Faw Grange Master, hands out his Christmas popcorn balls.



Holiday Memories from Washington Granges!



Matlock Grange hosted a successful Christmas celebration. Attendance of 50 people. 15 kids for Santa. Ham and Turkey dinner with lots of cookies and cakes. Fun was had by all parties.



Skagit County Pomona Grange recently held their annual Old Fashioned Christmas Party. Special guests were 15 children from Family Promise of Skagit Valley. Santa gave each child a large Christmas stocking filled with gifts and candy. In the picture are back row left, Lacey Rude, center Santa Claus (Seth Peebles), and back row right, Audrea Woll, Executive Director of Family Promise of Skagit Valley, along with some of the children.



Picture from the Grays River Grange #124 Christmas Party. We end each Christmas Party with a candle light Silent Night.



Stranger Creek Grange served hot beverages and goodies to help kick off the holidays in Colville. It was much appreciated on the cold evening of the tree lighting ceremony and the next day during the carriage rides, provided by Grange member Jeff Upton and family and their horse "Derby".



(Right and below) Five Mile Prairie Grange held its annual Pancakes with Santa on Saturday, December 7th and served almost 400 breakfasts to a very supportive (and hungry) community.



Santa had a birthday while visiting Fargher Lake Grange.



On December 19th, Barberton Grange hosted our annual Christmas Dance with Steel and Velvet, capped off with a visit from the man himself.

Celebrating The Holidays ... Grange-Style!

Grange Holiday Memories

Grays River Grange Celebrates The Holidays

By Darrell Alexander
The Wahkiakum County Eagle Newspaper
Published in the December 19, 2019 Edition

It is that time of year again and Grays River Grange #124 held their annual Christmas potluck with caroling, gift exchanges, numerous raffle drawings, and a visit from Santa.

The food was sensational as well as a large variety of desserts. The Grange wasn't filled to capacity, but there would have been more food anyway even if the Grange was filled to capacity.



Above: Grange Master Krist Novoselic provided accompaniment for caroling on his accordion. (Photo by Darrell Alexander)

No one person went away hungry.

Grange Master Krist Novoselic was a great host who kept the evening lively even though the crowd was about the same as last year due to the weather. The Christmas Story from the Bible was read by Carol Ervest. All the songs were accompanied by Krist Novoselic who led the Grange in singing Christmas carols while playing his accordion.

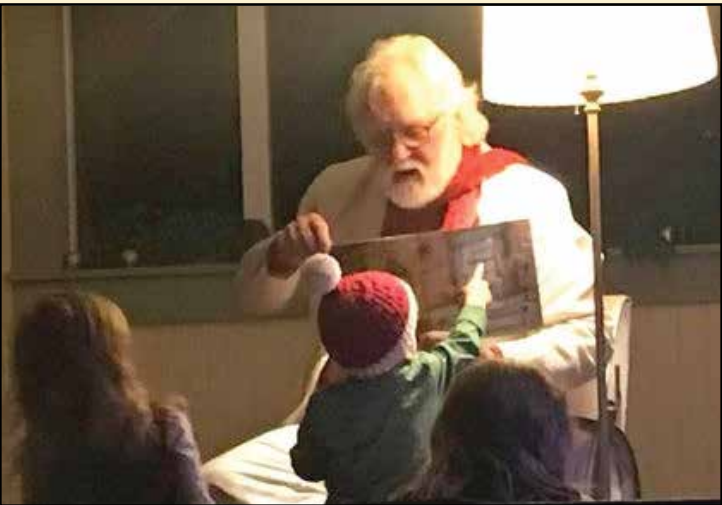
There were many there who received pins for their years of service to the Grange. While singing the traditional Christmas song Jingle Bells, the singing enthused Santa to make a special appearance, and he passed out presents to the children.

A few of the young children were a little restless as local author Bob Pyle read a Christmas story, but the others sat quietly enthralled with the story. He has a unique way of adding little tidbits to the story to keep the children's attention, but it also gave the adults something humorous.

Since I have been writing for The Wahkiakum County Eagle I have met so many wonderful people who I have been able to make a connection. This Grange party to me was more like a family reunion. I love living in this county. I am so grateful. I want to wish all a Merry Christmas and a great New Year.



