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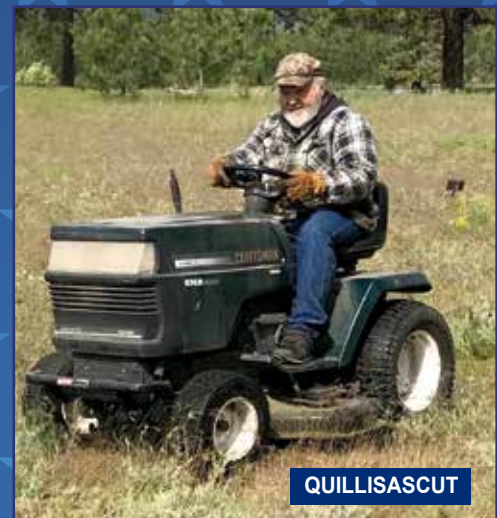
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Granges Salute The Fallen

Granges across the state saluted the fallen on the recent Memorial Day weekend. Some Granges cleaned up their cemeteries, while others landscaped and/or placed flags on the graves of veterans. No salute is too large or too small as we recognize those who served our country and fought for the freedoms we all enjoy.

September 2020 issue deadline – August 20th
Submissions can be sent to grangenews@wa-grange.org

INSIDE:

Washington State Grange Celebrates 2020 Graduates & Scholarship Recipients

The Washington State Grange annually awards \$20,000 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors and current college students, and salutes our college and high school graduates for a job well done!

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

Due to COVID-19, many scheduled events are either canceled or postponed.

This listing reflects new dates for several items. Please call prior to the event to confirm.

JULY 1	Community Service Reports Due to State Grange Office
JULY 14-23	State Grange Standing Committee Meetings via Zoom
JULY 15	State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
AUGUST 1	Grange Week/Month Display Entries Due to State Grange Office
SEPTEMBER 10	Credentials Forms Due to the State Grange Office
SEPTEMBER 10	Committee Preference Sheets for Convention Delegates Due to State Grange Office
SEPTEMBER 28	Resolutions Due to State Grange Office
SEPTEMBER 30	Third Quarter Secretary Reports Due
OCTOBER 28-31, 2020	131st Annual Session of the Washington State Grange @ Walla Walla County Fairgrounds
NOVEMBER 17-21, 2020	154th Annual Session of the National Grange @ Valley Forge, PA

State Grange Headquarters Damaged During Protests

Late on the evening of June 12, protesters gathered in Tumwater and proceeded north on Capitol Boulevard and Capitol Way to downtown Olympia. One their way through Olympia, several homes and businesses were “tagged” with graffiti in various colors of spray paint. The Washington State Grange Office, located at 924 Capitol Way S. in Olympia, was one of those businesses tagged by the protesters.

In the City of Olympia, it is the responsibility of the landowner to have any graffiti removed in a timely manner. In the days following the tagging, State Grange staff members made arrangements to have the graffiti removed and/or covered. Of special concern were the brass letters “Washington State Grange” on the façade as they were painted with black spray paint. Fortunately, the paint did come off. After removing the black paint, the remaining part of the façade was completely painted.

One of the nearby columns was also tagged with blue spray paint. The column has to be repainted to cover the blue. The pictures accompanying this article show the headquarters after being damaged. A second set of pictures shows the headquarters after removing/covering the graffiti.



By-Laws

The Valley Grange #1048 will be voting on changing their meeting time to 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm . The voting on this bylaw change will occur on August 10 at 7:00 pm at The Valley Grange in Valley, WA.

Centerville Grange Hangs Quilt Block

Centerville Grange put up their quilt block! Grangers helping were Drew Bowdish and Will Bowdish (in the bucket), Tess Bowdish and John Witt. Kay Cameron and Darlene Witt picked out the design and Darlene with her steady hand painted it.

What a bright and beautiful welcome to our Grange!





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• Tom Gwin, Executive Editor •

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President's Message

Times Are Changing!

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

As I write this column, I reflect on what I should normally be doing this time of year. In a normal year, I would have been fraternizing with many of you at the Annual State Grange Convention. We were all looking forward to our summer return trip to Walla Walla for the first time in over 60 years. We would have just completed all the preparation that goes into a convention. We would be nearly done with our deliberations, thinking on our drive home about the upcoming picnics, fair displays, and summer camps.

Instead, 2020 is the year that has disrupted our normal lives and presented difficulties in our Grange work. This reminds me of the Installation Address for all Grange Masters:

"You may encounter difficulties. Overcome them, remembering that difficulties are but opportunities to test our abilities. As Master of this Grange, your fellow laborers will look to you to devise work. A judicious Master will use due care that no time is lost in useless labor. Let all labor and all time tend toward improvement. Your laborers may not at first comprehend the value of this; but it is your duty to instruct them."

As your State Grange Master, I am continually looking at ways we can overcome obstacles and move the Grange forward. This pandemic is forcing us to change the way we operate as an organization. In my 2019 Master's Address at the State Grange Convention, I delivered the following statement:

"The future is before us front and center. We can rest on the laurels of our past and the present, or we can adapt to the challenges of the future. My choice is to accept the challenges one by one, to remove the obstacles, and to build a bright future for our great organization. I invite you to join me as we continue discovering the opportunities that will create an organization that will last for several more generations."

In accepting the challenges brought forth by COVID-19, we moved our Annual State Grange Convention to late October. The

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-- Tom Gwin

convention will primarily be a business session and will look much different than previous years. We will follow the State Grange Bylaws and complete the items as required. We may need to make further adjustments down the road as we get closer to October.

At the State Grange level, we are looking at what tools we can provide to our Subordinate and Pomona Granges to assist them. The WA State Grange has a free conference call account. If your Grange would like to utilize this service, contact Sophia here in the office. She will schedule your



Tom Gwin

call and provide instructions on using the account. It is important that we keep an accurate listing of calls, so we don't have two calls happening at the same time.

An additional service that we will be able to provide will be Zoom meetings. Zoom meetings are conducted via computer and/or telephone and will allow you to have meetings, workshops, and discussions on a variety of subjects. Again, if you want to utilize our Zoom account, you will need to be schedule this with Sophia.

Over the next year, you can expect to see a variety of workshops and discussions over the Zoom program. I envision training for Grange Masters, Secretaries, and more. I can see committee meetings and discussions on resolutions. A monthly "New Member Orientation" would allow us to provide information on the structure of the organization and services offered.... and give new members an opportunity to ask questions. The opportunities are endless as we work to improve communication in Granges across the state.

I do want to remind our members that nothing will take the place of our face to face meetings. This pandemic has moved some of our obstacles to the forefront. Your State Grange is committed to assisting our Subordinate and Pomona Granges in overcoming these obstacles and improving the communities in which they serve.

Legislative

Only The Legislature Has The Power To Change The Budget



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

Washington State has a two-year budget cycle. The last state operating budget was passed by the legislature in the spring of 2019. It was updated in March of this year just as the COVID pandemic was beginning. Before July 1, 2021, a new state budget must be written, but with the economic disruption caused by COVID-19, the current budget will probably be adjusted before then. Only the legislature can change the budget. The Governor does not have that authority. The Governor can call a special session to update the budget or wait until the legislature convenes in January.

The state's current two-year budget is approximately \$53.5 billion. The June 17, 2020 forecast estimates state general fund revenue for the current biennium to be \$46.129 billion. That leaves a \$7 billion shortfall. Since the current biennium is half over, the shortfall must be made up during the second half. That is between now and June 30, 2021.

On March 12, 2020, the state legislature passed a budget that increased general fund spending by \$921 million for the coming fiscal year that begins July 1, 2020. They increased the total budget — which includes federal money and fees the state collects for specific purposes — by \$2.37 billion. Governor Inslee vetoed \$235 million in new spending when he signed the budget as the COVID crisis was beginning to take shape. The current two-year operating budget is more than 19% higher than the previous one passed in 2017.

In June, the Governor's office asked all state agencies to prepare a plan showing the programs and personnel their agency would cut if they lost 15% of their general fund dollars. A 15% reduction still leaves the budget the largest in the history of Washington State.

Certain parts of the budget, including K-12 education and some Medicaid spending, is protected from cuts due to constitutional protections or federal rules.

Higher education is not constitutionally protected so it is vulnerable to budget cuts.

In the Washington State Department of Agriculture's (WSDA) 15% cut proposal, \$995,000 was cut from the Fair Fund. That would eliminate distributions to agriculture fairs in 2022. If the 15% reduction were spread evenly across all WSDA programs, the Fair Fund would largely be spared. It is sacrificed to protect other programs including marketing and plant protection.

The state Department of Fish and Wildlife, proposed spending \$117,000 less on hay to feed elk in the winter to keep them off agricultural lands.

The Department of Natural Resources did not submit proposed reductions. They submitted a memo saying they will propose cuts in the coming weeks.

Only the legislature has the power to change the budget. These proposals can be used to help guide the legislature.

The forecast council believes the impact of lost economic activity from the COVID crisis will extend for many years. The Governor's office and some legislative leaders are already talking about new taxes to raise more revenue.

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!! Attention !!
Standing Committee Members

Standing committee meetings have been rescheduled. All meetings will be done virtually through Zoom this year. Here are the meeting dates and times:

- Agriculture Committee..... July 14th at 10:00 am
- Cooperative Committee July 15th at 3:00 pm
- State and National Issues..... July 15th at 7:00 pm
- Health, Health Care & Safety July 16th at 10:00 am
- Education Committee..... July 16th at 1:00 pm
- Conservation & Ecology..... July 21st at 10:00 am
- Fish & Wildlife Committee July 21st at 1:00 pm
- Transportation & Taxation July 23rd at 10:00 am
- Veterans Affairs Committee July 23rd at 1:00 pm
- Good of the Order Committee July 24th at 10:00 am

Be sure to watch your mail box for a packet of information including the instructions for accessing your particular Zoom meeting.

The Membership Corner

Lets Get Creative ...

With growing concerns about COVID-19 and the continuation of Granges being closed, not being able to physically meet, and with little revenue coming in as halls remain unable to be rented until reaching at least Phase 3, the more we need to start looking at how we can adapt to this new time. Now is the time to start reinventing ourselves.

As Grangers we can continue down a path of membership loss and irrelevance to modern youth and the community, or we can let go of those ideas and actions that have not worked. We have an opportunity to enter a new era where the Grange reimagines its role in our communities.

How can we keep our Granges



in the forefront? Granges across the state have turned to using technology such as Zoom or Skype to conduct meetings and plan events. Granges are focusing more on getting information out about their activities through Facebook as well. If your Grange is having "technical difficulties" the state Grange staff is more than happy to help navigate these issues.

