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State Grange Hosts Successful Legislative Activities

Grange Legislative Activities moved to the forefront on March 26-28 in Olympia. The Washington State Grange held not only their Annual Legislative Day, but also provided an education opportunity with their Grange Youth/Junior Legislative Experience.

The three-day Youth/Junior Program began on Sunday, March 26 at the State Grange Office in Olympia. Youth and Junior Grangers, along with their chaperones, gathered for a dinner of pizza and salad to begin their legislative activities. State

Junior Grange Director Heather Ferguson was in attendance and led the group in get acquainted activities designed to learn more about each other.

On Monday, March 27, the group was joined by a group of adult Grange members. After a

brief welcome by State Grange President Tom Gwin, Grange Lobbyist Jesse Taylor led a workshop on the Legislative Process. Jesse shared information on the status of current legislation as it related to State Grange Legislative Policy.

Grangers then made the trek to the State Capitol Building for tours, legislative meetings, and additional speakers. The State Grange made appointments for each attendee to meet with their State Representatives and Senator.

Time between appointments was filled with exploring the capitol grounds.

Lunch was back at the State Grange Offices, just three blocks from the capitol. Lunch speakers included:

- Brian Constantine, Staff Council and Director of Government Relations for Commissioner Hillary Franz of the Department of Natural Resources

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Community Service

Assess Your Activities/Programs: Our Granges Are Constantly Changing



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson
Community Service Director


Have you ever thought about assessing your community service activities and programs? We all need to remember that our Granges are constantly changing. We have members joining or leaving, we are getting older, our bank account changes, our knowledge base changes, our communities change, and etcetera. With this there is no surprise that our community service projects will change, also.

If you have never assessed your projects critically, here are a few questions to ask your community service committee or Grange about each individual project:

- 1) Have we talked to the recipients of this project? Do they still need or want this type of help?
- 2) Does your Grange or members still have the time, money, ability and knowledge to complete this project?
- 3) Are there willing participants volunteering to help?
- 4) Is this still a need in our community or is there a greater need?
- 5) Is this a project we do because we have always done it? Is this the “pet” project of a few in the organization?

From The Chaplain’s Desk

Time To Be Planning A Grange Memorial Service



Pam Matthews

By Pam Matthews
State Grange Chaplain

Brothers and Sisters:

It is, again, that time of year to be thinking of your Grange Memorial Service. The Worthy Lecturer has graciously included a Memorial Service in the Lecturer packet for you to use.

This service is a suggestion only and you may want to use only part of it or do something else entirely. That is fine. I just ask you to have a memorial service to remember those brothers and sisters who have passed on in the preceding twelve months.

It is always nice to invite family members to your service so they may participate in the tribute your Grange pays to their loved one. If your Grange doesn’t drape the Charter for each member, you could drape it for all as part of your service. You might also add a flower for the men and women in the armed forces, at home and abroad, and for the first responders who work day and night keeping us safe.

I would also like to remind you, if you have any members that were Deputies, State Officers, State Directors, or their spouses who have passed on to send me the obituary and any other information as soon as possible. I would like as much time as possible to write a special tribute for these members for the annual memorial service at the State convention. Also, please send the names of your passed master and /or spouse to the State Grange office so their names may be read in the Memorial roll. Any who pass on after June 1 shall be eulogized or recognized next year.

If you have any questions, comments, or a report to make, you may email me at mathewstwin@hotmail.com. Please put “Grange” in the subject line. You may also phone me at 360-352-7043. May the Lord bless and keep you all.






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President’s Message

It’s Grange Month:
Time To Promote,
Promote, And
Promote Some More

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

April is Grange Month! This is an opportunity to promote our organization... again, again, and again! The National Grange has organized a wide range of activities and projects in honor of Grange month. Grange Spirit Week is April 16-22. The National Grange asks that you post pictures on your Facebook account each day of the week with the appropriate theme. Mark each picture with one of the following hashtags: #GrangeStory or #GrangeMonth23 . The days of Grange Spirit Week are:

- April 16 – Grange Friendship Day
- April 17 – Raised Right Here Day
- April 18 – Grange Apparel or Pin Day
- April 19 – Grange Hero Day
- April 20 – Grange Project Day a
- April 21 – Grange Community Service Day
- April 22 – Grange Recipe Day

As many of you will not have this listing before the dates, I would encourage you to post anyway to tell your Grange Story. There are a series of Grange meetings throughout the month. Use the following link bit.ly/grangemonthzoom You may go through the National Grange facebook page to join in these meetings (all times listed are pacific time):

- April 1 – Kickoff to Grange Month, 4 p.m., live on Facebook and YouTube

- April 3 – Grange Revival Preview, 5:30 p.m.
- April 5 – Spring Training, Grange Baseball Practice for Youth and Juniors, 5:30 p.m.
- April 11 – Membership Matters, 5:30 p.m.
- April 14 – Date Night In Talent Show, hosted by National Lecturer Ann Bercher, live on Facebook and You Tube
- April 16 – Youth Yammerings, 6 p.m.
- April 17 – Ritual and the Present Day with Amanda Brozana-Rios, 5:30 p.m.

The opportunity for Grange promotion is before us. I challenge every Grange in the state to seize the opportunity.

-- Tom Gwin

- April 19 – Serving with Passion with Christine Hamp, 5:30 p.m.
- April 20 – The Beginner’s Mindset with Philip Vonada, 5:30 p.m.
- April 21 – Community Service Seminar with Pete Pompper, 5:30 p.m.
- April 25 – Lecturer’s Forum with Ann Bercher, 5:30 p.m.
- April 26 – Legislative Fly-In Virtual Day
- April 26 – Long Term Care and Estate Planning, sponsored by the 1-in-1000 Club, 5:30 p.m.
- April 27 – Legislative Roundtable Discussion, 5:30 p.m.



Tom Gwin

- April 29 – What’s Next, 12 p.m.

Additional details can be found on the National Grange website: nationalgrange.org In addition to the above National Grange sponsored programs, the Washington State Grange has a few informative discussions scheduled on our Facebook page:

- April 3 – Grange Legislative Update, 10 a.m.
- April 5 – Update on the Youth Fairs Program, 7 p.m.
- April 6 – Junior Grange Camp Directors/ Boards Discussion, 7 p.m.
- April 17 – Grange Legislative Update, 10 a.m.
- April 26 – Questions and Answers with the State Grange President, 7 p.m.

Details for logging in to these meetings are found elsewhere in this issue and on the State Grange website.

The opportunity for Grange promotion is before us. I challenge every Grange in the state to seize the opportunity. Take advantage of the material available to promote your Grange. Let us strengthen our communities, enrich lives, and build leaders that will unite our communities for a better tomorrow!



Legislative

Grange Legislative
Days Make An Impact



Jesse Taylor

By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist

The Washington State Grange has had an eventful month at the Capitol. This year we were thrust into a unique position of combining the Grange Legislative Days with the Youth Grange Legislative Days. The event took place March 26-28th and we had kids and adults join us from as far away as Addy, WA and other folks from right in our own footprint of Thurston County.

Legislative days brought Grange members into elected leaders’ offices all over the Capitol campus. From over a dozen office visits to guest speakers and capitol tours, the event was fun and it was nice to see young and old alike coming together for the causes near and dear to members of the Washington State Grange. We were fortunate to listen to presentations from Brian Considine of the Department of Natural Resources as well as the Policy Director for the Washington State Department of Agriculture – Evan Sheffles.

In a special moment during the House Community Safety hearing, the chair of the committee called out the Grange members in attendance and thanked them for attending. You can see the clip on this video link at the 21:49 mark:

<https://tvw.org/video/house-community-safety-justice-reentry-2023031576/?eventID=2023031576>

We are looking forward to a bigger event in 2024 with more participation and activities from all age groups! Please be on the lookout for information about next year’s event.

The Washington State Legislature is in its homestretch of the 2023 session. All of the required budgets have been proposed and opened for public comment with anticipation of an agreement by the April 23rd deadline. At this point in the session the House and Senate majority caucuses propose their Operating, Capital, and Transportation budgets. As a reminder each biennium, in the odd years, these are the three budgets that are be passed. All of these budgets have been introduced and few of them have even passed their respective committees as of the time of this writing.

Over the course of the next three weeks there are several deadlines and cutoffs for legislation. Thursday March 29th marked the opposite house policy committee cutoff where all bills that passed one of the chambers of the legislature had to make it out of their opposite house policy committee. Now fiscal committees are on the clock as we move towards the April 4th fiscal cutoff. Once the committees have had their say on the remaining bills, we will see “floor action” for the remainder of the days April 12th.