Santa Claus delivered early presents at last week's annual Christmas Party at the Grays River Grange. (Photo by Darrell Alexander)



Robert Michael Pyle entertained children with his reading of a holiday poem. (Photo by Darrell Alexander)

Green Bluff Grange Hosts Christmas Party

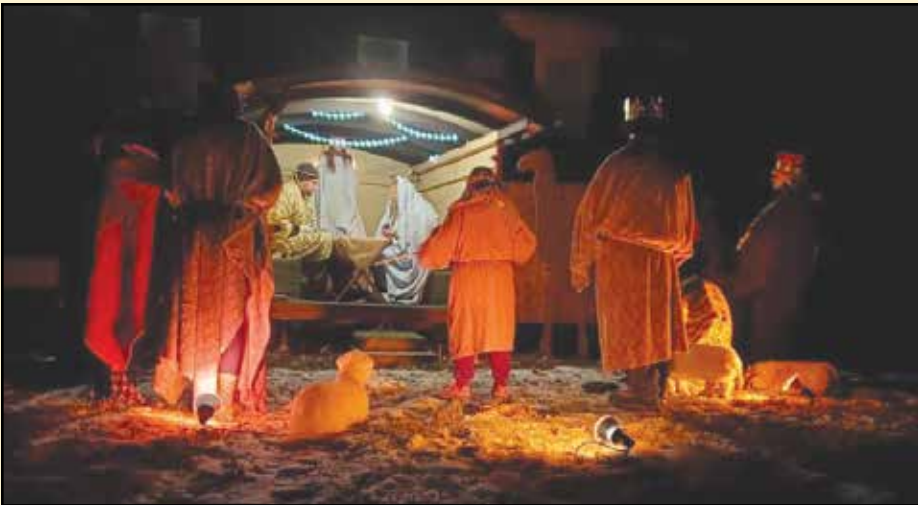


(Top Left) Callie sits on Santa's (aka Jim Lahde) lap as Santa's helper (Pat Tompers) looks on.

(Bottom Left) Nativity display with Junior Grangers.

(Top Right) Marines for Toys 4 Tots collect from the Green Bluff community at the Green Bluff Grange Christmas Party.

(Bottom Right) Junior Grangers in their costumes.



Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Youth Programs Set For 2020



Jerry Gwin

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

We have enjoyed another great year for the State Grange Youth Department.

Alexis Kudsk has an exciting year ahead as she is one of the 2020 National Grange Youth Ambassadors. She also serves as the current State Grange Youth Ambassador. While originally from Custer in Whatcom County, Alexis attends Washington State University in Pullman. Alexis is available to speak at your Grange meetings. Please contact the State Grange office for her telephone number and/or email address.

We can be proud of our other representatives at the 2019 National Grange Convention: Jonathan Pittman (John Trimble Legislative Award winner), Brittney Oliver (2019 National Grange Outstanding Young Patron), Isabella Lierman (Youth Secretary), Skylar Zaborac (Youth Assistant Steward), Georgia Clark (Youth Chaplain), and Lane Smith (Youth Executive Committee). This group represented our State Grange with class and dignity!

Putting 2019 behind us, our focus will now turn on to 2020 youth activities.

National Grange Youth Development Director Mandy Bostwick has revised many of the youth programs and created new programs of interest. The National Grange Youth Program Handbook is ready and will be distributed at the Grange Resources and Leadership Conferences. Please pick up your copy there. Applications for national awards are also available on the national website: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org.

Looking back, we have had a great year. We can only hope to grow and prosper and plan for another excellent year of youth programs in 2020!

Juniors

New For 2020: Junior Program Details Unveiled



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director

Happy New Year! I am so excited to be sharing the New 2020 Washington State Grange Junior Department Program with you. First, all State Junior programs are now open to every Junior Grange and 1+ member. This change was a priority of mine and I'm so happy to announce it. There has also been a few subtractions and additions to the program so make sure you get the new handbook before planning your yearly activities.