We have already seen a few of the Granges across the state adapt their programs in new and inventive ways. Granges have created drive-through food banks, organized mask making and distributions, assisted in food production and distribution, supplied internet and school lunch distributions to children in their parking lots, created curb-side dinners and even continued an old tradition of an ice-cream social in new and inventive ways.

Lets get creative... how can we invite people from our communities to interact with us? What if your Grange held a virtual contest? It could be a talent show or maybe a photo

contest. Maybe your Grange could hold a virtual cooking class or a canning/food preservation class.

Fundraisers do not have to stop because of this pandemic, we just need to use what we have and modify the way we currently do things. Do you have a large parking lot? Maybe you could set up a movie night, drive-in style, or a small outdoor concert. Disappointed that you cannot hold your annual barbecue or spaghetti feed? How about creating a curbside pick-up instead? How about a virtual auction?

The list is limitless, and the potential exposure to the Grange is vast. Take this incredible opportunity to reinvent your Grange. In times of turmoil, our history has shown, as Grangers, we take action. There is no time like the present to do so.

Do not forget it's still not too late to set up a Grange Month display in your community. The deadline for contest submissions to the State Grange office is August 1st.

Grange Can Be Attractive Place For Connections



Joe Stefenoni

By Joe Stefenoni
National Grange Membership & Leadership Development Director

Since COVID-19 social distancing and shelter in place measures began we have all experienced the hurt of not being able to meet together, talk together, work together, and in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement. We have also been seeing the incredible work that Community Granges are doing across the country finding the best way to continue advancing the mission of the Grange. Some areas are fortunate enough that some restrictions are beginning to be lifted slowly while other areas are still looking at least another month of shelter in place and social distancing restrictions.

Regardless of what stage of reopening your area is in, all Granges need to find ways to be active in the community in a safe and responsible way. This applies to both our fraternal connections as well as our fundraising efforts. We are seeing examples all across the country. Many Community Granges have transitioned their events to "drive-throughs." From dinners to plant sales, these drive through style events allow Granges to maintain their visibility, continue to raise funds for their mission and make sure everyone stays in a safe and healthy position. Be sure to consult with local, county and/or state health officials for the full guidelines on safe and sound practices.

This is also an opportunity to make connections with local farmers and ranchers who have produce, livestock or other products to sell. The Grange has a long history of advancing agriculture and bringing producer and consumer together. For producers who have been negatively affected by supply chain interruptions, Community Granges can be the hub to help these producers distribute their products to those who need them.

Membership Outreach Activities Report Winners

The 2018-2019 Membership team created an Outreach Activities Year End Report. The new member gains and Grange activities were to be from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Each Grange was encouraging to submit the Outreach Activities Report which could include photos, news clippings, newsletters, flyers, or any other forms of promotional items. Cash prizes were set in the amounts of \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25 which would be awarded to the top four Subordinate Granges based upon these criteria:

- % of new members gained = 50%
- Grange promotional activities = 10%
- Community Service provided = 10%
- Grange oriented activities = 10%

- Communication with Grange membership = 10%
- Utilization of membership resources = 10%

We had three entries in this contest. Our 1st-3rd winners are:

First Place winning \$100 is:

East Oakville Grange #902

Second Place winning \$75 is:

Oakview Grange #311

Third Place winning \$50 is:

Skookumchuck Grange #584

Congratulations to our winners! And welcome to all the new Grange members! Awards will be presented at the State Convention in October.

Rose Valley Grange Presents Awards

Rose Valley Grange #953. Presented awards to Doug Barney - Volunteer of the year for taking care of our building grounds and and repairs needed. Nancy Breeden - Teacher of the year 43 years of teaching many of them in Rose Valley School. Drew Tack - a \$700 scholarship recipient. Drew will be attending college in Arizona studying to be an optometrist.



• New Member Benefit For Grangers •

20% off Harvest Hosts Membership for RV-ers

Grange members can now enjoy 20% off their membership with Harvest Hosts, which has more than 825 partner sites across the U.S. and Canada that allow members with RVs to stay one night free on the property of an agriculturally-oriented business. In addition to the ag-based destinations, individuals can add to their membership the "+ golf" option that includes more than 350 golf courses.

There is an app associated with Harvest Hosts that provides maps of the destinations, trip routing and planning and much more. Members of Harvest Hosts can also enjoy other RV-oriented savings. Grange members with RVs are encouraged to check out Harvest Hosts at harvesthosts.com and use the code Grange at checkout.



Convention Info

OCTOBER 28-31, 2020

131st Annual State Grange Convention

Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

State Grange Convention Housing Options Available

The Washington State Grange Convention will be held October 28-31, 2020 at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds. In preparation for the convention, the host committee has provided the following list of hotels in the area. Convention attendees should make their reservations soon as there are other events happening in the area. Rates listed may be off-season average rates.

Best Western Plus Walla Walla Suites Inn – 7 E. Oak Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-4700. Average room rate: \$84.

LaQuinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Walla Walla – 776 Silverstone Drive, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-394-8815. Average room rate: \$79.

The FINCH – 325 E. Main Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-956-4994. Average room rate: \$119

Comfort Inn & Suites – 1419 W. Pine Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-522-3500. Average room rate: \$78.

Hampton Inn & Suites Walla Walla – 1531 Kelly Place, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-1398. Average room rate: \$111. The closest hotel to the fairgrounds.

Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center – 6 W. Rose Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-2200. Average room rate: \$126.

Courtyard by Marriott Walla Walla – 550 W. Rose Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-876-8100. Average room rate: \$137.

Quality Inn & Suites – 520 N. 2nd Avenue, Walla Walla WA 99362, phone 509-240-8413. Average room rate: \$55.

Super 8 by Wyndham Walla Walla – 2315 Eastgate Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-8800. Average room rate: \$46.



2020 WA State Grange Convention RV Reservations

Bring your RV to the 2020 State Grange Convention at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds. There will be water and electric hook-ups for \$25 a night and tent camping for just \$5 per night. Please sign up early as there are only a few 100 sights available. We will be very close to all activities as well as restrooms and showers.

Please mail your RV reservation forms to James Lyle at 307E Cooper St., Colfax, WA 99111. Please make checks payable to the “Washington State Grange NE District”.

GRANGE CONVENTION RV PARKING RESERVATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Grange Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Arrival _____ # of Nights _____

Please circle your RV hook-up choice: Tent Camping (\$5 a night) Elec. & Water (\$25 a night)

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

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Mail to: James Lyle at 307E Cooper St., Colfax, WA 99111

Resolution E-Mail Sign-ups

Send us your email at skeller@wa-grange.org to receive the resolutions that have been approved by the State Executive Committee and ready to be presented at the 2020 State Grange Convention in Walla Walla, WA. We will begin emailing after the September 2020 Executive Committee Meeting.

Sequim Prairie Grange Hosts Inaugural Drive-Thru Ice Cream Social

By Matthew Nash
Peninsula Daily News
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www.peninsuladailynews.com

Like many businesses and community organizations, the Sequim Prairie Grange is adapting to the times for the group’s latest fundraiser.

The Grange hosts its inaugural Drive-Up Ice Cream Social from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday outside the Grange hall at 290 Macleay Road in Sequim.

Visitors will remain in their vehicles as they follow signs to place an order — banana split or sundae — and various toppings atop vanilla ice cream. A volunteer will take the order to more volunteers to place the selected toppings (strawberries, pineapple; chocolate or caramel

sauce; whipped cream; cherry; nuts) on the desert.

Volunteers will ask for your name, license plate number and color of your vehicle and send you to your pick-up order location nearby.

Loretta Bilow, co-organizer of the ice cream socials with Marie Paddock, said they’ll place the vanilla ice cream in plastic containers prior to the event to make the drive-up go faster. All food handlers will wear masks and gloves.

Cost per split or sundae is \$6 with exact cash, or by check made to “Sequim Prairie Grange.”

Bilow said she’s excited by the opportunity to keep the ice cream social tradition going.

“(The Drive-Up) might open up the opportunity for more people to participate in the community

if they prefer to stay in their cars anyway,” Grange Master David McDaniel said.

“Depending on how it goes, we might keep this tradition going for people,” he said.

After drivers order, they can choose to park by the outdoor kitchen behind the Grange to hear Buck Ellard play live music while they eat.

In summers’ past, Grange members host monthly ice cream socials in its hall each with as many as 340 ice cream boats sold.

Grange members said proceeds from this social help with maintenance and pay bills since they haven’t held any fundraisers since COVID-19 guidelines were put in place.

“It’ll be nice to see everyone again,” said Bonnie Hagberg, a

Grange member since 1997.

“I miss my Grange friends,” Bilow said.

The Sequim Prairie Grange

started in 1942 and has more than 200 members. For more information, visit www.Grange.org/sequimprairiewall108.



Loretta Bilow holds a practice run with Bonnie Hagberg for the Sequim Prairie Grange’s upcoming Drive-Up Ice Cream Social.
(Matthew Nash/Olympic Peninsula News Group)

Washington State Grange Awards Over \$20,000 In Scholarships

The Washington State Grange is awarding \$20,000 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors and current college students. The scholarships are offered through the Washington State Grange Foundation to assist Grange members and children of Grange members in attending college. The scholarships range from \$750 to \$1000 each.



MARGUERITE “MAGGIE” BAILEY

**McINTOSH GRANGE #1001
RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP \$750**

Maggie Bailey is the daughter of Sam and Anne Bailey. The Freeman High School graduate currently attends Carroll College in Montana, where she is working toward her bachelor's degree in Biochemistry, with an emphasis in Pre-Dentistry. She eventually hopes to become a pediatric dentist specializing in cleft palate repair. For the past two years, Maggie has assisted with Grange activities at the Southeast Spokane Fair. She is also employed part-time while in college as a dental assistant intern.



MORGAN BROWNING

**MOSSYROCK GRANGE #355
ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIES MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

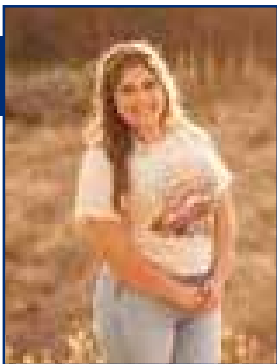
Morgan Browning, the daughter of Thomas Browning and Janice Browning, graduates in June from Mossyrock High School. She plans to attend Bates Technical College to receive her Associate of Arts degree in Fire Science. Morgan then plans to transfer to Central Washington University to earn a Bachelor of Science in Paramedicine. On two occasions, Morgan has been a member of the National Grange Youth Officer Team. She is a former WA State Grange Youth Ambassador and a National Junior Grange Ambassador. She is a counselor at Grange Camp, and was president of her school's FFA chapter this year. She continues to serve as a member of the Mossyrock Fire Department.



