



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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Lynn Wells And Tom McKern Each Presented With 2024 Grange Leadership Award

With the 2020 State Grange Session having been cancelled due to Covid, the State Grange presented two leadership awards this year. The awards were

presented to Lynn Wells and Tom McKern. Both longtime active Grange members.

Lynn Wells is one of the recipients of the 2024

Washington State Grange Leadership Award. Lynn joined Gardenspot Grange in 1992 and affiliated with Williams Valley Grange in 1995. She

served the State Grange as the Deputy from 2002-2011 and from 2015 to the present. Lynn has been a member of the Conservation and Ecology

Standing Committee for several years. Lynn has held several positions at the Subordinate and

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A recap of the 2024 Washington State Grange Convention can be found throughout this issue. (Above) Flora's Court.

Upcoming State Grange Events

**JULY 28-
AUGUST 2**.....Clallam County Junior Grange Camp @ Camp David
on Lake Crescent, Port Angeles

**JULY 31-
AUGUST 3**.....Grange Youth Fairs Program – Grays Harbor County Fair @ Elma

AUGUST 2-11.....Grange Youth Fairs Program – Clark County Fair @ Ridgefield

AUGUST 13-17.....Grange Youth Fairs Program – Grant County Fair @ Moses Lake

AUGUST 15-18.....Grange Youth Fairs Program – Pend Oreille County Fair @ Cusick

AUGUST 16.....Agenda Items for State Grange Executive Board due
to State Grange President

AUGUST 20-24.....Grange Youth Fairs Program – Benton Franklin Fair @ Kennewick

AUGUST 21.....State Grange Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom

AUGUST 22-25.....Grange Youth Fairs Program – North Central Washington Fair
@ Waterville

AUGUST 22-25.....Grange Youth Fairs Program – Northeast Washington Fair
@ Colville

AUGUST 25.....Grange Picnic at Central Washington Ag Museum, 1:30 p.m.
Hosted by Yakima Valley Pomona Grange.

**AUGUST 28 –
SEPTEMBER 1**.....Grange Youth Fairs Program – Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days,
Walla Walla

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President’s Message

Reflecting On A Successful State Grange Convention

By Tom Gwin
WA State Grange
Master/President

The 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange is now history! We experienced all types of weather this year... from the beautiful warm sunshine to the thunder, lightning, and the torrential downpour during the Family Living Luncheon on Thursday. I happened to be in the drive-up for fast food when the hailstorm and lightening hit, knocking out power to the southern end of town. As I was driving back to the fairgrounds, the roundabout was filled with foot deep water. Within an hour, the water was gone, and it was like we imagined the whole thing. Living near the rainforest, I have seen heavy rain previously, but I have never seen rain like we experienced in Colville.

At the convention, we debated 45 resolutions and the recommendations of eight Standing Committees. We elected three state officers, with one being re-elected, one returning to the officer team, and one completely new officer. Contests were held and awards presented. There certainly was something for everyone to enjoy at this year’s convention.

There are many, many Grange members who contributed to the success of

this year’s convention:

- The Convention Steering Committee, chaired by Mick Schwartz with Matt Harbin as the vice chair, Lynn Wells and Mary Schwartz as the secretaries, and Walt Radmer as the treasurer, and all the other host committees...you did an excellent job of meeting the needs of the delegates. It was good to see representatives from several counties involved in the host duties.
- The staff of the Northeast

There are 16 fairs across the state that are allowing our Grange Youth and Juniors to showcase their projects, including livestock animals.

-- Tom Gwin

Washington Fairgrounds in Colville, specifically Fair Manager Lori Matlock, was wonderful to work with. Their excellent facilities and professional staff are to be commended!

• To those who completed each of the details necessary for our success, including Progress Room Workers, deputies, officers, directors, and others, thank you for your part to make this a memorable convention.

• To the National Grange Representative, Martha



Tom Gwin

Stefenoni, thank you for your words of wisdom and guidance to the delegates. We know you had a long drive home and hope you will remember the time spent with us.

• To the delegates and committee chairs, congratulations on discussing each aspect of every resolution and recommendation. The in-depth discussion on each subject was astounding! We had several first-time committee chairs who fully completed their tasks in a timely manner. You did a great job of answering the delegates’ questions and providing the requested information.

• To the office staff, each of whom brings their own special talent and skill level to their job, your long hours and dedication to your jobs is truly remarkable.

• To the youth and juniors, who bring a lively can-do attitude that reminds many of us of our not too distant past.

Now that convention is over, we quickly turned our focus to the Grange Youth Fairs Program. Our fairs have already begun and will continue across the state through the month of September. There are 16 fairs across the state that are allowing our Grange Youth and Juniors to showcase their projects, including livestock animals. Other fairs will have intricate Grange designs and still others will have Grange operated food concessions. Whatever role your Grange plays in the fair, I encourage you to do it well and to the best of your ability.

I did announce a few changes in appointed positions for

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Legislative

Ag Industry In Full Swing ... And Looking Ahead...



Jesse Taylor

By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist

I hope you have enjoyed our summer and the dry, warm weather that has come with it. Our state’s agriculture industry is in full swing with countless combines out cutting wheat, cherry harvest is about in the books and apples are right around the corner. Because of the mighty Columbia River, Washington state is one of the top in the nation for crop diversity, commercially producing over 300 different crop varieties. Whether spuds, corn, mint, canola, beans or lavender this time of year is well suited for a drive through the Columbia Basin and beyond to see what our producers are cutting in this year’s harvest.

ANNUAL SESSION

It was great to see so many of your smiling faces in Colville last month for our 135th annual session. I was afforded the opportunity to speak at the convention about sponsorship and legislative activities and I appreciated everybody’s attention to the topics. The engagement was meaningful and productive as many of you shared success stories about how you have grown sponsorship relationships and have obtained long term sponsors since our meeting in April. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions about sponsorship for your Grange or to obtain a copy of that presentation.

COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY

The U.S. and Canadian governments have reached a preliminary agreement on a modernized Columbia River Treaty on July 11th. At the time of the announcement US President Joe Biden said the agreement will reduce the amount of power the U.S. sends to Canada, but also will afford the U.S. less storage capacity in Canadian reservoirs to protect downstream communities in Washington and Oregon from floods. The deal allows Canada more opportunities to import and export hydropower into the U.S. market, a crucial boost to both countries.

Washington State Senator Patty Murray added, “The United States and Canada reaching an agreement in principle to modernize the Columbia River Treaty regime after over six years of tough negotiations is an important step forward. I am hopeful the agreement successfully meets our objectives and works for ratepayers, Tribes, river users, our local ecosystems, and everyone on our side of the border.

You can see the report in the Tri-city Herald here:
<https://www.tri-cityherald.com/news/local/article289970604.html>

CAPITAL BUDGET GRANTS

Tom and I met in July with Grange members to go over the process for securing funds from the department of commerce for our members who were awarded capital budget grants in 2024. The process of these grants being distributed will run until the close of the fiscal biennium on June 30, 2025. Please reach out to me if you need assistance navigating the department of commerce and the requirements to get your grant funds.

ELECTION SEASON

Thanks to the good work of past and present Grangers, we are currently in the midst of the top-two primary process that our state takes part in. On August 6th our state’s primary race will come to an end and we will have a top two race for all of the competitive Senate, House and statewide races. When the dust clears in the days after the primary, the makeup of the legislature will begin to take form and we will have a good idea of what our 2025-2027 version of the Washington State Legislature will look like. Be sure to get your ballots in ahead of time for these elections.



Rain and hail storm during the Family Living Lunch.