The biggest addition to our State Junior program is the Achievement Badge program. We will be starting with eight badges this year, covering a wide range of topics and adding to them next year. The badges are designed for all of our Juniors no matter age or ability. Each badge comes with two age levels of requirements to choose from and the permission for leaders or parents to reasonably alter requirements for Juniors who have specific learning needs. The Badge Program is intended for Juniors to explore topics they may never have thought to on their own and feel a sense of pride when fulfilling the requirements.

As you are reviewing the

handbook, you will also notice that the Junior department now has a public speaking program. We will have impromptu, prepared and short story categories for all ages. So all you Juniors start preparing now for competition. It is going to be so much fun, I can't wait. The handbook will have all of the details, so check that out.

You will also find some smaller additions to programing. A new educational topic category has been added to the poster and tri-fold section. This can be done as

a group or individual and on any topic of the makers choosing. This is a great activity to showcase the research Juniors are doing at school.

The handbook will be available at all of the Leadership meetings so make sure to get yours. One of the State Junior team members or myself will be attending almost all of the Leadership conferences so make sure to introduce yourself and ask questions. I hope you are as excited as I am for the New Year of Junior activities and competitions.

LOOKING FOR A JUNIOR PROGRAM?

GOOD DAY! MAGAZINE WRITING CONTEST

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

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

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



Junior Connection

Camp Morehead Junior Grange

Camp Morehead Junior Grange has confirmed their 2020 dates to be July 12-18 at Morehead Park, near Nahcotta on the long Beach peninsula.

Camp NEWA Junior Grange

Camp NEWA Junior Grange confirms their 2020 dates to be July 19-25 at Camp Princess Pine in Stevens County. Alicia Buckles will be the new Camp Director.

Green Bluff Junior Grange

Green Bluff Junior Grange donated \$500 to the Mead Food Bank. Some Jr. Grangers participated in the church's living Nativity.

Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grange provided oranges and cocoa packets for 60 families who utilize the services of the local food bank. Junior Grangers made salsa, cranberry sauce, and jam for the holidays. Each member saved their best jar of each for the Grange contests in the spring. Junior Grangers made table favors for the Grange Christmas Party and completed several craft projects for the holidays.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE YOUTH WEEKEND MARCH 6-8, 2020

The 2020 Youth Getaway Weekend will be held at the Moses Lake Grange Hall. Youth Getaway Weekend is open to all youth, ages 14-20. There is a \$20 registration fee for each participant. Everyone must have a registration form and medical release form (available on the State Grange website) that is current for 2020. Please send all completed forms to Jerry Gwin, State Youth Director. **Forms must be postmarked by February 25.**

The weekend's events will include workshops, recreation, and a pizza party. The registration fee covers all of the activities.

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

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I have read and agree to the above rules.

Parent Signature _____

Youth Signature _____

Send registration forms by February 25 to: Jerry Gwin, State Youth Director, P. O. Box 14, Humptulips, WA 98552

Home & Family

Family Living

Baking Contest Tips: Common Cookie Baking Mistakes

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director



Helen Berg

We receive a weekly flyer in the mail from our local newspaper which has recipes as well as announcements for our local community. This week there was an interesting article on cookie baking I would like to share with you.

15 COMMON COOKIE BAKING MISTAKES YOU MIGHT BE MAKING

1. Your cookies aren't baking evenly. If you have this problem, you may be putting too much faith in your oven. Check your oven temp. Oven temps can vary by 20 degrees. Invest in an oven thermometer and check your oven. Also try rotating your trays halfway through the baking process.
2. You use eggs straight from the refrigerator. Cold eggs prevent the dough from aerating properly, meaning you won't have those air pockets to help improve the texture of your cookies. You can warm your eggs by putting them in a bowl of warm water for a few minutes.
3. You use the wrong kind of flour. While most recipes call for

- all-purpose flour be sure to use the type specified in the recipe.
4. You measure the flour the wrong way. The scoop out of the bag method could actually be giving you too much flour. Rather Loosen the flour and then spoon the flour into the cup and level off with a straight edge.
 5. You soften the butter too much or not enough. Butter that is too soft won't hold air, giving you dense and heavy dough, but if you've tried to cream cold butter it is no fun. Set butter on the counter and let it soften at room temp. for about 15 min.
 6. Be sure to use fresh baking powder and baking soda. This is your leavening and they do lose their potency over time. Anything over 6 months from opening should be discarded.
 7. You over work the dough. Over mixing can add air to the dough and cause it to rise and then fall in the oven causing hard cookies.
 8. You skip chilling the dough. If your looking to get cookies that are crispy on the outside and chewy on the inside, then this is a step you cannot skip. Chilling allows the ingredients to mingle and keep the dough from spreading on the

