



# WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

June 2023

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## Grangers Gather In Moses Lake For Annual Convention

Grange members from across Washington State will be meeting at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake for their state organization's 134th annual convention, June 21-

24. The convention returns to Moses Lake for the first time since 2007.

The majority of those gathering at the convention site – the Grant County

Fairgrounds – are delegates elected to represent their local Granges. The bulk of their time will be spent in meetings, making decisions that will set the course of the organization

for the coming year. Besides delegates, there are scores of volunteers who will have other responsibilities during the week, and many other members drive in to participate in special

events, listen to guest speakers or simply to get together with old friends. It is anticipated that more than 500 people will

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Information on the 134th Annual Convention of the Washington State Grange can be found throughout this issue. Resolutions for the Session, the Session Schedule Committee Assignments, and more can be found starting on Page 5.



SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming State Grange Events

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

JUNE 1.....Session Fish & Wildlife Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.

JUNE 1.....Session Education Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 5.....Session Grange Activities Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.

JUNE 5.....Session National Legislative Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 6.....Session Grange Law Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.

JUNE 6.....Session Health, Health Care & Safety Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 7.....Session Veteran's Affairs Committee Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.

JUNE 7.....Session Transportation Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.

JUNE 7.....Youth Fair Program Monthly Zoom Meeting Update, 7 p.m.

JUNE 8.....Session State Legislative Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 12.....Session Taxation & Fiscal Policy Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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

JUNE 30.....Secretary Reports (Second Quarter) Due to State Grange Office

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 27-30.....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

By-Laws

Columbia Grange #87 will meet July 8, 2023 at 11:00am to vote to make changes to their ByLaws.

Fort Vancouver Camping Club

Fort Vancouver Camping Club Host Outing At Peach Beach

The Fort Vancouver Camping Club had an outing at Peach Beach campground located on the Columbia River near Goldendale WA. Along with with camping and a enjoyable potluck, there was a hike along the Klicitat River out of Lyle, a visit to the Maryhill Museum and a stop at the Stonehenge World War I memorial. A tasty lunch was also had overlooking the spectacular Columbia Gorge at the Maryhill Restaurant and Winery.

4 of our units were flying the State Grange windsocks. We had other campers stop to ask about what they represented. They are quite colorful and draw a lot of attention.

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President’s Message

Join Us As We  
“Celebrate Grange”  
At Our Annual  
Session

By Tom Gwin  
State Grange  
Master/President

As we converge in Central Washington at the Grant County Fairgrounds in beautiful Moses Lake for our 134th Annual State Grange Session, all Grange members are invited to join us for all or a part of this years’ session.

The majority of our Grange activities will be held in three buildings: the 4-H Building, the Commercial Building, and the Agriculture Building. All three buildings are connected via an indoor walkway and all are air conditioned. They are located between the red gate and the purple gate. Parking is in the Red Parking Lot. RV’s will park in the South Campgrounds, right close to our meeting facilities.

We will utilize the 4-H Building for our delegate sessions, banquet, degree exemplification, and talent show. Registration and the display areas will be next door in the Commercial Building. Workshops will be in both the Commercial Building and the Agriculture Building. The hospitality room is in the rear of the 4-H Building. The Junior and Youth Groups will both meet in the Agriculture Building.

We will “Celebrate Grange” with the official opening of the session on Wednesday, June 21. In addition to the delegate sessions, where one can see State Grange policy being developed, there are plenty of opportunities to celebrate the hard work by our members. The work of our talented members will be on display throughout the week in the display rooms. Group efforts will be included in the display area with contest entries in Grange Hall Improvement, community service, and many others.

Granges are reminded to turn in their one-page “Grange in Action” report.

The reports consist of one page with the Grange name and state, accompanied by 3-5 photos of the Grange’s activities with captions. The activities must have taken place since September 1, 2022. The reports will be on display and then forwarded to the National Grange for recognition. We will also be utilizing these reports in our state display at the National Grange Convention in November. This program is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the varied projects undertaken by Granges across our state.

We will celebrate the ritualistic work of our organization with the

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*-- Tom Gwin*

conferral of the fifth and sixth degrees on Wednesday evening. Wednesday is designated as “Western Day”. Attendees are encourage to dress in their finest western wear for the day.

The family living department will hold their annual breakfast on Thursday morning. The event will be in the Agriculture Building. The business session will move into full swing and take much of Thursday and Friday. The session will include officer reports and the report and action on committee reports, which are prepared from the committee meetings prior to the convention. We have designated Thursday as “Team Day”. Support your favorite team and dress appropriately for the day.

The Celebration Banquet is on Thursday evening. Following a scrumptious dinner, we will further celebrate the achievements of our State Grange



Tom Gwin

Foundation Scholarship recipients. Granges will be recognized for the outstanding community service work. The membership department will draw the winners of the Membership Incentive Program. There will be nine drawings of \$250 gift cards for Subordinate Granges, while there will be six drawings of \$25 gift cards for Junior Granges. We had a great year of membership development in 2022 and are off to another great year in 2023. Following the awards, everyone is encouraged to participate in the live auction that assists in funding the Grange departments.

Friday, June 24 will be Red Tennis Shoe Day as we celebrate the work of our Junior Grangers. Junior and Youth Grangers will participate in a new activity this year...the Livestock Judging Contest. The contest will be held at the Moses Lake Grange Hall, just 15 minutes from the fairgrounds. After the contest, Junior Grangers hold their Ice Cream Social at 11:30 a.m. The youth and junior departments will hold their public speaking contests in the afternoon. Later that evening, the focus will turn to celebrating the talents of our Subordinate Grange members at the annual talent show. The talent show’s best of show winner will represent our state at the National Grange Convention in November. Awards for the Livestock Judging Contest will be presented as a part of the talent show.

Grange Youth Officers will open the Saturday morning session of the convention. Following the presentation of youth awards, they will draw the winners of their annual youth raffle. Junior Grangers

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Legislative

Legislative Updates  
Prior To Convention



Jesse Taylor

By Jesse Taylor  
Legislative Lobbyist

As we move close to the convention in Grant County it has been a great experience working with the policy committee work groups to recommend changes to our guidebook. Our committee chairs are going into convention well prepared and with numerous updates for the policy handbook. One of the purposes of the handbook is to provide us a clearinghouse to share the goals of the Grange with all, especially legislators and their staff. During the online committee call there were numerous efforts towards eliminating out of date and duplicate provisions and making the language in the handbook as useful as possible. During the year, any time you see something in the news that you would like to see the Grange to consider action on, look through the handbook to see if we already have policy, then share your ideas with others and start writing. Our Grange team is happy to help.

Capital Budget/Riparian Grant Program Update

We may have some finality on this much talked about issue. If you recall, behind-the-scenes in 2021 there was the Governor’s salmon table. When the Governor’s bills to create massive new buffer burdens on landowners died in 2022, the legislature created a work group to develop recommendations for the 2023 legislative session. The recommendations included changes in policy focused on land use and spending priorities to improve riparian habitat to ensure salmon recovery. That meant new buffers were going to be proposed. The work group will include tribes, legislative leadership, local governments, agricultural producers, commercial and recreational fisher organizations, business organizations, salmon recovery organizations, forestry and agriculture organizations, and environmental organizations. A final report was submitted to the legislature by November 1, 2022, and the riparian bills were drafted in anticipation of that.

This legislative session dealt strongly with the state’s Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) and Riparian zone policy, in response to the Governor’s call to action through the Salmon table report. House Bill 1720 was introduced with strong bipartisan (sometimes unanimous it seemed) support to create a Riparian VSP, directed by the conservation commission and funded through the capital budget. Even though a strong cross-isle alliance was formed from the tribes to the Farm Bureau, the Governor’s office stated strongly they would veto the program in favor of the governor’s more heavy handed and mandate-rich policy. In the end, the bipartisan group of lawmakers put the funding for the program in the capital budget and subsequently passed with a unanimous vote. Those dollars will become available for private landowners as soon as July 1, 2023.

Snake River Dams Workgroup

Washington legislators have authorized a study on replacing the electricity from Lower Snake River dams, calling for a national laboratory to look at this once again. If you recall a few years ago the Governor created a \$750,000 allocation to fund a work group to examine this very issue. Lawmakers appropriated \$2 million and directed the Department of Commerce to contract with an independent research organization. Environmental groups advocate breaching Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite dams to help wild salmon runs. Lawmakers also funded a \$5 million study on replacing the transportation benefits and a \$500,000 study on replacing the irrigation benefits. More updates coming on this as further workgroup dates are set.

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# Membership Corner

## Welcome New Members

### GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS May 2023

	# Joined	Jr. +1
34 <b>Baw Faw</b> ..... 6 Galilee Carlisle, Martin Baglien, Marissa Baglien, Corey Collaro, Tashina Collaro, Hannah Johnson		
385 <b>Bee Hive</b> ..... 1 Nancy Eastman		
819 <b>Chumstick</b> ..... 4 Michelle Kocher, Charles Kocher, Karlyn Kocher Kathleen Kocher		
893 <b>Collins</b> ..... 1 1 Tera Dray		
1123 <b>Crescent</b> ..... 1 Patrick Singhose		
148 <b>East Spokane</b> ..... 3 Alvie Aguilar Beitlich, Larry Beitlich, Brendan Biele		
1012 <b>East Wenatchee</b> ..... 4 Erin Kelly, Aaron Kelly, Payton Kelly, Natalie Kelly		
866 <b>Fern Prairie</b> ..... 3 Steve Dykman, Teresa Dykman, Audrey Spurlock		
1094 <b>Fertile Valley</b> ..... 2 Barbara Branch, John Branch		
1152 <b>Freedom</b> ..... 2 Martha Klein, Joseph Klein		
857 <b>Granville</b> ..... 2 Andrew Dee, Peyton Dee		
300 <b>Green Bluff</b> ..... 2 Steve Keig, Dawn Keig		
1101 <b>Manor</b> ..... 4 Grant Whitmore, Rebecca Whitmore, Liliana Whitmore Isabella Whitmore		
357 <b>Matlock</b> ..... 5 Kayla Travers, Tracy Travers, Logan Beebe, Lorraine Tindall Martin Foslaug		
1069 <b>Molson</b> ..... 3 Roger Trepanier, Lori Mehmke, Linda Heinichen		
79 <b>Mt. Valley</b> ..... 2 1 Jennifer Slayton, Gay Johnson		
311 <b>Oakview</b> ..... 3 2 Isaac Harjo, Lindsay Harjo, John Beckman-Rostad		
964 <b>Orcas Island</b> ..... 2 John Olson, Suzanne Olson		
315 <b>Prosperity</b> ..... 2 John Dukes, Carrie Dukes		
943 <b>Ralston</b> ..... 3 Justin McKenzie, Elena McKenzie, Umpqua Bank		
226 <b>Rome</b> ..... 3 Marcia Hoelzen, Kate Kiefer, Kim Cook		
1108 <b>Sequim Prairie</b> ..... 2 Phyllis Slater, Brian Slater		
984 <b>Swauk Teanaway</b> ..... 1 Traci Williams		
	# Joined	Jr. +1
TOTALS .....	61	4

## FFA & Grange: Exchanging the Blue Jacket for the Blue Sash

This years' State FFA Convention was held May 11-13 in Kennewick, WA at the Three Rivers Convention Center. There were more than 2100 young men and women registered and 500+ Teachers and Advisors also in attendance.

I had the privilege of manning the Washington State Grange booth that weekend. We have had a membership booth at the State FFA Convention for many years, but this was my first. I have to say that it was a delight to meet so many well rounded, friendly, and well-mannered young adults. There was a sea of blue jackets as far as the eyes could see!

Grange and FFA common themes can be found in the FFA Presidents Charge: DILIGENCE IN LABOR, HONESTY, AND FAIRNESS.

With the partnerships the Grange and FFA have, I was surprised that so many rural kids had no idea what the Grange was or what we could offer them and how seamless the membership from FFA to Grange is. There was a lot of interest in joining the Grange so hopefully many of you will be getting phone calls soon.

I did also meet some of

our Youth who are also FFA members and some who also won one of our Scholarships this year. I met some new families who have recently joined for the fairs program, and they are so excited to now be a part of the Grange family. Some will even be joining us during the week of our convention. I met youth from Haynie, E. Wenatchee, Lincoln Creek, Davis Lake,

doing both together. Leadership opportunities in the Grange are endless and something that many of them are interested in.

We offer our youth so many great opportunities. It saddens me to meet so many youth members that don't even know what we actually have to offer them. Be sure to always be sure your youth in your Grange know exactly what there is for them in the Grange.

The Grange offers them: Scholarships Opportunities, Leadership growth through contests, Community Service Projects, Roles in Leadership, Roberts Rules of Order, and so much more.

How can we all bring FFA and Grange closer together? Working on common goals together. Jessie Taylor, our State Lobbyist is also the State FFA Foundation Director. He and I will be working closely this summer to start connecting Granges with their FFA chapters. If you have a close relationship with your FFA Advisor in your area, we would love to know the relationship. If your Grange would like to develop a relationship with your local chapter, we would also like to hear from you. Please email me at skeller@wa-grange.org.

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Menastash, Manson, Rimrock, and Centerville Granges. I am sure I am missing some but it was great to meet them all!!

My focus for them was how the Grange can make for a seamless transition from FFA to Grange but also be an asset if



Photos from the Washington State FFA Convetion, held May 11-13 in Kennewick, WA at the Three Rivers Convention Center. Pictured Center: Breanna Allen, Davis Lake Grange and Sophia Keller, Violet Prairie Grange.

## Gardenspot & Williams Valley Granges Team Up For Grange Month Display



Gardenspot #278 and Williams Valley #452 teamed up for a Grange Month display at the Deer Park Library featuring chickens from dinosaurs to modern breeds, their care and value.

## 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  
Dale Hudson – Matlock #357  
Rachelle Holland – Moses Lake #1151

**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.**

Kevin McGough – Baw Faw #34  
1 gift card  
Norm Manly – Manson #796  
1 gift card

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!



# Lecturer's Department

## Convention Updates

By Leslie Jo Wells  
State Grange Lecturer

Creative Writing Contest

The Creative Writing entries are in the process of being judged. I am pleased to report that we had more entries than we have had in the last few years. We even had entries in the Youth Group B. The results will be in the next issue of Grange News.