MEGAN GEORGIA CLARK

**NORTH RIVER GRANGE #946
POMONA VILLA SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

Georgia Clark, the daughter of Daniel Clark, will be graduating from North River High School. She has been attending Grays Harbor Community College in the Running Start Program and will graduate with her Associate of Arts degree in June as well. Georgia was the winner of the 2018 State Grange Talent Contest and was a member of the 2019 National Grange Youth Officer Team. She is planning to attend Western Washington University to major in Fine Arts. Her goal is to teach studio art at the collegiate level. Georgia has been a Grange Camp Counselor and is a volunteer at the Artic Fire Department. She is employed part-time at Clark's Restaurant in Cosmopolis.



KAYLA DERREY

**BUENA GRANGE #836
NOB HILL GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP #750**

Kayla Derrey, the daughter of Brian and Melinda Derrey, will be graduating from Zillah High School. She plans to attend Yakima Valley Community College to begin her studies in Elementary Education. Kayla previously attended Yakima Valley Tech to become a certified nursing assistant. She utilized this certification for her job at the Landmark Care Facility. She played volleyball in high school and also assisted in cleaning up after sporting events at the school.



ALEXANDER EADES

**BAW FAW GRANGE #34
LONE YEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

Alexander Eades, the son of Richard and Lori Eades, will graduate from W.F. West High School in Chehalis in June. Alexander is planning to attend DigiPen Institute of Technology in Redmond, WA. He will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science and Game Design. He is planning for a career in game design. Alexander has been a member of the W. F. West FIRST Robotics Team for four years and has done the sound and lighting for the school theatre. He worked for the Chehalis School District Technology Department in the summer.



JOEL EMERY

**HUMPTULIPS GRANGE #730
DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

Joel Emery, the son of Clayton and Kelly Emery, will be graduating from Hoquiam High School in June. Joel will be attending a program with the Construction Industry Training Council to study toward becoming a Commercial Electronics Technician. He has volunteered for several projects, including the Grange Food Bank, Hoquiam Youth Baseball, and the annual beach clean-up. An avid baseball player, Joel has received numerous accolades for his baseball play. Joel has worked washing log trucks for several years for a number of different trucking companies.

Meet the 2020 Scholarship Award Recipients



JOSIE EMERY

**HUMPTULIPS GRANGE #730
MCCLEARY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

Josie Emery, the daughter of Clayton and Kelly Emery, is a student at Grays Harbor Community College. The Hoquiam High School graduate is studying business, with plans to go on to Western Governors University to study Health Information Management. She hopes to become a member of the management team at either a medical facility or doctors office. Josie has been a member of the Hoquiam Loggers Playday Committee for the past three years. While attending college, she is employed by the Bi-Mart Corporation in Aberdeen.



KENDRA GADY

**MCINTOSH GRANGE #1001
FORRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$750**

Kendra Gady, the daughter of David and Sherrie Gady, is a student at the University of Idaho. She is majoring in Animal Veterinary Sciences – Production Option., along with a minor in Agribusiness. She hopes to work at a feed company or at a small feedlot with the long-term goal of taking over her family farm. Kendra works at a NCRS Soils Lab helping with different experiments. She is on the University of Idaho Soils Judging Team. When home school, she helps in the Grange food booth at the Southeast Spokane County Fair.



ETHAN HOKENSTAD

**FRUITLAND GRANGE #999
POMONA VILLA – PIERCE COUNTY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

Ethan Hokenstad, the son of Steve and Laura Hokenstad, will graduate in June from Puyallup High School. He plans to study engineering, possibly at Gonzaga University. He is leaning toward architectural or civil engineering and hopes to be an innovator, designing things that can help people and will aid in the overall progression of society. Ethan is a member of the wind ensemble, pep/marching band, and jazz band. He received a commendation as a National Merit Scholar. During the summer, Ethan worked as a lifeguard at Wild Waves in Federal Way.



AKELA HUNTER

**ISSAQUAH VALLEY GRANGE #581
RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP \$750**

Akela Hunter, the daughter of Jeff and Shannon Hunter, is a 2018 graduate of Monroe High School. She is currently attending Everett Community College. Akela will be transferring to Central Washington University where will be undecided on her major, but is leaning toward a degree in Child Life Specialization. She hopes to work with children in a variety of settings – hospital work, social work, or even teaching. Akela is currently employed as a Team Member at Jamba Juice.



ARLENE LAW

**SEQUIM PRAIRIE GRANGE #1108
POMONA VILLA SCHOLARSHIP \$750**

Arlene Law is a 2019 graduate of Sequim High School. The daughter of Kerry and Lisa Law, Arlene is majoring in either Civil or Bio Engineering at the University of Washington. Arlene hopes to create innovative medical designs for those with disabilities, working to ease their lives. Arlene has been a staff member at Junior Grange Camp for several years. She has worked as a babysitter, dog sitter, house sitter, and as a privately paid tutor.



ISABELLA LIERMAN

**HORSESHOE GRANGE #965
BEAR CREEK/HORSESHOE GRANGE
SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

Isabella Lierman, the Washington State Grange Ceres, is studying Elementary Education and German in Professions at Washington State University. The daughter of David and Janelle Lierman, Isabella is a 2017 graduate of Snohomish High School. She is planning to complete her practicum and student teaching in the upcoming year. She will also be completing her honors college thesis presentation on foreign language education in elementary schools. Isabella has been a staff member at Junior Grange Camp and has been an officer in both her subordinate and Pomona Grange. She is employed at Einstein's Bagels in Pullman.



NAOMI LIERMAN

**HORSESHOE GRANGE #965
FIDELITY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP \$750**

Naomi Lierman, the daughter of David and Janelle Lierman, is studying Early Childhood Education at Everett Community College. Naomi, a 2019 graduate of Snohomish High School, plans to teach in a Early Learning Center, Preschool. Or Kindergarten classroom. She is the Secretary of her subordinate Grange and the Lady Assistant Steward of the Pomona Grange. Naomi has been a teen counselor at Junior Grange Camp and utilized the skills learned there to obtain a position at Cedar Springs Camp. She has been employed as an office assistant at the Abundant Life Health Center and the Wright Way Cleaning and Restoration.



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Washington State Grange 2020 Scholarship Award Recipients



JACK MALLONEE

**BAW FAW GRANGE #34
KEGLEY AGRICULTURAL
SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

Jack Mallonee, the son of Maynard and Kim Mallonee, is finishing his associate's degree in animal science and agricultural business at Walla Walla Community College. He will be transferring to the University of Wyoming, where he will pursue a bachelor's degree in Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management. His career goal is to become a Pasture and Rangeland Specialist and then eventually take over his family's fourth generation farm in the long run. Jack works on the family farm during the summer. While at school, he is employed by the Walla Walla Cheese Company.



SOPHIA OGDEN

**SUNNYSIDE GRANGE #129
ROCK CREEK GRANGE
SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

Sophia Ogden, the daughter of Larry Ogden and Kelle Branham, is a graduating senior at Castle Rock High School. She plans to attend Lower Columbia College. After finishing her prerequisites, she will transfer to Clark Community College to study Dental Hygiene in hopes of becoming a dental hygienist. Sophia is the Chaplain at Sunnyside Grange and was a delegate to the 2019 State Grange Convention. She is the current Youth Master of the Washington State Grange. Sophia has been a Grange Camp Counselor and was a 2017 Rose Drill participant. She works at Papa Pete's Pizza in Castle Rock.



MATTHEW PANUSKA

**MOSSYROCK GRANGE #355
FOX ISLAND GRANGE
SCHOLARSHIP \$750**

Matthew Panuska is the son of John and Julie Panuska. He will be graduating in June from Mossyrock High School. Matthew will attend Northwest Lineman College in the natural gas program. Matthew is the Assistant Steward for Mossyrock Grange and participates in numerous Grange activities. He participated in track and football at school, where he received numerous all league accolades for football.



ESTELLA SHELDON

**HUMPTULIPS GRANGE #730
DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

Estella Sheldon, the daughter of Brian and Marilyn Sheldon, is a senior at Ilwaco High School. She will attend Washington State University, with plans to major in Secondary Education and Psychology. She plans to pursue a career as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. An active participant in school sports, Estella has numerous state placings in basketball, cross country, and track. She is a counselor at Junior Grange Camp. Estella was selected to attend the National CADCA conference as a member of her school's Youth Action Klub. Estella works at both the Oceanside Animal Clinic and the Northern Oyster Company.



NATHAN SKINNER

**HORSESHOE GRANGE #965
FRENCH CREEK GRANGE
SCHOLARSHIP \$750**

Nathan Skinner, the son of Steve Skinner and Christa Tuchscherer, is a 2018 graduate of Glacier Peak High School. Nathan is attending Everett Community College, with plans to continue his studies at the Everett campus of Washington State University. He plans to major in Mechanical Engineering. Having been an active member of the STEM club and the FIRST Robotics program, Nathan plans to turn his fascination with mechanics and sciences into a career. He currently serves as a mentor in the Lego youth robotics program. Nathan has held various jobs over the past few years to assist in paying for his education.



MICAH STALDER

**FRUITVALE GRANGE #348
NOB HILL GRANGE
SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

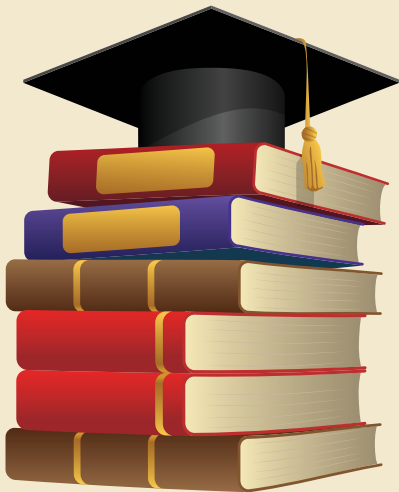
Micah Stalder is the son of Joel Stalder and Kristine Kipp. A 2017 graduate of Union High School in Vancouver WA, he is currently a student at Central Washington University majoring in Business Administration, specializing in Marketing. Micah hopes to create his own company that will supply music and clothing to people in need as well as sharing the gospel in the process. While at school, he works as a sales associate at the Wildcat Shop at CWU.



JASON TERRASI

**MOSSYROCK GRANGE #355
FAMILY LIVING VOCATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP \$750**

Jason Terrasi will graduate in June from Mossyrock High School. The son of Jason Terrasi Sr. and Marsha Terrasi, Jason plans to study Fire Science at Bates Technical School. Upon receiving his fire science degree, he plans to transfer to Central Washington University to study Paramedicine. Jason is a volunteer with the Mossyrock Fire Department and works in the summer as a laborer at Burtons Christmas Hills Tree Farm. In school, he was involved with football, track, FFA and served as the ASB Business Manager.



Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Update On Grange Youth Activities



Jerry Gwin

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

Our Grange youth activities have taken a big hit from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Western Regional Youth and Leaders Conference was cancelled. The National Grange has gone to holding their public speaking and sign-a-song contests via Zoom. While the deadline to enter has now passed, the contests will be held on July 17-18. I assume these contests will be available for viewing by our Grange members and non-members but have not been given any details yet. Please watch the National Grange Youth Facebook Page for additional information.

National Grange Youth Ambassadors will also be interviewed over Zoom. Thus far, no one from our state has expressed a desire to participate in this program this year. It is probably best in that no areas of our state have progressed to Phase 4 of the Governor’s reopening plan. Thus, their year will be cut short and the State Ambassadors would not get nearly as much out of the experience.

With the State Grange Convention moved to October, many of our youth will be unable to attend this year’s convention. We will not be having a separate program of youth activities as the youth do need to be in school at this time. There will be a short youth program on Saturday morning of the Convention where we will announce the winners of several youth awards. We will also draw the winners of the youth raffle.

Youth raffle tickets are being printed and will be distributed later this summer. We ask that you sell the tickets to allow us to continue to raise funds to support our Grange youth activities.

Let’s hope this pandemic ends soon and we can resume our work with the youth of our Granges.

Junior Connection

Green Bluff Junior Grange

Green Bluff Junior Grangers are all doing well and living a new normal during this COVID-19. Due to COVID-19 we have not met in person, but we have sent out information to keep our Junior’s busy. We have our Annual Haunted House planned for Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 from 6-8 pm. Ideally ages 12 and under but all are welcome. Remember to like us on Facebook and follow us.

Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grangers met to place the flags on veteran’s graves at the Humptulips Cemetery. With JG Camp and the county fair being cancelled this year, Junior Grangers are planning a summer picnic to be held in August.

ARE YOU A JUNIOR AT HEART?

WE'RE INVITING YOU TO BECOME A JUNIOR AGAIN BY TAKING PART IN OUR CONTESTS

The Junior at Heart division allows you to enter our contests and help support the Junior program you love. Submit an original piece created within the last year to our creative art, handicraft, creative writing or mini scrapbook divisions. (No more than one entry per person, per division, please.)

Entry fee of \$5 per submission may be sent by check or money order made out to Grange Foundation along with entries postmarked by Oct. 30 2020 to National Grange, ATTN: Junior Director, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006

**SEND ENTRIES TO:
NATIONAL GRANGE
SAMANTHA WILKINS
1616 H ST. NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20006**

FIND ALL CONTEST INFORMATION AT NATIONALJUNIORGRANGE.ORG



Juniors

Happy Crafting: T-Shirt Shopping Bags



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director

I don’t know about you, but I am sure missing all of my Grange friends and activities this summer. Activities for Juniors at Convention and Camp were going to be so much fun. Crafts, games, scavenger hunts and field trips were almost all ready to go when we had to change plans. Since most of us will be spending the summer at home with free time, here is one of the crafts I had planned for the Juniors at Camp Morehead.

This is not an activity for just our Juniors, it could be fun for all of the adults out there also and a great way to upcycle a worn out or stained t-shirt. All you need is an old t-shirt, scissors, ruler and pen (that will cut fabric). You could also embellish your craft with beads, ribbon, buttons or paint. I will leave that to you. Have you guessed what we are making yet?

T-shirt shopping bags. They are easy and leave lots of room for creativity.

Step 1- Lay your T-shirt out flat and cut off the sleeves just inside the seam. (You will cut through bot layers at once to make the hole symmetrical).

Step 2- Keep your T-shirt flat and cut off the neck seam/binding. (Cut through both layers so both sides are symmetrical. You could make a V-shape or bigger opening if you want).

Step 3- Turn your bag inside-out and lay flat on your table. Cut the bottom hem off.

Step 4- There are several ways to close up the bottom of your bag. You could sew the bottom edge, gather it or cut fringe and tie it off. Here is how to tie it off.

First, if needed, draw a line measuring 2-3” from the bottom then cut every ¼” up to the line to make your fringe. Secondly, tie each pair (top and bottom) in

a knot. If you are only going to carry large things than you can be done but you could choose to tie a second row of knots. To do this lay your bag flat so each knot has a top fringe and bottom fringe piece. Tie the bottom fringe (bf) of knot 1 to the top fringe (tf) of knot 2 (bf1 to tf2, bf2 to tf3, bf3 to tf4, etc). When you are done, turn your bag right side out.

Step 5- Embellish your bag however you would like. Your t-shirt could already have a design you like or, perhaps you like the look of the fringe and would like it to show on your finished piece.

Step 6- I would love to see the bags you make. Take a picture and upload it to the Washington State Junior Grange Facebook page.

Happy crafting and hopefully we will be back to a more normal Granging schedule soon.

North River Junior Honors Vets

Pictured is Rebekah Stone, North River Junior Grange member placing flags on veterans graves at North River Cemetery on Memorial Day.





CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS IN THE TIME OF COVID

A daily web series sponsored by the Grange Foundation

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EACH SATURDAY @ 8:30 P.M. (EASTERN)
HOSTED BY NATIONAL GRANGE LECTURER CHRIS HAMP

SEE TALENTED GRANGE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS PERFORM EACH SATURDAY THROUGH THE COVID CRISIS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS TALENT THEY'D LIKE TO SHARE, CONTACT AMANDA AT COMMUNICATIONS@NATIONALGRANGE.ORG

LIVE ON THE NATIONAL GRANGE FACEBOOK PAGE AND YOUTUBE CHANNEL

WE'RE IN THIS together

Washington State Grange

The Washington State Grange salutes our college and high school graduates for a job well done!
Best of luck in the career path you have chosen.

College Graduates



Leah Bardal
Pleasant Hill Grange #101
Eastern Washington University
BA in Recreation & Tourism Management



Megan Georgia Clark
North River Grange #946
Grays Harbor Community College
AA in General Studies



Brandy Donough
Green Bluff Grange #300
Washington State University
Masters in Teaching
with Special Education Endorsement



Jerissa Fisch
BeeHive Grange #385
Central Washington University
BS in Global Wine Trade



Aaron Gwin
Humptulips Grange #730
Western Governors University
MA in Education
with teaching certification



Kennedy Gwin
Humptulips Grange #730
Pacific Lutheran University
BA in Political Science and BA
in Global Studies



Kaitlyn Lewis
East Hill Grange #786
Central Washington University
BA in Education



Cady Hunt Peters
St. Andrews Grange #832
Utah State University
MS in Food and Nutrition Science



Megan Read
Baw Faw Grange #34
Centralia Community College
AA in General Studies



Salutes The Class Of 2020



High School Graduates



Mackenzie Acord
The Valley Grange #1048
Jenkins High School, Chewelah



Morgan Browning
Mossyrock Grange #355
Mossyrock High School



Alejandro Cisneros
Pleasant Hill Grange #101
R.A. Long High School,
Longview



Megan Georgia Clark
North River Grange #946
North River High School



Kayla Derrey
Buena Grange #836
Zillah High School



Joel Emery
Humptulips Grange #730
Hoquiam High School



Braven Headley
Sequim Prairie Grange #1108
Sequim High School



Alexander Eades
Baw Faw Grange #34
W.F. West High School,
Chehalis



Andrew Kudsk
Haynie Grange #169
Ferndale High School



Josiah McCloskey
Baw Faw Grange #23
Washington Homeschool
Organization



Sophia Ogden
Sunnyside Grange #129
Castle Rock High School



Hanna Ogle
Williams Valley Grange #452
Deer Park Homelink



Matthew Panuska
Mossyrock Grange #355
Mossyrock High School



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Nicole Ristine
South Lake Stevens
Grange #690
Lake Stevens High School



Estella Sheldon
Humptulips Grange #730
Ilwaco High School



Jason Terrasi
Mossyrock Grange #355
Mossyrock High School

National Grange News

National Grange Issues Statement On Racism



The National Grange unequivocally opposes racism. The voices of Grange members across our country join those who cry out in sorrow for the lives lost to racist actions, for the divisions racism has cleaved between us and for the inequality that racism has spawned across our beloved nation.

Since our founding in 1867, we have lived by our motto, “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.” We have always welcomed and invited people of all races, creeds, religions and nationalities into our membership. We have asked none to join us who cannot see good in their fellow beings, who are willing to put to work their generous hearts and open hands to raise all their neighbors and communities.

Our Grange founders provided us a Declaration of Purposes for our organization

that addressed a need for unity and civil discourse: “We shall constantly strive to secure harmony, good will, and brotherhood... We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal, local, sectional, and national prejudices... We desire a proper equality, and fairness; protection for the weak; restraint upon the strong; in short, justly distributed power.” These words still guide us today.

One does not merely join the Grange, but lives by the principles of faith, hope, charity and fidelity and loving their neighbor as themselves.

We have a deep commitment to the freedoms of speech, expression and peaceful protest enshrined in our Constitution for all people. The Grange’s Declaration of Purposes also teaches us that “...difference of opinion is no crime. Progress toward truth is made by

differences of opinion, while the fault lies in the bitterness of the controversy.” Therefore we urge everyone to exercise their individual rights of expression in a civil and respectful manner. Each day, law enforcement officers must uphold the law equally while exercising good judgment and compassion.

Just as we do in each of our meetings, we must meet the peaceful expressions of various opinions with open ears and open hearts.

In this time of social unrest and anxiety, Grange members renew our pledge to combat prejudice and racism and will continue to strive to do better. We continue our 153-year-old tradition of welcoming all to our membership, building an inclusive family fraternity and providing our communities with a place for civil discussion and proactive, positive change.

National Grange Statement On The 2020 Convention



Betsy E. Huber

By Betsy E. Huber
Master/President
National Grange

The National Grange Executive Committee is very sorry to announce that the 2020 National Grange Convention will have many changes because of the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore will be open for National delegates and officers only. No visitors or Grangers will be invited to attend in person this year.

The convention will be cut to two days and the only business will be voting on resolutions and electing two executive committee officers. Extra activities, such as the Evening of Excellence, Youth and Junior Public Speaking and Sign a Song, will take place virtually. The Seventh Degree will not be exemplified this year.

Other recognitions such as Community Service awards, Distinguished Grange, Grange Legacy Family, and the Quilt Block Contest, will be held and awards given, but there will be no ceremony. National Grange Department Directors will be sending out information regarding their programs and how they will be handled this year, so stay tuned!