- cookie sheet. And putting cold dough in the oven gives you that crispy outer layer.
9. Your baking pan is too dark. Dark baking sheets will cause your cookies to cook faster. Try lowering your oven temperature by 25 degrees and shortening the baking time by about 4 minutes should help here.
 10. You over grease the cookie sheet. Unless the recipe says to grease DON'T. A greased cookie sheet can cause the cookies to spread way more than you want.
 11. You over crowd the cookie sheet. Be sure to stagger the cookies about 2" apart to avoid the cookie blob.
 12. Bake cookies on the center rack unless you have a convection oven.
 13. Avoid taking too many peeks as this cools down your oven.
 14. You don't give your cookies time to cool down. Let them sit in the tray for a few minutes before removing them.
- I hope these hints help you as you prepare to think about what cookie you would like to enter in your baking contests. May you have a blessed New Year. 2020 is here!



A Fun, Fruity, Refrigerated Treat

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Save time on family desserts with make-ahead recipes like these Kristoff Ice Box Cupcakes. By using kid-friendly treats that add nutrition to appealing flavor, you can solve busy evenings just by reaching into the fridge. This and other family-friendly recipes are part of Dole's healthy-living alliance with Disney's Frozen 2. For details, visit dole.com/Disney.

Kristoff Ice Box Cupcakes

Prep time: 20 minutes, plus chill time Serves: 12

Ingredients:

- 3 ripe DOLE® Bananas
- 1 container (8 ounces) fat-free whipped topping, thawed
- 7 low-fat honey graham crackers, coarsely crushed
- 1 pound Strawberries, hulled and quartered

Instructions:

Line 12-cup muffin tin with cupcake liners. In large bowl, mash bananas; fold in whipped topping.

Fill muffin cups halfway with graham cracker pieces, banana mixture and strawberries; repeat layers with remaining ingredients.

Refrigerate cupcakes 4 hours; serve in cupcake liners.

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National Grange News

2019 “Granges In Action”

Congratulations to the following Granges for being named “Granges in Action” at the 2019 National Grange Convention in Bloomington, MN. Certificates to each of the listed Granges will be presented at the upcoming Grange Resources and Leadership Conferences. Details on qualifying for the 2020 “Grange in Action” designation will be reviewed at the conferences as well.

Washington State Grange	Mossyrock Grange #355	Fern Prairie Grange #866
Thurston County Pomona Grange #8	Stranger Creek Grange #374	Tieton Grange #875
King County Pomona Grange #13	Bee Hive Grange #385	East Oakville Grange #902
Grays Harbor Pacific Pomona Grange #28	Adna Grange #417	Ralston Grange #943
	Skamokawa Grange #425	North River Grange #946
	Twisp Valley Grange #482	North Willapa Harbor Grange #947
	Cedar Grange #534	Rose Valley Grange #953
East Hill Junior Grange #236	Barberton Grange #581	Sallal Grange #955
Humptulips Junior Grange #376	Skookumchuck Grange #584	Orcas Island Grange #964
Camp Morehead Junior Grange #401	Terrace Heights Grange #586	San Juan Island Grange #966
	Addy Grange #603	Swauk Teanaway Grange #984
Elma Grange #26	Burbank Grange #630	Fruitland Grange #999
Baw Faw Grange #34	Dry Creek Grange #646	Riverside Valley Grange #1047
Pleasant Hill Grange #101	Long Beach Grange #667	The Valley Grange #1048
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Whelan Ewartsville Grange #114	Quimper Grange #720	Lopez Island Grange #1060
Stevenson Grange #121	Humptulips Grange #730	Fertile Valley Grange #1094
Moran Prairie Grange #161	Inland Grange #780	Okanogan Grange #1103
Meridian Grange #265	Elk Plain Grange #782	Sequim Prairie Grange #1108
Sammamish Valley Grange #286	East Hill Grange #786	Kettle River Grange #1120
Green Bluff Grange #300	Camas Valley Grange #842	White Trail Grange #1143
Oakview Grange #311	Fargher Lake Grange #853	Moses Lake Grange #1151
Happy Valley Grange #322	South Union Grange #860	



View From The Hill Jan. 2020 Wrap Up

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Spending Bills Clear Congress

A couple days before heading home for their Christmas break, Congress cleared spending packages to fund the federal government for fiscal 2020.

