



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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(Above) Humptulips Grange - Grand Champion for Overall Grange Agricultural Exhibit

(Below) East Hill Grange - Grand Champion for Agricultural Arrangement



East Hill And Humptulips Granges Share Top Honors At Washington State Fair

East Hill and Humptulips Granges shared top honors on their Grange displays at the 2022 Washington State Fair

in Puyallup. East Hill was named the Grand Champion for Arrangement, while Humptulips was named Grand

Champion for Overall Grange Agricultural Exhibit.

East Hill's display was themed "Celebrating 122 Years

of the Puyallup Fair" and featured agricultural produce arranged into the sun with the sunrays flowing through the display onto the farm near the front of the display.

Humptulips placed second in arrangement for their display titled "Celebrate Washington", which featured a map of the State of Washington. Seeds were arranged into the 39 counties in the state.

McMillin Grange placed third in arrangement with their depiction of "Bein' Green". The focal point of the display included a variety of green colored produce arranged into

the head of Kermit the Frog.

The fourth place award in arrangement went to Fruitland Grange with their display, "Read-Lead-Succeed". The produce was arranged into a library bookshelf.

Thurston County Pomona Grange was named the fifth place award for their display, "Dare to Dream". Produce was arranged by color into a dream catcher.

Meridian Grange placed sixth in arrangement on their display "Rainbow Farm". Black Lake was the seventh

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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.

- OCTOBER 10 Youth Fairs Program Review, 6:30 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
- OCTOBER 26 Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom Meeting
- NOVEMBER 15-18 National Grange Session at Reno/Sparks, Nevada
- NOVEMBER 30 Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom meeting; Topic – An Update from the Happenings of the National Grange Session



PRO TIP

Grange is always capitalized

In every instance, the first "G" in Grange is always capitalized because Grange is a proper noun. It's important to make sure in all of your flyers and announcements, Grange is capitalized and that you tell any reporters or news outlets you encounter that Grange is a proper noun and a registered copyright.





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Third Degree, Pleno

Lecturer's Department

Fair Booth Contest Information; Deadline Is October 31st



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

Fair Booth Contest Information
As we come to the end of the 2022 Fair Season, I would like to encourage all Granges that entered booths/displays at a fair to enter the Fair Booth Contest. You do not have to be the winner – any Grange that created a booth is eligible to enter. There are both Produce Booth and Project/Information Booth categories available for entry by Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Youth

groups can enter the Project/Information Booth category. Because the judges are not seeing your booth “in person” it is important that your entry be descriptive of what your booth contains, and you have clear pictures of the booth. Also please use a folder or notebook to hold your entry – no loose pages or pictures please. The postmark date for entries is October 31st. The detailed rules are available from your Lecturer, the Program Handbook or on the WSG website. If you do not have access

to any of these sources, please contact me and I will get the information to you. My contact information is: lesliewells@att.net or by phone at 360.306.0905.

Creative Writing...
In a previous issue of Grange News, I reported the results of the 2022 Creative Writing Contest. Unfortunately, I overlooked listing a couple of entries from Jennifer Oliver. Jennifer entered the Poetry and the Short Story categories. My apologies to her for missing them in the article.

Community Service

Community Service Donation Ideas For Your Grange



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson
Community Service Director

Winter is approaching and charities are preparing for the cold and rain. Along with the usual warm hats, gloves and scarves, charities find they are always in need of a few extra items this time of year. Here are 12 items that your Grange may want to think about donating this winter.

- 1) Winter Jackets
- 2) Rain Gear
- 3) Hand and Foot warmers
- 4) Socks
- 5) Boots and Shoes
- 6) Blankets, Towels and Sheets
- 7) Baby and Toddler Snow Suits
- 8) Lip Balm
- 9) Facial Tissues
- 10) Toys or Games
- 11) Mid-Year School Supplies
- 12) Tarps

By-Laws

BRIGHTON PARK GRANGE #163 will vote on by-laws changes at their next regular meeting on November 10th. The changes to be voted on will be a time change from 7:30 to 7:00 pm and a dues change of an additional \$5.00 and a fee of \$3.00 per new application for membership and \$6.00 fee for new Family application.

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President’s Message

State Grange Experiences A Great Summer; Looking Forward To Autumn Activities

By Tom Gwin
State Grange Master/President

As we complete our summer activities and enjoy the last few days of our summer warmth, we can reflect back on a remarkable summer of Grange activities. Our Annual State Session, held at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup, was our first full session in three years. We acted on over 30 resolutions and nine Standing Committee Reports. The departments held their contests, with winners selected and prizes awarded. The State Grange conferred the Sixth Degree on 22 candidates. The Granges of the Northern District (Island, King, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties) did an excellent job of hosting the session.

Summer brought additional to our State Grange Deputy Force. Larry Auvil (East Wenatchee Grange) is the new Deputy for Chelan and Douglas Counties. Janice Anderson (Washington Grange) will be returning to the Deputy position in Clark County. Jennifer Webb (Rimrock Grange) will be joining Jim Lyle and Rick Ferguson as a Deputy in Southeast Washington. Additional deputies will be named in the next few months.

The Junior Grange Camping Program made its return this summer. Clallam County Junior Grange held their session at Camp David Junior on the shores of Lake Crescent, near Port Angeles. You can see the fun enjoyed by the kids elsewhere in this issue. We hope to be fully back next year with six camps across the entire state.

One year ago, the Grange Youth Fairs Program was still in the visionary stage

in our state. We opened discussion on the program and Grange members and potential members across the state jumped on our bandwagon. Upon putting the finishing touches on the program, we met with interested Granges and presented them with the details of the program. The key to the success of the program

Plan your events wisely, keeping in mind that every event is an opportunity to promote membership in our organization.

-- Tom Gwin

is that while the State Grange put the basic program together, it is up to the local Granges to implement the program and work with their county or area fairs.

The word of our program spread like wildfire. We revitalized several Granges and gave an infusion of members to several others. In most instances, the participating Subordinate Granges decided that if youth wanted to participate in the program, the parents would have to become Grange members as well. The number of Grange family memberships in our state more than doubled. For the period ending June 30 of this year (our year end report to the National Grange), we should a net gain of 412 Subordinate Grange members. We also have a net gain in Junior Grange membership of over 400. There are now over 1000 Junior Grange



Tom Gwin

members in Washington State! We are still calculating final participation numbers to see the true impact this program had on our State Grange.

The evaluation process of this program is now taking place. In the next month, we will release the 2023 Youth Fairs Program Guide. Granges interested in implementing this program in their area should contact the State Grange Office.

I just returned to Olympia from a trip through the Yakima Valley and up to Moses Lake. While harvest is complete in some areas, much work is to be completed before winter arrives. It seems that pumpkins were for sale at every farm stand, however apples are still awaiting harvest. We are just starting the cranberry harvest over here on the coast. Let's pray that all harvest gets completed before the weather completely turns on us.

In just a few weeks, the 156th Annual Session of the National Grange will be held in Sparks, Nevada. I will be chairing the Conservation Committee for the session and our second delegate, Vice President David Bryant, will be on the Grange Law Committee. Host Committee chairs for the session include Rick and Terry Ferguson (Host Region Office, Annie Scott (Registration), and Jonny and Brittney Oliver (Youth Activities). Additional members will be attending to assist with the host duties and to enjoy the fellowship of the session.

Washington State has two Distinguished Granges this year – Five Mile Prairie and Goldendale. The Vetter Family from Olympic View Grange will be recognized as a Grange Legacy Family.

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Advocacy Playbook: Permitting Reform Bill

By Sean O’Neil
National Grange Legislative Assistant

Background:
In the 1960s and 70s, Congress created and passed a series of bills intended to protect and preserve the natural environment for future generations, most prominently the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act. Collectively, these pieces of legislation have created the process by which large and small infrastructure projects alike are reviewed, processed, and finally approved or rejected for construction. As long as this regulatory approval regime has existed, it has had its critics who say it errs too far in favor of environmental protection over necessary infrastructure construction or, even worse, serves as a forum for frivolous complaints intended to stop disliked projects regardless of actual environmental concerns. In recent years, these critics have been increasingly joined by climate change activists who have realized that the environmental review process has frequently slowed down or stopped the construction of the renewable energy and electricity transmission projects which are needed to decrease carbon emissions. With a broader coalition of critics, recently a bipartisan Congressional effort to reform the infrastructure permitting process has begun.