The Valley Forge Casino Resort, site of the convention, has been closed since March 14 to this date (June 6). We don’t know when it will be permitted to open, because the counties around Philadelphia are a hot spot for the virus. The hotel is willing to allow us to downsize our convention to two days, 80 people, hopefully without penalty, so we are exercising that option at this time.

Also we do not want to endanger any of our members by asking them to travel and to spend days in a large crowd. The health and safety of our Grange family comes first. We feel it may not be safe to gather, even by November. Many of your State Sessions will see major changes this year also. We hope you will understand this decision, and keep on working at the local level as much as you can to help your communities.

National Grange Building Sustains Minor Damage

During the evening of Saturday, May 30, the third night of protests in Washington D.C., the National Grange Headquarters sustained minor damage.

A rock was thrown through one of the front windows, breaking a pane and scattering glass inside. The rock landed more than 20 feet inside the building.

A red graffiti tag was painted on the front edifice that was shortly removed thanks to the White House Historical Association, whose next door building was heavily spray painted with many messages.

On Monday, June 1, building engineer Mujo Mrkonjik fixed cardboard over all the first-floor windows to reduce the possibility of further damage. Secret Service also removed some of the landscaping items outside the building they were concerned could become projectiles or be damaged.

“Today we paid the price of having a building in the heart of Washington, D.C.,” National President Betsy

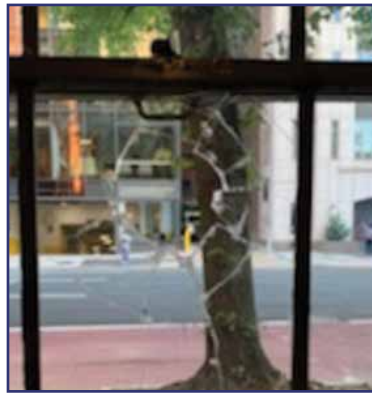
Huber said of the damage on a Monday evening Cultivating Connections episode, reminding member that the building is located just a half a block from the open park in front of the White House. She encouraged all members to pray for peace in the nation and our neighborhood during this time.

Streets around the building were barricaded starting Monday afternoon for most of the week, reducing traffic in the area.

No further damage was reported as of the time of this release and protests have quieted in the city.

Huber thanked all members who have given in the past to the National Grange Building Fund and those who gave in recent days.

“Our building is a treasured asset and just as we would pitch in to maintain and preserve a family home we had a stake in, members are encouraged to help where they can to keep our organization’s home in good shape,” Huber said.



National Grange News

Updates To National Grange Contests/Programs

Due to the changing format of the 154th National Grange Convention and limitations related to Grange work and activities for 2020, the National Grange directors in charge of various contests and programs have issued guidance for this year's events. Please note changes to these activities, which includes some cancellations of contests and some changed submission requirements.

PROGRAMS

• **Distinguished Grange - Program** will continue as noted and deadline of August 1 still applies. Fill out the form to the best of your ability. Entries will be considered with COVID cancellations and restrictions in mind. If you feel you are a Distinguished Grange, please apply.

• **Grange In Action Recognition Program** - Granges are highly encouraged to apply. Granges continuing outreach during the COVID crisis should qualify. Deadline of September 25 and all other program rules still apply. If Granges apply to Distinguished Grange, they may not apply for Grange in Action.

• **Grange Legacy Family Recognition Program** - Families may still apply by the deadline of August 3 with information to be included in our list of Legacy Families. Certificates will be mailed directly to the recipients and will be recognized at the 2021 National Grange Convention in a fashion to be determined. Arrangements must be made with Loretta Washington and confirmed by the State Grange.

For clarification on these programs, contact Loretta Washington at lwashington@nationalgrange.org.

LECTURER

• **Evening of Excellence** - All states are encouraged to conduct state contests and submit their Best of Show winner to the National Lecturer. All State Grange Best of Show winners will be invited to perform on a special National Grange Virtual Evening of Excellence later this fall.

• **Photography Showcase** - The Photography Showcase of the Best of Show winners from each State Grange at National Convention has been canceled. In its place will be a Virtual Photography Contest - open to ALL members and non-

members, regardless of age. Look for entry information in next week's Patron's Chain.

• **Publicity Item Contest** - The 2020 Publicity Item Contest is a go with no changes.

• **Quilt Block Contest** - The 2020 Quilt Block Contest is still a go with no changes.

• **Quilts of Valor Presentation** - The Wednesday evening QOV presentation will not occur at the National Convention this year. State and local Granges are encouraged to find a way to make these presentations. Please send photos and write-ups of your QOV presentations to National Lecturer Chris Hamp at lecturer@nationalgrange.org.

For additional information or clarification on these programs, contact Chris Hamp at lecturer@nationalgrange.org.

FOUNDATION

• **Grange Mercantile** - There will be no physical 2020 Grange Foundation Mercantile at the National Convention. Items already collected will be auctioned online throughout the summer or fall with more details coming. Please continue to make and prepare for future donation your high-quality handicrafts and contact National Lecturer Chris Hamp about donations by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org

• **Live Auction** - No live auction will take place at convention. Please save items for auction at the 2021 Convention or contact National President Betsy Huber to discuss donations.

• **\$20 for '20 Youth Donations** - Will be recognized at the 2021 session in a way TBD.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

• **"Of the Year" Awards (Teacher, Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter)** - No changes. Forms available on the nationalGrange.org website and deadline remains Nov. 1.

• **Community Service Notebooks** - Notebooks will not come to convention as they will not be judged at session. State winning notebooks should be sent electronically to communityservice@nationalGrange.org.

• **A brief training** will be held later in the summer to discuss how you can scan and upload these large files to services like Google Drive or Dropbox. Granges who wish to submit

the materials by USB drive may send the drive directly to Pete Pompper at his home address.

• **Community Service Project** - There will be no on-site collection for the annual National Community Service Project, directed by the host region. Instead you are encouraged to keep track of any service done by your members or Grange during this year and complete the community service form and submit to Pete Pompper by mail or email.

For clarification on these programs, contact Pete Pompper at communityservice@nationalgrange.org.

YOUTH

• **Parliamentary Procedure contest** will not be held this year.

• **Code Reading/Grange Ritual** will not be held but will be transitioning to a regional contest in 2021. Details will come out in the 2021 Youth Program and Handbook.

• **Youth Officer Team and John Trimble Legislative Youth Experience** - No applications will be accepted

• **Pillars** - Notification of entry is still due September 1st and entries will need to be scanned and received by the National Grange Youth Director by November 1.

• **Ambassador/Young Patron** - States are encouraged to submit candidates for 2021 Youth Ambassadors and Outstanding Young Patrons. State Ambassador/Young Patron candidates are required to participate in a regional public speaking contest. Deadline to sign up is June 15th. Even if you think you may be interested in running for or being eligible to compete for Ambassador/Young Patron, sign up to participate. Sign up at bit.ly/contests20. The deadline of September 1 for all other requirements still applies. Interviews will be held in October (TBA) and the announcement of 2021 National Grange Youth Leadership Team will be announced in November. Notebooks will need to be scanned and digitally submitted for judges to review. Notebooks must be received one week before the interview date (TBA.)

• **Distinguished Youth Grange** - The program will continue as noted and the deadline of September 1 still applies. Fill out the form to the best of your ability. Entries will



be considered with COVID cancellations and restrictions in mind. If you feel you are a Distinguished Youth Grange who meets basic minimum criteria, please apply.

• **Junior Mentor Award/Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service Award** - Sept. 1 deadline still applies

• **Youth Membership Award** - September 1 deadline still applies

• **Grange Baseball contest** will be held virtually in September. More details to come.

• **GROW Club Raffle** - More details will be coming about the GROW Club's annual scholarship raffle this summer. Please check back in the Patron's Chain newsletter to learn more.

For clarification on these programs, contact Mandy Bostwick at youth@nationalgrange.org.

COMMUNICATIONS

• **Communication Fellows Program** - Applications for the 2020-21 Communication Fellows Program will be posted in early July. The program will begin with remote instruction in fall 2020 and run through 2021. Participants who complete the remote instruction will be sponsored to attend the 2021 National Grange Convention to complete the capstone hands-on training and receive further instruction across a variety of areas of Grange leadership, membership, programming and more.

For clarification on these programs, contact Amanda Brozana Rios at communications@nationalGrange.org.

JUNIORS

• **Contests** - As always, Junior contest entries may come directly to the director and need not go through a state-level contest in order to compete or be judged. These contests include:

Sept. 1 deadline:

- Junior Historian Award
- Ag Awareness
- Cape of Honor
- Jr Ambassador Applications

Oct. 1 deadline:

- digital talent show
- creative art
- creative writing
- mini- scrapbook
- photography
- handy-craft
- membership

JUNIOR AT HEART SUBMISSIONS (14+ to support the Junior Program)

Remain due by October 31 with \$5 tax-deductible entry fee made to Grange Foundation, MEMO LINE: Junior

• **Junior community service book** - Must be digitally scanned and sent to National Junior or Community Service Director. Oct. 31 deadline

• **Junior quilt blocks** to Chris Hamp by Oct. 31 deadline.

• **State/Local directors reports** - remains due to National Junior Director by October 1.

• **Grange Baseball will be turned into a trivia night for Juniors** - sign-ups will be in August and Contest (just for fun) will be in September. This will be done via Zoom in the same layout that the current trivia nights are being held.

• **Junior Passports** - new passports are being published on a regular basis, check back regularly to the Junior website or create your own to submit.

• **Ambassador** - States are encouraged to submit candidates for 2021 National Junior Ambassador. Deadline of September 1 still applies. Interviews will be done via a Zoom platform in October. Current Ambassadors Bryce Danko & Brianna Gervais will serve as mentors to the new team in 2021.

For clarification on these programs, contact Samantha Wilkins at junior@nationalgrange.org.

National Grange News

A View From The Hill - June Wrap-Up

By Burton Eller
National Grange
Legislative Director

Agriculture and Food

Food Prices Skyrocket While Farm Prices Nosedive

The cost of food from the grocery store bought to eat at home during the lockdown skyrocketed, rising the most in 46 years as the food supply chain struggled to get surplus farm commodities to the consumer. Restaurant carryout meals spiked as well. Analysts predict supermarket and restaurant customers should not expect prices to drop anytime soon. At the same time, farm gate earnings are expected to plunge for the foreseeable future without additional pandemic economic aid.

Congress Extends Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility

Congress overwhelmingly voted to increase from 8 to 24 weeks the amount of time businesses and farms are given to spend proceeds on qualified expenses in order to have their PPP loan forgiven. This extension was aggressively supported by the National Grange and producer organizations. Congress created the PPP in its CARES Act to help small businesses and farms survive the economic impacts the COVID-19 lockdown.