The legislation includes several new appropriations for agriculture:

- An additional \$1.5 billion for disaster relief (including quality loss) for farmers and ranchers.
- Reinstatement of the \$1-a-gallon biodiesel tax credit.
- Increases staffing to relieve shortages at Farm Service Agency offices.
- Kick-starts new farm bill-authorized programs including dairy business innovation initiatives, healthy fluid milk incentives projects, and micro-grants for food security.
- Boosting rural broadband deployment by providing an additional \$550 million for USDA's ReConnect program.
- Hiring an additional 240 agricultural customs inspectors to protect domestic agriculture from importation of foreign diseases and pests.

IMMIGRATION/AG WORKFORCE

Ag Worker Bill Clears the House

By a vote of 260-165, the House passed the bipartisan Grange-supported Farm Workforce Modernization Act, H.R. 5038 in December. The bill, sponsored by Representatives Lofgren (D-CA) and Newhouse (R-WA), expands H-2A from just a seasonal program into a year-round, three-year visa system. It provides a pathway to legal status for ag workers currently on farms and ranches to continue working in agriculture, requires the use of E-Verify to check the eligibility of new employees, and limits annual wage rate fluctuations. Proponents of the bill say it's the best chance to get relief from the ag worker crisis in the foreseeable future. Opponents say it gives eventual legal status to workers who are already in the U.S. illegally. Chances of passing any ag worker legislation through the Senate in 2020 is unclear.

H-2A Wages Jump 6%

The Labor Department announced ag worker wages under the H-2A program will go up 6% in 2020 to an average of \$13.99 depending on the state. The five states of California, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Washington account for more than half of the certified H-2A workforce.

New Resources Coming In 2020

The National Grange is unveiling four new resources for Granges in 2020. The new “Grange Resource Binder” is designed to be a “one stop shop” for Subordinate/Community Granges.

The binder is divided into seven sections including Business Information, Meeting Information, Grange Law, Officer Resources, Program Information and a section for State Grange Information. Each binder also comes with a flash drive with digital resources for Granges to

utilize.

Binders can be pre-ordered from the National Grange for \$30 each plus shipping, orders will be processed after January 1, 2020. A digital copy will be on the National Grange website after January 1st for those who wish to download and print the material themselves.

Also coming available in 2020 are three new officers' handbooks for Masters, Secretaries and Treasurers of Subordinate Granges For more information contact Membership Director Joe

Stefenoni by email membership@nationalgrange.org or phone 707-328-0631.

Additionally, the Welcoming Ceremony, Opening and Closing are also available in side-by-side English and Spanish and more materials will be coming soon. These are envisioned to be used as a resource to introduce non-native English speakers to the Grange in a familiar way. Contact Joe or Communications Director Amanda Brozana Rios at communications@nationalgrange.org for PDFs.



2020 PUBLICITY ITEM CONTEST



Eligible items include anything you create to promote Grange
All entries must be received by Oct. 31, 2020.
ALL DETAILS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
nationalgrange.org/lecturers-programming/

Grange Connection

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humptulips Grange provided 60 families with food baskets through the food bank in December. Each family received either a turkey or a ham. Additional food donations were received from the Humptulips Junior Grange, Humptulips Valley Church, Coastal Harvest, Northwest Harvest, and the St. Andrews Church in Aberdeen. A sizable monetary donation was received from the Hoquiam High School Football to fund the food bank for the upcoming year. The Grange had large crowds at their gift card bingo events on December 7 and 14. Grange members enjoyed baked ham and scalloped potatoes at their Christmas Party on December 13. The county cut down the brush and trees between our parking lot and the county road, which will allow cars and RV's to drive into the parking lot from the road. The Grange decided to erect a chain link fence across

the edge of the parking lot with gates on each end. This will prevent access to vehicles tearing up the gravel parking lot and other possible illegal activities on Grange property.