Convention Recap

2024 Outcome Of Proposed Resolutions

The delegates to the 2024 State Grange Session voted on 45 proposed resolutions. The outcome of each resolution is as follows:

NUMBER	TITLE	PROPOSED BY	OUTCOME
2024-010901	Increase Distribution of the Salmon Runs	Manor #1101	Adopted as Amended
2024-02-1201	Supporting All Veterans Returning to Civilian Life	Manor #1011	Adopted as Amended
2024-03-1101	Washington State Grange Elections	Manor #1011	Rejected; refer to Special Committee
2404-04-1102	State Grange Officers Election Reform	Pierce Co. Pomona #16	Rejected; refer to Special Committee
2024-05-1202	Drug Offender Sentencing	Klickitat Co. Pomona #5	Adopted as Amended
2024-06-0301	Small Gas Engines	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Rejected
2024-07-0302	Small Gas Engines	Cowlitz Co. Pomona #7	Adopted as Amended
2024-08-1401	Restaurant Swipe Fees	Issaquah Valley #581	Adopted
2024-09-0101	Eggs	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Adopted as Amended
2024-10-1601	Electric Vehicles	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Adopted as Amended
2024-11-1402	Foreign Ownership of Real Property	Issaquah Valley #581	Rejected
2024-12-1602	Higher Speed Railroad in WA	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended
2024-13-1301	Land Line Maintenance	North River #946	Rejected; refer to Special Committee
2024-14-1501	Increased Fundraising Limit	Stillaguamish #1058	Adopted as Amended
2024-15-1203	Gluten in Food Labeling	Five Mile Prairie #905	Adopted
2024-16-0102	U.S. Dietary Guidelines Classification of Potatoes	Humptulips #730	Adopted as Amended
2024-17-1103	Opposition to the Collection of National Dues for Junior Grange Members	Humptulips #730	Adopted
2024-18-1104	The Effect of Junior Grange Dies on Family Memberships	Humptulips #730	Adopted
2024-19-1105	Washington State Grange Officer Residency	Thurston Co. Pomona #8	Rejected
2024-20-1302	Support for Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for Beef	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended
2024-21-1106	Amend the Washington State Grange Bylaws Regarding State Office Elections	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Rejected; refer to Special Committee
2024-22-0103	Labeling of Naturally Produced Meat	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended
2024-23-0104	Halt Ongoing Injury to the U.S. Sheep Industry	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended
2024-24-1303	Opt In or Opt Out	Clallam Co. Pomona #31	Adopted as Amended
2024-25-1603	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Cowlitz Co. Pomona #7	Adopted as Amended
2024-26-1604	Manual Switches and Controls	Cowlitz Co. Pomona #7	Rejected
2024-27-1605	Registration of Electric Bikes	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	Rejected

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NUMBER	TITLE	PROPOSED BY	OUTCOME
2024-28-1304	First Class Mail Postage Rates	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	Rejected
2024-29-1001	State Grange Proceedings in Electronic Format	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	Adopted as Amended
2024-30-1107	Resolution to be Submitted from Pomona	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	Rejected
2024-31-1403	Keep Zoning Local	Moses Lake #1151	Adopted as Amended
2024-32-1606	Tire Chains in All Vehicles	Sunnyside #129	Rejected
2024-33-1607	Bicycle Safety	Sunnyside #129	Rejected
2024-34-1305	Term Limits	Kellogg Marsh #136	Rejected
2024-35-0303	Public Lands	Kellogg Marsh #136	Adopted as Amended
2024-36-1608	Tires	Kellogg Marsh #136	Adopted
2024-37-1306	Competency Testing	Kellogg Marsh #136	Rejected
2024-38-1404	Anti-Regionalization	Kellogg Marsh #136	Rejected
2024-39-1307	Fundamental Parent Rights to Direct the Upbring and Education of their Children	Deer Lagoon #846	Rejected
2024-40-1405	Fundamental Parental Rights to Director the Upbringing and Education of their Children	Deer Lagoon #846	Rejected
2024-41-0701	Provide School Choice Through Property Tax to Follow the Student in the State of WA	Deer Lagoon #846	Rejected
2024-420105	Encourage and Support Food Sovereignty	Deer Lagoon #846	Adopted as Amended
2024-43-1108	Officer Titles	San Juan Island #966	Rejected
2024-44-0304	Restoring a Free-Flowing Snake River to Save Money, Salmon, Orca and More	San Juan Island #966	Rejected
Transportation #1	Registration of Electric Bikes	Transportation Standing Committee	Adopted

The full set of adopted resolutions will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

Southwest District Host Committee To Meet

The Southwest District Host Committee will meet to begin planning for the 2025 Annual State Grange Session. The committee will meet on Sunday, October 27 at 2 p.m. at the South Union Grange Hall in Thurston County.

The Steering Committee has selected officers. Phyllis Ogden is the Chair, Jacob Gwin is the Vice Chair, Lucy Vest is the Secretary, and Marily Armit is the Treasurer.

The list of committees and their host responsibilities will be discussed at the meeting. Committee chairs to be filled include: Banquets/Meals, Community Service, Degrees, Family Living, Flowers, Furniture, Hospitality, Juniors, Lecturer, Memorial, Promotional Novelties, Registration, Rose Drill, RV Parking, Stage, Transportation, Youth, and Youth Livestock Auction.

The 2025 State Grange Session is scheduled for June 25-29 at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis.



JUNE 25 - 29, 2025
136th Annual
Washington State Grange Convention
at the
Southwest Washington Fairgrounds
Centralia/Chehalis
1909 S Gold St, Centralia, WA 98531

Convention Recap

Delegates Debate And Take Action On A Wide Range Of Subjects

The delegates to the Annual State Grange Session debated numerous subjects. Highlights of these actions are as follows:

AGRICULTURE

- We support legislation that would give consumers the option of whether to buy cage free chicken eggs or caged chicken eggs.
- We oppose attempts to reclassify the potato from a vegetable to any other food designated group in the dietary Guidelines for Americans.
- We believe that only products naturally produced from animals may be labeled as meat or meat products.
- We urge the establishment

of tariffs and a tariff rate quota system for the U.S. sheep industry.

- We support food sovereignty and self-sufficiency for local control of communities to produce, process, sell, purchase, and consume locally produced foods.

CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY

- We oppose any legislative action banning the use of internal combustion engines under 25 horsepower.
- We oppose legislation that creased additional wilderness, State and National Parks, National Monuments, or other natural preserve designated areas in Washington State

without proper purchase form and/or approval of the willing property owner.

- We recommend support for Initiative 2117, Prohibit Carbon Tax Credit Treading and Repeal Carbon Cap-and-Invest Program Measure (2024) as the original legislation (Climate Commitment Act of 2021) does not meet criteria as approved by the Washington State Grange and listed in the 2024 Grange Legislative Policy Handbook.

EDUCATION

- We recommend the Washington State Grange investigate and pursue the process of establishing the Grange as a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in the State of Washington.

mental health support to all veterans returning from military life to civilian life if the veteran chooses to avail themselves of the opportunity.

- We urge the Washington State Department of Health to investigate and approve Faith Based Programs as an alternative to State licensed chemical dependency programs.
- We support legislation requiring all gluten-containing grains used to produce the ingredients of a food product to be declared in the ingredient list of the product. We further support adding gluten to the GSA list of major food allergens.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE

- We recommend a special committee be established to review and propose updates for the Telephone Service section of the State Grange Legislative Handbook.
- We support the American Beef Labeling Act (S 52) and encourage Congress to quickly pass this legislation.

- We support legislation to require all continuing online transactions to be opt in. We support increased transparency by requiring the opt out process to be as easy to access as the original opt in process.

STATE LEGISLATIVE

- We urge the state legislature and state government agencies to periodically review state laws and repeal those declared obsolete.
- We encourage the state legislature to abolish swipe fees for using credit cards for the payment of restaurant meals, fast food, and home delivery of food items.
- We oppose legislation that takes zoning regulation and residential density making power away from cities and counties.

TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY

- The State Granges goes on

record in support of Initiative N. 2109, Repeals the Capital Gains Tax, as current Washington State Grange policy supports the repeal of the state capital gains tax.

- We request the Washington State Legislature and Washington State Department of Revenue increase the property tax exemption in RCW 81.36.605 (Section 8) and RCW 64.36.037 regarding conditions for obtaining a property tax exemption for public assembly halls or meeting places of nonprofit organizations from fifteen (15) days to thirty (30) days.

