



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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Reviving a Columbia Gorge Icon: Columbia Grange #87

Columbia Grange #87, is a historic icon located near Lyle, WA. It was organized November 5, 1889, five days before Washington would become the 42th State. The Grange and community have been using the original building for 132 years and it is currently

the oldest Grange Hall in the State in terms of continuous use.

Columbia Grange recently received notification they no longer meet the National Grange membership requirement. They need members to survive.

On Saturday June 12, thirteen

friends of the Grange met at the hall to plan its reorganization. Fortunately, some new membership applications were collected.

This historic sketch captures its early years:

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OCTOBER 2021 issue deadline – September 20th
Submissions can be sent to grangenews@wa-grange.org



Large Picture Above: Columbia Grange reorganization committee; Gary Jewell, Jocelyn Burns, Paige Turner, Lucille Bevis, Kathi Green, Charlie Deach, Annie Maguire, Michael Maguire, Eric Sloan, Bobbie Sloan, Marion Foxz Ann Barrepski, Ken Barrepski. Small Picture Above: Columbia Grange Hall.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

Due to Covid-19, many scheduled events are either cancelled or postponed. Please call prior to the event to confirm.

- AUGUST 6-8..... Western Regional Grange Leaders and Youth Conference, Boise ID
- AUGUST 25..... Zoom Update on State Grange Activities, 7 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 8..... State Grange Executive Committee Meeting, 9 a.m.
- SEPTEMBER 29..... Zoom Update on State Grange Activities, 7 p.m.
- OCTOBER 15..... State Grange Contest Entries (Lecturer, Family Living, Juniors) at Fruitvale Grange in Yakima. Check in Entries 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- OCTOBER 16..... Tour of the Central Washington Ag Museum and the Grange Library, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- OCTOBER 16..... State Grange Contest Open House, 1-4 p.m. at Fruitvale Grange Hall.
- OCTOBER 16..... Check Out State Grange Contest Entries, 5-7 p.m.
- OCTOBER 27..... Zoom Update on State Grange Activities, 7 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 9-13..... 155th Annual National Grange Session at Wichita, Kansas

By-Laws

SUNNYSIDE POMONA GRANGE will meet on October 11, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Lowe Naches Grange Hall to vote on changes to the bylaws, including changing their name to Yakima Valley Pomona Grange #11 and changing their meeting date to the Second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

RIVERSIDE VALLEY GRANGE #1047 will meet on October 20, 2021 at 7 p.m. to vote on their bylaws to change their meeting time to 7 p.m.

Mt. View Grange Awards



Deputy Lucille Bevis presents awards to Mt. View Grange for hall improvements and community service. Bruce Bolme, Vice President and Ruth Olin received the awards. Ruth had a presentation on all the work done on the hall and community service Mt. View has performed in the White Salmon area.

Lecturer's Department

Reviewing The 2021 Grange Fair Booth Contest Info



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

Since numerous fairs around the state are back in business this summer, I thought it would be a good idea to review the Fair Booth Contest information.

The objective of the fair booth program is to improve public opinion of the Grange and the community it serves by telling the story of agriculture. Rules for the contest are as follows:

Entries, postmarked by October 31, are to be mailed to the State Lecturer Leslie Jo Wells 18232 201st Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272. Each Subordinate and/or Pomona Grange putting a display in any fair is eligible to enter the contest. Grange Youth Groups (ages 14-35) creating a display and entering it in the name of the youth group at any fair are eligible for this class in the state contest. Granges participating in multiple fairs may have multiple entries.

The entry shall consist of a report (400 words maximum) describing the display and shall be accompanied by photographs and/or newspaper clippings.

The front page of the report shall include the following information: Grange name and number, name of the fair entered, contact person's name and mailing address, and division entered. All photos and clippings in the report shall be mounted on a piece of paper or cardstock – in other words, no loose clippings or photos. Clear, concise photos are important since the judges cannot see the actual booth. The report shall be no more than 8 total pages.

Subordinate Granges: There will be two divisions: Division I - Produce; and Division II - Project. Prizes in each division are sponsored by the Washington State Grange and will be: First Place - \$100; Second Place - \$75 and Third Place - \$50.

Pomona Granges: There will be two divisions: Division I - Produce; and Division II - Project (either agricultural, educational, or informational). Prizes in each division will be: First Place - \$100; Second Place - \$75 and Third Place - \$50.

Grange Youth Groups: All displays will be judged in one division using the Project

Division Score sheet. Prizes, sponsored by the Washington State Grange, are: First Place - \$50; Second Place - \$30; and Third Place - \$20.

Judging: Judging will be done by three qualified judges based on the following criteria:

Produce Division: Booth Arrangement and Design - 200 points; Livestock Products (quality, quantity, and variety) - 200 points; Agricultural Products/Seeds/Grains (quality, quantity, and variety) - 200 points; Horticultural Products (quality, quantity, and variety of herbs, forest products, fruits, nursery stock, flowers, etc.) - 200 points; and Vegetables (quantity, quality, and variety) - 200 points; for a total of 1000 possible points.

Project Division and the Youth Division: Choice of Message - 20 points; Supporting Data - 30 points; Visualization of Message/Design of Display - 30 points; and Originality - 20 points; for a total of 100 possible points.

If you have any questions, give me a call at 360 306-0905 or email at lesliewells@att.net.

An Update On Current State Grange Activities And Questions/Answers With The State Grange President

ZOOM MEETINGS: 4TH Wednesday at 7 p.m.

August 25 • September 29 • October 27

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President’s Message

Time For Granges To Resume Meetings And Activities

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

With the easing of restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is time for our Granges to go back to our work and meet regularly. For nearly 18 months, Granges have been allowed to meeting in alternative formats. While we were able to complete our business, the virtual meetings do not allow for the fellowship of a normal Grange meeting. The return to in-person meetings will provide our members with the human contact that so many have missed for the past year.

While returning to in-person meetings, we must remain cognizant of CDC and government recommendations. It is still recommended for unvaccinated persons to wear masks while indoors. There are some who recommend that everyone should wear a mask indoors. We also need to abide by the social distancing requirements. I ask that all Granges use a “common sense” approach for their meetings and activities as we move forward from the pandemic.

We held our 132nd Annual State Grange Session in June. We utilized a hybrid model

with meetings in two different locations who then zoomed together. Thank you to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Port Townsend and the BeeHive Grange in Wenatchee for the use of their facilities for our session. We also need to thank the BeeHive and Quimper Granges for making lunch available at the two locations.

I ask that all Granges use a “common sense” approach for their meetings and activities as we move forward from the pandemic.
-- Tom Gwin

The delegates to the session considered 29 resolutions and over 160 proposed changes to our legislative policy book. There were several proposed changes to the State Grange Constitution and Bylaws. While a summary of the actions is included in this issue, the Convention Proceedings will include a complete record of all actions taken at the session.

As this was a full election year for us, I want to congratulate our new officers.



Tom Gwin

Two officers, Executive Committee Brittney Oliver and Lady Assistant Steward Isabella Lierman, moved to new offices. There are three new faces to the officer line up: Assistant Steward Jonny Pittman, Treasurer Annie Scott, Gatekeeper Buch Ogden, and Ceres Debbie Fisch. Welcome to the State Officer Team! We will be meeting later this year to review our goals and objectives and to go through the floor work.

Thank you to our outgoing officers... Michael Beckman, Nicholas Oliver, Pam Figg, and Rusty Hunt. I’m sure the Has Beens are patiently waiting for your induction into their group in the near future.

We are in the middle of fairs and festival season. While some fairs cancelled early, others are moving forward with a full fair or some sort of hybrid event. I want to encourage your participation in your fair, but we need to remember to STAY SAFE AND STAY HEALTHY. Enjoy the remaining days of summer and continue working together for the benefit of our communities.

Legislative

New Rules For Those Who Hire Summer Workers



By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

Convention Committees were held via Zoom this year, but that did not limit discussion. Committee chairs went into convention well prepared and with numerous updates for the policy handbook. One of the purposes of the handbook is to help us all share the ideals and goals of the Grange with all, especially legislators. Committee were tasked with eliminating out of date and duplicate provisions and making the language as clear and concise as possible to make the handbook as useful as possible.

Policy and perspectives are constantly changing so keeping the handbook up to date is a never-ending job. If you heard something at convention that you want to delve into more deeply, start thinking now about a resolution for next year. If you think there is an aspect of an issue that may have been missed, share your ideas with others in your local Grange and come up with a new resolution.

During the year, any time you see something in the news that you would like to see the Grange take action on, look through the handbook to see if we already have policy, then share your ideas with others and start writing. When it comes to writing resolutions, it can be helpful to work with others. Input from a small group helps to round out ideas.

New rules for those who hire summer workers:

For those of you who hire workers to help with harvest, the Department of Labor & Industries just enacted new emergency rules to protect outdoor workers from wildfire smoke. The new rule requires employers to train workers on the risks of wildfire smoke and safety when pollutants reach 20.5 micrograms per cubic meter (Air Quality Index, AQI 69). When levels exceed 55.5 micrograms per cubic meter (AQI 151), employers must also provide respirators for voluntary use. Employers must also monitor air quality and update Accident Prevention Plans to include information about smoke. This new rule is similar to the California rule.

A week earlier, the Department of Labor & Industries adopted another new rule to protect employees from extreme heat. The new regulations, which took effect on July 13, are in addition to existing rules. When the temperature is at or above 100 degrees, employers must respond to the extreme heat by providing shade or another way for employees to cool down; and ensuring workers have a paid cool-down rest period of at least 10 minutes every two hours.

When temperatures are at or above 89 degrees, the new rules combined with existing rules require employers to provide water that is cool enough to drink, allow and encourage workers to take additional paid preventative cool-down rest breaks to protect from overheating and have a written outdoor heat exposure safety program and providing training to employees.

The emergency rules update existing rules that are in place annually from May through the end of September. The existing rules already require ready access to at least one quart of drinking water per worker per hour, an outdoor heat exposure safety program with training, and an appropriate response to workers who are experiencing heat-related illness symptoms.

Community Service

Ideas Where Your Extra Produce Could Help Your Community

By Heather Ferguson
Community Service Director

Is your garden an over-producer? Do you have zucchini coming out of your ears? Is your refrigerator, back porch and kitchen counters full of vegetables? Well here are 10 ideas where your extra produce could help your community.

When giving produce, please contact the organization or person first, before arriving with or leaving produce.

- 1) Food Bank
- 2) Homeless Shelter
- 3) Charity Soup Kitchen
- 4) Fire Station – Perhaps the crew would enjoy fresh veggies at dinner

- 5) Farm Animal Sanctuary
- 6) Animal Shelters that have guinea pigs and/or rabbits
- 7) Cook a meal for a neighbor in need
- 8) Post on Crop-Swap or a Buy Nothing – Free site
- 9) Put it on the curb with a “Free” sign
- 10) Sell it and donate the money to charity



Heather Ferguson

2022 State Session Dates And Location Announced

The 133rd Annual Session of the Washington State Grange will be held June 22-25, 2022 at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup.

The Northern District will host the session, which includes all Granges in Pierce, King, Snohomish, Island, San Juan, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties.

