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QUIMPER GRANGE #720 CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

The 100th Year Anniversary of the Quimper Grange in Port Townsend is being celebrated without in-person festivities this year. Instead, the celebration of our Centennial is being done remotely through newsletters, virtual meetings, and special events.

An event in which the Quimper Grange was recently highlighted was the 2020 Jefferson County Farm and

Gardens Tour (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHaTTtNd18Q>). Because of its Centennial, Quimper Grange and the adjoining Quimper Food Bank Garden were showcased! Being invited to this event gave great promotion for the Grange's support of this community.

The Quimper Grange-supported non-profit Quimper Food Bank Garden is one of eight gardens

growing produce for the area's food banks. This has been especially important with the increased need for food security. Our garden is the only one that provides produce throughout the winter season, and is managed by Jo Yount and Barbara Tusting, Quimper Grange members. The 7,000 sq ft space contains raised beds and three hoop houses. In 2020, Quimper Garden donated over

3,000# of produce to the Food Bank.

The Quimper Grange Hall normally hosts concerts, dances, classes, and free community events. At the time of the shutdown, Grange members were fundraising to rebuild the disabled access. This project is on hold until the hall can once again be opened.

Late in 2020, Quimper Grange received a \$4,900 grant from

Jefferson Community Foundation to install a ventilation system to conform to air quality standards. This project, headed up by Grange members Phil Burwell and Vice-President Doug Groenig, will ensure that air is properly circulated throughout the hall so that events can be held more safely when the

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Top Photo: Arugula provides greens all winter (Grange is in the background). Above: AmeriCorps volunteers repair the garden fence.

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.

- FEBRUARY 2 Grange Foundation Scholarships Questions and Answers Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 4 Junior Grange Department Zoom Meeting, 7 pm
- FEBRUARY 6 Grange Secretaries Zoom Meeting, 10 am
- FEBRUARY 6 Junior Grange Department Zoom Meeting, 3 pm
- FEBRUARY 8 Legislative Committee Zoom Meeting, 10 am
- FEBRUARY 9 Grange Secretaries Zoom Meeting, 10 am
- FEBRUARY 10 Grange Secretaries Zoom Meeting, 7 pm
- FEBRUARY 24 Q & A with the State Master Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- MARCH 16 State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
- MARCH 24 Q & A with the State Master Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- APRIL 28 Q & A with the State Master Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- MAY 26 Q & A with the State Master Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- JUNE 23-26 132nd Annual WA State Grange Session at Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Port Townsend
- JULY 4-9 Camp David JG Camp
- JULY 11-17 Morehead JG Camp
- JULY 18-24 Mayfield JG Camp
- JULY 18-24 NEWA JG Camp
- AUGUST 1-6 Cornet Bay JG Camp
- TBD Wooten JG Camp

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Editorial

Prioritize Health Options For Rural Washington, Especially During Covid-19

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President
(As Printed in the Spokane
Spokesman-Review)

Nearly one in five Americans suffer from chronic pain. That's roughly 50 million people who constantly battle some kind of physical pain – typically for more than six months. Now, pain is pain regardless of where you live. But if you live in the rural parts of the U.S., chances are there are fewer treatment options available for you.

Here in rural Washington, we are enriched with beauty and spacious landscapes that make our state such an exceptional place to live, work and play. Additionally, our powerhouse communities continue to advance Washington's economic health through food, agriculture and a variety of other natural resources. But often times, rural communities lack access to medical specialists and facilities due to geographic isolation or transportation difficulties – making it more challenging for residents to reach healthcare professionals. Inevitably, this hinders the ability for residents to work or perform daily tasks as they suffer through their chronic pain.

According to the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 24 percent of rural adults suffer from chronic pain, in comparison to 18 percent of those living in urban neighborhoods.

The National Rural Health Association found that there are less than 40 primary care physicians per 100,000 rural American residents. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately hit rural communities – resulting in increased poverty and the financial closure of rural hospitals, creating an even larger gap for residents to reach medical providers.

With increased social distancing, telehealth options have widened – but only those with adequate internet can access it. Numbers show that almost 40 percent of those living in rural areas lack access to adequate broadband. The inability to access high-speed internet creates additional barriers for residents to schedule virtual consultations, especially for those who require in-person treatment options.

As the President of the Washington State Grange, I'm honored to lead an organization rooted in agriculture and devoted to providing a strong voice for rural Washingtonians among our elected officials. I'm surrounded by excellent Grange members who relentlessly serve our cherished rural

communities, particularly tackling issues such as legislative funding for basic education, agricultural productions, and creating accessible healthcare.

On a national level, the Grange is already taking significant steps forward to adopt initiatives that will drive us toward a strong recovery, including supporting research, developing pain relief therapies, and hosting policy discussion on pain management. The Grange looks forward to continuing these conversations in 2021 to support our beloved rural communities in Washington.

As we look ahead, one of our biggest concerns in rural Washington is the aftermath of COVID-19 for chronic pain sufferers, especially as it contributes to our country's opioid epidemic. While our state is still grappling with the impacts of COVID-19, the Grange is committed to prioritizing our treasured rural communities here in Washington and across our great nation.

An important first step is to continue educating ourselves and creating greater awareness on the topic. We cannot afford to deprioritize these needs – and we must ensure residents have increased access to trusted health care during these difficult times.

Quimper Grange Celebrates 100 Years

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hall re-opens for rentals.

And on MLK Day, AmeriCorp sent two volunteers to the Grange for a day of service. They repaired the garden fence with chicken wire – now the local rabbits will have to dine elsewhere!

Best Wishes to all Granges and their members, and to our communities as a whole. We'll get through this together.