Convention Auction Items

**Silent Auctions:** Open at 8 AM, Thursday Close at 1 PM, Saturday

**Live Auction:** Immediately following the Celebration Banquet on Thursday evening

If you are donating items for the department fund raising

auctions that are in a basket, box, bucket or some such container, you need to attach a list of what is included. Having a list will allow us to let bidders know what all they are bidding on. This would also be helpful for these type of donations for the silent auctions. Please bring your auction items to the display areas that are located in Meeting Room A in the Commercial Bldg. These auctions bring in the funds that help with departmental activities. We thank you for your support.

Convention Contest Entries

If you are bringing Arts & Crafts and Photography Purple Ribbon entries, you may bring them to the display area on Tuesday afternoon between 2 and 6 PM, or on Wednesday

from 8 AM until 1 PM. The display area will then be closed for Judging and “ribboning” until Thursday afternoon at about 1 PM. The checkout time to pick up your entries to take home is on Saturday from 12 Noon until 1:30 PM.

Prior Years Fair Booth Contest and Creative Writing Contest Entries

Please check with the Lecturer area to see if there are prior years entries to be picked up for your Grange.

We in the Lecturer Department are looking forward to seeing you at Convention and hope you make the time to visit the Display Area to see the creative work of your fellow Grangers.



Leslie Jo Wells

## Heirloom Project Readings June, July and August 2023

**JUNE:** “Let us remember that no trees bear fruit in autumn which do not blossom in the early summertime. That life may be profitable, laden with good fruits, let all endeavor that youth be studious and virtuous, replete with the blossoms of orservation and study - the promise of future wisdom and usefulness.”  
(Second Degree; Pomona)

**JULY:** “Since God placed man on earth, agriculture has existed. There is no occupation that precedes it. Before literature existed, before governments were known, agriculture was the calling of man. And all the fruits of social progress since then grew from the brown soil.”  
(Installation Ceremony; Installing Officer)

**AUGUST:** “In no other occupation does a man’s daily labor bring him into such close companionship with the Great Creator as in the cultivation of the soil.”  
(Second Degree; Chaplain)



# 2023 Convention Info

## Portions Of Session To Be Viewable Via Zoom

Portions of the 134th Annual State Grange Session will be viewable via Zoom. A tentative schedule of those items is:

Wednesday, June 21

- 3:00 pm Membership Development Workshop  
Amanda Brozana-Rios, National Grange Membership Director
- 3:45 pm Workshop -Using Canva for Grange Publicity  
Brittney Pittman, State Grange Executive Committee
- 4:30 pm Membership Development Workshop  
Amanda Brozana-Rios, National Grange Membership Director

Thursday, June 22

- 9:00 am State Master/President Address  
Tom Gwin, WA State Grange President
- 11:00 am Speaker – Amanda Brozana-Rios  
National Grange Membership Director
- 7:00 pm Presentation of Awards:  
-Hall Improvement Contest Awards  
-State Grange Foundation Scholarship Awards  
-Community Service Awards  
-Membership Awards

Friday, June 23

- 11:00 a.m. Speaker – State Representative Tom Dent
- 3:00 pm Speaker – State Senator Judy Warnick
- 8:00 pm State Grange Talent Contest  
-Talent Presentations  
-Winning Public Speaking Presentations  
-Lecturer Department Awards  
-Livestock Judging Contest Awards

Saturday, June 24

- 8:30 am Youth Awards Program / Junior Grange Awards Program
- 11:00 am Quilt of Valor Presentations
- 11:45 am Presentation of the State Grange Leadership Award
- 1:30 pm Memorial Service
- 3:00 pm Installation of Officers

Additional items could be added to the schedule if time and personnel permit.

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# 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

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either participate all week long or join in for at least a day or two.

Officiating at the business meetings will be State Grange Master Tom Gwin of Humptulips Grange in Grays Harbor County.

Preparations for this year's event have been under the direction of a district convention steering committee led by Debbie Fisch of Chelan County. She has been assisted by a host of volunteer sub-committee chairmen and committee members.

This year's session is being hosted by Granges in the Central District that includes Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Yakima Counties.

Prior to the official opening session on Wednesday evening, June 21, several activities will occupy delegates and others. All committees will meet prior to the session via Zoom to consider reports and resolutions submitted for delegate consideration. The committees will closely examine all resolutions referred to the convention by local community Granges. In some instances, the committees could draft additional

resolutions. All of those reports will be referred – with committee recommendations – to the delegate body for further debate during the session. The resolutions cover a wide variety of topics from internal organization matters to policy issues that will occupy the organization's Olympia and Washington, DC, lobbyists in coming years.

Young people (teens and above) will begin their convention activities on Wednesday morning, electing and installing their own slate of officers.

The Grange's Fifth Degree will be exemplified on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. members will assemble for the official opening of the convention. The opening will be followed by the conferral of the Grange's Sixth Degree.

The work of the convention will begin in earnest at 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning when Gwin opens the session. Immediately after opening, he will deliver his report to the delegates. Following a short break, the delegates will begin their business session with reports from the various delegate committees. The session will continue following a lunch break.

That evening, the Grange

Celebration Banquet will be held. The banquet will include the presentation of several membership awards and the recognition of the 2023 State Grange Scholarship winners. The banquet will be followed with the Fund-Raising Auction that is utilized to support the activities of the various Grange departments.

The business session will continue on Friday morning. The delegates will consider additional committee reports. Youth and Junior Grangers will gather at the Moses Lake Grange Hall for a new convention event, the first ever Grange Livestock Judging Contest. The afternoon will feature the Junior Grange Ice Cream Social. Youth and Junior Members will also compete in their public speaking contests, with the winners receiving the honor of representing our state at the regional level. The delegates will continue their work through Friday afternoon.

The largest crowd of the week will be present at the annual Grange Talent Contest program on Friday evening at 8 p.m. The popular production, under the direction of State Lecturer Leslie Wells, is open to the public. There is no admission charge. The program will include performances from

individuals and groups who will compete for the opportunity to represent the Washington State Grange at the National Grange Session in November. The evening's top talent winner will perform at the 157th annual National Grange Convention this November in Niagara Falls, New York.

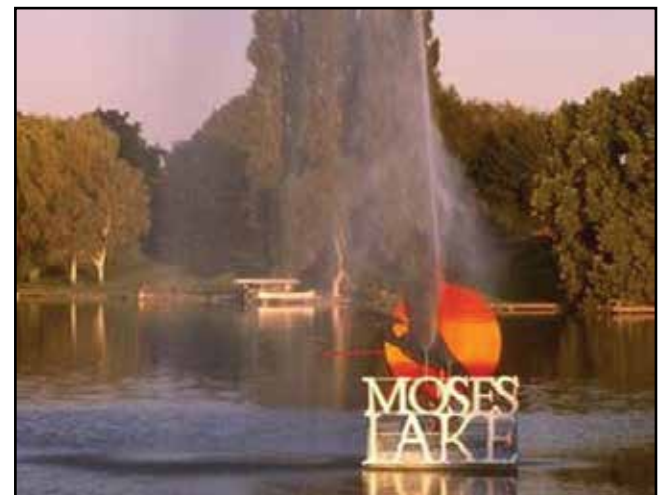
The Saturday morning schedule will be filled with presentations by the Grange youth and junior members. The young people will be recognized and awards presented for their Grange work over the past year. Following additional business sessions, the Grange will recognize a group of military veterans at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Each veteran will be recognized with their own Quilt of Valor. The Grange and the QOV program will make the joint presentations. The Grange Leadership Award, the highest honor bestowed by the State Grange, will be presented at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday.

Following lunch, the Annual Grange Memorial Service, honoring departed Grange members, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Following the service, the group will install their newly elected State Grange Officers, followed by the completion of final business. The session is scheduled to adjourn at

approximately 5 p.m. on Saturday.

There are many opportunities for fun and recreation at the convention. There is an ice cream social on Friday, baking contest and sale, special talent and presentations, youth tours and activities, banquets, workshops and, of course, the impressive Grange displays. Most members attending the convention for the first time are amazed at the large quantity and wide variety of handiwork submitted by Grangers and others across Washington state. Tables will be filled with samples of needlework, quilts, sewing, craft creations, works of art and photography. These displays are open to the public beginning Thursday afternoon. The displays are under the supervision of the state lecturer and the directors of family living, youth, junior Grange, and community service activities.

State Master Gwin urges all Grangers to consider spending at least one day at their state session. Members who live in the area are encouraged to attend any of the events. They may also bring along their prospective member friends to the open sessions.



# 2023 Convention Info

## Convention Committee Assignments

Additional Committee Members may be assigned at the discretion of the State Master

Committee appointments for this year’s session are:

AGRICULTURE

Greg Jones – North & South Palouse #1004– Chair  
Carolyn Hojem – Fruitland #999– Vice Chair  
Larry Auvil – East Wenatchee #1012  
Karen Derrey – Buena #836  
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Richard Lefever – Goldendale #49  
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Bob Shea – Tyler #610  
Rick Will – Lower Naches #296

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Terry Ferguson – Prospect Point #1067- Chair  
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Debbie Fisch – Bee Hive #385  
Betty Garrison – Pierce Pomona #16  
Laurel Jacobs – Fredonia #545

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Sara Nan Riordan – Williams Valley #452  
Stephen Scott – East Spokane #148  
Lewis Zion – Lewis Pomona #3

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Shavanna May – Thurston Pomona #8 - Chair  
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Mary Bryant – Elk Plain #782  
Patricia Knapp – Logan Hill #1086  
David Knight – Fern Prairie #866  
James Loomer – South Lake Stevens #690

CREDENTIALS

Cindy Kudsk – Haynie #169 – Chair  
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Mark Fisch – Bee Hive #385  
Helen Gardner – McMillin #848  
Mel Knott – King Pomona #13  
Phyllis Ogden – Cowlitz Pomona #7  
Wilma Penner – Molson #1069  
Lauren Rohde – Waitsburg #1

EDUCATION

Elizabeth Hogan – Clallam Pomona #31- Chair  
Elizabeth Bradly – Meridian #265– Vice Chair  
Jeffrey Boomhower – Matlock #357  
Cathryn Campbell – San Juan Island #966  
Melanie Hackett – Whatcom Pomona #6  
Jacquie Hunt – St Andrews #832  
Janice Lahde – Green Bluff #300  
Joyce Meeker – Buena #836  
Kelle Pollard – Marion #276  
Eric Rohde – Columbia Pomona #56  
Sara Wade – Columbia #87

ELECTION

Jarrold Gardner – Pierce Pomona #16– Chair  
Diane Williams – Thurston Pomona #8 - Vice Chair  
Lois Cummins – Inland #780  
Kendal Harner – Olympic View #774  
Trisha Lovgren – Crescent #1123  
Angela Rohde - Columbia Pomona #56

FISH & WILDLIFE

Matt Harbin – Addy #603- Chair  
Darell Meyers – Mossyrock #355– Vice Chair

Karen Castello – Skagit Valley #620  
Peter Hauck – Ten Mile #399  
Tammie Hodges – Barberton #571  
Robert Knapp – Logan Hill #1086  
Claudine Lefever – Columbia #87  
Jim Lyle – Whitman Pomona #2  
Steve Ricarte – Stillaguamish #1058  
Lonnie Scott – Catlin #199

GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Terry Abbott – Brighton Park #163– Chair  
Georgene Neal – Mountain Valley #79- Vice Chair  
Heather Ferguson – Waitsburg #1  
Mike Gilmour – Fargher Lake #853  
Debbie Harbin – Addy #603  
Matt Hodges – Barberton #571  
Vicky Loomer – South Lake Stevens #690  
Clarene Ricarte – Stillaguamish #1058  
Ron Schaefer – Collins #893  
Leslie Wells – Tualco #284  
Charlotte Wixon – Cedar Valley #306

GRANGE LAW

Annie Scott – Catlin #199- Chair  
Tom Cullen – Yakima Valley Pomona #11– Vice Chair  
David Bryant – Elk Plain #782  
Bernie Games – Matlock #357  
Davona Gwin – Grays Harbor/ Pacific Pomona #28  
RuthAnne Lance – Washington #82

HEALTH, HEALTH CARE & SAFETY

JoAnn Anderson – Issaquah Valley #581 - Chair  
Chris Hamp – Five Mile Prairie #905– Vice Chair  
Ralph Allen – Gardenspot #278  
Shirley Auvil – East Wenatchee #1012  
Dianne George – Kellogg Marsh #136  
Jerry Gwin – Humptulips #730  
Kirby Pollard – Marion #276  
Mary Schwartz – Excelsior Pomona #37  
Pat Veleke – McLane #383  
Luana Whitmire – Goldendale #49

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE

Jonathan Pittman – Moses Lake #1151 - Chair  
Alan Anderson – Issaquah Valley #581– Vice Chair  
Rusty Hunt – St. Andrews #832  
Sheyenne Koen – Snohomish Pomona #12  
Denise McCartan – Black Lake #861  
Krist Novoselic – Grays River #124  
George Penner – Molson #1069  
Robert Reichle – Cedar Valley #306  
Donna Russel – Williams Valley #452  
Lillie Savage – Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28

STATE LEGISLATIVE

Oren Gaskill – Ten Mile #399- Chair  
Susan Hegney – McIntosh #1001– Vice Chair  
Steve Dalton – Snohomish Pomona #12  
Duane Hamp – Five Mile Prairie #905  
Pam Mathews – South Union #860  
Margaret Ohlsen – Tualco #284  
Steve Singhose – Clallam Pomona #31  
Jean Swift – Skagit Valley #620  
Russ Weston – N. Bellingham #201

TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY

Karen Jackson – Edgewood #266- Chair  
Scott Hackett – Whatcom Pomona #6 - Vice Chair  
Lucille Bevis – Klickitat Pomona #5  
Jacob Gwin – Humtulips #730  
Jim Lahde – Green Bluff #300  
Jill Michels – Fredonia #545  
Kirk VanGelder – Fern Prairie #866

TRANSPORTATION

Christie Vintilo – South Union #860 - Chair  
Bekki Weston – North Bellingham #201– Vice Chair  
David Dee – Granville #857  
Rick Ferguson – Prospect Point #1067  
JoAnne Hammond – Lower Naches #296  
Terry Hunt – Douglas Pomona #49  
David Johnson – Mountain Valley #79  
Rodger Lance – Washington #82  
Lawrence Meeker – Yakima Valley Pomona #11  
Dustin Ogden – Sunnyside #129  
Brittney Pittman – Moses Lake #1151

VETERANS AFFAIRS

John Neff – Kettle River #1120- Chair  
Donna Moody – Lewis Pomona #3- Vice Chair  
Maggie Bradly – Meridian #265  
Jim Bryant – Collins #893  
Rick Haug – Long Beach #667  
Eric Olsen – Violet Prairie #996

### Resolution E-Mail Sign-Ups



Send us your email at [skeller@wa-grange.org](mailto: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 Moses Lake, WA.



