



# WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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## State Grange Delegates Debate, Vote On Internal Issues At Annual Session

Delegates to the 131st Annual Session debated and voted upon several internal issues aimed toward moving the organization forward.

### Grange Law:

- The delegates voted to increase the \$2 fee to a \$5 fee

when the annual dues are collected directly from the member by the Washington State Grange. This will not take effect until after the bylaws are updated in 2021.

- The delegates agreed that nay application for Grange membership may be read,

voted upon, and the member obligated in the fourth degree at the same Grange meeting. This will not take effect until after approval by the National Grange delegates.

- We recommend the State and National Granges recognized and acknowledge

that many Granges are no longer conducting meeting as prescribed in the manuals. We further recommend the National Grange develop and adopt a format and agenda for "round table" Grange meeting for those Granges desiring to meet in this format.

### Grange Activities:

- The State Grange will appoint a committee to research the processes needed to allow for the electronic payment of Grange dues by the Subordinate Grange in our state. The committee will

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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.

- NOVEMBER 17-18, 2020 ..... 154th Annual Session of the National Grange - held virtually on Zoom
- NOVEMBER 20 ..... Pomona Meeting Date List for 2021 Due to State Office – will be used for the Grange News
- DECEMBER 1 ..... Election of Officers Report Due to State Grange Office
- DECEMBER 31 ..... Fourth Quarter Secretary Reports Due
- DECEMBER 31 ..... Annual Lecturer Reports Due to State Lecturer
- DECEMBER 31 ..... Annual Family Living Reports Due to State FL Director
- JUNE 23-26, 2021 ..... 132nd Annual WA State Grange Session at Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Port Townsend



Lopez Island Grange Gets New Paint Job

Lopez Island Grange’s exterior paint job has been completed! It looks fantastic!!! A HUGE THANK YOU to all who worked on and contributed to this project! ~ Thanks to: Colby White Construction and Maintenance LLC, Liz Scranton Custom Wood Finishes - High quality painting and wood finishes and her crew: Shaun Chappell and Keith Henderson, Joel & June Arnold at Sunset Builders, Doug Poole at Sage Building Solutions, Phelps Construction - Kerby Phelps & Joe Ingman, Chrisanne Galvez, San Juan County Historical Preservation Grant Fund, our IndieGoGo fundraiser donors, and to the Lopez Island community and visitors who donated and attended our events and contributed to our ongoing building maintenance and restoration fund. THANK YOU!!!

In Memoriam



Shirley Ward - Past Chelan County Deputy Master and recipient of the 2020 WA State Grange Leadership Award



Shirley Ward, 89, a long time resident of Leavenworth, WA., passed away from a brief illness on September 30, in Seattle, WA. Shirley was born to Fred and Hulda (Rush) Calhoun on December 15, 1930 in Wenatchee, WA. Shirley completed her entire education in Leavenworth and graduated in 1948 as a Grizzly from Leavenworth High School. In 1949 she married Elgin L. Kriewald and made their home at Lake Wenatchee where they were to raise three boys, Gary (Katy), Leavenworth, Randy (Enid), Snohomish, Rick (Karen) of Arlington, WA. Shirley joined The Lake Wenatchee Grange in 1949 which started a long committed and dedicated service for the Grange and the Community. In 1972, Shirley married Lloyd W. Ward, of Leavenworth and her family grew in size with Lloyd’s sons and daughters, Jim (Wilda), Leanna (Bruce), Richard (Sheila), Dennis (Kris), Loy (Steve), and Mike. Shirley was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Lloyd Ward, step-son Jim Ward, infant twin brothers Lloyd and Floyd, brother Hoyt, brother Fred Calhoun, sister Winnie Cain and stepson, Mike. Shirley is survived by a brother, Marion (Joanne), and brother-in-law Wayne Cain. Three sons, Gary (Katy), Randy (Enid), Rick (Karen), step-children, Leanna (Bruce), Richard (Sheila), Dennis (Kris), Loy (Steve), and Jim’s wife Wilda. Early on The Lake Wenatchee Grange merged with The Chumstick Grange #819 and Shirley moved her commitment to support #819. Shirley was very active with not just her local Grange but in Chelan County Pomona Grange holding many positions in both for the rest of her life. In 2019, Shirley was awarded the prestigious Washington State Grange Leadership Award for her 70 years of dedicated service to the Grange and Community. This year Shirley was a proud Grange member for 71 years. Shirley loved to stay connected to the local community through Leavenworth Volkspport, The Community Cupboard, The Senior Center and last but not least, the Leavenworth Lions Club. Shirley always loved to camp, she was an active member of The Roving Granger #6 for 40 years where she camped with her motorhome in dozens of parks with 100’s of camper friends. While traveling and camping Shirley loved to camp with her many beloved Golden Retrievers. For the last 12 1/2 years of camping, Shirley traveled with her Brittany Spaniel (Britt) who always shared the passenger seat as Shirley’s co-pilot and companion. Britt was Shirley’s right hand and always at her side for whatever life presented. Shirley lost her Britt on August 10, 2020. A Celebration of Life for Shirley will be scheduled in Spring of 2021. Donations can be made to The Chumstick Grange #819, PO Box 23, Leavenworth, WA. 98826 or The Leavenworth Senior Center.

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President’s Message

Thank You For  
An Outstanding  
Business Meeting

By Tom Gwin  
State Grange  
Master/President

The 131st Annual Session of the Washington State Grange is now history! It will be best remembered as the convention where we zoomed together. There were 139 delegates in attendance at four locations: Addy, Deer Lagoon, Long Beach, and Swauk Teanaway. Due to the large number at Long Beach, delegates were divided into an upstairs group and a downstairs group. The majority of our time was spent receiving and acting upon committee reports. We debated 37 new resolutions submitted by Granges from across the state. We also had 10 standing committee reports, which included 13 additional resolutions and several changes to our legislative policies. Officers were elected and installed. Awards for several contests were packaged and sent back to the counties. We did miss some of the social events of the convention. We hope to be able to include those activities in 2021.

There are many, many Grange members who contributed to the success of this year’s convention:

- The Host Granges.....