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President’s Message

Additional Zoom Meetings Scheduled; Moving Forward With The Lessons Learned

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

Thank you to those who have attended one or more of our Zoom meetings on the leadership conference series. This is proving to be an effective method of communications between our state officers and directors and the membership. Many ideas have been shared. The discussion has been thought provoking and new ideas have been generated.

We have an additional session scheduled for Monday, February 6 at 10 a.m. Our legislative lobbyist and the legislative committee will host a session “How to Testify in a Virtual Legislature”. Ideas on submitting verbal and written testimony will be shared, including the processes currently in use by our legislature.

I will be hosting a monthly zoom session on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. These sessions will begin on February 24 and will continue on March 24, April 28,

and May 26. The zoom session will include an update on State Grange activities, along with a question/answer session on any topic.

The lessons learned will remain a valuable component as we move on in our forever changed world.
-- Tom Gwin

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The login will be the same for each meeting.
As we begin to see a glimmer



Tom Gwin

of hope that this pandemic will eventually subside, we will continue to keep the lines of communication open between the State Grange and each of our Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Traveling to visit Granges has been almost non-existent for almost a year. The Zoom meetings will allow us to continue providing information and tools to our members as we continue riding out the next months of the pandemic.

Please don’t take this wrong. We must continue moving forward with caution... using masks, social distancing, and using the necessary precautions to continue beating back the effects of this pandemic. When it is finally over, we will look back and remember the time spent focusing on family activities. We will be thankful for Zoom and other technology as we use it to supplement our regular Grange activities, rather than being our primary source of activities. The lessons learned will remain a valuable component as we move on in our forever changed world.

Legislative

Reviewing The Bills From The Virtual 2021 Legislative Session



By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

Heather Hansen

The 2021 legislative session began on January 11 with a sigh of frustration as legislators, staff and the public all tried to figure out how to operate virtually.

With the public able to sign up from the comfort of their own home, controversial bills have drawn hundreds of people wishing to comment, or simply go on the record as supporting or opposing a bill. If you do not wish to speak, you may also submit written comments.

- Some of the biggest draws so far have been:
- House Bill 1091 which would create a Low Carbon Fuel Standard.
 - Senate Bill 5096 which would create a Capital gains tax of 9% on earnings of more than \$25,000 for an individual and \$50,000 for a married couple. The sale of homes, timberland and most ag land would be exempt, but the sale of most other business assets and personal property would be taxed.
 - Senate Bill 5126 which would create a cap and trade program.

Dozens of gun related bills have been introduced. They range from banning assault weapons to restricting guns inside the Capital building.

Of great concern to those in agriculture, is a bill which would penalize any fruit or vegetable packer or processor by increasing their B&O tax rate if they have any labor related complaints against them. The Department of Labor and Industries is in charge of enforcing labor laws and they do a thorough job. Piling on with taxes has the potential to crush businesses. Labor related complaints can range from things like running out of soap in the restroom, to one employee hassling another employee. That shouldn’t happen, but the employer may not always have complete control over employee behavior. The employer is still responsible and now, could be penalized with a tax increase. No other industry faces such double jeopardy.

Another bill of concern SB 5141 which creates an environmental justice program. Nearly every decision made by the Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Health, Commerce, Ecology and Transportation would have to be reviewed by a new 15 member Environmental Justice Council. Decisions relating to rules, budget and grants would all have to be reviewed before they could be finalized.

A court decision in November made agricultural workers subject to overtime pay for the first time. As written, the court decision left open the question of retroactivity. Bills have now been introduced to limit retroactive claims for overtime pay. Since the initial decision, dozens of additional lawsuits have been filed against dairies and other agricultural businesses.

One bright spot was the new Chair of the House Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Committee, Representative Mike Chapman from Port Angeles.

New bills will continue to be introduced until mid-February.

Legislative

Legislative Session: How To Participate

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

With an all virtual legislative session this year, it’s easier for more people to participate. All legislative hearings will be online on TVW. You can watch at home on your computer. If you don’t have time to watch a hearing when it’s live, you can go to www.tvw.org and watch the video anytime.

Find your legislators here: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder>. Everyone has three state legislators, two Representatives and one Senator.

Find contact information for all legislators and their assistants here: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/Rosters/Members>.

The legislature’s home page, <https://leg.wa.gov/>, shows the daily calendar and has numerous links to help you find more information about your legislators and bills. For general information about the legislative process, go the Legislative Information Center, <https://leg.wa.gov/lic/Pages/default.aspx>, for more excellent resources.

You can also testify and/or submit written comments from the comfort of your own home. If you wish to testify, you must sign up at least one hour

before the hearing begins. Written comments can be submitted up to 24 hours after the beginning of the hearing. Sign up here: <https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/Participating.aspx>

If you testify, realize that time may be limited. In busy hearings, testimony is often limited to one or two minutes. There will be a countdown clock on the screen that shows how much time you have left. When your time is up, you will be cut off.

In both verbal testimony and written comments, always be polite. A bill may look crazy to you, but to someone else, it is important. Begin by introducing yourself. Include your name, where you are from and why you care about this issue. Explain what you like and don’t like about the bill. Be specific. Do not call legislators names or you will be cut off. (Yes, this happens.) For written comments, check spelling and grammar before submitting. It’s a good idea to read your comments aloud before finalizing them. It’s even better to read them along to someone else for review.

As always, if you have questions about a bill, the legislative process, or how to get involved, please reach out. Democracy works best when people engage.

2021 Legislative Priorities

- We believe a capital gains tax is a form of income tax as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Washington State Constitution prohibits an income tax, therefore we oppose a capital gains tax.
- We oppose a carbon emissions tax.
- To spur economic development and virtual education opportunities, we support increased funding for the expansion of broadband capabilities across the state.
- We recognize access to water as essential to our rural communities and farms. We believe the agricultural community should have a strong voice in all decisions affecting water resources.
- We support development of a state meat processing inspection program, administered by the WA State Department of Agriculture, which will assist in adding safety and creating value for both the consumer and the agricultural producers.
- We favor retention of the Columbia and Snake River Dams as an integral part of our transportation infrastructure. These hydroelectric power producing dams provide clean energy, recreational opportunities and assist in managing flood control.