# 2023 Convention Info

## Amanda Brozana Rios To Represent National Grange At State Session

National Grange the convention delegates on Thursday, June 22. She will also be presenting two workshops on membership and leadership development on Wednesday, June 21. Sister Amanda was named Director of Membership and

Membership and Leadership Director Amanda Brozana Rios will be the National Grange Representative for the 134th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. Sister Amanda will address

Leadership Development in February 2021 after having served for nearly ten years as the organization's Communications Director. She came to the National Grange in March 2011, and has worked across the various departments, and with the Grange Foundation as a Development Associate. She is most proud of launching the Grange's quarterly magazine, *Good Day!*, in 2017, and she still serves as a writer and assistant. She also created the Communication Fellows Program that will have its tenth class in 2023, and has now launched the search for members of the inaugural class of SHIPmates – Membership and Leadership Fellows for the Grange.

Sister Amanda holds degrees from Wilkes University (B.A. Communication Studies) and the University of Mississippi (M.A. Journalism) and has completed doctoral coursework at the University of Alabama in Communications. She is returning to Ole Miss online part-time this fall to begin a doctoral program in leadership

in the higher education department, which she hopes will help her develop even better resources for the Grange.

Sister Amanda is the Secretary of Jefferson Grange #1384 in her hometown area of Southern Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and is the Lecturer of Potomac Grange #1 in Washington, D.C. She also served from 2015-16 as National Lecturer.

She previously worked as Development Manager and Director of Communications for the Army Distaff Foundation in Washington, D.C. and as a reporter and copy editor for the Pottsville Republican-Herald in Pennsylvania, in addition to several other publications. Sister Amanda taught journalism, public relations and speech communications at Bridgewater State College (now University), Stillman College and the University of Alabama, where she also created and taught a course in American Studies.

Sister Amanda and her husband, Victor Barreto Rios, live in Orwigsburg,



Pennsylvania, with their dogs, Wagneto, Magnolia, Austin, and Matthew, and her father, Stanley. While Brother Victor will be unable to join us for the convention, he sends his best wishes for a successful convention.

In her spare time, you will find Sister Amanda enjoying local events and attractions in Schuylkill County, often with Grange friends who affectionately refer to her as “county ambassador”; assisting Grange families with college preparation and searches; cheering on the Crimson Tide and Ole Miss football and softball teams; and quilting.

### Fifth and Sixth Degrees To Be Conferred; Tickets Available

The Washington State Grange Officers will be conferring the Sixth Degree at the Annual State Grange Session on Wednesday, June 21. The conferral will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the 4-H Building, the same location as the delegate meetings.

All Sixth Degree candidates must have received the Fifth Degree of the Order, which will be exemplified at 6:30 p.m. by a team from Pierce County. Candidates should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the degrees to get seated in the designated areas.

Tickets for the Fifth Degree are \$1 each. Tickets for the Sixth Degree are \$10 each. Tickets will be available in the registration area of the convention.

Convention Room Assignments	
Celebration Banquet and Department Auction .....	4-H Building
Community Service Displays.....	Commercial Building
Delegate Orientation.....	4-H Building
Delegate Sessions.....	4-H Building
Deputy Meeting.....	4-H Building
Displays.....	Commercial Building
Family Living Breakfast .....	Ag Building
Hospitality .....	4-H Building
Installation of Officers .....	4-H Building
Junior Grange Contest Displays .....	Commercial Building
Junior Grange Ice Cream Social .....	TBA
Junior Grange Meeting Room .....	Ag Building
Lecturer and Family Living Contest Displays.....	Commercial Building
Memorial Service.....	4-H Building
Progress Room.....	4-H Building
Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contests .....	Ag Building
Registration .....	Commercial Building
Talent Contest .....	4-H Building
Youth Group Meeting Room .....	Ag Building
Youth Livestock Judging Contest .....	Moses Lake Grange Hall

## 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.cityofmfl.com>



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## Convention Speakers Announced

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
**TOM DENT**  
**FRI, JUNE 23 AT 11 A.M.**

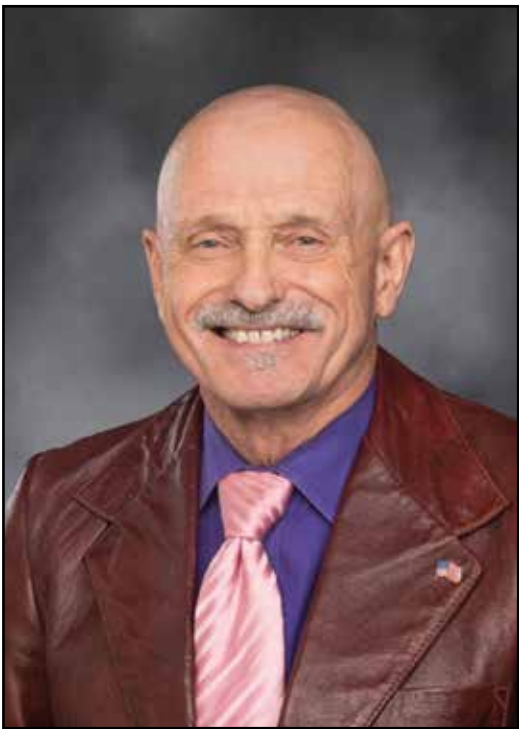
Tom has been a Columbia Basin resident most of his life. He became a professional pilot in 1976, and soon after founded Tom Dent Aviation, which offered aerial application, pilot service and flight instruction for area agriculture and industry. Tom lives with his family on the Flying T Ranch, located seven miles NE of Moses Lake, raising bison and producing hay.

Sworn into office in 2015, Tom represents the 13th District, which includes Kittitas County, as well as parts of Grant and Yakima counties. He currently serves on the Human Services, Youth and Early Learning Committee, the Transportation Committee and is the ranking member on the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. Tom also serves on several special legislative committees and caucuses.

His legislative priorities include wildfire prevention through improving forest health, and increasing our initial attack resources for fire suppression; agriculture issues including promoting increased trade, protecting pesticide use and water resource management; and as a career aviation professional the protection and expansion of our aviation infrastructure and increased aviation workforce training.

Tom cares deeply about providing a safe and positive environment for young people, and as a parent, former foster parent, grandparent, and great grandparent he is passionate about all kids growing up with the same opportunities available to prior generations to become successful.

Finally, Tom is a passionate advocate for mental health reforms that improve the lives of the mentally ill and assist families in helping their loved ones.



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
**ALEX YBARRA**  
**THURS, JUNE 23 AT 3 P.M.**

Initially appointed, Alex Ybarra was later elected in 2019 as the state representative for the 13th District, which includes parts of Grant, Kittitas, and Yakima counties.

Alex's legislative priorities include protecting taxpayers, amply funding schools, creating more family-wage jobs, finding solutions to water issues, and supporting agriculture. He is a powerful advocate for economic growth and wants to see more doors of opportunity opened to the residents of the communities he serves.

Alex is the ranking member of the House Postsecondary Education Workforce Committee, assistant ranking on the Environment & Energy Committee, and a member of the Innovation, Community Economic Development and Veterans Committee. Although deeply committed to civil debate and willing to work across the aisle, he remains true to his conservative roots.

Alex graduated from Central Washington University with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and also holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. He spent 14 years working for the Rocket Research Company as an engineer for military and aerospace products and 16 years working for Grant County Public Utility District in various leadership and analyst roles.

Alex has worked on several legislative task forces and state commissions, including his 2016 appointment by the governor to the state commission on Hispanic Affairs. Active in his community, Alex is the former director of the Quincy School Board and also served as the vice president of the Washington State School Directors Association.

Alex is a lifelong resident of Quincy. He has one grown daughter, Micaela.



**STATE SENATOR**  
**JUDY WARNICK**  
**FRI, JUNE 23 AT 3 P.M.**

Judy Warnick grew up on a small family dairy farm in Deer Park, Washington. She and her husband, Roy, own and operate a small business in Moses Lake. Judy and Roy have three grown daughters and eight grandchildren.

**EDUCATION:**  
Fort Wright College, Spokane

**OCCUPATION:**  
Owns and operates a small business in Moses Lake, and owns a family farm.

**PUBLIC SERVICE:**  
State representative, 2007-2014  
Current State Senator

**APPOINTMENTS & INTERIM COMMITTEES**

- Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation
- Community Economic Revitalization Board
- Capital Projects Advisory Review Board
- Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force
- Pesticide Application Safety Committee

- Washington State Horse Park Authority Board
- Washington State Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delivery of Services to Children and Families
- Children Youth & Families Oversight Board
- Children's Mental Health Workgroup
- Long-Term Care Services & Supports Trust Commission

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

- Civil Air Patrol
- Washington State 4-H Foundation Board
- Grant County Fair Board
- Grant County 4-H Program, Horse Club leader for more than 20 years
- Grant County Fair 4-H Horse Department, Past superintendent
- 4-H/FFA Moses Lake Livestock Boosters, Committee member
- Grant County Horse Association, past president
- Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, State legislative committee co-chair, local chapter past president
- Grant County Republican Party, 2006 Platform Committee chair
- Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Moses Lake



# 2023 Convention Info

**\*SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***

## Washington State Grange 134th Annual Session Schedule Of Events

### Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, Washington

### JUNE 21-24, 2023

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20**

10:00 am	Set Up	
2:00pm-6:00 pm	Contest Entry Check In – Lecturer, Family Living, Youth, and Junior Departments	Commercal Building
6:30 pm	Rose Drill Practice – closed event	4-H Building

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**  
**Western Theme Day – Dress to Impress**

8:00 am-5:00 pm	Delegate & Membership Registration Open	Commercial Building
8:00 am-6:00 pm	Fifth- & Sixth-Degree Ticket Sales	Commercial Building
8:00 am-1:00 pm	Contest Entry Check In – Lecturer, Family Living, Youth, and Junior Departments	Commercial Building
9:00 am-12:00 pm	State Officer Practice – closed event	4-H Building
9:00 am	Youth Group Meeting	Agriculture Building
	-Get Acquainted Activities	
	-Election of Youth Officers	
10:00 am	Credentials Committee Meeting	Commercial Building
10:30 am	Election Committee Meeting	Commercial Building
11:00 am	Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting	Commercial Building
1:30 pm	Installation of Youth Officers	Agriculture Building
2:00 pm	Deputies Meeting	4-H Building
2:30 pm	Delegate Orientation	4-H Building
3:00 pm	Workshops – Session 1	
	-Grange Hall Insurance – Clouse Insurance	Commercial Building
	-Membership Development – Amanda Brozana-Rios	Agriculture Building
3:45 pm	Workshops – Session 2	
	-Family Living Eye Glass Collection - Dr. Jim Ogden	Commercial Building
	-Using Canva for Grange Publicity – Brittney Pittman	Agriculture Building
4:30 pm	Workshops – Session 3	
	-Membership Development – Amand Brozana-Rios	Agriculture Building
	-Grange Legislative Process – Jesse Taylor	Commercial Building
5:00 pm	Delegate Registration Closes	Commercial Building
7:00 pm	Member Registration Closes	Commercial Building
6:30 pm	Fifth Degree	4-H Building
7:00 pm	Opening of the 134th Session in the Sixth Degree	4-H Building
	-Credential Committee Report	
	-Delegate Instruction	
	-Adopt Convention Standing Rules	
	-Adopt Official Program	
	-Adopt Officers' Reports	
	-Adopt Executive Committee Minutes	
	-Exemplification of 6th Degree	
9:00 pm	Close Session in the Fourth Degree	

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**  
**Team Day – Support Your Favorite Team**

7:30 am	Delegate & Membership Registration Open	Commercial Building
8:30 am	Session Opens in the Fourth Degree	4-H Building
	-Credential Report	
	-Master/President Address	
	-Committee Reports	
	-Election of Officers	
8:30 am	Youth Group Meeting	Agriculture Building
9:00 am	Junior Grange Activities	Agriculture Building
10:45 am	Morning Break	
11:00 am	Speaker –	
	Amanda Brozana-Rios, National Grange Rep	4-H Building
12:00 pm	Session Recess – Lunch	
12:00 pm	Youth Fairs Program Coordinator Meeting	4-H Building
12:00 pm	Delegate Registration Moves to Progress Room	4-H Building
1:00 pm	Department Displays Open	Commercial Building
1:30 pm	Session Reconvenes	4-H Building
	-Approval of Minutes	
	-Credential Report	
	-Committee Reports	
	-Election of Officers	
2:00 pm	Youth Group – Recreational Bowling	
3:15 pm	Afternoon Break	
4:00 pm	Junior Grange Activities Close for the day	Agriculture Building
4:45 pm	Membership (Non-Delegate) Registration Closes	Commercial Building
5:00 pm	Session Closes in the Fourth Degree	Commercial Building
5:05 pm	Convention Group Photo	TBA
5:30 pm	Department Displays Close	Commercial Building
6:00 pm	Celebration Banquet	4-H Building
	-Dinner	
	-Hall Improvement Contest Awards	
	-State Grange Foundation Scholarship Awards	
	-Community Service Awards	
	-Membership Awards	

8:00 pm	Auction to Benefit Departments	4-H Building
	-Junior	
	-Youth	
	-Lecturer	
	-Family Living	

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**  
**JUNIOR GRANGE RED TENNIS SHOE DAY**

