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Mossyrock Volunteer Firefighter Wins National Grange Award

Morgan Browning honored with 2023 Firefighter/EMT of the Year award, becoming the second Mossyrock firefighter to earn the accolade.

By Owen Sexton
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Born and raised in Mossyrock, Morgan Browning still lives in the East Lewis County community

famous for its blueberries. She is currently pursuing a firefighting career while volunteering for Lewis County Fire District 3.

On Tuesday, March 12, Browning was honored in the fire district's fire station in Mossyrock after she won the National Grange 2023 Firefighter/EMT of the Year Award. Nine members of the Mossyrock Grange, along with Browning's fellow firefighters,

were in attendance to see her receive the award.

"This is quite the accomplishment. I was privileged enough to get this award a couple of years ago," Lewis County Fire District 3 Fire Chief Doug Fosburg said.

Fosberg won the award in 2021.

Mossyrock Grange President Darell Myers said they originally nominated Browning for a

different award.

The Mossyrock Grange first nominated her for the Washington State Grange Community Service Volunteer Award.

The State Grange then submitted the same nomination they received to the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry for its Firefighter/EMT of the Year Award.

"So that's two people from this fire department now that have won this award from the National Grange," Myers said.

Honored to receive the award, Browning said watching the announcement ceremony was somewhat nerve-racking.

"We were watching it live on Facebook, and the second right before they announced it, the audio cut out," Browning said.

Though only 22, Browning already has six years of

experience in firefighting. She started as a cadet for Lewis County Fire District 3 in 2017, according to the Mossyrock Grange's nomination form.

She became a volunteer firefighter for District 3 as soon as she turned 18 in 2019. She became an EMT in 2022. Just last month, she received her advanced EMT certificate from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Additionally, Browning graduated from North Seattle College in June 2023 with an associate degree in fire services.

Aside from her work as a firefighter, Browning volunteers for community events the fire district helps out with, including Mossyrock's Easter egg hunt, the Halloween trick-or-treat event, the Blueberry Festival parade

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MAY 2024 issue deadline – APRIL 20th
Submissions can be sent to grangenews@wa-grange.org

Pictured above: Morgan Browning was presented the 2023 National Grange EMT/Firefighter of the year award by Mossyrock Grange Master Darell Myers at the Fire Department. Photo includes Chief Doug Fosburg.

President's Message

It's Grange Month... Lets Celebrate And Promote Grange

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

Welcome to GRANGE Month!!!

For several years, the NationalGrangehascelebrated and brought awareness to our cause through Grange Month and the amazing things our Granges do throughout the nation. It is a fun time for everyone, with a multitude of events, themed days and weeks, all falling into a month of celebration for the organization we all love.

This special month is all about seeing entire families benefit from our celebrations, participating in programs and activities, and having meaningful conversations on improving our communities. Our intent is to use the month of April to strengthen our families and communities for the greater good.

We wish to build our organization to have a greater impact on the future of our communities, state and nation. Our goal is to make our Granges and our communities stronger tomorrow than they are today!

The National Grange has promotional materials available for download for each Grange. Visit the National Grange website: https://www.nationalgrange.org/grange_month_2024/ to get your copy of the promotional materials.

It is not too late for your Grange to still make plans to celebrate GRANGE MONTH! Take a look at the available items. A couple easy projects instantly come to mind:

- Set up a display in your community portraying the positive impact you are making.
- Invite non-members to a

Our intent is to use the month of April to strengthen our families and communities for the greater good.

-- Tom Gwin



Tom Gwin

All Granges have the opportunity to put a program together to positively portray the impacts our Granges are making across our state.

The State will conclude GRANGE Month in late April by hosting the Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference. The conference, at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall, will bring Grange members from all the Western States together for three days of fellowship, activities, and fun. The educational workshops will continue to make our Granges stronger tomorrow than they are today. Registrations are due by April 10.

A final note.....

Last month, one of the pictures printed in The Grange News could have been considered offensive to some of our members. For that, we apologize. There was never any intent to offend anyone by printing a picture that could be considered offensive. We will continue to scrutinize each picture for appropriateness and the potential hidden messages. The Grange, at all levels, will continue it's non-partisan stance as stated in the Grange's Declaration of Purposes.

potluck at your Grange Hall

- Sponsor a class or workshop for the community at large.
- Plan a special service project that will benefit the community
- Hold a work party to spruce up your Grange Hall
- Attend an event with your fellow Grange members in masse, all wearing your favorite Grange shirt
- Make a special presentation to an outstanding citizen in your community
- Celebrate GRANGE Spirit Week, promoted on the National Grange website; encouraging your members to do the same

Legislative

Initiatives To The Legislature

By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist



Jesse Taylor

Springtime is upon us and I hope you and yours had a great Easter with friends and family! When I look back to my childhood and think about April, two things always come to mind. Baseball and Spring Fair. The Mariners have already begun their 2024 campaign and right behind them hard-working volunteers from all across the state will give our youth fairgoers a lifetime of memories, friends, smiles, scars and tears.

As always Whatcom County will kick off the fair season with the Youth Fair on April 5th and 6th in Lynden, WA. That will get the ball rolling into the Puyallup Spring Fair, Asotin County, Evergreen Fair in Monroe and then just as the calendar turns the Spokane Junior Livestock Show will welcome us to May. You can see the entire schedule at this page. <https://www.wastatefairs.com/events/filters/iso=1>

Washington State is home to 69 different agricultural fairs each year varying in size and scope. These include 38 area and county fairs, 19 community fairs, and 12 youth shows. Among these events we will see up to 70,000 exhibitors, and 6,000 volunteers. The latest economic impact statement about fairs in Washington state shows they bring in an estimated \$397 million in business revenue to the state economy. Around 3,200 jobs statewide. Roughly \$152 million in labor income (including benefits) in Washington state. And an estimated \$10 million in state sales, business and occupation, and other taxes statewide.

So go support your local fair and watch the kids show their projects to the public. If you want to find faith in the generation coming up, stop and talk to one of the youth showmen or exhibitors and listen to their journey through their youth program and their project.

Initiatives to the Legislature

This year signature gatherers across the state qualified six initiatives for the General Election at the end of the year. In the final days of the legislative session, lawmakers took up three of those proposed initiatives that qualified for the November ballot. Ultimately legislators passed three of those making them state law. The three initiatives, in effect, bar an income tax, put a "parents' bill of rights" into law and lift some restrictions on when police can chase suspects.

The remaining three initiatives, which legislative leaders have said they will not act on, would repeal the state's capital gains tax, repeal the Cap & Trade Carbon Tax, and make the payroll tax to pay for a state long-term care insurance program optional. If the Legislature doesn't act in a special session this summer, each of these initiatives will go on the ballot in November.

The author of the remaining three initiatives is a group called Let's Go Washington. You can see their detailed information about the initiatives at <https://letsgowashington.com/>

To be clear, these initiatives will not be part of the August primary as they have already qualified for the general election through signature gathering.

Please stay apprised of these as well as legislative primary elections coming to you soon.

Green Bluff Grange Hosts Seed Giveaway And Mason Bee Hotel Straw Rolling Event



Green Bluff Grange recently hosted a Pollinator Night where members rolled paper straws for Mason Bee Hotels, and also included Seed Packet distribution.

WA State Grange To Recognize 2024 Graduates

The Washington State Grange will recognize Grange members who are members of the Class of 2024 in an upcoming issue of The Grange News.

We ask each Grange to submit the names of those who will be graduating in 2024, along with a photo of the graduate. High school graduates will have their name, Grange, and school listed. College graduates will have their name, Grange, school, and degree received with area of study.

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

12 Granges Receive Capital Budget Grants

The Washington State Senate and House of Representatives approve the 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget on March 6. Governor Inslee follow up by signing the capital budget bill on March 29. We are pleased to have 12 Granges listed in the “Local Projects” section of the capital budget. The 12 Granges who received funding this year are:

- Legislative District 2 – Ohop Grange - \$30,000
 - Legislative District 7 – Oroville Grange - \$62,000
 - Legislative District 10 – South Camano Grange - \$132,000
 - Legislative District 12 – Manson Grange - \$193,000
- Legislative District 13 – Menastash Grange - \$85,000
 - Legislative District 14 – Columbia Grange - \$25,000
 - Legislative District 14 – Mountain View Grange - \$100,000
 - Legislative District 19 – Lincoln Creek Grange - \$81,000
 - Legislative District 20 – Rose Valley Grange \$40,000
 - Legislative District 24 – Chimacum Grange - \$26,000
 - Legislative District 24 – Crescent Grange - \$103,000
 - Legislative District 35 –

Matlock Grange - \$90,000

The 12 grants total \$973,000. Approved projects include electrical replacement, drainage remediation, ADA compliance, heating and HVAC replacement, roof replacement, and addressing water issues at the Grange Halls.

Thank you to Grange Lobbyist Jesse Taylor, our State Grange staff, our state legislators, and the members of these Granges who worked tirelessly with their legislators in securing these funds. Also, to the Washington State Grange Executive Committee and the delegates to the Annual State Grange Session who embraced this project when it was presented as a part

of the President’s Address at the 2023 State Session.

While we are pleased with the 12 Granges who did receive funding, we were surprised by a few of the other Granges who did not receive funding this year, especially with the efforts made by the members of some of those Granges.

Follow up information for those receiving grants will come from the WA State Department of Commerce, who will be the administrator of the capital

budget grants. The State Grange staff will continue assisting our Granges by providing necessary documentation through the process.

The Washington State will continue their efforts to obtain additional funds for Capital Improvements to Grange Halls across our state in 2025. Subordinate Granges should expect a mailing in July of this year, which will outline our 2025 plans.

Community Service

Deadlines Approaching



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson
Community Service Director

Deadlines are quickly approaching. All community service reports, and all volunteer recognition applications are due June 1. Postmark of June 1 excepted as well.

Community Service Reports:

Your community service report should consist of the following: the community service report form; report of your work explaining the need for the project; what you did and including recognition and pictures; and identification of your major project for the year. The more information you can provide and the more documentation you have will strengthen your report. Your main project should be stronger than the other projects and may require more pages and documentation than the others. There is a maximum of 50 pages (front and back) or 100 total sides, not including the report form.