Addy, Deer Lagoon, Long Beach and Swauk Teanaway. We enjoyed your hospitality and desire to fulfill every need of our delegates.

- The state officers, deputies, and spouses who were assigned specific tasks for the session. Many of you arrived early on Thursday to set up and stayed

132nd Annual  
Washington State  
Grange Convention  
tentatively scheduled  
for  
June 23-26, 2021

afterward on Saturday to clean up. Your unwavering support and assistance helped to make our meeting a success.

- To the delegates and committee chairs, congratulations on discussing each aspect of every resolution and recommendation. You took the time to participate in the committee zoom meetings prior to the business session, which allowed us to complete committee reports prior to the convention. The in-depth discussion on each



Tom Gwin

subject was astounding!

- To the Granges who submitted resolutions, you allowed us to create several outstanding policies for the State Grange.

- To the office staff, each of whom brings their own special talent and skill level to their job, your dedication allowed us to complete our business ahead of schedule.

- To the youth and juniors, we missed you at this year’s session. We hope you will be able to join us at the 2021 session.

Now that state session is over, my attention will quickly turn my focus on the National Grange Session. It, too, will be held virtually over zoom. I am chairing the Conservation Committee at this year’s national session. I am expecting copies of the resolutions today. My committee will meet next week to review current policy and to make recommendations on the resolutions.

You may want to make plans now to attend the 132nd Annual State Grange Convention. For the first time, we will be meeting in Jefferson County at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Port Townsend. We are tentatively scheduled for June 23-26, 2021!

Legislative

Post Session  
Legislative Update

By Heather Hansen  
Legislative Lobbyist



Heather Hansen

Thanks to COVID, we’re all learning news ways of doing things. State Grange Session was no exception. Thanks to technology, committees were able to meet virtually before Session and policy discussions took place during Session. The process worked well, and issues were thoroughly discussed.

Many of the policy changes made were clarifications and updates to existing policies. As laws and public perceptions change over time, some policies become outdated. One of each committee’s responsibilities is to review existing policies and update as needed.

When the 2021 Legislative Handbook comes out, I encourage each of you to read through it. Look for ways to simplify and streamline existing policies. Look for outdated policies that can be removed. Think of topics that are not included but should be. The clearer and more concise this handbook is, the more it will be used.

The election is over, but as of this writing, many races are not yet final. Absentee ballots will continue to be counted until November 24. There are a number of close races that could change as more ballots are counted.

Based on current returns, it appears that both the Washington State House of Representatives and the Senate will remain in Democratic control. The total number of Republicans and Democrats will change only slightly. But changes will be more significant than they may appear. We could have as many as twenty-five new legislators, seven in the Senate and eighteen in the House. Numerous committees will see changes in leadership as the chairperson or highest ranking minority party member (Republican) will no longer be in the legislature.

House Committees whose Chair or highest ranking Republican will no longer be in the legislature:

- Capital Budget – ranking R
- Civil Rights and Judiciary – Chair, ranking R
- College & Workforce Development – ranking R
- Environment & Energy – ranking R
- Finance – Chair
- Innovation, Technology & Economic Development – Chair, ranking R
- Local Government – ranking R
- Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources – Chair

Senate Committees whose Chair or highest ranking Republican will no longer be in the legislature:

- Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade - Chair
- Health & Long Term Care – ranking R
- Housing Stability & Affordability - ranking R
- Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation – ranking R
- Local Government – Chair
- State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections - ranking R

Several districts stand out as their changing demographics are reflected by the voters. The 10th district, which includes all of Island county and parts of Skagit and Snohomish, used to be a solid Republican District. Depending on the final vote count, all three legislators from that district may be Democrats in 2021. Similarly, the 42nd district, which includes most of Whatcom County, used to be very conservative. Again, pending the final count, both House members are likely to be Democrats. The opposite situation is shaping up in the 19th District which includes the southwest corner of Washington. What had been a conservative Democratic district for decades, appears to be turning all Republican.

Before the next election, we will go through redistricting. Using the results of the census, the bi-partisan Washington Redistricting Commission, will realign legislative districts based on population. As boundary lines change, party success will change as well.

Lecturer's Department

Looking Forward to 2021 Contests

By Leslie Jo Wells  
State Grange Lecturer

We made it through our Zoom Convention! Thanks to the hard work of the State office staff we had our dockets including the election materials and registration went smoothly. We were checked for temperatures, all masked up and socially distanced. It was different but the important and necessary business of our organization was taken care of. Thanks also to those who prepared “grab and go” lunches for us to purchase. Kudos

to all!

I need some help. Each year the Lecturer’s Committee selects new topics for the Creative Writing Contest and I would appreciate any suggestions you might have. We need something for Poetry; usually a single word but it doesn’t have to be. We need a topic for a Short Story, usually a short phrase or idea that can be developed to entertain the reader. The Essay topic can also be a short phrase or idea but remember this one is designed to inform your reader. Although the entries have

been few for the Book Review category, I am going to continue it for this next year. If you have any suggestions for these please let me know: lesliewells@att.net or 18232 201st Avenue SE, Monroe, WA 98272.

Thanks to everyone for your participation in the Lecturer’s Contests. Hopefully this Covid-19 pandemic will be behind us at some point and things will be back to normal.



Leslie Jo Wells



Session Recap

# 2020 Summary Of Resolutions

For the complete text of approved resolutions, please refer to the Washington State Grange website at [www.wa-grange.org](http://www.wa-grange.org) or call the State Grange Office at 1-800-854-1635.