8:00 am	Delegate Registration Closes	4-H Building
8:00 am	Membership (Non-Delegate) Registration Opens	Commercial Building
8:00 am	Session Opens	4-H Building
	-Credential Report - Final	
	-Election of Officers	
	-Committee Reports	
8:00 am	Youth Fairs Livestock Judging Contest	Moses Lake Grange 14724 Rd 3 SE, Moses Lake
8:30 am	Youth Group Meeting	Agriculture Building
9:00 am	Department Displays Open	Commercial Building
9:00 am	Junior Grange Activities	Agriculture Building
10:30 am	Morning Break	
11:00 a.m.	Speaker – State Representative Tom Dent	
11:30 am	Junior Grange Ice Cream Social (until gone)	TBA
12:00 pm	Session Recesses – Lunch	
1:30 pm	Youth Group Public Speaking Contest	Agriculture Building
2:00 pm	Session Reconvenes	4-H Building
	-Approval of Minutes	
	-Committee Reports	
	-Election of Officers	
2:30 pm	Junior Grange Public Speaking Contest	Commercial Building
3:00 pm	Youth Group Meeting	Agriculture Building
3:00 pm	Speaker – State Senator Judy Warnick	4-H Building
3:30 pm	Afternoon Break	
4:00 pm	Junior Grange Activities Close for the day	Agriculture Building
5 pm	Session Closes in the Fourth Degree	4-H Building
5:30 pm	Talent Practice & Setup – Closed Event	4-H Building
5:30 pm	GROW Club Pizza Dinner (no-host)	TBA
7:00 pm	Department Displays Close	Commercial Building
7:30 pm	Doors Open for Seating (Talent Contest)	4-H Building
8:00 pm	Membership (Non-Delegate) Registration Closes	Commercial Building
8:00 pm	State Grange Talent Contest	4-H Building
	-Talent Presentations	
	-Winning Public Speaking Presentations	
	-Lecturer Department Awards	
	-Livestock Judging Contest Awards	

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**  
**Tropical Day – Fun in the Sun**

8:00 am	Session Opening by State Youth Officers	4-H Building
	-Youth Awards	
	-Youth Raffle Drawing	
	Junior Grange Program (directly following Youth)	4-H Building
	-Junior Grange Awards	
9:30 am	Session Continues	4-H Building
	-Committee Reports	
9:30 am	Membership (Non-Delegate) Registration Opens	Commercial Building
9:30 am	Non Delegate Workshops	
	-Creating a Quilt of Valor Project in Your Subordinate Grange – Pat Veleke	Commercial Building
	-Grange Hall Insurance – Clouse Insurance	Agriculture Building
	-Grange Legislative Process – Jesse Taylor	Commercial Building
10:30 am	Morning Break	
11:00 am	Quilts of Valor Presentation	4-H Building
11:45 am	Presentation of the State Grange Leadership Award	4-H Building
12:00 pm	Session Recesses – Lunch	
12:00 pm	Check out Contest Entries	Commercial Building
1:30 pm	Memorial Service	4-H Building
2:30 pm	Session Reconvenes	4-H Building
	-Approval of Minutes	
	-Committee Reports	
	-Host Committee Recognition	
	-Invitation for 2024 Convention	
3:00 pm	Installation of Officers	4-H Building
4:00 pm	Session Reconvenes	4-H Building
	-Any Unfinished Business	
	-Final Committee Reports	
5:00 pm	Closing of the 134th Annual Session in the Fourth Degree	
	-Friendship Circle and Singing “God Be with You “Til We Meet Again”	



# 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

Washington State Grange

Grange Clothing Orders

Now Available Online

Pre-order your Grange Gear prior to the Annual Convention.

Start shopping today at

<https://stores.creativeink1.com/wa-grange/shop/home>

Women's Cardigans

L5430

Ladies Concept Open Cardigan

black

dusty blue

grey smoke

L515

Ladies Modern Stretch Cotton Cardigan

black

true navy

Women's & Men's Vests

L709

Ladies Puffy Vest

Dark slate/black

berry

Mediterranean

J709

Puffy Vest

Dark slate/black

Mediterranean

Clothing can be picked up at Convention or mailed to your home for an additional shipping fee.

Additional items not on the website will also be available at Convention.

Deadline for Convention pick-up order will be June 1st.

Clothing can be ordered after Convention as well but will be mailed to your home.



## State Session Committees To Meet Prior To Session

The 134th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange is quickly approaching. The session committees will meet prior to the session via Zoom to review the standing committee reports and resolutions submitted for consideration.

The following committees will meet prior to the session via Zoom:

AGRICULTURE	COMPLETED TUES, MAY 30	6:30 P.M.
AUDITING	COMPLETED TUES, MAY 30	2:00 P.M.
CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY	COMPLETED TUES, MAY 31	2:00 P.M.
EDUCATION	COMPLETED TUES, JUNE 1	6:30 P.M.
FISH & WILDLIFE	COMPLETED TUES, JUNE 1	2:00 P.M.
GRANGE ACTIVITIES	MON, JUNE 5	2:00 P.M.
GRANGE LAW	TUES, JUNE 6	2:00 P.M.
HEALTH, HEALTH CARE & SAFETY	TUES, JUNE 6	6:30 P.M.
NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE	MON, JUNE 5	6:30 P.M.
STATE LEGISLATIVE	THURS, JUNE 8	6:30 P.M.
TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY	MON, JUNE 12	6:30 P.M.
TRANSPORTATION	WED, JUNE 7	6:30 P.M.
VETERANS AFFAIRS	WED, JUNE 7	2:00 P.M.

The following committees will not meet in advance of the session, but will meet face to face at the session:

CREDENTIALS	WED, JUNE 21	10:00 A.M.
ELECTION	WED, JUNE 21	10:30 A.M.
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS	WED, JUNE 21	11:00 A.M.

For those committees meeting prior to the session via zoom, the link for the meeting will be included in your email with the other meeting materials.

Committee appointments for this year’s session will be announced in the next issue of the Grange members. All committee members will be notified via email with a packet of items for discussion for their meeting.

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



2023 Convention Info

# Resolutions For Consideration At The 2023 WA State Grange Convention

The following resolutions have been received and will be considered at this year’s State Grange Session. The resolution topics and committee referrals include:

RES. #	TITLE	SPONSORING GRANGE	COMMITTEE REFERRAL
2023-01	Replacing the Rail on the Chelatchie Prairie Rail-Line	Clark County Pomona #1	Transportation
2023-02	Dispensations	Elk Plain #782	Grange Law
2023-03	Duties of the Secretary	Elk Plain #782	Grange Law
2023-04	Food Insecurity	Elk Plain #782	Agriculture
2023-05	Ban Cryptocurrency	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	National Legislative
2023-06	Membership	Elk Plain #782	Grange Law
2023-07	Tire Chains in All Vehicles	Sunnyside #129	Transportation
2023-08	Preserving the Seventh Degree	Sunnyside #129	Grange Activities
2023-09	Changing the Wording in the Policy Handbook	Sunnyside #129	Grange Activities
2023-10	Eliminating or Keeping Pomona Granges	Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona #7	Grange Law
2023-11	Grange Modernization and Accessibility	Catlin #199 and Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona #7	Grange Activities
2023-12	Prescription Safety for the Visually Impaired	Catlin #199 and Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona #7	Health Care
2023-13	Lower Snake River Dams	San Juan Island #966	Conservation and Ecology
2023-14	The Proposed Removal of the Lower Snake River Dams	San Juan Island #966	Conservation and Ecology
2023-15	Office Titles	San Juan Island #966	Grange Law
2023-16	Electrical Vehicle Mandate	Moses Lake #1151	Transportation
2023-17	Increased Fund Raising Limit	Stillaquamish #1058	Taxation & Fiscal Policy
2023-18	Honoring Veterans	Brighton Park #163	Grange Activities
2023-19	Yakima Regional Airport	Issaquah Valley #581	Transportation
2023-20	Mileage Report of Motor Vehicles	Humptulips #730	Transportation
2023-21	Opposing the Use of Agricultural Lands for a New Commercial Airport	Humptulips #730	Transportation
2023-22	Federal Funding for Forest Management	Humptulips #730	Conservation & Ecology
2023-23	Retaining Voter-Approved 1% Annual Limit on Property Tax Increases	South Union #860	Taxation & Fiscal Policy
2023-24	Recommended Dues Amount of Lifetime Members	Humptulips #730	Grange Law
2023-25	Reduce Gun Violence	Mountain Valley #79	State Legislative
2023-26	State Grange Convention Minutes	Mossyrock #355	Grange Activities

RES. #	TITLE	SPONSORING GRANGE	COMMITTEE REFERRAL
2023-27	Clarifying Grange Handbook Contradictions in Public Lands	Kellogg Marsh #136	Conservation & Ecology
2023-28	Child Custody	Kellogg Marsh #136	State Legislative
2023-29	Federal Supreme Court Justices	Kellogg Marsh #136	National Legislative
2023-30	Term Limits	Kellogg Marsh #136	State Legislative
2023-31	Health Decisions	Kellogg Marsh #136	Health Care
2023-32	Identifying Service Dogs	North River #946	Health Care
2023-33	Basic Dental Coverage Through Medicare	North River #946	Health Care
2023-34	Mental Health Care	North River #946	Health Care
2023-35	Property Tax Exemption for Fraternal Organizations	Five Mile Prairie #905	Taxation & Fiscal Policy
2023-36	Electric/Battery Power as an Alternative Fuel	Clark County Pomona #1	Transportation
2023-37	Ban Foreign Foes from Buying US Farmland	Clark County Pomona #1	Agriculture
2023-38	Update the Washington State Grange Policy Legislature Handbook on Food Standards	Clark County Pomona #1	Agriculture
2023-39	Remove Redundant Item in Forest Management and Timber Section	Clark County Pomona #1	Conservation & Ecology
2023-40	Amend the State Government Operations Section; Item 2	Clark County Pomona #1	State Legislative
2023-41	Amend Item #11 re: Camp Bonneville in the Public Lands Section	Clark County Pomona #1	Conservation & Ecology
2023-42	Support HJ Res. 38 – Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to Parental Rights	Deer Lagoon #846	National Legislative
2023-43	Support SB 5558 – An Act Relating to the Fundamental Right of Parents in the State of Washington	Deer Lagoon #846	Education
2023-44	Support HB 1633 – An Act Relating to Providing Parents and Their Children with School Choice Through Scholarship Program in the State of Washington	Deer Lagoon #846	Education
2023-45	Oppose ESSB 5599 – An Act Relating to Supporting Runaway and Homeless Youth and Young Adults Seeking Protected Health Care Services (Abortion and Sex Change Surgeries as defined in HB 1469) in the State of Washington	Deer Lagoon #846	State Legislative
2023-46	Oppose S1207 – The EARN IT Act 2023	Deer Lagoon #946	National Legislative
2023-47	Oppose S686 – The RESTRICT Act	Deer Lagoon #846	National Legislative

The above resolutions have been emailed out in draft form. If you wish to receive a copy of the proposed resolutions, please contact the State Grange Office at 360-943-9911.

# Washington State Grange Awards \$26,000 In Scholarships

The Washington State Grange is awarding \$26,000 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors and current college students. The scholarships are offered through the Washington State Grange Foundation to assist Grange members and children of Grange members in attending college. The scholarships range from \$750 to \$1500 each.



**JILL ADOLPHSEN**

**SEQUIM PRAIRIE GRANGE #1108  
NORMAN BUCCHOLZ  
AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Jill Adolphsen, a member of Sequim Prairie Grange in Clallam County, is the recipient of the Norman Buccholz Memorial Scholarship. The daughter of Eric and Karalynn Adolphsen, Jill will graduate in June from Sequim High School. She plans to attend Linn Benton Community College in Albany, Oregon where she will begin her studies in Animal Science and Ag Business. Jill has been involved in both 4-H and FFA and is currently the Secretary of the Clallam County Youth Grange. She show cattle and goats at various fairs and youth shows. Jill works as a laborer at Adolphsen Farms LLC and as a veterinary technician assistant at Spray to Save in Sequim.



**NICKOLAS BOWDISH**

**CENTERVILLE GRANGE #81  
MARTIN & GRACE FORRY  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Nickolas Bowdish carries a 4.0 GPA at Goldendale High School, where he will graduate in June of this year. The son of Dean and Susan Bowdish, Nickolas is an officer at Klickitat County’s Centerville Grange. He is planning to attend Walla Walla Community College, where he will study Diesel Mechanics and Crop & Soil Sciences. Nickolas is involved with the Goldendale FFA and Technology Student Association. He lives and works on a third-generation family farm raising cattle and producing hay and grain crops. Following college, he plans to return to the family farm, where he will maintain and work on diesel engines. Nickolas has been awarded the Martin & Grace Forry Memorial Scholarship.



**LEXUS BROOKS**

**PROSPECT POINT GRANGE #1067  
POMONA VILLA SCHOLARSHIP**

Lexus Brooks, a 2019 graduate of Waitsburg High School, is the daughter of Steve and Michelle Brooks. She is a member of Prospect Point Grange in Walla Walla County. With the goal of becoming a registered nurse, Lexus completes her AA degree this spring at Walla Walla Community College. She is planning to enroll in the nursing program, with the anticipation of graduating as a registered nurse in June 2025. Lexus works full-time as a Community Health Worker at the Southeast Washington Alliance for Health. She is active with the Columbia County Food Bank, the Columbia County Senior Center, and the Waitsburg Resource Garden. Lexus was awarded the Pomona Villa Scholarship.



**MICHELLE BROOKS**

**PROSPECT POINT GRANGE #1067  
POMONA VILLA SCHOLARSHIP**

Michelle Brooks is a member of Prospect Point Grange in Walla Walla County. A 2000 graduate of Waitsburg High School, Michelle has chosen to enter the Nursing Program at the Walla Walla Community College. She will take Social and Health Services courses to complement her AA degree. Michelle’s long-term goal is to become a labor and delivery RN. With a family and household to support, Michelle works full-time as a Medical Administrative Assistant at the VA Medical Center in Walla Walla. Michelle is the Secretary of Prospect Point Grange. Michelle was awarded the Pomona Villa Scholarship.



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**CHLOE CLYBURN**

**MENASTASH GRANGE #1054  
MARTIN & GRACE FORRY  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Chloe Clyburn is a member of Menastash Grange in Kittitas County. The daughter of Christopher and Pauline Clyburn, Chloe will graduate in June from Ellensburg High School. She will attend Montana State University to study Animal Sciences, with a concentration in Equine Science. Her long term goal is to be a veterinarian with an Equine specialty. Chloe is active in the Grange Youth Fairs Program, where she shows Breeding Goats. She also shows horses and dogs in 4-H, along with livestock and dairy in FFA. She participates in orchestra, band, the thespian society, and is in her church handbell choir. Chloe is the recipient of the Martin & Grace Forry Memorial Scholarship.