Volunteer Recognition Program:

- Law Enforcement Officer
 - Firefighter/EMS
 - Teacher
- Volunteer
 - Group

Upon awarding the Community Citizen Award, each Grange is encouraged to nominate their local winner for State Grange Recognition. At the state level, we will recognize an “Outstanding Community Volunteer and/or Group”, “Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer”, “Outstanding Teacher” and “Outstanding Firefighter and/or EMS” each year. Groups may not be Grange groups, but Grange members may be members of the group.

The Grange Exchange

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

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

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

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

Ad copy (or attach copy): _____

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

State Grange Standing Committee Meetings Scheduled

The eight Standing Committees for the Washington State Grange are scheduled to meet in April. Each of the Standing Committees will review current State Grange Legislative Policy, making recommendations for changes, deletions, or additions to the policy. Those recommendations will be referred to the delegates at the Annual State Grange Session, which is scheduled for June 26-30 in Colville. All Standing Committee Meetings will be held via Zoom.

DATE	TIME	COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Tues, April 9	6:30 pm	Conservation & Ecology	Chair – Butch Ogden, Don Kapitanovich, Isabella Lierman, Shavanna May, Sara Nan Riordan, Todd Scholz, Lynn Wells, Russ Weston
Wed, April 10	2:00 pm	Education	Chair – Ann Fackenthall, Terry Ferguson, Shawn Donelly, Judy Hossner, Sindy Kelly, Emil Moilanen, Laura Rookstool, Robert Sholes, Jean Swift
Wed, April 10	6:30 pm	Health, Healthcare & Safety	Chair – Christine Hamp, JoAnn Anderson Morgan Browning, Jerry Gwin, Janna Hagarty, Jennifer Oliver, Kirby Pollard, Victor Stevens, Jordanne Webb
Thurs, April 11	6:30 pm	Agriculture	Chair – Rex Ogden, Larry Auvil, Karen Derrey, Roger Ellison, Dennis Hall, Carolyn Hojem, Mary Hunt, Greg Jones, Alexis Kudsk, Richard Lefever, Chase Metzger, Tom Muchoney
Mon, April 15	6:30 pm	State & National Issues	Chair – Jonny Pittman, Aland Anderson, Rick Ferguson, Oren Gaskill, Tom Hann, Susan Hegney, Pam Mathews, Lillie Savage, Steve Singhose
Wed, April 17	2:00 pm	Good of the Order	Chair – David Bryant, Ed Armit, Tom Cullen, Debbie Fisch, Davona Gwin, Matt Harbin, Annie Scott, Robert Shea, Leslie Wells
Wed, April 17	6:30 pm	Transportation & Taxation	Chair – Scott Hackett, Marcy Belles, Lucille Bevis, Jacob Gwin, Rodger Lance, Brittney Pittman, Chuck Prochaska, Kirk Van Gelder, Christie Vintilo
Thurs, April 18	2:00 pm	Fish & Wildlife	Chair – Peter Hauk, Duane Hamp, Karen Kastello, Jim Lahde, Claudine Lefever, Jim Lyle, Darrel Meyers, Lonnie Scott

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

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

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Lecturer's Department

You Still Have a Few Days ...

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer



Leslie Jo Wells

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST:

- 1. This contest is open to Grange members only. Remember we no longer have categories for younger than 14 years old.
- 2. All entries must be either typed or neatly written in ink on 8 ½" x 11" paper. Illegible entries will be disqualified.
- 3. The following should be placed on the top right corner on the front of the entry: Name of entrant, Grange name and number, and Group/Class entered.
- 4. The Poetry Topic for 2024 is "Zoom". There is a 500-word limit.
- 5. The Short Story Topic for 2024 is "My First Ride". The maximum length is 3 pages, double spaced. Your short story/anecdote should entertain the reader.
- 6. All entries must be post marked by April 15th and sent to: Leslie Jo Wells, State Lecturer, 18232 201st Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272.
- 7. Judging criteria: Originality and Organization; Adherence to Topic and Contest Rules; and grammar, spelling, punctuation, and neatness.
- 8. Prizes: All entries will receive blue, red or green ribbons. First, second, and third place in each class will receive rosettes. Cash prizes will be awarded as listed below.

Group A – Adults, age 20 and over

The Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$50 and the 2nd Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$25

- A-1 – Poetry – Metered
- A-2 – Poetry – Free Verse
- A-3 – Short Story

Group B – Youth, ages 14-19

The Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$50 and the 2nd Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$25

- B-1 – Poetry – Metered
- B-2 – Poetry – Free Verse
- B.3 – Short Story

Just A Reminder to Pomona Lecturers:

Please send me your Pomona Contest results ASAP after your contests. Send the form to Leslie Jo Wells, 18232 201st Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272. Or, you can scan the completed report form and email it to me at lesliewells@att.net.

Heirloom Project Readings April, May and June 2024

APRIL 2024: "In our fraternity there is work for all and those reap the most abundant harvest of Grange benefits who contribute most liberally of their own time and talent."
(Official Grange Obligation Ceremony; Secretary)

MAY 2024: "For in our fraternity there is work for all, and the idler has no place among Patrons of Husbandry."
(First Degree; Vice President)

JUNE 2024: "Grangers are likened to Shepherds. Our flock is our Grange and our neighbors. We are taught to keep 'those within the fold, and to reclaim the wandering... Be patient with the wayward, carefully instruct the erring, diligently seek and bring back the straying and those that are cast out.'"
(Second Degree; Chaplain)



Grange Camper Assc.

Grange Camper Assc. Annual Rally & Meeting

May 31-June 2 • 787 Chenois Ave NE, Ocean Shores, Washington

- Friday:** Arrival anytime
- Saturday:** 8am Hosted pancake breakfast
10am Annual meeting
5pm Hosted spaghetti dinner (Guest bring Dessert)
- Sunday:** Breakfast on your own, then visiting
- Monday:** You are welcome to stay longer
- Cost:** \$25 per rig for the weekend \$5 for drive ins
- RSVP:** Please RSVP by text to Verne with your name, size, and type of RV for planning parking arrangements. • Verne Figg 206-650-4054

One door prize per Club!

Whitman County Pomona Honors 50-Year Member



At the March 15th meeting of Whitman County Pomona, Scott Lyle presented his dad, Jim Lyle, with his 50-year Golden Sheaf Certificate of Membership.

Fruitland Grange Working On Community Garden Project



Spring is on it's way and Fruitland Grange is getting ready. A major project has been undertaken by one of our newest members, Valerie Gibson, our Grange, and a local boyscout, Barrett West, who is working for his Eagle Scout Badge. Together, they are working on installing a community garden. This collaborative team has spent many hours clearing out trees, bringing and spreading bark and soil for preparation for the raised beds. It will be wonderful when these beds are full of veggies and plants that will make a further connection with the community, when food will be supplied to our local families, and food banks with the extras.

Mossyrock Volunteer Firefighter Wins National Grange Award

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and giving Santa a ride in a firetruck to the town's Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Along with other volunteer firefighters, Browning has worked with Mossyrock Elementary School to bring the ambulance and firetruck to do demonstrations for students.

She has also recently obtained her pyrotechnics license to help with fireworks displays the City of Mossyrock puts on for various events — as long as no fire restrictions are in place.

"Morgan is a volunteer that can be relied on to get things done, not only on calls, but at the station," the Mossyrock Grange wrote on the nomination form. "She will respond 24/7 to calls in our district and other districts as well if she is available."

Browning is planning to attend paramedic school this fall and hopes to return to continue her firefighting career in Mossyrock after graduating.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Grange Youth Activities Spring Into High Gear

By Jerry Gwin
Youth Grange Director



Jerry Gwin

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

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

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

The 2024 Western Regional Leaders and Youth Conference will be held April 25-28 in Yakima. We just learned Garrett Phelps, National Grange Youth Ambassador, is planning to attend the conference. We will schedule a time for him to meet with the youth present at the conference. Registration information was mailed to each Grange in March. Be sure to get your registration in by April 10.

Juniors

Time To Submit Junior Grange Reports

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director



Heather Ferguson

It is officially Spring! What are your Juniors doing to take part in this time of year? There are so many fun things we can do now that the weather is nicer.

Junior Leaders and Subordinate Secretaries, please take note of the following:

JUNIOR GRANGE LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Due June 1

Junior Grange Leader of the Year will be selected annually based on the nomination from any Grange or Grange member. A Junior Grange Leader of the Year may not be chosen more than once in a five-year period.

ATTENTION ALL JUNIOR LEADERS:

All annual reports were due to the State Grange Office March 31st. Thank you to Addy, Fargher Lake, Humptulips and Stranger Creek Junior Granges for getting your reports in on time. If your Junior Grange was not listed above, your reports are past due. Please get those in ASAP. If a Junior Grange has not reported in the past two years, the Washington State Grange Executive Committee will look at closing those Junior Granges later this Spring.

JUNIOR GRANGE 1+ PROGRAM

If any local area does not have 13 children ready for a Junior

Grange, use the 1+ program. Any Subordinate/Community Grange, anyplace in the Nation, can start with a single Junior Grange-age child and build a Junior Grange Program from there. The process to start a Junior Grange 1+ program is easy. All Subordinate Granges with 1+ Junior members must name a Junior Grange Committee Chair.

SUBORDINATE SECRETARIES:

Please be sure you are reporting your Juniors as a Junior 1+. All Juniors ages 5-14 should be reported on your new member report with their birthdates as well.

Jr. Grange Camps

Junior Grange Camps Offer Opportunities For Kids In 2024

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.

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). 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 \$125 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.

Camp Morehead is located near Nahcotta on the Long Beach Peninsula. The camp will run July 6-11 (Sat-Thurs) under the guidance of Co-Directors Tom Gwin (360-581-0177 or tagwin0181@outlook.com) and Jacob and Tessa Gwin. Registration fees will be \$250 if received prior to July 20 and \$300 if received after June 21 1. Send fees and forms to Tom Gwin, PO Box 181, Humptulips WA 98552. Checks should be made payable to Morehead Junior Grange Camp.