The Home Stretch

One part of the process that gets overlooked and isn’t talked about much is the legislative process called reconciliation. Between the days of April 13th and April 23rd all bills (including budgets) that passed both chambers, but had changes made to them along the way, go to a reconciliation committee process. Each of the caucuses appoints an arbiter to represent them in negotiations until they come to one final agreement. For example, both the House and Senate will pass their budget bills on or before April 12th. Then the reconciliation period allows for closed door negotiations regarding the differences and they come to one final bill that is ultimately passed off of both floors of the legislature on the evening of “Sine Di.”

Please follow along our Session Watch for updated bills, budgets and more.



Session Watch 2023

Stay informed about what is happening in the State Legislature. Send us your email at grange@wa-grange.org to receive our Session Watch reports. You can also find each weeks Session Watch on our website under the Legislative Department page at:

www.wa-grange.com/LegislativeSession.aspx

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS March 2023

	# Joined	Jr. +1
603 Addy	10	7
Sheila Anderson, Abigail Belliveau, Mark McCracken Amanda DeVal, Mark Carlson, Shelby Carlson Tony Mansfield, Frances Mansfield, Marlin Mansfield Esther Mansfield		
842 Camas Valley	2	
Matthew Byrd, KC Byrd		
681 Chimacum	2	
Dan Hysko, Tom Erlichman		
846 Deer Lagoon	4	2
Kimberly Tiller. Robin Skaggs, Rocky Skaggs, Jeff Anton		
853 Fargher Lake	18	7
Bradley Sakrison, Tasha Piper, Joseph Piper, Joseph Piper Jr Hailey Russel, Christine Roberts, Gage Allen, Justin Allen James Ellis, Katie Ellis, Robert Villaseñor, Jenna Gilmour Joey Gilmour, Kelly Parelko, Glenn Parelko, Monica Bustad Jason Bustad, Jonah Bustad		
1152 Freedom	9	4
Donna Watts, Mykenzie Watts, Wendy Morales Steele Morales, Cyruss Brown, Leslie Linderoth Doug Piovesan, Cecily Piovesan, Corden Rhoads		
999 Fruitland	2	
Kathleen Warren, Helen Rohlman		
1120 Kettle River	8	
Riley Delp, Brooklyn March, Keston Anderson Isaiah Paulson, Breydon Gleave, Hunter Ferguson Weston Eaton, RayLynn Ferguson		
1086 Logan Hill	2	
Rick Poole, Stephen Johnston		
925 Lummi Island	1	
Robin Cohen		
796 Manson	24	17
Rachel Taylor, Sandra Hirst, Robin Pittman, Nicholas Pittman Wesley Field, Breanna Field, Beau Alanis, Kourtney Alanis Al Zalewski, Robin Skouge, Myra Kurtz, Greg Kurtz Kim Ustanic, Alissa Ustanic, Marisol Sherer, Trent Lyman Janel Lyman, Emilia Schoenwald, Kaya Hadley-Banghart Colin Baghart, Ashlee Farrar, Travis Farrar, Dylan Farrar Wyatt Lester		
276 Marion	5	
Roger Young, Molly Williams, Lyn McNees Stephanie King, Amy Cross		
357 Matlock	1	
Bernie Games		
164 Minnehaha	1	
John Caton		
98 Mountain View	1	
Monica Rudestam		
201 N. Bellingham	1	
Elizabeth Schilling		
812 Ohop	17	7
Lisa Libby, Pam Waring, Heather Kelly, Jodi Morris Matt Morris, Christine King, Monte King, Mary Schactler Denise Flansburg, Laurie Ramsey, Joseph Kryszczak Penny Swanson, Annelise Dattilo, John Dattilo, Amanda Adams Corey Adams, Eoghan Adams		
964 Orcas Island	11	
Wendy Shinstine, Marilee Holm, Vanessa Julian, Carol Murray Julie Sahisteen, Heidi Lindberg, Michelle Hamon, Maria Papademetriou, Kathy Pearson, Cynthia Hawkins Josh Brown		
315 Prosperity	1	
Biene Wood		
955 Sallal	1	
Catherine Mitchell		
966 San Juan Island	19	
Ann Marie Alliuise, Fiona Cushing, Matthew Rickman Jana Kessinger, Ken Sommers, Christy Desermeaux Anthony Atlas, Emma Rastatter, Jacey LaManna Claire Crawbuck, Faie (Robyn) Gertjeansen, Justin Rodda Guiseppi Spadafora, Forrest Brickman, Eva Luna, Keith Gray Chatham Paul Bennion Haynie, Sheila Doyle, Dave Zeretzke		
800 Sharon	2	
Brett DeMond, Lonnie Crumley		
250 South Bay	1	
Daniel Whitehouse		
930 South Camano	1	
Maricel Wise		
482 Twisp Valley	2	
Mark Tesch, Annie Utigard		
1 Waitsburg	1	
Mitzi Mauer		
1111 Waller Road	5	2
Scott Eubanks, Jeri Worklan, Nate Champneys, Raychel Champneys Kaelen Champneys		
114 Whelan-Ewartsville	3	
Robin Saam, Mark Saam, Allison Winning		
1143 White Trail	5	1
Barbara Buchmann, Hunter Buchmann, Janet Tapia Jarred Noyes, Chelann Noyes		
TOTALS	158	47

What is Your Elevator Speech?

First let’s start with “What is an elevator speech?”. An elevator speech is a brief (30 second) way of introducing yourself and the Grange, getting across a key point or two, and making a connection with someone else.

How often do you get asked, “What is the Grange” or “Why should I join the Grange”? or “I’m not a farmer, what does the Grange have to offer me”? Do you ever find yourself stumbling on your words, trying to quickly and easily answer their question? It can be difficult to maybe pick just one thing you like best about the Grange. Instead, focus not on what you may like best but what might interest them most.

Here are a few helpful ideas to get you talking about what the Grange can do for others:

- Do you believe that family comes first? Well so do we! We are a family organization where each member of the family has opportunities for involvement. This means that everyone has a vote and a voice in the Grange.
- Are you looking for new activities for your younger child/ children/grandchildren or young adults? There are leadership opportunities for almost every

age; Junior Grangers (ages 5-13yrs old) learn skills in speaking, ritual work, opportunities to hold an office as a junior Grange officer and so much more. Our youth (age 14+) learn leadership skills, public speaking skills, ritual work and can also hold an office as both an officer of their Subordinate Grange as well as a state youth officer and much, much more.

- Do you want to give back to your community but not sure what to do or how to

in baking, quilting, canning, photography, wood carving, painting, creative writing and so much more. We also offer educational opportunities through our lecturers’ program as well.

- Do you like to meet new people? Fellowship in the Grange is essential to our organization, and we would love for you to join us!

These are all simple examples of a quick reference to help you decide what best to tell your audience about the Grange.

At the Annual Deputy, Pomona Master and State Officers Conference which was held March 17-18 at BeeHive Grange, the leaders were asked to take a look at the State Grange Mission Statement to see what they might want to revise. They adopted a new Mission Statement to read:

**WASHINGTON
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"Uniting Communities
by Strengthening Families,
Enriching Lives and Developing
Leaders for a Better Tomorrow"

help? We believe in making our communities stronger which provide many opportunities to give back to your community through the programs and events the Grange in your area provides.

- Are you crafty or maybe you love to bake or knit? We have a place for you to showcase your skills. We hold annual contests

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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.

Bryan Bechler – Granville #857
Kirby Pollard – Marion #276
Eileen Johnson – Ohop #812
Jayne Deardorft – Fort Colville #533
Norm Manly – Manson #796
Phyllis Coleman – Manson #796
Kelle Pollard – Marion #276

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.

Eileen Johnson
Ohop #812 – 2 gift cards

Laura Rookstool
Deer Lagoon #846 – 1 gift card


Norm Manly
Manson #796 – 2 gift cards

This Contest runs from January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023.
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!

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

Here’s how you can help:

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State Grange Hosts Successful Legislative Activities (Continued)



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- Evan Scheffles, Director of Government Relations for Derrick Sandison, Director of the Washington State Department of Agriculture

It was then back to the capitol. While the adults had their remaining legislative appointments in the afternoon, the Youth and Junior Grangers attended hearings of the Senate Education Committee and the House Agriculture Committee.

While the adults went home late on Monday, the Youth and Junior Grangers stayed one additional day. Tuesday morning was filled with their legislative appoints. Between appointments, the kids attended additional committee meetings on subjects of interest.