TRANSPORTATION

- We support legislation to repeal the 2030 Electric Vehicle mandate in the State of Washington.
- We support any action to implement higher-speed train service (trains that can travel up to 110 mph) that would traverse the State of Washington from Portland, OR to Vancouver, BC, Canada. We further believe that should higher-speed rail be created between Portland and Seattle, action should be taken to ensure a stop in Vancouver, WA be included. We further believe the State of Washington should actively pursue federal funding to create an efficient higher-speed rail service through the state.

- We support modification of RCW 46.16.080 (2) where the Exemption for E-bikes (Electric-assisted bicycles) applies only to a type 1 E-bike (a pedal assist bicycle that only assist when the bicycle is being pedaled and cannot go over 20 mph) when traveling on public roadways or bike lanes. We further believe type 2 and 3 E-bikes are treated the same as a Moped under classification RCW 46.04.304 requiring license and insurance.

- We oppose legislation which creates or supports rolling resistance regulation legislation. We further oppose legislation which creates regulations on tires for any purpose other than public safety.



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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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New Faces Join WA State Grange Officer Team

Delegates to the Annual State Grange Session filled three state officers this year. One Executive Committee position was open for a three-year term, while the offices of Flora and Secretary were vacant due to the resignations of those officers.

Brittney Pittman (Moses Lake Grange) was reelected to a three-year term on the State Grange Executive Committee. Pittman is beginning her second term in this office, having previously served as Ceres and Lade Assistant Steward of the State Grange. She is employed as a civil engineer in Moses Lake.

Isabella Lierman (Horseshoe Grange) was elected to fill the remaining one year for the office of State Grange Secretary. Lierman, the current Master of Snohomish County Pomona, previously served as Pomona and Lady Assistant Steward of the State Grange. She is employed as a teacher.

The newly elected State Flora is Jennifer Oliver (Collins Grange). While new to the elected officer team, Oliver was the State Grange Deputy Master for Pierce County, after previously serving as Co-Director of the State Junior Grange department. She works as a nurse in greater Pierce County.

A full election of State Grange officers will be held in 2025.

Note: The photo above is missing newly elected Flora, Jennifer Oliver (hence the empty chair) as she was a recipient of the horrible flu that was being passed around the convention. Also absent from the photo are both Leslie Wells, Lecturer and Helen Berg, Family Living Director.



Grangers Remembered In Memorial Service

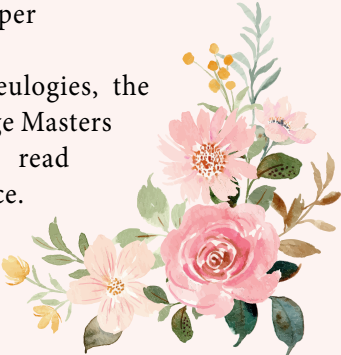
With an additional day (Sunday) added to the Annual State Grange Session, the State Grange Executive Committee reviewed the schedule and made changes to the normal convention schedule. The Annual Memorial Service was moved to Sunday morning of the session and expanded into a Memorial and Worship Service.

State Chaplain Carolyn Hojem coordinated the service. She lined up Pastor Blayne McCoy from one of the Colville areas cowboy churches to speak and provide music. Pastor Blayne provided a rousing message for the delegates to the session.

State Grange Officers eulogized the Past State Officers, Deputy Masters, and Spouses who passed on to the Great Grange Above over the past year. Eulogies were ready for:

- **George Ohlsen** – past State Gatekeeper and Snohomish County Deputy Master
- **David Schaefer** – past Lewis County Deputy Master and Special Deputy
- **Robert Kraemer** – past Lewis County Deputy Master
- **Barbara Scherrer** – past State Pomona
- **Dan Hammock** – past Editor of the Grange News
- **Wayne Miller** – past State Overseer, Special Deputy, and Junior Grange Director
- **Judy Prochaska** – Spouse of Island County Deputy Master
- **Larry Tanneberg** – past Douglas County Deputy Master
- **Carl Hagen** – past Grays Harbor County Deputy Master
- **Alta “June” Wachter-Busse** – spouse of Past State Gatekeeper

In addition to the eulogies, the names of 25 Past Grange Masters and/or Spouses were read aloud during the service. Music was provided by State Grange musician Dr. Jim Ogden.



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Pomona levels. She has proven invaluable in her abilities to research property issues and deeds throughout Northeast Washington. Lynn was the Registration Committee Chair for this year’s session.

Tom McKern is a 67-year

member of Quillisascut Grange, while also an affiliate member of Stranger Creek Grange. Tom has served in several State Grange positions, including Gatekeeper, Assistant Steward, Overseer, and Executive Committeeman. In recent year, Tom has been the Chair of the Board of Director for the

Grange Insurance Association. He has been the Master of Stevens County Pomona Grange for many years and led the tours to the Douglas Falls Grange Park at this year’s state session. The awards were presented at the annual convention on Saturday, June 29. Both

recipients were escorted to the President’s station where they graciously accepted the honor and provided numerous words of wisdom from their Grange involvement. In announcing the award, State President Tom Gwin stated. “Both Lynn and Tom are to be commended for the

mentoring they have provided to Grangers from the local up through the state level is unparalleled. They are truly deserving of this honor.” The State Grange Leadership Award, presented annually since 1957, is the highest honor accorded by the Washington State Grange.



State Grange Deputies

WA State Grange Delegates Debate, Vote On Internal Issues

Delegates to the 135th Annual Session debated and voted upon several internal issues aimed toward moving the organization forward.

AUDIT & BUDGET:

The State Grange will establish an annual inventory process to include values of items at the State Grange Headquarters, in the convention trailer, and in the possession of Grange departments, to include values for: resale items, contest supplies (including display props), general office supplies, office equipment, convention supplies, and regalia.

GRANGE LAW:

The delegates approved email as an approved form of communication when written member notification is required.

A special committee is to be appointed to review and make recommendations regarding State Grange Officer Elections.

The delegates opposed the proposal to collect National Grange dues for Junior Grange members.

The delegates requested the National Grange to reject their resolution on collecting Junior Grange dues at the national level until such time as a full discussion on the issues surrounding how Junior Grange dues affects Family Memberships can be held and satisfactorily addressed.

GRANGE ACTIVITIES:

The delegates decided the proceedings of the Annual State Grange Session will be made available to Grange in a secure pdf format on the Washington State Grange website.

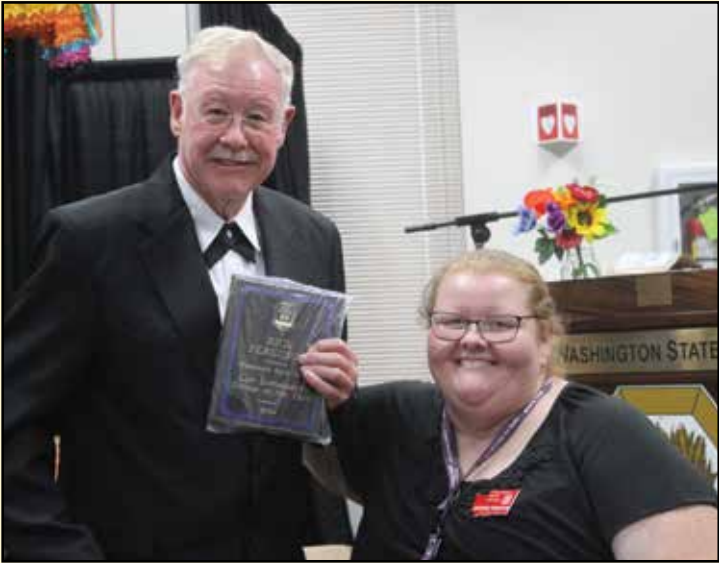
It was recommended the State Grange Historical Committee consider purchasing the equipment necessary to scan Grange records, allowing Subordinate and Pomona Granges to digitally store their records.