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS January 2021

	# Joined	Jr. +1
Barberton #5711	1	
Michael J Hatfield		
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Mary L Adkins		
Columbia Valley #938	1	
Marchelle Burnham		
Deer Lagoon #846	24	
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East Wenatchee #1012	2	
Michael Strong , Lori Dewitz		
Rose Valley #953	5	
April Galbraith, Jerice Fowler, Tim Fowler Emma Fowler, Ethan Fowler		
San Juan #966	9	
Rami Amaro, Katherine Dietzman, Nolan Fike Lori Hellstrom, Delphina Liles, Robert Rock Allyson Rugge, Nan Simpson, Krispi Staude		
Skamokawa #425	1	
Bob Campbell		
South Union #860.	1	
Beverly York		
Spring Hill #909	2	
Robert Clouse, Mitchell Clouse		
Steele Lake/ Highline.	1	
Matt Lord		
Swauk Teanaway #984	1	
Bill Doyle		
Twisp Valley #482.	4	
Mary Jane Perry, Peter Jumars, Kasey Gibbs David Asia		
Waitsburg #1	1	
Lauren Rohde		
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Tools to Guide New Members

Thank you to everyone who joined us on the Membership Zoom meetings. We discussed some new and exciting news, we heard from a couple of successful Granges who have been attracting new members through the pandemic, and we had great conversations on what can bring new light to our Grange Halls. Brainstorming with other Granges is always helpful and can turn on those light bulb ideas.

If you missed our meeting this past month, please reach out to Sophia in the office to see if we can put another meeting together to help your Grange. If you would like to share ideas of what is working in your Grange, we would love to hear about them as well. We would like to feature one success story in each Grange News issue. This month you will read about San Juan Island Grange and what they are doing to actively recruit new members.

As we shared with the members who were able to join our meetings, we have some exciting new tools to help grow and flourish your Grange as you begin to bring in new membership. You will soon see that we will have a new way of reporting new members. We have had much discussion in the office about new members and how long it takes from them to be reported to us. This process can take months and months depending on how quickly the Secretary reports those new members. We have seen it take up to eight months to report a new member if the Secretary is behind in his/her quarterly reports. This means that the new member does not even see a Grange News until it is reported to us. This can be very discouraging for a new member. They may think twice about why they joined the Grange in the first place.

So, what if we created a form just to report your new members? And what if on that new member form, you could order a “new membership packet” to be sent right away to that new member? How could that impact your Grange as well as your new members? Do new members really know and understand what benefits they have as a Grange member? Do they know the programs we offer?

This new member form will need to be filled out and sent to us right away with each of your new members. We will know longer wait for months to add them to a quarterly report. This new form will also help Secretaries better fill out the correct information that is needed. The current quarterly report is confusing as to who should be listed in the Jr+1 section and does not have a place to add birthdates for teen/young adults or for additional family members in a family membership (up to age 23).

On this new form, you will also find a place to order a “new member packet” for \$1 each. This new packet will be sent immediately from the state Grange office and will include the newest Grange News, a benefits brochure, a declaration of purpose brochure, a summary of our current programs and contests as well as a membership application that the new member can share with friends and family to also invite them to become members of the Grange.

We believe this will help to set your new member on the right track as they navigate all that the Grange has to offer, both locally as well as state and nationally.

With 54 new members reported in January, we are on the right track for Grange growth in 2021. Lets work together to make this a banner year in increasing our membership in the Grange.

Grange Month Display Contest: “Cultivating Connections In Our Community”



Granges are encouraged to toot their own horn and the horns of other Granges as we celebrate Grange Month in April. The State Grange Membership Department is having a Grange Month Display Contest to assist in promoting the Grange and portraying the positive influences the Grange has made on our state and nation.

For over 130 years the Washington State Grange has worked to make our state a better place for our citizens. We are active in 226 communities throughout the state, providing a wide range of services and offering multiple activities and programs. A public display on our Grange programs will assist in informing the citizens of our state of our programs and achievements.

Grange Month is celebrated in April. We ask that each Grange create a public display to promote the Grange and to focus on the positive impacts the Grange has made in our state.

- General Guidelines:**
- Each Grange will arrange for their own display area in a prominent public location in their community. The display area may be a window, table, showcase, or whatever is available for use in your community.
 - Each Grange will design a display featuring their projects and activities, with a focus on the positive impacts they have had on the community or state.
 - The display should follow the theme “Cultivating Connections IN Our Community”.
 - A wide variety of Grange programs should be represented (i.e. lecturer programs, community service, youth activities, junior programs, family living, legislative etc.)
 - The display must be in place for a minimum of seven days during the month of April.
 - Each display must include a Grange logo and contact information for the local Grange.

- Contest Information:**
- Each Grange is encouraged to take a 3-5 pictures of their display (including one of the complete display).
 - Place the pictures in a folder and include a 300-word (maximum) essay describing the display and what you tried to portray.
 - Include your Grange name and contact information in the folder.
 - Send the folder to the State Grange Office no later than May 1.
 - Pictures of the displays will be used for promotion in The Grange News. In addition, pictures will be displayed at the State Grange Convention.
 - Judging will be completed by a committee and will be based on: originality, creativity, design, and overall impact.
 - Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five displays: \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, and \$10.

All entries should be placed in a folder and sent by May 1 to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507. All entries will be available for pick up at the State Grange Convention.