State Grange Lobbyist Jesse Taylor completed the program with a debriefing session. It was another positive learning experience for our Grange members in the State of Washington!



Lecturer's Department

Just Checking In...

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

Reminder - The postmark date for your Creative Writing Contest entry is April 15th. There are four categories: A-1 Poetry Metered, A-2 Poetry Free Verse – Topic is Pet or Pets; A-3 Short Story – Topic is “I Can’t Believe I Did That” and A-4 Essay – Topic is Washington – The Evergreen State. Please mail them to me: Leslie Jo Wells, 18232 201st Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272.

Heirloom Program: Starting with this issue, my article will include the “lesson” for the current and next month. The idea is to ensure that your members have the information and hopefully, can have a discussion about what it means and how it can be related to our lives today.



Leslie Jo Wells

Heirloom Project Readings April and May 2023

APRIL: “Those we admit into our circle are not chosen by outward appearance, and ... we are not deceived by display in dress. It is to the mind and heart that we look for all good works; therefore, in your intercourse with the world, remember that a noble mind and generous heart are often concealed beneath the garments of poverty.” (*First Degree; Steward*)

MAY: “The interests, the social relations and the destiny of man and woman are identical. She was intended by our Creator to be the help meet, companion, and equal of man—the perfecting half added to his hemisphere—thus completing the fully-globed orb of our common humanity; hence, as one, each shares the glory or the shame of the other.” (*First Degree; Chaplain*)

Humptulips Grange Presents Gold Sheaf Membership Award



Humptulips Grange President Davona Gwin presented Mark Sawyer with his Golden Sheaf Certificate for 50 consecutive years of Grange membership. The presentation was made at our Grange meeting on Friday, March 10. Sawyer joined our Grange as a teenager. He was the first recipient of the Humptulips Grange #730 Scholarship in 1974.

Anxiety And Goals: Making Your Grange Welcoming To Newcomers

By Amanda Brozana-Rios
National Grange Membership & Leadership Development Director

Recently in a leadership book I was reading, I came across this phrase: “Anxiety is energy without a goal.”

While I am still unsure of the individual to whom this quote should be attributed, I am sure it’s relevant and appropriate to reflect upon.

Some have called millennials and the generation following (Gen Z) the “anxiety generation(s),” because you will often times hear young people today saying their “anxiety is triggered” by things like talking to new people, being in crowds, calling to make an appointment, going to social settings alone, or even choosing their own outfits. These generations have also had highly structured and scheduled “leisure,” and experienced high pressure to excel in one or multiple things, be it sports, academics, or hobbies.

To me then, it makes some sense when looking through the lens of anxiety occurring when a goal is unclear, that young people (the 40 and under set specifically) feel uncomfortable to varying degrees when they encounter an opportunity but cannot clearly identify or articulate a desired or expected outcome.

What does this have to do with Grange?

Young individuals, especially, who come to see what Grange is all about or who join the Grange without a familial connection are more likely to feel anxious (i.e. uncomfortable, nervous, uneasy, apprehensive, or even fearful) when there is not a clear goal. This can be in relation to a single meeting, meetings over time or their own place in the Grange.

How, then, can we put these potential or current younger members more at ease?

Start with a clear outline/objectives for your meeting. Consider using the Sneak Peak brochure, or ensuring that newer members have a Manual or copy of the page of the Manual that includes the order of business. You could also make a more detailed agenda following the Grange order of business, and potentially noting some specific new and old business; make sure to include an “other” or “open to the floor” note so people know they are welcome to bring up topics that are not included in your prepared agenda. By providing this guide, the nervous energy that comes with attending a meeting that is not completely familiar to the new member can subside a bit. They have a direction – in this case a goal that is defined as an end point, and a map of how you will get there.

Use committees and subsequent reports of committees to establish a timeline and benchmarks for projects or programs. Even if the young or new member is not taking part or doesn’t have great interest in a specific project, providing benchmarks or other items that allow them to measure progress and feel a sense of purpose and movement will reinforce the Grange’s commitment to reaching a goal. This can also encourage them to get involved in a project of interest or propose something, knowing that the Grange takes achieving what they set out to do seriously – they will know they are affiliated with an organization that has it together.

Allow them to articulate things they would like to personally achieve (their own goals) and help them find ways to bolster their resume or make strides to improve or act upon something they are passionate about. When the new/young member’s energy can be funneled into something they care about and they can move toward a goal set by or with the consent of the Grange, feelings of unease or apprehension about their fit in an organization with great traditions and a sprawling mission will be greatly reduced.

I’d love to hear more about how you may have used goal-setting to reduce your anxiety and channel your energy in the Grange setting.

Feel free to reach out to me at: membership@nationalgrange.org.



Grange Deputies, State Officers And Pomona Presidents Meet

Grange Deputies, State Grange Officers, and Pomona Grange Presidents met for their Annual Conference on March 17-18 at the Bee Hive Grange Hall, near Wenatchee. The annual conference is an opportunity for training and serves to increase communication between the leaders of the State Grange.

Following a dinner of pizza and salad, the conference participants exemplified the first Four Degrees of the Order on Friday night of the conference. Each of the attendees submitted their preference for an office to fill for the degrees. One team was assigned to open the Grange meeting and to exemplify the first and second degrees. A second team was assigned to exemplify the third and fourth degrees and then close the Grange meeting.

The Saturday portion of the program featured a variety of presentations and workshops. National Grange Vice President Christine Hamp led a discussion to review and update the State Grange Mission statement. Following a lively discussion, the statement was modified to read “Washington State Grange: Uniting Communities by Strengthening Families, Enriching Lives, and Developing Leaders for a Better Tomorrow”.

Grange Lobbyist Jesse Taylor led a workshop on the State Grange Legislative Activities. He reviewed the legislative process currently used in our state and steps used to navigate a bill from introduction to approval in both houses of the legislature and eventual signing by the Governor. Jesse touched base on current State Grange Legislative Policy and related it to current legislation. He reviewed the status of the Grange’s legislative priorities and related it to this year’s legislative session.

Heather Ferguson, State Grange Community Service Director, shared ideas on “Identifying Potential Community Service Projects in Your Community”. Her presentation included tips on factors to consider, including the identification of stakeholders, financial resources needed, human resources required, and the benefit to the community as a whole.



State Lecturer Leslie Wells shared information on the National Grange Heirloom Program. With more than 150 years of legacy, the Grange’s various cornerstone documents have profound lessons to share with members about work, family, home, recreation and more. To make these more accessible and keep them front of mind for members, new and old, the Heirloom Program was developed.

This program allows Granges to incorporate in their monthly meetings a quote or passage from a foundational text and reflect on the lesson and how it may apply to everyday life. Lessons can be read and discussed, activities may be created to encourage interaction with the lesson and posters and social media images have been produced to allow our Granges to share these lessons with members of their communities. Information on the Heirloom Program can be found on the National Grange website: <https://www.nationalgrange.org/heirloom-program/>

Stante Grange Membership Director Sophia Keller led a discussion on Membership Development. Sophia touched on the current membership levels and methods of recruiting new members. Pierce County Pomona Grange Master Jarrod Gardner related information the Pomona Grange’s role in revitalizing the Waller Road and Ohop Granges. Working alongside State Grange Deputy Jennifer Oliver and additional state Grange officers, the Pomona Grange provided the assistance and guidance necessary to move the Granges of Pierce County to an increased level of activity and interest in the Grange organization. The discussion also included information on

the upcoming Grange Month activities and where the information on Grange Month is available on the National Grange website.

The 2023 State Grange Session schedule was reviewed by State Grange President Tom Gwin. Tasks required of the deputies and officers for the session were discussed. The attendees were then broken into smaller groups by district to discuss upcoming convention sites. We are scheduled to be in the Eastern District in 2024, the Southwest District in 2025, and the Northern District in 2026.

The Grange Youth Fairs Program was discussed with the attendees. There were nine fairs participating in 2022, which will increase to 15 fairs in 2023. The power point presentation on the 2022 program was shown and reports were given by several representatives of participating Granges. Several youth fairs program activities will be included at this year’s State Grange Session, which will bring additional participants to the session. All deputies were invited to participate in the monthly Youth Fairs Program Zoom Meetings to learn about the program.

The final session of the conference was a discussion, led by State Grange Vice President David Bryant, on “Reimagining the State Grange Convention”. Ideas were shared on methods and activities that would increase participation at the session, while at the same time providing opportunities for learning, sharing, and piquing interest in the Grange. All suggestions will be further discussed by the State Grange Executive Committee. Some of the ideas will be implemented with this year’s convention, while additional programs could come in the near future.