Degree Teams

5th Degree Team

6th Degree Team

Community Service



Law Enforcement Officer of the Year was presented to Rick Ferguson of Waitsburg Grange

Community Service Awards Announced

Thank you to those Granges who submitted entries in the Community Service Contest and the Community Recognition Program. Awards were presented as follows:

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST

- Class 1 – 40 or less members
- First Place – North River #946
- Second Place – Greenwood Park #590
- Third Place – Fredonia #545
- Fourth Place – McLane #383

- Class 2 – 41 or more members
- First Place – Sequim Prairie #1108
- Second Place – Humptulips #730
- Third Place – Mossyrock #355
- Fourth Place – Fruitland #999

Sequim Prairie Grange was selected as the **Best of Show** winner and will represent our state in the National Community Service Contest.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

- Firefighter of the Year** – Stephen Sandstrom, nominated by Humptulips Grange #730
- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year** – Columbia County Deputy Sheriff Rick Ferguson, nominated by Waitsburg Grange #1
- Volunteer Group of the Year** – American Legion, Tum Tum Post #168, nominated by Mountain Valley Grange #79

Congratulations to our award winners. The winning entries will be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration of national recognition.



First place and best of show award in community service went to Sequim Prairie Grange.



Georgene Neal of Mountain Valley Grange accepts the Volunteer Group of the Year award for the American Legion, Tumtum Post #168.

What Is Community Service?

By Claudine Lefever
Community Service Director

What is Community Service? Thinking back to last month's State Convention I remembered what sister Martha Stefenoni from California State Grange had done in her workshop. She referenced to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary to look up possible controversial words like ritual and master to see how they were defined. In doing so it became clear that these words should not be feared. And so, I have done the same. Community Service is a noun that is first defined as work that is done without pay to help people in a community.

Grangers have always provided Community Service. This will not change. It's a core aspect just as agriculture education and legislative advocacy. National

Grange is making transitions in this department for the coming year. One transformation is how it recognizes Granges and Grangers with awards for their Community Service. This is where I come in as the newly appointed Washington State Grange Community Service Director.

I have been asked to move our State Grange Community Service Program forward to stay in alignment with National Grange. It is an honor to accept this position. I will do my best to display Washington Grange's outstanding community service work at the subordinate, county, and state level to our fraternity brothers and sisters at the national level. We want Washington State Grange to continue its excellence in being rooted, resilient, united, and #GrangeStrong in community service at every level!



Claudine Lefever

Over the next few months, I will be studying the current structure of the Community Service Program in our State Grange, figure out where and what changes (or transformations as I like to think of) are needed and then implement them for the 2025 year.

Each of us Grangers and Granges are all important to this organization. Please reach out if there is something you want to share or need help from me with. This job is new for me, I don't know everything, but I'm willing to help find the answers together. You can reach me at: communityservice.wsg@gmail.com or 509.250.0670 voice or text. I'm excited to work with fellow Grangers!

Happy Valley Grange Says Thank You With Bundles Of Joy Bags

Happy Valley Grange #322 chose to thank the complete staff at Stillwater Elementary School by putting together bags filled with coffee, tea, cookies, and candy. We called them Bundles of Joy. 80 bags were enough for all employees at the school. Grange members and non-members helped assemble these at one of our game nights. They put smiles on many faces and brightened days.



National Grange

National Grange Community Service Department Updates

By Diana Nordquest
National Grange
Community Service Team

The Community Service Team would like to announce two changes from what is printed in the 2024 National Grange Contests Guide.

1. The National Junior Grange Community Service Contest has been transferred to the National Junior Grange Team. For more information, email junior@nationalgrange.org.
2. The Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service

Award will now be handled by the National Grange Youth Team. For more information, email youth@nationalgrange.org.

National Grange Firefighter/EMT, Law Enforcement Officer and Teacher of the Year Nominations are due by October 1, 2024. The forms are listed in the NG Contests Guide. The address to mail entries is: National Grange Community Service, c/o Emma Edelen, 129 Cherry Hill Rd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405 or email to communityservice@grange.org.

State winners in the Community



Service books are to be brought to National Convention. The judging will begin when the gavel drops to open National Session on Tuesday morning.

State Grange Community Service Directors should submit their report form to communityservice@grange.org to receive their certificates and prize money (if applicable).

Lecturer's Department

Convention Follow-Up and Thank You



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

**Convention Follow-Up –
Silent and Live Auctions**

I would like to thank the following Granges/Individuals who contributed items to benefit the activities of the Lecturer Department.

Silent Auction:

King County Pomona – Beach Basket, Excelsior Pomona – Cutting Board Basket, Tualco Grange – Charcuterie Board, Mossyrock Grange – Wine and Glasses, Greenwood Park – Grateful Harvest Warmer, Issaquah Valley Grange – Blendjet,

Garden City Grange – Coffee Break Basket, Unknown Donor – Apple Themed Basket, Pend Orielle Pomona – Camper Sign, Pend Orielle Pomona – Toy Story Blanket and Pillow, Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona – Jellies, Pickled Carrots and Water Bottle, Excelsior Pomona – Wine and a Book, Brittney and Jonny Pittman – First Coffee Mugs and Tray, Gardenspot and Williams Valley Granges – Halloween Bouquet Basket, and an Unknown Donor – Lap Robe. All of these items raised \$512 for our Department.

Live Auction:

Skagit Pomona – Travel Picnic Basket, Terrace Heights Grange – Hand made, Logo Embellished Charcuterie Board with Serving Utensils and a Handmade Cloth Case, South Lake Stevens Grange – Gardening Basket, Quillisascut Grange – Doggie Themed Quilt, McMillin Grange/Helen Gardner – an Etched and Scenic Embellished 2-man Saw,

Clark County Pomona – It’s A Picnic Basket, Debbie and Mark Fisch – Bottle and Wine Glasses Display Item made from ½ Wine Barrel, and from an Unknown Donor – An Emergency Kit full of various Medical Supplies. The Live Auction raised \$2520 for the Lecturer Department.

I would like to thank the Youth Department for their assistance with the Live Auction and the Host Committee Shuttle drivers for transporting everything for the Junior, Youth, Family Living and Lecturer Departments to the picnic area where the Auction was held. A huge THANK YOU to Marty Billquist from Montana who did a terrific job as our Auctioneer this year. He and his wife Joyce, Montana State Grange President, also brought two jewelry items from the Montana Silversmiths to auction with the proceeds to be donated to the Junior and Youth Departments.

Lecturer Committee

I would once again like to give a big THANKS to our committee members: Sherry Cummins, Anita Mastin and Brenda Lester. Brenda’s niece was most helpful as we were checking items in for our contests and helping with the display placements. Unfortunately, Brenda got sick during convention and they had to leave for home early. But Grangers being Grangers, several members stepped in (yes you, Janice A., Steve D., Ann F. and a couple of Fargher Lake members) and helped us with check-out. Thanks also to Ann Fackenthall for arranging for our judges for the Art & Crafts and Photography Contests – they were good judges. If you are wanting to be more involved at Convention, I would like to have you join our committee. Let me know at lesliewells@att.net or 360.306.0905.