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS

June / July 2021

	# Joined	Jr. +1
404 Bethel	2	
Diann Pfundt , Fred Pfundt		
647 Broadway	55	
Lyn Backe, Elaine Beaudry, Ron Beaudry, William Bosch, James L. Boyd, Susan Boyd, Brett Cannon, Cheryl Cannon, Terry Ann Carkner, Claire Carpenter, Nancy Chott, Julie Conley, Charles Forster, Randie Gottlieb, Steven Gottlieb, Sharon Grant, Stan Helmka, Scott Hilliard, Joan Jacobs, Shelly Jenkins, Ken Jones, Dave Kirk, Susan Lattomus, Mel Leskinen, Sheila Leskinen, Kara Lolley, Linda Manske, Steve Manske, Dalia K. Maraoulaite, Jackson Mayes, Joy McKinney, Kathy Medford, Jonelle Mejica, Corinna Michels, Gary Miller, Randy Norheim, Jenifer Pacsons, Lois Paul, Leonard Rickey, Midge Rickey, Lynnel Rowan, Amelia Rutter, Mary Lou Shean, Blair Shean, Louise Smart, Harry Staven, Lissa Staven, Sara Staven, Magda Szteke, Sylvia Vanourek, Melody Westmoreland, Cindy Whitlock, Ed Whitlock, Ulla Whitmont, Will D. Yates		
163 Brighton Park	1	
Chloe Johnson		
87 Columbia	15	
Ann Barrepski, Kenneth Barrepski, Jr, Jocelyn Burns, Kris Burns, Charlie Deach, Nathan Fleming, Kathi Green, Theresa Kimmes, Michael Maguire, Eric Sloan, Roberta Sloan, Erin Stelljes, Paige Turner, Claudine Wade, Sara Wade		
1123 Crescent	1	
Trisha Lovgren		
846 Deer Lagoon.	44	6
Jacob Anderson, Lois Anderson, James Breilling Jr, James Canby, Laura Canby, Larry Christianson, Will Collins, Jeanne Congdon, Kaylee Deisher, Damian Greene, Maureen Green, Damian Greene, Dale Hagglund, Tara Hammons, David Hardesty, Jennifer Hardesty, Serenity Hardesty, Allison Harter, Luca Harter, Zac Harter, David King, Margaret King, Dave Mathews, Kara Mathina, James Meany, Janet Piehler, Polly Pong, Robert Rose, Rebecca Ruby, James Sheldon, June Shellene, Lark Shugar, Ronald Shugar, Dave W Smith, Joanna Spagnolini, William Szczepaniak, Dawn Tarantino, Edward Tarantino, Justin Tennonson, Kelsey Tennonson, Judy Thorp, Michael Thorp, Trevor Wilmoth, Kelly Wrightson, James Wrightson		
866 Fern Prairie	3	
Marc Elkins, Debbie Friedrich, Jon Friedrich		
1094 Fertile Valley	1	
Laura Coppock		
545 Fredonia	1	
Linda Tunstall		
94 Glenwood	2	
Jerrold Dean, Kara Griffin		
124 Grays River.	2	
Ella Ammer, Patricia Wooden		
300 Green Bluff.	1	
Melanie Pfaff		
1060 Lopez Island.	3	
Susannah Dunlap, Noreene Ignelzi, Suzanne Walker		
1101 Manor	1	
Josh Riches		
796 Manson	10	
Carl Blum, Kathy Blum, Jeff Conwell, Doug England, Jama England, Mona Ferguson, Norm Manly, Megan Schenwald, Amiko Severns, Jim Severns		
769 North Creek Valley.	3	
Elizabeth Berg, Loyd Harris, Bruce Selin		
311 Oakview	3	
Cathy Garske, Aleta Genzel, Robert Genzel		
115 Pine Grove	1	
Tadd Davis		
815 Rexville	1	
Gary Serwold		
953 Rose Valley	1	
Stephanie Clark McNally		
702 Roy	10	2
Karl Coulson, Daniel Hilsabeck, Erika Hilsabeck, Blain Nelson, Laura Nelson, Ryan Paetz, Wanda Paetz, Keith Ross, Amanda Sinz, Codi Winans		
955 Sallal	5	
Kimberly Borum, Melinda Nichols, Melissa Richmond, Cindy Snyder, George Storrs		
926 Samish Valley.	1	
Alma Ramey		
966 San Juan Island	25	
Alicia Brattin, Jeannett Choe, Yaim Cooper, Elizabeth Farr, Elexis Fredy, Russell Fredy, Tom Fuhrmann, Natalie Hall, Becky Kilpatrick, Pete Kilpatrick, Brook Landers, John Latimer, Siegfried Lehman, Jessa Madosky, Gave Maas, Deborah Nolan, Mark Noyes, Carolina Ramos, Kyle "Timber" Rose, Marvin Severn, Emily Scofield, Jess Simone, Steve Simpson, Derek Smith, Rick Waldron		
183 Satsop	8	
Janice Danker, Georgina Delorme, Harry Delorme, John Fox, Patricia Fox, Carol Jones, Virginia Krikava, George Welch		
1108 Sequim Prairie.	5	
Katherine Gould, Weston Opdyke, Tanya Opdyke, Jean Pratschner, Mike Richer		
425 Skamokawa	5	
Lynn Campbell, Andy Cristaldi, Christine Darby, Lorraine Dietz, Denise Subramaniam		
105 Silver Lake	2	
Karen Walker, Randy Walker		
379 Skokomish	3	
Shawn Buechel, Michelle Endicott, Rick Endicott		
586 Terrace Heights	1	
Linda Babbitt		
1019 Tunk Valley	3	
Max Frazier, Vern Frazier, Debra Lee		
610 Tyler.	6	
Theresa Finley, Kevin Gray, Ruth Gray, Tommi Hammons, Oliver Harrington, Sandy Harrington		
TOTALS	225	8

Getting Back to Community

We are experiencing quite a growth within the Grange. Pinpointing what is driving this growth can be a bit tricky but one thing we are seeing is an expansion of community. Of bringing back core values in families. We have Granges bursting with new growth. Growth in family memberships, Teen, and Junior plus 1 membership and growth in Junior Grange re-organizations as well.

As of June 15th, of this year, we matched the new member growth we had in 2020 with a total of 291 new members. Now of course it was a crazy year with the corona virus nipping at our heals and stopping a lot of the momentum we had built in the first three months of 2020. But all in all, 291 new members in a year is pretty darn good. Especially in a year of a pandemic, so hitting 291 on June 15th was quite an accomplishment and we were very excited to do that in just the first six months of 2021.

Now we look at today's numbers, after just seven months of 2021 we have already reached 464 new members! That is 173 new members since June 15th just a month and a half later. Can you say "WOW"!

The State President in his Address to the delegate body at this year's state session, asked the delegates to help us get to 500 new members by December 31st. Well as of today, we are just 36 members away from that goal. So, it only seems right to make ourselves a new goal for 2021, right? Let's try to reach 750 new members! Can we do that? I believe we truly can.

Also in his Address, the State President challenged each Grange to replace a member if

your Grange loses a member for any reason. Is that really too much to ask to be sure we keep our Granges engaged and active? It's really that simple. We must replace the members we lose (at the very least). Our goal this year is to have a net gain for the State of Washington. That is a hard mission, but we believe that if we all work together and if we continue with this momentum, we can and will do it! Why not 2021?

We have seen members go door to door asking community members to join their Grange. Is it hard to do? Sometimes. But is it rewarding to have found

new members for your Grange that have new ideas and want to help bring both the community and the Grange together? Absolutely!

Now is the time to reach out and ask others to join your Grange. I challenge you to add just one new member by this fall. What if everyone in your Grange added just one new member? What would happen with your Grange? Would you start to create excitement within the Grange? I truly believe so. Let's grow this Grange and show everyone that the Grange is here to stay, and we are alive and ready to assist.

Our Membership Hard At Work

Many of our Granges have obviously been hard at work this year. Here are the Granges that have added 5 or more new members so far in 2021:

Grange Name:	Number of New Members:
Deer Lagoon #846.....	76
Broadway #647	55
Addy #603.....	30
Roy #702	29
San Juan #966.....	25
Columbia #87	14
Orchardvale #334.....	14
Rose Valley #959	13
Steptoe #1005	12
Manson #796.....	10
Oakview #311	10
Satsop #183	8
Sallal #955	8
Waller Road #1111.....	7
Sequim Prairie #1108.....	6
Tyler #610	6
Dry Creek #646.....	5
Skokomish #379	5
The Valley #1048.....	5

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Grangers for bringing in 3 new members into your Grange. You will each receive the membership t-shirt with our mission statement.

- Shelly Jenkins – Broadway #647
- Annie Maguire – Columbia #87
- Jocelyn Burns – Columbia #87
- Justin Nichols – Deer Lagoon #846
- Andrew Berg – North Creek Valley #769
- Roger Ellison – San Juan Island #966
- Bruce Niemi – Satsop #183
- Terri Ragan – Skokomish #379
- Pam Bright – Terrace Heights #586
- Bob Shea – Tyler #610

Congratulations to the Grangers who have brought in 5 or more new members into your Grange. You have each won a \$25 Amazon gift card for every 5 new members brought in.

- Shelly Jenkins..... Broadway..... 5- \$25 Amazon Gift Cards
- Annie Maguire..... Columbia..... 1- \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- Robin Flem Deer Lagoon..... 1- \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- Nicole Nickel..... Rose Valley 1- \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- Michael Lindsay..... Roy..... 2- \$25 Amazon Gift Cards
- Roger Ellison San Juan Island..... 3- \$25 Amazon Gift Cards
- Bruce Niemi..... Satsop 1- \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- Bob Shea Tyler 1- \$25 Amazon Gift Card

Contest runs from January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2021.

There are many members close to receiving their membership t-shirt. So, let's get out there and invite our friends and neighbors to join the Grange!

Session Recap

Session Photo Memories



WA State Grange Delegates Debate, Vote On Internal Issues

Delegates to the 132nd Annual Session debated and voted upon several internal issues aimed toward moving the organization forward.

Grange Law:

- The delegates updated the bylaws to reflect an increase in the \$2 fee to a \$5 fee when the annual dues are collected directly from the member by the Washington State Grange.
- The delegates updated the bylaws by eliminating the Cooperative Committee and assigned the work of the former to committee to the Legislative Committees and the Grange Activities Committee, as appropriate.
- The delegates update the bylaws by redefining the order of business at the State Grange Session to allow for increased flexibility with the session schedule.
- 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.
- A definition of “Probation” was added to the State Grange Bylaws to be used when a deficiency occurs but does not warrant the suspension of the Grange’s charter and may be remedied in a reasonable time.
- Several minor modifications were made to the state bylaws by eliminating paragraphs that conflicted with the National Grange Digest of Laws. In most instances those items were eliminated from the State Grange Bylaws and references made to the National Grange Digest of Laws.
- The delegates approved a resolution making the titles of President and Vice President the primary titles of those offices in the Grange and ask the National Grange to update the Digest of Laws to reflect this change. The State Grange Bylaws change was rejected as it did not receive the required 2/3 vote to update the bylaws.
- The delegates recommended increasing the fee when a State Grange is late on their fees to the National Grange from 0.5% per month to 2% per month. This recommendation will to the National Grange for their consideration.
- The delegates voted to ask the National Grange Digest of Laws be changed to allow symbols of other religious faiths on the altar along with the Bible if a Subordinate or Pomona Granges chooses to do so.

Grange Activities:

- The delegates recommend our State Grange to develop an introductory letter for new Youth and Junior Grange members summarizing programs and activities available to each age group.
- The delegates recommend the State Grange develop a program for 13-14 year old Junior Grange Members to assist in the Junior Grange Graduation Ceremony and to ease in the transition to Subordinate Grange Membership. The delegates further recommended Subordinate Granges utilize the Junior Grange Graduation Ceremony to graduate their 1+ Junior Grange members.



GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

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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 support a program to educate beekeepers about the requirement to ask landowner permission before placing bees and to require beekeepers to make hive location information available to pesticide applicators to better protect hives.
- We encourage that imitation dairy products be plainly labeled and that products not produced from the mammary gland of a mammal shall not be labeled as milk.
- We support the development of a state meat and poultry inspection program that allows increased options for both consumers and producers.
- We encourage state agencies to consider the Economic Impact Statement (EIS) prior to implementing regulations that will affect the profitability of agriculture.
- We encourage the USDA to require each state to have an animal disease traceability program. We further encourage a state animal traceability program with adequate funding to maintain and operate the system.
- We oppose importing foreign products that do not meet U.S. standards. We support the labeling of all foreign products and their additives imported into the U.S. We recommend all imported food products be labeled as such. We encourage strict inspections by U.S. inspectors to ensure foreign food products meet U.S. standards.
- We recommend state and federal governments utilize integrated vegetation management for weed control with an emphasis on biological control methods.
- We oppose any application of the Business & Occupation (B&O) tax on retail sales of agricultural products sold by the producer directly to the consumer.
- We support seasonal flexibility for overtime pay for

agricultural employees.