KING COUNTY

Sammamish Valley Grange #286 members had an eventful December. The Holiday party and potluck brought member families and friends together to make wreaths, share a meal, enjoy the choir and celebrate the spirit of the season. Later in the month, Grange members and volunteers participated in the Woodinville Winterfest celebration making wreaths and sharing the Grange mission with neighbors and friends during the annual community event.

LEWIS COUNTY

Adna Grange announces a spaghetti feed and bluegrass concert fundraiser to help defray the costs for repairing Engine #15 of the Chehalis-Centralia Railroad. This

special locomotive is missed by many who love the historical experience of riding on a 1916 steam train. During the August filming of the movie "Maysville" at the steam train depot, grange member Jackie Lester struck up a conversation with railroad board president Bill Deutscher. She said she would present an idea for a fundraiser as a community event for the Adna Grange at their upcoming meeting. Subsequently, the grangers voted to have a spaghetti feed fundraiser on February 14, 2020. The hope is that folks will show their LOVE for the famous Engine #15 on Valentine's Day and come out with their financial donations. When Paul Smith, lead singer/guitarist for Fern Hill Bluegrass Band, heard about the event he offered to have the bluegrass band perform to enhance the fundraiser experience. Paul and fellow band mate, Mike Eisler (banjo), wrote a special tribute song for the event entitled "Ole Number 15." The one-song CD will be available at the fundraiser for a donation of \$5. Bluegrass and trains have long been associated with each other and, in addition to their new song, the band will be performing several familiar bluegrass train songs. In addition to Paul and Mike, Fern Hill Bluegrass Band is comprised of Rolle Champe on mandolin, Brett Champe on bass and Stew Dodge on fiddle. The event starts at 6:00pm and is scheduled to end at 8pm, but who knows? The menu is spaghetti with choice of meat sauce or non-meat sauce, garlic bread, green beans, coffee, punch, cookies and ice cream. The food is by donation and all proceeds will go to the restoration of Engine #15. We hope to hear her passing through the valley around Adna as she goes from Chehalis to Ruth ASAP!

Lincoln Creek Grange decorated a booth at the Southwest Washington Fair this year in August. Some of the members helped man the Grange displays. The annual cider squeeze in October was a huge success. Everyone came with apples and went

home with cider. A Christmas potluck party was held on December 21. Santa showed up. It is a good way to get acquainted with neighbors. The Grange manned the I-5 Maytown rest stop in November, serving coffee, cookies, and lemonade to travelers.

A dance is planned for January 12, 2020 at 1:00 in the afternoon. Local assisted living centers have been visited and invited with hopes that some seniors will come and enjoy dancing. There will be live country western music by Sharyn Lee and the Sundowners.

Oakview Grange received the prestigious "Distinguished Grange" at the National Grange Convention held in Bloomington, MN in November. This makes the second time Oakview Grange has received this award. Joined by family and friends, Oakview Grange kicked off the holiday season with a Thanksgiving potluck of great food followed by fun evening of BINGO with an array of prizes. Oakview has added 11 new members in 2019. Grangers Joyce Kludt, Becky Escobar, Sandy Lund, Mary Niccoli and Terry Lowery spend an afternoon setting tables, decorating the Christmas tree, making popcorn balls and filling treat bags for the upcoming Grange Christmas party. On December 5, Martha Harjo emceed Oakview's Christmas program which featured games, musical numbers, singing beloved Christmas carols as the children anxiously waiting for Santa Claus' arrival. As part of the nationwide Dictionary Project, Grangers will close out 2019 with the presentation of nearly 200 dictionaries to Centralia and Adna third graders. Each third grader receives their very own dictionary to help with their writing and comprehension skills. The first meeting of the New Year will be a pizza feed followed by a 2020 planning meeting by members.

PIERCE COUNTY

Waller Road Grange is planning a celebration for our 75th Birthday on February 29, 2020. Please come and

help us celebrate. There will be entertainment, cake and displays.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Granville Grange had an open house on December 18 with members of the local Historical society community members attending. Members from Horseshoe grange attended.