(Above) Photos from the Departmental Auction



(Above and Right) Lecturer's Department Entries

Contest Spotlight

HEIRLOOM PROGRAM CONTEST

due September 1




New this year, the National Grange Heirloom Program Contest encourages Grange members to utilize and expand upon the Grange Heirloom Program to help teach the basic lessons and foundation of the Grange. Two categories exist - Supplemental Materials and Heirlooms in Daily Life Digital Display. Learn more and submit your entry at: <https://www.nationalgrange.org/membership-leadership-contests/>

Heirloom Project Readings August, September and October 2024

AUGUST 2024: “Wherever you go, whatever your calling, aim to do good. Good deeds are ever fruitful of yet more good.”
(Second Degree; Chaplain)

SEPTEMBER 2024: “It is delightful to acquire knowledge, and much more so to diffuse it.”
(Third Degree; Lecturer)

OCTOBER 2024: “We desire a proper equality, and fairness; protection for the weak; restraint upon the strong; in short, justly distributed power. These are American ideals, the very essence of American independence, and to advocate the contrary is unworthy of the sons and daughters of our Republic.”
(Grange Declaration of Purposes)



Lecturer's Department

2024 Lecturer Contest Results

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

GROUP A - Adult:

A1 – Poetry, Metered; Topic: Zoom

1st Place:	Nancy Hartley	Camden #687
2nd Place:	Mary Lee Rozelle	Camden #687
3rd Place:	Jarrod Gardner	McMillin #848
Additional entries were received from:		
Bob Sholes – North River #946 and Lorell Fisher – Stranger Creek #374.		

A2 – Poetry, Free Verse; Topic: Zoom

1st Place:	Mary Lee Rozelle	Camden #687
2nd Place:	Jarrod Gardner	McMillin #848
3rd Place:	Herb Batterson	Green Bluff #300
Additional entries were received from:		
Ann Fackenthall (2) – Gardenspot #278 and Steven Caskey (2) – Hope #155.		

A3 – Short Story; Topic: My First Ride

1st Place:	Nancy Hartley	Camden #687
2nd Place:	Rodger Lance	Washington #82
3rd Place:	Jacklyn Lester	Adna #417
Additional entries were received from:		
Mary Hursh – Fruitland #999 and a second one from Rodger Lance – Washington #82.		

GROUP A - Adult:

Best of Show: \$50	Nancy Hartley – Camden #387 for her Short Story
Second Best of Show: \$25	Mary Lee Rozelle – Camden #387 for her Free Verse Poem

GROUP B - Youth:

B1 – Poetry, Metered; Topic: Zoom

1st Place:	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905
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B3 – Short Story; Topic: My First Ride

1st Place:	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905
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GROUP B - Youth:

Best of Show: \$50	Lucy Jones – Five Mile Prairie #905 for her Short Story
Second Best of Show: \$25	Lucy Jones – Five Mile Prairie #905 for her Poem

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Total entries pre-submitted: 202
Total entries received/judged: 234

GROUP I - Adults, age 20 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Jenny Vincent	East Hill #786	King #13
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Pam Mathews	South Union #860	Thurston #8

Best of Class Winners:

A. Scenic Photo	*****Not Recorded*****		
B. Washington My Home	Jenny Vincent	East Hill #786	King #13
C. Animals	Jenny Vincent	East Hill #786	King #13
D. Birds	Tom Cullen	Buena #836	Yakima Valley #11
E. People	Alice Coakley	Oakville #311	Lewis #3
F. Portraiture	*****Not Recorded*****		
G. Historical	Eric Olsen	Violet Prairie #996	Thurston #8
H. Agriculture & Farming	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
I. Celebration	Eric Rohde	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
J. Water	Jenny Vincent	East Hill #786	King #13
K. Flora	Pam Mathews	Deuth Union #860	Thurston #8
L. Winter	Jessica Bates	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6
M. Spring	Paul James	Mossyrock #355	Lewis #3
N. Summer	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
O. Autumn/Fall	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
P. Insects & Bugs	Jenny Vincent	East Hill #786	King #13
Q. Grange Activities	Vickie Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
R. Recreational Activities	Julie Panuska	Mossyrock #355	Lewis #3
S. Lines, Shapes or Forms	Becky Escober	Oakville #311	Lewis #3
T. Transportation	Haldis Sholes	North River #946	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
U. General Interest	Debbie Reigel-Yates	Rexville #815	Skagit #10
V. Manipulated Photo	Dennis Lippert	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29

GROUP II - Youth, ages 14-19

Best of Show: \$25	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

Best of Class Winners:

BA. Scenic Photo	Jonathan Rookstool	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
BB. Animals/Pets	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
BC. People	Parker Hammons	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
BD. Food	Magnolia Goins	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1
BE. General Interest	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
BF. Grange Activities	Lauren Rohde	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
BG. Water	Katie Marteny	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6
BH. Flora	Parker Hammons	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
BI. Recreational Activities	Parker Hammons	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
BJ. Manipulated Photo	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

GROUP III - Juniors, ages 5-13

Best of Show: \$25	Jayden Robertson	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Kaiden Thompson	Kettle River #1120	Stevens #17

Best of Class Winners:

CA. Scenic Photo	Jayden Robertson	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
CB. Animals	Jayden Robertson	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
CC. People	*****No Entries*****		
CD. Food	*****No Entries*****		
CE. General Interest	Morgan Arthue	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
CF. Grange Activities	*****No Entries*****		
CG. Water	Truman Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
CH. Flora	Kaiden Thompson	Kettle River #1120	Stevens #17
CI. Pets	Jayden Robertson	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56

ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST

Total entries pre-submitted: 251
Total entries received/judged: 230

Group A - Paintings and Drawings, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Barry Benbow	Bee Hive #385	Chelan #23
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Deborah Casteel	Garden City #280	Snohomish #12

Best of Class Winners:

A-1 Oils	Deborah Casteel	Garden City #280	Snohomish #12
A-2 Acrylics	Barry Benbow	Bee Hive #385	Chelan #23
A-3 Watercolors	Jim Beerbower	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
A-4 Mixed Medium	Deborah Casteel	Garden City #280	Snohomish #12
A-5 Drawings – Any Medium	Kaitlyn Graham	Addy #605	Stevens #17
A-6 Miniature – Any Medium	Matt Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
A-7 Other	Susan Baughman	Bee Hive #385	Chelan #23

Group B - Fiber Craft/Needle Arts, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Terry Shepler	Clayton #456	Excelsior #37
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Tim Reese	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29

Best of Class Winners:

B-1 Weaving	Geoff Ginter	Quilliscut #372	Stevens #17
B-2 Embroidery, Hand	Lois Cummins	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29
B-3 Knit, any item	Karen Castello	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit #10
B-4 Crochet, any item	Mark George	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
B-5 Counted Cross Stitch	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
B-6 Counted Cross Stitch (Wnrd)	Terry Shepler	Clayton #456	Excelsior #37
B-7 Plastic Canvas	Sherry Cummins	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29
B-8 Other Fiber Craft	Magnolia Goins	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1
B-9 Other Needle Art	Tim Reese	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29

Group C - Holiday Crafts, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Jill Michels	Fredonia #545	Skagit #10
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Rob Hegney	McIntosh #1001	Spokane #4

Best of Class Winners:

C-1 Christmas Ornament	Kirsten Sinkbeil	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
C-2 Christmas Decorations	Jill Michels	Fredonia #545	Skagit #10
C-3 Thanksgiving Decorations	*****No Entries*****		
C-4 Halloween Decorations	Lisa Harner	Olympic View #774	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
C-5 Other Holiday Decorations	Grace Sunda	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29
C-6 Non-Holiday Decorations	Rob Hegney	McIntosh #1001	Spokane #4
C-7 Seasonal Decorations	Sharon Kosar	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
C-8 Other Celebration Décor	Sherry Cummins	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29

Group D - Wood Crafts, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Rodger Lance	Washington #82	Clark #1
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Ralph Rise	Molson #269	Okanogin #53

Best of Class Winners:

D-1 Woodworking (with a finish)	Rodger Lance	Washington #82	Clark #1
D-2 Woodworking (w/o a finish)	Rodger Lance	Washington #82	Clark #1
D-3 Wood Birdhouse	Brandi Ockenfels	Roy #702	Pierce #16
D-4 Wooden Toy	Audrey Spurlock	Fern Prairie #996	Clark #1
D-5 Any Woodworking Item (ages 14-19)	Adrionna McClellan	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
D-6 Other Wooden Item	Tristen Otter.	Addy #603	Stevens #17

Group E - Recycled Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Mike Ohlsen	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

Best of Class Winners:

E-1 Recycled Fabric/Fiber	Becky Escober	Oakview #311	Lewis #3
E-2 Recycled Wood	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
E-3 Recycled Metal	Mike Ohlsen	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
E-4 Recycled Plastic	Lois Cummins	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29
E-5 Recycled from Any Other Item	Mary Lee Rozelle	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29

Group F - Constructive Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Elver Williams	Greenwood Park #590	Excelsior #37
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Steve Dalton	Garden City #280	Snohomish #12

Best of Class Winners:

F-1 Glass Craft	Kolton Funk	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
F-2 Metal Craft	*****No Entries*****		
F-3 Sculpted Clay/Pottery	Steve Dalton	Garden City #280	Snohomish #12
F-4 Yard Art	Phil Kuhnkey	Green Bluff #300	Spokane #4
F-5 Ceramics, any item	Julia Baeder	Dry Creek #646	Clallam #31
F-6 Leather Craft	Elver Williams	Greenwood Park #590	Excelsior #37
F-7 Other Constructive Craft	JoAnn Becker	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12

Group G - Paper Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Sherry Maupin	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Sherry Maupin	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12

Best of Class Winners:

G-1 Handmade Card (holiday)	Sherry Maupin	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
G-2 Handmade Card (all occ)	Sherry Maupin	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
G-3 Origami	*****No Entries*****		
G-4 Quilling	*****No Entries*****		
G-5 Adult Coloring	*****No Entries*****		
G-6 Other Paper Craft Item	Bonnie Lyle	Pine Grove #115	Whitman #2

Group H - General Crafts, Adult, Ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Jodi Ann Cameron	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Sheryl Hemp	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12

Best of Class Winners:

H-1 Beading	Adam Flore	East Hill #786	King #13
H-2 Jewelry	Kerry Rice	Greenwood Park #590	Excelsior #37
H-3 Decorative Painting	Jodi Ann Cameron	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
H-4 Wearable Art	Olivia Hollingworth	Barberton #571	Clark #1
H-5 Toys (other than wood)	Sheryl Hemp	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12
H-6 Nature Craft	Lisa Harner	Olympic View #774	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
H-7 Flower Arrangement/ Corsage (dried or silk)	Glenda Tjarnberg	Terrace Heights #586	Yakima Valley #11
H-8 String, Cord, or Macrame	Miranda Panuska	Mossyrock #355	Lewis #3
H-9 Other General Craft Item	Grace Sunda	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29

Group I – Grange Promotional Art/Craft, Ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Sophie Jones	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Sharon #800	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Best of Class Winners:

I-1 Grange Promo Brochure	Brittney Pittman	Moses Lake #1151	Grant #59
I-2 Grange Event Flyer	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
I-3 Posters	Debbie Fische	Bee Hive #385	Chelan #29
I-4 Grange Promo T-Shirt Or Vest	Sharon #800	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
I-5 Other Grange Promo Art/Craft Items	Sophie Jones	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Group J - Arts & Crafts, Children, Ages 10-13

Best of Show: \$25	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Jenna Meats	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

Best of Class Winners:

J-1 Paintings	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-2 Drawings	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-3 Lego Item – from a Kit	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-4 Lego Item – not a Kit	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-5 Woodcrafts	Truman Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-6 Fabric/Fiber Craft	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-7 Paper Craft	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-8 Decorations	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-9 Wearable Art	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
J-10 Any Item made from a Kit – Other than Legos	Avery Kemano	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-11 Other Arts & Craft Items	Jenna Meats	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

Group K - Arts & Crafts, Children, Ages 5-9

Best of Show: \$25	Weston Sinkbeil	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Sophia Griffith	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

Best of Class Winners:

K-1 Paintings	Weston Sinkbeil	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
K-2 Drawings	Mary Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
K-3 Lego Item – from a Kit	Dezlan Kemano	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
K-4 Lego Item – not from a Kit	Captain O'Riordan	Williams Valley #452	Excelsior #37
K-5 Woodcrafts	Everlee Blackford	Washington #82	Clark #1
K-6 Fabric/Fiber Craft	Savanna Murray	Catlin #199	Cowlitz/Wahkiakum #7
K-7 Paper Crafts	Weston Sinkbeil	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
K-8 Decorations	Gracyn Payne	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
K-9 Wearable Art	Gracelyn Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
K-10 Any Item made from a Kit - Other than Lego	Gracyn Payne	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
K-11 Other Arts & Crafts Item	Elanor Swidecki	Violet Prairie #996	Thurston #8

Home & Family

2024 Convention Wrap-Up

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

This was an unusual week as I got sick halfway through. I would like to thank all who helped. First of all, to my team who stepped up to the plate in a big way. To the men who set up the display room which included setting up quilt racks we had not used before. To the youth who hung the quilts and did the sewing display. They did a great job. To the ladies who volunteered by hanging ribbons on the displays. To Butch who ordered lunch for the judges. To

the judges who were willing to stay until the job was finished. Many hands make for light work.

My Congratulations to all the winners. We had some beautiful entries in all classes. I am not going to list all the winners as they are printed elsewhere in this paper. You truly make the Family Living program what it is by your participation. Thank you for taking the time to participate.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Mary Hunt for marching for me and filling my chair during the sessions.

We only got 4 quilt blocks

entered this year. We will not be able to make a quilt for next year so I am asking if there may be a few of you who might be willing to make some Jacobs Ladder blocks and send them to me. The quilt that is auctioned off is a big chunk of the Family Living budget so any help will be appreciated. Just a heads up: Our quilt block for next year will have a Christmas theme. More details to follow.

Have a great rest of your summer. Stay cool.



Helen Berg

Stranger Creek Grange And Quilliscut Grange Join Forces For July 4th Pancake Breakfast

Stranger Creek Grange #374 and Quilliscut Grange #372 joined forces to serve the community a huckleberry pancake breakfast with all the trimmings on the 4th of July. This annual event is looked forward to, not only by the local community, but by campers along Lake Roosevelt who come back year after year. It is always a fun way to reconnect with friends and family.



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Mediterranean Favorite Dishes



(Courtesy of Family Features)

Mediterranean recipes, celebrated for a myriad of benefits, have been top-rated in the world for years. It's important to broaden the understanding beyond ingredients to embrace the elements of the Mediterranean lifestyle, which also contribute to these benefits. Essentially, it's not just about what you eat; it's also about how you enjoy it and with whom you share the experience. Semolina pasta is a staple for many people in the Mediterranean region, playing a significant role in culinary history and making it a favorite ingredient in Mediterranean dishes and gathering around the table. For example, the recipe for Cellentani Caprese Pasta Salad and Linguine with Zucchini Carbonara are perfect for sharing, whether you're hosting friends and neighbors or enjoying a meal with someone special. Visit barilla.com/recipes to discover more Mediterranean dishes.

Cellentani Caprese Pasta Salad

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes Servings: 7

- Ingredients:**
- 1 box Barilla Cellentani pasta
 - 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
 - 2 pints grape tomatoes, mixed color, halved
 - 4 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 8 basil leaves, julienned
 - 2 cups small mozzarella cheese balls, halved
 - salt and black pepper, to taste

Bring large pot of water to boil. Cook pasta according to package directions and drain. Drizzle pasta with 1 tablespoon olive oil and place on sheet tray to cool. Set aside.

In large bowl, combine tomatoes, lemon juice, basil, remaining olive oil and cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add pasta and stir. Chill and serve.

Linguine with Zucchini Carbonara

Prep time: 5 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes Servings: 8

- Ingredients:**
- 5 egg yolks
 - 1 cup Pecorino Romano cheese, grated, divided
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1 medium zucchini, julienned
 - 1 box Barilla Linguine
 - 1 tablespoon fresh mint, chopped
 - salt and black pepper, to taste

Bring large pot of water to boil. In bowl, mix egg yolks, 1/3 cup Pecorino Romano cheese and milk. Season with salt, to taste. Set aside. In large skillet, heat olive oil and cook zucchini.