Conference participants left the conference energized and reinvigorated and that the challenges before us are but opportunities to test our abilities to grow the Grange across the entire State of Washington. We have ample opportunities to continue moving the Grange forward by building a vibrant organization that serves our communities and our citizens.



Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Juniors

Convention Prep Is Here

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director

Convention is not far away, which means there is lots of planning to do. I think, out of all of the other state officers, deputies and directors, I have the best job. I know they are not looking at their convention to-do list and thinking what crafts, snacks and activities can we do. This is just one of the perks of being the Junior Grange Director. For those Parents and Juniors that will be joining us for all of the fun, there are a few reminders before you get to convention.

Firstly, I cant wait to meet you or see you again. We will have a blast playing games, learning about the Grange, making crafts and doing a little exploring outside. There is also a few surprise visitors that may come to see us. Oh, and I cannot forget eating ice cream

at the social.

Parents I would like to remind you that the Junior Department check in is on Thursday morning from 8:45-9:30 a.m. If you have not enrolled your child in our department before, we run just like a day camp. Our program runs from 9-4 on Thursday and Friday and 9-1 on Saturday. At drop-off on Thursday morning, you will need to fill out a few forms. Each day after that, you will just need to sign your child in and out. Don't worry about lunch and snacks, they will be provided. We will have a short program and awards ceremony on Saturday morning followed by a pizza party for lunch.

If you know that you have Juniors coming and will be participating in the program on Saturday morning, please let me know. Since there is no convention registration for Juniors, it is always difficult to know how many to prepare for. Also, your Juniors

need to start thinking about participating in the public speaking contests and craft contest. You do not need to register for those until you get to convention. More information about those contests can be found on the website or in the program handbook.

Parents and other delegates are more than welcome to come visit our room, say hi and see what we are up to. We just ask that you please check in with an adult leader when you first enter. We don't have much time with the Junior Grangers but what time we do have is really busy and pact with activities. The closer we get to convention the more excited I am to see what our Juniors have been up to in the last year. See you in June.



Heather Ferguson

Youth

Grange Youth Activities Spring Into High Gear

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

As we enter the spring solstice, we are slowly creeping upon the first of several deadlines for Grange youth contests. May 15 is the deadline for applications for the Horizon Youth Ambassador Program and Young Patron Program, 4-H/FFA member Award, and Spirit of Youth Award. Contestants in the sign-a-song contest and the prepared speech contest must notify the youth director of their intent to enter by the June 1 deadline. Nominations for the Youth Service Award, Junior Grange Mentor Award, and Grange Youth Recruiter Award are also due by June 1.

In addition to the contests listed above, Grange youth members are encouraged to participate in the various contests in the Lecturer and Family Living Departments. There is a wide range of contests, from baking and canning to photography and craftwork. Most of the Pomona level contests are held in April and May. Please check with your Grange Lecturer and Family Living Chair on the date and location of the contests in your area.

We are hoping for a large delegation of youth at the annual State Grange Convention in Moses Lake. There will be a variety of activities for the youth to enjoy.

The 2023 Western Regional Leaders and Youth Conference will be held July 27-29 in Sacramento, CA. Those interested in the Horizon Leadership Program and potential candidates for the National Grange Youth Officer Team/Council will need to attend the regional conference. Registration and transportation information will be available soon.

Youth & Juniors Participate In Legislative Activities



Top Left: The delegation from Humptulips Junior Grange. Top Right: Meeting with Rep Tom Dent. Bottom Left: Grange Lobbyist Jesse Taylor meets with the Youth and Junior Grange participants. Bottom Right: Meeting with Senator Judy Warnick, who is also a member of Moses Lake Grange.

Junior Connection

HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange is planning activity day for Tuesday, April 4. Projects will include food preservation, sewing, and craft projects. Six Junior Grangers attended the Youth/Junior Grange Legislative Experience in Olympia.

JUNIOR JIBBER-JABBER

WHEN:
Third Sunday of odd-numbered months (January/March/May... etc.)
at 9 p.m. Eastern

WHO:
Junior Directors or anyone else interested in Junior Grange programming!

WHERE:
On Zoom!
Login: 833 7712 0738
Passcode: 969128
or bit.ly/JibberJabberZoom

2023 Convention Info



JUNE 22 - 25, 2023

134th Annual Washington State Grange Convention at the Grant County Fairgrounds, 3953 Airway Dr NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Meal Information

The Central Washington Convention Committee is pleased to be offering professionally catered meals for all Lunches, the Family Living Breakfast and the Celebration Banquet at the 2023 Washington State Convention in Moses Lake. Meal tickets will be packaged and may be picked up at the registration table during convention.

The Lunches and Family Living Breakfast will be catered by members of Menastash Grange #1054. They are offering a different lunch every day that includes a drink and desert.

The catered Celebration Banquet features a main course or your choice of prime rib or chicken.

Please turn in your meal orders and payment by June 1st. Forms and payment can be mailed to Mary Hunt, 1804 RD 14 NE, Coulee City, WA 99115. And please make checks payable to: Central WA District Convention

2023 Grange Convention

Meal Order Form

Name:

Grange:

Email:

Phone #:

Wednesday, June 21st

Lunch

Loaded Baked Potato Bar**, Fresh Fruit, Drink, & a Sweet Treat.

Thursday, June 22nd

Family Living Breakfast

Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Eggs, Hashbrowns, Sausage, Pastries, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Juice

Lunch

BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich**, Coleslaw, Chips, Fresh Fruit, Drink, and a Sweet Treat.

Celebration Banquet

Prime Rib or Chicken, Potato, green beans, salad, roll, drink, desert

Prime Rib

Chicken

Friday, June 23rd

Lunch

Cold Deli Sandwich** (Turkey & Cheddar or Ham & Swiss), Chips, Potato or Macaroni Salad, Drink, and a Sweet Treat.

Saturday, June 24th

Lunch

Hot Dog or Polish Dog**, Macaroni or Potato Salad, Chips, Drink, and a sweet Treat

** Can Be Substituted For A Green Salad with Ranch or Dairy Free Italian Dressing). Please Note if you would like a substitution.

Ticket Orders must be received by June 1st.

Meal tickets will be packaged and may be picked up at the registration table during convention.

Make Checks Payable to: Central WA District Convention

Mail Order Form & Payment to:

Mary Hunt, 1804 RD 14 NE, Coulee City, WA 99115

2023 Convention Hotel/Motel Listings

- The Convention Steering Committee is submitting the following list of hotels and motels in the Moses Lake area. The Steering Committee and the Washington State Grange are unable to verify prices or quality of each facility. We have also provided the helpful links that showcase the area that we find useful if you are not familiar with the area.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

2300 S Maiers Rd

Moses Lake WA 98837

(509) 766-8000

The Inn at Moses Lake

1741 E Kittleson Rd

Moses Lake WA 98837

(509) 766-7000
- Quality Inn

449 Melva Lane

Moses Lake WA 98837

(509) 765-8886
- Best Western Lakefront Hotel

3000 W Marina Dr

Moses Lake WA 98837

(509) 765-9211
- Wingate by Wyndham

1735 E Kittleson Rd

Moses Lake WA 98837

(509) 766-2000
- Fairfield Inn & Suites

2380 S Maiers Road

Moses Lake WA 98837

(509) 765-0500

Comfort Suites

1700 E Kittleson Rd

Moses Lake WA 98837

(509) 765-3731

Ramada By Wyndham

1745 E Kittleson Rd

Moses Lake WA 98837

(509) 766-1000

<https://www.vrbo.com>

<https://www.airbnb.com/s/Moses-Lake>

<https://tourgrantcounty.com>

<https://www.moseslake.com>

<https://www.cityofml.com>



Resolution E-Mail Sign-Ups

Send us your email at skeller@wa-grange.org to receive the resolutions that have been approved by the state Executive Committee and ready to be presented at the 2023 State Grange Convention in Puyallup, WA.

2023 Convention Info



2023 State Convention RV Parking

Bring your RV to the 2023 State Convention at the Grant County Fairgrounds Moses Lake, WA. The entire Southfield Campground has been reserved for Grange RVs. The Grange RV rate is \$35 a night no extra fees or taxes. The Southfield campground site has water and 30 amp power. The Southfield Campground is the closet RV parking to the buildings housing all convention activities. Restrooms and showers are located on the grounds. A dump station is available on the fairgrounds on your way out. Please mail your RV reservation form by June 5th to Jonny Pittman, 802 South Pine Street, Warden WA 98857. Please make checks payable to "Central Washington District Grange Convention".