San Juan Island Grange: Finding Ways To Grow With Their Community

Here are some thoughts on how we have maintained and grown our Grange membership in the past few years:

Before the pandemic: We have a Grange hall that has been one of the central features in our island community infrastructure (weddings, dances, memorials, other club meetings, forums). Our Grange membership has worked hard at maintaining a clean building that is actively marketed by a committee, and rented by an agent . We met regularly , in person, at the same time each month and actively invited the wider community to come join us. We held monthly free contra dances open to the entire community. We held a well attended weekly morning open discussion at our hall, to deal with issues pertinent to farmers and gatherers. We held a monthly fee based contradance with paid musicians, which drew in an extended circle of participants . Other themes over the years involved having a tool library, monthly meetings to work on community resilience, and our support of 4H and other community based forums.

In this past year with the pandemic: We have a committed (very important ingredient) cadre of members that are regularly at the local farmers market. They not only sell their wares, but also have information on our grange, with applications to join. This ‘cadre’ is made up of approachable and engaged community members who are there week by week by month by month, and have impressed the wider community with their good spirit, knowledge, and product.

Home & Family

Family Living

Family Living Projects/Ideas For 2021

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

Thank you to all of you who participated in our zoom meeting. Many great ideas were shared which I will be sharing with you over the next few months. We talked a lot about charity projects. The list in our program handbook is just a suggestion. You may have others which are more local to your Grange. Any time you can support your community is a potential to bring in new members. When reporting these feel free to use the back of the report form or put on

a separate sheet of paper. Some ideas which were shared: Helping homeless teens, contributing to women's shelters and Lap quilts for returning Honor Flight participants. If your Grange chooses to give to the charities in the handbook please send the check to the state office.

We also talked about contests. The Ex. Committee will meet in March to make the final decision about a full convention in June. Only if that happens will you need to have Pomona contests. Baking is still a question as to whether we can have this contest.

For my final thought today I would



Helen Berg

like to share with you a YouTube site for making mats out of plastic bags for the homeless. This is something Barbarton Grange has done and donated to the homeless Vets. So here it is. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yrWHWtGSE> Happy crocheting!

It has been great hearing from you via your reports. For those of you who forgot it is not too late.

Have s great Valentine's Day.



A Heart-Smart Recipe

(Courtesy of Family Features; Photo above courtesy of American Heart Association and American Diabetes Association)

As people have spent more time at home, many have rediscovered the simple joy of home-cooking and stumbled upon a secret weapon for health at the same time. A heart-smart eating plan is especially important for more than 30 million people in the U.S. living with type 2 diabetes who are at double the risk for heart disease and stroke compared to those without diabetes, according to the American Heart Association and American Diabetes Association's Know Diabetes by Heart initiative. Healthy eating provides benefits for the whole family whether members are managing existing health conditions or not. This recipe for Baked Parmesan Chicken is packed with 30 grams of protein in each serving yet delivers only 280 calories.

Find more recipes and learn more about managing the connection between diabetes and heart health at KnowDiabetesbyHeart.org/Recipes.

Baked Parmesan Chicken

Recipe courtesy of Know Diabetes by Heart
Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 18 minutes
Servings: 4 (3 ounces chicken per serving)

Ingredients:
Cooking spray
1 large egg
1 tablespoon water
2 teaspoons olive oil
1/3 cup finely crushed, low-sodium, whole-grain crispbread
1/3 cup shredded or grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon ground oregano
1/4 teaspoon pepper
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 4 ounces each), all visible fat discarded, flattened to 1/4-inch thickness

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Lightly spray a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

In a shallow dish, whisk the egg, water and oil. In a separate shallow dish or pie pan, stir together the crispbread, Parmesan cheese, parsley, oregano and pepper. Dip the chicken in the egg mixture then in crumb mixture, turning to coat at each step and gently shaking off any excess. Using fingertips, gently press the coating mixture so it adheres to the chicken. Arrange the chicken in a single layer in the baking dish. Lightly spray the chicken with cooking spray.

Bake for 15-18 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink in the center and the top coating is golden brown.

Nutritional information per serving: 280 calories; 80 calories from fat; 9 g total fat; 2.5 g saturated fat; 0 g trans fat; 1 g polyunsaturated fat; 4 g monounsaturated fat; 125 mg cholesterol; 340 mg sodium; 530 mg potassium; 18 g total carbohydrate; 4 g dietary fiber; 0 g sugar; 0 g added sugar; 30 g protein; 370 mg phosphorus. Choices/Exchanges: 1 starch, 4 lean protein.

Community Service

Items To Avoid When Donating To Your Local Food Banks

By Heather Ferguson, Community Service Director

With our current state of the world, food banks are seeing an increase in need. Many of us, as individuals or as a Grange, donate products or time to our local food bank. For those who are not as familiar, here is a list of items to avoid when donating to your local food banks.

- 1) Out of date food- Don't pass on food you think needs to be tossed to save yourself the guilt of throwing it away. If you don't feel comfortable eating it, neither will the next person.
- 2) Home baked goods- Even if your kitchen is the cleanest around, the food bank does not know that. Any baked goods handed out at a food bank should be made in a certified kitchen.
- 3) Home processed foods- For the same reason as above, food passed out at a food bank must be processed in a certified kitchen.
- 4) Leftovers- For example, your leftover turkey from Thanksgiving needs to be sent home with your guests or consider a smaller bird. Perhaps donate a frozen bird instead.
- 5) Food with packaging concerns- If it is leaking, bulging, cracked, torn or severely dented it needs to go in the trash.
- 6) Refrigerated items- Check with your local food bank first. They may not have room to keep them or may not even have refrigerators.

Lecturer's Department

Just A Few Thoughts ...