Legislation:
While legislative text of the forthcoming permitting reform bill has not yet been released, leading Senators have outlined potential provisions. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) has led the effort to pass a permitting reform bill and has indicated his support for provisions that would require maximum environmental review timelines for select infrastructure projects, streamline permit requirements with regard to agency jurisdiction and filing, set statute of limitations and other restrictions on legal challenges to potential projects, and enhance federal permitting authority for electric transmission facilities. Senator Manchin has placed a particular emphasis on the approval of the Mountain Valley Pipeline, a gas pipeline key to his home state of West Virginia. While many Democrats in Congress have indicated their support for permitting reform, some have expressed concerns about weakening environmental protections and not wanting to speed permitting for oil and gas projects. Meanwhile, congressional Republicans have expressed interest in working to make a deal on permitting reform which has long been a part of their political agenda.

Get Involved:
If you want to get involved and help shape a permitting reform bill, one useful way you can advocate for the bill is by reaching out to your member of Congress (if you are not sure who that is, use this website: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>). Whether you plan to call, send an email, or write a letter to your member of Congress, it is important to try to include a story about how the bill will affect you, your family, and your community. Each call, email, and letter an office receives is tallied up and considered when your Representative is deciding whether or not to support a bill, and extra weight is given to those contacts which include personal stories.

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

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Washington State Fair

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place winner in arrangement for their display featuring “Backyard Urban Gardening”. Ohop Grange placed eighth with their theme “Seek the Path to Grange”. Collins Grange was ninth in arrangement with “Do the Puyallup Fair – The Big Fantastic”, while Edgewood Grange placed tenth in arrangement with “The Heart of Washington”.

Humptulips Grange was named as the Grand Champion for Overall Grange Agricultural Exhibit. There are five categories in the judging, including Agricultural Seeds, Livestock Products, Horticultural Items, Vegetables, and Arrangement. The displays are judged in each category for quantity, variety, and quality of items. Each category carries equal weight in the judging. The scores from a variety of non-

Grange member judges are tallied to determine the overall placing.

Following Humptulips, the overall placings showed Fruitland Grange in second place for overall arrangement, while Thurston County Pomona Grange placed third. Fourth place was awarded to Black Lake Grange and fifth place went to East Hill Grange. The top five were followed by McMillin Grange in sixth place, Ohop Grange in seventh place, Collins Grange in eighth place, Meridian Grange in ninth place, and Edgewood Grange in tenth place.

The Washington State Fair has been held annually since 1900 in Puyallup. The fair is the largest single attraction held annually in the State of Washington. It continually ranks as one of the ten largest fairs in the nation, with an annual attendance of over one million.



Fruitland Grange



McMillin Grange



Thurston County Pomona Grange

Washington State Fair



Meridian Grange



Black Lake



Ohop Grange



Collins Grange



Edgewood Grange

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS August / September 2022

		# Joined	Jr. +1
1123	Crescent Christina Hazelett	1	
501	Davis Lake Mike Wrbelis, Suzie Wrbelis, Jacob Westphal, Rosalie Tozer Jeff Nichols, Marianne Nichols, Julie Morris	7	
846	Deer Lagoon Curt Coyne, Carol Ann Leonessa, Shelley McVay Mary Jo Mazick	4	
731	Kennewick Valley Selena Benavidez, Sarah Cassano	2	
1120	Kettle River Jacque Richards	1	
925	Lummi Island Patricia Coe, Doug Coe, David Canterman	3	
679	Malo Francine Sims	1	
276	Marion Katherine Moorehead	1	
964	Orcas Island Susan Hampel	1	
315	Prosperity Kacey Magnusson	1	
943	Ralston Akins Fresh Market (assoc), Thomas R. Pulliam	2	
1108	Sequim Prairie Giovanni Cerutti, Amanda Cerutti, Maryanne Ballard, Jocelyn Young	4	
129	Sunnyside Dustin Ogden, Jasmine Ogden, Tiffany Nelson, Hailie Nelson	4	1
1019	Tunk Valley Lori Fritz, Bill Finney	2	
996	Violet Prairie Julie Harness, Betty King, Stacey Taylor	3	
114	Whelan-Ewartsville Jane Hommel	1	
		# Joined	Jr. +1
TOTALS		38	1

Membership: Fall Is Here

It's that time of year again; Election of Officers are being held this month and next. And with new officers, it's also a great time to talk about new goals for your Grange.

These past few years have been a challenge to say the least. Who we were as Granges prior to the pandemic, may look a lot different today. Many of our Granges have changed the focus of their activities to better serve their communities. It is important for all of us to be aware of what is needed and adapt accordingly.

Has your Grange discussed ways to better serve your community? How would you like your Grange to grow in 2023? What events could bring in new interest to your Grange? What programs might entice members in your community? These are just a few questions you could think about while meeting to discuss your goals.

As our world has changed, so have those around us. Where once people were working and too busy to grow gardens or have small farms to grow food, now more and more are going back to basics. They are growing gardens, learning to preserve foods, raising chickens, goats, rabbits etc. They want help and guidance. Think about hosting events such as beginners canning, baking 101, or even raising small farm animals. Share what you know and what you love, and our communities will come to support and hopefully join us!

At the state level of membership, we hit just over 800 new members last year for 2021. This year we are just 8 away from 900. These are historic numbers and something

for all of us to get excited about. Let's set our goal for the remainder of the year and make it an even 1,000 new members for 2022! That would mean that if only half

of our Granges added just 1 new member before December 31, we will hit our goal. Who is up for the challenge?

Heirloom Project Readings for Autumn

Here are the Autumn Heirloom Project readings for your upcoming meetings:

Autumn A.1 (September) – “We recognize that education is a continuing process. We encourage all to continue their education..... (through adult education classes, by continued reading, observation and such other methods as may be available, including radio, television, and the internet. We recognize the valuable contribution made to education by the printed word, especially in newspapers, periodicals, and books, and will continue to advocate their widespread availability.)” (*Grange Declaration of Purposes*)

Autumn A.2 (October) – “While in Faith and in Hope this world may disagree, all mankind is concerned in Charity.” (*Third Degree; Flora*)

Autumn A.3 (November) – “We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime and hold that ‘progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion,’ while ‘the fault lies in bitterness of controversy.” (*Grange Declaration of Purposes*)

Membership Packet Order Form

Grange Name _____ Grange Number _____

Your Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

T-Shirt Size _____ (Small-3XL) T-Shirt Size _____ (Small-3XL)

Qty _____ Total Amount Enclosed _____

Each packet includes two Membership T-Shirts (to be worn while introducing others to the Grange), 50 membership applications, 50 Declaration of Purpose brochures (What the Grange is all about), 25 Grange Benefits brochures for \$25.

AN UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE GRANGE ACTIVITIES AND QUESTIONS/ANSWERS WITH THE STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

ZOOM MEETING Last Wednesday of Each Month at 7 p.m.

October 26 – Topic to be Announced
November 30 – An Update from the National Grange Session

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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.

Kevin McGough – Baw Faw #34
Becky Walrath – Davis Lake #501
Loretta Bilow – Sequim Prairie #1108
Butch Ogden – Sunnyside #129

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.

Robin Flem – Deer Lagoon #846
1 gift card

This Contest runs from January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022.
There are many members close to receiving their membership t-shirt or a \$25 gift card.
So, let's get out there and invite our friends and neighbors to join the Grange!

President's Message

State Grange Experiences A Great Summer; Looking Forward To Autumn Activities

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More than 100 Granges from our state will be recognized as Granges in Action. Entries have also been submitted for the Junior Grange and Community Service Departments. Shavanna May Fords Prairie Grange will represent our state in the Evening of Excellence and Tessa Taft (Humptulips) will represent the Western Region in the Sign-a-Song Contest.

Fall Booster Programs are

now underway. The Booster Message is printed elsewhere in this issue. Feel free to use the message at your program. If you wish to have a State Grange Representative at your program, please call me at the State Grange Office.