Registrations for **Camp Wooten**, July 22-26, 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 dawnyearout2@yahoo.com.

The fee for **Mayfield Junior Grange Camp**, located near Mossyrock, July 14-20, will be \$300. 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.

The final camp of the season will be the **Clallam County Junior Grange Camp**, held July 28-August 2 at Camp David on the shores of Lake Crescent in Clallam County. Cindy Kelley is leading the leadership team putting this camp together. The cost for the camp is \$300 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.

Two camps, Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp and Camp NEWA (Northeast District), have chosen not to operate in 2024. Both camps are experiencing facility and staffing issues. Both camps are planning to operate in 2025.

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!

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

Here's how you can help:

Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?

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



Western Regional Conference



Western Regional Grange Youth And Leaders Conference

• April 25-28 In Yakima •

The Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference has been set for April 25-28, 2024 at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall in Yakima, WA. The Washington State Grange, assisted by the Yakima Valley Pomona Grange, will be hosting this year’s conference.

The Western Regional Grange Conference serves as a leadership training opportunity for our Grange youth and leaders. It also provides an avenue to share ideas with other Grangers in the Western Region. The Grange Youth Department holds their regional contests in public speaking, sign-a-song, and Grange Jeopardy at the conference. The Western Region consists of the Granges in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and Alaska.



WHAT:	WESTERN REGIONAL GRANGE YOUTH AND LEADERS CONFERENCE	7:00 pm	Impromptu Speaking, sponsored by the WA State Grange Youth Department Age Categories: Juniors (5-13 years), Youth (14-20 years), Young Adult (21-30 years), Youth Alumni (31 and over) Live Auction (to support the Western Region’s National Convention Host Fund) Silent Auction Closes at the end of the Live Auction Contra Dance Presentation with Group Participation – Broadway Grange Contra Dancers
DATE:	APRIL 25-28-2024		
LOCATION:	TERRACE HEIGHTS GRANGE HALL 3701 BIRCHFIELD AVENUE, YAKIMA, WA	8:30 pm	

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, April 25

5:30 pm	Registration Opens
7:30 pm	Get Acquainted Activities

Friday, April 26

	Hospitality - Open All Day Silent Auction - Open All Day Breakfast on Your Own
8:00 am	Registration Open
8:30 am	Workshop #1 – “Preserving Your Grange Archives” – Heather Ferguson
10:00 am	Yakima Valley Bus Tour – Treveri Cellars and Bale Breaker Brewing Company Alternative Activity – “Making Sourdough” and “Strawberry Freezer Jam”
4:00 pm	Arrive back at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall
4:30 pm	Workshop #2 – “Finding the Gaps: How to Create and Conduct a Community Needs Assessment” – Amanda Brozana Rios
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Workshop #3 – “Generational Differences” – Kent Hojem
8:30 pm	Recreational Activities

Saturday, April 27

	Hospitality - Open All Day Silent Auction - Open All Day Breakfast on Your Own
8:00 am	Agriculture Tour – Busses Leave at 8 am sharp – Kinsey Farms and Asparagus Processing Plant
12:00 pm	Central Washington Ag Museum – sack lunch, walking tour of the museum and the Grange Library
2:30 pm	Arrive back at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall
3:00 pm	Workshop #4 – “Creating Sponsorship Opportunities for your Subordinate Grange” – Jesse Taylor Workshop #5 – “Agricultural Careers – Your Future is Bright!” – Jamie Sackman
4:00 pm	Workshop #6 – “Effective Communication Styles in a Digital World” – 2023 National Grange Communications Fellow Workshop #7 – “Youth Fairs Panel Discussion” – Joseph Stefenoni, Tom Gwin, Brittney Pittman, and Rick Ferguson
5:30 pm	Dinner

Sunday, April 28

	Breakfast on Your Own
8:00 am	Hospitality Open
9:00 am	Worship Service – Carolyn Hojem, Washington State Grange Chaplain
9:30 am	Workshop #8 - “Making the Grange Legislative Process Work for You” – Jesse Taylor
10:30 am	Wrap Up, Evaluation, Invitation for 2025

LODGING:

Lodging is available at several hotels in Yakima. Conference attendees should make their own reservations. Below is a list of hotel facilities. Feel free to check out these hotels online.

- ➔ Oxford Suites, 1701 E Yakima Avenue, Yakima, 509-457-9000
- ➔ Baymont by Wyndham, 1603 E Yakima Avenue, Yakima, 509-654-9168
- ➔ Best Western Ahtanum Inn, 2408 Rudkin Road, Yakima, 509-248-9700
- ➔ Super 8, 2605 Rudkin Road, Union Gap, 509-654-9371
- ➔ Holiday Inn, 802 E Yakima Avenue, Yakima, 509-494-7000
- ➔ Comfort Suites, 3702 Fruitvale Blvd, Yakima, 509-249-1900
- ➔ Red Lion Yakima Center, 607 E Yakima Avenue, Yakima, 509-248-5900
- ➔ Fairfield Inn & Suites, 137 N Fair Avenue, Yakima, 509-452-3100
- ➔ Hilton Garden Inn Yakima Downtown, 401 E Yakima Avenue, Yakima, 509-454-1111

CAMPING:

Camping is available at the Yakima Sportsman State Park. This is one-half mile from the Grange Hall. We will provide shuttle service from the campground to the hotel throughout the weekend. Telephone 509-575-2774 or email Yakima.sportsman@parks.wa.gov

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

- Yakima** – Alaska Airlines has 1-2 daily flights to Seattle.
 - We will provide shuttle from the airport.
- Tri Cities (Pasco)** – Allegiant, Avelo, Alaska, American, Delta, and United Airlines all serve Pasco, a one-hour drive to Yakima.
 - We will provide shuttle service to Yakima.

Western Regional Conference

Western Regional Grange Youth And Leaders Conference Information Continued

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

There is a \$35 registration fee per person for the conference. This will include lunch and dinner on both Friday and Saturday, both tours, and workshop materials.

REGISTRATION:

There are two options for registration. You may complete the registration form and mail it in or you may do online registration. Online registration will begin March 1 on the WA State Grange website www.wa-grange.com . Registration must be received by April 15.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

“Preserving Your Grange Artifacts”

Heather Ferguson has worked for 18 years in museum education, museum collections, and artifacts. She is currently a consultant for museums and historical groups. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Interior Design and her Master’s Degree in Museum Studies. Heather is serving as the Director of Junior Grange Activities for the Washington State Grange.

“Finding the Gaps”

Amanda Brozana Rios is the National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director and Grange Foundation Associate. She is enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Mississippi focused on community leadership and higher education and is an active member of Jefferson Grange #1384 (PA) as Secretary and Potomac Grange #1 (DC) as Lecturer.

“Generational Differences”

Kent Hojem is a 40-year member of Newaukum Grange, Kent retired as the CEO of the Washington State Fair in 2022 after 17 years. He is a past Board Chair of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and was inducted into the IAFE Hall of Fame in 2019. Kent serves as the facilitator for the Puyallup-Sumner Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Institute.

“Creating Sponsorship Opportunities for your Subordinate Grange”

“Making the Grange Legislative Process Work for You”

Jesse Taylor – Jesse is the Legislative Lobbyist for the Washington State Grange. He also serves as the Executive Director of the Washington FFA Foundation, where he is responsible for fund raising for the Washington FFA organization. A former legislative staff member, Jesse is a WSU graduate in Agricultural Economics.

“Agricultural Careers – Your Future is Bright”

Jamie Sackman grew up a dryland hog farmer and married an irrigated cow guy. They raising 4 kids (11-18 years) in Grant County on Jeff’s parent’s farm where they manage the Registered Angus and Commercial Cattle Operation. They also raise hay. Jamie works part-time as a Livestock Nutritionist for Wolfkill Feed in Othello and teaches agriculture classes at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake. Over the years, she has been involved with a variety of Agricultural organizations and events showcasing the future of Agriculture on the state and national level. As an “ag-vocate”, Jamie enjoys talking to people about agriculture and encouraging people to share their passion about all aspects of feeding the world.

“Effective Communications in a Digital World”

What are the best practices when communicating digitally? How can we communicate clearly? Where should we be communicating? Who is our audience? The answers to these questions are Why you need to attend this workshop. Presented by the 2023 National Grange Communications Fellows: Carolyn Chamlee (NV), Jim Dumolt (OR), Meagan McDonald (WA), Katie Squire (CA) and Lexie Suing (OR).

“Youth Fairs Panel Discussion”

A discussion on the origins of the Grange Youth Fairs Program, goals and objectives, and how it intertwines with the fraternal Grange organization. Panelists include California State Grange President Joseph Stefenoni, Washington State Grange President Tom Gwin, Grant County (WA) Youth Fairs Program Coordinator Brittney Pittman, and Walla Walla County (WA) Youth Fairs Program Coordinator Rick Ferguson.

TOURS:


Treveri Cellars – Family-owned sparkling wine vineyard. Opened in 2010 just southeast of Yakima Washington. Their award-winning sparkling wines have been served at functions at the White House and James Beard Foundation. They produce a wide array of sparkling wines including non-traditional varieties. They oversee the entire growing and production process, from vine to bottle. Several of their vineyards are farmed organically. We are fortunate to have a private walking tour, tasting, and lunch at Treveri Cellars.

Bale Breaker Brewing Company – Family-owned brewery located just east of Yakima. Backed by four generations of hop farming experience, Bale Breaker started in 2013. They are the fourth largest independent craft brewery in Washington. They operate a 30-barrel brewhouse at a 27,000 square feet facility. The family first planted hops in the Yakima Valley in 1932, the year before Prohibition ended. We will have a walking tour of their operation and a chance to socialize over a good glass of beer.

Kinsey Family Farms – Family-owned farm, they are third generation farmers in the Yakima Valley. They started farming in the early 40’s in the Sunnyside area where they still farm today. They grow a diverse product line producing both conventional and organic. We will be touring their asparagus fields to observe harvest then to their warehouse to tour the processing. Kinsey Farms currently have around 200 acres in asparagus production. Greg Kinsey will be our host and guide for this tour.