Conservation and Ecology

- We oppose efforts to create additional wilderness, State & National Parks, National Monuments, or natural preserves designated areas in Washington State.
- We support the development of commercial solar farms be regulated to include: solar farm development be restricted from agricultural and grazing land; solar farm development be restricted near populated areas; zoning and construction regulations should not be altered to attract solar projects; a solar panels currently have a life expectancy of 25 years, a plan for clean-up and recycling of materials shall be included in the permit to ensure land can be returned to its original state if or when the project terminates, plus a reclamation fund be established.
- We believe proposed riparian management regulations should be reviewed to ensure consistency with peer reviewed science before adoption and/or implementation.
- We encourage the Washington State legislature to fully from the Forest Riparian Easement Program (FREP).
- We support forest management policies that allow the post-harvest cutting of firewood.
- We recommend that if forest land is lost to production due to riparian rulings and regulations made by the various levels of government, the landowner shall be compensated for the fair market value of the land and the timber. Loss of timber due to stream setbacks shall be compensated in the same manner.

Education

- We support a simple majority for the passage of school levies, and bond issues that support new and/or upgraded facilities.
- We encourage parents and school to Improve safety education for bicyclists.

Fish & Wildlife

- We support policies designed to recover wild steelhead stocks in our state.
- We support educating students about fish propagation.

Health, Health Care & Safety

- We believe basic Medicare should pay at least \$500 coverage per hearing aid.

National Legislative

- We oppose blanket amnesty for undocumented immigrants.
- We oppose the 30 By 30 America the Beautiful Initiative.
- We urge implementation of either Daylight Saving Tim or Standard Time on a year-round basis in the State of Washington.

State Legislative

- We believe that when a convicted criminal appeals a conviction, all issues that are known should be included to eliminate multiple appeals at taxpayer expense.
- We support legislation that would limit a state agencies' ability to write new rules to ensure necessity and eliminate duplicate outdated, or excessively burdensome provisions.
- We support the intent of spending limits spelled out as currently defined in RCW 43,135,010 to establish a limit on state expenditures that will assure that the growth rate of state expenditures does not

exceed the fiscal growth rate in Washington.

- We support legislation which allows and encourages consumer groups, municipal corporations, and public utility districts to establish and enhance the use of broadband and telecommunication facilities.
- We ask that the Secretary of State be a non-partisan office in the State of Washington.
- We believe that counties be allowed more flexibility in how they meet the goals of the Growth Management Act.

Taxation & Fiscal Policy

- We believe the sales and use tax on a motor vehicle should be based on the actual sales price of the vehicle.
- We support legislation to create a federal tax exemption for the first \$5,000 of income earned by agricultural students from projects completed in 4-H, FFA, and other youth organizations.
- We support legislation to reauthorize the provision allowing farmers markets to take place for up to 53 days per year on property considered tax exempt as a public assembly hall or community celebration facility under RCW 84.36.037.

Transportation

- We believe any low carbon fuel standard should require a portion of biofuel stocks to be

purchased from Washington State producers.

- We oppose highway tolls as a course of general revenue for the State of Washington.
- We urge state and local agencies to eliminate the use of corrosive ani-icer and instead use alternate methods that are less harmful to highways and the environment.
- We recommend crosswalk lights include visual and audible countdown timers where appropriate, to allow all individuals, including those with disabilities, to safely cross the street.
- We recommend that roadway markings on all public roads should be inspected at least once per year. If markings are found to be deficient, restriping and reflector replacement should be scheduled in a timely manner.
- We believe that installation of rumble strips should be encouraged on all state routes in Washington and on all interstate highways.
- Resolved, we support continued research and development of road use assessments to determine the feasibility of transitioning to road use charges as the primary source of funding of road and highway construction and maintenance.
- We support legislation to maintain and improve the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad.

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2021 Summary Of Resolutions

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

RES. NO.	TITLE	SPONSORING GRANGE	COMMITTEE REFERRAL
1	Medical Care for Veterans	Clark County Pomona #1	Rejected
2	Support the Need to Replace Fossil Fuel Taxation at the Pump	Clark County Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended
3	Meaningful Food Labeling Laws	Clark County Pomona #1	Rejected
4	Ending Surprise Medical Bills	Clark County Pomona #1	Rejected
5	Back Overtime Pay	Whitman County Pomona #2	Rejected, covered by Resolution 21
6	Preserving and Enhancing the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad	Clark County Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended
7	Changing Family Living Director to An Appointed Position	Ford's Prairie #33	Rejected
8	Alternative Residential Building Materials	Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28	Rejected
9	Making President and Vice President the Primary Titles of Grange Officers	Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28	Adopted, will send to national
10	Delinquent Dues Payable from State Granges to the National Grange	Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28	Adopted, will send to national
11	Supporting the Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad	Clark County Pomona #1	Rejected
12	Non-Partisan State Offices	Issaquah Valley #581	Adopted
13	Religious Symbols at Grange Meetings	Humptulips #730	Adopted, will send to national
14	Student Agriculture Protection Act	Humptulips #730	Adopted as Amended
15	Oppose the 30 by 30 America the Beautiful Initiative	Whitman County Pomona #2	Adopted as Amended, will send to national
16	Broadband Internet for Rural Areas	Whitman County Pomona #2	Rejected
17	Growth Management Act	Whitman County Pomona #2	Rejected, covered by Resolution 25
18	Electric and Hybrid Vehicles	Whitman County Pomona #2	Rejected
19	Commercial Solar Farm Development	Klickitat County Pomona #5	Adopted as Amended
20	Riparian	Sunnyside #129	Adopted as Amended
21	Agriculture Overtime Exemptions	Sunnyside #129	Adopted as Amended
22	Forest Riparian Program (FREP)	Sunnyside #129	Adopted as Amended
23	Global Warming	Sunnyside #129	Rejected
24	Charging Per Mile Tax on Electric and Hydrid Vehicles	Sunnyside #129	Rejected
25	Growth Management Act	Sunnyside #129	Adopted as Amended
26	Election of State Wide Offices	St. Andrews #832	Rejected
27	Light Pollution	St. Andrews #832	Rejected
28	Daylight Savings Time	St. Andrews #832	Rejected, covered by committee recommendation
Taxation #1	Farmers Markets on Tax Exempt Property Considered Public Assembly Halls or Community Celebration Facilities	Taxation Committee	Adopted

Session Recap

Washington State Grange Elects Officers

In accordance with the by-laws, the Washington State Grange held their biannual election of officers at their 132nd Annual Convention, held June 24-26 held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Port Townsend and the Bee Hive Grange Hall in Wenatchee. The two locations were connected via Zoom.

Tom Gwin was reelected as the President of the Washington State Grange. Gwin, a member of Humptulips Grange in Grays Harbor County, was selected to continue leading the state organization for the next two years.

Also reelected was Vice President David Bryant, a member of Elk Plain Grange in Pierce County. Bryant begins his first full term as the State Vice President, having previously served in a one-year unexpired term.

Leslie Wells, the Master of Tualco Grange in Snohomish County, was reelected State Lecturer, while Jacob Gwin of Humptulips Grange in Grays

Harbor County was reelected to his first full term as the State Grange Steward. Pam Mathews of South Union Grange in Thurston County was reelected as the Chaplain, while Terry Abbott of Mossyrock Grange in Lewis County was reelected as the State Secretary. Alexis Kudsk of Haynie Grange in Whatcom County was reelected to be the State Pomona, while Janelle Lierman of Horseshoe Grange in Snohomish County was reelected to a full term as the State Flora. Helen Berg of St. Andrew Grange in Douglas County was given the nod by her reelection as the State Director of Family Living.

Former State Lady Assistant Steward Brittney Oliver was selected for a 3-year term on the State Grange Executive Committee. Oliver is a member of Moses Lake Grange in Grant County. Oliver will succeed Rusty Hunt in the position.

Grange drills and floor work will be led by two new officers. Jonathan Pittman of Moses Lake Grange in Grant County

was selected to succeed Michael Beckman as the State Grange Assistant Steward, while Isabella Lierman of Horseshoe Grange in Snohomish County was elevated from Ceres to Lady Assistant Steward. Lierman succeeds Oliver in her new position.

Annie Scott of Pleasant Hill Grange in Cowlitz County will succeed Pam Figg as the State Grange Treasurer. Scot previously served as the Flora of the State Grange.

Another Cowlitz County Granger, Bernard “Butch” Ogden of Sunnyside Grange was elected to be the Gatekeeper. Ogden succeeds Nicholas Oliver as the Gatekeeper.

Debbie Fisch, a member of Bee Hive Grange in Chelan County, joins the officer team as the State Grange Ceres. The position came open when Isabella Lierman moved to the Lady Assistant Steward position.

Two members of the Executive Committee were not up for election this year. Duane Hamp of Five Mile Prairie in

Spokane County has one year remaining on his term, while Rick Ferguson of Waitsburg Grange in Columbia County has two years remaining on his term.

2021-2022 Washington State Grange Officers	
President:	Tom Gwin
Vice President:	David Bryant
Lecturer:	Leslie Wells
Steward:	Jacob Gwin
Assistant Steward:	Jonathan Pittman
Lady Assistant Steward:	Isabella Lierman
Chaplin:	Pam Mathews
Treasurer:	Annie Scott
Secretary:	Terry Abbott
Gatekeeper:	Bernard “Butch” Ogden
Ceres:	Debbie Fisch
Flora:	Janelle Lierman
Pomona:	Alexis Kudsk
Executive Committee - 3 Year:	Brittney Oliver
Executive Committee - 2 Year:	Rick Ferguson
Executive Committee - 1 Year:	Duane Hamp
Director of Family Living:	Helen Berg

Meet Your State Officers



TOM GWIN – PRESIDENT

Tom Gwin was reelected to serve as the State Grange President for the next two years. Tom is a fifth generation Grange member of Humptulips Grange in Grays Harbor County. He is employed as the Manager of the Washington State 4-H Fair. Tom is currently the Secretary of Humptulips Grange and Lecturer of Grays Harbor/ Pacific Pomona Grange. Previously, Tom served as the State Grange Lecturer for 16 tears, Assistant Steward for 4 years, Gatekeeper for 2 years, and Youth Director for 6 years. He has been on the National Grange Youth Team and the National Grange Community Service Committee. He was the State Convention Steering Committee Chairman in 1994, 2013, and 2014. With what spare time is available, Tom enjoys cooking, gardening, visiting the beach, and needle arts.



DAVID BRYANT – VICE PRESIDENT

David Bryant, a member of Pierce County’s Elk Plain Grange, was elected to his first full term as the State Grange Vice President. David is a retired Computer Support Specialist with the Washington State Legislature’s Joint Legislative Systems Committee. He and his wife, Mary, have three daughters and five grandchildren. David serves as the Secretary of his Subordinate Grange, Treasurer of his Pomona Grange, and is the Master for five-degree teams in his county. He serves on the Board of Director of The Village (a condominium) and is the former President of the Grange Rural Retirement Housing Association (Pomona Villa). His hobbies include crocheting, cooking, and spending time in Westport.



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LESLIE WELLS – LECTURER

Leslie Wells, a member of Snohomish County’s Tualco Grange, serves as the State Grange Lecturer. Leslie is retired from A T & T. She is serving as the Lecturer of both Tualco Grange and Snohomish County Pomona. She is a past Master of both Granges as well. She served as a Fire District Commissioner for 12 years. Leslie enjoys paper crafting, quilting, needlework, and reading.



JACOB GWIN – STEWARD

Jacob Gwin is a sixth-generation member of Humptulips Grange in Grays Harbor County. Jacob was elected to the position of State Grange Steward. He is employed with PNWQ Printworks in Aberdeen. Jacob is the Chaplain for Humptulips Grange and the Assistant Steward for Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange. He was the State Grange Youth Ambassador for 2017-2018 and went on to be named as the National Grange Youth Ambassador for 2018. He has been a member of the National Grange Youth Officer Team and served as drill co-captain for the rose drill at the 2017 state and national conventions. Jacob enjoys video games and playing sports in his spare time.



JONNY PITTMAN – ASSISTANT STEWARD

A relatively new Granger, Jonny Pittman was selected to serve as the Assistant Steward for the Washington State Grange. A member of Moses Lake Grange in Grant County, Jonny is employed as a Research Chemist at Moses Lake Industries. He is engaged to Brittney Oliver and has a wedding planned for this fall. Jonny is the Gatekeeper and an Executive Committee Member for Moses Lake Grange. He was the recipient of the National Grange’s John Trimble Legislative Experience in 2019 and was a member of the National Grange Youth Officer Team in 2018. In his spare time, Jonny enjoys working on old cars, trucks, and buildings. He enjoys welding, fabricating, and watching sports of any kind.