RES. NO.	TITLE	SPONSORING GRANGE	DELEGATE ACTION
1	Limit Headlight Brightness and Color	Whatcom County Pomona #6	Rejected
2	Define Good Standing	Skookumchuck #584	Rejected
3	National Observance Day for Eleanor Roosevelt	Five Mile Prairie #905	Adopted as Amended; forward to national
4	Costs of the Presidential Primary Election	Humptulips #730	Adopted
5	Property Tax Collections	Humptulips #730	Adopted
6	Electronic Payment of Grange Dues	Humptulips #730	Adopted
7	Opposition to Lowering the Voting Age	Humptulips #730	Adopted; current national policy
8	Raising the Fees When the State Grange Collects Membership Dues Directly from the Member	Humptulips #730	Adopted
9	Eligibility for Washington State Grange Foundation Scholarship	Humptulips #730	Adopted
10	Termination of Reversion Clauses in Property Deeds	Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #18	Adopted
11	Printing the Membership Obligation on the Grange Membership Application	Humptulips #730	Adopted
12	Removing Barriers to Membership	Humptulips #730	Adopted; forward to national
13	Round Table Format for Grange Meetings	Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28	Adopted; forward to national
14	Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) Vaccine	Whitman County Pomona #2	Adopted as Amended; forward to national
15	Emergency Powers	Whitman County Pomona #2	Rejected, covered by Committee Resolution #1
16	Police	Whitman County Pomona #2	Adopted
17	Preventing Animal Disease	Whitman County Pomona #2	Adopted, forward to national
18	Livestock Identification Programs	Whitman County Pomona #2	Adopted as Amended, forward to national
19	Livestock Diseases	Whitman County Pomona #2	Adopted as Amended, forward to national
20	Including the Tree-of-Heaven Plant on the State Noxious Weed Quarantine List	Humptulips #730	Adopted
21	Including Poison Hemlock on the State Noxious Weed Quarantine List	Humptulips #730	Adopted
22	Support for the Agricultural Fairs Rescue Act	Humptulips #730	Adopted, forward to national
23	Aid to Developing Countries	Humptulips #730	Adopted as Amended, forward to national
24	Minimum Wage for Younger Teens, Ages 13-15	Humptulips #730	Adopted as Amended, forward to national
25	Updating the State and National Grange Policies Regarding Undocumented Immigrants	Humptulips #730	Adopted as Amended, forward to national
26	Officer Titles	San Juan Island #966	Rejected

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RES. NO.	TITLE	SPONSORING GRANGE	DELEGATE ACTION
27	Ranked-Choice Voting	San Juan Island #966	Rejected
28	Common Teasel	Sunnyside #129	Adopted as Amended
29	Repairs to the Fort Columbia Tunnel	Long Beach #667	Adopted as Amended
30	Meat Inspections in Washington State	Brighton Park #163	Adopted as Amended
31	Elections – Presidential	Pierce County Pomona #16	Adopted as Amended
32	Presidential Primary Election Unaffiliated Ballots	Pierce County Pomona #16	Rejected
33	Membership Materials Availability	Pierce County Pomona #16	Rejected
34	Local Newspaper Support	Issaquah Valley #581	Adopted as Amended, forward to national
35	Presidential Primary Election Date	Pierce County Pomona #16	Rejected
36	Roundabouts on State Drivers Licensing Test	Moses Lake #1151	Adopted
37	National Grange Building Repair	Moses Lake #1151	Adopted as Amended, forward to national
Agriculture Standing Res #1	Role of the WSDA Pollinator Task Force	Agriculture Standing Committee	Adopted
Agriculture Standing Res #2	Definition of Meat and Meat Products	Agriculture Standing Committee	Adopted
Cons/Ecology Standing Res #1	Carbon in Working and Rural Lands	Conservation & Ecology Standing Committee	Adopted
Cons/Ecology Standing Res #2	Low Carbon Fuel Standard	Conservation & Ecology Standing Committee	Adopted as Amended
Cons/Ecology Session Res #1	Support for the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act	Conservation & Ecology Session Committee	Adopted; forward to national
Cons/Ecology Session Res #2	Expanded Livestock Grazing to Reduce Wildfire Load	Conservation & Ecology Session Committee	Adopted; forward to national
Education Standing Res #1	Educational Staff Training in Virtual/Online Education	Education Standing Committee	Adopted as Amended
Education Standing Res #2	Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self Determination Act (SRSCSDA)	Education Standing Committee	Adopted; forward to national
Education Session Res #1	Equitable Internet Access for Students	Education Session Committee	Adopted
Natl Leg Standing Res #1	Member of the United States Supreme Court	National Legislative Session Committee	Adopted; forward to national
State Leg Standing Res #1	Emergency Prohibitions	State Legislative Standing Committee	Adopted as Amended
Taxation Standing Res #1	Opposing a Per Mile Tax	Taxation & Fiscal Policy Standing Committee	Adopted as Amended
Veterans Affairs Standing Res #2	Homeless Veterans	Veterans Affairs Standing Committee	Adopted as Amended; forward to national



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## Session Photo Memories



## Washington Granges Earn “Distinguished Grange” Recognition

The Washington State Grange is one of four State Granges to earn “Distinguished Grange” recognition for the 2019-2020 program year. The Distinguished Grange Program honors Subordinate and State Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in areas of membership, fundraising and service to their communities.

Program requirements that contributed to the designation for the Washington State Grange include: filing all reports and paying dues to the National Grange on time; contributions to the National Grange Convention Assessment Fund; participation in regional and national events; communications with our Subordinate and Pomona Granges; participation in National Grange contests; organizing a new Grange; participation in legislative activities; and Youth and Junior Grange Programming.

In addition to the Washington State Grange, three Subordinate Granges in our state were also recognized as Distinguished Granges: Five Mile Prairie #905 in Spokane County; Goldendale #49 in Klickitat County; and Humptulips #730 in Grays Harbor County. Subordinate Grange program requirements are similar to those of the State Grange, but also include participation in State Grange programs and activities.

The Distinguished Grange Program runs on a program year of July 1 to June 30, annually. Applications are normally due in August and recognition is normally during the Annual National Grange Session.

## WA State Grange Elects Five Officers

Five officers were elected in the “off-year” election at the 131st Annual Session of the Washington State Grange, held October 30-31.

**David Bryant**, former State Grange Executive Committeeman, was elected to fill a one-year term as the State Grange Overseer. The Overseer position was open following the resignation of Karen Jackson earlier in the summer. Bryant is a member of Elk Plain Grange in Pierce County. He previously held the offices of Secretary and Treasurer for the WA State Grange.

**Rick Ferguson** was selected for a 3-year term on the State Grange Executive Committee. Ferguson is a member of Waitsburg Grange in Columbia County. A one-year term on the Executive Committee was also open following the resignation of June Hendrickson last summer. The one-year term will be filled by **Rusty Hunt**, a member of St. Andrews Grange in Douglas County.