GRANGE CONVENTION RV PARKING RESERVATION

Last Name

First Name

Street Address

City / State / Zip

Grange Name

Phone

E-mail

Date of Arrival

of Nights

Please circle your RV hook-up choice: Water and 30 amp service (\$35 a night)

Total amount paid:

RV License #:

Length of RV:

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Mail by June 5th to: Jonny Pittman, 802 South Pine Street, Warden WA 98857

Grange Foundation Launches Sweet Nationwide Fundraiser

Grange Foundation is inviting you to take part in the most delicious fundraiser of the year. By ordering a dozen (or two) original glazed doughnuts, 50% of the order will be donated back to Grange Foundation!

From now until April 30, 2023, you can get your dozens using our fundraising link: <http://bit.ly/grangekrispykremes>.

How it works: purchase your dozens online, visit your nearest Krispy Kreme store and redeem using your code. You can also purchase doughnuts and gift the redemption codes to friends and family across the country! Think of a grandchild and their sports team or a child off at college who would appreciate a dozen glazed reminders that you're thinking of them.

Dozens are redeemable nationwide, so feel free to share the link with other doughnut lovers! Thank you in advance for your support, we hope you enjoy this sweet offer.



Grange Camper Assoc.

Grange Camper Association
Annual Camp Out And Meeting

This year camp out and meeting will be held June 2-4th in Ocean Shores at the Figg's and Merwin's properties. 787 Chenois Ave NE Ocean Shores.

Saturday Pancake breakfast and Saturday spaghetti dinner will be provided. Members will provide Dessert or fruit. RV camping for the weekend is \$25, drive in is \$5. Each Camper club please provide a door prize.

RSVP via text with name, size and type of rigs for planning parking. Also RSVP if you plan to drive in. Call Verne Figg at 206-650-4054.

WA State Grange
To Recognize 2023 Graduates

The Washington State Grange will recognize Grange members who are members of the Class of 2023 in an upcoming issue of The Grange News.

We ask each Grange to submit the names of those who will be graduating in 2023, along with a photo of the graduate. High school graduates will have their name, Grange, and school listed. College graduates will have their name, Grange, school, and degree received with area of study.

Information can either be mailed to the State Grange Office or may be emailed to grangenews@wa-grange.org no later than April 15.

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

ZOOM MEETINGS
Last Wednesday of
Each Month at 7:00 p.m.
APRIL 26 and MAY 31

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581>

Meeting ID: 980 3697 1581

One tap mobile: +12532158782,98036971581# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location: 1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 980 3697 1581

National Grange News

A View From The Hill - Spring 2023 Edition

By **Burton Eller**
National Grange
Legislative Director

WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

Little Progress on Debt Limit

Nearly every ongoing conversation in Congress is colored by the looming threat of a debt limit default which could come this summer. Nevertheless, Congress and the White House have made little progress towards an agreement to raise the debt limit and avoid default. As a reminder from last month's View from the Hill, the debt limit is a cap set by Congress on the amount of money which the federal government is authorized to borrow in order to meet ongoing fiscal obligations. It is important to note that the debt limit does not control future or new spending by the federal government, it only controls borrowing to meet existing spending authorized by Congress. Congress has never failed to raise the debt limit when necessary, and has done so 78 separate times since 1960 under Congresses and Presidencies of both parties. Should Congress fail to raise the debt limit before the cap is hit, which is estimated to come sometime in the summer this year, then the federal government would default on its fiscal obligations, certainly causing serious economic turmoil.

In early March, President Biden released his budget request for the 2024 fiscal year, outlining a total of \$6.8 trillion in desired mandatory and discretionary federal spending, along with a number of proposed tax increases to help cover new spending. It is important to note however, that the President's budget is merely a proposal for Congress to consider when it comes time to write annual spending bills later this year. Considering the significant spending and tax increases included in this year's budget proposal, Republicans in Congress have made clear that they will not pass the budget as written, and instead intend to pursue spending cuts for many federal programs.

This discussion around the federal budget ties into ongoing conversations surrounding a debt limit increase, as Congressional Republicans argue that any debt ceiling increase must come with provisions that would require decreased government spending in the future. Democrats in the White House and Congress have thus far refused to agree to anything more than a clean increase of the debt ceiling, arguing that much of the debt accrued since the ceiling was last raised comes as a result of spending from the previous

Presidential administration for which they raised the debt ceiling three times. As Congress goes on recess for much of the beginning of April, talks will continue over a potential debt limit increase with only a few months to go before a looming default.

Congress Takes First Legislative Actions

In March, Congress began to take its first serious legislative actions for the current session. With support from the White House and many Democratic Senators, a Republican bill to strike down changes to the DC criminal code passed, marking the first bill to become law this year. Furthermore, Congress has also set the stage for repeal of outdated Authorizations of Military Force for the 1991 US invasion of Kuwait and the 2002 invasion of Iraq with significant bipartisan support. Current issues in the banking and tech sector have also spurred calls for potential new regulations to prevent future bank failures in the wake of a series of high-profile collapses early in March. Finally, a bipartisan consensus has emerged in support of some level of restrictions for the Chinese social media app TikTok, with many pushing for an outright ban.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Focus on Dairy

The bicameral, bipartisan Dairy Pride Act has been reintroduced in Congress in an effort to combat the practice of labeling non-dairy products using dairy names. Senate cosponsors Risch (R-ID), Baldwin (D-WI), Crapo (R-ID), Collins (R-ME), and Welch (D-VT), and House cosponsors Joyce (R-PA), Kuster (D-WI), Van Orden (R-WI), Craig (D-MN) and Courtney (D-CT) say the Dairy Pride Act will require non-dairy products made from seeds, plants, and algae to no longer be mislabeled with dairy terms such as milk, yogurt or cheese. Meanwhile, the FDA has acknowledged the problem of nutritional differences and has drafted recommendations to prevent consumer confusion about the nutritional makeup of plant-based milk alternatives. Unfortunately, the guidelines still permit the use of the term "milk" on plant-based products and have not yet addressed labeling of cheese and yogurt.

USDA's New "Product of USA" Label

A proposed new rule would allow the voluntary "Product of the USA" or "Made in the USA" label claims to be used on meat, poultry, and egg

products only when born, raised, harvested, and processed in the United States. The change would alter the current language which allows for meat derived outside the U.S. to bear a "Product of the USA" label if it is processed in an American facility. National Grange policy has long supported such requirements.

More Free School Meals

USDA is proposing rule changes to allow more schools to offer free meals to all students regardless of income. Under existing eligibility provisions, schools can offer free meals to all students if at least 40% of the students have household incomes below the federal poverty line. Approximately 16 million students get free meals now under existing policy; the proposal would expand that number to 25 million.

Equity Commission Interim Report

Interim recommendations have been received by USDA from its Equity Commission appointed to recommend solutions to alleged differences in equity treatment to those served by the Department. A final report is expected by the end of the year. Recommendations included land access funding for minority producers, relief for distressed borrowers, eligibility to participate in USDA programs for owners of heirs property, suggestions regarding elections and operations of Farm Service County committees and more.

FY '24 APPROPRIATIONS

Grange Supports Ag and Food Priorities

The National Grange joined other food, agriculture, conservation, and environmental groups to urge Congress to support funding of priority items in the fiscal year 2024 which begins October 1, 2023. These priorities include agricultural research, agriculture extension education, agriculture economics, research facilities, innovation, conservation, export promotion and development, disease control and prevention, pest control and more. The Grange is concerned that U.S. public food and agriculture research has fallen by a third since 2002. Cutting edge research is critical to America's competitiveness and national security.

CONSERVATION / ENVIRONMENT

Climate Alliance Farm Bill Priorities

The Food and Climate Alliance is a coalition of ag, food, conservation, environmental and agribusiness groups, including the National Grange, that came together to propose a series of new farm bill provisions needed to help producers and landowners address climate change. The proposals include a broad emphasis on using USDA conservation programs to encourage farmers, ranchers, and forest owners to adopt practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, capture carbon and make operations more resilient to droughts, floods and other weather-related disasters.