After a summer of camps and fairs, I am seeing an increase in Grange fund raising activities and programs and planning a variety of holiday activities. Plan your events wisely, keeping in mind that

every event is an opportunity to promote membership in our organization. Be sure to order your banners, membership applications, and flyers from the state at headquarters. Our new updated materials are attractive and will make your job of attracting new members easier.

Here's to a successful autumn of successful Grange activities in every Grange as we move closer to 2023!

• Grange Booster Night Message 2022 •

Welcome to the Grange Booster Night! A longtime tradition, the booster program is intended to provide a “boost” in the activities and membership of each Grange.

“Washington State Grange:
Working to Enrich Lives, Strengthen Families and
Enhance Communities across our State since 1889”

This mission statement identifies our organization. It reflects our organization’s values, our storied past, our modern-day projects and activities of the present, and the opportunities facing us in the future.

Every community in our state is impacted by the positive contributions of our Granges. Every successful community Grange provides the opportunity for its’ members to enhance their community. We strengthen families through our support of youth programs. We cultivate connections by creating partnerships with local schools. This may include our efforts to provide school supplies, dictionaries, and to present scholarships for students. We enrich lives by supporting food banks, reading programs, and other volunteer organizations. In each instance, the connection between the Grange and the community creates an impact by making each community a better place for our citizens.

The Grange is truly a “grass roots” organization. Grange legislative policy development begins at the local level. Subordinate and Pomona Granges have an opportunity to submit resolutions that will update or change our current Grange legislative policy. Each resolution is considered at our State Grange Session, held annually in June. The 2023 session is scheduled to be held in Moses Lake. The resolutions adopted by the delegates become policy of the State Grange, while those with a national scope are forwarded on to the National Grange for their consideration as well. Our lobbyists, both in Olympia and in Washington DC, use these policies as they lobby on behalf of all Granges.

Following the pandemic, our Granges are mostly now meeting in our traditional regular format. These face-to-face meetings allow for the traditional discussion on the important issues facing our communities, state, and nation. The lessons learned from the pandemic included how to use technology as a part of our meetings. We do allow members to attend meetings via conference call or other means, including “Zoom” and “Go To Meeting”. We must continue to use the invaluable lessons learned from the pandemic to better our Granges as we move forward to the future.

While our storied past is well documented and well written, perhaps our greatest opportunity for success is still ahead of us. We must continue thinking outside of our traditional programs and activities as we continue to enhance our communities, strengthen families and enrich lives.

As of October 1, nearly 900 members have joined the Grange in our state thus far in 2022. We ask that all potential members consider joining our organization, and to share in our values as we cultivate the connections that will continue making an impact across the state.

Fraternally,
Tom Gwin
WA State Grange President



Tunk Valley Grange
Honors 75-Year Members

Ninety year old Albert and Ruthann Wilson have been honored as 75 year members of Tunk Valley Grange, #1019. They met when they were children as their parents were active in the same Grange. Besides holding many local offices, Albert was the Okanogan County Grange Deputy for several years, and Ruthann received honors for her baking at State Grange competition, including grand champion for her 100% whole wheat bread which is still a family favorite. They were honored as Grange Young Couple of the Year in 1966, and were instrumental in organizing the State Grange Convention in Okanogan County in 2003. They are privileged to be 75 year members of an organization they believe in!

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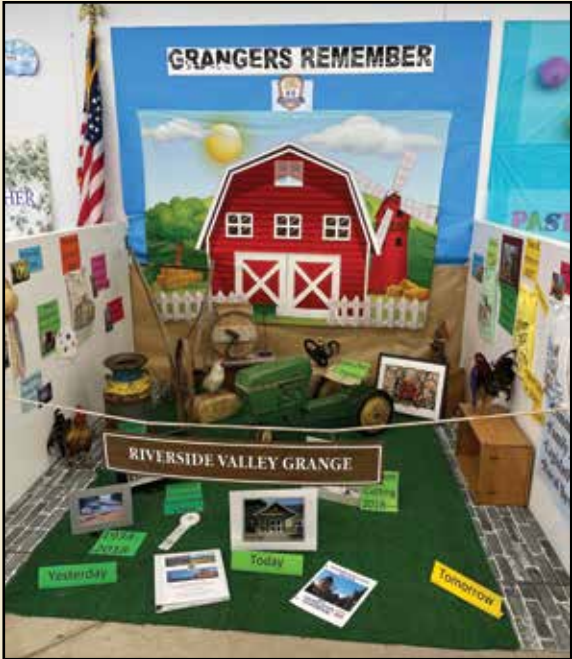
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Grange Fair Displays