Tualco Grange hosted an installation of officers on December 8. There was a potluck with the installation of about 30 members following lunch. Margaret Ohlsen was the installing officer and did a very good job. Thank you to all who attended the good lunch and installation.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange's cookie exchange on Dec. 3 was fun and a number of Bluffers participated. Our Community Christmas party on Dec. 14 saw the children enjoying sitting on Santa's lap and receiving a Santa Bag. The Marines were in attendance for the Toys 4 Tots program. Also, Pastor Helen read the Christmas Story. On January 1 we had our 2nd annual ole fashioned Hayride going around the Bluff. The January 7 1st Tuesday community event was our Quilt Block Party (participants made the 2020 Grange Quilt Block to enter into the contest). January 18 our grange will host a Green Bluff Spin In with vendors. A Bluegrass concert presented by The Mountain Dew Boys will be held on January 25. It will be a tribute to Hank Williams and pure Bluegrass music. February 4 will be our 2nd "Chili Cook-off" raising money for our scholarship program. Our January business meeting will be installation of new officers. Our first 2020 "all you can eat pancake breakfast" will be January 26.

THURSTON COUNTY

Skookumchuck Grange held its annual FREE community Xmas party with the Tenino Choir caroling to us and we sang along. Santa brought his Santa Sack and his knee was well utilized. Lots of cookies and milk were consumed



Ten Mile Grange Donates Dictionaries

Ten Mile Grange #399 was happy to be able to donate 30 Dictionaries to the 3rd grade classrooms in the Lummi Nation School for the "Words For Thirds" Project. Pictured are Master Pete Hauck, Assistant Steward Gary Brandt, Treasurer Oren Gaskill, Secretary Lew Gaskill and Lecturer Jean Hauck, along with 2 Third Grade classes and their teachers.



Grange Connection

along with hot chocolate and cider. Winterfest in Tenino saw many Grangers in different roles. Our Master helped Pomona with their fundraising bake sale, while the Pomona Master tested the baked goods. Secretary, Judy helped serve up free food with the city museum and Chaplain Geraldine had her students selling Christmas wreaths to benefit the FFA.

South Union Grange #860 held their annual “Deck the

Hall” party on November 29 to decorate the Grange for the holidays. Special thanks go to Bruce (age 5) and James (age 3) Brouillard who did an excellent job of decorating the lower limbs of the Christmas tree. Attending members enjoyed hot chocolate and goodies to reward their hard work. Washington State Grange Master Tom Gwin was the special guest at the November 18 meeting and shared plans for the State Grange’s westside Christmas

party that was later held at South Union’s hall on December 15. South Union Grange’s annual Christmas potluck and party was held on Sunday, December 8. Several members of her family were there to see Diane Williams receive her 45-year membership seal at the event. Members of Violet Prairie Grange and their families were special guests and everyone enjoyed good food, a Christmas carol sing-along, and a visit from Santa who

distributed gifts to the kids. Santa’s elves (Patty and Pam Mathews) assisted Santa and passed out goodies. Dance to live county music by The Country Four and More on

the first Saturday of every month from 7 to 10 pm (\$6 per person donation). All ages are welcome. The next Grange meeting will be held on Monday January 20 at 7 pm.

Pomona Connection

Skagit County Pomona

Skagit County Pomona Grange met at Fredonia Grange Hall for their annual “Old Fashioned Christmas Party”. Special guests were 15 children from Family Promise of Skagit Valley who were surprised by a visit from Santa Claus (Executive Committeeman Seth Peebles) who gave each child a large Christmas stocking filled with gifts and candy. He was assisted by Elf Lacey Rude. Members and guests enjoyed a dinner of home-made soups, followed by a program of stories and singing of carols.

Snohomish County Pomona

Snohomish County Pomona held their officers planning meeting at the Garden City Grange Hall. We get dates

set for the coming year and committee Chairmen and members on each committee. We held the CFL-Lecturer Christmas Party at South Lake Stevens Grange on December 19. A potluck of finger foods and gift exchange were held. Those present had a good time visiting. Cathy Scherrer was visiting from St. Louis, Missouri. It is always nice to see grangers who move away come back to visit. Kellogg Marsh Grange will host the Christmas Party of December 28. Games will be played from 2pm to 6pm Then potluck and a white elephant gift exchange. Our next Pomona meeting will be at Tualco Grange on January 18, 2020. There will be a practice at 9:00, with a meeting at 10:00. Following the meeting there will be a potluck at noon and a leadership meeting after

lunch.