Two other offices opened up in December when David and Kim Knott resigned their positions as Steward and Flora of the State Grange due to David’s job transfer and their move to Florida. The delegates selected **Jacob Gwin** of Humptulips Grange in Grays Harbor County to fill the office of Steward and **Janelle Lierman** of Horseshoe Grange in Snohomish County to fill the office of Flora.

Bios and pictures of the five new officers will be included in next month’s issue of The Grange News.

A full election of officers will take place at the 2021 WA State Grange Session, currently scheduled for June 23-26 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Port Townsend.



# Session Recap

## Delegates Debate And Take Action On A Wide Range Of Subjects

The delegates to the Annual State Grange Session debated numerous subjects. Highlights of these actions are as follows:

### Agriculture

- We encourage the WSDA Pollinator Task Force to stay focused on its original mission of supporting healthy populations of pollinators and their habitat.
- We affirm that only products directly derived from animals may be labelled as meat or meat products.
- The Grange will support legislation to strengthen the bio security measures to keep animal diseases out of the United States.
- We ask the National Grange to lobby the USDA to require all states to have livestock identification programs.
- We ask the National Grange to lobby the USDA to require each state to have an animal disease traceability program.
- We encourage the WSDA and the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board to add the tree-of-heaven plant and poison hemlock to the noxious weed quarantine list.
- We support HR 7883, the Agricultural Fairs Rescue Act, or any other legislation that will financially assist the agricultural fairs across the nation in recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic and ask the National Grange to support the same legislation.
- We ask the WSDA and the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board to list Common Teasel as a Class B noxious weed and put it on the quarantine list in

Washington State.

- The Grange will work with the WSFA and the Washington State Legislature to undertake a study on how to proceed in providing USDA State Licensed inspection of meat processing thereby adding safety for the consumer while adding value for the producer.

### Education

- We support that all Washington school district staff (teachers, paraeducators, administrators, etc.) be trained in ways to teach and support all students in a virtual and/or online format.
- We support funding and creation of high-speed internet access for school students and staff across the State of Washington. We further acknowledge this to be a prime opportunity for Granges across the state to become increasingly involved in providing these services to their community.
- We support the reauthorization of the Secure Rural School and Communities Self Determination Act and urge Congress to provide adequate funding to support this legislation.

### Fish & Wildlife

- We urge the Department of Fish & Wildlife to develop a program for removing bears that damage young trees.

### Health, Health Care & Safety

- We support all individuals be vaccinated with the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine.

### National Legislative

- We support a national observance day honoring Eleanor Roosevelt, a fellow Granger, for her work and contributions both to the American people and on behalf of international human rights.
- The State Grange opposes any and all legislation to lower the current voting age of 18 years at the state and national levels.
- The State Grange recommends the term “Third World Countries” be replaced by the term “developing countries” in the National Grange Legislative Policy Book.
- The State Grange supports recommends the National Grange to update their policy on younger teens (ages 13-15) being afforded the opportunity to work at the same wage as older teens and adults.
- The State Grange recommends the National Grange to update terminology in their Legislative Policy Book by replacing the terms (illegal aliens”, “illegal immigrants”, and “non-resident aliens” with the term “undocumented immigrants”.
- We support the Local Journalism Sustainability Act and urge the National Grange to do the same.
- We urge Congress to keep the number of members of the United State Supreme Court at one Chief Justice of the United States plus eight associate justices. We oppose any legislation that will remove the lifetime tenure of the justices of the United States Supreme Court.

### State Legislative

- The State Grange supports that the costs of the Presidential Primary Election in the State of Washington be borne by the political parties and not by the taxpayers or any government entity in the State of Washington.
- The Grange supports legislation that would automatically terminate all “reversion” clauses in property deeds after 75 years in the State of Washington.
- The Grange supports that when the Governor of the State of Washington declares an emergency “prohibition” under the emergency authority statute, the emergency prohibition will remain in effect for no more than 30 days and may only be extended beyond 30 days by the approval of the state legislature. If the legislature is out of session, the leaders from both parties of the House of Representatives and Senate must unanimously agree to the extension.
- The Grange opposes efforts to defund or disband the police.
- The State Grange updated their policies regarding the Presidential Primary Election in the State of Washington to reflect current practices.

### Taxation & Fiscal Policy

- We oppose a per mile tax on hydrocarbon burning vehicles until such times that a comprehensive plan is put in place that would be equitable for all areas of the state, and that addresses privacy issues.
- The State Grange supports any government agency voting or proclaiming to waive rental payment to the landowners/ landlords be prevented from collecting any property taxes on the same parcels during the time that rental payments are waived.

### Transportation

- We urge the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to prioritize the repairs and maintenance of the Fort Columbia Tunnel to improve motorist safety.
- We support and lobby for legislation to include maneuvering roundabouts as part of the Washington State department of Licensing knowledge and driving tests.

### Veteran's Affairs

- We support the development of “tiny house” villages to house homeless veterans.

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also recommend methods of Granges paying their quarterly dues and other invoices to the Washington State Grange electronically.

- The delegates recommended to the Washington State Grange Foundation to change their scholarship rules that Grange membership in the State of Washington be required for all applicants of all ages for Washington State Grange educational scholarships.
- The delegates voted to include the membership obligation on all Grange membership applications printed at the State Grange Office. The delegates further recommended that upon receipt of the signed membership application accompanied by the appropriate membership

dues / fees that the application be read and voted upon at the next Grange meeting and that membership commences upon the approval of the application by the Grange membership.

- The State Grange recommends that National Grange set aside a minimum of 15% of rental income from the National Grange Building into a building repair and renovation fund. These funds shall be used to bring the building up to current code and ensure the building will be usable for generations to come. We further recommend the National Grange form a Standing Committee to oversee the building repair and renovations and explore potential Grange opportunities. The committee shall be comprised of at least one member in good standing from each region.

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

### Here's how you can help:

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# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## Youth

### Thank You Granges For Selling Our Youth Raffle Tickets



By Jerry Gwin  
State Youth Director

Thank you to those Granges who either sold or purchased the youth department raffle tickets. The drawing of the winners will be held this coming weekend. The winners will be announced in the next issue of The Grange News.