ISABELLA LIERMAN – LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD

Isabella Lierman was elected to serve as the new Lady Assistant Steward for the State Grange. Isabella is a member of Horseshoe Grange in Snohomish County. She is a 2021 graduate of Washington State University, where she majored in Elementary Education and German. Formerly the State Grange Ceres, Isabella has been on the National Grange Youth Officer Team and served in several offices at the subordinate and Pomona Grange levels. She was a trumpet girl for the seventh degree at the 2017 National Grange Session. In her spare time, Isabella enjoys painting, reading, traveling, playing cards, watching football (go hawks and cougs!), and training her German Shepherd.



PAM MATHEWS – CHAPLAIN

Pam Mathews, a member of Thurston County’s South Union Grange, will be serving as the State Grange Chaplain. Pam is a delivery driver for a flower shop in the Olympia area. She is currently the Treasurer of South Union Grange and the Pomona for Thurston County Pomona Grange. She previously served as Master, Treasurer, Chaplain, Lecturer, Secretary and numerous other offices at the subordinate and Pomona level. Pam is a Past Lady Assistant Steward and Youth district Director for the State Grange. She is involved with Thurston County Search & Rescue and the Mounted Patrol Unit. Pam enjoys riding horses and reading.



ANNIE SCOTT – TREASURER

Annie Scott of Pleasant Hill Grange #101 in Cowlitz County was elected to serve as the State Grange Treasurer. Annie is a retired small business owner. She and her husband, Lonnie, have three children and four grandchildren. She currently serves as the Lady Assistant Steward for Pleasant Hill Grange and the Cowlitz County Pomona Grange. Annie previously served a term as the State Grange Flora. She has participated in many talent contests, receiving first place in the vocal division. She was also the second-place winner in the State Grange Baking Contest in 2017. In her spare time, Annie enjoys hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, canning, baking, cooking, and raising chickens.



TERRY ABBOTT – SECRETARY

Terry Abbott, a member of Mossyrock Grange in Lewis County, was reelected to the office of State Grange Secretary. She is an affiliate member of Brighton Park Grange in Thurston County. Terry is a retired manager for the Boeing Co. Terry has four children and four grandchildren. She previously served as the State Grange Chaplain, Lecturer, and Treasurer. She is the current Chaplain of Mossyrock Grange, Secretary of Lewis County Pomona, and Treasurer of Thurston County Pomona. Terry is on the Rules Committee of her HOA and also attend God’s Place Church, where she is involved with the women’s ministry. Terry enjoys taking road trips with friends and enjoys the retired life.



BUTCH OGDEN – GATEKEEPER

Elected to serve as the State Gatekeeper is Butch Ogden, a member of Sunnyside Grange in Cowlitz County. Butch is a retired Regional Manager for the Washington State Conservation Commission. He and his wife, Florence, have three children and five grandchildren. He is currently the Master of Sunnyside Grange and on the Executive Committee for Cowlitz County Pomona Grange. Butch is a Golden Sheaf member, who previously served as Steward and Treasurer of his Subordinate Grange. He is a member of the Class of 2024 of the Washington State Agriculture Forestry Leadership Foundation. He is also the Chair of the Cowlitz Conservation District and of the Lower Columbia Farm Service Agency. Butch is the fourth-generation owner and operator of a 70-acre beef cattle and tree farm operation.

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DEBBIE FISCH – CERES

Debbie Fisch was elected to the office of State Ceres. She with her husband, Mark, are members of Beehive Grange in Chelan County. They are the parents of three children and are waiting for grandchildren in the future. Debbie is an Accounting Tech with the City of Wenatchee and is an independent consultant for Epicure. Debbie is the Treasurer and Family Living Chair for both Beehive Grange and Chelan County Pomona. She is a 4-H Leader for the Wenatchee Heights 4-H Club, a Master Gardener, and a volunteer with the Chelan County Fair. Debbie's hobbies include photography, reading, gardening, RV camping, walking, hiking, art, and scrapbooking.



ALEXIS KUDSK – POMONA

The State Grange Pomona is Alexis Kudsk, a member of Haynie Grange in Whatcom County. Alexis is attending Washington State University studying Mechanical Engineering. Having held several offices at the subordinate and Pomona levels, she is currently the Pomona of Haynie Grange and has served on the National Grange Youth Officer Team. Alexis was the 2019 State Grange Youth Ambassador and went on to be named the 2020 National Grange Youth Ambassador. She previously served as the National Junior Grange Ambassador in 2013-2014. Alexis is a 4-H superintendent at the Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking with her dogs.



JANELLE LIERMAN – FLORA

Janelle Lierman was elected to the office of State Flora. Janelle is the Office Manager and Lead Estimator for Wright Way Cleaning and Restoration. A former Junior Granger, Janelle joined Horseshoe Grange #965 in 1988. She is currently the Master of Horseshoe Grange and secretary of Snohomish County Pomona Grange. She is the leader of Horseshoe Junior Grange and has been the Director of the Northern District Junior Grange Camp at Cornet Bay for 18 years. She has served on both the State Junior and Youth Teams. Janelle and her husband, David, have five children and one granddaughter. Janelle is the Grange Department Superintendent at the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe and is active in the Snohomish Faith Church with the Faith Kidz and Faith Youth. She enjoys escape rooms, Shakespeare, poetry, and family road trips.



BRITTNEY OLIVER – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Brittney Oliver was elevated from the office of Lady Assistant Steward to a three-year term on the State Grange Executive Committee. A member of Moses Lake Grange in Grant County and Collins Grange in Pierce County, Brittney is a Civil Engineer employed by Western Pacific Engineering & Survey, Inc. She is engaged to Jonny Pittman and has a wedding planned for this fall. Brittney serves as the Master of Moses Lake Grange, which she worked to organize upon moving there in 2017. She was the 2018-2019 Washington State Grange Outstanding Young Patron and went on to be named as the National Grange Outstanding Young Patron for 2019. While Brittney is busy with work, sleep and the Grange, she does enjoy a good DIY or craft project and dabbles in photography.



RICK FERGUSON – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rick Ferguson has two years remaining on his term on the State Grange Executive Committee. A member of Waitsburg Grange #1 since 1974, Rick is a retired mail carrier and postmaster and currently works as a deputy for the Columbia County Sheriff. He also serves as a State Grange Deputy for Southeast Washington and is the Treasurer of Waitsburg Grange and Columbia County Pomona Grange. He has been on the State Grange Youth Team and the National Grange Youth Team. He served as the President of the National Grange GROW Club. He and his wife, Terry, were the State Grange Young Couple of the Year and went on to be the Runners-up for National Grange Youth Couple. They have three children and three grandchildren. His non-Grange activities include ranching and serving as the bailiff for the Columbia County District and Superior Courts. He enjoys woodworking, travel, hunting, and fishing.



DUANE HAMP – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Duane Hamp serves on the State Grange Executive Committee. He is a member of Five Mile Prairie Grange in Spokane County. He is married to the former Christine Ohlsen and has one daughter, Alicia. He is a retired auto repair business owner. Duane is a Past State Grange Master who has also served as State Overseer and Gatekeeper. He previously served as the Master of both Five Mile Prairie Grange and Spokane County Pomona Grange. Duane is currently on the Executive Committee for both the Subordinate and Pomona Granges and is the Rental Chair at Five Mile Prairie. Duane enjoys camping, auto mechanics, welding, and working in his shop at home.



HELEN BERG – DIRECTOR OF FAMILY LIVING

Helen Berg, a member of Cowlitz County's Sunnyside Grange and an affiliate of Douglas County's St. Andrews Grange will serve as the Director of Family Living for the next two years. Helen is a retired schoolteacher. She and her husband, Chuck, have three children and nine grandchildren, with the first great-grandchild on the way. Helen serves as the Chaplain for St. Andrews Grange. Helen is a Golden Sheaf member who previously served on Grange degree teams and in numerous Grange offices. She is an active member of the Soap Lake Baptist Church. Helen enjoys quilting, sewing, and reading in her spare time.

Home & Family

Family Living

Hints For Entering Needlework

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

While I know I have touched on this subject a while ago I would like to refresh your memory. Entering needlework be it knit, crochet, or tat can be very rewarding. It is a time to show your love of the art you have chosen. Roll doilies on a tube to prevent unwanted folds in your work. Fold tablecloths and other large items in thirds for the same reason.

The judges will be looking to see that your edges are even. Do they flow with the pattern?

Now look at the back and make sure all loose ends are woven in with no knots showing. Is the design you chose suitable to the yarn you are using? Is the item blocked where needed? Remember not all yarns should be blocked.

Garments follow the same rules. If you get obvious ridges when knitting, try using two different size needles to make up for the tension difference between knitting and purling. When I weave in my ends, I leave a single knot and then weave each end in at an angle to the row. You cannot even tell



Helen Berg

where you joined the yarn. I know there are other ways, but this seems to work the best for me. The backside should look as nice as the front.

When entering embroidery or cross stitch be sure the back is visible to the judges. They will be looking for tidy work, precision in stitches as well as even tension.

I hope these bits of information will give you confidence to try entering something in our upcoming contest.

State Grange Contests To Be Held October 15-16 In Yakima

The Washington State Grange will be holding their annual contests on October 15-16 at the Fruitvale Grange Hall in Yakima. This event will replace the 2020 contests that couldn't be held with our hybrid State Grange Session in June.

Contests to be held include:

- Lecturer** – Arts & Crafts, Photography.
- Family Living** – Quilting, Sewing, Needlework, and Canning. Baking and candy will not be held.

Junior – Junior Crafts and Junior Display Boards.

The schedule for this event is tentatively set at:

Thursday, October 14

- 2 p.m. - set up and preparations

Friday, October 15

- 9 am to 3 pm – entry check in
- 11 am – judging begins
- 6 pm – close for the evening.

Saturday, October 16

- 9 am to 1 pm – continue clerking and displaying

10 am to 1 pm – tour of the Grange Library and the Central Washington Ag Museum

1 pm to 4 pm – open house to view the entries

5 pm to 7 pm – check out entries and clean up.

Additional details will be announced by each of the department directors. Plans are to hold the 2022 contests at our regular time at the Annual State Session in June.

WA Grange Legacy Family Expands



The introduction of Wyatt Murwin Bowdish at a recent Centerville Grange meeting was a big hit. Young Wyatt, born May 30 is the son of Grange officers Tessa and Will Bowdish and weighed in at an even 8 pounds. The young lad felt very comfortable during his Grange visit, as seven of the Grange officers are all family.

The extended family operate a farm in Centerville, WA, specializing in quality alfalfa hay, wheat and cattle. “Bowdish Beef,” is a new business venture, marketing locally grown, grass fed, antibiotic & hormone free, USDA inspected Beef.

Wyatt makes the seventh generation for this grange family. They were introduced at the 2018 National Grange Convention as a Grange Legacy Family. To qualify for a legacy family you need to document five or more generations of Grange service to the community, state and Nation.

Most qualifying families can only document their legacy on one branch of the family tree . Bowdishes enjoy a unique legacy, dating back to the 1890’s that spans seven generations on two branches of the family tree. Their legacy includes participation in six different Granges in Washington and Oregon. Wyatt has big shoes to fill to meet his seventh generation expectation.

3-Ingredient Strawberry Ice Cream



(Courtesy of Family Features)

When it's beyond hot outside and the kids are begging for a delicious afternoon snack, sometimes it's difficult to know where to turn. The pantry is full and the refrigerator is stocked, yet nothing sounds appetizing when it's scorching outside.

Combining three simple ingredients you probably already have in your kitchen can save the day and provide a refreshing and scrumptious snack.

Try this 3-Ingredients Strawberry Ice Cream on warm days ahead. It's chilled to perfection with fresh strawberries and fluffy whipping cream to create a creamy texture perfect for the kiddos.

It's delicious, rich and has sweet strawberry flavor that can help satisfy nearly any sweet tooth. It's a wonderful treat after long summer days spent playing outside, splashing in the pool or just relaxing, soaking up the sun.

Find more summer dessert recipes at Culinary.net.