Grange: Include Ag Organizations in PPP

The National Grange is asking members of the Senate to extend Paycheck Protection Program eligibility to agricultural organizations as the Senate crafts a CARES 2 relief package. President Betsy Huber told Senators producers depend on their organizations for news, communication, advice, market intelligence, best practices and much more. Strong producer organizations will be in much better positions to assist members with their much-needed economic recovery and emotional support, she said.

Grange Asks for Trucking Relief

The National Grange and over 60 agricultural and food

organizations are asking House members to support the FARM to TABLE Act (Joyce, R-PA). Joyce's bill will extend truckers' hours of service rule exemptions year-round for agricultural commodities within a 150-mile radius from the source of the commodity.

General Aviation Important to Rural Areas

The National Grange, joined by 15 other organizations, is asking Senate and House leadership to temporarily suspend fuel taxes for general aviation aircraft as Congress did for commercial airlines in their CARES Act. This can be accomplished in Congress' CARES 2 Act being crafted now. General aviation and local airports are a key economic driver for recovery in rural regions of the country.

Senators Support Small Plant Expansion

As the food supply chain begins to recover and meat processing plants return to capacity, there is a renewed push to expand small and local processing capacity. Nine Senators (Kramer R-ND, King D-ME, Rounds R-SD, Manchin D-WV, Daines R-MT, Smith D-MN, Barrasso R-WY, Tester D-MT, Enzi-WY) have cosponsored the bipartisan New Markets for State-Inspected Meat and Poultry Act which would allow state products which have been inspected by an approved (at least equal to federal standards) state inspection program to be sold interstate. National Grange policy supports equal-to state inspection and subsequent interstate sales.

Five Million Food Boxes and Climbing

USDA's new Farmers to Families Food Box Program was designed to connect farmers and distributors to support food banks, community and faith-based organizations and other non-profits to those most in need across the country. Instead of destroying commodities that are not marketable, producers can sell directly to distributors of federally funded feeding programs. Five million food boxes had been distributed by early June.

The Environment

Waters of the U.S. Rule Goes into Effect

The new Navigable Waters Protection Rule went into effect in early June after a federal judge declined to block its implementation. The rule was widely supported by farmers, ranchers, landowners and others after an earlier 2015 rule was deemed to have overstepped congressional intent of the Clean Water Act and infringed upon private landowner rights. On the same day, a U.S. District judge in Colorado granted a preliminary injunction to prevent the rule from going into effect there.

Senate Bill Would Pay Farmers for Carbon Sequestration

A bipartisan Senate bill is garnering support that would give USDA a key role in overseeing voluntary agricultural carbon markets. Lead sponsors are Braun (R-IN), Stabenow (D-MI), Graham (R-SC) and Whitehouse (D-RI). The Growing Climate Solutions Act would create a USDA system for certifying third-party verifiers and technical assistance providers. Farmers and ranchers could receive assistance and incentives for implementing practices which reduce carbon emissions on their operations. In addition, they could sell excess carbon credits to commercial firms who exceed their carbon emission cap. During a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing on June 24, the bill appeared to have broad support among committee members.

Health Care

Extend Medicare Enrollment

The National Grange joined a large number of patient advocate groups to urge the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the Department of Health and Human Services to extend special enrollment and premium relief flexibilities for Medicare. These extensions are necessary to ensure access to coverage for older Americans during the remainder of the COVID-19 crisis.

Widespread Testing Helps Halt Outbreaks

Meat processing plants have been among the country's worst coronavirus hot spots. It is typical for large numbers of employees to work in close proximity under one roof. Across the industry, thousands of workers became infected and hundreds died. But rapid rollout of testing in those plants could offer guidance to other businesses to emulate as they try to re-open. Processing plant workers who test positive have to isolate themselves and if no symptoms appear, they can return to work. This testing and isolation along with face shields, social distancing in common areas, and plastic dividers to separate workers on production lines seems to have paid off with big reductions in coronavirus cases.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure Next on House Agenda

On June 22, House Democrats introduced H.R. 2, The Moving Forward Act, a major 2,300-page infrastructure bill. Key items in the legislation include:

- \$500 billion to rebuild transportation infrastructure
- \$100 billion for affordable housing
- \$30 billion for hospital upgrades
- \$25 billion for safe drinking water systems
- \$70 billion to transform the electric grid to better accommodate renewable energy
- \$100 billion for high speed broadband to unserved and underserved communities
- \$130 billion for high-poverty school infrastructure
- Funding for the Postal Service

Infrastructure Outlook

President Trump is pushing for a \$1 trillion spending package to boost the struggling economy. Senate Republicans are warning that the President's proposal and the House bill are too rich and would be a heavy lift for the Senate. Senate Majority McConnell warns of the impact of the surging federal deficit on future generations and instead would like to pass a five-year reauthorization of the Highway Trust Fund.

Telecommunications

Broadband Mapping is Priority

National Grange president Betsy Huber wrote members of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee to again urge members to commit full funding to create more precise broadband maps through the Broadband DATA Act. Current broadband mapping cannot accurately depict the underserved areas of rural America for effective broadband deployment investment. The Grange letter was in advance of the June 24 Committee oversight hearing with all five Federal Communications Commissioners.

Grange Participates in Broadband Briefing

National Grange president Betsy Huber was a panelist on a virtual briefing hosted by the Connect Americans Now coalition. The briefing focused on the urgency to address the digital divide, the progress that has been made to clear regulatory hurdles, and actions Congress can take to allocate funding to most rapidly and cost-effectively close the broadband gap. Other panelists included the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Farm Bureau, National Rural Education Association, and Student Veterans of America.

Perspective

"Where there is no vision, there is no hope."
~ George Washington Carver

"Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others."
~ Jonathan Swift

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow."
~ Melody Beattie

"Champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream, a vision."
~ Muhammad Ali

"Every moment is a golden one for him who has the vision to recognize it as such."
~ Henry Miller

Home & Family

Family Living

Food Preservation Tips

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

Hope this time finds all of you well and safe from this virus. Harvest time will be here before we know it, and that means preserving that great food for the winter season. We have had fresh peas and carrots out of our garden. What a treat.

Today I would like to share some tips for canning this great produce. All vegetables must be done in a pressure canner. Be sure to have your dial canner checked for accuracy. Most extension offices can let you know where this can be done. Adjustments for elevation need to be made starting at 1000 ft. Get a good canning instruction book such as Ball Blue Book which will give you step by

step instructions to can anything you wish to preserve. The USDA has flyers for canning also. Be sure to exhaust the steam before bringing up to pressure. Begin timing when the correct pressure is reached. Once the processing time has expired remove from heat and let the pressure return to zero on its own. Hurrying this process will draw the juice right out of the jars.

Tomatoes may be done in a water bath. Ascorbic acid needs to be added. This can be lemon juice.

All fruits should be done in the water bath. When water has come to a full rolling boil turn down heat and begin timing. When the allotted time is done remove from heat and let sit for five minutes before removing from the canner. This will help prevent

juices from escaping from the jars. As for all canning place on a dry towel and let cool. When cool you may remove the rings, wash jars, label with date and store in a cool dark place.



Helen Berg

Here are a few tips to help you get a blue ribbon on your food preservation. 1. Food should be of uniform size. 2. Things like peaches, pears, and tomatoes should be placed in the jars cut side down. This enables you to get more produce in the jar and is pretty to look at. 3. Be sure to have all information about processing method ,time ,pounds of pressure when using a pressure canner, date, and elevation. This information may be recorded on your entry form, as well as on the lid.

The most important thing to remember when canning is to sterilize your jars, lids and rings. This can be done by boiling them. I use my dish washer. Have your canner ready to go so you can put the filled jars right in the hot water.

Remember you are working with hot jars and water. Please use caution when teaching children and give them age appropriate tasks to do for their age. Hope this has been helpful. Find a friend and have a canning good time.



Pasta In A Pinch

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Keep your home stocked with necessities to simplify dinner prep with dishes made using common household staples. One perfect example: pasta. This recipe for Pasta in a Pinch includes easily recognizable seasonings and canned goods for a simple dinner solution. Plus, it includes dairy, an irreplaceable part of a balanced diet as a source of essential nutrients.

For more ideas to simplify family meals, visit milkmeansmore.org.

Pasta In A Pinch

Prep time: 5 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes Servings: 6

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| 8 ounces uncooked penne pasta | 2 1/2 cups water |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt | 1/4 teaspoon black pepper |
| 1/2 teaspoon dried basil | 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder |
| 2 cups mozzarella cheese, grated | 1/2 cup milk |
| 1 can (15 ounces) cannellini beans, rinsed and drained | |
| 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, drained | |
| 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese | |
| freshly chopped herbs, for garnish (optional) | |

In large microwavable bowl, place uncooked penne pasta and pour water over top to cover. With food-safe plastic wrap, cover bowl, leaving small section to vent as it cooks. Cook 3 minutes longer than package directs, approximately 13 minutes.

Drain then place back in bowl. Add salt, pepper, basil, garlic powder and milk; stir to combine. Begin to stir in cheese a little at a time. Microwave 1 minute. Remove from microwave and stir again.

Add cannellini beans and diced tomatoes; stir. Microwave 1 minute. Remove from microwave and stir. Assess if ingredients are hot and cheese is melted. If not, microwave 1-2 minutes.

Top with Parmesan cheese and garnish with fresh herbs, if desired.

2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

RULES:

A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.

B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2020. Send entries to:

Christine Hamp
National Lecturer
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 154th National Grange convention in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.

F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later

date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity.

G. A 2020 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS:

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)
- Group III – MEN (Age 14+)

PRIZES:

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

COLOR:

Each quilt block should incorporate teal or turquoise.

Fabric A: use a light color.

Fabric B: use a dark color.

FABRIC:

All fabric used should be cotton.

CONSTRUCTING THE QUILT BLOCK:

Fabric A: Cut four (4) 4½” squares and two (2) 5½” squares.

Fabric B: Cut one (1) 4½” square and two (2) 5½” squares.