HEALTH CARE

Breakthrough Alzheimer's Treatments Bypass Rural Patients

Alzheimer's disease kills twice as many people in rural America compared to urban areas. A recent editorial in the Kansas City Star by National Grange President Betsy Huber argues that Medicare coverage for breakthrough Alzheimer's treatments discriminates against rural Americans and should be reversed. Medicare covers only beneficiaries enrolled in studies run exclusively in a limited number of urban medical centers. Huber called for government agencies to ensure health equity for rural America by establishing study sites in more of the accessible parts of the country so rural Americans will not be left behind. Fortunately, expanding Alzheimer's coverage has bipartisan support in Congress.

Urgent Need for RSV Vaccine

The respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases rose sharply during the fall and early winter of 2022 and proved to be a serious respiratory condition for infants and older adults. News outlets reported challenges the remaining rural hospitals faced as they tried to cope with the influx of patients needing care with no space to offer them. National Grange's Burton Eller recently testified before FDA's Vaccines and Related Products Advisory Committee and stressed the urgent need to approve a safe, effective vaccine to prevent RSV. When fall arrives this year, we could once again face a quadruple threat from flu, pneumonia, RSV and COVID.

Continue Access to Pharmacist Services

During the recent pandemic, pharmacies were temporarily allowed to become front-line providers of COVID testing and vaccination. This was important because rural residents are generally closer to



pharmacies than hospitals and clinics. The National Grange has joined patient, pharmacist, senior, rural, and other stakeholder groups in support of the bipartisan Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act (HR 1770) to enable pharmacists to continue providing care and to expand these services to include additional testing and treatment for flu, strep and RSV in addition to COVID and be covered by Medicare Part B.

RIGHT TO REPAIR

Case IH and New Holland Sign On

The American Farm Bureau has signed right to repair agreements with farm equipment manufacturers Case IH and New Holland. The memorandum of understanding is similar to the agreement signed with John Deere earlier this year. The MOU sets a framework for farmers and independent repair facilities to access manuals, tools, parts, product guides and other information to self-diagnose and self-repair machinery while protecting the intellectual property rights of the manufacturer.

TAXES

Support for Estate Tax Repeal

The National Grange joined 111 members of the Family Business Coalition and the Family Business Estate Tax Coalition in support of Senator Thune's (R-SD) Death Tax Repeal Act. The estate tax currently accounts for only one half of one percent of federal revenue. In addition, the tax forces family businesses to spend money on insurance policies and estate planning services instead of expanding their businesses and creating more jobs.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Rural Poles Slow Internet Buildout

The Wall Street Journal recently

Home & Family

Pomona Contest Tips

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

As you prepare to put on your Pomona Contests I would like to share a few tips with you.

Baking and candy entries must have the recipe included. Put the recipe in a large envelope and tape the entry form to the outside of the envelope. Fasten securely to the entry.

Food Preservation must have

the processing method and time written on the product. The lid is a great place for this information. There is a separate entry form for food preservation which is included in the Pomona packet.

All other entries need a snack or sandwich size ziploc baggie. Put the entry form inside the baggie and pin to the item. I have found that if you put the pin through just the back side of the

baggie you won't have to undo the pin to get into the baggie.

Have a great contest.

I forgot to mention that we discontinued the Kelley Farm Memorial and changed the Kimball to Junior Grange Scholarship Fund. I hope your Grange will be able to contribute to one or all of our funds as listed in the program handbook.



Helen Berg



Barberton Grange Member Donates 32 Lap Quilts

The residents of CDM Adult Daycare recently received a nice gift from Barberton Grange member Bev McGuire as she donated 32 handmade lap quilts to the residents there to take home for their personal use. This is also the same daycare Barberton Grange President Matt Hodges and his wife Tammie perform their twice monthly show. The residents loved their quilts. Thank you Bev for your generosity.



Lincoln Creek Grange Hosts CPR Class



On February 25th the Lincoln Creek Grange hosted a CPR class for the local community. Many neighbors joined us to learn life saving first aid. The class was coordinated by Master Brian Thompson and Assistant Steward Lew Danforth, both members of the local volunteer fire department, and taught by Chris Layton of Riverside Fire Department.

Williams Valley Grangers Make Toys For Charity



Williams Valley Grange member Judy teaches Andrea the finer points as they work together on Comfort Toys for charity. Members are working together making toys for the Shoebox Project



Savor Spring Flavor with Fresh Seafood

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Fresh, flavorful ingredients take springtime meals to another level, and it's hard to top seafood as a seasonal favorite. While takeout may be an easy option, the satisfaction of enjoying a delicious, home-cooked meal like Shrimp Pad Thai with Jasmine Rice can make you feel like you're enjoying a restaurant-quality dinner. Next time you're craving Asian cuisine, swap out traditional rice noodles for this version with Jasmine rice as an aromatic, quick-cooking solution for your own spin on a classic.

Take the guesswork out of cooking rice with an option like Success Boil-In-Bag Rice, which offers a heat safe, BPA-free and FDA-approved solution for fluffy, flavorful rice that cooks up perfectly. The high-quality grains are quick, easy, mess-free and ready in 10 minutes, so you can enjoy hassle-free dishes. Visit SuccessRice.com to find more springtime meal ideas.

Shrimp Pad Thai with Jasmine Rice

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4

- Ingredients:**
- 1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
 - 3 tablespoons light brown sugar
 - 2 tablespoons fish sauce
 - 2 tablespoons lime juice
 - 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 1 tablespoon chili garlic sauce
 - 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
 - 1 egg, lightly beaten
 - 1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
 - 1 tablespoon minced garlic
 - 3 green onions, thinly sliced
 - 1 cup bean sprouts
 - 1/4 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped
 - 2 tablespoons dry roasted peanuts, chopped
 - 4 lime wedges

Prepare rice according to package directions. Set aside. In small bowl, combine brown sugar, fish sauce, lime juice, soy sauce and chili garlic sauce. Set aside.

In large wok or skillet over high heat, heat 1/2 tablespoon oil. Quickly scramble egg. Remove from pan and reserve. Add remaining oil to wok over high heat. Add shrimp and garlic; stir-fry 5 minutes, or until shrimp are cooked. Add reserved sauce and rice; stir-fry 2 minutes. Add green onions and reserved egg; toss to combine.

In small bowl, combine brown sugar, fish sauce, lime juice, soy sauce and chili garlic sauce. Set aside.

Grange Connection

Crescent Grangers Distribute Dictionaries To Third Graders



Crescent Grangers are pictured with the Third Grade Class of Crescent School. Students were happy to get their new dictionaries and to go outside for the photo. Grangers include - Judy Moilanen, Emil Moilanen, Cathy Stordeur and Elizabeth Hogan.

Goldendale Grange #49 Celebrates 112th Anniversary With Special Potluck

Goldendale Grange #49 celebrated our 112th anniversary with a potluck on Sunday afternoon March 5th. Member Lanae Johnson prepared a special cake for the occasion depicting a Highland cow head with its characteristic horns adorned in a colorful floral arrangement.

Dr. Jim Ogden received his 60-year Grange certificate in a surprise presentation by his cousin and State Grange Officer Butch Ogden. Dr. Ogden maintained his Grange membership with Sunnyside Grange #842 in Cowlitz County even though he has lived in Goldendale since 1975. His parents were very active Grange supporters in the early 1950's. Growing up he was referred to as a Grange Basket Baby, sleeping peacefully in an empty wicker food basket during the all-day business meetings. His mother encouraged him to play the piano when he was only six.

By 10 years he and his mother were performing together at local Grange, Pomona, and State Grange events. She played the piano while played the accordion.

After his presentation as a 60 year Granger he entertained us with his antique accordion playing special selections from an old 1947 official Grange Song Book.

Candy Hack, a long time Grange Insurance Agent gave an informative presentation about the history of the association. The fire insurance association was created 130 years ago at the 1893 State Grange Convention in Klickitat County. There was not a building available in White Salmon big enough to hold a State Grange Convention. Eventually Mr. Jewett's new Red Barn overlooking White Salmon and the Columbia River was selected. Candy's family has an 80-year history as agents for Grange Insurance.



State Deputy Lucille Bevis presented Klickitat County Sheriff Bob Songer with the official plaque he was awarded at the 2022 National Grange Convention as National Grange Law Officer of the Year.

Deputy Bevis informed us that the Pomona Grange Mini Fair was coming up next month, April 20th through April 22.

North River Grange Sponsors Local School Spelling Bee

North River Grange sponsored the North River School Spelling Bee on February 8, 2023. The event was for Grades 1 through 5.



The Grange Exchange

Let us help you buy or sell with a classified ad!