The raffle proceeds will go toward supporting the Grange youth activities in our state and to pay for youth travel over the upcoming year. We anticipate a large group of youth will be attending the Western Regional Youth and Leadership Conference in Boise in August 2021 and the National Grange Convention next November in Wichita, Kansas.

The program of youth activities will remain similar to the 2020 program. The youth program guide is available online or from the state office.

Happy Thanksgiving to you from the youth department.

Jerry Gwin

## Juniors

### Youth and Juniors Missed At Whirlwind Session



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson  
Junior Grange Director

What a whirlwind of a weekend “Convention” was. I attended the Long Beach location where we had fabulously sunny weather for our days there. It was different, and I would like to think a one-time necessities, but who knows. Everyone was a little bit frustrated with the situation but ultimately got down to business and we finished earlier than expected. For me, there was something major missing. Any Guesses? The Juniors and Youth.

Many delegates voiced the same opinion that the Youth and Juniors were greatly missed. As a family

organization, I think that we all take it for granted that the “kids” will always be there. They add so much noise, excitement, humor and energy to our meetings and convention.

It’s a little bit difficult to make plans for next year when we don’t know what will happen. Nonetheless, that is what I am trying to do. I am planning possible online programs that Juniors can do at home and electronically submit. My preliminary thoughts are developing a possible computer animation contest and trying to develop a program to get our Juniors thinking about the vast array of careers in agriculture.

These are just thoughts on my part and I still have a bit of research and development to do before these can happen.

National Convention is just a few weeks away, it too will be different, but business will get done one way or another. Soon after convention, I should receive the new 2021 National Junior program which will help me decide what our State program will look like. I look forward to next year and I have hopes there will be meetings and camps. If you have any ideas that you or your Junior would like to see, I would love your input. Have a great and safe Thanksgiving.

# Membership Corner

## Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS October 2020		
	# Joined	Jr. +1
Bethel #404.....	2	
Gabriel Salter, Shannon Cuss		
Fern Prairie #866.....	7	3
Donald Parks, Stuart Knight, Zachary Winkleman Kirk VanGelder, Jodi VanGelder, Tom Hanson Natcha Hanson		
Finley #414.....	5	2
Duane Morton, Kevin Morton, Wayne Vertz Nelle Vertz, E A McColley		
Fort Colville 533.....	1	
Minnie Kenyon		
Inland #780.....	2	
Lloyd A Vaughn, Heidi Vaughn		
Rexville #815.....	6	
Rick Anderson , Jane Anderson, Scott McKnight Kelly McKnight, Jon Thulen, Debbie Thulen		
Samish Valley #926.....	1	
Lea Lawrence		
San Juan #966.....	5	
Michaela Traynor, Marilyn Gresseth, John Gresseth Raeleen Hunter, Pete Nelson		
Stillaquamish #1058.....	2	
Kenneth Hartsock, Kristi Hartsock		
South Camano #930.....	2	
Carol Falls, Anne Ralston		
	# Joined	Jr. +1
TOTALS.....	33	5

## State Session is in the Books

State session was definitely different this year. We are all learning to adapt to new ways of staying connected and continuing our business from afar.

Thank you to Addy, Deer Lagoon, Long Beach and Swauk-Teaway Granges for hosting delegates for this year’s Zoom Meeting Session. And thank you to all the State Officers, Deputies and many others who helped to make this a great session. Technical difficulties aside, I think it went very well.

Since we were unable to have a traditional convention and do our membership drawings at the banquet, here are this years’ winners:

Congratulations to the winners of our subordinate Grange membership incentive program. This year four Granges each won \$250 Visa gift cards. Those Granges were Ralston Grange # 943, Five Mile Prairie Grange #905, Adna Grange #417 and East Oakville Grange #902. Congratulations on bringing in new members to our great organization!

Our Junior Grange membership incentive program this year had a total of five winners each receiving \$25 Visa gift cards. Congratulations to Camp Morehead Junior Grange who received two gift cards, as well as Mayfield Junior Grange who also received two gift cards and to Humptulips Junior Grange. Well done in bringing in new members!

Our Grange Month Display contest was won this year by Mountain Valley Grange #79

receiving \$100 and our Second-place winner was Thurston County Pomona Grange #8 who received \$50. Congratulations to each of you! I hope to see more entries this next year as it was very difficult for many to do their displays due to Covid-19.

Winners will also be in the 2020 Proceedings of the Washington State Grange. Congratulations again to all of our winners!

The individual membership contest continues until December 31, 2020. Now is the perfect time to include members of your community in joining your Grange. Look for updated winners in the December issue.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving.



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# National Grange News

## A View From The Hill - Autumn Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**  
National Grange  
Legislative Director

**AGRICULTURE AND FOOD**

**Free School Meals Continue**

Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue has authorized the extension of nationwide flexibilities to allow free meals for all children throughout the 2020-2021 school year regardless of whether the students are physically in the classroom or learning remotely. The meals will include both breakfast and lunch. The extension includes waivers which eliminate many regulatory hurdles and allows school nutrition staff to customize meal service to suit the specific needs of local school communities. Additional funding provided in the continuing appropriations law passed by Congress in late September made the extension possible.

**‘Swine Bomb’ Warning**

The nation’s wild hog population is surging, and over 9 million feral hogs have now invaded 35 states, warns the USDA. Texas has the most with over 2.5 million hogs that destroy a third of the crops on some farms and ranches. As an invasive species, they have been known to attack young cattle, sheep and goats. Populations have grown even more dramatically over the past 6 months as the coronavirus pandemic has kept hunters at home who normally are able to help control the feral population.

**Supreme Court Upholds Right to Farm**

The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected a challenge to overturn Indiana’s Right to Farm Act that claimed the Act violated the U. S. Constitution. The court ruled that just because the defendant switched from growing crops to a confined animal feeding operation, that conversion did not constitute

a “significant change” under the Indiana statute.