Central Washington Agriculture Museum – Founded in 1979 and is located just south of Yakima. It is the largest museum of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. Home of 1000s of historic machinery and acres of exhibits that showcase farm life over the past 100 years. We will have lunch at the museum and then a drive through tour. Cheryl Reese Education Coordinator will be our host and guide.

Grange Library – The Grange library is located at the CW Ag Museum and will be open for us to browse and take in the history of local, state, and national Granges. It also has several historical books, some written by founders Kelley and Grosh from 1875 and 1876. The library also houses photos, documents, and symbols of the Grange. Liz Wade, one of the founding members, will be there to answer questions and guide us through the past.



WESTERN REGIONAL
GRANGE YOUTH AND LEADERS CONFERENCE

APRIL 25-28-2024

TERRACE HEIGHTS GRANGE HALL
3701 BIRCHFIELD AVENUE, YAKIMA WA

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Name _____ Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone (____) _____

Grange Name/Number _____ State _____

For Youth and Juniors (only), name of Chaperone _____

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Transportation: _____ Auto _____ Air _____ Other _____
If you are flying, do you need an airport shuttle? _____ Yes _____ No
Which Airport _____ Flight Number _____
Date of Arrival _____ Time of Arrival _____

Lodging: _____ Hotel _____ Campground (see info on Sportsman Park) _____ Other _____
If at Sportsman Park, will you need shuttle to the Grange Hall? _____ Yes _____ No

Meals – Please check which meals you will attend:
Friday, April 26
_____ Lunch (part of winery tour)
_____ Lunch (alternative activity)
_____ Dinner at 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
_____ Lunch at 12 p.m. (at Ag Museum)
_____ Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Please list any dietary restrictions _____

Tours – Please check the bus tours/activities you will attend:
Fri, April 26, 10 am to 4pm _____ Winery Tour OR _____ Sourdough and Freezer Jam Activity
Sat, April 27, 8 am to 2 pm _____ Agriculture – Asparagus Farm, Ag Museum, Grange Library

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Registration Fee: There is a \$35 registration fee that must accompany the registration form. Send registration form to: Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507.

Online registration will be available March 1. Go to the WA State Grange website: www.wa-grange.com to register for the conference. Credit cards are accepted.

Home & Family

Be Sure To Use New 2024 Entry Forms

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

How time flies. Easter is here and gone. Flowers are beginning to bloom. Trees are beginning to show their green foliage. I'm ready for this new season.

We still have room for more Quilt of Valor recipients. I will need these names by June 1st. Pat Veleke of McLane Grange has

agreed to be my right hand this year and will be the person in charge next year. Thank you, Pat.

As contests are getting under way, I would like to encourage you to get the purple winner names to me as soon as possible. I thank you in advance for helping me in this endeavor. Be sure to use our new entry forms found in this year's packet. Please destroy all other forms. This includes old

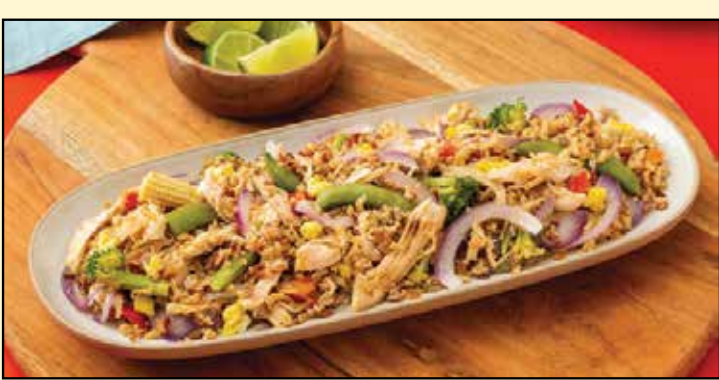
annual report forms as some of the information on the old ones is no longer relevant.

A healthy hint for this month is to try shopping just the outside of the grocery store. It has been said that is where the healthiest food is found. Less food with additives.

Have a Great Spring.



Helen Berg



Swith Up Dinnertime With Whole Grains

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Switch up your family's stir-fry routine with this savory version of Whole Grain Sesame Chicken Stir-Fry made with rice, quinoa, vegetables, rotisserie chicken and a blend of soy sauce and sesame oil. This simple meal is perfect for those busy weeknights when you need to save time without skimping on taste.

Ready to complement the succulent chicken and sesame-infused veggies, Minute Instant Rice & Quinoa offers a blend of four whole-grain ingredients: brown rice, red rice, wild rice and quinoa. Available in four convenient, pre-portioned, two-serving bags, it cooks in just 10 minutes for light, fluffy and delicious nutty flavor for recipe versatility from breakfast to dessert so you can rely on it as a family favorite for less time cooking and more time enjoying meals and moments together.

To find more quick, nutritious dinner solutions, visit MinuteRice.com.

Whole Grain Sesame Chicken Stir-Fry

Prep time: 3 minutes Cook time: 12 minutes
Servings: 3-4

- Ingredients:**
- 1 bag Minute Instant Rice & Quinoa
 - 1 cup vegetable broth
 - 1 tablespoon sesame oil, divided
 - 2 eggs, lightly beaten
 - 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 2 cups rotisserie cooked chicken, shredded
 - 2 cups frozen, Asian-style mixed vegetables, thawed
 - 2 tablespoons soy sauce

Prepare rice and quinoa according to package directions, substituting broth for water.

In medium wok or skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1/2 tablespoon sesame oil. Add eggs and, using spatula, quickly soft scramble. Continue stirring eggs until light and fluffy. Remove from pan and reserve.

Add remaining sesame oil to wok or skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic; stir-fry 2 minutes.

Add chicken and vegetables; stir-fry 2 minutes, or until heated through. Fold in rice and quinoa, eggs and soy sauce.

Source: Minute Rice

Roy Grange Hosts Seed Exchange Event



Roy Grange recently hosted a Spring Seed Exchange event. This was an amazing event... we are talking about a starters Exchange since so many people asked, and most grow more starters than they need. We now have a Grange Garden Mascot - Mr. Wibur Row (wheelbarrow) aka Willy B. Also a photo booth was built by two of our new members. They went above and beyond what we were trying to create - plus it's ADA friendly!

State Grange Schedules Zoom Training Sessions

As the State Grange Directors will not be attending the Grange Resource and Information Training sessions, a series of Zoom meetings has been developed as a supplement to the face-to-face Grange Resource and Leadership conferences. This will allow Grange members across the state to communicate directly with the state officers/directors to learn about the current programs.

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

Login information is the same for each meeting and is listed below.

FOCUS GROUP	DATE	TIME	FACILITATOR
YOUTH FAIRS PROGRAM	Wed, April 3 Wed, May 1	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	TOM GWIN, STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT
GRANGE MASTERS/ PRESIDENTS	Wed, April 24 Wed, May 29	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	TOM GWIN, STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

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

Rose Valley Grange Donates Dictionaries To Local School

Rose Valley Grange members Tammy and Phylliss delivered dictionaries to third graders at Rose Valley School.

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS March 2024

	# Joined	Jr. +1
603 Addy12	8	
Kacey Boivin, Tristin Boivin, Isaac Chapman, JoAnn Doering, Gracie Doering, Miki Hellie, Teresa Moore, River Martell, Amanda Robinson, Christy Eck, Elizabeth Eck, Tabitha Baugh		
571 Barberton2	3	
Cory Thomas, Michele Thomas		
404 Bethel2		
Christy Schiffler		
961 Black Lake1		
Christina (Tina) Powers		
687 Camden2		
Carrie Beck, Nancy Hartley		
681 Chimacum6	1	
Kelsey Nelson, Chris Miller, Pete Leenhouts, Earl Randall, Nial Motson, Sierra Young		
1123 Crescent4		
Dan Peacock, Linda Peacock, Dann May, Phyllis Bernard-May		
853 Fargher Lake1	2	
Renee Winters		
280 Garden City11	1	
Andrew Teesdale, Kristy Teesdale, Elizabeth Teesdale, Willian Teesdale, David Teesdals, Brandon John, Robert McDonald, Diana McDonald, Anna McDonald, Tammy Maes, Deborah Casteel		
730 Humptulips2		
Christina Rogers, Jonathan Miles		
296 Lower Naches1		
Patricia Monoian		
796 Manson19	9	
Josh Little, Diana Tsao, Terra Taylor, Shawn Taylor, Kathy Meyer, Steven Balloun, Tiffany Balloun, Rene Commons, Brenda Gelwicks, Alaric Pratt, Angel Grosvenor, Dave Grosvenor, Maggie Grosvenor, Katie Grosvenor, David Pletsch, Dallas Lewman, Denali Pletsch, Brittney Taylor		
276 Marion5	2	
Jerilyn Sawyer, Scott Merritt, Jacquelyn Sosbee, Scott Sosbee, Landen Messer		
357 Matlock5		
Amanda Oliva, Tiffany Vogland, Hannah Binder, Makenzie Dean, Brandon Pepin		
383 McLane1		
Steven R. Johnson		
946 North River1		
Amy Keenan		
964 Orcas Island3		
Heidi Laursen, Tom McDonough, Lisa-Dawn Risher		
985 Oroville7		
Susann Marie Glaser, Valerie Coolidge, Steven Brand, Kent Dillard, Tove Dillard, Annastasha Cantrell, Adan Mendoza		
815 Rexville5		
Larry McCormick, Barbara Summers, Don Robinson, Judy Robinson, Tim Goodman		
226 Rome1		
Laurel Lussin		
953 Rose Valley1		
Kathy McGowan		
702 Roy8		
Jeff Oxborough, Brandi Ockenfels, Jennifer Ockenfels, Tharin Ward, Lacie Ward, Tareka-Allyn Verbal, BellaJoy Verbal, Bridget Fosse		
684 San Poil3	3	
Jonathan Midkiff, Lauren Midkiff, Skye Midkiff		
1108 Sequim Prairie2		
Gay Rutter, Kayla Hagberg		
1058 Stillaguamish1		
Carrie Paulson		
984 Swauk Teanaway3		
Michael Richard, Jane Bator, Tara Stevenson		
1008 Tri Community2		
Christie Fields, Carol Gwynne Jeffries		
114 Whelan-Ewartsville2		
Marie Dymkoski, Aari Colwell		
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TOTALS112	29	

Our Strength Grows When We All Work Together

This month is Grange Month! This is the time for us to shout from the roof tops about this incredible organization. It's our time to "toot our own horns", as they say.