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

Just a few thoughts... I hope all is well with you and your family during this pandemic. Like many of you, I'm sort of getting tired of pretty much staying at home. I really miss our twice monthly Grange meetings and our Pomona meetings. My Grange has opted to not have virtual meetings because of a lack of access. Keeping in touch with Grange friends has been mostly just through phone calls but it is not the same. I'm

scheduled for my first of two COVID vaccine shots this afternoon and am looking forward to starting that process. I know it's been difficult for many of us to get the vaccine but that should improve in the next month or so. Remember our Fifth Degree charge and Persevere.

Traditionally this is the time of year when we do our Leadership Conferences around the state and of course that has been revised this year. Hello-o-o-o-o Zoom! I've had two Lecturer sessions to date and one more on the schedule for 1/30. I've



Leslie Jo Wells

had about 15 Lecturers join in and 10 or so others participate as well. We've had some good discussions about what is happening in their Granges and talked about some program ideas.

I am still looking for your year-end Lecturer report. I've received some but definitely fewer than normal. Even if you have had fewer meetings than normal please take a few minutes to fill out the report and send it to me: Leslie Jo Wells, 18232 201st Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272.

Last month I asked that the Lecturers email me with their email address and I heard from several of you. I would like to use that email list to share information with you, e.g. a quarterly newsletter that the National Lecturer distributes to the various state Lecturers. I would also like to set up a Zoom session to have a group discussion about program ideas. New ideas can spark a renewed interest in all of us. In the meantime, carry on however you can in your role as Lecturer of your Grange.

A Riverside Valley Grange Holiday



Riverside Valley Grange decorated a tree at the Washington State Fair for the Holiday Magic Drive Thru event, which was held December 4th through January 3rd.

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(and includes tax & shipping)

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Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Juniors

Send A Smile With A Valentine Card

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director



Heather Ferguson

Quarantine has been hard on everyone and made many go a year without hugging a loved one or seeing a friend. Especially, our elderly friends who live in assisted living communities, maybe some members of your Grange, or even one of your neighbors could be feeling a little lonely. Many of you are still learning virtually and that means many Valentine’s Day school festivities and cards will not happen. Juniors, let’s make Valentines for those who are needing friends right now.

Valentine’s cards are not only a tradition but are a lot of fun. A simple card can also put a smile on someone’s face and remind them that they have friends. This would be a great way to use your creativity and your artistic ability and make them or you could buy them from the store. Either way, they are just as special for the person receiving them.

Getting your cards to those who need them could be done by leaving them on a door step, mailing them or delivering them to an assisted living community. To make them safe for our friends, we must consider the COVID rules. Please wash your hands well before and while making them, clean the surface you are working on and do not lick the envelopes but use a sticker or damp cloth to seal them. Assisted living facilities could have stricter rules concerning mail and cards, so be sure to ask if you are sending cards to friends there.

This does not only need to be a Juniors project. It is an easy Community Service project for the rest of us. I would love for you to join with me and make someone else’s Valentine’s Day a little bit brighter.

WA State Grange Offers 2021 Scholarships

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

Applicants for these scholarships must be high school seniors or graduates already enrolled in institutions of higher learning. They must be a member of a Subordinate Grange in the State of Washington.

The scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or degree in a recognized profession or vocation.

The following scholarships are being offered this year:

- Grange Family Living Dept. Vocational Scholarship
- Grange Family Living Dept. Home Economics Scholarship

- Kegley Agricultural Scholarship
- Norm Buchholz Agricultural Scholarship
- Kittleson Memorial Agricultural Scholarship
- Adrian & Betty DeVries Memorial Scholarship
- Delpha Goude Scholarship
- Horace Bozarth Scholarship
- Kiona-Benton (Koss Memorial) Scholarship
- Martin & Grace Forry Scholarship
- Martin & Snowie Vanderpool Scholarship
- Riverview Grange Scholarship
- Fox Island Grange Scholarship
- Nob Island Grange Scholarship
- Ray & Marion Kammerer Scholarships
- Enga M. Anderson Scholarship

- Bear Creek Scholarship
- Rock Creek Scholarship
- French Creek Scholarship
- McCleary Grange Scholarship
- Pomona Villa Scholarship

Details on the requirements for each scholarship, along with applications forms, can be found on the Washington State Grange website, www.wa-grange.com. Completed applications and all other required materials must be in the State Office by April 1.

A question & answer session regarding the Washington State Grange Scholarship Program is scheduled to be held via zoom on Tuesday, February 2 at 7 p.m. To join the zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581>



Youth

New Youth Program/Activities For 2021

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

Thank you to those Grange members who attended one of the three Zoom meetings facilitated by the youth and young adults committee. Your feedback will assist the state team in planning activities for the future.

The National Grange Youth Program Guide has been posted on our website. The State Youth Program Guide is also posted and will remain in effect through 2021. Entry forms will remain the same. At this point, we are looking for potential Youth and Young Adult Ambassadors to represent the Washington State Grange for 2021-2022. Interested applicants can contact one of the youth team members.

We are looking at methods of conducting a virtual public speaking and sign-a-song contest this year. Contest rules are in the program handbook. We will announce the additional details as they become available.

The youth department will be hosting a fun family weekend for all Grange members on July 30-August 1. Of course, this event is pending the status of the current COVID-19 pandemic. We are planning a weekend of fun activities, with camping space available and hotels nearby. The location and details for the weekend will be forthcoming.

Let’s continue hoping for an end to this pandemic so we can resume our Grange youth and young adult activities!

Mt. View Grange #98 Got An Overdue Facelift In 2020

After 2 years of fundraising, the Mt. View Grange got a long overdue facelift in 2020. Spring came and it seemed to rain forever; it was June before work finally began. Nate Clarke Painting, a 3rd generation painting company based in nearby Parkdale OR, painted the building. The company’s experience with historic buildings made Nate Clarke a really good choice for the job. Nate and crew went above-and-beyond the call. They paid a lot of attention to details and painted the front metal rail without being asked, just so it would also look great. The historic photo showing the first folks that painted the Grange in 1934 were volunteer members. They would be proud that their efforts are still going strong! Next, the old stone foundation got some TLC from Natural Art Stonework LLC. New tuck-pointing protects the old stone and adds a finished look.