**Oat Milk Popularity Surges**

It’s just been a few years since oat milk first appeared on grocery shelves. Now, oat milk is the second most popular plant-based milk, edging out soy milk, to claim its place behind almond milk which has 63% of the plant-based market. Oat milk proponents say the product is high in protein and fiber, is allergy friendly, and ranks high on sustainability calculators because oats are not water intensive to grow.

**Impossible Foods Goal: Eliminate Animal Agriculture**

Impossible Foods, an investor-backed company deeply focused on creating plant-based food alternatives, is trying to hire top scientists to double the size of its research and development teams as it tries to end animal agriculture. Impossible’s next big innovation is expected to be dairy-free Impossible Milk that looks, acts and tastes just like cow’s milk. The company also wants to tackle a more realistic steak and fish alternative to compete with Beyond Meat and other companies.

**HEALTH CARE**

**COVID-19 Vaccine Options**

The National Grange filed comments October 15 with the FDA’s Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee to urge the FDA to consider any and all COVID-19 vaccine delivery options. The Grange suggested innovative options such as an oral vaccine in pill form should be pursued alongside the traditional injection format. For those from rural walks of life with limited access and formidable barriers, these innovative options will help assure a vulnerable population receives priority health and safety attention. The Grange comments received wide coverage in national media as well as local, rural and agricultural media outlets.

**Vaccination Survey**

Grange members across the country are currently participating in a survey to discover their

comfort level with accepting a COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. The survey also seeks to determine how likely a pill option for all vaccines will be utilized.

**Rural Versus Urban Death Rising**

A recent Syracuse University report shows mortality rates among working people living in rural areas compared to urban areas is widening. The report suggests the rural disadvantage is not limited to just one or two specific causes of death but persists across multiple diseases and injury categories. Increases in suicide, alcoholism, mental and behavioral disorders, diabetes, obesity, and respiratory diseases are major culprits.

**Cow Therapy**

Europeans are rushing to embrace an alleged wellness fad: cow-hugging. In these increasingly hectic and stressful times, people there are seeking calm wherever they can find it from frolicking through fields to adopting plants. The latest fad to reduce stress is cow-hugging. According to the BBC, cows are chosen for their warm body temperatures and calm demeanor.

**PAPER AS PREFERRED OPTION**

Many Grange members prefer to receive bills, notices, statements and more on paper by mail rather than digitally. They don’t want to be charged extra for the preferred paper option. The National Grange and the Keep Me Posted Coalition investigated how large corporations are addressing consumer needs and expectations. Recently the billing practices of the top 10 Fortune 500 telecommunications companies were evaluated to see how they align with KMP’s best practices that include:

- No charge for paper bills
- Prior customer consent to cease paper documents
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- Ability to revert back to paper
- Continued access to online options

Eight of the country’s top 10 telecommunications companies embrace these best

practices and put their customers’ preference first. These are AT&T, Comcast, Charter / Spectrum, T-Mobile, Century Link, Dish Network, Cox Communications and US Cellular.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Hybrid-Network Broadband Deployment**

The National Grange and a large group of agricultural, rural, businesses and civic organizations filed comments in support of Federal Communications Commission plans to update rules to allow the use of TV white space technology to expand hybrid-network technology broadband systems. Rule updates will allow higher transmit power, higher antennas for fixed devices in rural areas, and higher power mobile operations within geofenced areas.

**Rural Broadband Boost**

Phase one auction of the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund began October 29. The fund has \$16 billion over 10 years provided by Congress available to broadband providers to offer broadband and voice services to unserved areas with download speeds of at least 25 megabits per second download and 3 megabits upload. RDOF requires providers to offer at least one voice and one broadband service meeting the relevant service requirements to all locations within the awarded area. The National Grange has supported this initiative from the beginning. National Grange president Betsy Huber told several news outlets, “All of the publicity this year about the necessity of broadband has made Congress and the general public aware there are many areas in this country that are not connected.”

**Rural Hotspots**

Statistics show over 18 million Americans lack high-speed internet, including 9 million K-12 students and 400,000 public school teachers. Thankfully, temporary Wi-Fi hot spots are spring up in rural communities around the country. Look for these at places like Land O’Lakes facilities, Tractor Supply stores, rural electric coops, 4-H buildings and Grange halls.



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

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# Home & Family

## Family Living

### Annual Family Living Report Tips

By Helen Berg  
Family Living Director

Fall is here. The air has a nip to it and the colors are beautiful. It is time to make those final preparations for winter. We have blown out the sprinkler lines, rolled up the hoses, covered up outside faucets and brought in the final produce from the garden. The carrots will be fine with a nice blanket of leaves for a while.

Fall is also the time to be thinking about what you will be putting in your annual Family Living report so I would like to

give a few pointers for doing your report. I realize this has been an unusual year, however I know many of you have been working on projects at home while being sheltered in place. Be sure to check with your members and list what those projects have been. Try to put hours or numbers to these projects, for example, how many masks or comfort toys did you make. On the form given you circle the project and then put the number beside.

Some reports I received last year listed their special projects by month. This makes for a very easy



Helen Berg

and concise report to read. If you have ongoing projects list them by themselves.

Most of all make sure they are written legibly. I know that many of us have lost our beautiful penmanship, me included, so a typed report may help here. Most of all brag on yourselves. Include a picture or two. I'm looking forward to hearing what you have done during this pandemic.

Have a blessed holiday season and stay safe.

### Stillaguamish Grange Donates Dictionaries To Third Graders

On October 23rd and 26th, Stillaguamish Grange delivered dictionaries to four elementary schools (Cedarhome, Saratoga, Stanwood Elementary, and Twin City) in the Stanwood School District as part of the National "Words for Thirds" program. We have participated in the program since 2004.

This year was a challenge since we were not allowed into the classrooms. In most cases, the dictionaries had to be dropped at the entrance of the school. We usually have a presentation for the students. This year, Clarene Ricarte, who has many years of teaching experience, wrote a great third grade friendly speech for the teachers to give to their students when they handed out the dictionaries.

#### Letter included with Dictionaries:

**WORDS FOR THIRDS – AND MORE!**

These dictionaries are being presented to you by the Stillaguamish Grange #1058 of Stanwood as part of the National Grange's "Words for Thirds" program – but there is MORE to them just words! These dictionaries have a place for each student to put YOUR name in it because this is YOUR book!