**KADINCE COMPTON**

**BEEHIVE GRANGE #385  
KITTTLESON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Kadince Compton, the daughter of Jason and DeAnn Compton, is a 2021 graduate of Wenatchee High School. She attends Washington State University, studying Agricultural Food and Business Economics. Kadi and her parents are members of BeeHive Grange. She was an active member of FFA, where she has been awarded the FFA State Degree. Kadi raises market hogs, first starting in the 4-H program and later moving to the FFA program. She served as the Chelan County Fair Ambassador. Upon her college completion, Kadi hopes to work in Agricultural Sales. Kadi was awarded the Kittleson Memorial Scholarship.



**OLIVER EADES**

**BAW FAW GRANGE #34  
RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Oliver Eades, the son of Richard and Lori Eades, will graduate in June from W.F. West High School in Chehalis. Oliver plans to study nuclear engineering at a school to be determined. He has been a member of the FIRST Robotics Team for four years, the rifle team for two years, and currently a member of the Track and Field Team. Oliver is employed as a Subway Sandwich Artist. He and his parents are members of Baw Faw Grange in Lewis County.



**DELAYNE HANSON**

**OLYMPIC VIEW GRANGE #774  
MCCLEARY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Delayne Hanson, a member of Olympic View Grange in Grays Harbor County, will graduate for Elma High School in June. The daughter of Scott and Lor Hanson, Delayne is planning to attend Western Washington University to study Psychology: Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She is the Elma School District Board Student Representative. Delayne is involved with the Elma FFA and SkillsUSA, where she has received both state and national recognition. Delayne has been awarded the McCleary Grange Scholarship.



**KATHERINE GOULD**

**SEQUIM PRAIRIE GRANGE #1108  
LONE YEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Katherine Gould will graduate in June from Sequim High School. The daughter of Shawn and Stephanie Gould, Katherine is a member of Sequim Prairie Grange in Clallam County. Katherine will start her studies at Peninsula College in Port Angeles. She then plans to transfer to Washington State University to study Architectural Studies. She serves as President of the Clallam County Youth Grange. Katherine was a Royalty Princess for the Sequim Irrigation Festival. Katherine is the recipient of the Lone Yew Grange Scholarship.



**MINIFFANI JAMES**

**CAMAS VALLEY GRANGE #842  
RIVERVIEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Miniffani James, a member of Stevens County’s Camas Valley Grange, will graduate in June from Mary Walker High School in Springdale. The daughter of Donald and Darlyn Broyles, Miniffani will attend Spokane Falls Community College to study Digital Media Production. She desires to become a video editor, either in music or film production. Miniffani was a Junior Grange members and has participated in numerous fund raising and promotional events at Camas Valley. She was awarded the Riverview Grange Scholarship.

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**COOPER JESSOP**

**RIMROCK GRANGE #941  
HELEN MARIE SNYDER  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

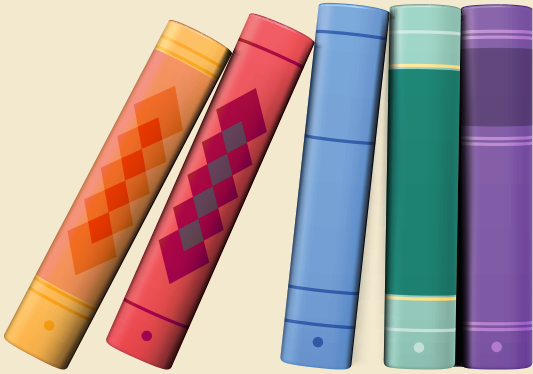
Cooper Jessop, a graduating senior at Washtucna High School, is the recipient of the Helen Marie Snyder Memorial Scholarship. With the goal of becoming a teacher, Cooper will attend Eastern Washington University to study Education. He is the son of Jeremy and Stephanie Jessop. Cooper is the ASB Vice President, and a leader in FFA and FBLA at his school. Cooper drive combine for harvest for a local farm owner.

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**JULIA KLEIN**

**RALSTON GRANGE #943  
FIDELITY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Julia Klein, a 2021 graduate of Lind-Ritzville High School, is a member of Ralston Grange in Adams County. The daughter of Jake and Alisha Klein, Julia is studying Pre-Physical Therapy at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma. She has aspirations becoming a chiropractor and opening her own practice. Julia served as the 2020-2021 Ritzville Rodeo Queen and was the 2020 Washington Association of Wheat Growers Ambassador. Julia is the recipient of the Fidelity Grange Scholarship.



**WYATT LESTER**

**MANSON GRANGE #796  
DELPHA GOUDE  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Wyatt Lester is planning to study Art and Education at Central Washington University. The son of Russell Lester and Kimberlee Lorton, Wyatt is a fourth generation member of Manson Grange in Chelan County. He will graduate in June from Wenatchee High School. Wyatt received a “Best of Show” Award at the Wenatchee Valley Regional High School Art Show. He has assisted with building parade floats and fair displays for Manson Grange. He has been a reporter for the high school newspaper and interviewer for the yearbook. Wyatt was awarded the Delpha Goude Memorial Scholarship.



**SOPHIA KLEIN**

**PROSPECT POINT GRANGE #1067  
BEAR CREEK/HORSESHOE  
GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Sophia Klein, a member of Prospect Point Grange in Walla Walla County, is a 2022 graduate of St. Anne Homeschool A. The daughter of George and Karina Klein, Sophia is working toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Illustration at John Paul the Great Catholic University in Escondido, California. Sophia has worked at 10K Harvesting Family Farm as an equipment operator and irrigation manager. She serves as the Graphic Communications Leader for her Grange, designing and creating event flyers. Sophia was awarded the Bear Creek/Horseshoe Grange Scholarship.

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Award Recipients**



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**MITZI MAUER**

**WAITSBURG GRANGE #1  
POMONA VILLA SCHOLARSHIP**

Mitzi Mauer, a 1995 graduate of Dayton High School, is a member of Waitsburg Grange in Columbia County. She currently resides in Cottonwood, Idaho, where she works at St. Mary’s Health as a Medical Laboratory Technologist. Mitzi has her AA degree from Wenatchee Valley College and will be entering George Washington University to obtain a Bachelor’s Degree as a Medical Laboratory Scientist. The additional degree will allow her to assist in management and reduce the need of increased personnel in the small rural hospital where she is employed. The daughter of Dan and Valeve Magill, Mitzi was awarded the Pomona Villa Scholarship.



**MEREDITH MEATS**

**FARGHER LAKE GRANGE #853  
RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Meredith Meats, a member of Fargher Lake Grange, serves as the 2023 Clark County Fairy Princess. She will graduate in June from Columbia River High School. She will also graduate with her AA degree from Lower Columbia Community College through the Running Start Program. Meredith, the daughter of Justin and Rebecca Meats, will attend the University of New Hampshire to double major in Neuroscience and Linguistics, with a minor in Chinese. Meredith shows dairy cattle in the Grange Youth Fairs Program and assists at the Fargher Lake Grange activities. She is employed at Bruchi’s Cheesesteaks and Subs. Meredith was awarded the Ray & Marian Kamerrer Memorial Scholarship.



**LUKE NELSON**

**PROSPECT POINT GRANGE #1067  
MARION & SNOWIE VANDERPOOL  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Luke Nelson will graduate from DeSales Catholic High School in June. The son of Mike and Mary Nelson, Luke is a member of Prospect Point Grange in Walla Walla County. He plans to attend Walla Walla Community College and to study Welding. Luke shows goats in the Grange Youth Fairs Program. He participates in the school football and golf teams. Luke works at Corvello Cellars Inc. as a farm laborer. He is working to expand his small business of making metal art from scrap metal. Luke was awarded the Marion & Snowie Vanderpool Memorial Scholarship.



**HANNAH POLAND**

**EAST WENATCHEE GRANGE #1012  
ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIES  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

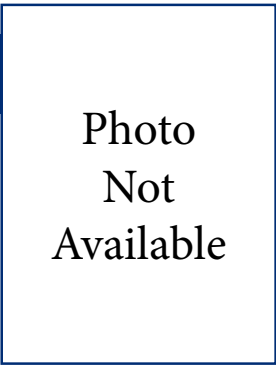
Hannah Poland, the daughter of Shayne and Darcy Poland, is a 2022 graduate of Eastmont High School. She is a member of Douglas County’s East Wenatchee Grange, and has been awarded the Adrian and Betty DeVries. Hannah is studying Agricultural Business at the University of Idaho. She has participated in the FFA and 4-H programs, serving as an officer and showing rabbits, goats, sheep, and swine. She served as a Summer Day Camp Counselor at Eastmont Community Park. Hannah works as a photographer.



**JACOB ROIBAL**

**MCINTOSH GRANGE #1001  
DELPHA GOUDE  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Jacob Roibal, a member of McIntosh Grange, is the son of James and Alyssa Roibal. Jacob was awarded the Delpha Goude Memorial Scholarship. A 2019 graduate of Freeman High School, Jacob is majoring in Architecture, with a minor in Construction Management at Washington State University. He then plans to work toward a Masters Degree and eventually open his own architecture firm. Jacob was previously a counselor at NEWA Junior Grange Camp. Jacob has worked during the summers for Flynn BEC in the Spokane area and at Blend Outdoor Design, a landscape architecture business.



**LINSEY SCARLETT**

**GREEN BLUFF GRANGE #300  
FRENCH CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Linsey Scarlett, a member of Spokane County's Green Bluff Grange, graduated from Mount Spokane High School in 2021. Linsey is pursuing a BA degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders at Eastern Washington University. Her goal is to become a Speech Language Pathologist. Linsey is the daughter of Robin Scarlett. Linsey is the proprietor of Saddle n' Scoop Ice Cream, LLC, a mobile ice cream stand/trailer that operates at local farms, markets, and at private events. She also volunteers at the Maxillofacial Clinic in the Memory Work Program at Providence Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. Linsey was awarded the French Creek Grange Scholarship.



**BAILEY SHERLEY**

**MENASTASH GRANGE #1054  
KEGLEY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Bailey Sherley, a 2021 graduate of Ellensburg High School, will be a junior at Washington State University studying Agricultural and Food Business Economics. The daughter of Dan and Becky Sherley, she was awarded the prestigious Kegley Agricultural Scholarship. Bailey is a member of Kittitas County's Menastash Grange. She serves as a Student Ambassador for the WSU College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Resources. Bailey has been a member of both 4-H and FFA, showing swine and beef, and excelling in the livestock judging program. She has previously served as the Kittitas County Fair Ambassador. Bailey has been involved with restarting the Young Farmers & Ranchers Club at WSU.



**RACHEL TAYLOR**

**MANSON GRANGE #796  
DELPHA GOUDE  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Rachel Taylor is a 2018 graduate of Oregon's Bend High School. She attended Eastern Oregon University until the 2020 Covid pandemic. After the pandemic, her life took another turn as she married her husband and worked part time. They moved back to his family's farm in Manson, where she joined Manson Grange. Working in the orchard motivated her once again to complete her education. Her college developed a new online degree option in Agriculture Entrepreneurship. She will be assuming her original educational goals and working toward her degree. She and her husband hope to someday purchase the orchard from his parents. Rachel is active as one of the leaders in the newly organized Manson Grange Youth Fairs Program. She was awarded the Delpha Goude Memorial Scholarship.



**CHYANNE SCHOTT**

**MENASTASH GRANGE #1054  
NOB HILL GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Chyanne Schott, a graduating senior at the Washington Virtual Academy, is planning to attend Kansas State University to major in Business and Agribusiness. Chyanne and her parents, Kelly and Patty Schott, are members of Kittitas County's Menastash Grange. She shows sheep in the Grange Youth Fairs Program and also participated in the Kittitas FFA, FBLA, and the high school volleyball team. Chyanne competes in High School Rodeo and has the goal of some day competing at the National Finals Rodeo. She works for Central Washington Equine, assisting in the care of horses at the veterinary clinic. Chyanne was awarded the Nob Hill Grange Scholarship.



**ALLYSON STOLLER**

**FARGHER LAKE GRANGE #853  
ROCK CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Allyson Stoller, a 2022 graduate of Camas High School, is a member of Clark County's Fargher Lake Grange. Allyson is attending Utah Technical University in St. George, Utah, where she is studying Biology, with a medical emphasis. The daughter of Elijah and Michelle Stoller, Allyson has participated in student government, volleyball, basketball, and softball. She plans to use her college degree to volunteer and serve others in the medical field. Allyson has been awarded the Rock Creek Grange Scholarship.



**DAKOTA WATTS**

**MENASTASH GRANGE #1054  
FOX ISLAND GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

With the goal of becoming a Large Animal Veterinarian, Dakota Watts will attend the University of Wyoming where she will work toward a double major in Agriculture Business and Pre-Veterinary Science. Dakota, the daughter of Dori Watts, will graduate in June from Ellensburg High School. Dakota has been a 4-H member for eight years, an FFA member for four years, and is now a member of the newly revitalized Menastash Grange for two years. She works part-time at Critter Care, a local veterinary clinic. Dakota was awarded the Fox Island Grange Scholarship.

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# National Grange News

## New Training Program Focuses On Membership, Leadership Development

*SHIPmates will be selected from each region; applications now open*

**By Amanda Brozana Rios**  
**National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director**

You're unashamed of your love for the Grange and belief that it is necessary perhaps now more than any time since its founding. You can talk easily with people you don't know, or as your mom might say, you've "never met a stranger."

Box? What box? You are creative and committed to finding solutions that others may see as impossible.

You enjoy fellowship with other Patrons and will make your rounds to talk to as many Grange Brothers and Sisters as you can at an event.

You're unafraid to express your opinion in a civil and respectful manner.

Servant leadership is not just a concept you've heard, but something you've embraced.

You don't mind reading books that may be relevant to leadership development and membership growth.

You're a confident communicator who can jump on a Zoom meeting, visit with others by phone, respond in a timely fashion to emails and be part of the hype squad the Grange needs.

You're a workhorse, but not overcommitted to the point where you'll be unable to dedicate time and energy to a passion project.

Does this sound like you? If so, consider applying to be part of the inaugural class of SHIPmates – the membership and leadership

development fellowship program sponsored by Potomac Grange #1. Workshops specific to SHIPmates may include:

- Duties of Secretaries (local and State)
- Having hard conversations
- Appreciation and Respect as Retention Mechanisms
- Scouting a Community for new/reorganized Grange + Organizing Steps
- What is the Youth Fair Program
- Basics of the Bylaws

SHIPmates may also participate in some combined workshops with the Communication Fellows, especially those where National Officers or other Directors are providing context or guidance important to program participants. Fellows may present workshops for SHIPmates prior to convention or after it closes, such as "writing a press release" and "using Canva to design brochures and flyers."