3-Ingredient Strawberry Ice Cream

Serves: 4-6

Ingredients:

- 1 pound fresh strawberries, stems removed
- 1 pint heavy whipping cream
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk

In blender, puree strawberries. In bowl of stand mixer, beat whipping cream and sweetened condensed milk until stiff peaks form. Fold in strawberry puree. Pour into loaf pan. Freeze 5 hours. Before serving, let ice cream soften 5-10 minutes.



2021 NATIONAL GRANGE LECTURER'S QUILT BLOCK CONTEST

PINWHEEL PATTERN (UNFINISHED 14" X 14")

Have fun, hone your craft and compete for prizes all while supporting good work of Granges across the country as each block will be used in quilts, table runners and other quilted items in fundraising items.

No need to be a GRANGE member to participate

Open to all ages & skill levels with classes for women, men and kids 14 & under

You may submit an unlimited number of blocks, but must identify which you wish to have judged (you may also choose not to have any judged)

Rules, submission information and form available at bit.ly/ng21quilt

ENTRIES DUE BY OCTOBER 31, 2021

Community Service Reports Reviewed; Contest Winners Selected

A team of judges gathered at the State Grange Headquarters in Olympia to review the community service reports submitted by Junior, Subordinate and Pomona Granges from across the state. Judges evaluated the effectiveness of each project listed in the reports and the impact of the projects upon the community.

Upon final review, the judges named the award winners for the 2021 Grange Community Service Contest. This year's award winners are:

Class 1 – Subordinate Granges with 40 or less members: First Place – North River; Second Place – Waitsburg; Third Place – McLane; Fourth Place – Rose Valley.

Class 2 – Subordinate Granges with 41 or more members and all Pomona Grange: First Place – Fargher Lake; Second Place – Humptulips; Third Place – Goldendale; Fourth Place – Oakview.

Fargher Lake Grange was named as the **Best of Show winner** and will represent the Washington State Grange in the National Grange Community Service Contest later this fall.

A summary of the winning subordinate Grange projects are as follows:

Fargher Lake Grange is located in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains in rural Clark County. Grange members made and donated several hundred hats, scarves, and blankets to their local resource center and to Babies in Need. Grange members also made cards for a Memory Care facility in their area. Grange members developed a Memorial Garden behind their hall to recognize past Grangers contributions to the Grange and community. Masks were made and donated to the Learning Avenue Child Center's Christmas Party. Fargher Lake members annually hold a Tree &

Plant Sale. This fund raising event goes to support a wide range of charities, such as the Food Banks, SHARE, Green Mountain School. An Amboy Middle School. The Grange also nominate the Clark County Fire District 10, who was selected as the State Grange Volunteer Group of the Year.

Goldendale Grange, located in Klickitat County, worked to ensure a bit of normalcy in their area. Grange members instituted the Secret Santa Project to assist needy families for the holidays. Names of children and families needing support were discretely collected. Members used social media to seek additional contributions and gifts. Gift collection boxes were distributed around town. The Grange received an excellent response for the project. After several hours of gift wrapping, 116 Christmas packages were delivered throughout Klickitat County, with a total of 148 gifts. A special bag of commercially wrapped treats accompanied each bag. Grange members also baked and wrapped 100 dozen Christmas Cookies for Santa's visit to the Goldendale Chamber of Commerce. Grange members presented 90 dictionaries as a part of the Words for Thirds project. The Grange is also on a rotating schedule to provide meals at the Goldendale Community Kitchen. The Grange made a financial donation to the Klickitat Valley Health Hospital Foundation and the Backpacks for Kids Program.

Humptulips Grange, located in northwest Grays Harbor County, operates the Humptulips Food Bank. While serving an average of 55 families per month, the number of families has increased to nearly 80 during the Covid pandemic. The Grange has partnered with Coastal Harvest and Northwest Harvest for food supplies and has a contract with the WA State Department of Agriculture to distribute TEFAP and TMP foods. In addition to private donations, a major donor of the food bank is the

Hoquiam High School Football Program, where students collect food and monetary donations annually. The Grange hosted a Covid-19 vaccination clinic in cooperation with the County Health Department. Grange members baked, decorated, and donated cakes to Union Gospel Mission in Aberdeen for Christmas. Over 400 items were collected for the Keep Washington Warm Project. The Grange awarded a scholarship to a Graduating High School senior.

McLane Grange is located just west of Olympia in rural Thurston County. Grange members partnered with the Stars and Strips Quilts of Valor – Olympia Chapter to make quilts for veterans. Upon learning of the need for egg cartons at the Thurston County Food Bank, the Grange started an egg carton collection project. Utilizing email, social media, and telephone calls to promote the project, the Grange Hall was established as a drop off location for the cartons. Since the start of the project, the Grange has added paper grocery bags to their list of collectibles. A variety of food items have also been donated for the project. The Grange supports the local Lions Club by collecting eyeglasses and eye glass cases. The Grange donated 25 hygiene kits to the Stand Up for Kids – Olympia/Thurston County program. Grange members also assisted the Thurston County Clean Water Program by distributing education materials on the high levels of bacteria found in McLane Creek.

North River Grange's 20 members operate the North River Food Bank, using the Grange Hall for food storage and as a distribution center. The Grange, located in the remote community of Brooklyn in Pacific County, has created a partnership with the North River School for several programs and activities, including sponsoring and conducting the annual North River School Spelling Bee. The Grange provides school supplies to the students. The Grange provided Christmas Cards to elementary students to write letters to servicemen overseas. The Grange provided dictionaries to the students through the Words for Third Program and followed it up with a dictionary challenge project for the students. North River Grangers support several collections each year....books for the North River School, personal care items for the Friendship House Women's Shelter, Thanksgiving pies for the Union Gospel Mission, and financial donations to the North River Community Scholarship



Fund, the Artic Fire Department, and the Heart & Hands Pregnancy Center.

Oakview Grange, located on the outskirts of Centralia in Lewis County, has a St. Pauley Used Clothing Shed at their Grange Hall. Despite being shut down by the pandemic for five months, the shed still took in 8.5 tons of used clothing. Proceeds go to support numerous charities. Grange members also collected personal care items, and then sorted and bagged the combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths, soap, razors, and lotions into personal care kits that were delivered to the Lewis County Gospel Mission. The Grange provided 240 dictionaries to five local elementary schools. The Grange makes financial donations to the Veterans Memorial Museum, The Lewis County Historical Museum, Dogs for Better Lives, and various Grange charities.

Rose Valley Grange is located seven miles southeast of Kelso in Cowlitz County. With the Covid pandemic upon them, Grange members made and distributed 2000 cloth masks. The masks were distributed to a variety of organizations. Personal care items for collected and shared with the Kelso High School and the Veterans Service Center in Longview. A \$700 scholarship was

presented to a graduating senior at Kelso High School. Grange members also placed flags and crosses in the local cemetery for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Monetary donations were made to Boys Town, the Rose Valley PTO, The Rose Valley Friends Church, Ag in the Classroom, the Gene Frymire Memorial, and the Yvonne Knuth Memorial Bench Project.

Waitsburg Grange is located in a rural farming community of 1200 residents along the Walla Walla and Columbia County border. Grange members made 150 Blessing Bags for distribution to a homeless charity in Walla Walla. Grange members utilized social media to gather wash cloths, travel sized toiletries, combs, toothbrushes, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, zip lock bags and notes for friendship. Waitsburg Grangers also participated in the Words for Thirds Dictionary Project, Keep Washington Warm Collections, Junior Grange Book Collections, Personal Care Item Collections, and made Valentines for care home residents.

Cash prizes will be awarded to each of the place winning Granges by the Grange Cooperative Group. Prizes for subordinate Granges in each class are: First Place - \$400; Second Place - \$300; Third Place - \$200; and Fourth Place - \$100.



Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Join Our Youth Team Today!

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

Thank you to all who sold and purchased tickets for the 2021 youth department raffle. The winners were drawn on July 10. Congratulations to the following raffle winners: First Place - \$400 – Quillisascut Grange #372; Second Place - \$100 – Waller Road Grange #1111; Third Place - \$60 – James Hedges of Kelso, WA; Fourth Place - \$40 – Haynie Grange #169. The prizes have been sent out to the winners.

This is the last call for any youth interested in serving on the National Grange Youth Officer Team. Applications are due to me by August 15. I will add the required letters of recommendation and send them on to the National Youth Director by Sept. 1.

Applications for the National Grange GROW Club Scholarship are due by October 1 to the National Grange Youth Director. All Grange members are eligible for this \$500 scholarship. The application form can be downloaded for the National Grange Youth website: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org

I am looking for Grangers to join our State Youth Team to assist in planning and conducting activities for the teens, ages 14-21, and the young adults, ages 21-35. Interested persons should contact the State Grange President to inform him of your interest in serving on the youth team.

Now that the pandemic is starting to ease, we will be planning for a Winter Youth Conference. Details will be announced this fall.

Humptulips Juniors Place First In Junior Community Service

Humptulips Junior Grange is the first-place winner of the 2021 State Junior Grange Community Service Contest. They will represent the Washington State Grange in the national contest this fall.

The HUMptulips Juniors completed several community service projects this year. The Junior Grangers placed flags on the graves of veterans at the Humptulips Cemetery for Memorial Day. New flags are purchased each year. On Memorial Day weekend, the members meet at the cemetery. The old, weathered flags are removed and replaced with the new flags. The members also search for any new veterans' graves in the cemetery.

The Junior Grangers also assist the Subordinate Grange in their work operating the Humptulips Food Bank. For Christmas, the Junior Grangers prepared 250 bags with cocoa mix, candy cane, and Christmas candy. Each good bank client received a bag. They also collected and donated children's books that were used as gifts. The Junior Grangers also provided forty packets of school supplies for when kids returned to school

following the pandemic. The supplies were distributed through the food bank.

Additional projects included: baking, decorating, and donating cakes for the Union Gospel Mission for Christmas; collecting 70 pairs of socks for the Keep Washington Warm project; collecting aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House; and assisting with the Subordinate Grange bingo events.

Part of judging for Junior Grange Community Service is on what the Junior Grangers have learned through their community service involvement. Their report form indicates the following skills were learned:

- Skills in identifying appropriate community service projects
- Tasks associated with planning and organizing fund raising events
- Appropriate nutritional value of foods and appropriate snacks
- Consumer skills in shopping and budgeting
- Life skills: nurturing relationships, problem solving, critical thinking, healthy lifestyle



choices, self-discipline, empathy, caring, teamwork, belonging, cooperation, patriotism, concern for others, and the development of citizenship skills.

As the first-place state winners, Humptulips Junior Grange received a plaque and a \$250 cash award from the Grange Cooperative Group.

Juniors

Time To Get Creative

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director



Heather Ferguson

Juniors, are you looking for something to do? I have several ideas that will get your creativity working and keep boredom at bay. If you did not know, the National Junior Grange has several really fun activities and crafts on their website (nationaljuniorgrange.org). Here are a couple that you may be interested in.

The National Junior Grange creative art theme is "Agriculture in your Community". Draw or paint a picture featuring a natural environment in your community: such as growing or grazing in a field or something that has already been harvested. Be creative in telling the story about what agriculture looks like in your community. Participants work must be 8 1/2 x 11" or smaller and they may use any medium of their choosing (i.e. crayons, pencil, paint, etc).

If you have been to a fair, you may have seen a picture made of seeds in your Grange fair booth. Here is your chance to try creating seed art. You will need an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of card stock, seeds/beans/grain of different shapes or colors, glue and an idea of the picture you would like to create. Start by drawing your picture and deciding which seeds go where, then glue on your seeds and let it dry. Make sure to be as creative and detailed as possible with your art work. When it is dry, seal it in a clear sheet protector, before mailing.

To enter your art work write or type your name, age, birthday, state, Grange and number, and mailing address on an index card and attach it to the back of your art. Mail your entries to the National Grange Headquarters (c/o Junior Grange, 1616 H St NW, Washington DC, 20006) with a postmark on or before October 1 and you may win a prize.

Make sure to look through the many National Junior Grange contest offerings for ways to use your creativity and combat boredom. I hope to see lots of entries, in these and the other great programs, at this year's National Grange Convention. Have a great time crafting and have a great rest of your summer.