The rain of fall began, and member Krista Thie saw a need. She wasted no time enlisting the help of friends and

family to make the solution happen. She and Alfredo Cortes, owner, Landscape Yard Service, got right to work. Drain rock was placed at the drip-line to protect wood at the foundation and the new paint job. Alfredo’s trucks transported the rock to the Grange and his crew expertly moved dirt and rock and gravel until everything was in its place. It looks great and is really working well this rainy season. You guys Rock! (Pun intended). The drain rock project was the perfect finale to a Grange makeover that started at the top with the painting project, worked its way to the foundation, and finally, to the earth it stands on.

Throughout the covid months Mt. View Grange members have been hard at work to keep projects moving – in a safe way. Banners were hung, repairs were made, bird holes plugged, plants and flowers were re-located and pot holes were filled. It seemed like there was always more digging to do!

Indoors, the new stage floor was

finally installed with proceeds from the Mt. View Grange benefit live stream dance classes with Sarah Riddle of the Viscount Dance Studio. During the September benefit Sarah reminded Grange members that now more than ever (during Covid) we have to treasure our dance spaces - remember the many good times at the Grange and know that there will be many more in the future.

This summer, members plan to paint the doors green and add colorful hex designs to the exterior. Meanwhile the white exterior has been a fine backdrop to a “thank a farm worker” banner.

Sadly, Mt. View Grange will not be able to open in February to regular programs. The Gleaners & Jazzercise virtual streaming classes will continue, due to their ability to follow strict covid protocols with minimal (under 5) people in the building. The Mt. View Grange looks forward to the time we can open our doors and meet again. We have to be hopeful...and diligent. There is light at the end of the tunnel.



Top: Mt. View Grange volunteer member painters in 1934.
Bottom: Mt View Grange painters in 2020.



Grange Connection

CLALLAM COUNTY

Crescent Grange continues to conduct business through Zoom meetings, thanks to Elizabeth Hogan and Steve Singhose who have become our Zoom Masters. Emil Moilanen has been elected Master for 2021. Congratulations to Erik Johnson and Judy Moilanen on reaching their 50 year membership in Crescent Grange and to the following 25 year members... Dorothy Dumas, MaryLou Smith and Roberta Stoneman. Pins and certificates have been ordered. Several members of Crescent Grange have personally donated more than \$3600.00 to keep the Grange hall operating through the pandemic. A huge thank you to all who stepped forward to meet this challenge. Two fund raisers are planned for later this year: our plant sale in April and Flea Market in September. If the plant sale cannot be held on the Grange Hall grounds, we will move to Plan B – the Moilanen front yard. Hopefully, our flea market, in conjunction with the Great Strait Sale in September, will be on schedule. We will continue to support Joyce Daze in August and our Children's Christmas Craft day in December together

with our annual Christmas Party. Several of our members have taken on the job of maintenance. Steve Singhose, Elizabeth Hogan, Emil and Judy Moilanen, Coleman Byrnes and Sue Nattinger worked the front of the building cleaning out flower beds, weeding and trimming back all the shrubs. John Locke and Coleman Byrne cleaned out around the septic tank. A big thank you to Jeff Gagnon who took down a couple of trees that had been playing havoc with the septic system. After examining the heating system in the Grange hall, John Locke decided that the job was best left to the professionals. He has moved out on the inspection etc.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Elma Grange is beginning their monthly garage sales in February. Stop by the Grange hall of the first weekend of the month for great buys. Humptulips Grange is moving forward with the sale of a small piece of property that will address a water issue for the Humptulips Grocery Store. The sale has been approved by the State Grange Executive Committee. Members

reported a car was seen swirling around in the Grange's gravel parking lot. The car ended up scraping a tree on the edge of the parking lot. There is probably more damage to the car than either the tree or the parking lot. Grange members have decided they will need to put locks on the gates to the parking lot. The Grange Food Bank served 63 families in January.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Chimacum Grange is the host to one of the three Jefferson County Little Free Pantries, thanks to the Community Wellness Project. The cute little "house on stilts" to the right of our front door will be supplied with a variety of edibles appropriate for use by persons without refrigeration. We expect that it will be visited by homeless persons, but also by teenagers on their way home from school and any other persons in our community who are experiencing food shortages during this pandemic period.

KING COUNTY

Issaquah Valley Grange held their annual Candle Lighting Ceremony at the first meeting of 2021. Like many things in these times of statewide quarantine due to possible virus contagion, it was not traditional. Our collegiate member, Akela Hunter, coordinated a Zoom meeting from her home at Central Washington University. Each family was assigned a word from Grange ritual. As they lighted a candle in their individual homes they stated a hope or charge for our Grange organization based on their assigned word. We closed the meeting with our Junior members song, "This Little Light of Mine." Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine." "We will sing in Peace, we'll sing in Harmony. Let it Shine, let it Shine, let it Shine!"

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange members were featured in the Chinook Observer

regarding their resolution for repairs to the Fort Columbia Tunnel on US Hwy 101. Their resolution was amended and adopted at the State Grange Business Meeting in June. Several Grange members made comments in the need to change the lighting in the tunnel, along with repairing the highway surface. The news item was later picked up by the National Grange and included in their column on Granges making a difference in their communities.

PEND OREILLE COUNTY

Calispel Grange #500 member Diane Stone, has been busy making clothes for new infants during quarantine. These little outfits will be donated to the PREPARES group at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. They provide clothes for newborns to 3 years old.