Place a 5½” square A and a 5½” square B with

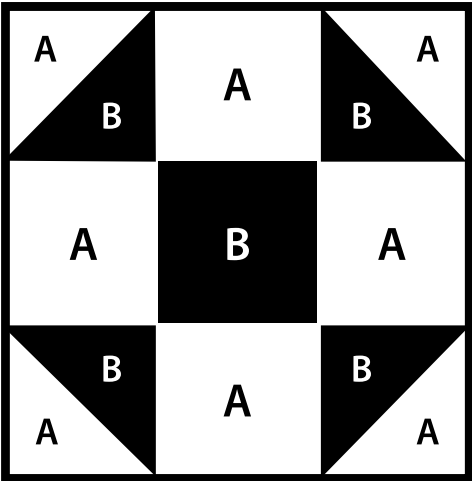
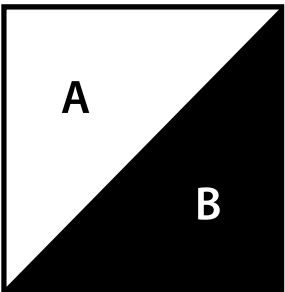
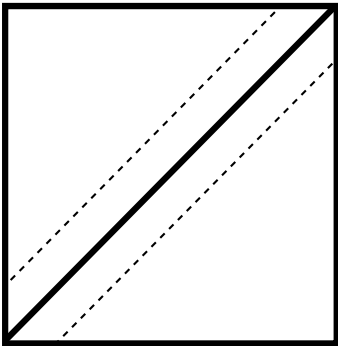
right sides together. Make a pencil line diagonally on back of fabric. Sew a ¼” seam on both sides of the line. See Diagram 1 below (dotted lines are sewing lines). Repeat with other set of 5½” squares. Cut on pencil line and press toward the dark fabric. Now trim the four (4) A/B blocks to measure 4½” square. See Diagram 2 below.

Assemble in horizontal

rows as shown below in Diagram 3. Sew the block together using ¼” seam allowances. Each finished quilt block should measure 12½” x 12½”.

Press all seams. Clip and remove all threads.

*The Choice block must also incorporate teal or turquoise and finished, should measure 12½” x 12½”.



Washington State Granges



East Oakville Grange

Following years of inactivity, a dwindling membership, and a dilapidated Grange hall that hadn't been used for a few years could prove to be a major liability for our organization and the communities we serve. Not so for the residents of the tiny town of Oakville, WA. Upon reorganizing East Oakville Grange #902 with 17 new members, the new Grangers went to work on health and safety improvement to their hall. Their efforts to improve their hall have garnered the members of East Oakville Grange the first-place award in the Washington State Grange's Grange Hall Improvement Contest.

Upon receiving the keys to the Grange Hall, the new Grange members unlocked the doors on January 30, 2019 accompanied by State Grange Master Tom Gwin and National Grange Communications Director Amanda Brozana-Rios. Upon making a list and prioritizing health and safety issues, Grange members found a local funding source to assist in financing the needed hall repairs.

The first step was the reconnection of electrical power and reestablishment of water and septic service to the hall. The first work party was scheduled and advertised throughout the town and on the Grange's facebook page. A large group of both Grangers and non-Grangers showed up to wash walls, scrub floors, and check water lines.

Over the course of the next few months, Grange members completed several projects:

- Replacement of the hot water heater and reconnecting water to the restrooms
- Grading and smoothening of the parking lot
- Cutting brush that had grown up around the hall
- Cleaning the kitchen, including obtaining a refrigerator and freezer
- Repairing the handicapped access ramp, including replacement of rotten boards and installation of a non-skid flooring
- Repairing the kitchen entrance to the hall, including replacing rotten boards, installation of handrails, and new non-skid flooring



- Repairing and repainting doors and walls of the front porch
- Shoring up the foundation, replacing boards as necessary to level the floor of the hall
- Removal of a non-working boiler and converting the former boiler room into a storage room
- A complete remodel of the women's restroom, including new fixtures, vanity, tiled floors, painted walls, and installation of a baby changing table



BeeHive Grange

Taking second place in this year's hall improvement contest was BeeHive Grange #385. Located five miles outside of Wenatchee on the Mission Ridge Highway, Grange members spent hours and hours painting inside of their hall. Before painting could begin, the Grange hired a contractor to repair the ceiling. The ceiling had been damaged several years earlier before the rood was replaced. The ceiling repair improved the acoustics of the meeting room.

The contractor also repaired a hole in the ceiling of the men's restroom. The hole was caused by a leak from the vent, which then leaked into the crawl space, creating major problems in that area. Upon repair, the ceiling in the restroom was repainted.

Grange members busied themselves by painting the trim in the main hall and a complete painting of the entry hall. They first painted a few different sample colors to determine which color would be best in providing a warm welcome to all who enter. One of the goals of the Grange members was to completely cover the "mint green" paint found in so many of the Grange halls in the area.

Doors throughout the hall were repainted, along with the trim around them. With any improvement project, this included necessary small repairs to the door jams and striker plates. New doorknobs were purchased for all the doors.

The final project for BeeHive Grange was the repairs and repainting of a display cabinet in the main hall. The cabinet was built in a modular format. Upon dismantling and repainting, Grange members made additional shelving for the display area.



... Improve Their Halls

Humptulips Grange

Humptulips Grange #730 was awarded third place in this year’s contest. The Grange hall is located in a rural community in Grays Harbor County. Due to finding paraphernalia in their parking lot, Grange members suspected possible drug deals taking place on Grange property. The Grange took swift action to curtail this potential activity by erecting a chain link fence across the front of their parking lot. With swinging gates at each end, the fence also protects the gravel parking lot from other types of damage.

Seeking to improve safety in their parking lot, Humptulips members also installed new motion lights in the parking area and at each entrance into the hall. The lights improved much needed visibility for those entering or leaving the hall after dark. To protect their septic drain field, Grange members installed barriers to prevent people from driving from the parking lots onto the septic tank and drain fields.

The final project for Humptulips was the installation of baby changing stations in both the men’s and women’s restroom. This project was a service to the young families who attend Grange and community events at the hall.



The fourth-place award is a tie between Fruitland Grange #999 and Moses Lake Grange #1151.



Fruitland Grange

Fruitland Grange, located on the outskirts of Puyallup in Pierce County, replaced 27 windows in their hall with thermal paned windows.

Fruitland also remodeled the first floor women’s restroom. Working to make the restroom ADA compliant, Grange members enlarged the entry door, tore out the old toilet and sink, and then found an infestation of termites. Upon clearing the infestation, the project was completed with new toilet, changing table, sink, flooring, lights, mirror, and repainting.

The main hall improvements on the second floor completed the work of Fruitland Grange. The walls and ceilings were repainted. The hardwood floor was refinished, repairing the damage caused when a hall renter used bleach on the floor. The refinishing of the floor greatly improved the appearance and rentability of the hall.

Moses Lake Grange

Established in May of 2017, Moses Lake Grange #1151 inherited the old O’Sullivan Grange Hall near the City of Moses Lake in April of 2018. Grange members cleaned up the hall’s exterior yard, grass and shrubbery. Grange members quickly moved to their well house. The birds had built nests in the roof and much of the roofing material had blown off. Grange members designed and constructed a new roof for the well house that can easily be removed, if necessary. Electrical breakers were replaced in the well house and a temperature switch installed to keep the pipes from freezing in the winter.

With a roof on their hall that was not properly attached, Grange members reroofed portions of their roof. Grange members found water damage to the insulation. The spray-in insulation was removed and after the attic was allowed to dry out, a new roll-out insulation was installed. Members then reroofed the hall by realigning the metal sheeting and replacing sheets that were too damaged to reuse.

Repairs to the restrooms completed the projects. Due to water leaks, the flooring needed to be replaced. New floor tiles were glued down. One of the toilets was replaced and soap and paper towel dispensers were installed.



The Grange Hall Improvement Contest is designed to encourage Subordinate Granges to improve and beautify its hall and grounds. Participating Granges submit a narrative report, including a description of the projects completed. Pictures (before, after, and during the projects) are included with the narrative.

- Criteria for judging the contest includes:
- Do the completed projects create a positive impact on the appearance of the hall?
 - Do the improvements boost the effectiveness of the local Grange?
 - Are the improvements relative to the size of the community and the Grange membership?
 - Did the Grange state their source of funds and/or how were the projects financed?

The contest is sponsored by the Washington State Grange Cooperative Group. Cash prizes and plaques are awarded to the top four entries. Each Grange that enters the contest also receives a Metal Grange Town Marker Sign.

Grange Connection

ADAMS COUNTY

Ralston Grange welcomes two new members: Nancy (Evans) Pulham and John Ray. Our Grange received a \$500 donation from the Clearwater Energy Group, the developer for the Rattlesnake Flat Wind Farm project south of Ralston. Funds were to help compensate for our loss of the opportunity to hold some of our annual fundraisers because of the virus. The group has also rented our hall a couple of times to hold informational meetings. We thank them for their support! The Innovia Foundation has awarded Ralston Grange a grant of \$1000 to go toward a project with a goal of reaching out and helping some of our community members who have endured nearly total isolation the last few months because of virus restrictions. It is up to the Grange to come up with exactly how we want to achieve that, but the intention is to do something that lets them know that they are not forgotten. Loneliness can be as detrimental to one's health as the virus! Your ideas on how to meet this challenge and accomplish our goal would be appreciated.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange is continuing to work on their hall, one step at a time. Current plans call for re-roofing the hall and replacing the siding.

Elma Grange has a Clothing and Dress Exchange scheduled for August 8. Garage sales will also be starting up again in August.

Humptulips Grange had their first face to face meeting following the pandemic in June. Six resolutions were adopted and two new members were welcomed. The Grange's Fund Raising Auction has been rescheduled for November 7. The Grange agreed to have a display at the Puyallup Fair, which is still on as of this writing. Grange members worked through the pandemic, serving 60-85 families each month at the Grange Food Bank. We are now receiving two shipments of food each month from Coastal Harvest and Northwest Harvest. The next food bank is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22. Our bingo events will start up again in October.

KITSAP COUNTY

Bethel Grange will be starting meeting following the pandemic. The next meeting will be on July 13.

LEWIS COUNTY

Cowlitz Prairie Grange canceled their annual threshing bee, originally scheduled for August.

Mossyrock Grange members placed 400 flags on veteran's graves at several cemeteries for Memorial Day. The next Grange event will be the Summer Picnic on August 12.

MASON COUNTY

Matlock Grange is offering free wifi. You can park in the lot and hook up your devices. It works for about 300 feet from the hall.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange will be hosting a multi-family estate sale on June 26-28. The next consignment auction is scheduled for July 11 at 5 p.m. This will follow the Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Meeting, hosted by Long Beach Grange at 1 p.m. on the same day.

North Willapa Grange members participated in a drive by birthday party on May 16 for Grange Secretary Loretta Brockhoff. Loretta celebrated her 90th birthday this year.

SAN JUAN COUNTY

Lopez Island Grange held a grab-and-go version of the Little Winter Market at the @ Lopez Island Grange #1060 in response to COVID-19. We followed all CDC guidelines. Everything was pre-ordered & paid for. Customers waited in car for their order. Thanks for supporting our local island food producers and farmers!