Cook pasta according to package directions. Reserve 1/2 cup cooking water. Mix pasta in pan with zucchini. Add egg yolk mixture and 2 tablespoons cooking water. Combine well. Add remaining cheese and mint; mix. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

SOURCE: barilla.com



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2024 Family Living Contest Results

BAKING CONTEST – ADULTS

Best of Show – Kerry Alexander, South Lake Stevens #690
Second Best of Show – Emil Moilanen, Crescent #1123

First Place Winners:

- Yeast Breads – Betty Garrison, Roy #702
- Quick Breads – Vicki Loomer, South Lake Stevens #690
- Other Desserts – Pete Hauck, Ten Mile #399
- Cakes – Shelley Macy, Ten Mile #399
- Cupcakes – Lisa Harner, Olympic View #774
- Baked Cookies – Karen Arola, Fargher Lake #853
- Decorated Cookies – Sue Hoerath, South Lake Stevens #690
- Other Cookies – Arin Hinman, Waller Road #1111
- Bar Cookies – Kerry Alexander, South Lake Stevens #690

BAKING CONTEST – YOUTH

Best of Show – Abi Syjut, Addy #603
Second Best of Show – Ruth Goins, Fern Prairie #866

First Place Winners:

- Yeast Breads – Abi Syjut, Addy #603
- Cupcakes – Ruth Goins, Fern Prairie #866

BAKING CONTEST – JUNIOR

Best of Show – Lana Gilmour, Fargher Lake #853
Second Best of Show – Inara Hinman, Waller Road #1111

First Place Winners:

- Yeast Breads – Emily Graham, Addy #603
- Baked Cookies – Lana Gilmour, Fargher Lake #853
- Unbaked Cookies – Hank Goins, Fern Prairie #866

CANDY CONTEST

Best of Show – Priscilla Davis, Green Bluff #300
Second Best of Show – Debbie Brooks, Ten Mile #399

First Place Winners:

- Cooked Candy – Priscilla Davis, Green Bluff #300

FOOD PRESERVATION CONTEST – ADULTS

Best of Show – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730
Second Best of Show – Christina Rogers, Humptulips #730

First Place Winners:

- Canned Fruit – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730
- Canned Vegetables – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730
- Jam/Jelly – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730
- Canned Meat/Fish – Davona Gwin, Humptulips #730
- Tomatoes – Debra Basquez, Fruitland #999
- Salsa – Tianna Wynn, Humptulips #730
- Pickles – Debbie Riegel-Yates, Rexville #815
- Vinegars – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730
- Caned Pie Filling – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730
- Canned Soup – Laura Rookstool, Deer Lagoon #846
- Canned Syrup – Jeffrey Prowse, Cedar Valley #306
- Dried Fruit – Chris Hamp, Five Mile Prarie #905



- Dried Herbs – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730
- Dried Fruit Leather – Debra Basquez, Fruitland #999
- Dried Meats – Steve Yates, Rexville #815
- Dried Other – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730

FOOD PRESERVATION CONTEST – YOUTH

Best of Show – Jaelyn Johnson, Humptulips #730
Second Best of Show – Jaelyn Johnson, Humptulips #730

First Place Winners:

- Jam/Jelly – Jaelyn Johnson, Humptulips #730
- Salsa – Jaelyn Johnson, Humptulips #730
- Pickles – Jaelyn Johnson, Humptulips #730

FOOD PRESERVATION CONTEST – JUNIORS

Best of Show – Kamryn Cable, Humptulips #730
Second Best of Show – Farren Yarmey-Stanley, Humptulips #730

First Place Winners:

- Jam/Jelly – Kamrun Cable, Humptulips #730
- Salsa – Karlie Schumacher, Humptulips #730
- Pickles - Farren Yarmey-Stanley, Humptulips #730

NEEDLEWORK CONTEST

Adult Best of Show – Terry Shepler, Clayton #45
Adult Second Best of Show – Mark George, Sharon #800
Youth Best of Show – Ashlyn Bates, Moses Lake #1151

First Place Winners:

- Crochet Large Item for House - Mark George, Sharon #800
- Knit Large Item for House – Maggie Bradly, Meridian #265
- Crochet Small Item for House – Deb Clark, Buena #836
- Crochet Item to Wear – Kyungsin Kim, Issaquah Valley #581
- Knit Item to Wear – Diane Camp, Issaquah Valley #581
- Crochet Baby Afghan – Jim Bryant, Collins #893
- Crochet Baby Set – Ginger Sweet, Issaquah Valley #581
- Counted Cross Stitch – Terry Shepler, Clayton #456

SEWING CONTEST

Best of Show – Bonnie Mitson, Five Mile Prairie #905
Second Best of Show – Shereyl Hemp, Kellogg Marsh #136

First Place Winners:

- Adult Clothing – Joyce Kludt, Oakview #311

- Pajamas – Shereyl Hemp, Kellogg Marsh #136
- Large Household Item – Janette Cejka, Washington #82
- Medium Household Item – Shelli Ackerman, Oakview #311
- Small Household Item – Bev McGuire, Barberton #571
- Aprons – Marilyn Armit, Mossyrock #355
- Other Sewn Item – Laurel Jacobs, Fredonia #545

QUILTING CONTEST

Junior Best of Show – Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake #853
Adult Best of Show – Karen Rochards, Clayton #456
Adult Second Best of Show – Kim Jorgensen, St. Andrews #836

First Place Winners:

- Traditional Large Quilt – Karen Rochards, Clayton #456
- Traditional Medium Quilt – Becky Meats, Fargher Lake #853
- Traditional Small Quilt – Kim Jorgensen, St. Andrews #836
- Traditional Lap Quilt – Vicky Didenhower, Molson #1069
- Traditional Other Quilted Item – Kim Jorgensen, St. Andrews #836
- Non-Traditional Medium Quilt – Carla Thorson, Prospect Point #1067
- Non-Traditional Small Quilt – Sue Rothfus, Catlin #199
- Non-Traditional Wall Hanging – Deann Altree, Washington #82
- Non Traditional Small Item – Jeri Bonser, Catlin #199
- Non Traditional Other – Kari Justad, Issaquah Valley #581
- Hand Quilted Medium Item – Sue Rothfus, Catlin #199
- Hand Quilted Small Item – Sue Rothfus, Catlin #199
- Junior Tied Quilt – Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake #853



Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Thank You... And Youth Award Winners Announced

By Jerry Gwin
Youth Grange Director



Jerry Gwin

Thank you to all those who worked with the youth department at our recent state session. The size of our youth group grew from last year. The youth officer drill was presented on Sunday. As we didn't have a full slate of officers, we combined with the Junior Grangers for our drill.

This was our second year for the Youth Educational Poster Contest. We increased to over 100 entries this year. The posters were evaluated and ribbons awarded. Cash prizes were awarded to the top posters. Thank you to Debbie Harbin and her crew from Addy Grange for coordinating the contest.

The Livestock Judging Contest doubled in size to 65 participants. Thank you to the Granges of Stevens County and Ashley Pratt, Jayne Deardorff, and Debbie Harbin for lining up the animals for the contest. Debbie also coordinated the scoring of the judging. The results and photos of the contest are listed elsewhere.

We also owe a big thank you to those who supported the youth department by purchasing tickets for our annual raffle. The support is universal across the state. We also thank those who donated items for the live and silent auctions. Your generosity will allow us to continue providing opportunities for our youth Grangers to grow and learn.



Youth educational posters on display.