PIERCE COUNTY

Collins Grange members made a large food donation to the food bank. Members have working on wifi at their Grange hall. Edgewood Grange has a new roof on their hall.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange's Santa Drive Thru on December 12 was a huge success with at least 50 children getting a bag of goodies from Santa and we collected over \$800 and 5 boxes of toys and money for Toys for Tots. Lots of pictures were taken at the beautiful outdoors sitting that was available for families. Our Brownie and Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2048 is again meeting every other Thursday. Several individuals are looking at the Grange to rent this upcoming summer. On December 31, Ruth Davis Wegeleben, 103 years young, passed away from natural causes. Both Ruth and her husband, Carl, were Green Bluff Grangers for many years. The Kevin Pace Bluegrass Band will present a concert on February 27 at the Grange, if we are able to host it. Information and applications for the Green Bluff Grange scholarship, which is due no later than April 1, is being disseminated. Our latest Grange meeting was on Zoom on January 19. Here we are already in February — the months due go by fast even if we are still in pandemic.

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	.....none schedule at this time due to Covid19.
CLALLAM	.....March 21 at Crescent, 2 p.m.
CLARK	.....February 10 at 7 p.m. Zoom Meeting
COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM	.....to be determined.
EXCELSIOR	.....March 27 at Clayton, 1p:30 a.m.
FERRY	.....to be determined.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	.....March 13 at North River, 10 a.m.
KING	.....to be determined.
KITSAP	.....to be determined.
KLICKITAT	.....March 13 at Glenwood, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
LEWIS	.....February 6 at Baw Faw, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting; March 6 at Mossyrock, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
MASON	.....March 20 at Matlock, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 pm potluck. Contest entries due by 10 a.m.
OKANOGAN	.....to be determined.
PEND OREILLE	.....to be determined.
PIERCE	.....February 6 at Ohop, 10 a.m. Will be Zoom meeting if can't meet face to face. March 6 at Edgewood, 10 a.m.
SKAGIT	.....to be determined.
SNAKE RIVER	.....March 20 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
SNOHOMISH	.....to be determined.
SPOKANE	.....March meeting is undetermined due to Covid 19.
STEVENS	.....to be determined.
THURSTON	.....to be determined.
WHATCOM	.....February 16 at Ten Mile, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Baking contest entries due at 6 p.m.
WHITMAN	.....February 20 at Jim & Bonnie Lyle's home in Colfax, 10 a.m.

Pomona Connection

PIERCE COUNTY POMONA

Pierce County Pomona will hold their February 6 meeting via zoom. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Please contact the Pomona Master or Secretary for the login information. Members removed the old walk-in refrigerator from the Pomona Kitchen at the Pierce County Fairgrounds. The Grange is looking at several options for refrigeration at this year's fair.

Chimacum Grange Home To Little Free Pantry

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Green Bluff Grange Hosts Santa Drive-Thru



Green Bluff Grange had a wonderful evening for our Santa Drive-Thru and raised over \$800 in cash for Toys for Tots plus 4-5 boxes of toys!!!

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

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In Memoriam



Jack Hendrickson - King County Deputy Master & Spouse Of Past State Grange Master June Hendrickson

Jack Hendrickson, 82, of Des Moines, WA, passed away unexpectedly in his home on January 1, 2021. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 50 years, June Hendrickson. He is survived by his son, Jeff Hendrickson (Dawn) and daughters, Julie Ziegler (Jeff) and JoAnn Xydis (Jason). He has six grandchildren that he loved with all of his heart: Ahnika, Evan, Hannah, Nolan, Jonny and Joslyn.

Jack was born January 29, 1938, in Lewiston, Idaho to Fritz Hendrickson and Martha Gehrke Hendrickson. He grew up on the family ranch in Anatone, Washington, alongside his brothers Carl and Fred, who both preceded him in death.

Jack graduated from Anatone High School in Asotin, Washington, in 1956 and then enlisted in the Army in 1959. He was honorably discharged in 1962 as an E5 Sergeant, where he earned a Good Conduct Medal. After his military service, Jack attended South Seattle Community College where he completed a four-year electrician apprenticeship. In 2000, Jack retired from his many years of service as an electrician for King County Dept. of Natural Resources (Metro), working out of the Renton Treatment Plant.

During his time in the Army, one of Jack’s buddies, Douglas Preston, talked of his family in upstate New York. Doug thought his cousin, June Fairchild, would be a perfect match for Jack. Their love story took off from there, where they wrote letters and sent taped cassettes to each other across the country. They fell in love and then finally met in person when Jack went to New York to propose. They married on July 5, 1969. Jack’s favorite joke was to say that he had his independence on July 4th and lost it on July 5th! They drove across the country together and settled back in the Seattle area where they raised their family.

Jack continued to stay active in his community during his retirement years with June. He was a member of the WA State Grange for 58 years and served as Master of the Steele Lake Highline Grange for many years, was a founding member of the Grange Camper Association of WA, was active in the King County Pomona Grange, a Master Mason member of the Des Moines Lodge and was awarded a certificate of recognition for over 40 years of service. He currently served as the Midway Sewer District Commissioner, where he had served for over 40 years.

Less than a year after his beloved wife, June, passed away after a long battle with cancer, Jack passed away. While the family is mourning and grieving their loss, one thing that truly does comfort them is knowing Jack and June are reunited and together once again.

A private graveside service will be held for the family at Tahoma National Cemetery. A combined funeral service for Jack and June will be held and announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Des Moines United Methodist Church, PO Box 98746, Des Moines, WA 98198.



Anna Van Hulle - Past State Grange Secretary & Flora

Anna (Roller) Van Hulle passed away on January 6, 2021, at age 89 in Puyallup, WA.