Bee Hive Grange at the Chelan County Fair



Riverside Valley Grange at the Pierce County Fair



Marion Grange at the Pierce County Fair



Five Mile Prairie Grange at the Spokane Interstate Fair



Horseshoe Grange at the Evergreen State Fair



Roy Grange at the Pierce County Fair



Edgewood Grange at the Pierce County Fair



Olympic View Grange at the Grays Harbor County Fair

Grange Fair Displays



McMillin Grange at the Pierce County Fair



Dry Creek Grange at the Clallam County Fair



Skamokawa Grange at the Wahkiakum County Fair



Sunnyside Grange at the Cowlitz County Fair



Orchardvale Grange at the Central Washington Fair



Pleasant Hill Grange at the Cowlitz County Fair

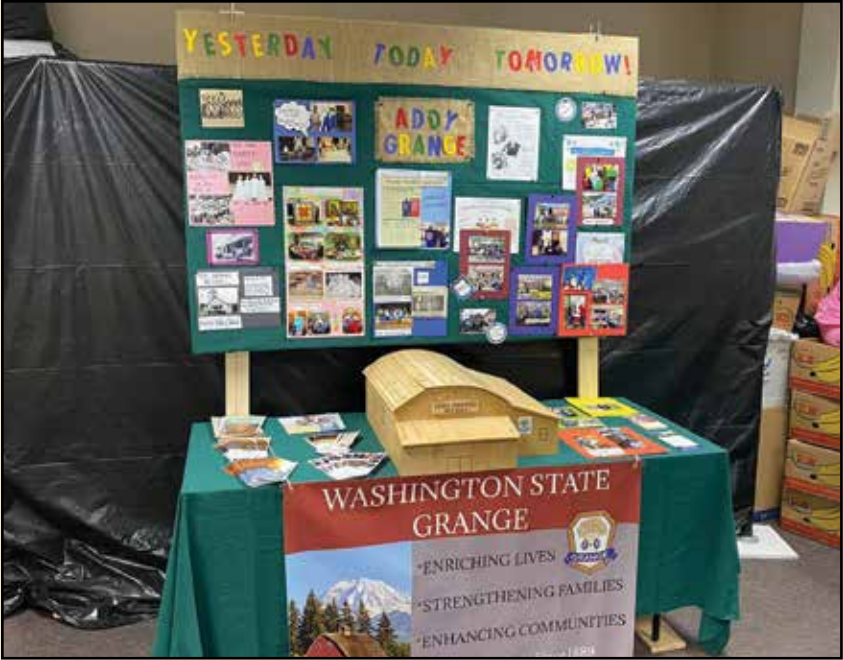


Elk Plain Grange at the Pierce County Fair



Menastash Grange at the Kittitas County Fair

Grange Fair Displays



Addy Grange at the Northeast Washington Fair



McIntosh Grange at the Southeast Spokane County Fair



Green Bluff Grange at the Spokane Interstate Fair



Selah Heights Grange at the Central Washington Fair



Moses Lake Grange at the Grant County Fair and the Othello Area Fair



Buena Grange at the Central Washington Fair

Grange Fair Displays



Rome Grange at the Northwest Washington Fair



Chelan and Douglas County Pomona Granges at the North Central Washington Fair



Ten Mile Grange at the Northwest Washington Fair



Lower Naches at the Central Washington Fair



Newaukum Grange at the Southwest Washington Fair



Terrace Heights Grange at the Central Washington Fair

Grange Fair Displays



Humptulips Grange at the Grays Harbor County Fair



Stevenson Grange at the Skamania County Fair



Lincoln Creek Grange at the Southwest Washington Fair



Collins Grange at the Pierce County Fair



Goldendale Grange at the Klickitat County Fair



North River Grange at the Grays Harbor County Fair



Laurel Grange at the Northwest Washington Fair

Grange Fair Displays



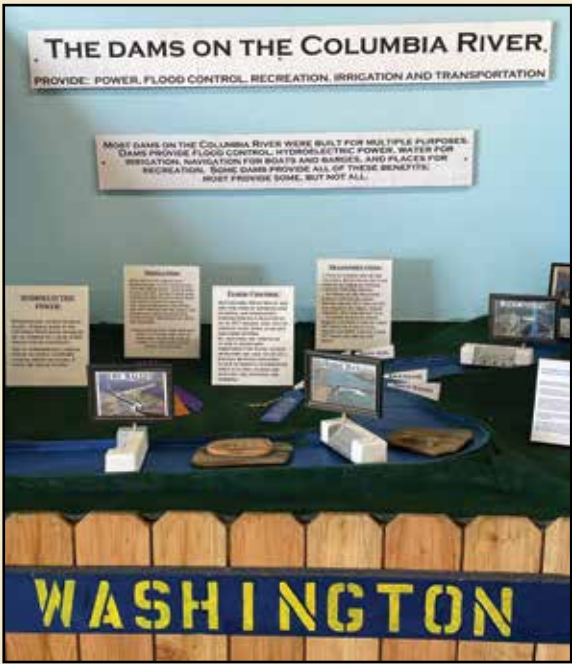
Haynie Grange at the Northwest Washington Fair



Yakima Valley Pomona Grange at the Central Washington Fair



Rose Valley Grange at the Cowlitz County Fair



Washington Grange at the Clark County Fair



Fruitland Grange at the Pierce County Fair



Broadway Grange at the Central Washington Fair



Fruitvale Grange at the Central Washington Fair

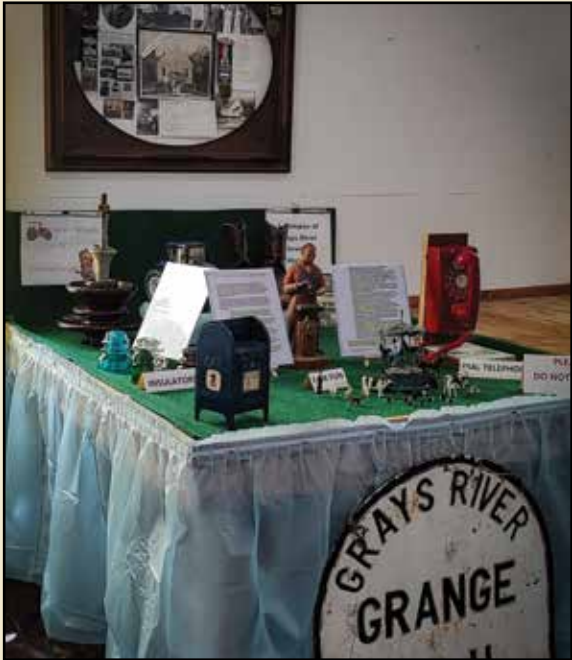
Grange Fair Displays



McIntosh Grange at the Spokane Interstate Fair



Deer Lagoon Grange at the Whidbey Island Fair



Grays River Grange at the Wahkiakum County Fair



Crescent Grange at the Clallam County Fair



Fargher Lake Grange at the Clark County Fair



Oakview Grange at the Southwest Washington Fair



Sequim Prairie Grange at the Clallam County Fair



Thurston County Pomona at the Thurston County Fair

Granges Operate Fair Food Concessions

Many of our Granges operate food concessions at their county and area fairs. Funds raised at the concessions are used by the Grange to support the expense of operating their Grange halls and community outreach programs. Thank you to the fairs for allowing the Granges to operate their concession stands at the fair.

- (Right) Dry Creek Grange operates the scone booth at the Clallam County Fair.
- (Lower Left) Douglas County Pomona Grange operates the hamburger booth at the North Central Washington Fair. Members of St. Andrews and East Wenatchee Granges share the duties of working the booth.
- (Lower Right) McIntosh Grange with their food concession at the Southeast Spokane County Fair.
- (Bottom Left) Yakima Valley Pomona Grange's Apple Booth.




Stranger Creek Grange Winner At The NEWA Fair



Stranger Creek Grange # 374 took first place with their booth entry at the NEWA Fair in Colville. This year's theme was "Barn Fun In The Sun".



The yellow grain is waving for the reapers and gleaners; the rustling corn is hastening toward ripeness; the fruits of the orchards are coloring in succession and bid busy hands to gather them... We must reap for the mind as well as for the body, and from the abundance of our harvest, in good deeds and kind words, dispense **Charity**.
- Steward, Third Degree



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Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Tessa Taft To Represent WA State At National Grange Convention

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

We are pleased to have Tessa Taft, a member of Humptulips Grange, as our state's representative in the youth program at the National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada.

Tessa was named the Best of

Show Winner in the Regional Sign-a-Song Contest in August in Springfield, Oregon. She now advances to the national contest at the Evening of Excellent on November 18 at the National Grange Session. Unfortunately, there were no other applications from our state in the various National Grange Youth Programs.

The Western Regional Conference was held in August in Springfield, Oregon. Our state was represented by 14 delegates this year. The 2023 Regional Conference will be hosted by the California State Grange in Sacramento. The dates are July 27-29, 2023.



Jerry Gwin

Junior

Answering Your Junior Questions

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director



Heather Ferguson

What a great summer. I have had a few adventures, a very productive garden and have finished a few projects on my list. While doing all of that I have also talked with several Grangers and Granges that are possibly starting Junior Granges. How exciting to see our numbers growing. There have been a few reoccurring questions that I would like to answer for everyone.

Firstly, "How does the Junior 1+ program work?" This is a program for Granges with 1-12 children, ages 5-13, who want to participate in Junior Grange. Just like a Junior Grange, a 1+ program will need chairpersons/leaders who have passed their background checks submitted to the State Grange Headquarters (each organization is responsible for running their own, even if that person have multiples done a year). Your 1+ members can meet as often as they would like but usually meet once a month. All of our states 1+ members are eligible to participate in any State or National Junior Programs. If you already have children attending meetings with their adult family members, perhaps this is a program you need to discuss starting in your Grange.

Secondly, "How do we start a Junior Grange?" Firstly, you will need a few members to be leaders and 13 or more children ages 5-13 to start a Junior Grange. If you do not have that many than a 1+ program is for you. Those leaders will need to have background checks done at the State Grange Headquarters before meeting with any children. Once you have your members and leaders, send in your charter application. Once you get your charter you will be a Junior Grange. This is when the fun part begins and you can decide what your Juniors will learn and do throughout the year. The State and National Granges have Junior programs, activities and contests for your Juniors, so make sure to take a look at those.

Lastly, "Where do I find information or forms need for the Junior Grange?" All of the information and forms you will need to start a Junior Grange or as a Junior Grange leader can be found on the State Grange Website (<http://www.wa-grange.com/Junior.aspx>) by going to the [Departments] pull down list and then to [Juniors]. If you still cannot find the answers you are looking for than please call either the State Grange Headquarters or myself.

Hopefully, this helps all of those with questions. I will look forward to seeing all of the Junior leaders, chairmen and anyone needing info at the State Leadership Meetings in January and February. If you are not familiar with the Leadership Meetings, your State Directors will be traveling to a Grange near you to meet, share new information for the year and answer any questions. It is definitely worth your time to attend. Thank you for all of your questions and interest in the Junior Department.

Junior Connection

Camp Morehead Junior Grange

Camp Morehead Junior Grange had a display at the county fair. Even though camp was cancelled this year, some of the members got together put a display together for camp promotion.

Green Bluff Junior Grange

Green Bluff Junior Grange is completing an animal care project at the Higher Ground Animal Sanctuary/Inland Northwest Animal Sanctuary for the next 3 months!!! They will be caring for many different critters and documenting it. They are also helping for the Green Bluff Fair Booth! The Junior Grange will have a "Drive Thru Halloween Candy Hand Out" on October 29 from 5 – 7 pm at the Grange.

Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grange collected 250 rocks from the river bar. We painted the rocks and then inspirational words, and sayings were printed on each rock. The Junior Grangers then scattered the rocks throughout the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. Within two days, all the rocks had been gathered by their finder and taken to a new home. We plan to double the number of rocks next year. The Junior Grangers did a display at the Grays Harbor County Fair and received a first-place award. We had 28 members enter their items at the fair in the Junior Grange Department. Our members had 176 still life entries and three members also entered animals in the Junior Grange Department.

North River Junior Grange

North River Junior Grange had five members with 14 total exhibits in the Junior Grange Department at the County Fair. The Junior Grange display received the second-place award.

Calispel Grange At The Pend Oreille County Fair

Calispel Grange members participated once again in the Pend Oreille County Fair. Our Bingo Booth is a hit with young and old. Inflation did not catch up with us. It's still 25 cents to play one game of bingo. Many prizes are donated by local businesses. Two of our members help young people paint birdhouses. Leroy Hokenson makes the birdhouses and Joanne Artz leads the painting lesson. This is offered free or donation.



Junior Grange Camp



Junior Grange Camp Returns

Junior Grange Camp made it’s return in 2022 following cancellations in 2020 and 2021. The Clallam County Junior Grange Camp was held on July 5-8 at Camp David Junior, on the shores of Lake Crescent outside of Port Angeles. The volunteer camp board put together an outstanding program. Plans are for all six camps to return in 2023.



Junior Fair Displays



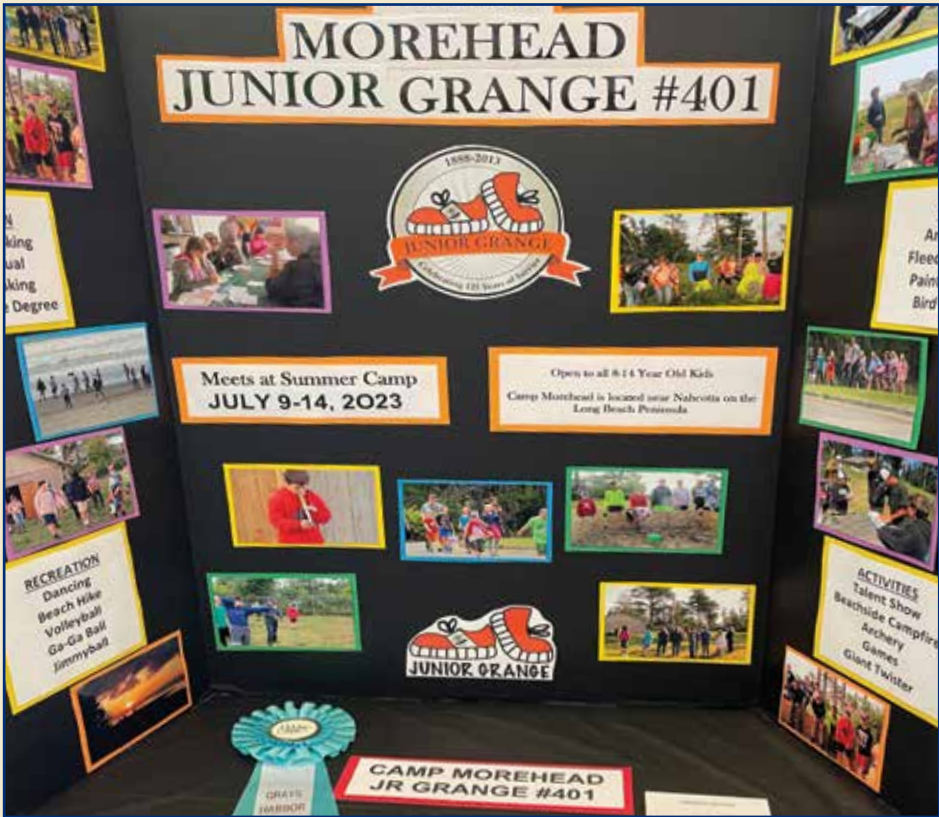
Humptulips Junior Grange at the Cowlitz County Fair



Fargher Lake Junior Grange at the Clark County Fair



North River Junior Grange at the Grays Harbor County Fair



Camp Morehead Junior Grange at the Grays Harbor County Fair



Addy Junior Grange at the Northeast Washington Fair

Junior Fair Displays



Clallam County Junior Grange at the Clallam County Fair



Greenwood Park Junior Grange at the Hunters Community Fair



Haynie Junior Grange at the Northwest Washington Fair



Humptulips Junior Grange at the Grays Harbor County Fair



Kettle River Junior Grange at the Ferry County Fair

Home & Family

Looking Forward To Our New Program For The Upcoming Year

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

Happy Fall from your Family Living Director. The morning chill is so refreshing. The fairs are done so now is a good time to be looking forward to changes to our program.

The first item I would like to address is the comfort toys. We had some beautiful toys donated this year. Thank you to all who participated. One comment that I heard over and over again was that there is no place to donate them as their local police and fire departments

do not want them. Well, I have a great program that would gladly take them. Many churches all over the state participate in the Shoebox program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. They pack these wonderful boxes to be give to children who may have never been given anything in their life. Our church puts shorts, dresses, school supplies, toiletries, a stuffed toy as well as many other things which will fit in a shoe box. Many times these comfort toys provide a place for the child to lay their head of when sleeping. Check with your local churches and see if you can

help them in any way. What a great community service project.

With our theme for next year's State convention being "Down on the Farm" I would like to challenge you to make a quilt block using that theme. It must measure 12 ½ inches square and can be any pattern of your choice. You may applique, find a preprinted block and embellish it, or anything else you can think of. I am giving you this early notice so you may want to use those winter days to be creative. Most of all, just have fun.



Helen Berg

Pierce County Pomona Grange Works The Kitchen At The Pierce County Fair



Members from Pierce County Pomona worked at the Pierce County Fair Kitchen. They were having fun and serving great food to the community. Proceeds go back into the community.

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

Here's how you can help:

Looking for a way to help?
Shop our AmazonSmile Charity Lists to donate items we need

Do you shop at Amazon?
You can make a difference in 2021. Shop for gifts at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6064592> to generate donations for the Washington State Grange Foundation (you can also search by our name, the Washington State Grange Foundation). You MUST shop at AmazonSmile not just the normal Amazon website.

Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?
Support the Washington State Grange Foundation just by shopping at Fred Meyer with your Rewards Card. You are now able to link your Rewards Card to your favorite nonprofit by visiting customer service desk at your local Fred Meyer or by creating an account online and linking your rewards card to the Washington State Grange Foundation (account # DI486). Whenever you use your Rewards Card when shopping at Freddy's, you will be helping our organization earn a donation from Fred Meyer. They are donating \$2.6 million each year - up to \$650,000 each quarter - to the local schools, community organizations and nonprofits of your choice. All you have to do is link your Rewards Card and scan it every time you shop at Fred Meyer.



A Spooky Snack For Halloween

(Courtesy of Family Features)

From watching scary movies to dressing up as ghouls and goblins, spooky season means it's time to pop up your loved ones' favorite snacks for a ghostly good time. Before heading out to trick-or-treat, gather your minions in the kitchen for some family-friendly fun crafting this haunting yet tasty treat.

As a perfect ingredient in treats of all types, popcorn is beloved for its seed-to-snack simplicity as a non-GMO, vegan, gluten-free, sugar-free snack that's naturally low in fat and calories. Add in its irresistible smell, taste and versatility, and it's easy to see why it pairs so well with spooky celebrations.

Find more Halloween treats at popcorn.org.