Thurston County Pomona

Thurston County Pomona #8 held their December 5 meeting at South Union Grange hall. The celebration began with a festive potluck and included a Lecturer’s program with short Christmas presentations from each of the subordinate Granges present. Pomona had a bake sale at Winterfest at Tenino High School on December 7 and collected food for the local food bank at the event. Installation of officers for Pomona and subordinate Granges will be held on Sunday January 12 at 2 pm at South Union Grange hall. The first regular meeting of the new year will be at 7 pm on Thursday February 6 at Black Lake Grange.

Cowlitz County Pomona Hosts Membership Awards Reception

Recently Cowlitz County Pomona held their Golden Sheaf-Silver Star Reception at Catlin Grange to honor the following members who had reached Grange membership ranging from 40 to 65 years.

Pictured: Pam Mathews, Washington State Grange Chaplain, Rosemary Painter of Catlin Grange #199 who received her 65 year Seal, Washington State Deputy Rex Ogden, Helen Berg of Sunnyside Grange #101 who received her 55 year Seal (she is Washington State Family Living Director), and Myrtle Mies of Catlin Grange #199 who received her 40 year seal.



Pomona Calendar

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

- CLALLAM**..... January 22 at Sequim Prairie, 9 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting
- CLARK** January 8 at 7 p.m., location to be announced.
- COWLITZ** January 18 at Catlin, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC** January 11 at East Oakville, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Leadership conference to follow at 1 p.m.
- KING**..... January 11, location to be announced.
- KITSAP** January 17 at Crystal, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- KLICKITAT** March 3 at Glenwood, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- MASON**..... January 18 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PEND OREILLE**..... February 8 at Calispel, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PIERCE**..... January 4 at Ohop, 10 a.m.
- RIVERSIDE**..... February 15 at Terrace Heights, 1:30 p.m.
- SKAGIT** February 5 at Skagit Valley, 7 p.m. Program will be candle lighting ceremony.
- SNAKE RIVER** March 21 at Burbank. No Host lunch following meeting.
- SPOKANE** March 21, location to be announced, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- STEVENS**..... February 1 at Addy, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- SUNNYSIDE** January 14 at Buena, 7:30 p.m.
- THURSTON** January 12 at 2 p.m. at South Union will be Installation of Officers. Next meeting is February 6 at Black Lake at 7 p.m.
- WHATCOM**..... February 18 at Ten Mile, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Baking contest to be held.
- WHITMAN**..... March 14 at Whelan Ewartsville, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Baking contest and sale to be held.
- YAKIMA** January 17 at Broadway, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Program will be candle lighting.

Grange Connection



East Hill Grange Donates Dictionaries

East Hill Grange has been 349 dictionaries to Valley Christian School, Lake View, Terminal Park and Ilako Elementaries in the Auburn School District and Jenkins Creek Elementary Kent School District for the 2019 - 2020 school year. This is our 18th year of doing “Words for Thirds” since we started we have delivered 3,456 dictionaries between the Auburn and Kent School Districts.



Sammamish Valley Grange Make Wreaths At Winterfest



Sammamish Valley Grange #286 representatives make wreaths during the Woodinville Winterfest annual community event. L-R: Member, Andrew Ely; Volunteer, Katrin Mucke; and President, Tom Quigley.

Five Mile Prairie Grange Works Local Blood Drive



Five Mile Prairie Grange recently teamed up with the Inland Northwest Blood Center for a successful blood drive.

Calispel Grangers Make Walker Totes For Assisted Living



Calispel Grange member Debbie West leads Grange quilters through a lesson on how to make walker totes. Those attending each made two or more for our local assisted living residents.

Calispel Grange Hosts Pizza Party



It was a “make it yourself” pizza party at the Calispel Grange #500. This all happened following our cookie exchange. Helpers included Debbie West, Donna Dahl, Diamond Lake Grange member-Jeannie Wolke, and new Calispel member Diane Stone.

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