This is something that our Granges and Grangers must work harder on. How many times do you hear, "What is the Grange?". Or, "I always wondered what that building was". How is this still even a possibility that most people don't know what the Grange is? Look at what we have done in history. How can we effectively share our mission with others?

The National Grange has given us a strong statement that we can use to share our organization with others. This year's theme is:

GRANGE STRONG – ROOTED – RESILIENT – UNITED.

This really says it all about the Grange.

We are ROOTED!

Look at the longevity of this great organization. An organization that allowed women when most just pushed them into the kitchen. An organization that not only accepted

women but made specific leadership roles just for women. An organization that has a place not just for the men in our lives but for the women and children in our lives. It is the perfect place for the entire family. Our roots run deep with history. History we should both be proud of and should

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continue to boast about. Our history makes me and many of you the proud Grangers you are today!

We are RESILIENT!

With 135 years of experience behind our belt, we have grown through our ups and our downs. But at no time did we EVER give up. We saw how important the Grange as an

organization was and is to the citizens of Washington State. We have always been a more progressive state, making the Grange even more relevant and diverse. We are seeing more and more Granges revitalize and grow. With 130 Granges adding new members in 2023, we can see just how resilient we really are.

We are UNITED!

Could you imagine your community without the Grange? The Grange is a pillar in our communities but that would never be possible without the individuals in our Granges coming together. We all grow when we all work together. And we are here to help your Grange grow. Please reach out and ask for help if your Grange is in need of revitalization.

WE ARE GRANGE STRONG!

If we want to be known, we've got to start sharing what we love. What is your GRANGE STRONG story? Please think about sharing your story with others in your community. Share it with your friends. Share it with your co-workers. Share because we care! Happy Grange Month Grangers!!

Congratulations Winners!

New Membership Contest January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

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.

Suzanne Cheney – Oroville #985
Andrew Teesdale – Garden City #280
Chris Entrop – Marion #276
Leanne Oxborough – Roy #702
Victor Stevens – Roy #702
Al Lathum – Chimacum #681
Norm Manly – Manson #796

Congratulations to the Grangers who have brought in 8 or more new members into your Grange. You have each won a \$25 Amazon gift card for every 5 new members brought in.

Debbie Harbin – Addy #603
1 - \$25 Amazon Gift Card

Norm Manly – Manson #796
2 - \$25 Amazon Gift Cards

This Contest runs from January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024.
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!

Summit Park Grange Honors Members



At our February potluck, Summit Park Grange #261 honored three of our longtime members. From left to right: Tami Gilden (25 years) Janet Bridges (60+ years) Sharon Larsen (25 years). We truly appreciate the contributions of these ladies, especially the history that Janet helps us with!



National Grange News

A View From The Hill - March 2024 Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**
National Grange
Legislative Director

WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

A blessed Good Friday to you from Washington where Congress is on Easter recess. The Grange youth and junior leadership team and Grange president Christine Hamp were in DC mid-March where they saw the cherry blossoms at their peak, participated in the Grange virtual fly-in, spent time in congressional offices on Capitol Hill, celebrated Ag Day, met with Ag Secretary Vilsack, toured the White House and participated in leadership training with the national 4-H and FFA leadership teams. Congress passed and President Biden signed a \$1.2 trillion spending package to keep the government open through September. The package includes funding for USDA to design a new data system to track foreign purchases of U.S. farmland, boost funding to hire more Border Patrol agents, and increase immigrant detention capacity from 34,000 to 42,000 beds, no money was allocated to continue the broadband Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

USDA Issues Tighter “Product of the USA” Label

A new regulation by the Department of Agriculture requires any meat, poultry or egg packaging bearing “Product of the USA” or “Made in the USA” terminology must come from animals that are born, raised, processed and packaged in the United States. This issue has been widely debated since the 2015 repeal of mandatory country-of-origin label was repealed. That action was taken to avoid retaliation by Canada and Mexico following a World Trade Organization (WTO) ruling against the United States. Without the mandatory language, concern spread among producers about the use of “Product of the USA” terminology on foreign-born meat that was only packaged or processed in the U.S. The National Grange has strong policy supporting the new label and appreciates USDA issuing the final regulation.

USDA Bars Discriminatory Contracts

A new rule from USDA's Packers and Stockyards division will

prohibit contracting companies from taking regulatory or discriminatory action against producers. The rule bans false or misleading statements or omissions of material information when companies write or terminate contracts with producers or when performance is being evaluated. The agriculture industry is split over the issue with some producer and processor groups concerned about the potential for additional litigation under the new rule governing contracts. However, in some segments of the ag industry, there have been cases of clear evidence of price-fixing and unfair practices. National Grange has policy supporting such a rule and has been working for several years for such action by USDA.

Bird Flu Found in Dairy Cows

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza or bird flu has been detected in some dairy cows in Kansas, New Mexico and Texas. The virus appears to have been introduced by wild birds. Dairy farmers first became concerned when milk production dropped sharply, the cows were lethargic, and their feed consumption fell. However, the cows appeared to recover in a week or so on their own and the affected cows did not appear to be transmitting the virus to other cows within the same herd. Initial testing by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories has not found changes to the virus that would make it more transmissible to humans which would indicate the current risk to humans is low. Pasteurization of milk also kills viruses and bacteria, and the process is required for milk sold through interstate commerce. In addition, the bird flu virus cannot be transmitted to humans by eating properly cooked meat and poultry products.

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Climate Disclosure Rule Scaled Down

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has finalized requirements for large corporations to disclose their Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, those the company produces itself and those associated with its energy consumption. However, the SEC walked back on its proposed requirement to disclose Scope 3 emissions which originate in the company's supply chain. Including Scope 3 emissions would have meant a food company would have to track the emissions associated

with the milk, meat and crops used in its products. Scope 3 disclosure record-keeping and reporting would be excessively burdensome and expensive for farmers and ranchers, particularly small producers. The National Grange and most of agriculture strongly opposed the inclusion of Scope 3 emissions in the SEC regulations.

HEALTH CARE

Congress Urged to Pass Drug Price Reform

The National Grange and nearly 100 patient, disease, community and consumer groups are urging Congress to pass Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) reform legislation. PBMs play a role in driving up the price of medications by distorting the list price to support their profit margin. PBMs make money by favoring medications with an artificially inflated list price coupled with a large rebate. However, these rebates are not passed on to the patient at the pharmacy counter. PBMs also control which prescription medications are available to patients, both in the Medicare program and commercial health plans. The largest three PBMs (Express Scripts, CVS Caremark and Optimum Rx) control 80% of the prescription drug marketplace. Passing PBM reform has been and will continue to be a high priority for the National Grange in its battle against high drug prices.

Why is Rural Health So Hard

Bill Frist is a physician, a heart transplant surgeon, a former U.S. Senator from Tennessee and a vocal rural health care advocate. In an article in Forbes, he focuses on issues which must be addressed to improve the health of over 60 million people who are falling further behind in access and quality health care. Health systems simply put, he says, are designed for urban and suburban communities, not rural. While campaigning for his underdog Senate race in 1994, Frist visited all 95 Tennessee counties. It was then he discovered the remote communities he visited had severely limited primary and secondary health care access. For many he met with, it had been years since a physician set foot in their town or community. Thirty years later, the rural health care conundrum has only gotten worse. Dr. Frist points to a confluence of factors – increasing rural hospital closures, an aging population, a persistent opioid epidemic,

and an explosion of lifestyle-driven diseases – have made rural communities even more vulnerable and more challenging to serve. Frist says rural health care solutions are complex and must begin with sensitivity to culture, with heavy emphasis on establishing personal trust and establishing convenient, affordable care closer the home. Solutions must start from the vantage point of the patient, not the provider, not the insurance company, not the urban policy maker. Solutions will require new, more innovative models of health care delivery, targeted federal and state government commitment and incentives, and a willingness to meet rural Americans where they are with the care they need.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Broadband Speed Benchmarks Raised

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is upping its benchmark for high-speed fixed broadband to download speeds of 100 megabits per second and upload speeds of 20 megabits per second. The 100/20 benchmark is a substantial increase from the commission's current 25/3 standard. The \$42.45 billion Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) already requires 100/20 Mbps speeds. The new requirement assures all states receiving BEAD funds will deploy the same broadband speed standard, which is also sufficient to support precision agriculture.

Rural America 5G Fund Proposed

The FCC plans to launch a \$9 billion program to extend voice and 5G mobile broadband services to rural areas that will not receive the service without subsidization. Funding sources for the rural mobile 5G program will come from government appropriations, revenue generated from spectrum license auctions, and contributions from telecommunications companies participating in the program.

Opposition to Pole Rules Change

Broadband providers and trade groups are opposing a utility company petition asking the FCC to remove a provision in its updated pole attachment rules that require pole owners to provide their most recent inspection reports to prospective attachers. When a broadband provider wants



to deploy infrastructure like fiber, they often must attach it to poles owned by incumbent utilities companies. These poles need to be prepared for the new attachment, which may involve replacing the entire pole for structural or zoning reasons. The FCC's sharing of inspection reports requirement is intended to mitigate disputes between utility companies and broadband providers on the need for pole replacement. The National Grange filed several petitions with the FCC in 2023 urging the adoption of such rules.

OF INTEREST

“Transparency” law Bad for Small and Independent Businesses

Congress inserted the Corporate Transparency Act into the National Defense Authorization Act in 2021 in an effort to combat illicit financial activity. The Act requires businesses to report their beneficial ownership to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network at the Treasury Department. However, the law doesn't define ownership as actual ownership but in effect requires even the smallest companies to report just about everyone who works for them as a beneficial owner. It also exempts many lines of businesses like banks, broker dealers, utilities, accounting firms and more that are more able to abuse the financial system than farms, ranches and other small Main Street businesses. The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama ruled the Corporate Transparency Act unconstitutional March 1. The federal government has filed a notice of appeal. The National Grange and 94 small business groups, state and national associations, and more are urging the Senate Banking Committee to pass legislation that would delay the Act's filing deadline requirement during the Appellate Court process. The House previously adopted similar delay legislation by a vote of 420-1.