Spooky Popcorn Spider Web

Yield: 1 spider web

- 1 /4 cup butter
 - 8 cups mini marshmallows, divided
 - 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
 - 9 cups popped popcorn, divided
 - 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided
 - black string licorice
 - candy eyes
1. Line round pizza pan with parchment paper; set aside. In large saucepan over low heat, melt butter; stir in 5 cups marshmallows, stirring constantly, 3-4 minutes, or until completely melted. Stir in vanilla. Remove from heat. Stir in 8 cups popcorn until coated. Spread onto prepared pizza pan in irregular round shape, about 1-inch thick, to resemble spider web. Refrigerate about 15 minutes, or until firm.
 2. In microwave, melt remaining marshmallows about 20 seconds, or until melted. Using spatula, string strands of melted marshmallow over popcorn spider web to create cobweb effect.
 3. In heatproof bowl set over saucepan of hot (not boiling) water, melt 3/4 cup chocolate chips; cool slightly. In large bowl of remaining popcorn, pour chocolate over popcorn, folding gently to coat. Spread mixture on waxed paperlined baking sheet, separating into eight small clusters. Affix two candy eyes to each popcorn cluster. Refrigerate 10-15 minutes, or until set.
 4. Melt remaining chocolate chips. Cut licorice into 1-inch lengths. Using small spoon, dab circles of chocolate onto spider web. Affix chocolate-coated popcorn onto chocolate circles. Affix licorice lengths to chocolate popcorn clusters to resemble spider legs.
 5. Refrigerate 15 minutes, or until set. To serve, cut into smaller pieces.

National Grange News

A View From The Hill - Fall 2022 Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**
National Grange
Legislative Director

WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

Congress Avoids Government Shutdown

In late September, Congress was able to pass a continuing resolution extending government funding through December 16th thereby avoiding an imminent government shutdown which would have begun on September 30th. Along with continued government funding, the bill included an additional \$12 billion in aid to Ukraine, millions of dollars to deal with the ongoing water crisis in Jackson, MS, and billions more in domestic disaster aid. Originally the continuing resolution was set to be tied to Senator Joe Manchin's (D-WV) permitting reform bill but because that bill failed to garner sufficient support to pass the Senate it was stripped from the final bill.

Congress Goes on Recess

With a government shutdown averted, Congress has now begun its lengthy pre-election October recess and will not reconvene until mid-November. As a result, any remaining legislative priorities will have to be dealt with in the remaining weeks during the lame duck portion of Congress following the election. The urgency with which Congress will seek to complete this work will depend significantly on the balance of power emerging from the November midterm elections. Some issues which are likely to be a focus following the election include another government funding bill, permitting reform, election reform legislation, a bill banning stock trading by members of Congress, a bill codifying gay marriage protections created in Supreme Court decisions, and more. Of particular interest to rural America, the lame duck period could also see more action on bills dealing with the meat processing industry, rail carrier regulations, and more.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Farmland Purchase Reporting by Foreign Entities Lags

USDA tracking of foreign land ownership relies on investors to report acquisitions. When this does not occur, USDA is supposed to take enforcement action according to the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978. The law requires foreign investors to file the buyer's country of origin, number of acres acquired, county where purchased, and intended use of the land. However, the number of investors fined for nonreporting has fallen dramatically since 2010. Is this because of increased compliance or a shift in Farm Service Agency

priorities? Since the number of parcels acquired by foreign investors has skyrocketed since 2016, Congress may seek some answers as it writes a new farm bill next year. An existing body, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the US (CFIUS), is tasked with screening foreign investments in U.S. companies or property for threats to national security but agriculture has not been included in the definition of "critical infrastructure". A group of bipartisan lawmakers have introduced bills to add the Secretary of Agriculture as a permanent member of CFIUS and to include agriculture in the committee's definition of critical infrastructure.

USDA Equity Panel Seeks Changes in County Committee Structure

The commission appointed to study discrimination at USDA has recommended that Secretary Vilsack conduct an analysis aimed at eliminating the county committee system and designing a more equitable alternative for all farmers. The commission also recommends USDA appoint a voting member to the county committee in areas of high proportion of minority farmers without representation.

Food Banks and School Meals Get Boost

USDA has announced it will target nearly \$2 billion in additional funding to food banks and school meal programs. Nearly \$500 million will go to expand cooperative agreements through which states, tribes and territories purchase local foods.

White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health

In late September the White House hosted a conference on hunger, nutrition, and health, the first such conference since one held in 1969 by the Nixon administration. The conference solicited feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders throughout the food supply chain, including agriculture and rural groups like the National Grange, before releasing a national strategy and policy platform at the conference in September.

The White House National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health consisted of the following five pillars: improving food access and affordability, integrating nutrition and health, empowering all consumers to make and have access to healthy choices, supporting physical activity for all, and enhancing nutrition and food security research. Each pillar included a variety of immediate and long term regulatory and legislative goals, ranging from adjustments to FDA food labeling requirements to expansions of

the free school lunch program, supplemental nutrition assistance, and other food-focused welfare programs. While agriculture was not a major focus of the strategy, important agriculture related components included investing more into local and regional food systems, funding for research into healthier food options, and expansion of US Department of Agriculture capacity for administering nutrition programs.

Beyond government actions, the strategy also called for serious private sector commitments and was accompanied by the announcement of \$8 billion in private commitments to address hunger and nutrition challenges. The immediate impact of the conference will likely be focused in relatively minor regulatory changes, but in the long-term Democrats will likely seek to prioritize many components of the final strategy in future legislative agendas.

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Huber Says New Climate Rule Harms Food Supply Chain

An opinion editorial by National Grange President Betsy Huber featured in the newsletter Agri-Pulse took issue with a recent proposal from the Securities and Exchange Commission. The proposed rule would require public companies to disclose their indirect greenhouse emissions that result from their supply chain. That means farms of all sizes whose produce finds its way to a public company could be required to disclose large amounts of emissions information. "The SEC's proposed rule is well out of the scope of the Commission's regulatory mandate" Huber said. Unlike corporations, farms do not have compliance and legal departments needed to comply with such a costly rule. Huber's op ed ran a few days prior to a Senate Banking Committee hearing that took SEC Chairman Gensler to task over the proposal.

USDA Announces Climate-Smart Pilot Projects

A USDA funding pool of \$3.5 billion is aimed at pilot projects to develop markets for climate-smart commodities in every state and across a wide range of farm types and commodities. Projects will include the use of conservation practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the production of food and feed crops, capture biogas from livestock, and produce low carbon corn for ethanol and aviation fuel. The 70 projects will involve farm, environmental and minority farmer groups,

tribes, and food companies. The projects closely align with recommendations of the Food, Agriculture and Climate Alliance, a coalition of ag and conservation groups of which National Grange is a member.

HEALTH CARE

Update Medicare's Lab Payment System

The National Grange joined 36 patient groups in urging Congress to pass the Saving Access to Laboratory Services Act (S. 4449 and H.R. 8188). The bipartisan and bicameral legislation would prevent another round of Medicare reimbursement cuts for laboratories beginning January 1, 2022. Medicare needs to update its payment schedule to ensure patient access to lab tests used to diagnose, monitor, prevent and manage diseases for 50 million seniors.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Broadband Mapping Data Available Soon

The Federal Communications Commission says the first draft of its new broadband mapping data will be available as early as November. Why is this important? The FCC has collected extensive location-by-location data on precisely where broadband is available. This data will be used to develop new broadband maps showing where broadband service is and is not available and determine where new broadband deployment funds will be distributed. State, local and tribal governments, broadband providers, and other interested parties are encouraged to submit challenges and corrections to the location data. A second draft of the map is expected in December. Accurate broadband mapping of rural areas has been a priority for the National Grange.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail Strike Avoided

A crippling nationwide supply chain rail strike was averted in mid-September when a tentative agreement was reached between government officials, rail companies and rail unions. The National Grange had worked for months with the Agriculture Transportation Working Group to prevent such a catastrophe. Letters were sent to the Hill, President Biden, Cabinet secretaries, and appropriate government officials. The working group asked Congress to intervene if negotiations failed. A strike could have idled more than 7,000 trains, essentially halting the movement of grain during harvest season.

Support Voiced for Rail Service Bill

The National Grange and a core group of agriculture and union groups supported the introduction of the Reliable Rail Service Act by Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI). The legislation would better define the common carrier obligation of Class 1 rail carriers. This is in response to testimony before the Surface Transportation Board that laid out in stark terms the unacceptable level of rail service throughout the country.