Cost per word	one month	4 or more
Regular	\$.50	\$.40
Boxed	1.00	.75
Centered or reversed text	\$2.50/line	
Minimum for one month	\$5.00	

Word count: hyphens, spaces and X's separate words. Phone numbers count as one word. **We do not print ads for 900 number services.**

Deadline: 5th of each month (for the following month's paper). Classified ads must be paid in advance. (Tear sheets not sent for classified.)

Ad copy (or attach copy): _____

No. words _____ @ rate \$ _____ x # months _____ = \$ _____ (enclosed)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



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 -

Grange Insurance Association

- Quality Insurance Products
- Competitive Pricing
- Professional Prompt Claims Service

For Preferred Risks

To locate an agent near you call 800-247.2643 or log on to www.grange.com and use the agent locator.

State Grange Schedules Zoom Meetings

While not all state directors will be able to attend the leadership conferences, a series of Zoom meetings has been developed as a supplement to the face-to-face Grange Resource and Leadership conferences. This will allow Grange members across the state to communicate directly with the state officers/directors to learn about the current programs.

All training sessions are open to all Grange members and will allow multiple members from a Grange the opportunity to utilize the resources available to conduct successful projects and activities within their local Granges. Additional meetings will be announced as the dates become available.

Login information is the same for each meeting and is listed at the end of this article.

The remaining sessions are as follows:

FOCUS GROUP	DATE	TIME	FACILITATOR
GRANGE MASTERS	Wed, April 26 Wed, May 31	7 p.m.	TOM GWIN, STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT
YOUTH FAIRS PROGRAM	Wed, May 3	7 p.m.	TOM GWIN, STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES FOR ALL GRANGE MEMBERS	Mon, April 2 Mon, April 17	10 a.m. 10 a.m.	JESSE TAYLOR, GRANGE LOBBYIST

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581> Meeting ID: 980 3697 1581

One tap mobile: +12532158782,,98036971581# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Meeting ID: 980 3697 1581



Grange Connection

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange will host their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 11 a.m. The vent will include thousands of eggs with games, food, and prizes for all!

Humptulips Grange had 25 members at their March meeting. The meeting was preceded by a "Soups On" event. Each Grange family made a pot of homemade soup for the dinner before the business meeting. Mark Sawyer was presented with his Golden Sheaf Membership Award. Our Grange members sent 13 entries to the Pomona Baking and Candy Contests, coming home with six purple Best of Class awards. The food bank served 74 families in March. We anticipate the higher numbers to continue in the future. The Grange hosted a Celebration of Life for fourth Generation Grange member Barbara Bishop and her grandson Michael Bishop on April 2. Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 14 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by "Casserole Night" at 6 p.m. Each Grange family should bring a casserole for dinner.

Sharon Grange held their annual Oyster Feed on March 25. The event included basket raffles. The Grange continues to work on hall improvements.

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange is planning lots of upcoming fun for the community at large. We had an Easter Egg hunt on March

26. We had different age groups come at different times so everyone was able to find eggs and enjoy crafts and snacks. We had a goal of hiding over 1000 eggs and accomplished just that. On April 1, we held our Spring Craft Bazaar and Sale. We have many unique gift/craft vendors as well as vintage/resale vendors. Our next sale is July 22. We are looking forward to canning and home preserving classes during the summer. Taught by a Master Food Preserver, these are always popular classes: May 31 - Basics of Canning; June 28 - Low/No - Sugar Canning; July 26 - Pickling and Fermenting; August 30 - Canning Salsa and Fruits; Dehydration isn't scheduled as of yet. Each class is on a Wednesday night and is at 7-8 p.m.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Skagit Valley Grange re-elected Barbara Hoffman to another term as President at their November meeting. The charter was draped in memory of Shirley Poe, a long-time Grange member who came to us after Birdview Grange closed. Our December was our annual Christmas dinner and awards ceremony. Honored this year were Mary Ann Weeks for 25 years and 70-year awards went to Ruth Morrison and Lyle Mosher.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Five Mile Prairie Grange members have been busy with some well attended community events. Our March activity night was a presentation on

Growing Tomatoes by member and gardening enthusiast, Anita Eccles. Growing Tomatoes will be followed up later in the year with a presentation on Preserving Tomatoes.

On International Pi Day, March 14 (3.14), we held our annual Pie Night Open House with representatives from the library district, fire district and school district as well as volunteers with SCOPE on hand to answer questions and provide information. Spokane County Sheriff John Nowels, Spokane County Commissioner Chris Jordan and District Rep. Kristina Sabestinas with Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers were also in attendance to meet community members. Of course all present enjoyed plenty of great pie!

Next up is Pancakes with the Easter Bunny on April 8th.

Green Bluff Grange Seed Give Away on March 7 had the Grange Hall full of people picking up free seed packets. President Jim and Chaplain Brandy presented a program about various events the Grange sponsors. Jr. Grange picked up 2 new members and we had inquiries about joining Green Bluff Grange #300. We held an Open House on April 4 along with the annual Pie Auction. April 30 is the next "All you can eat Pancake Breakfast." Contest info is being dispersed for the May 19 judging.

Spring Hill Grange met on March 13 and approved a bylaws change. The new meeting time is "5:30 PM with a potluck and the meeting to follow" on the

Skagit County Pomona Hosts Family Promise Dinner With Santa



Skagit County Pomona Grange hosted a Family Promise Dinner last Christmas, where the Pomona handed out gifts. Pictured L to R-- Laurel Jacobs, Basil Hauser, Lacey Hauser, Debbie Riegel-Yate, Jill Michaels. The second picture is of a few of the many bags of gifts.

Lincoln Creek Grange Celebrates St. Patrick's Day With Potluck

For our March meeting, Lincoln Creek Grange hosted a members potluck before our general meeting. Green was the theme for St Patrick's Day, with plenty of green foods featured!



Green Bluff Grange Hosts Seed Giveaway



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2nd Monday of each month.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange obligated seven new members at their March meeting. Lorena Simpson was installed as the Secretary. Three Grangers (Casey, Miniffani, and Cleo) were appointed as Community Service Committee. In addition to an April 1 Bingo, April 15 MadHatter Tea, and May 13 area yardsale (inside and outside spaces), so far the Grange Hall has been reserved for a May 27 wedding and an October 7 Bingo. Various maintenance issues were discussed. Once the ground is clear and unthawed, the hot water tank will be replaced. New trim and minor

repairs to other parts of the building will be part of Spring/Summer projects. The Haunted house area and displays will be completely redesigned this summer as well.

THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday April 17. 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, \$6 per person. The Grange will hold a garage, bake, and plant sale on Friday and Saturday April 28-29.

Barberton Grange Youth News



The Barberton Grange Youth Grange group recently elected it's first slate of officers. Pictured Above Left from right to left are: President - Kaitlyn Hann, Vice President - Nathan Gillock, Secretary- Wyatt Ballard/ Ian Dunning Assistant (Absent), Treasurer - Conner Zarzana (Absent), Alayna Hann - Pro Tem. Above Right: Barberton Grange President - Matt Hodges (far right), Program Leader - Kelly Babcock (center), Clark County Pomona Youth Fair Leader - Thomas Hann.

Pomona Connection

**COWLITZ/WAHKIAKUM
POMONA**

Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona Grange will hold their Grange Contests on Friday April 14 at the Catlin Grange Hall. The April Pomona meeting will be held at Catlin on Saturday, April 15 with a 1 p.m. luncheon. Please bring items for Hugs in a Mug - pencils, puzzle books etc.

**GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC
POMONA**

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange MET ON March 11 at the North River Grange Hall. We held our baking and candy contests. There were 31 entries, with 14 receiving purple best of class awards. The Pomona Grange voted to renew the subscriptions for Good Day! Magazine for each of the subordinate Granges. The Pomona Grange also voted to award four half campships to kids wishing to attend Morehead Junior Grange Camp this summer. Details on applying for the campships were sent out to each Grange. The next meeting will be on May 13 at the Humptulips Grange Hall. Entries in the Lecturer and remaining Family Living Contests will be due on Friday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Humptulips Grange Hall.