Any member of Subordinate Grange age may apply between May 15 through July 15 to be a part of the program. One member for each of the five National Grange Convention host regions will be selected to participate with an additional member from anywhere throughout the country selected to focus on non-fraternal, e-membership and "unestablished territories." A special exception to the "one SHIPmate per region" may be made for a couple that wishes to participate together, however the region may have to provide funding for registration and

meals (in the amount of approx. \$300). The program will cover the housing, registration and ticketed convention meals for SHIPmates.

Completed applications will be sent to the State Presidents and/or deputies of each of the States in the applicable region. Together, the region's leaders will choose the SHIPmate for their region and may select a "first alternate" in case their first selected applicant cannot participate. The sixth SHIPmate focused on e-membership, associate membership and non-Grange territory will be selected by the Director and a small review board from the remaining applicants after regional representatives have been chosen.

SHIPmates will begin with remote training in September. The program will include a 9-day hands-on experience at the 157th Annual National Grange Convention in Niagara Falls, New York, from Friday, November 10 to Sunday the 19th.

During convention, Presidents and second delegates (if applicable) from each state is asked to schedule a time to meet with the SHIPmate from their region. The sixth SHIPmate will meet with National Staff and select National Officers.

Participants will continue their work in 2024 with additional training, outreach and participation in various internal and external activities.

**PROGRAM TIMELINE**

**How to Apply:** Complete the

SHIPmates application pack in full and return to Amanda Brozana Rios, National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director, by email at [membership@nationalgrange.org](mailto:membership@nationalgrange.org)

**Application period:** May 15 through July 15, 2023

**Review/Decision Period:** All applications will be sent to the Presidents of the regions who will be asked to choose their representative by July 31.

**Notification period:** The selected SHIPmates will be informed by August 5 of their selection and must confirm that they are able to participate by August 20. If the first selection cannot participate, the first alternative will be contacted.

**Program Introduction and early Meetings and Training:** By August 30, SHIPmates will be introduced to one another and provided program materials to review. In September, SHIPmates will begin weekly or biweekly Zoom meetings.

**Convention:** Participants must arrive at the Convention Hotel by 5 p.m. Eastern on Friday, Nov. 10 and should plan to leave on Sunday, Nov. 19. Participants will be housed together in two-queen-bed rooms, two to a room unless a couple is selected. SHIPmates will be given special instructions for convention registration upon confirmation that they will participate in the program. Registration, three ticketed dinners and two ticketed lunches will be covered by program funds as well as a few other group meals.



Delegates/Officers will assist by providing additional meals throughout the convention week.

**Convention costs for which participants are responsible:** Travel costs to and from the convention as well as general spending money are the responsibility of the participant.

**Post-Convention:** SHIPmates will meet monthly by Zoom. They will keep in touch with the Presidents in their region or for the SHIPmate focused on e-membership and unaffiliated territories, will regularly meet with the National director and other staff members and officers. In addition, SHIPmates will be asked to attend their region's conference in 2024 to help present a program with the topic related to the topic of leadership or membership.

*Applications are available for download from the National Grange website at:*  
<https://www.nationalgrange.org/shipmates-program/>

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

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Niagara Falls Convention Center  
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*Registration is open!*



# National Grange News

## A View From The Hill - May 2023 Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**  
**National Grange**  
**Legislative Director**

**NEWS FLASH!**

**Supreme Court Rules for Landowners**

On Thursday, the Supreme Court handed down a landmark decision that greatly narrows the scope of the Clean Water Act as interpreted by the federal government. This long-awaited WOTUS ruling says the law only regulates wetlands when they are “as a practical matter indistinguishable from waters of the United States.” The EPA and Corps of Engineers will need to rewrite their WOTUS rule that went into effect in March to reflect this new guidance and allow farmers, ranchers, forest owners and other landowners to move ahead with good management decisions.

**WASHINGTON OVERVIEW**

**Debt Ceiling Deadline Approaches**

Debt ceiling discussion continues to dominate every conversation in Washington, D.C., with the federal government set to hit its borrowing limit as early as June 1st. As a reminder, 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, then the federal government would default on its fiscal obligations, causing certain economic turmoil.

Despite months of negotiations between House Republicans, led by Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy, and Democrats, led by President Joe Biden, little progress has been made between both sides. From the onset, Democrats have maintained that the only acceptable outcome is a clean raising of the debt ceiling with no strings attached, arguing that Republicans had agreed to similar measures three times under the previous administration, that much of the debt has been accumulated by policies put in place by Republicans, and that using the debt ceiling as a bargaining tool is dangerous.

Meanwhile, Republicans have

countered by laying out their priorities for any requirements for any potential agreement to raise the debt ceiling in the form of the Limit, Save, and Grow Act which we covered in-depth in last month’s edition. Since the release of their priorities, Republicans have also made clear that any debt ceiling deal must not include tax increases, cuts to defense spending, or cuts to social security and Medicare, leaving only approximately 15% of the entire federal budget available for potential cuts.

While both sides have sought to portray themselves as open to a reasonable deal on the debt ceiling, little progress has been made to close the gap. As a result, many have speculated that President Biden may decide to use executive power to nullify the debt ceiling, either by challenging its constitutionality in the Supreme Court by arguing that the 14th Amendment does not allow the government to default on its debt, or by using the powers of the Federal Reserve and the Treasury to create new revenue to pay off current debt obligations. So far, President Biden has not indicated an interest in using such measures, but he has also refused to rule them out when pressured. With only a limited time until the date of default, it is not yet clear if a deal will be possible on the debt ceiling.

**Agriculture Appropriations Hearing Delayed**

The House Appropriations committee was set to hold a hearing on an annual budget bill which would have included significant cuts to a variety of USDA programs in late May before the hearing was delayed until discussions surrounding the debt ceiling are resolved. The Republican bill would amount to an \$8.7 billion cut in USDA program funding for fiscal year 2024, including cuts to conservation programs, energy programs, agricultural research, animal and plant health inspection services, and nutrition programs. As well, the bill would restrict USDA’s use of the Commodity Credit Corporation, ability to set rules on anti-competitive practices, and establish new work requirements for nutrition assistance programs. While the initial hearing for the bill has been delayed, the contents of the legislation are a clear signal of Republican priorities going forward.

**AGRICULTURE AND FOOD**

**“Natural” Food Labels Mislead Consumers**

USDA’s Economic Research

Service says consumers mistakenly assign health and environmental stewardship attributes to food labeled “natural”. However, the “natural” claim can be freely made with the stroke of a label printer. Neither USDA nor FDA have regulations that define the word “natural” on food. By contrast, “USDA Organic” and “Raised Without Antibiotics” label claims require audits and expensive production practices.

**Free School Food for All?**

During the pandemic, a 2-year test run by USDA provided free school lunches to all students. Free school lunch advocates are now calling for states and the federal government to permanently stop charging kids for their school breakfast, lunch and snack meals. California and Maine have implemented free meals this school year. Colorado, Minnesota, and New Mexico will provide free meals next school year. Nevada, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Connecticut will implement temporary free meal policies during the 2022-2023 school year.

**Supreme Court Upholds California’s Proposition 12**

California’s animal housing law, known as Proposition 12, bans the sale of pork from facilities across the country that use sow gestation crates. The nation’s hog farmers had sought to overturn the law, arguing it violated the Constitution’s Commerce Clause. In fractured opinions, the Supreme Court disagreed and left the California law in place.

**“Newbie” Farm Bill Drafters’ Learning Curve**

A majority of the House Agriculture Committee members (38 or 70%) and Senate Agriculture Committee members (12 or 52%) are facing the challenge of working on their first farm bill. Agriculture groups and other advocacy organizations are working feverishly to educate the new committee members about the details of such a large and complicated piece of legislation. Many new members are surprised to learn that over 80% of farm bill funds go to programs other than agriculture, farming and ranching.

**CONSERVATION / ENVIRONMENT**

**Conservation Reserve Program Refocus Proposed**

Bipartisan Senate legislation introduced by Grassley (R-IA) and Booker (D-NJ) would shift the CRP toward smaller, environmentally

sensitive parcels and away from the traditional larger tracts. General CRP retires whole fields from production for 10-15 year periods while the Grassley-Booker bill would focus on continuous CRP that targets grass buffers, filter strips and grasslands that allow farmers to graze the land they enroll. Focusing on continuous CRP instead of general CRP will help increase the amount of land available for agricultural production while allowing farmers to enroll land around waterways and the edges of fields. The demand for acres to be enrolled in both continuous CRP and grasslands CRP has been steadily increasing in recent years.

**New Emission Caps on Existing Power Plants Proposed**

The EPA is proposing new carbon pollution standards to restrict greenhouse gas emissions released by fossil fuel-fired power plants. Coal and gas plants would have to reduce or capture 90% of their carbon dioxide emissions by 2038 or be forced to close. If the rule is finalized, it would mark the first time the federal government has restricted carbon dioxide emissions from power plants and would become a major part of President Biden’s environmental justice agenda.

**HEALTH CARE**

**Expand Rural Mental Health Services**

Bipartisan legislation (Farmers First Act of 2023) has been introduced by Senators Baldwin (D-WI) and Ernst (R-IA) to reauthorize the Farm and Ranch Stress Network in the farm bill, add more services, and increase funding from \$10 million to \$15 million. New funding would go toward hiring competent counsellors and creating support groups who understand the unique challenges of farmers and ranchers. The Grange strongly supports the Baldwin-Ernst bill and is pushing to expand the Agri-Stress Helpline (phone 877-897-2474, text 833 897) from its current seven states to nationwide coverage. The Helpline is a 24-7 dedicated hotline manned by trained farm, ranch and rural life professionals.

**Access to Alzheimer’s Treatment**

The National Grange filed a statement with the leadership of the House Ways and Means Committee and its Health Subcommittee for the hearing on Examining Policies That Inhibit Innovations and Patient Access. At issue is the fact that Alzheimer’s treatment centers



are only located in a few large metropolitan areas long distances from rural patients. The Grange has long advocated for Medicare to change its policy to allow treatments to be administered closer to rural populations. The Grange cited a University of Iowa study that found agricultural workers are almost 50% more likely to develop the disease than the general population, and an Emory University survey that found rural areas see nearly twice the Alzheimer’s death rate of urban regions. The Grange also joined the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease and 50 cosigners on a letter asking Congress to urge the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to reconsider its coverage decision and expand access to FDA approved Alzheimer’s treatments.

**Support for Nurse Practitioners**

The National Grange joined the American Association of Nurse Practitioners on a letter to the leadership of the House Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce Committees in support of H.R. 2713, the Improving the Care and Access to Nurses Act. The bill would remove federal barriers to practice for advanced practice registered nurses in Medicare and Medicaid programs and expand the medical services nurse practitioners are able to provide patients. Nearly 150 organizations are supporting the legislation.

**HPV Vaccine is Important**

The National Grange joined Healthy Women and the HPV Cancer Alliance on a letter to the White House Cancer Moonshot team which emphasized the importance of HPV vaccine for cervical cancer reduction. HPV vaccination rates have been decreasing in recent years even though the CDC says vaccination could prevent more than 90% of HPV-caused cancer.

**Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform Needed**

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President's Message

### Join Us As We “Celebrate Grange” At Our Annual Session (Continued) ...

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will follow the youth with their program and award presentations. The Quilt of Valor presentation will be at 11 a.m. and will be followed by the announcement of the Grange Leadership Award winner.

Following lunch on Saturday, we will celebrate those who have gone on before us at the Memorial Service. Eulogies of departed past state officers, directors, deputies, and spouse will be read and flowers placed for departed Grange Masters and spouses.

We will install State Grange Officers that afternoon. The meeting is scheduled to adjourn by 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Thank you to the Grange members of the Central District (Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, and Yakima counties) for their outstanding work in putting the convention activities together for the benefit of all Grange members. Your efforts will allow us to join together to “Celebrate Grange” and will assist in preparing us for another exciting year of Grange activities.

## A View From The Hill - May 2023 Wrap-Up (Continued) ...

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For several years, the National Grange has advocated for transparency and accountability of pharmacy benefit managers. PBMs are companies that manage prescription drug benefits on behalf of private health insurers, Medicare Part D plans, large employers and other payers. The Senate Health, Education Labor, and Pensions Committee has passed the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform Act by a bipartisan vote of 18-3. The Act would increase transparency, mandate that rebates paid by drug makers be passed directly to patients, and ban spread pricing (i.e. The practice of charging payers like Medicaid more than is paid to the pharmacy for a medication and keeping the “spread”). PBM reform is a major component of reducing prescription drug prices.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**Release Rural Wireless Spectrum**  
The National Grange and several rural customer groups have petitioned Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Rosenworcel to

release 2.5 GHz band spectrum awarded in the FCC auction last August. Grange is concerned that 90% of the auction licenses have still not been issued. Most of the available spectrum is located in rural areas and is needed to support expanded wireless services to rural communities.

### OF INTEREST

#### Charging Stations Coming

The Biden administration has pledged \$51 million to create a network of 500,000 public electric vehicle charging ports across the country. The initiative to accelerate nationwide transportation electrification is part of President Biden’s Investing in America agenda geared toward making EV networks accessible to everyone in the US.

#### New York Going Gas Free

New York Governor Hochul has announced plans to ban the use of natural gas in new building construction beginning in 2025 for small buildings and 2028 for large buildings. The move will require new homes and businesses to run on electric appliances.



## Washington Agriculture in the Classroom

# Thank You For Your Support

**By Judy Hossner**  
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**360-394-7744**  
**(please leave a message)**

### THANK YOU!

So many Granges have supported Washington Ag in the Classroom (WAIC)!

So many schools are subscribing to our 4th grade magazine Ag@School!

So many Washington students are learning about the importance of Washington’s agriculture and how necessary it really is!

The Washington State Grange, just like many subordinate & Pomona Granges, have annually made a difference in our Program.

**Your donations support** the three different WAIC K-12 student programs.

> Volunteers read a special ag book to 2nd graders following a lesson plan, all supported by the classroom teacher. The class gets to keep the book for their classroom library.