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange held a Zoom business meeting on May 19. If we get the go ahead from the Governor, we plan to have a last Sunday pancake breakfast on July 26. On August 4, we plan to have our ever popular "Chicken Poop Bingo" a scholarship fundraiser along with the annual National Night Out Against Crime event—ice cream for everyone!! We were able to present 4 scholarships of \$250 each to Kaycee, Tristan, Vieyn, and Scott in May. The Grange will sponsor a Bluegrass concert on Saturday, August 22 featuring BlueStreak, a Spokane based bluegrass band. Since we haven't held any events at the Green Bluff Grange since March but knowing our Grangers are still living each day as best they can here are a few good things some Grangers have been up to that we know about. Colton Kuhnkey and Grandpa Phil cleaned up the wooden tractor that so many people have had their picture taken on — it is ready for the next event at the Grange. Jeff Banke, a Grange member and a four-year volunteer

with SCOPE is on call nearly 300 hours each month which is more than a full-time job for most people. Often, he will be called out two or three times in a day, sometimes in the early morning hours. Tom Long is keeping watch on the inside of our building making sure all is good. Priscilla Davis has done some cleanup of the landscaping plants. Doug Davis mowed the yard along with the Kuhnkey's doing trim mowing on the east, west and street edges.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange is grateful that June brought a nice change - a Bingo night on June 6. Even though Stevens County is now in Phase 3, the tables were set up to maintain proper social distancing, and attendees were asked to wear a mask. Game prizes were numerous, and the "Black Out" prize was awesome. The June Grange meeting was held on June 13 - again with proper social distancing. Twelve Grangers attended. A lot of things were discussed, such as the July 18 cleanup/workday. A number of repairs, and cosmetic touchups, need to be accomplished before winter sets in. Any help would be appreciated. Wednesday's Senior Lunch Bunch has started up again, and attendance has slowly increased during the month. The July 11 Grange meeting will be held early as a Bingo night has been booked for July 11. Everyone is more than ready for some fun. Please stay safe and healthy.

Quillisascut Grange held their annual cemetery clean-up on May 21st at Mountain View Cemetery. Members Tom and Carolyn McKern, Iris and John Miller, Rori Draper (Lecturer), David, Heather and Linnea Miller, George Carr, Tori McKern, Tom and Anita Fishler, Debbie and Stacey Potts, Elizabeth Miller, Geoff Ginther and community member Dan Lester participated in this year's clean-up. Special thanks to member Joan Roberson for bringing muffins to fuel the work. Quillisascut Grange oversees management of the cemetery, member David Miller currently oversees budget and management. Due to the COVID-19 virus, Grange members were practicing social distancing.

The Valley Grange donated gift baskets for the Mary Walker High School Senior Day. Bingo events started up again on July 19. The next event is scheduled for July 10.

if we have reached that Phase of gathering. Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and fruitful summer. See you in the fall... and there will be a July/August newsletter, so be creative and see what you can send in to Editor Sue: sjmclen@gmail.com.

Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are reminded to send their list of 2020 and 2021 meeting dates, times, and locations to Grange@wa-Grange.org for inclusion into this calendar.

This list of dates was submitted to the WA State Grange in January. Due to COVID-19, there may be numerous changes in this schedule. Please confirm your dates with the Pomona Grange Master prior to the scheduled meeting.

CHELAN	August 15, picnic at Rocky Reach Dam, 1 p.m. July 16, social luncheon at Smitty's in Wenatchee, 11:30 a.m.
CLALLAM	September 8 at Fairview, 6 p.m. meeting, refreshments afterward.
CLARK	July 8 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield.
COWLITZ/ WAHIAKUM	August 15 at Silver Lake, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
EXCELSIOR	July 18 at Gardenspot, 10:30 a.m. Picnic at 12 noon.
FERRY	July 14 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	July 11 at Long Beach, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
KING	July 18 at Meridian, 10 a.m. BBQ at 12 noon.
KITSAP	July 17 at Bainbridge Island, 7:30 p.m.
KLICKITAT	September 12 at Alder Creek, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.
LEWIS	August 1 at Logan Hill, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
MASON	September 19 at The Agate, 11 a.m.
OKANOGAN	July 11, location to be announced, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
PEND OREILLE	July 4 at Calispel, Pomona BBQ at 1 p.m.
PIERCE	July 11 at Elk Plain, 10 a.m.
SKAGIT	July 8 at Pomona Parks, 5 p.m. potluck picnic.
SNAKE RIVER	September 19 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m. No Host lunch following meeting.
SNOHOMISH	to be determined.
SPOKANE	to be determined.
STEVENS	July 24 at Douglas Falls Park with Quillisascut hosting. Meeting at 11 a.m., with 12 p.m. potluck.
SUNNYSIDE	July 14 at Buena, 7:30 p.m.
THURSTON	July 12, picnic at Nelson Ranch, 2 p.m.
WHATCOM	September 17 at North Bellingham, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
WHITMAN	July 18 at Jim & Bonnie Lyle's home in Colfax, 1 p.m. picnic.
YAKIMA	July 19 at Fruitvale, 1:30 p.m. picnic.

Pomona Connection

WHATCOM COUNTY

Whatcom County has moved into Phase 2, this does not allow for a gathering of usual Pomona attendance. Plus, per Grange News, the State newsletter, the Contests will not be held at the abbreviated State Convention in

October. Hang on to those quilts, paintings, photos, crafts, etc. and plan to enter both 2020 and 2021 entries into the 2021 Contest. The NEXT Pomona meeting is Tuesday, September 15th, at North Bellingham Grange, 6:00 pm Potluck, 7:00 pm Meeting...

Grange Connection



Mountain View Grange Restores Hall Color

Mountain View Grange in White Salmon (Klickitat County) contracted with a local painter for painting their Grange Hall. The original Grange hall was white, but was painted red several years ago. Grangers agreed to restore the hall to its' original white color. The painting took place during May and June.



Oakview Grange Remodels Kitchen

Oakview Grange members used the closure of their Grange Hall to complete an upgrade to their kitchen, complete with emergency repairs.

In preparing for the installation of new counter tops and flooring in the kitchen, we uncovered leaking water heaters. One with a minimal pinhole leak, with minimal damage. Second water heater; not so lucky! A 2' X 2' area of flooring rotted out as well as the large support joist under the floor three-quarters rotted away. Grange members patiently awaited services of a carpenter, plumber, and electrician to be able to work their magic... one at a time in a social distancing timeframe.

Once those repairs were completed, Grange members proceeded by installing new flooring, repainting the walls, and replacing appliances. Grange members are to be commended for their work during this pandemic as they kept social distancing in mind through the entire project.



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

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Five Mile Prairie Grange Awards Two Scholarships

Five Mile Prairie Grange #905 in Spokane is excited to announce the award of two \$500 scholarships and our members are proud to be able to assist these two outstanding young citizens as they begin the next chapter of their journey. Joshua Fritz is a 2020 graduate of Mead High School and will be attending Eastern Washington University. Sydnie L. Price is also a 2020 graduate of Mead High School and will be attending Central Washington University.



Your 2020 Program Handbook Is Nearby

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

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



<http://wa-grange.com/downloads/ProgramHandbook.pdf>
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Grange Connection



Washington Grange No. 82 Cleanup Day

On Saturday, May 23, around 20 members of Anew! Church with some help from Washington Grange No. 82 members did a major cleanup of our hall. Walks were all power washed, bushes trimmed, low hanging branches removed, over grown Roadies removed or pruned, and everything swept and blown. What a day. We are not meeting yet, but when we do we will have a beautiful hall to return to. Thanks Anew! Church for all your work.



Pandemic Clean-up Day Held At Crescent Grange



Normally, Crescent Grange has a spring cleanup of planting beds around the hall as part of our June business meeting. With meetings on hold but spring growth not, we organized a pandemic approved work party. From left to right - Steve Singhose, Elizabeth Hogan - photographer, Emil Moilanen, Judy Moilanen. Stay well. Keep up the good work.

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Elma Grange Remodels Kitchen

Elma Grange #26 members worked through the COVID-19 pandemic to make needed repairs to their kitchen. With the Grange Hall being shut down to public use, Grange members tore out the flooring, repaired the foundation, installed insulation, and installed new wall coverings and linoleum. The extended closure allowed Grange members plenty of time to complete the tasks and modernize the Grange kitchen.



The Challenges of running the Goldendale Grange Food Bank

Being rookies, we anticipated a few challenges operating a Food Bank. But, everyone knows that truly dedicated Grangers enjoy a good challenge.

On the afternoon of Friday, April 3, we met face to face with one of those unique situations. We had closed the Grange Food Bank to the public at 4 p.m. for cleaning and sanitizing. By 5 we were done, tired and ready to go home. We hesitated slightly as a fancy pickup rolled up to the front door. The driver has 150 - one-gallon jugs of milk and is very determined to donate it. We graciously accept the donation without having the slightest clue where or how we would store it. To complicate matters we hadn't planned to reopen the food bank until the following Tuesday.

After checking the "use by dates" we successfully stuffed thirty gallons of milk into the Grange refrigerator for later use. Unfortunately, as we were stuffing milk in one door of the two-door reefer unit, a big bottle of pickles and a large jug of coffee creamer were somehow pushed out the other door which proceeded to crash and break onto the floor. Big ugly, sticky, and smelly mess mixed with lots of glass. The remaining milk had a use by date of Monday, so with few remaining options we successfully convinced our tired bodies into reopening for a short period of time Saturday morning.

We post on social media, Grange Food Bank to hand out milk from 10 a.m. until gone. Observing the out-side temperature hovering



around 40 degrees and dropping, the remaining milk should be fine left in a pickup, parked outside.

Arriving back at the Grange Hall in the morning we discover a load of produce has been delivered. Part of our dedicated Grange crew proceeds to package produce in smaller individual bags for later use. Ready to pass out jugs of milk we open the Grange Hall door at 10 a.m., only to discover a line of cars circling the Grange hall and proceeding down a side street with the end completely out of sight.

Time for another last-minute change. Initially, we had planned to give each family two gallons of milk. Fearing a riot if we ran out of milk before the end of the car line we swapped to one gallon. By incorporating the mornings produce delivery each family would now receive one gallon of milk and a plastic bag containing three jalapenos, a small bag of finely diced purple onions, a very small head of romaine lettuce and three pears. An interesting assortment to accompany a gallon of milk.

By 10:20, only 20 minutes after opening, we finished with the distribution and everyone left happy.



Bottom Left - Grange parking lot when we opened. Top Right - Team that delivered milk to waiting cars. We did not allow anyone to get out of their cars.