Welcome News for Mississippi River Shippers

In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Congress allocated funds to renovate Lock 22 near Silvertooth, Missouri and Lock 25 near Alton, Illinois. These projects were authorized by Congress in 2007 but never fully funded so construction stopped. These projects will create additional shipping capacity without additional barges and tow boats.

MORE

Hill Hearing Targets Right to Repair

Representatives of farmers and private third-party repair shops clashed with equipment manufacturers at a House subcommittee hearing in mid-September. The lawmakers are considering measures that would require machinery manufacturers to provide software, parts and tools to customers who want to repair their own equipment. Equipment manufacturers are concerned that giving ordinary people access to internal software inside their equipment would endanger safety measures, environmental controls and intellectual property rights. Independent repair proponents say they just want to obtain parts and programs to do repairs themselves. National Grange has long standing policy to support right to repair.

Rural Students in Vogue

Recently, the term "rural" has become a buzzword among the college admissions community... even at highly selective universities like Yale which has a 5% acceptance rate. Elite college recruiters report finding that rural applicants are different from those in the rest of their recruiting territory. Students may have grown up on a farm or ranch, they may have driven an hour or more to high school, they may have operated expensive high-tech machinery, and they may have become strong leaders through FFA, 4-H, Grange or other rural youth programs. The elite college community apparently finds this unusual, interesting and exciting.

Grange Connection

CLALLAM COUNTY

Crescent Grange welcomed Christina Hazlet into membership. Thanks to the generous support of the Joyce community, we held a very successful Spring Flea Market. Our online plant sale was popular, and we will include it in future flea markets. Planning is underway for the Fall Flea Market to be held September 9 and 10 in conjunction with the Great Strait Sale. Our Little Free Pantry is a big hit and so popular that Chr. Kathy Stordeur, has asked to consider enlarging it to allow for pet food donations. We were pleased to host over 100 people at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Port Crescent Cemetery/ Crescent RV Park. Following the program prepared by John Kent, Retired US Coast Guard and Crescent Grange member, those attending visited the refreshment table provided by the ladies of Crescent Grange. Dictionaries were presented to Crescent 4th graders who missed out on getting them because of Covid 19. again, because of Covid, we were a little late getting to the spring cleanup of the Grange. The outdoor crew took care of the grounds while the inside crew cleaned the kitchen and the main hall. Emil and Judy Moilanen provided the volunteers with a hearty luncheon of chili and home baked bread. Many of our members volunteered for Joyce Daze from organizing the

parade, to distributing bottles water and cookies on one of the hottest days of the year. Our furry friends were not left out as far as staying hydrated; we provided a welcome bowl of cold water for them. We donated the use of chairs and tables to the Blackberry Pie station, plus the use of the Grange Hall for the Pancake Breakfast. Thanks to generous donations, the Crescent Grange and Community volunteers putting on the breakfast earned \$2201.00. The proceeds will be equally divided between the Grange Scholarship fund and the Grange Roof fund. We hosted a Hazard Management & Litigation Plan given by Jim Buck who also shared the initial assessment of draft of the Hazard Assessment and Mitigation Plan for Crescent School District.

CLARK COUNTY

Fargher Lake Grange celebrated 95 years of service. LaCenter High School Princess Adrienna McClellan greeted visitors at the door. Battle Ground Boy Scout Park 443 presented the flag. Honored were 50-year members Gary Hagedorn, Doug Hagedorn, Bill Girard, Kerry Elmer, Norman Gray, Don Marsh and Francis Johnson (deceased). We recognized hard work of members throughout the past three years. Guest speaker Barbara Hagedorn, a 79 year member, told of Fargher

Lake history. Fargher Lake chartered in May of 1927 with the help of Mountain Valley, Rock Creek and Charter Oak Granges. Special Guests Clara Jane Holcomb and Bill Tucker were youth members in early 1950's. Eight members were awarded flowers for their service. Mike Gilmour, Youth Leader, awarded a basket of "goodies" for all his hard work. Cupcakes and ice cream were served to about 50 guests in attendance. The Grange is also supporting a "Family in Need" - A mother with four children was given a table and chairs, dishes, microwave, mixer, iron and ironing board, two clean bed sets and mattresses. Items were donated by the Maxine Lester Trust Fund. Other small items were donated to Habitat for Humanity.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Elma Grange received a third-place award on their fair display.

Humptulips Grange completed displays at the Grays Harbor County Fair and the Washington State Fair. The Grange Youth Group had displays at the Grays Harbor County Fair and the Cowlitz County Fair. The Grange voted to supply dictionaries for third grade students at Lake Quinalt Elementary School and both Lincoln and Central Elementary Schools in Hoquiam. The dictionaries were ordered and have been delivered. Bingo

is starting on October 8, with additional bingo events planned for November 5, December 3, and December 17. The food bank is servicing 60-65 families each month.

Olympic View Grange had a display at the Grays Harbor County Fair, receiving third place. The Vetter family will be recognized at the National Grange Convention as a Grange Legacy Family.

Sharon Grange received the second-place award on their display at the Grays Harbor

County Fair. The Grange was used as a pit stop for the American Lung Associations Cycle Race to the Beach.

LEWIS COUNTY

Oakview Grange's Steward, Mike Freels passed away on June 8th. He was also the Grange's groundskeeper and hall maintenance superintendent among other tasks. His celebration of life was held on August 27 at the hall. This year's Southwest Washington Fair theme, "Neon Lights and Country Nights" did not lend itself easily to an agricultural

Pomona Calendar

Pomona Grange Secretaries are requested to submit their 2023 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

CHELANNovember 19 at BeeHive, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.

CLARK.....October 12, location to be determined. November 9, location to be determined.

COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUMOctober 15 at Sunnyside, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. November meeting is cancelled.

EXCELSIOR.....November 19 at Williams Valley, 10:30 a.m. Will include election of officers.

FERRYOctober 10 at Malo, 6 p.m. Will include election of officers.

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFICNovember 5 at Olympic View, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.

KLICKITATNovember 12 at Goldendale, 1 p.m.

LEWISNovember 5 at Cowlitz Prairie, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.

MASONNovember 19 at Twanoh, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.

OKANOGANNovember 12 at Brewster, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.

PIERCENovember 5 at Edgewood, 10 a.m.

SKAGITNovember 2 at Skagit Valley, 6 p.m. Will include election of officers.

SNAKE RIVERNovember 19 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.

SNOHOMISHNovember 19 at Horseshoe, 10 a.m.

SPOKANENovember 19 at Tri Community, 9 a.m.

STEVENSOctober 22 at Stranger Creek, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.

THURSTONNovember 3 at South Union, 7 p.m.

WHATCOMNovember 15 at Haynie, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Will include election of officers.

WHITMANNovember 19 at Jim & Bonnie Lyle's home in Colfax, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.

YAKIMA VALLEYOctober 10 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting. November 14 at Fruitvale.

Pomona Connection

COWLITZ COUNTY POMONA

Cowlitz County Pomona has cancelled their November meeting. Plans for the December meeting will be announced.

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange completed a produce display for the Grays Harbor County Fair, receiving second place for their efforts. The Pomona Grange awarded plaques to each of the fitting and showing winners in the Grange animal projects at the fair. Merchandise awards were collected and presented for outstanding exhibits in the Youth and Junior Grange Division. The next Pomona meeting will be

on November 5 at 10 a.m. at the Olympic View Grange Hall.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY POMONA

Snohomish County Pomona has changed their next meeting to Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 AM, at the Horseshoe Grange Hall.

SPOKANE COUNTY POMONA

Spokane County Pomona will meet on November 12 at 10 am at the Tri-Community Grange Hall.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona's annual Silver Star and Golden Sheaf Recognition Event was

held on August 14 at the McLane Grange Hall. The program included the reading of the names of all Silver Star and Golden Sheaf members of Thurston County Granges and recognition of those in attendance. Vocal music was provided by 2022 State Grange talent winner, Shavanna May. Following the program, most attendees stayed for a leisurely time of fellowship, including plenty of finger food and cake. The November meeting will be held at South Union Grange Hall on November 3 at 7:00.

WHATCOM COUNTY POMONA

Whatcom County Pomona will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at the Haynie Grange Hall.