She was born on April 19, 1931 to Emil and Mabel Roller. She grew up in Tacoma, where she lived nearly all her life, and made lifelong friendships at Lincoln High School. In 1952 she married David Van Hulle. They made a wonderful life together with their two children. She was known for her kindness, positive energy, and infectious smile. Anna was a member of St. John of the Woods Catholic Church, and she worked many years at Twin Cedars Florist, as well as being a tireless volunteer.

She was very active in the Waller Road Grange, working with Junior Grange, the Puyallup Fair agricultural displays, as well as Pierce County and Washington State Grange offices. She was a master planner for the livestock exhibits at the Waller Road Fair, and won plenty of ribbons for her wonderful pies.

She relished many travel tours, and was delighted to be able to visit Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and Fiji, among others. She also enjoyed several cruises, some of which involved friends from high school with whom she stayed in touch.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dave, daughter, Rebecca, brother, Bob Roller, and sister, Elsa Kasemeier. She is survived by her brother Dick (Jackie) Roller, daughter Cindy (Leslie) Van Hulle, son Tim (Jennifer) Van Hulle, granddaughters Becky (Jason) Smith, and Katie (Alex) Layton, and great-grandsons Brody Smith, Benson Smith, and Charlie Layton. She will be greatly missed.

There will be no memorial service at this time due to Covid restrictions. Many thanks to her wonderful friends and caregivers at Julian Estates and Life Care Center of Puyallup, who made her final years comfortable and happy.

If you wish to make a donation in her memory, please consider the Puyallup Food Bank, at 1405 E. Main Ave., Puyallup, WA 98372.



Dorothy Bryant - Spouse Of Past Pierce County Deputy Master Elza Bryant

Dorothy Ann Bryant, 95, of Olalla, Washington, passed away peacefully at her home on January 10, 2021, surrounded by her family. She was born in Yakima, Washington, on September 18, 1925, to Henry and Lola Fear. She was loved, admired, and blessed, and she will be missed every day by the legacy of family and friends she left behind.

Dorothy grew up in Fife and graduated from Fife High School a semester early during the war years in January 1943. That summer, Dorothy met Elza Bryant while he worked at the produce store her family operated in Fife. They married on March 31, 1944, while Elza was home on leave from the US Army before leaving to serve in France during WWII. They were married in her sister’s living room surrounded by daffodils, her favorite flower. Together they raised five children on their dairy in Artondale and on the farm in Olalla. She became widowed in 1999 after 55 years of marriage. Dorothy was primarily a farmer’s wife and stay-at-home Mom most of her life. She could make homemade cheese and butter, bake yummy cherry and lemon meringue pies, could create a meal out of very little in the cupboard and yet feed anyone who came by for dinner. Both Dorothy and Elza were well known for helping others, even when struggling to count pennies themselves. She cooked, sewed, knitted, and created hundreds of stuffed toys for charity. Dorothy was a Den Mother for the Boy Scouts of America, a 4-H Leader, and a Campfire Girls leader. She won the PTA’s coveted Acorn Award for her service to Olalla Elementary School. Later in life, she was involved in the local Council for the Blind.

Dorothy was a 7th Degree member of Gig Harbor Grange, serving in many leadership roles for more than 71 years. She was given the Washington State Grange Leadership Award in 2017 (along with Elza, posthumously). She and Elza served together primarily behind the scenes at most Washington State Grange Conventions throughout the state. Dorothy also served as District Director of Women’s Activities, and District Director of the Junior Grange Department. As a leader of the Junior Grange, Dorothy was honored at State Convention with an award for her 50 years of service to the Junior Department. For many years she was a judge for the Grange’s sewing, baking and craft contests. She worked as the camp cook and camp nurse for Junior Grange Camp for many summers as well. Dorothy and Elza were also “Grangers of the Month”, and competed for State Grange Young Couple of the Year.

At her request, Dorothy was buried in a beautiful red dress made by her husband for her in 1958 “just to prove to her he could do it”. Elza won 2nd place for the dress in a sewing contest for the Grange that year.

Dorothy and Elza designed and built the popular agriculture displays at the Puyallup Fair for Gig Harbor Grange, alongside other Grange members. They gathered, furnished and installed fruits and vegetables for the displays every year for over 40 years, helping Gig Harbor Grange win many ribbons and prizes.

Dorothy was a charter member of Olalla Bible Church and a lifelong member there. She sang solos for Sunday morning services for many years, and continued to sing in the choir and on the worship team on Sunday mornings up until her death. She loved attending Bible Studies and meeting with her friends and church family. She enjoyed inviting her daughter, granddaughters and daughters-in-law to join her at the church’s annual Mother-Daughter Tea each spring. For many years, Dorothy was responsible for decorating the church for Sunday services. She was a Sunday School teacher and VBS leader and served the Lord in many other ways through Olalla Bible Church.

Dorothy was the matriarch of the Bryant family and loved our Christmas Eve get-togethers with the whole Bryant clan. As the family outgrew the farm to hold this celebration at home, it moved to the Grange Hall or to the Olalla Bible Church’s fellowship hall to fit everyone in. The Bryant clan took up several whole pews at each Christmas Eve Service at OBC. This year, because of COVID, and one other year because of a snowstorm, were the only years we have missed getting the whole family together on Christmas Eve in over 54 years.

Some of her favorite past times were listening to audio books, knitting and collecting cow memorabilia. Even after she lost her sight, Dorothy spent time throughout the year knitting dish cloths so that she could give one to each and every member of the Bryant family on Christmas Eve every single year. She has a collection of over 2,000 cow figurines, creamers, cookie jars, etc. She was always involved in doing something, making something, or taking care of someone. Rare is the person who could fill her shoes and she will be missed.

Dorothy is survived by her five children. Her sons: Thomas (& Beverley) of Tacoma; James of Olalla; David (& Mary) of Spanaway; William of Renton; and her daughter, Elizabeth Richmond of Tacoma. She leaves a legacy of 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren to carry on her service to others.