Goldendale Grange Helps 5th Graders Make Cakes For Dad



The entire fifth-grade class recently met at our local Grange Hall. On this day these students would be developing their domestic skills by creating a cake for Father's Day. Fifth grade teachers, parents and Grange ladies assisted in the project. Each student provided an ingredient for creating a cake. As the students arrived they were broken up into small groups and the cake making project began. At the end of the day each student took home a hand-made cake for their fathers.



Stranger Creek Juniors Fair Entries



Junior Grangers from Stranger Creek Grange #374 entered their projects at the Arts and Crafts Fair held at Addy Grange #603 on May 22, 2021. A total of 93 children participated in the Fair with 223 entries. It was a great success and fun day ending with live music from a very talented local family.



Washington State Granges...

Nine Subordinate Granges submitted entries in the 2021 Grange Hall Improvement Contest. The entries were judged by a panel of judges, with East Oakville Grange #902 named as the first-place winner for the second consecutive year. The second-place award went to Lummi Island Grange #925, while third place was awarded to Mountain View Grange #98. The judges selected San Juan Island Grange #966 and Elma Grange #26 to share the fourth-place award. The four remaining Granges, North Bellingham Grange #201, Oakview Grange #311, Samish Valley Grange #926, and Quimper Grange #720 received honorable mention recognition.



FIRST PLACE: East Oakville Grange

East Oakville Grange continued working through their second year as a Grange by focusing on the exterior and structural condition of the Grange Hall. Grange members were getting tired of placing buckets to catch water dripping from their leaky roof. Grange members conducted fund raisers, solicited grants, and accepted donations until the point they felt they had the funds to complete the roof replacement. Starting with the lower rood, Grange members found a great deal of wood rot in the beams and underroof as the old metal roof was removed. Before they could install the new roofing material, much of the underroof had to be replaced. The current high cost of wood products increased the costs so much that the entire budget was used on the lower roof. Back to fund raising and soliciting grants to finish the project. After two months, they had the funds to continue and started replacing the upper roof. Again, members found a great deal of wood rot. Members had to rebuild most of the trusses for the upper roof. Grange members and community businesses donated funds, equipment, tools, and whatever else was needed to complete the roof replacement. A secondary project was the installation of new siding on the east side of the hall. What started as a \$15,000 improvement project became a \$30,000 project for supplies alone. Labor was donated by Grange members.



SECOND PLACE: Lummi Island Grange

Lummi Island Grange is located on Whatcom County's Lummi Island. The Grange Hall provides meeting and event space on the island and is a partner with many island organizations. The Grange formed a Kitchen Committee to provide guidance for a kitchen renovation project. Old cabinets were cleaned out and the cabinets removed. New kitchen cabinets were assembled. New counters and backsplash were installed. The sinks and faucets were updated. A new microwave and two coffee makers were set up. New utensils were donated. The commercial refrigerator got a compressor, cleaned and repaired to ensure long term operation. All of this was accomplished with donated labor from Grange members, existing Grange funds, and donations. On the outside, a new Grange sign was erected that also lists the Grange's community partners. Grange members worked on trees around the hall, purchased a storage container, and graveled the parking lot.



THIRD PLACE: Mountain View Grange

Mountain View Grange is located along the Columbia River in the Town of White Salmon. Grange members started a "Paint the Grange" campaign to raise funds for returning the Grange Hall to its' historic white color. The fund-raising campaign included a series of rummage sales, a silent auction, and a holiday celebration that included a dance and auction. Grange members selected a contractor to paint the 2 ½ story historic Grange Hall. Scaffolding was erected and the painting began. After painting was complete and scaffolding removed, repairs were made to the hall's stone foundation. Inside the hall, the stage floor was replaced. The hall improvement projects are a great improvement to the Grange Hall and the White Salmon community.



Improve Their Halls, Receive Recognition

FOURTH PLACE: Elma Grange

Elma Grange in the Town of Elma used the pandemic shutdown to complete a few much needed repairs to their hall. The kitchen was expanded by removing an interior wall. Continued removal of the wall allowed us to find wood rot. The result was part of the foundation had to be replaced. Grange members replaced the foundation and repaired the floor. The project was finished with new linoleum. Insulation was installed and covered the walls with new paneling. New kitchen cabinets were installed and covered to make additional countertops. Members obtained a second stove and a new refrigerator to complete the kitchen project. A second project was the renovation of the women's restroom. The toilet and sink were removed. Loose wallpaper was torn down. The walls were painted, covering up what was left of the decades old mint green paint. New linoleum was installed, along with a new sink and toilet. The renovated restroom has been enthusiastically received by hall renters.



FOURTH PLACE: San Juan Island Grange

San Juan Island Grange, located in the Town of Friday Harbor, transformed their Grange Hall kitchen in a Commercial Kitchen, to be available for use by Grangers and community members. The Grange set up a capital improvement savings account and worked to solicit funds for the \$40,000 project. To start the project, table storage was moved from the kitchen to another location in the hall. The kitchen island was removed. Members installed new sinks, a new refrigerator, a new portable kitchen island, and a propane stall with hood and fire suppression unit. Inspections were completed and the kitchen was certified as a Commercial Kitchen. A second major project was the replacement of the Grange Hall's West Wall Foundation. The front entrance Portico was demolished to be able to get to the foundation. The building was raised and the old wooden foundation was removed. A new concrete foundation was pouted. A new Portico and entrance door was then reconstructed. The project was completed in time for the Town of Friday Harbor to begin construction of a new sidewalk and Pocket Park in front of the Grange Hall.

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Oakview Grange

Oakview Grange, located in Lewis County, has been saving money from hall rentals, garage sales, and their clothing shed. A brainstorming session was held and members decided to use those saved funds to remodel their 1940's Grange hall kitchen. The project included new countertops, new flooring, and the removal of an antiquated water heater, which would be replaced with a dishwasher. The pandemic provided an opportunity to complete the work without interrupting hall rentals. There were plenty of unexpected surprises during the project. When the antiquated water heater was removed, part of the floor

and the floor joist came with it. Repairs were made and plans were adjusted to still work within the budget. The project has provided an amazing new look to the Grange Hall kitchen - new modern, clean and efficient!

Quimper Grange

Quimper Grange is located in Port Townsend in Jefferson County. Grange members discussed the difficulty in reopening the Grange Hall safely following the pandemic. As an attractive and historic building, the Grange has relied on the traditional passive ventilation methods of older buildings. An engineer who is also a Grange member designed a system that provides a safer environment, with dedicated air supply and dispensed air filtration filters. The design was made in accordance with public health recommendations and state requirements for outdoor air supply for structure use. Grange members also erected a third hoop house as a part of the Grange's Community Gardens Project. The new hoop house will allow Grange members to grow additional produce for the local food bank.

North Bellingham Grange

North Bellingham Grange, located in Whatcom County, started with the idea that a new roof was needed on their hall as required by their insurance carrier. A second difficulty was that some of the doors would not latch closed. Grange members were forced to use the deadbolt to keep them closed. Further investigation led to Grange members learning about rot in the posts of the post and beam construction, which caused settling of the hall. After looking at proposed bids for the work, Grange members decided to complete the project themselves. Members used 20-ton house screw jacks to get the weight off the posts....some posts fell over when the weight was lifted. Once the jacks were installed, and weight of the hall was off the posts, the posts could be shored up or replaced. All the posts were on concrete pads at ground level. The old posts were either removed or cut off above the rotted area. Additional concrete blocks raised the new posts so they were now above ground level. After supporting the building with new posts, the insurance carrier no longer required a new roof.



Samish Valley Grange

Samish Valley Grange, from rural Skagit County, used the Covid-19 lockdown as an opportunity to give their hall a facelift. The inside of the hall was completely repainted. The bulletin boards in the main hall and the kitchen were replaced with modern more usable boards. The walls throughout the hall were modernized with the use of new shelving and other decorative touches. Old dim light bulbs were replaced with new energy efficient bulbs. Grange members sewed new curtains for the dining hall. Much of the paint was donated by a local business, while a local lumber yard gave a greatly reduced price on the new wooden trim used in the project.



The Grange Hall Improvement Contest is sponsored by the Grange Cooperative Group, which is made up of the Washington State Grange News, the Grange Insurance Association, and the Washington State Grange. Cash prizes and plaques are awarded to the top four entries. Each Grange that enters the contest receives a large metal Grange logo town hall marker.

National Grange News

A View From The Hill - Summer 2021 Edition

By Burton Eller
National Grange
Legislative Director

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

New Meat and Poultry Processing Capacity

USDA says it will allocate \$500 million from the American Rescue Plan to help small processing facilities recover from the pandemic, expand markets for producers and create resilient food supplies. The objective is to create a more competitive environment for meat processing. Small meat processors have seen a surge in demand as farmers and ranchers search for more market alternatives. Another \$55 million in competitive grants has been appropriated by Congress to help small facilities qualify for state or federal inspection programs.

Meat Label Language to Get Review

The USDA plans to conduct a top to bottom review of the "Product of USA" label to determine what that label means to consumers. Under the current label language, an item can be called "Product of the USA" so long as it is processed, not necessarily produced, domestically. The action comes as the Federal Trade Commission announced its intention to

strengthen enforcement of the Made in the USA standard.

President's Executive Order Targets Ag Consolidation

A wide-ranging executive order signed by President Biden on July 9 seeks to address consolidation throughout the economy. It includes a special focus on actions the USDA could take to issue new rules under the Packers and Stockyards Act. The new rules proposed by the executive order are meant to strengthen meat and poultry industry oversight and make it easier for farmers and ranchers to bring and win claims against processors.

HEALTH CARE

Relief from Surprise Medical Bills

The Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, Treasury and the Office of Management and Budget have issued an interim final rule intended to restrict excessive out-of-pocket costs to consumers from surprise billing and balance billing. Surprise billing occurs when patients unknowingly get care from providers who are outside of their health plan's network. Balance billing occurs when a provider charges a patient the remainder of what their insurance does not pay. Balance billing is prohibited by both Medicare and Medicaid. This

rule will extend the prohibition to employer-sponsored and commercial health plans. The rule will also ban:

- Surprise billing for emergency services
- High out-of-network cost-sharing; any coinsurance or deductible must be based on in-network provider rates.
- Out-of-network charges for ancillary care (such as an anesthesiologist or assistant surgeon) at an in-network facility
- Health care providers must give patients clear advance notice and get patient consent before higher out-of-network rates can be charged.

Relief from surprise billings has been a National Grange priority for several years, so this is welcome news. These new regulations will take effect on January 1, 2022.

Opioid Settlement Reached

A bipartisan coalition of state attorneys general say they have reached a settlement with Johnson and Johnson and major drug distributors Cardinal Health, McKesson and Amerisource Bergen to pay \$21 billion over 18 years. The agreement will resolve claims of nearly 4,000 state and local governments that have filed claims in federal and state

courts. None of the money will go to families or individuals who suffered from opioid addiction, however. It will be spent on opioid treatment, recovery and prevention programs.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Connect the Unserved First

In letters to 130 targeted members of the Senate and House, the National Grange reiterated the priority for any new broadband deployment must be to first connect the truly unserved areas. Unserved should be defined as those without a broadband connection of 25/3 Mbps. Infrastructure legislative language that weakens this definition of unserved could lead to funds being diverted to areas that already have broadband. Senators and representatives were again reminded that reaching the rural underserved means traversing longer distances to reach fewer people. Therefore, right-of-way and utility pole access are critically important for enabling rural connectivity across the nation.

Rural, Urban Face Common Challenge

National Grange President Betsy Huber coauthored an op-ed in Washington's Morning Consult newsletter July 26 emphasizing the need for Congress to provide

the necessary resources to expand broadband infrastructure to every American and close the broadband gap. Many urban core areas share a common challenge with many rural areas – they do not have broadband internet access. The coauthors call for a bipartisan infrastructure package that provides the resources necessary to ensure access and affordability for every American in every community.

TRANSPORTATION

Ag Needs Rail Competition

The National Grange has joined several agricultural groups in calling for the Surface Transportation Board to resume its consideration of a proposal to establish competitive switching in the railroad industry. The group is urging the STB to finalize regulations to provide shippers greater ability to negotiate rates and challenge unreasonable rates and fees. While rail mergers provided financial stability for rail carriers, the mergers created regional monopolies that leave customers little leverage to negotiate shipping terms. Agriculture is also asking the STB to issue and implement a reciprocal switching rule that would allow shippers who are captive to a single railroad to access a competitive railroad at the nearest interchange for a reasonable fee.