KLICKITAT COUNTY POMONA

Klickitat County Pomona Grange members met the evening of February 28 at the Goldendale Grange Hall to participate in a zoom meeting with Ann Bercher, National Grange Lecturer. Grangers from Columbia, Centerville and Goldendale were present. Local members were able to share ideas and programs with Lecturers from all parts of the country. It was a great evening for new and old members to realize the scope of the Grange organization and become informed on activities

and contests at the State and National level. The Lecturer Forum zoom meeting with Ann Bercher will continue every fourth Thursday on even numbered months. Klickitat / Skamania County Pomona Grange met for a potluck meeting on March 11 at the Mountain View Grange Hall in White Salmon, with Granges from Columbia, Centerville, Goldendale, and Stevenson. The day was spent catching up with old friends and discussing projects and contests each Grange is participating in. Mary Repar, Stevenson Grange #121, reported on an ambitious project they are participating in at the old St. Cloud Ranch Apple Orchard along the Columbia River in Western Skamania County. They want to rehabilitate the old apple trees, most of which were planted in the early 1900's. Their group is currently in the process of GPS mapping the trees, organizing cleanup days to clean around the bases of the apple trees, and to get a professional assessment so that the old trees can be pruned by the experts! Mountain View Grange, in partnership with White Salmon Valley Library and the Soroptimists International, presented a documentary film "RGB: Hero, Icon, Dissenter" documenting the life of Ruth Brader Ginsberg. Following the business meeting, Mountain View Grange provided our group a tour and slide show, showing before and after photos of the kitchen remodel project. The May meeting will be held at Alder Creek Grange Hall in Bickelton.

MASON COUNTY POMONA

Mason County Pomona met at Matlock on March 18th with members from Matlock, Skokomish and The Agate attending. Business included reports from members. Both The Agate and Matlock have repair work to be done. Skokomish is

presently red flagged by Mason County so they are meeting in the Skokomish Valley Community Church until the building has undergone major repair. They are presently seeking funds and bids for the work needed to be done. Ideas and volunteers may contact Karen Ragan at Skokomish by email - karenragan@hctc.com, or at 6841 W. Skokomish Valley Rd., Shelton, WA 98584. Pomona is planning to put in a booth at the Washington State Fair this year and have set dates for meetings. A fund raiser project was discussed, also a Grange awareness event to build membership and public relations. Members were reminded by President Mike Parker that all meetings should follow the rules set in the Constitution and By-Laws. After a delicious potluck lunch, the meeting was adjourned.

SKAGIT COUNTY POMONA

Skagit County Pomona Grange held their election of officers in November. Debbie Riegel-Yates was elected to serve as President for the coming year. We voted to send \$100 donations to four local charities to help with Christmas assistance for the less fortunate. December's meeting was the annual stocking stuffing for the children in the Family Promise Program. This program serves homeless families with children. This year each child received a large stocking filled with toys, candy and other gifts, as well as a bag filled with blankets, hats, scarves, mittens, socks. Grange members also assisted with the dinner where these gifts were handed out. Fredonia Grange started this activity a few years ago, but other Grangers enjoy helping and it has become a Pomona Grange event., although Fredonia members still chair it. Nearly forty children are included in this event.

**THURSTON COUNTY
POMONA**

Thurston County Pomona met on March 2 at Black Lake Grange. The next Pomona meeting will be on May 4 at Prosperity Grange at 7:00, with a potluck dinner at 6:00. The annual memorial program will be presented, and subordinate Grange Chaplains should send the names of members who passed away in the last year to Pomona Chaplain Pam Mathews prior to the May meeting. Lecturer and

Family Living contests (other than baking and candy) will be held on Saturday, April 15 at Violet Prairie Grange. Entries will be accepted from 9:00-10:00 am, judging will be done from 10 am to 2 pm, and entries should be picked up between 2:00 and 3:00 pm. Contest details are in the Washington State Grange Program Handbook, which can be viewed on the website (wa-grange.com) under "Member Resources."

Pomona Calendar

The 2023 date request forms have been mailed to the Pomona Grange Secretaries. Please complete and return to the State Grange Office ASAP.

- CHELAN** May 20 at Chumstick, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- CLALLAM** April 23 at location to be determined, 4 p.m. potluck, 5 p.m. meeting.
- CLARK** April 12 at Manor, 7 p.m.
May 10 at Manor, 7 p.m.
- COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM** May 20 at Grays River, 1 p.m. potluck, meeting to follow.
- EXCELSIOR** May 20 at Enterprise, 10:30 a.m.
Will hold baking contest. Lecturer and Family Living contests will be May 19 at Williams Valley.
- GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC** May 13 at Humptulips, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and Family Living contest entries due on May 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ISLAND** June 3 at Deer Lagoon, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. All contest entries due.
- KING** May 13 at East Hill, 10 a.m.
All food contest entries due at 9 a.m.
- LEWIS** May 6 at Lincoln Creek, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- MASON** May 20 at Skokomish, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PIERCE** May 6 at McMillin, 10 a.m.
Degree Day/Potluck. Craft and Photography contest entries due.
- SKAGIT** May 3 at Samish Valley, 6:30 p.m.
- SNAKE RIVER** May 20 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
- SPOKANE** May 20 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m.
- STEVENS** July meeting at Quillisascut. 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- THURSTON** May 4 at Prosperity, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
- WHITMAN** May 20 at North & South Palouse, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Will hold Lecturer and Family Living Contests.
- YAKIMA VALLEY** July 10 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Skagit County Pomona Sponsors Quilts Of Valor Chapter

Skagit County Pomona Grange is sponsoring a Quilts of Valor chapter, under the leadership of Pomona President Debbie Riegel-Yates. They meet twice a month at the Burlington Senior Center and have just completed their first quilt. Although the chapter is open to all, several Grange members are participating. Shown with the quilt are Grangers Mary Celia, Laurel Jacobs, and Debbie Riegel-Yates.



SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming State Grange Events

Scheduled events may be either cancelled or postponed. Please call prior to the event to confirm.

- APRIL** It's **GRANGE MONTH!**

APRIL 6 Grange Camp Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

APRIL 10 Education Intersessions Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 11 Veterans Affairs Intersessions Committee Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.

APRIL 11 Good of the Order Intersessions Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.

APRIL 12 Health, Health Care & Safety Intersessions Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 13 State and National Issues Intersessions Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 17 Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.

APRIL 17 Conservation and Ecology Intersessions Zoom Meeting, 6 p.m.

APRIL 18 Agriculture Intersessions Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 24 State Grange Executive Committee Meeting, 9 a.m.

APRIL 25 Fish & Wildlife Intersessions Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 26 National Grange Virtual Legislative Fly In

APRIL 26 Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom Meeting
- APRIL 27** Transportation/Taxation Intersessions Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

MAY 3 Youth Fairs Program Zoom Meeting Update, 7 p.m.

MAY 15 State Session Credential Form and Committee Preference Form due to State Grange Office

MAY 22 Last Day to Receive Resolutions for Consideration at the 2023 State Grange Session

JUNE 2-4 Grange Camper Association Camp Out and Fun Rally at Ocean Shores

JUNE 21-24 Washington State Grange 134th Annual Session at Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake

JULY 9-14 Wooten Junior Grange Camp, near Dayton

JULY 9-15 Morehead Junior Grange Camp, near Ocean Park

JULY 16-22 Mayfield Junior Grange Camp, near Mossyrock

JULY 23-28 Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp, near Anacortes

JULY 27-29 Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference at Sacramento, CA

AUGUST 13-18 Camp David Junior Grange Camp, near Port Angeles

NOVEMBER 14-18 157th Annual National Grange Convention, Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Grange Connection

Tualco Grange Presents Quilt Of Valor



Tualco Grange #284 recently honored long-time member Wally Armstrong with a Quilt of Valor. Wally served in the Army in Korea from 1948 to 1951. Marg Ohlsen, President of Tualco Grange #284, provided a welcome and introductions. The presentation was conducted by Tualco Grange member Chris Hamp, a member of the Board of Directors of the Quilts of Valor Foundation and Vice President of the National Grange. Wrapping Wally with his Quilt of Valor were Linda Campbell who pieced the quilt and Tualco Grange member Eileen Hartzell who did the longarm quilting. Also present were many Tualco Grange members, Wally's family and members of the Monroe Historical Society where Wally has been active.



Waller Road Grange 78th Birthday Celebration

At the February 8th General Meeting, we not only were able to celebrate the 78th birthday of our wonderful Waller Road Grange, but also we're honored to have Washington State Grange Vice President, Mr. David Bryant in attendance to conduct the presentation of 25-75 year membership certificates and pin.

It was a moving celebration as the new "crop" of members were able to look back at the rich history of the Waller Road Grange told by the members being celebrated. They were able to share their beloved memories and stories of the early days of our Grange.

The members we celebrated: Lucile Fogle - 75 Years, Kitty Looker - 65 Years, Merna West - 60 Years, Martha Erker - 55 Years, Marilyn Stephens - 55 Years, Diane Ladenburg - 50 Years. Congratulations to these long-time members!