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NATIONAL GRANGE: GRANGE LAW COMMITTEE REPORT POLICY STATEMENT

Just as our Ritual provides the vehicle to present and understand our teachings and principles, our Constitution and By-laws provide the unified structure for our order to function with unity of action. Understanding why we have our code is as important as understanding the code itself. Over the past 156 years, many hours have been spent by many minds crafting a document that will serve and protect the interests of the Grange at all levels, as well as its individual members. It is with a great deal of respect and caution that we approach the task of amending these laws, and sincerely hope that the changes made are in the best interests of the Grange as a whole.

With today's political climate we need to remind our membership that partisanship ends at our door. We want to stress how important it is to remain non-partisan, that we as the Grange do not support any nominee, appointee, candidate, or agency appointees, etc. We also have to remind members or others wanting to use our emblem that it is a trademark symbol and should never be used for political activities.

Social media has afforded the members the opportunity for instant communication of Grange activities and successes. We understand that not everyone will ever agree with all policies and undertakings of our Order, and that makes our organization unique. We strongly oppose the posting of personal grievances, the purpose of which is to divide and destroy. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution makes us powerless to stop the negativity. We challenge our Grangers to apply the high standards demanded by our Fraternal bonds to conduct our personal participation on social media sites accordingly.

We want to make sure that we are maintaining fairness in electing the officers of the National Grange. Delegates should be mindful of maintaining equity among the regions of the country, including other factors when electing the Executive Committee.

The National Grange should

communicate with the State Granges regarding all the entities that have entered into contractual trademark agreements in their state, so that they may act as agents for the National Grange. This will ensure that the State Grange is aware of all the entities that use our trademark in that State and that licensees are complying. It is all our responsibility to protect our trademark.

The Grange Law Committee urges that the traditional opening and closing ceremonies or the approved alternative opening and closing ceremonies always be used. At all levels our Granges enjoy the fraternal and lodge classification under the IRS tax status, it is vital that these ceremonies be followed so no Grange jeopardizes their Granges Internal Revenue Service (IRS) status. It is also recommended that the National Grange investigate whether steps must be taken to ensure that the use of alternative titles are acceptable. The Grange Law Committee further urges that recitation of the verbal portions of either the traditional opening and closing, or the approved alternative opening and closing ceremonies, must be used, regardless of whether or not that Grange can regularly follow the physical performance portions of these ceremonies, because at a bare minimum, these verbal recitations are necessary in order to legally conduct business as a Grange.

We further urge that State and National Grange leaders exercise wide discretion, common sense and positive encouragement as well as tolerance, respect and a little humility among local Grange members when grappling with these issues. Shaming or lecturing our fellow Grange members in a condescending manner about either their preference not to follow all of our traditions or their demands that we follow those traditions without exception, will never lead to the growth and development of the Order. For as Brother William Saunders, the first Master of the National Grange and the author of the Preamble to the National Grange Constitution, wrote to us in 1873, "...hence we have a

ceremony...which binds us in mutual fraternity as with a band of iron; but although its influence is so powerful, its application is as gentle as that of the silken thread that binds a wreath of flowers."

The Grange Law Committee request the National Grange President and the National Junior Director examine updating the language used in the Junior Grange to a more contemporary language that is easier for children to understand, while retaining the similarities to the Subordinate/Community Grange ritual.

The Grange Law committee commends the effort of the Study Committee looking at the feasibility for a video of the first four degrees (Video Study Committee). This committee was appointed following adoption of resolution 715 (2019). It is now necessary to continue their work to finalize the report on the feasibility and make recommendations of the proper path to follow video recording of the first four degrees. Once the recording is completed it should be the responsibility of the Assembly of Demeter to determine the uses of the video recording. This would be for archival and instructional purposes. Once the videos are produced and approved, we recommend that it also be extended to include the recording of the 5th, 6th, and 7th degrees.

In 2002, 2003 and 2004, the National Grange adopted changes to our Digest of Laws authorizing the use of alternative titles, by all levels of our Order, for several Grange officers including the title of President for the office of Master and the title of Vice President for the office of Overseer. Over subsequent years, many State Granges have adopted similar authorizations for the use of these alternative titles in their State Grange Constitutions and By-laws. Since the adoption of discretionary authority to use these alternative titles, the use of President and Vice President has slowly, but consistently, increased in our Grange meetings as well as in our communications with our local communities and the

press. It is also necessary that we instruct our fellow members in the meaning and use of our heritage titles. We recommend that this be included in the Heirloom program developed by the National Grange Membership/Leadership director.

Therefore, the Grange Law committee recommends that every Grange member embrace the alternative titles of President and Vice President for those officers of their Granges that have been authorized and approved in the National Digest of Laws and various State Grange Constitutions. It is no longer sufficient in today's society or even today's Grange, to simply treat the traditional and alternative titles for these offices as morally equivalent. We especially ask members who have been elected to these offices to take the lead in always referring to themselves as President and Vice President, whether in a Grange meeting or not. We also request that all Grange Secretaries use the titles President and Vice President in all of their meeting minutes. We make these request so as to not have the subsequent moral weed crop of inconsistent use of our traditional and alternative

office titles, baffle and torment our efforts to make all of the members of our communities who hold an interest in agriculture, comfortable with joining the Grange.

We all know that Old Habits Die Hard. But at the same time, they are not immortal. We also take comfort that Nature's Motto is Onward: She never looks backward. Our goal as an organization is to keep looking forward, to address the issues in our customs, ritual and rules that keep new members, as well as current members feeling welcome in the Grange and to plot an eventual course toward a successful 200th anniversary of the organization of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

As members we all enjoy the protection of our Digest of Laws, which have proven to be legally enforceable and binding by the Federal and State court and our fraternal responsibility to abide by them and hold our brothers and sisters accountable. Failure to do so results in strife and discontent. Let us practice our motto - "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity."

APRIL 2024

NATIONAL GRANGE EVENTS

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR THESE EVENTS!

ALL TIMES EASTERN

1: KICKOFF TO GRANGE MONTH8:30 P.M.
Watch on the National Grange Facebook page
Join National Grange President Christine Hamp and other Grange leaders for this fun night. Kicking off Grange Month!

5: FELLOWSHIP FIRST FRIDAY8:30 P.M.
Connect: [grange.biz/FirstFriday](#)
Join us for this fun monthly program - a time for fellowship, thought-provoking conversation, and the chance to connect with Grange members from coast to coast! Includes a short program, activity, and time to socialize around topics of your choice.
April topic: #GrangeStrong! This month's First Friday will highlight the importance of physical fitness - and recipes incorporating **spinach**.

10: LONG-TERM CARE & ESTATE PLANNING8:30 P.M.
Connect: [grange.biz/GrangeMonthZoom](#)
Sponsored by the 1-in-1000 Club
This Zoom, led by an elder care lawyer, will lay out some of the best practices for planning for long-term care and handling your estate.

14-20: GRANGE SPIRIT WEEK
Join in on social media, sharing each day's topic. Highlight the work and fun of the Grange!

17: MEMBERSHIP MATTERS8:30 P.M.
Connect: [grange.biz/matters](#)
Join Membership/Leadership Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios for this monthly time to learn about various membership challenges and growth opportunities.

23: LECTURER'S FORUM8:30 P.M.
Connect: [grange.biz/LecturerForum](#)
Join National Grange Lecturer Tom Gwin to learn about what's happening in the National Lecturer's Department - from contests to programming, and more!
Questions? Email lecturer@nationalgrange.org

28: "WHAT'S NEXT?"8:30 P.M.
Connect: [grange.biz/GrangeMonthZoom](#)
Led by Communications Director Philip Vonada, this webinar will ask the question - "where do we go from here?" when it comes to building enthusiasm and participation across the country.