Grange Connection

Calispel Grange: Working In The Community



(Left) Members of the Calispel Grange volunteered to read some of the 58,318 names on the moving wall dedicated to those Veterans who gave their life during the Vietnam War.

For five days, surrounding community members came to pay their respects, remember friends, and reflect on a troubling time. Volunteers shared that it was a very moving experience. Pictured here is Patti Monk, Calispel Grange #500 member.

(Right) Washington State has relaxed the Covid restrictions so our local community center has continued the free Saturday morning breakfasts. Members of Calispel Grange #500, Sue Santilli and Kathryn Hartley, are cooking and serving on the second Saturday of the month. Menus are created by the different volunteer groups each month. These ladies, along with Patti Monk, made scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, waffles with huckleberry compote, banana muffins and coffee. Everything is homemade. We even were asked for recipes. Donations go to the Hospitality House in Newport Washington.



Grange Connection

Inland Grange Celebrates 100th Anniversary

What a wonderful day with many great people, on June 26, 2021 we were brought together to celebrate the 100th Year of the Inland Grange #780. We kick started the day by introducing past members who put so much work into our building.

The Master of Ceremony was Joe Olmstead. He helped detail the work of Geraldine McElfish, who put countless hours in to reopening the Grange in 1999. He introduced Karen Erickson who was able to give insight to the work of her late husband Irl Sowle who raised funds or found donations wherever he could. He remodeled the outside and much of the inside with the many hands he recruited. Karen Erickson told stories about her

involvement with God's Closet that served as a clothing bank that served 150-200 people a month.

Jessica Simon and Peyton Distad from Country Pride 4-H explained what the building meant to them. They were influenced by the late Kathy Olmstead a 4-H leader and community advocate, who was a driving force for the love of the building. She had a way to get everyone to the Grange and greeted them with a smile. Kathy kept so many people in the community involved and feeling welcomed. Her work continues to live in those she touched.

Heidi Vaughn talked about how it's the people who make the building which builds the

community. Pete Van Doren and members of Troop 240 prepared hamburgers and peach cobbler dessert made in a cast iron Dutch oven for the event. The Troop went beyond the call of duty with the extreme temperatures. Our luncheon would not have been a success without them.

In the main hall we created an open house for guest to come view. So much hard work from all the Grange members and Boy Scout Troop #240 to make the building and the event beautiful. The hall showcased the history, events and all the groups and clubs that use the Grange. We can't wait to see how the Grange will continue to serve the community.



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Quilts of Valor Presentation

To thank them for their service to our nation, Grange members presented quilts in June to Steve Ausmus, a 10 year Navy Veteran who served in Viet Nam and Kathy Ausmus, an Army Veteran. Left to right is Pat Veleke, McLane Grange and Stars & Stripes Quilts of Valor volunteer, Steve Ausmus, Diane Williams, South Union, Kathy Ausmus and Christie Vintilo, South Union. The quilts were created by members of the Stars and Stripes quilting group of Olympia. Pat provided the presentation while Diane and Christie draped the two recipients.



The Grange Exchange

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Bransons Celebrate 75 Years of Membership

Jennell E and Louise Branson both recently celebrated 75 years in Grange. Louise joined Triangle Grange in Fairfield, Washington in 1943 while Jennell joined Lind Grange in Lind, Washington in 1945.

The couple have been married for 70 years and belong Moran Prairie Grange in Spokane, Washington. Both have been active in their Subordinate and Pomona Grange holding many offices. Louise played the piano while Jennell used his tenor voice for many Grange functions.

Louise retired as an R.N. for the Deaconess Hospital while Jennell retired from the WSDOT after 26 years.

The Branson's continue to be active members who love and serve the Grange.



Grange Connection

Reviving a Columbia Gorge Icon: Columbia Grange #87

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William Olsen, a charter member of Columbia Grange, donated a portion of his homestead to the Grange for the purpose of building a Grange Hall. A small booklet titled Columbia Grange 1889 – 1967 states, “A five-member committee was appointed late in November of 1889, with William Olsen as chairman, to measure the ground and have a deed drawn. One dollar was paid for recording the deed and one dollar to William Olsen for the land on which to build a hall. Additional donations during 1890 included 6,000 feet of lumber, \$141 cash and 15 days of labor. The new hall was dedicated May 14, 1891.

The historic old building is identified by its distinctive barn red paint and bright white batten boards. You could easily miss the charming old building sitting on a bluff, as it is sheltered by a grove of old growth oaks and massive evergreens. Its location the envy of many area Grangers.

William Olsen – grange hall benefactor - was born in a dusty covered wagon on the Oregon trail in 1864. Sam Churchill of the Yakima Herald stated, “The oldest Granger in the state and the nation was William Olson of Husum who died at the age of 99. He had maintained his membership in the Columbia Grange for 75 years.” Since 1891 he had attended 50 consecutive

State Grange sessions. His failing health in 1962 made it impossible to attend his 51st session.” He passed away on December 28, 1964. A 99-year-old patriarch of the Grange.

James O. Lyle was also a charter member and the first Columbia Grange President, called Master of the Grange in 1890. Lyle served 11 years in the President/Masters position. In 1857, James Lyle married Miss Martha Snipes, she was a sister to Ben Snipes, famously known as the Northwest Cattle King.

Lyle, originally called Klickitat Landing, was renamed in 1893 in honor of the town’s founder James Lyle. J.O. Lyle was an early entrepreneur and organized the first post office in his home. The National Grange was the first rural group to lobby congress for the creation of Rural Free Delivery, James Lyle’s post office venture was very appropriate. James Owen Lyle died in 1909, he is buried in the Lyle Balch Cemetery. One of the first projects Columbia Grange initiated in 1890 was surveying plots in what has now become the Lyle Balch cemetery. The final resting place for both James Lyle and Fredrick Balch, author of the book Bridge of the Gods.”

1910 State Grange Memorial Service: Brother J. O. Lyle, of Lyle, Washington, a pioneer in Grange work, and for many years

a regular attendant at the State Grange, has passed to the Great Beyond. Brother Lyle was for several years Master of Columbia Grange #87 and a very important factor in framing and shaping the future of our Order. He died at a ripe age, honored and loved by all who knew him.

Since its origins, Columbia Grange has been known for its generous Community Service work and assistance to other Grangers. In 1894 Columbia Grange notified all Granges in the county that their teams of horses and wagons could be left at James Lyle’s or John Olson’s so that Grangers could take the paddle wheel steam boat to Vancouver for the state session. The north bank highway had not yet been completed. During those early years a total of 32 Granges had been organized in Klickitat county, now there are only seven.

The Grange remains a non-partisan organization but aggressively supports legislation in support of items that would benefit Lyle, Klickitat county and the State. One of the most vigorous legislative battles was for public power. Columbia Grange, along with other Granges in the county can claim a share in changing this county from one with large areas of no electricity, to an electrified county.

Contact Annie Maguire for Grange info: 509-365-0086.

Columbia Grange Working To Provide Commodities Distribution Point



Annie Maguire & Eric Sloan, arranging farm fresh fruit, vegetables and plants at the Columbia Grange Hall in Lyle. Columbia Grange and Gorge Farm Collective are working together to provide a convenient distribution point for farm commodities. Orders can be made on line at Gorge Farm Collective and picked up Wednesday’s 4 to 6. The Collective is a gorge farmer owned cooperative that specializes in providing fresh produce. As Columbia Grange is undergoing a reorganization process, please remember the Historic Grange Hall is still available for Community Programs, Business Meeting, and Youth Events. Book your event early.

Ralston Grange Hosts John Wayne Pioneer Wagon & Riders



Ralston Grange hosted the John Wayne Pioneer Wagon and Riders on Friday, May 28 for a dinner, auction and entertainment. The group overnights at Ralston each year on their annual trek across state on the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail. Last year’s ride had to be cancelled due to the virus. The evening’s events generated nearly \$3500 for the Grange with the John Wayne quilt, made by Grange members, garnering the highest bid of \$575. This was the first fundraiser for the Grange in over a year and a half.

Quimper Grange Hall Re-Opening

Quimper Grange celebrated re-opening our Hall on Saturday June 12th. We gave tours of our renovated Hall showcasing our new ventilation system and upgraded bathrooms, and of our Food Bank Garden. There were 2 groups of live music jams with Old Time fiddle music and blues. There were treats and free plant starts as well! Approximately 60-80 people showed up on the beautiful sunny day!



Grange Connection

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange was awarded first place for their entry in the Rochester Swede Day Parade. The Grange also participated in the Oakville Independence Day Parade. The Grange had a food concession at the Oakville Parade as well. The Grange will be making a folding tri-board display for the Grays Harbor County Fair.

Elma Grange continues to hold their monthly garage sales. The Grange is planning a display for the county fair in August.

Humptulips Grange members are pleased with the remodel of the front entrance to their hall. The wooden log pillars were replaced with treated posts. The front entrance was covered with hardy bard and the trim has been replaced. The work provides a new fresh look to the Grange Hall. Grange members are working on plans for participation in the Grays Harbor County Fair and the Washington State Fair. Use of the Grange Food Bank is remaining steady, with 40-45 families visiting each month. We will be starting up our bingo events in October and resuming hall rentals at the same time.

Olympic View Grange is catching up on their membership recognition awards. Hall rentals are starting to take off. Members will be making a trifold display for the county fair.

Satsop Grange has recruited eight new members, bringing their membership total above the required number. The Grange will be participating in the county fair with a display board. The Grange flea markets are held on the first weekend of the month. A special sales table has been set up with proceeds from that table going to hall repairs.

Sharon Grange will hold an End of Summer Community Yard

Sale on Saturday, August 28. The event will be 9-5 at the Grange Hall on South Bank Road, near Porter. Both indoor and outdoor spaces are available. The event will include live music, country food festival, and a silent auction. Members agreed to make a small display for the Grays Harbor County Fair.

LEWIS COUNTY

Fords Prairie Grange held their first Senior Citizens Day at the Grange on July 14th. We had 15 seniors attend and gave out three applications for grange membership to interested persons. It was a very positive day...to be continued!

Mossyrock Grange will hold their Annual Summer Picnic on Wednesday, August 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall. State Grange Firefighter of the Year Dave Fosburg will be presented his award.

Oakview Grange meet on June 3. Fried chicken complimented an overflow of yummy potluck dishes prior to the meeting. Members sang Happy Birthday to Chaplain Gayle Mulligan. Longtime member, Ken Verd was not able to attend the meeting to receive his 60-year seal. We welcomed new members, Rob and Aleta Genzel. Xavier Rodruguez, grandson and great grandson of members, Sandy Lund and Mary Niccoli received Oakview Grange's 2021 Grange Scholarship. Xavier plans to attend Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle to further his illustrating talents. Thank you out to Scherer Trucking and Dave Schroeder Construction for their donation of the use of equipment, hauling, and grading the Grange's parking lot. Over a year of Covid and quarantine prevented Lewis County Grangers from honoring John Schaefer at a Lewis County Pomona meeting. Due to health concerns for his family, John was invited to meet Gayle Mulligan and Alice Coakley local restaurant

for coffee. They surprised John with a clock and plaque from the Community Granges of Lewis County. We wished to express their appreciation for the countless hours over the years that John and his wife, Ann, have given as Superintendent to SW Washington Fair's Grange Aisle. For the evening's program, Lecturer Becky Escobar showcased one of this year's Grown in Washington products --- blueberries. Members were treated to freshly made blueberry salsa. Members also received a booklet of blueberry recipes to take home. Upcoming activities include washing the hall in preparation for painting, labelling and distributing dictionaries to elementary schools, and a donation to the Dogs for Better Lives program from the donations to our clothing shed.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange found they are doing better with a silent auction, rather than a live auction. Online bidding has contributed to higher sales. The monthly auctions will continue throughout the years.

North River Grange will participate in the Grays Harbor County Fair with a display. The Grange serves their community by operating the food bank and providing services. The Grange is responsible for the reader board display located at the junction of North River Road and US Hwy 101.