> WAIC self-publishes a magazine for our 4th graders. Ag@School, an 8-page magazine,

has three issues each school-year - -

1) The Fall Issue presents information about Washington agriculture.

2) The Winter Issue emphasizes Ag Technology in Washington.

3) The Spring Issue emphasizes Washington Ag Stewardship.

> For Grades 7-12 we work with Washington State history teachers, ag teachers, and FFA chapters. They use Ag@School in their classes. Many also use Journey 2050, a virtual program about agriculture in three different countries and the issues facing us all to feed everyone in the 2050 World.

**Your donations support** our summer work offering a variety of teacher workshops, trainings, and materials during the summer.

For the Summer of 2023 - -

> WAIC is offering teachers a FREE large box filled with more than 30 ag activities.

> In cooperation with the Oregon Ag in the Classroom, five Washington high school science teachers will be guests

at a STEM conference. All expenses will be covered.

While teaching, I had a couple of students tell me that chocolate milk comes from brown cows. But even students living in rural areas are not fully informed about Washington agriculture. Some students know a lot about the wheat industry, but not about the cranberry industry. Some students know a lot about the oyster industry, but not about growing grapes.

Please let me know if I can meet with your Grange to present even more information about Washington Ag in the Classroom.

I hope to see many of you in Moses Lake at the State Convention. Please stop me if you have any questions. I also love to hear success stories about our programs.

Better yet, do you have a local school/teacher who would be open to using our materials? Slip me a note with your name and the name of the teacher with contact information. We always want to expand our impact with Washington K-12 students and their teachers.

**Washington Ag in the Classroom promotes agricultural literacy;**  
**our outreach activities reflect that purpose.**  
*Every person should know and understand where their food and water come from.*

## Green Bluff Grange Hosts Sourdough Class

**Green Bluff Grange hosted a Sourdough Class at the Grange Hall. Pictured: Attendees Tasting Sourdough Results**



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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## Legislative

# Legislative Updates Prior To Convention (Continued) ...

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### Interim

This time of year is when “rule making” and guidance begins to take shape. When bills are passed with agency mandates, the state agencies must begin to establish rules

for implementing policy. Because of this, legislative advocacy doesn’t end when the final gavel drops; it’s actually a time when stakeholders have some of the most important input. As we go through the summer months and start gearing up for fall legislative

work please feel free to reach out to me with ideas as they pertain to legislation or regulation. I am always happy to answer questions or discuss policy requests you may have. I hope you enjoy the ‘growing days’ ahead as we enjoy these summer months!



# Home & Family

## Taking A Look At The Moses Lake Area

By Helen Berg  
Family Living Director

Welcome to Moses Lake. I have had the privilege to call this area my home since 2008 so I thought I would share a bit of history of the area. Moses Lake is part of the Columbia River Basin, as Crab Creek which feeds the lake is a tributary of the Columbia River. For centuries the local Indians would forage for camas roots and waterfowl eggs. The lake was named after Chief Moses who lived from 1829-1899.

The town of Moses Lake was settled in 1897 and laid out in

1910 as Neppel after a city in Germany. In 1938 it was renamed for Columbia-Sinkuse Indian Leader Chief Moses as well as the lake. When the white settlers began to settle in this area in the 1880's Chief Moses was forced to negotiate with them. Under pressure from the Government Moses traded The Columbia Basin Land for a reservation that stretched from Lake Chelan to the Canadian Border. Another trade was made later for what is the Colville Indian Reservation.

Moses Lake boasts an airport with one of the longest runways in the world. Larson Air force

Base was there for years with the purpose of protecting both the Columbia Dam and Hanford. It was also used for testing various aircraft for WW11. Today it is used for training pilots. Look to the sky and you may see Air force planes flying above you. Japan Airlines used the site until 2009.

With the Bureau of Reclamation, farmers are able to grow multiple crops such as apples, corn, onions, potatoes, and alfalfa just to name a few. Circles of irrigation are a sight to be seen.

This is just a sketch about our rich history in the Great Columbia Basin. Enjoy your visit.



Helen Berg



## A Summertime Fresh Al Fresco Favorite

(Courtesy of Family Features)

If you and your loved ones yearn for new, stimulating experiences to feel connected to the outdoors, look no further than enjoying mealtime al fresco. Inspired by the Mediterranean tradition of “eating in the open air,” al fresco dining offers passionate home cooks a fresh way to enjoy their favorite recipes outside with friends and family.

Skip complicated cooking steps and turn to a delicious option like Yellowfin Tuna and Artichoke Pasta, which can be served as an appetizer, side dish or on its own as a light main course. Savory, rich and flavorful with a perfect texture, the tuna elevates the dish with a uniquely rich and savory flavor stemming from Mediterranean inspiration.

To find more al fresco dining inspiration and recipe ideas, visit [GenovaSeafood.com](http://GenovaSeafood.com).

## Delicious Yellowfin Tuna and Artichoke Pasta

Cook time: 40 minutes with fresh artichokes (25 minutes with canned)  
Servings: 4

### Ingredients:

#### Artichokes:

- 12 small, fresh artichokes or 2 cans artichoke hearts in water
- 2 lemons
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- salt, to taste; pepper or red pepper, to taste

#### Pasta:

- 2 cans (5 ounces each) Genova Yellowfin Tuna in Olive Oil
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 tablespoons butter, cut into tabs
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper (optional)
- salt, to taste
- 1/2 cup white wine, chicken stock or vegetable stock
- 1 pound spaghetti or linguine
- 1 lemon, juice only
- 1 cup grated Pecorino Romano cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley, divided
- 1 small handful fresh mint, chopped, divided
- 1/4 cup toasted pistachios or pine nuts, chopped

**To make artichokes:** Preheat oven to 425 F. Fill bowl with cold water and juice of one lemon. If using fresh artichokes, trim tops of artichokes and tougher outer leaves. Using vegetable peeler or small paring knife, trim stems. Once prepped, cut fresh artichokes in half. If using canned artichokes, drain well and quarter lengthwise. Place artichokes in lemon water. Let soak 2-3 minutes, drain and pat dry with kitchen towel.

In casserole or baking dish, arrange artichokes and add juice of remaining lemon, quarter lemon and add lemon wedges to dish. Add olive oil and salt and pepper, to taste. Roast 25-30 minutes, or until tender.

**To make pasta:** Bring large pot of water to boil. While water is coming to boil, place large skillet over medium heat and add olive oil and butter. Add garlic, red pepper, if desired; and salt, to taste, and swirl 1 minute. Add white wine or stock and let reduce by half. When water comes to boil, salt water, add pasta and cook 1 minute less than directions. Reserve 1/2 cup pasta water before draining.

Add artichokes to large skillet with tuna with its oil and gently break up with back of wooden spoon or paddle. Add lemon juice and reserved pasta water to skillet along with drained pasta, cheese and half the parsley, mint and pistachios. Toss to combine, top with remaining parsley, mint and pistachios and serve.

## South Union Grange Hosts Commemoration Of Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary



On Friday, April 21, South Union Grange held a Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary Commemoration and Colonial School event. Our guest speaker, Vern Frykholm, gave an excellent portrayal of George Washington discussing the Boston Tea Party, and agriculture in colonial America. One hundred forty-eight attendees participated in quilt making, coloring colonial scene pages, basketmaking, genealogy, and games. There was a colonial tea party with homemade biscuits (cookies), froggers (spicy molasses cookies), and sugar nutmeg cookies. (There were no leftovers!) The free event was chaired by Beverly York. We thank her and her whole team of members and non-members for organizing and carrying out this wonderful and educational event. Pictured: (Left) Basket making was one of the activities at South Union's colonial event. (Center) Event chair Beverly York poses with George Washington at South Union's colonial event. (Right) George Washington tells attendees about the Boston Tea Party and early agriculture in America.

## Goldendale Grange Host Klickitat Pomona Mini Fair Along With Ag Awareness Workshop Event



Goldendale Grange hosted the Klickitat County Pomona Grange for their annual Mini Fair in the new Grange Hall. At the same time, Lecturer Luann Whitmire arranged an Ag Awareness workshop in the old hall. The program provided an opportunity for the local community to learn about the difficulties and hardships our area farmers and ranchers are experiencing. The program focused on the high Suicide rate in Agriculture. Klickitat Valley Health, WSU Extension Service and a local farmer were also a part of the program. During the Goldendale Home and Garden Show in May we constructed an additional display regarding rural health. At that time, Dan Lefever arranged for special cookies depicting the Grange Emblem to be handed out at the home and garden show and at the May Klickitat County Pomona Grange #5 meeting Saturday evening.



# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## Youth

### Youth Activities Scheduled For State Convention



Jerry Gwin

By Jerry Gwin  
State Youth Director

The Annual State Grange Convention is rapidly approaching. The youth group will have their own schedule of activities which includes:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20**

2-5 pm – Turn in Educational Posters for Judging

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**

9 am – 1 pm – Turn in of Raffle Tickets, Keep Washington Warm Donations and Auction Items

9-am – 1 pm – Turn in Educational Posters for Judging

9 am – Youth Group Meeting – get acquainted activities and election of youth officers

1:30 pm – Installation of Youth Officers, followed by officer practice

6:30 pm – Exemplification of the Fifth Degree

7 pm – Exemplification of the Sixth Degree

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

8:30 am – Youth Group meeting and drill practice

11 am – Attend Address of Amanda Brozana-Rios, National Grange Representative

12 pm – Educational Posters on Display

2 pm – Youth Recreation - Bowling

5:05 pm – Convention Group Photo

6 pm – Celebration Banquet, followed by awards and auction

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

8 am – Livestock Judging Contest at the Moses Lake Grange Hall

8:30 am – Youth Group meeting and drill practice

11 am – Speaker – State Representative Tom Dent

11:30 am – Junior Grange Ice Cream Social

1:30 pm – Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contest

3 pm – Speaker – State Senator Judy Warnick

5:30 pm – GROW Club Pizza Dinner (ho-host) - location to be announced

8 pm – Talent Show

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

8 am – Youth Officers Open Session in Fourth Degree – youth awards program and raffle drawing, followed by Junior Grange Program

9:30 am – Youth Group Meeting

11 am – Quilts of Valor Presentation

1:30 pm – Memorial Service

3:30 pm – Installation of State Officers – conducted by the GROW Club

5 pm – Closing of Session

We are hoping for a large youth group at the convention.

## Juniors

### Juniors Session Schedule Is Here



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson  
Junior Grange Director

State convention is almost here and that means there is a hundred things on my To-Do list. Slowly I am working through them but feel like I am completely behind. Perhaps moving this time of year was not a great idea but it is now done and I can focus on convention preparations. Along with my leadership team we will get everything done and have a great convention.

Here is, to the best of my knowledge, the schedule for the Junior Department. We will do our best to keep this schedule but every once in a while a few items may need to move or change. We will let you know any changes at morning drop-off or pick-up.

**Junior Convention Schedule 2023:**

**Tuesday, June 20**

2 -6 pm Contest Entry Check-in (red tables)

**Wednesday, June 21**

8 am – 1pm Contest Entry Check-in (red tables)

**Thursday, June 22**

9 am Junior activities begin, Check-in at the Junior Room  
10 am Craft  
11 am Opening and Drill Practice  
12 pm Lunch – Provided  
1 pm Possible Demonstration or Games and Activities  
2 pm Lectures Program Practice  
2:30 pm Snack and Craft  
3 pm Practice Opening and Drill  
4 pm Pick-up

**Friday, June 23**

9 am Check-in  
9:30 am Lectures Program Practice  
10 am Craft  
11 am Games and Activities  
11:30 am Ice Cream Social  
11:30 am Lunch- Not Provided (sorry for this change)  
1:00 pm Opening and Drill Practice  
2 pm Snack  
2:30 pm Junior Public Speaking Contest  
(Any extra time will be games and activities)  
4 pm Pick-up

**Saturday, June 24**

7:40 am Check-in, Prepare for Program and Awards Ceremony  
8 am Program and Awards  
10 am Tour Exhibits  
11 am Games  
12 pm Pizza Party  
1 pm Possible Pick-up, Depends on Session

### Western Regional Grange Conference To Be Held In Woodland, California

The 2023 Western States Grange Leaders and Youth Conference will be held July 27-29 at the California Agricultural Museum in Woodland, California. Hotel and Registration Information will be available soon.

**CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:**

Thursday, July 27 - 4:00pm Registration & Relax/ Dinner on your own / 7pm Gather & Greet

Friday, July 28 - Forming, Storming, Norming & Performing

Saturday, July 29 - Safety Skills:

Nutrition, Fentanyl Awareness, Narcan Certification. Plus, Conversation Skills for Everyone, and more!! Public Speaking Contest and Grange

Baseball!!

The conference is for ALL ages, all abilities. Watch for the Registration and Hotel information soon.



### Fargher Lake Youth & Juniors Learn About Injections



Fargher Lake youth and junior grangers learned about giving injections both intramuscular and subcutaneously during the April meeting.



# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## 2023 Junior Grange Camps Offer Opportunities For Kids

The schedule has been set for this summer's Junior Grange Camping Program. Registering early is the best way to secure a sport for a child in your life to experience a week of fun, safe and wholesome activities.

Thanks to the State Grange Needy Campship Fund, we will again offer partial scholarships for campers. Application information is provided below.

Each camp will feature a week of fun activities including music, hiking, swimming, special program, games, crafts, and Junior Grange instruction. It is not necessary for children or their parents to be Grange members to attend camp. Eligible ages are 9-14 years.

Although each camp is administered separately by a board of directors, each requires a signed medical permission slip from parents, a completed registration form and pre-payment of camp fees. Brochures and registration materials on each camps and all forms are available on the State Grange website ([www.wa-grange.com/JuniorCamps.aspx](http://www.wa-grange.com/JuniorCamps.aspx)). One may

also call the individuals listed below for each camp.

There are a number of camperships available for first-time campers. These camperships will pay \$100 each, which is approximately one-half of the camp fee. These camperships are made possible by the State Grange Needy Campship Fund (formerly the Richard A. Kimball Memorial Fund).

A prospective camper simply has to write a letter of interest in securing the campership and sending it to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507. An application form for the camperships is available on the State Grange website; follow the link for the Richard A. Kimball Memorial Camp Scholarships on the site's front page. Donations to this special fund are still being accepted.