Grange Month 2024

Grange Spirit Week

April 14

#GrangeStrong Day

April 15

Rooted Day
Show how your Grange's roots in the Community

April 16

Resilient Day
Show how your Grange has helped overcome obstacles

April 17

United Day
Show how your Grange unites members in your communities

April 18

Grange Shirt Day

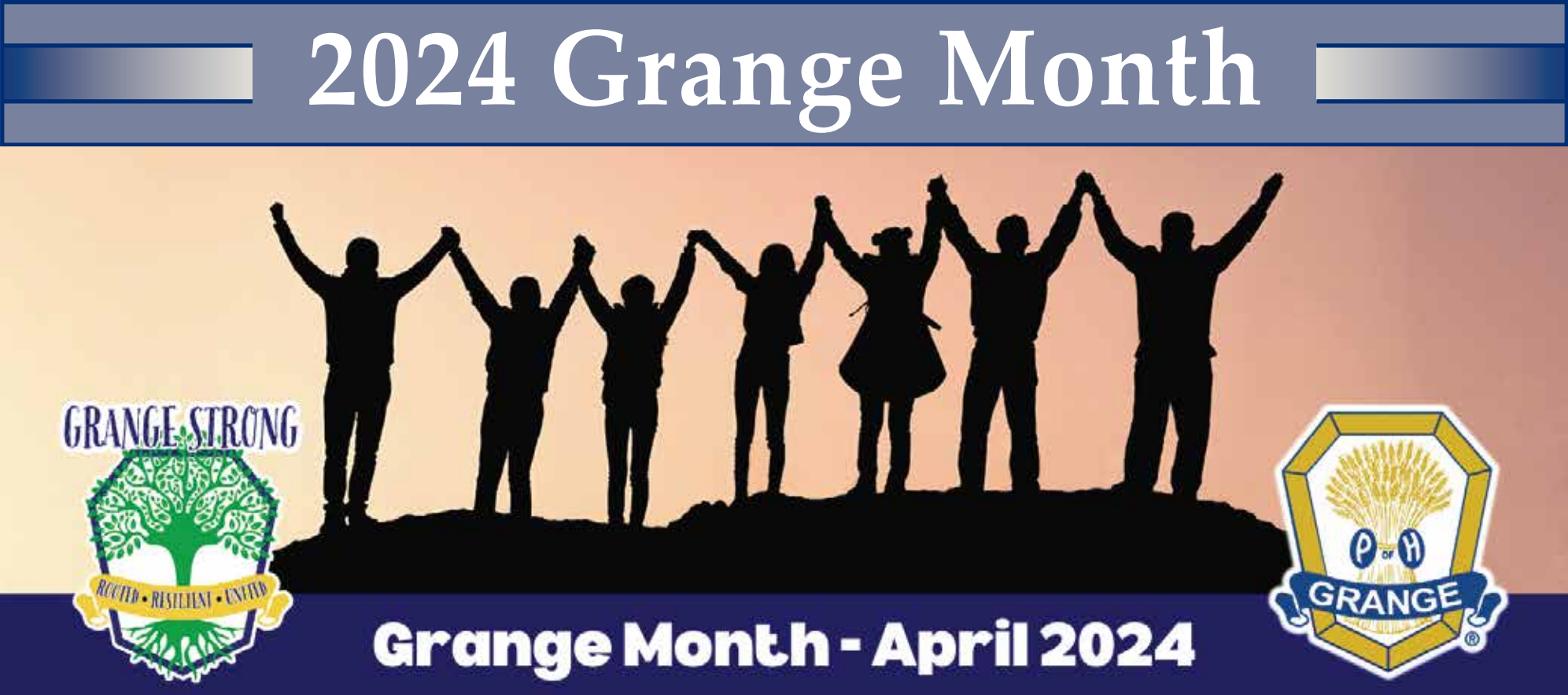
April 19

Grange Project Day

April 20

Grange Future Day
Share what you hope your Grange looks like in the future!

Share on Social Media with #grangemonth24 and #grangestrong



Grange Month Display Contest: “Grange Strong: Rooted, Resilient, United”

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

For over 130 years the Washington State Grange has worked to make our state a better place for our citizens. We are active in 215 communities throughout the state, providing a wide range of services and offering multiple activities and programs. A public display on our Grange programs will assist in informing the citizens of our state of our programs and achievements.

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

General Guidelines:

- Each Grange will arrange for their own display area in a prominent public location in their community. The display area may be a window, table, showcase, or whatever is available for use in your community.
- Each Grange will design a display featuring their projects and activities, with a focus on the positive impacts they have had on the community or state.
- The display should follow the theme “Grange Strong”.
- A wide variety of Grange programs should be represented (i.e. lecturer programs,

community service, youth activities, junior programs, family living, legislative etc.)

- The display must be in place for a minimum of seven days during the month of April.
- Each display must include a Grange logo and contact information for the local Grange.


Contest Information:

- Each Grange is encouraged to take a 3-5 pictures of their display (including one of the complete display).
- Place the pictures in a folder and include a 300-word (maximum) essay describing the display and what you tried to portray.
- Include your Grange name and contact information in the folder.
- Send the folder to the State Grange Office no later than May 1.
- Pictures of the displays will be used for promotion in The Grange News. In addition, pictures will be displayed at the State Grange Convention.
- Judging will be completed by a committee and will be based on: originality, creativity, design, and overall impact.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three displays: \$100, \$50, and \$25.

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

PROCLAMATION

GRANGE MONTH 2024



WHEREAS, The Grange's mission is to strengthen individuals, families, and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness; and

WHEREAS, for 156 years The Grange has played an essential and lasting role in building rural and small-town America, and ensuring its resiliency through advocacy and direct service; and

WHEREAS, The Grange today is growing because it is an active, rooted, resilient, and united organization in thousands of communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues its unique role in connecting rural America to urban America through agricultural appreciation and education, and by advocating for strong, common-sense, best-for-everyone public policy; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of citizens in the legislative process; and


WHEREAS, The Grange offers opportunities for civil discussions among people of all viewpoints and opinions, serving as a safe space for exploring important social and legislative issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, even through a worldwide pandemic, The Grange continued to promote service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and residents across America; and


WHEREAS, The Grange is proud to be “Grange Strong: Rooted, Resilient and United,” and encourages Granges and community members to come together in celebrating hometown pride and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere desire and deserve to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of such a highly-respected organization; therefore be it

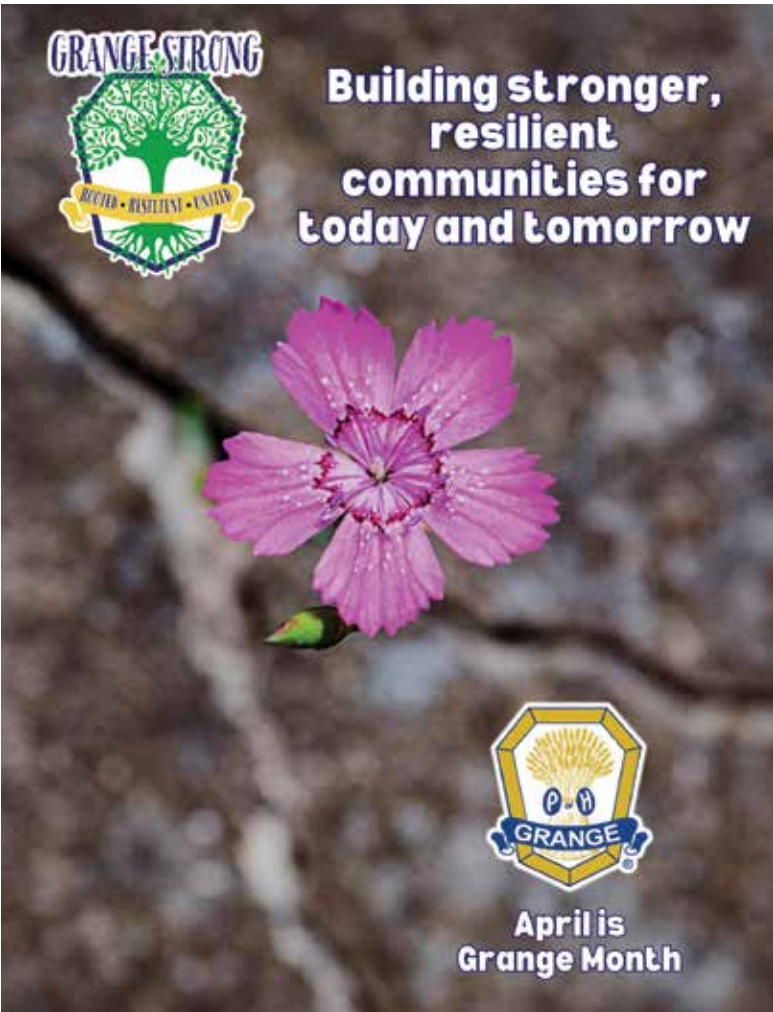
RESOLVED, I Christine E. Hamp, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Grange Month, and further, I encourage the participation of every Grange and Grange member in this celebration by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in every American community, that will guarantee the Grange is stronger tomorrow than it is today, and that ensures we always stand Grange Strong!



PRESIDENT
National Grange



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For Additional Grange Month Resources, visit:
www.nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2024/

Grange Connection

COWLITZ COUNTY

Catlin Grange members delivered items to the Longview Women’s Shelter. The donations included Hygiene Kits, linens, purses and bags, toys and a big rolling bag full of canned food.

GRANT COUNTY

White Trail Grange will be holding a Car Show on July 6, 2024. For more information, please contact Rita at 509-398-1639. We are holding a quilting/ sewing day the first and third Tuesday’s of the month from 10 am to 2 pm. It’s open to the public.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humtulpis Grange members had record attendance for the Bingo event in March. The well stocked kitchen ran out of numerous supplies. We have three more bingo events... April 8, April 20, and May 4... before going on summer hiatus. The Grange Food Bank continues to take much of our members’ time. We served 68 families in March. We received a sizeable donation, which will be used to purchase additional protein items for food bank clients.

The next Grange Business meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

KING COUNTY

Issaquah Valley Grange celebrated Pi Day, 3.14 at their March meeting with a delicious selection of pies topped with whipped cream. This is becoming a popular annual refreshment choice.

LEWIS COUNTY

Hope Grange will celebrate their 120th Anniversary on Saturday, May 18 at the Hope Grange Hall. The celebration will begin with an Open House of Historical Memorabilia at 2 p.m. Acoustic music will be provided by the Washington Acoustic Music Association. Introductions and Recognitions will be at 2:45 p.m., followed by refreshments and conversation at 3:30 p.m. The event will celebrate Hope Grange’s history, which began with our community leaders and family members over 120 years ago; and to share the vision of Hope Grange’s community and innovative future.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange has been a busy

place in the last couple of months-- Candlelight Ceremony on Feb. 20; Green Bluff Bee Project on March 5 had attendees participating in making a mason bee house along with hearing about honeybees plus a seed give away; Domino Pizza & playing dominoes; Girl Scout Troop 2326 had a “Cookie Booth” at our March 31 breakfast; March issue of the Green Bluff Gazette was published; decluttering our Grange storage areas; sourdough making presentation on April 2; annual Keep Green Bluff Clean Trash pickup on April 22; and bingo night will be on April 30. Several rentals are scheduled in April. A Grange Month display will be at the Spokane North Side Library for the entire month of April. Family Living and Lecturer directors are talking up the Grange contests which will be judged on May 17.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange will participate in the Springdale Yard Sale (May 11) and the Annual Parade and Showcase In The Park date (July 20). Filled ziplock bags for the homeless were taken to Rural Resources. Several

Camas Valley Grange members met at the Hall on March 20 to sort and go through items in preparation for the April 14 Deep Clean day. Remodeling of the Haunted House area began March 30. Volunteers always welcome. A "Paint Night" fundraiser for the Springdale Food Pantry will be on the evening of April 28. Please plan to attend the April 8 meeting as there are a number of items to be discussed. The Grange Hall is already booked for a number of events for the upcoming months.

THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange met on March 18 for their regular monthly meeting. Pam Mathews and Christie Vintilo were selected as delegates to the state convention, and Mary Brouillard was

selected as alternate. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday April 15 at 7 pm. On February 24, South Union held a free workshop on “What to Do with Grandma’s Quilt Blocks.” Information was presented on identifying patterns, preserving old quilts, and ideas for using old quilts and quilt blocks for other projects. Enthusiastic participants were able to share their own old quilts and get expert advice from the presenters. Special thanks go to members Beverly York and Diane Williams for organizing the workshop. A garage sale will be held on Friday and Saturday April 26 and 27. Monthly dances with live country music by "The Country Four and More" are held the first Saturday of each month from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. All ages are welcome, \$6 per person.

Pomona Connection

CLARK COUNTY POMONA

Clark County Pomona will be having our Baking Contest on April 10th at Manor Grange and Arts and Crafts including photography on May 4th at Fargher Lake Grange in preparation for the State Convention. Lanette Pinard made 54 comfort toys for the Learning Avenue Children's Center. Mike Gilmour membership chair reminded all Grangers that April is Grange month and encouraged everyone to put on displays. He also reminded us that the contests are a good way to get new members interested in the Grange. Vickie Gilmour was busy sewing blankets for Babies in Need. Master Janice Anderson obligated Larry Goble, Kelley Babcock and Brandon Roberts in the 5th degree. Preparations for the Clark County Fair are already in full swing, volunteers to man the booths are needed, and subordinate Granges should be thinking about what their booths will look like. Clark County Pomona meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Manor Grange Hall at 7:00 pm

COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM POMONA

Cowlitz / Wahkiakum Pomona will meet on Saturday, April 20 at the Catlin Grange Hall. We will begin with a 1 p.m. potluck lunch, with the business meeting to follow. Members are encouraged to bring hygiene products for the Women's Support Shelter. Lecturer and Family Contest entries will be due on Friday, April 19 at the Catlin Grange Hall. Entries will be accepted 9-10 a.m.

DOUGLAS COUNTY POMONA

Douglas County Pomona will host Grange Contests for Chelan, Douglas and Grant Counties on April 20 at the St. Andrews Grange hall.

EXCELSIOR POMONA GRANGE

Excelsior Pomona Grange will hold their Lecturer and Family Living Contests on May 18 at the Greenwood Park Grange Hall in Hunters.

GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona met

on March 9 at the North Willapa Harbor Grange Hall. The baking and candy contest was held, with 22 entries this year. Davona Gwin and Kendal Harner were selected to be delegates for the upcoming State Grange Session in Colville. The Pomona voted to send a sponsorship donation for the Western Regional Grange Conference. The Pomona is also offering four partial campships for youth wanting to attend the Morehead Junior Grange Camp in July. We will be holding a Basket Bingo on April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Humtulpis Grange Hall. Each Subordinate Grange will be donating two gift baskets for prizes. All Pomona Grange Contests, other than baking and cany, will be held in conjunction with our next Pomona Grange meeting. Entries will be due on Friday, May 10 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to the Olympic View Grange Hall. The Pomona meeting will be on Saturday, May 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

KING COUNTY POMONA

King County Pomona will hold their baking, sewing, quilting, needlework, photo, and art/craft contests on April 20 at their Pomona meeting at the Happy Valley Grange Hall. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Klickitat County Pomona

Klickitat County Pomona will hold Degree Day on Saturday, April 6 at the Centerville Grange Hall. The day will begin with lunch at 12 p.m. The Grange Mini Fair will be on April 9-10 at the Goldendale Grange Hall. The May Pomona Grange meeting is being postponed.

LEWIS COUNTY POMONA

Lewis County Pomona moved their April 6 meeting to the Newaukum Grange Hall, beginning with a 12 p.m. potluck luncheon. This meeting will include the Grange Contests, with entries due on Friday, April 5.

PIERCE COUNTY POMONA

Pierce County Pomona will be exemplifying the first Five Degrees of our Order at our April Pomona Meeting on Saturday, April 6th at 10am at Waller Road Grange #1111.

Potluck will be held between the Fourth and Fifth Degrees. If you have not taken or seen the degree work, please join us and experience the ritualism of our Order. If you have seen it, please come and see it again.

SKAGIT COUNTY POMONA

Skagit County Pomona held their contests on April 3 at the Fredonia Grange Hall. The next Pomona meeting will e May 1 at the Samish Valley Grange Hall. The program will include the Annual Memorial Service.

STEVENS COUNTY POMONA

Stevens County Pomona had their Pomona Contests scheduled for April 27 at the addy Grange Hall. The Pomona Grange will meet on April 26 at 7 p.m., also at the Addy Grange Hall.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona met on March 7 at Violet Prairie Grange. Upcoming contests were discussed. The Western Washington (Puyallup) Fair committee announced that they will begin planning meetings on March 17. Pomona Lecturer and Family Living contests will be held on Saturday April 20 at Brighton Park Grange. Entries will be accepted from 9-10 am, judging will be from 10 am-2 pm and entries can be picked up from 2-3 pm. Contact Pomona Lecturer Rita Klein, or Pomona CFL Ginny Nelson if you have questions. The next Pomona meeting will be held at 7 pm on May 2 at the Prosperity Grange Hall. The meeting will include the annual memorial program, remembering Thurston County Grangers who have passed away over the past year. A potluck dinner will precede the meeting, beginning at 6 pm.

WHATCOM COUNTY POMONA

Whatcom County Pomona will meet on April 16 at the Rome Grange Hall. The meeting will begin with a 6 p.m. potluck, followed by 7 p.m. meeting. The arts and crafts contest will be held. Contact Pomona Officers for entry times.

Pomona Calendar

Please submit your 2024 Pomona Meeting Dates.

CHELAN	April 29 and May 16 at Smitty’s Restaurant, 12 p.m. social luncheon. The next business meeting is May 18 at Chumstick, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
CLALLAM	April 17 at Crescent, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
CLARK	April 10 at Manor, 7 p.m.
COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM	April 20 at Catlin, 1 p.m. potluck, business meeting to follow. All contest entries due on April 19..
DOUGLAS	April 18 at East Wenatchee, 6 p.m.
EXCELSIOR	May 18 at Greenwood Park. 10:30 a.m. Will include the Lecturer and Family Living Contests.
FERRY	October 14 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	May 11 at Olympic View, 10:30 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and Family Living Contest entries due on May 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
KING	April 20 at Happy Valley, 10 a.m. Contest entries due.
Klickitat	April 9-10, Grange Mini Fair at Goldendale.
LEWIS	April 6 at Newaukum, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting. Contest entries due.
MASON	May 18 at Matlock, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. lunch.
PEND OREILLE	May 4 at Camden, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
PIERCE	April 6 at Waller Road, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Will exemplify the first five degrees. Sewing, Quilting, and needlework contest entries due.
SKAGIT	April 3 at Fredonia, 6:30 p.m. Lecturer and CFL Contest entries taken in 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The next business meeting will be May 1 at Samish Valley.
SNOHOMISH	April 21 at South Lake Stevens, 1 p.m. Will exemplify the fifth degree. The next business meeting will be May 18 at Kellogg Marsh.
SPOKANE	May 18 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m.
STEVENS	April 26 at Addy, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Family Living and Lecturer Contests will be April 27 at Addy.
THURSTON	April 4 at South Union, 6 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting. Baking and candy contest entries due. The remaining contests will be April 10 at Brighton Park with entries due 9-10 am. The next business meeting will be May 2 at Prosperity.
WHATCOM	April 16 at Rome, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Contest entries due earlier in the day.
WHITMAN	May 18 at North & South Palouse, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Contest entries due.
YAKIMA VALLEY	April 8 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting. The next business meeting is July 8 at Fruitvale.

SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming State Grange Events

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

- APRIL 1 - 30

GRANGE MONTH
- APRIL 9

WSG Conservation & Ecology Standing Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- APRIL 10

WSG Education Standing Committee Meeting via Zoom, 2 pm
- APRIL 10

WSG Health, Healthcare & Safety Standing Committee Meeting via Zoon, 6:30 pm
- APRIL 10

Registrations due for Regional Grange Conference
- APRIL 11

WSG Agriculture Standing Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- APRIL 15

State Session Committee Request Forms Due to the State Grange Office
- APRIL 15

Grange Secretary First Quarter Reports Due to the State Grange Office
- APRIL 15

WSG State & National Issues Standing Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- APRIL 17

WSG Good of the Order Standing Committee Meeting via Zoom, 2 pm
- APRIL 18

WSG Fish & Wildlife Standing Committee Meeting via Zoom, 2 pm
- APRIL 19

All Agenda Items for State Grange Executive Committee April Meeting due, 5 p.m.
- APRIL 24

Q&A with the State Grange President Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- APRIL 25

State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
- APRIL 25-28

Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference in Yakima
- APRIL 25-28

Grange Deputy and State Officer Conference in Yakima
- MAY 1

Youth Fairs Program Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- MAY 1

Resolutions Due for consideration at 2024 State Grange Session
- MAY 29

Q&A with the State Grange President Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- MAY 31-JUNE 2

Grange Camper Association Fun Rally in Ocean Shores
- JUNE 26-30

WA State Grange 135th Annual Session at Northeast WA Fairgrounds, Colville

Busy Spring At South Camano Grange



South Camano Grange in Island County is having a busy spring. (Left) Installation of a New Roof on the South Camano Grange Hall. (Right) A successful Music Jam Session activity at the Grange Hall.

Malo Grange Hosts Fun Spring Activities



(Left) Two weeks prior to Easter, the members of Malo Grange in Ferry County stuffed candy into eggs at their Grange meeting. The work was completed in preparation for the Malo Community Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Malo Grange. (Right) Malo Grange hosted a Fun Pinochle Party. The activity was strictly for fun, with no prizes awarded.

Easter Comes To Five Mile Prairie Grange



Five Mile Prairie Grange recently celebrated a beautiful Easter morning with a Pancake Breakfast, and an Egg Hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Skookumchuck Grange Hosts Fun Easter Event



Skookumchuck Grange recently held an Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt – another great Success!

Oakville Grange Celebrates Easter With An Egg Hunt



Oakville Grange's 2024 Easter Egg Hunt is now in the books! We had a great time again this year! Such a nice sunny day with amazing people from the community. Thank you to everyone who came out today!