These dictionaries have some sign language, world geography, and information on all of the United States presidents from George Washington through Donald Trump! On page 373, you will find the longest word in the English language! We hope that you will enjoy them and that they help make learning even MORE fun for you!

Some fun facts!

1. Did you know that the Grange is part of more than 2,100 hometowns across the United States? What is the Grange? It is a non-profit organization that promotes community service and family values! It was developed many years ago by people who were involved in farming!
2. Originally the Grange wanted to make sure that farmers got a fair price for their crops. The farmers worked hard to produce meat and crops. The railroad was the ONLY one who would buy and the farmers HAD to take what was offered to them. Does that sound fair? I don't think so either! The Grange worked as a group to get fair prices and now we still get our food from farmers who get paid what is right for the work!
3. Some of you may have your mail delivered to your home. Guess what? The Grange worked at making sure that mail was delivered to people who did NOT live in towns! Otherwise some of the families would have had to ride horseback into towns to get their mail – some 30 miles away! Do you think that would have happened EVERY day?
4. When you get into high school, you may join the FFA – that is a program that the Grange actively helped to get established! Students now learn skills in leadership, careers, and personal growth through FFA!
5. Can you imagine not having electricity? Well, guess what? The Grange helped to get electricity to rural areas – and that made life much easier for those farm families!
6. Girls – the Grange gave women the right to vote 50 years before CONGRESS did!

We REALLY do hope that you will enjoy these dictionaries – words are good and there is a lot more in these books - so dig in and learn!



Twin City Elementary (Top and middle Photo) and Stanwood Elementary (Bottom Photo) staff accepting the dictionaries.



### Not One Crumb Left

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Apple orchards, apple picking and apple desserts all scream fall. Glowing with bright yellows and reds, apples are juicy and more than ready to be used in your favorite fall recipes. If you're looking for something sweet and full of texture that can turn your taste buds upside down, look no further.

This scrumptious Spiced Apple Crumble is not only a family favorite but a holiday must-have. Kids and adults love the deliciously sweet apple chunks filling the bottom of the pan along with the crumble topping. Top this killer sweet treat with vanilla ice cream for a sensational, melty, oozing-with-goodness dessert no one can forget.

Nearly everyone loves a satisfying apple crumble, especially when it is baked to perfection and topped with creamy, cool vanilla ice cream. Not to mention the splash of lemon added to this mixture brings out a unique tart twist.

Find more recipes for the fall season and holiday fun at Culinary.net.

#### Spiced Apple Crumble Servings: 6-8

- Filling:**
- 6 medium Honeycrisp apples, peeled and cubed
  - 1 tablespoon white flour
  - 1/2 cup white sugar
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
  - 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
  - 2 lemons, juice only
- Topping:**
- 1 cup quick oats
  - 1 cup white flour
  - 1/2 cup light brown sugar
  - 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
  - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon powder
  - 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
  - 1/8 teaspoon salt
  - vanilla ice cream (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 F.

**To make filling:** In medium bowl, add apples, flour, sugar, cinnamon, cloves and lemon juice. Toss to evenly coat. Spread evenly in 8-by-8-inch baking dish.

**To make topping:** In medium bowl, add oats, flour, brown sugars, baking powder, cinnamon, melted butter and salt. Fork mixture to create crumbles. Pour crumble topping over apple mixture.

Bake 30-40 minutes, or until golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.



Grange Connection

COWLITZ COUNTY

**Rose Valley Grange** has been very busy. We had our first annual flu clinic in October. Our very first mini farmers market had a great turn out. Our annual holiday bazaar will be on December 5.

**GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**

**Elma Grange** has started up their monthly Garage Sales, the first weekend of each month.

**Humptulips Grange** obligated two new members in October, making a total of 12 new members so far this year. We are hoping to resume our monthly bingo activities in January. The food bank continues to serve 65 families each month. We will be partnering with the Hoquiam School District to provide internet access for students. The district will be sending a paraeducator our to the Grange hall to meet with students for a few hours each morning.

**LEWIS COUNTY**

**Oakview Grange** has managed to stay afloat in the shadows of COVID-19. As a Grange, it has entered the "Grange in Action" contest as well as submitting a

number of items in the National Lecturer's Publicity Contest. Members have also submitted entries in the National Grange Photography Contest. In September Oakview Grange received notice that they will receive a \$2,500 grant from the Lewis County Economic Development Council. The grants are to aid non-profit organizations dealing with the financial impact of the pandemic. Oakview Grange has been closed since March. This has heavily impacting its financial wellbeing. At the October 1st meeting, members decided to forego any further meetings for 2020 including their annual Thanksgiving potluck and BINGO night as well as the traditional Grange Christmas potluck and program. On October 23rd & 24th, Oakview Grange held their annual Fall Craft Bazaar which allowed 20+ vendors the opportunity to sell their wares to the public while adhering to masks and social distancing guidelines. Oakview's members put together a number of gift baskets that were raffled off in an effort to raise funds to cover the Grange's basic expenses (utilities, taxes and quarterly dues). A letter recapping this unique year

will be included with Oakview's annual dues notices to its members.

**STEVENS COUNTY**

**Camas Valley Grange** is planning a new twist on their November activities. November- the month for each grange member to count blessings, remain thankful, and make future plans. Since there is no way to predict updated Covid-19 restrictions, the free annual Community Christmas Dinner at Camas Valley Grange 842 is different for 2020. Anyone wanting a meal is to text their name and telephone number to one of two different numbers. Someone will call them back and get the information for the free "To-GO" meals, which will be prepared and ready to be picked up at the Grange in Springdale WA, and Santa will be there to hand out goodie bags for the children. That Information was on flyers which were posted around the Springdale community and posted on Facebook. It is hoped that grangers will continue to reflect on blessings, support local businesses, and be a blessing. May the upcoming 2021 year be easier for each one.

Pomona Connection

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange will meet on Saturday, November 14 at 10 a.m. at the North Willapa Harbor Grange Hall. Election of officers will be held. The 2021 calendar of events will be reviewed.