Grange Connection

display. We chose “Beyond Neon Lights ~ Country Night” to build their contemporary booth around. We took First Place, Best Fair Theme, and People’s Choice awards. As fall approaches, Oakview held its huge multi-vendor garage sale on September 16-17. Oakview’s Fall Craft Bazaar with over 20 local vendors selling their crafts, food items and produce will be on October 21-22, from 9am – 4pm each day. Lunch will be available.

PIERCE COUNTY

Marion Grange will meet on November 6 at 7 p.m. and will vote to change their bylaws regarding meeting date and time.

PACIFIC COUNTY

North River Grange won the first-place award on their project display at the Grays Harbor County Fair. Grange members have been busy with their service projects and operating the food bank.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Garden City Grange will meet on Sunday December 18 at 2:00 PM to vote on a change in their meeting day and time. The bylaws now read the meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM. The Grange will vote to change their meeting time to 2:00 PM on the 3rd Sunday of each month. On a trial basis the Grange has been

meeting the 3rd Sunday at 2:00 PM and since this has worked out well the Grange will vote to make it official in their Bylaws.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange has hosted some very successful community 1st Tuesday events, such as U.S. Flag Retirement in June, Tractor Parade in July, National Night Out in August. The Cherry Pickers Trot July 17—44th year--was such a fun night that we’ll do it again next year! Our September 6 community event was a Teacher Supply Night. We will hold a Booster night at our December 6 community event. A bluegrass concert by Jackie Fox & The Hounds performs on Oct. 22. The 2022 Harvest Festival Craft Faire will be held the first 3 weekends of October. The last Sunday of the month “all you can eat pancake breakfasts”— Sept. 25, and Oct. 2, 9, and 16 is Applesauce and Pancakes. Grange Fair Booth theme this year is “All Systems Go” and we won 1st place and the Heisman award. Welcome new members—Lauri & Quentin, Susie, Stevie, Richard, and Laurie. Our Santa Christmas Drive Thru and Toys 4 Tots will be on December 10.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange held their Annual Remembrance, for Grange members that passed in 2021. Area groups have scheduled Bingo on the

first Saturday in September and November. More news on the annual Kiddie Karnival, revamped Haunted House, and the Kreepy Kafé will be discussed at the September and October meetings. Plans and menu ideas for the annual Community Christmas Dinner, which is December 4 this year, included deep fried turkey. After the September 10 monthly meeting, areas of the grange building will be cleared out. Tables, chairs, etc., moved and stacked for the wood floors to be refinished. This process will take several layers with the same finishing compound that is used on high traffic school gym floors. The Camas Valley Grange building will be closed approximately four weeks, until the floors are completely dry.

THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange will host a public forum for Thurston County Sheriff and County Commissioner candidates on Friday October 14 at 7:00 pm. Donations for Thurston County Food Bank will be accepted at the forum, with the food drive continuing through December 19.

The next meeting will be on Monday October 17 at 7:00 pm and will include election of 2023 officers. Mark your calendar for our public open house on Sunday October 15 from 12:30 to 3:00 pm, “Deck the Hall” decorating party on

Oakview Grange Leads Craft Project At Fair



There is a new species of Jellyfish in Lewis County! Kids and those ‘young at heart’ had fun creating some unique ‘Granger Jellyfish’ to adorn their rooms and Christmas trees in the Grange Building at this year’s Southwest Washington Fair. Afterwards they could test their observation skills at finding a hidden sticker in each display. It was a fun time helping the ‘kids’ to create their “Granger Jellyfish” and chatting with parents.

Friday November 25 at 2:00 pm; and annual Christmas party on Sunday December 11 at 2:00 pm. Monthly dances with live country music by "The Country Four and More" are held the first Saturday of each month from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. All ages are welcome and the cost is \$6 per person.

YAKIMA COUNTY

Broadway Grange is dancing again! After a two-year Covid hiatus, Broadway Grange returned to hosting monthly contra dances again this spring: Grange members enjoyed

potlucks and dancing to local band Contraversatile in April, May, and June before taking their usual summer break. Covid-levels permitting, contra dances will resume this fall. Broadway Grange now also has regular tenants that showcase other types of dancing. Mexican folk dancing, Zumba, salsa, and Western swing all take their turn on Broadway Grange Hall's carefully maintained wooden dance floor. Now almost evening of week the grange building is alive with music and people in motion.

Good Food And Good Fun

Stranger Creek Grange # 374 and Quillisascut Grange #372 combined their efforts to put on a pulled pork dinner and pie auction September 3rd. Tom and Carolyn McKern shucked corn and the Junior Grangers kept the tables clean and refreshments stocked. There was lively bidding for delicious pies. Everyone went home a winner!



Thurston County Pomona Honors Long Time Members



Thurston County Pomona celebrated Silver Star and Golden Sheaf members at an event held on August 14. (Pictured Above) Silver Star members in attendance (from left): (Front) Traci Heck, Rita Klein, Patty Mathews, Chucki Sharp; (back) Pam Mathews, Christie Vintilo, Diane Williams, Joy Rosado. The Pomona also honored Golden Sheaf members in attendance - Jeff Ohlson, Richard Stewart, Melvin Kauzlarich, Sharon McKissick, Ginny Nelson, and Patty Veleke.

Grange Connection



Lincoln Creek Grange Presents Member Awards

On Saturday, August 13th, Lincoln Creek Grange held a formal meeting and presented long time Grangers with their certificates and pins.



(From Left to Right) Steward Jim Reed, Chaplain Gail Hakola, Treasurer Barb Fry, Carol Miller, Leta Smith, Master Brian Thompson, Neal Webster.



(Above Left) Chaplain Gail Hakola - 71 years. (Above Right) Steward Jim Reed - 25 Years - Jim also celebrated his 90th birthday in July!

Selah Heights Grange Supports Local 4-H



For many year Selah Heights Grange #608 has supported our local 4-H clubs in a variety of ways. Prior to the pandemic, Yakima County 4-H members met at the grange for a variety of activities ranging from Christmas potlucks to fun craft nights. We assisted 4-H members in showing their exhibits at the Central Washington State Fair by helping pay the entry fees for participants. This year the Washington State Junior Horse show was back at State Fair Park in Yakima. Selah Heights Grange allowed its Dairy Bar building and equipment to be used to provide concessions for the families participating in the horse show. The food provided was much appreciated by the 4-H families. This is a picture of the Dairy Bar.



Clallam County Pomona: All Grange Dessert Auction Made Some Dough

You could smell the sweet aroma fill the air in the Sequim Prairie Grange Saturday, July 23. Desserts ranging from pies, brownies, cookies, cakes and cinnamon rolls covered the tables for your viewing pleasure. Bidders walked through the rows of desserts planning out their strategies to bid on their favorite homemade goodies.

192 desserts were auctioned off and raised more \$6,000 for 5 local Granges; Crescent, Dry Creek, Fairview, Sequim Prairie and Quimper. There were also several dessert items auctioned off for the Clallam County Youth Grange, which netted them \$680. "I bid on a Cherry pie for the youth grange and paid \$70. It was worth it because it's for the kids," said Karen Stein.

It all starts in the kitchen, as local bakers and Grange members broke out their favorite recipes for this once-a-year event. "I use the small wild blackberries for my pies and this year I am making a special memorial pie," Karen Spring explained as she rolled out her crust. "Mrs. Bekkevar was a friend and important member of our community, who passed away this year. I used to make a pie just for her, this way she didn't have to bid on one. She would love to share it with her family after a Sunday dinner," added Karen.

Both Winona and Richard Bekkevar were lifelong Grange members, and both have since passed away.

When it was time to bid on the memorial pie it was back and forth between two bidders "I have lots of Benjamin's if you want to keep going," bidder #28 said. "Sold for \$300!" Dave McDaniels, president of the Sequim Prairie Grange and auctioneer said "oh, by the way that's Jim Bekkevar, Winona and Richards son."

"I would like to give a huge "thank you" to Sequim Prairie Grange for allowing Dry Creek and Crescent Grange members to host the 2nd annual All Grange Dessert Auction." Tammera Robinson Dry Creek Grange Member said. "I Feel these types of events will continue to bring our communities together."

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