Registrations for **Camp Wooten**, July 9-14, can be sent to Dawn Yearout, 13546 Rd 5 NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837. The registration fee is \$250. Checks must be made out to Wooten Junior Grange Camp and sent with the registration form. Camp

Wooten is located near Pomeroy. The camp director is Dawn Yearout, (509) 989-7057 or email [dawnyearout2yahoo.com](mailto:dawnyearout2yahoo.com)

**Camp Morehead** is located near Nahcotta on the Long Beach Peninsula. The camp will run July 9-15 under the guidance of Tom Gwin (360-581-0177) or [tagwin0181@outlook.com](mailto:tagwin0181@outlook.com). Registration fees will be \$200 if received prior to July 1 and \$225 if received after July 1. Send fees and forms to Tom Gwin, PO Box 181, Humptulips WA 98552. Checks should be made payable to Morehead Junior Grange Camp.

The fee for **Mayfield Junior Grange Camp**, located near Mossyrock, July 16-22, will be \$350. Checks should be made out to Mayfield Junior Grange Camp and send with the registration and medical forms to Jennifer Oliver, 3307 128th Street E., Tacoma WA 98446. Jennifer can be reached at (253) 906-6078 or [jenandmarv@yahoo.com](mailto:jenandmarv@yahoo.com).

**Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp** will be held at Deception Pass on July 23-29. The

**JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP DATES FOR 2023:**  
**July 9-14** – Wooten Junior Grange Camp  
**July 9-15** – Morehead Junior Grange Camp  
**July 16-22** – Mayfield Junior Grange Camp  
**July 23-28** – Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp  
**August 13-18** – Clallam Junior Grange Camp at Camp David Jr.

registration fee is \$250 if received before July 1 and \$250 if received after July 1. Send checks (payable to Northern District Junior Grange Camp) and registration materials to Kathy Knott, 29415 218th Place SE, Black Diamond WA 98010. The camp director is Janelle Lierman, (425) 745-2180 or email [jmlierman@hotmail.com](mailto:jmlierman@hotmail.com).

The final camp of the seasons will be the **Clallam County Junior Grange Camp**, held August 13-18 at Camp David on the shores of Lake Crescent in Clallam County. This is the 40th Anniversary of the camp. Cindy Kelley is leading the leadership team putting this camp together. The cost for the camp

is \$275 per camper. Registration information is on their facebook page: Clallam Junior Grange Camp. Questions can be directed to 360-460-9549 or emailed to [juniorgrangepcamp@gmail.com](mailto:juniorgrangepcamp@gmail.com).

Potential campers should check the brochures on each camp for a list of items to bring and a list of items not to bring to camp.

Grangers are encouraged to volunteer to help with the camps. They are also requested to visit the camps in their area, especially for the designated Visitor's Program. There is a guest charge for dinner, other meals, and overnight stays.

Remember, the child needs no prior Grange affiliation to enjoy the summer camping experience. Spread the word about this Grange camping opportunity!

# Grange Connection

**GRANT COUNTY**

**White Trail Grange** #1143 will be holding the Annual Antique car, tractor, plus we are adding Antique/Vintage motorcycles I. July 1,2024 from 10:00 am to 4:00pm. Check in from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Plus, the Grange Youth will be holding a bake sale. There will also be a small bazaar inside.

There will also be a hamburger/ hotdog lunch by donation (suggested \$10). For more information, please contact Rita Butler or Cassandra Burke at 509-397-1639 or 509-237-0116.

**GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**

**East Oakville Grange** will be holding a Swap Meet at their hall on August 5-7. The event will be 9 am to 5 pm each day. Vendors are welcome. Reach out to Rob for more information, 360-523-8585 (cell).

**Humptulips Grange** members held a work party to trim the

shrubbery in the landscaping around the hall. The pruned shrubs look much better than they previously did. We hosted the Pomona Grange contests on May 12 and the Pomona Grange meeting on May 13. We have completed our bingo events for the season, with the last event on May 6. Bingo will return on October 6. The food bank served 64 families in May.

**Olympic View Grange** is busy with hall rentals and making plans for their participation in the Grays Harbor County Fair. Several members received purple ribbons in the Pomona Grange Contests and will send their entries to state.

**Satsop Grange** continues with their monthly flea markets on the first weekend of each month. The Grange is working on hall improvements. In April, the Grange sponsored the Easter Egg Hunt for the Satsop School.

**Sharon Grange** was joined by the members of the Critter Crew 4-H Club to mow the grass and clean up the Sharon Cemetery. The successful workday was held on May 13, in preparation for Memorial Day.

**LEWIS COUNTY**

**Hope Grange** started our upgrade with an audit from Lewis County PUD. We had an existing propane wall furnace located in the kitchen/dining hall and old, old wood burning furnace used on rare occasions. PUD recommendations were to consider upgrading to an electric heat pump or ductless heat pump. Continue upgrading lighting systems as we had a mix of fluorescent and incandescent lamps. Upgrade attic space insulation above the kitchen/dining hall which had R9 insulation and the attic space above the main hall is estimated to be at least R19. No insulation in crawl space of main hall (kitchen/dining hall is on a slab). They found some structural

issues in the main hall under flooring and suggested this may need fixed prior to insulating. Wall insulation in main hall is estimated to be R0. Windows are double pane vinyl. Main water heater is old electric resistance storage tank located in an unconditioned storage room. Following their many recommendations we crawled under and repaired foundation, we installed sheetrock in old wood furnace room, we added insulation to all exterior walls, main hall crawl space and kitchen/dining hall attic space. Additional venting of the attic and crawl space was completed. Upgraded water tank to a heat pump water heater. Upgraded the HVAC to heat pump with multi-head ductless heat pump. Thanks to Lewis County PUD and TransAlta for grant funding for the HVAC, insulation and water heater. Thanks to all contractors that worked with us to complete this work. During this time, our 1960's well pump

chose to stop working, so a new pump was installed with a new pressure tank recommended, which is being looked at as we submit this article.

**PACIFIC COUNTY**

**Long Beach Grange** held an Oyster Dinner on May 6. Following dinner, guests enjoyed the music of the "Shameless Celts". Kitchen Music Sundays are held every Sunday at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend. A variety of public educational classes are being offered at the Grange Hall: May 18 – An Introduction to Home Canning; May 24 – The Container Victory Garden; May 30 – Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimers. We held a Chicken Fried Steak, Biscuits, and Eggs Breakfast and Lunch on May 20. Memorial Day Weekend featured an Indoor Garage Sale. Breakfast and Lunch will be available at the sale.

# Grange Connection

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**North River Grange** hosted a spring plant and see exchange. The kitchen remodeling project is nearing completion.

**SKAGIT COUNTY**

**Skagit Valley Grange** learned the results of the Family Living and Lecturer contests at their April meeting. We had several winners in the Photography and Arts & Crafts contests, as well as in baking and needlework. Lecturer, Jean Swift, talked about the Heritage Program and read the paragraph for April. That brought about a good discussion about the program in general and the importance of looking to the heart and mind rather than outward appearances. Jean Swift and Karen Castello were elected to serve as delegates to the State Grange Convention. At the May meeting, we heard the results of the extended baking contest. Skagit Valley had several entries. Chaplain, Karen Castello, presented the Memorial Service, remembering five members show passed in the last year. She also remembered those who lost their lives in service to our country.

**SPOKANE COUNTY**

**Green Bluff Grange** will host the Boy Scouts on June 6 for a U.S. Flag Retirement program. The 2nd Annual Tractor Parade will follow the June 25 breakfast (around 11:15). This was a blast last year and we expect more tractors this year!!!

We welcomed five new members at recent meetings. GB Grange has made several donations to various charities from the proceeds of our 2022 Harvest Festival. Our 2023 Harvest Festival is recruiting vendors again for the last three weekends of October. Spin-Ins are held each 3rd Saturday of the month. Members are planning to do a reprinting of our Green Bluff's Heritage book copyrighted in 1984. The Spokane Interstate Fair held in September has a theme of "It's Showtime" and introducing their mascot "The Moo-Valous Cedar," a highland cow born on January 25. This should prove to be an interesting theme for our Grange Booth members.

**STEVENS COUNTY**

**Camas Valley Grange** had a busy May. The Bingo night was well attended, and everyone had a great time. At the May meeting, another deep-cleaning day was scheduled since the Grange has been reserved for a few special events this summer, including a wedding. A lot of people were at the Springdale Yard Sale Day. Tables were set up inside and outside of the Grange building, including the Junior Grange Bake Sale, plus yard sale events at some areas around town - there was so much to look at and purchase. The Grange will have a spot at the July Showcase in the Park. Soon tickets for the 2023 raffle quilt that Irene made will be available - and it is stunning. Please remember to keep in touch with family, friends, and neighbors.

**THURSTON COUNTY**

**South Union Grange** held their regular monthly meeting on Monday May 15. A resolution to retain the 1% annual cap on property tax increases was voted on and sent to State Grange. The garage sale committee reported that our April 28-29 sale was a big success. The next meeting will be on Monday June 19 at 7 pm.

**WALLA WALLA COUNTY**

**Burbank Grange** held a cleanup day with about 15 volunteers trimming shrubs, raking leaves and cleaning the inside the hall. We have completely redone both bathrooms with repainting, new floors and new high line toilets. In the hall the dining room ceiling has been repainted and in the meeting room more improvements, painting and floors waxed. For Grange month we had an open house with our Southeastern Washington Grange deputy Jennifer Webb present. The Grange awarded \$1500 scholarships to 3 seniors from Columbia High School. These 3 helped at our Sunday Breakfasts for 3 years, that we have on the 4th Sundays in March and November.

**WHITMAN COUNTY**

**Whelan-Ewartsville Grange** will meet for the annual End-of-the-Year Picnic on Saturday, June 17 at 1 p.m. on the "new" front porch. All Granges and all grange members are invited to the event. An informal meeting will end the luncheon.

## 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** ..... July 11 at Fairview, 4 p.m.
- CLARK**..... June 14 at Manor, 7 p.m. Next meeting is July 12 at Manor.
- COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM** ..... August 19 at Butch Ogden's Home, 1 p.m.
- EXCELSIOR**..... July 15 at Williams Valley, 10:30 a.m. with a picnic for lunch
- GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC** ..... July 8 at Long Beach, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- ISLAND**..... June 3 at Deer Lagoon, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. All contest entries due. Next meeting is September 9 at South Camano.
- Klickitat** ..... September 9 at Glenwood.
- LEWIS** ..... August 5 at Logan Hill, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- MASON** ..... September 16 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PEND OREILLE** ..... June 3 at Camden.
- PIERCE** ..... June 3 at Ohop with Elk Plain hosting, 10 a.m.
- SKAGIT** ..... June 7 at Summit Park, 6:30 p.m.
- SNAKE RIVER** ..... September 16 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
- SPOKANE** ..... August 19 at Tri Community, 10 a.m.
- STEVENS** ..... July 22 at Quillisascut, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- THURSTON** ..... June 1 at South Bay, 7 p.m. Will include flower arranging contest. Pomona Picnic is July 9 at the Nelson Ranch.
- WHATCOM** ..... June 20 at Laurel, 6 p.m. potluck, meeting to follow.
- WHITMAN** ..... July 15 at Basset Park in Washtucna, 12 p.m. picnic. If the weather is bad, will move to the Rimrock Grange Hall.
- YAKIMA VALLEY** ..... July 10 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

## Pomona Connection

**COWLITZ/WAHKIAKUM POMONA**

Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona will meet for a Pomona Picnic August 19 at Butch Ogden's Home in Castle Rock. There will not be a meeting in June or July.

**GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA**

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange held their contests on May 12, with the Pomona meeting on May 14, both at the Humptulips Grange Hall. There were 260 contest entries between the two departments. 96 purple ribbons were awarded and will represent the Pomona Grange at the state level. Davona Gwin and Lillie Savage were selected to be delegates to the State Grange Convention. The Pomona Grange awarded four partial campships to attend Morehead Junior Grange Camp this summer. Plans are progressing for the Youth Fairs Program and the Pomona Grange display at the county fair. We scheduled a Basket Bingo Fundraiser for October 28. The next Pomona meeting will be on Saturday, July 8 at the Long Beach Grange Hall. We will begin with a 12 p.m. potluck, with the Pomona Grange meeting to follow. The Pomona Grange will have a display at the Grays Harbor County

Fair in August.

**PIERCE COUNTY POMONA**

Pierce County Pomona would like to recognize Keegan Dompier as the recipient of the 2023 Pierce County Pomona Scholarship. He is the Grandson of Geneal Palmer of Ohop Grange. Keegan will be attending the University of Washington in the Fall after graduating 1st in his class at Lindbergh High School. Congratulations Keegan.

**SKAGIT COUNTY POMONA**

Skagit County Pomona #10 held their Family Living and Lecturer Contests at Fredonia Grange Hall prior to their April meeting. Entries were displayed before the meeting and results were announced. Family Living contests had many entries, except for the Baking Contest which had only three entries, all in the quick bread category. It was decided to extend the baking contest to the May meeting, where entries would be accepted in all classes except quick breads. Of special note was the quilt contest. Thanks to our Quilts of Valor group, there were 16 entries in this contest, with six purple ribbons awarded. May found Pomona Grange meeting at Samish Valley Grange

Hall. The baking contest was more successful with 13 baked entries and three candies. Debbie Riegel-Yates was elected to be our delegate to the State Convention, and a committee was formed to review the resolutions as they came in. Chaplain, Barbara Hoffman, presented the Memorial Service honoring nine department members. The auction of baked entries after each meeting resulted in \$225, which will be forwarded to the Family Living charities.

**THURSTON COUNTY POMONA**

Thurston County Pomona Grange met at Prosperity Grange Hall on May 4 for their regular meeting. The meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner. Chaplain Pam Mathews led the annual memorial program. Five members were remembered. Upcoming events for Thurston County Pomona include the annual picnic at 2 pm on July 9 at the Nelson Ranch and a Veterans' Appreciation event at South Union Grange on July 23. The county-wide Silver Star and Golden Sheaf recognition event is scheduled for August 13 at 2 pm at Violet Prairie Grange. The next business meeting is scheduled for September 7 at 7 pm at Skookumchuck Grange, with no meetings in July or August.

## Clallam County Pomona Hold Memorial Service



Clallam County Pomona Grange hosted their quarterly meeting at Dry Creek Grange on April 23th. A memorial service was held for Grangers who have passed away from 2020-2022.