**MASON COUNTY POMONA**

Mason County Pomona has not held a meeting since January. We miss seeing each other but we stay in touch. Members with gardens are sharing with others in the community and repairs and projects are getting done on homes and Grange Halls, throughout the County. Covid19 has kept us close to home. A meeting is scheduled for November 21st, to be held at Twanoh Grange in Grapeview. That will be our final meeting of 2020. If we are able to meet, social distancing and masks will be required. In the meantime, stay well, keep fit and think positive.

RIVERSIDE POMONA

Riverside Pomona Grange will meet on Saturday, December 19 at 10 a.m. at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to vote to close the Pomona Grange, with the members and subordinate Granges assigned to the Sunnyside Pomona Grange, which will be renamed Yakima Valley Pomona Grange.

YAKIMA POMONA

Yakima Pomona Grange will meet on Friday, December 18 at the Fruitvale Grange Hall. The meeting will begin with a potluck at 12 p.m. and business meeting at 1 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to vote to close the Pomona Grange, with the members and subordinate Granges assigned to the Sunnyside Pomona Grange, which will be renamed Yakima Valley Pomona Grange.

Greenwood Grange Open House



Greenwood Grange recently held an open house for their Junior Grange. After their community Thanksgiving dinner they will host one more open house for more new members.



Oakview Grange Fall Bazaar Gift Baskets



Oakview Grange members put together a number of gift baskets that were raffled off at their annual Fall Craft Bazaar in an effort to raise funds to cover the Grange's basic expenses.



Rose Valley Grange Hosts Mini Farmers' Market



Rose Valley Grange 953 recently hosted their first mini farmers market. They had a great turnout, awesome baked goods and fresh grown produce.

Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are reminded to send their list of 2021 meeting dates, times, and locations to [grange@wa-grange.org](mailto:grange@wa-grange.org) for inclusion into this calendar.

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.

ADAMS	to be announced.
CHELAN	November 21, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Location to be announced. Social Luncheon will be at Smitty's in Wenatchee on November 19.
CLALLAM	November 8 at Dry Creek, annual planning meeting at 5 p.m., refreshments afterward.
CLARK	November 11 at Barberton, Thanksgiving potluck dinner at 6 p.m., business meeting at 7 p.m.
COLUMBIA	to be announced.
COWLITZ/WAHKIAKUM	November 21 at Rose Valley, 5:30 p.m. planning meeting, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. business meeting
DOUGLAS	to be announced.
EXCELSIOR	November 21 at The Valley, 10:30 a.m. Awards dinner and Harvest auction with proceeds to Camp NEWA Fund.
FERRY	to be announced.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	November 14 at North Willapa Harbor, 10 a.m. Will be election of officers.
ISLAND	to be announced.
KING	January 16, 2021 at Sammamish Valley, 10 a.m.
KITSAP	November 20 at Silverdale, 7:30 p.m.
Klickitat	November 14 at Centerville, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
LEWIS	November 7 at Cowlitz Prairie, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. December 5 at Ford's Prairie.
MASON	November 21 at Twanoh, 11 a.m.
OKANOGAN	November 14, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Location to be announced.
PEND OREILLE	December 12 at Fertile Valley, 11 a.m. Will be installation of officers.
PIERCE	November 7 at Marion, 10 a.m.
RIVERSIDE	to be announced.
SKAGIT	November 4 at Skagit Valley, 7 p.m. Will be election of officers. December 2 at Fredonia.
SNAKE RIVER	November 21 at Columbia Valley 10 a.m.
SNOHOMISH	November 21 at Kellogg Marsh, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. lunch. Will be election of officers.
SPOKANE	November 21 at Green Bluff, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Will be election of officers.
STEVENS	to be announced.
SUNNYSIDE	November 10 at Buena, 7:30 p.m.
THURSTON	November 5 at Black Lake, 7 p.m. meeting. Christmas Party will be December 3 at Violet Prairie, potluck at 6 p.m.
WHATCOM	November 18 at Haynie, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Will be election of officers.
WHITMAN	to be announced.
YAKIMA	November 20 at Fruitvale, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.



# Grange Connection

## Camas Valley Grange Hosts Haunted House

This year's Camas Valley Grange Haunted House was amazing. All State requirements were kept. Those wanting to go through the Haunted House had their temperatures taken and wore masks. Anyone with a fever was not allowed in. The amount of people going through at a time was limited. Everyone had a blast - there were a LOT of screams. "Thank You" is not a big enough word for the volunteers that worked so hard to put this on. It was decided that the free annual Community Christmas Dinner on the first Sunday of December will look a lot different this year. People are to call ahead for to-go dinners. These will be available for pick upon December 6 from 1pm to 3pm, and children will receive goodie bags and can say hello to Santa during that time. It is the wish of our Grange members that every person stays safe and healthy.



## Malo Grange Hosts Biggest Zucchini Contest

This year more and more people are out in their gardens. Pat Swan is the winner of Malo Grange's Biggest Zucchini Contest and wins bragging rights for Ferry County for a year. Each year the entries are getting larger and larger. Pat is continuing to exhibit her really green thumb, as she also won in 2017 and 2019.



## East Oakville Grange Continues Hall Improvements; New Lower Roof And More

East Oakville Grange has continued to work on improving the hall. The Grange raised enough funds to replace the lower roof on the hall. Members found rotted trusses and had to replace those in addition to the roofing. While Grange members thought they had the funds to replace the entire roof, the discovery of the rotted trusses meant the Grange was only able to complete the lower roof. We will continue fund raising and exploring grant opportunities to finish replacing the upper roof. After replacing the roof, we will start replacing the electrical panel and wiring in the hall.



(Top Photo) In addition to the roof, the back wall of the store room needed to be replaced. The extension on the left is the stage adjacent to the Grange meeting room.

(Middle Photo) The new roof on the entrance into the meeting hall.

(Bottom Photo) The new roof on the kitchen/dining area.

## Washington State Grange Takes Precautions To Protect Building

The Washington State Grange took precautions prior to the 2020 Election in anticipation of protests and riots. All first floor doors and windows were boarded up to protect the building. The Grange building remains open during business hours and will stay boarded until election anxieties subside.



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