North Willapa Harbor Grange is making plans to participate in Wood Fest on August 14 at the Tokeland Hotel. The Grange will hold a bake sale at this event. Plans are being made for a display at the Grays Harbor County Fair.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Skagit Valley Grange met in June. Our Treasurer reported that although our bank account is very low, things are looking up. Because many venues still are not open and people are looking for places to hold events, our Grange hall is now

booked solid almost every night. One long-time renter has offered to donate a really nice almost-new piano. We will be doing a Grange display at the Skagit County Fair.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange hosted the prom for the students at Mary Walker High School on May 28. We already booked to have the Prom at the Grange Hall next year. Right after July 4, there will be a painting party for the front of the Grange building. Lori and Tammy will have more information later. Several members are facing medical issues and need positive thoughts and prayers. Irene is coordinating dates for "sew days" to finish the quilts for Veterans, current Military, and First Responders. The Camas

Valley Grange "Paint Crew" is busy painting the outside of the Grange building while trying to stay cool in this heat. Both Grange members and Junior Grangers were at the SFDA Rodeo June 12 and will be at Springdale Parade/Showcase in the Park on July 17. There will be other activities at the Grange Hall, such as Bingo on August 7, in the upcoming months.

YAKIMA COUNTY

Terrace Heights Grange is proud to announce that 2 Yakima Valley seniors have been awarded the first scholarships our Grange has ever offered. Madeline Wallace of Zillah School District No. 205 and Jared Allen of East Valley School District No. 90 were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Pomona Calendar

Pomona Grange Secretaries are requested to submit their 2021 list of meeting dates at their earliest convenience. Due to Covid-19, there may be numerous changes in this schedule. Please confirm your dates with the Pomona Grange Master or Secretary prior to the scheduled meeting

CHELAN	August 21 at Bee Hive, 10 a.m. Will hold Lecturer and Family Living Contests.
CLALLAM	September 19 at Fairview, 2 p.m. Will hold election of officers
CLARK	to be announced.
COLUMBIA	to be determined.
COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM	August 21 at Pleasant Hill. Potluck at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. September 18 at Catlin with contest entries due on Friday, Sept 17.
EXCELSIOR	September 25 at Camas Valley, 10:30 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Will include the Harvest Auction to benefit the Camp NEWA Fund.
FERRY	to be determined.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	August 28 at Olympic View, 2 p.m. Lecturer and Family Living Contest entries due at 9 a.m.
ISLAND	to be determined.
KING	to be determined.
KITSAP	to be determined.
KLICKITAT	September 11 at Alder Creek, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting
LEWIS	August 7 at Logan Hill, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Oct 2 at Hope. 7 p.m.
MASON	September 18 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
OKANOGAN	November 13 at Brewster, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
PEND OREILLE	to be determined.
PIERCE	August 21 at Roy, 10 a.m. October 2 at Riverside Valley, 10 a.m.
SKAGIT	September 1 at Fredonia, 7 p.m.
SNAKE RIVER	September 18 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
SNOHOMISH	to be determined.
SPOKANE	September 18 at East Spokane, 10 a.m.
STEVENS	October 23 at Stranger Creek, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. lunch.
THURSTON	October 7 at South Union, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Will include election of officers.
WHATCOM	to be determined.
WHITMAN	October 16, time and location to be determined.
YAKIMA VALLEY (SUNNYSIDE)	October 11 at Lower Naches, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Pomona Connection

CHELAN COUNTY POMONA

Chelan County Pomona will meet on August 21 at the BeeHive Grange Hall. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The Pomona Grange contests will be held in conjunction with the meeting. Entries can be brought Friday evening (August 20) from 6 to 9pm and on Saturday morning (August 21) starting at 8am. Entries for both Family Living and Lecturer will be accepted except for Baking and Candy Making.

COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM POMONA

Cowlitz/ Wahkiakum Pomona will be meeting at Pleasant Hill Grange Hall in Saturday, August 21. We will begin with a potluck at 6:30 pm, following by business meeting at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be on Saturday, September 18 at the Catlin Grange Hall. Contest entries for Lecturer and Family Living will be held with entries due on Friday, September 17 from 9 am to 10 am at the Catlin Grange Hall. Contests are open to both Grangers and General Public.

GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona met in July at the Long Beach Grange Hall. Reports were received on the state session. Plans were made for Grange participation in the Grays Harbor County Fair. As there will be no judging nor premiums, the Pomona agreed to provide the supplies for a produce display at the fair. Pomona Grange contests will be on Saturday, August 28 with entries due at 9 a.m. to the Olympia View Grange Hall. There will be a short Pomona meeting at 2 p.m. on the same day. Entries should be picked up following the Pomona meeting.

SKAGIT COUNTY POMONA

Skagit County Pomona Grange met at THE Summit Park Grange Hall in June. The main topic of discussion was the situation of Birdsvie Grange and ways we could support them as it is still unsure as to whether or not they will be getting the old Grange Hall back from the school district. We also decided to purchase a safe lock-

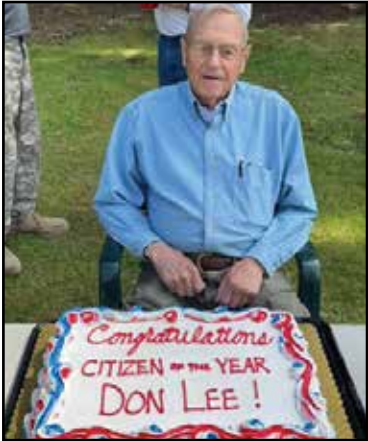
secure sharps container to be located at Pomona Park, as we have been told of complaints of drug activity and needles at the park. We decided to include baking and candy contests along with our other contests in September even though there are no state contests, because the auction of these items afterward is always a lot of fun and the funds raised go to the Family Living charities.

YAKIMA VALLEY (SUNNYSIDE) POMONA

Yakima Valley (Sunnyside) Pomona will host their annual picnic on Sunday, August 29 at the Grange Library at the Central Washington Agriculture Museum in Union Gap. The picnic will begin with a 1 p.m. potluck. All Grange members are invited. The Pomona Grange Contests are scheduled for Saturday, September 18. Contest entries will be by at 10 a.m. to the Broadway Grange Hall. The next Pomona meeting will be on October 11 at the Lower Naches Grange Hall. It will begin with a potluck at 5 pm with the business meeting following at 6 pm.

Grange Connection

Deer Lagoon Grange Presents Citizen Of The Year Award



Deer Lagoon Grange #846 is proud to honor Don Lee as our Citizen of the Year 2021.

Don Lee first arrived on Whidbey Island in 1988 after retiring as an aerospace engineer, thus beginning his passion for gardening and agricultural education. From aerospace engineer to President of Meerkerk Garden, Master Gardener of the Year and Chairman of the Island County Water Resources Advisory Board, Don Lee had quite the journey advocating for husbandry.

However, Don’s journey hasn’t ended. Deer Lagoon Grange has the honor of naming Don Lee as “Citizen of the Year 2021”.

Don Lee has a lot to be proud of and contributed much of his efforts toward the independent establishment of Meerkerk Garden on Whidbey Island. Meerkerk Garden is a 53-acre woodland oasis of trails, numerous species of rhododendrons and other plants located in Greenbank. The garden was once a part of the Seattle Rhododendron Society, but is now its own separate nonprofit thanks to Don Lee’s efforts. After achieving that momentous goal, Don Lee then served as Meerkerk Garden’s President for two decades.

The official Washington State Flower is the coast rhododendron and Meerkerk Garden is the official license plate sponsor. When you purchase a special rhododendron license plate, Meerkerk Garden receives \$28 of the \$30 donation. Don Lee was instrumental in establishing the license plate and by doing so secured ongoing support for Meerkerk Garden.

Don Lee received the 2009 Washington State Master Gardener of the Year Award, which was the first given to an Island County resident. Also, in recognition of his efforts on behalf of Meerkerk Garden, a new rhododendron species, “Don’s Blue Star” was named in his honor.

Goldendale Grange Serves Dinner To Homecoming Court

Homecoming is a high school tradition. Because our local schools were closed due to Covid Pandemic, homecoming activities were not able to take place. This spring with school back in session and with more

activities being allowed, parents, teachers and Goldendale Grange planned a mini Homecoming. To stay in compliance, only the homecoming court could participate. Following the selection of homecoming princess and with picture taking completed, a multi-course prime rib dinner was served at the Grange to the homecoming court. The Grange auditorium was decorated for a

combination mini prom and homecoming dance. The dance was limited to eleven couples. Social distancing was practiced.



Clallam Pomona Auction: If You Bake It, They Will Come

By Dave McDaniels & Sherrie Cerutti

The old saying goes, “if you bake It, they will come.” Nearly 150 delicious desserts filled the tables at the Sequim Prairie Grange at the first annual Clallam Pomona All Grange Dessert Auction on Saturday, July 17 — and boy did people come! Scores of hungry bidders walked around the tables eyeing the delicious pies, cakes, cookies, muffins and desserts as they studied and plotted their strategies.

The fundraiser inspired lots of friendly competition and goodwill, all to support our local Granges.

Karen Stein loved the variety of desserts but was worried she might not have brought enough money once she saw the huge display. “Just so many yummy desserts to choose from — I hope I have enough cash,” she said. She brought enough to walk away with two of her favorites: strawberry rhubarb pie and lemon muffins.

Tammy Robinson, Master of Dry Creek Grange in Port Angeles, said, “After a year and a half of pandemic restrictions, it was great to have such a wonderful turnout.”

The seats filled quickly as community members with auction paddles in hand took

their place in preparation to bid on those mouthwatering treats.

New member John Cerutti wanted to bid on the Whoopie pies, just so he could yell out “Whoopie!” when he won. That “Whoopie!” cost him \$55 but he said it was worth every penny.

One member, who happens to be the Sequim Prairie Grange Master David McDaniels, sat in the front row and was on a mission. He was determined to win that cream puff cake, and sure enough, after a friendly battle he claimed it for \$100. “I have waited all year to bid on that cake and I was not giving up!” McDaniels said.

Historically, a Grange is the gathering place for the community to come together, share stories, have social events, and raise money. And this event did just that, raising several thousand dollars for all the Granges involved.

“I was really impressed with how the event was planned and amazed by the outpouring of support from the community,” said Sheila Long, Master of Quimper Grange in Port Townsend.

Emil Moilanen, Master of Crescent Grange in Joyce, said “I was blown away with the generosity of the bakers and bidders.”

What makes a successful fundraiser work is the all the volunteers involved. The generosity behind each pair of hands, whether it is baking,



Twisp Valley Grange Recognizes Member's Work And Dedication

Sister Val Hecker and I stood at the front doors of the main hall of the Twisp Valley Grange last year. Casting our eyes about, we clucked and tsk-tsked our way through what was needed the most.



We decided that the ceiling was in dire need of attention. Since we were going to be up there why don't we also paint the heating plenum that ran across the north end of the ceiling when they converted the heat from wood burning to electric? It was shiny metal and stuck out like a sore thumb.

Val got busy with the ceiling and I started the air duct. Unfortunately for Val, that was the last bit of work I did.

To say Val has a work ethic is to say the Columbia River is pretty big. Both are very true.

And so it went like this. Val did paint the ceiling. Then she fixed all the lights. Since the ceiling looked so good, she painted the walls. Well, the walls made the window jambs that we put in some years ago seem a bit shabby so she stained and sealed those. Oh drat. Doing that made the knotty pine wainscoting look dull so you guessed it. She refurbished all of that.

When I passed the Grange and saw her car there I actually ducked down in the seat in pure shame. That's the reason for this email and the photos. Sister Hecker deserves a huge shout out for the immense amount of work she did. I have no idea how many hours she put in but it had to be several hundred if not more.

Thank you Val. You are a spirited, generous and hard working member of our Grange and we deeply appreciate you. Everyone works hard at our Grange, remodeling the kitchen, putting in a handicapped bathroom, researching and ordering new window coverings to block the light and retain the heat, replacing the old glass block windows with double panes and putting in a wheelchair ramp.

But that Val? She just didn't go the extra mile. She went the extra country mile.

-- With gratitude, Your Sister Judy Brezina



bidding, registration or working the cash table — is priceless, according to McDaniels.

“I personally would like to thank the community and all the Granges that were involved: Quimper Grange, Crescent Grange, Sequim Prairie Grange, Quillayute Valley Grange, Fairview Grange and Dry Creek,” he said.

Stay tuned for the announcement on who will host the 2022 All Grange Dessert Auction! We'll find out in September.