Collections for the Keep Washington Warm project

A SUMMARY OF YOUTH AWARDS IS AS FOLLOWS:

Youth Ambassador 2024-2025

Melissa Kudsk, Haynie #169

Youth Boosters of the Year

David & Mary Bryant, Elk Plain #782

Pizzaz Awards

Addison Bowen, McIntosh #1001
Rorie O'Riordan, Williams Valley #452

Prepared Speeches

First Place, ages 13-20 – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1
Second Place, ages 14-20 – Lucy Jones, Five Mile Prairie #905
Third Place, ages 14-20 – Addison Bowen, McIntosh #1001
First Place, age 26+ - Heather Ferguson, Waitsburg #1
Best of Show – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1

Impromptu Speeches – Ages 14-19

First Place – Melissa Kudsk, Haynie #169
Second Place – Richard Simmons, Kettle River #1120
Third Place – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1

Impromptu Speeches, Ages 20-35

First Place – Sheyenne Koen, Kellogg Marsh #136

Impromptu Speeches, Age 36 and Over

First Place – Mary Brouillard, South Union #860
Second Place – Heather Ferguson, Waitsburg #1
Third Place – tie between John Scherrer, Grangeville #857, and
Greg Jones, North & South Palouse #1004

Youth Raffle

First Place - \$400 – Ann Fackenthall, Nine Mile Falls WA
Second Place - \$100 – Lauren Rohde, College Place WA
Third Place - \$60 – Scarlett Cochran, Connell WA
Fourth Place - \$40 – Clallam County Pomona Grange #31

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL POSTERS – 101 entries

Class 1 (Animals) – Beginners, Ages 5-7

First Place – Ashley Jachetta, Moses Lake #1151
Second Place – Aubree Judd, Addy #603
Third Place – Elena Thompson, Kettle River #1120

Class 2 (Plants) – Beginners, Ages 5-7

First Place – Nellie Deardorff, Kettle River #1120
Second Place – Elena Thompson, Kettle River #1120
Third Place – Aurora Kueck, Stranger Creek #372

Class 1 (Animals) – Juniors, ages 8-10

First Place – Korrol Landon, St Andrews #832
Second Place – J.J. Collier, Addy #603
Third Place - Remmi Baugh, Addy #603

Class 2 (Plants) – Juniors, ages 8-10

First Place – Paityn Deardorff, Kettle River #1120
Second Place – Kaiden Thompson, Kettle River #1120

Class 1 (Animals) – Pre Teens, ages 11-13

First Place – Shaylee Christenson, Prospect Point #1067
Second Place – Kya Paxton, Addy #603
Third Place – Amor Collier, Addy #603

Class 2 (Plants) – Pre Teens, ages 11-13

First Place – Sloane Dunn, Stranger Creek #372
Second lace – Lane Delp-Pratt, Kettle River #1120

Class 1 (Animals) – Teens, Ages 14-19

First Place – Justyce Paladin, Addy #603
Second Place – Meredith Meats, Fargher Lake #853
Third Place – Bree Paxton, Addy #603

Class 2 (Plants) – Teens, Ages 14-19

First Place – Sierra Christenson, Prospect Point #1067

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors



Junior Grange craft contest.



Junior Public Speaking Awards.

Juniors

Junior Grange Awards 2024 State Grange Convention



Heather Ferguson

Junior Grange Community Service Contest

- 1- Humptulips JG
- 2- Prospect Point

Junior Grange Fair Booth Contest

- 1- Humptulips JG
- 2- Camp Morehead JG (Grays Harbor Fair)
- 3- Humptulips JG (Cowlitz County Fair)
- 4- Fargher Lake JG

Ned Cullen Award

Farghar Lake JG

Leader of the Year

Debbie Harbin, Addy JG

Membership Building Award

Humptulips JG

Public Speaking

• Prepared Speech

- 1- Kelby Barth, East Wenatchee
- 2- Truman Jones, Five Mile Prairie
- 3- Adeline Barth, East Wenatchee

• Short Story

- 1- Gideon Jones, Five Mile Prairie
- 2- James Brouillard, South Union

• Impromptu

- 1- Jacob Smith, Humptulips JG
- 2- Truman Jones, Five Mile Prairie
- 3- Gideon Jones, Five Mile Prairie

Crafts

• Group 1 – Ages 7 and Under

- 1- Cassidy Walker, Fargher Lake JG
- 2- Hannah Filzen, Fargher Lake JG
- 3- Cassidy Walker, Fargher Lake JG

• Group 2 – Ages 8 to 10 years

- 1- Hank Goins, Fern Prairie
- 2- Ryker Gaylor, Farghar Lake JG
- 3- Lukus Gaylor, Fargher Lake JG

• Group 3 – Ages 11-13 years

- 1- Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake JG
- 2- Kallen Schonert, Fern Prairie
- 3- Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake JG

Junior Grange Tri- Boards

- 1- Humptulips JG
- 2- Camp Morehead JG

National Grange Youth And Juniors Deadlines

SEPTEMBER 1

- Ag Awareness Award Submissions (Juniors)
- Cape of Honor (Juniors)
- Creative Art Contest (Juniors)
- Creative Writing Contest (Juniors)
- Distinguished Youth Program (Youth)
- G.R.A.N.G.E. Youth Pillar Project (Youth)
- John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience Applications (Youth)
- Junior Mentor Award (Juniors/Youth)
- National Junior Grange Ambassador Applications (Juniors)
- State Junior Director Reports (Juniors)
- TikTok/Reels Contest (Youth/Junior)
- Virtual Photo Contest (Juniors/Lecturer)
- Wib & June Justi Youth Community Service Award (Youth)
- Youth & Young Adult Ambassador Program Applications (Youth)
- Youth Membership Recruitment Award (Youth/Membership)
- Youth Officer Council (Youth)
- Youth T-Shirt Design (Youth)

OCTOBER 20

- GROW Club Travel Scholarship Applications (Youth)

NOVEMBER 1

- Grange Ritual Contest (Youth)
- Parliamentary Procedure (Youth)
- Public Speaking (Juniors & Youth^)
- Sign-a-Song (Juniors & Youth^)

NOVEMBER 11*

- Junior Grange Community Service (Juniors/Community Service)
- State Community Service Book Winners (Community Service)

^ Advance from State Contests - notify National Youth or Junior Team of your intent to compete.

*due to the Community Service Team by Monday morning at the National Grange Convention.

Junior Connection

CAMP MOREHEAD JUNIOR GRANGE

Camp Morehead Junior Grange canceled their summer resident camp because of concerns over camp facilities. Instead, we had a three-day summer day camp featuring many of our camp planned activities. We took a field trip to Kalaloch. As it was low tide, we were able to go out onto the rocks and look at the tidal pools. We also stopped for a visit to Merriman Falls, a 40-foot waterfall near Lake Quinault. We hope to have a resident camp in 2025. We had a display at the Grays Harbor County Fair in Elma, receiving second place.

GREEN BLUFF JUNIOR GRANGE

Green Bluff Junior Grange held their 11th Annual Green Bluff Trash Pickup. Grangers cleaned 1200 pounds of trash from 15,4 miles of roadway. The Junior Grange has a refreshment table at concerts held at the Grange Hall.

HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange members created a display for the Cowlitz County Fair and the Grays Harbor County Fair. We placed first on both displays. We sponsored the Kid's Coloring Corner at the Grays Harbor County Fair and took turns monitoring the corner and coloring with kids. Twenty-two members had exhibits at the county fair, totaling 169 exhibits from our members.

NORTH RIVER JUNIOR GRANGE

North River Junior Grange members had seven members exhibit at the county air for a total of 54 exhibits. We also had a display booth, placing third in the Junior Grange Division.

Green Bluff Juniors Sponsor Annual Trash Pick-Up



Green Bluff Junior Grange sponsored their Annual Keep Green Bluff Clean Trash Pickup.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Grange Youth Demonstrate Skills In Decision Making

To integrate the Grange Youth Fairs Program into the traditional Grange organization, the Washington State Grange held their first ever Livestock Judging Contest at the recently completed State Grange Session in Colville. Grange members, from Juniors up through adults, gathered in the Livestock Barns on Saturday, June 29 to demonstrate their skills with and knowledge of a variety of livestock animal species.

Grange members competed in this decision-making program by evaluating classes of beef, sheep, swine, and goats. Both market stock and breeding stock classes were included in this contest.

Later that evening the results of the contest were announced at the Annual State Grange Celebration Banquet. Medals were awarded to the top ten individuals in each age group, while banners were awarded to the highest scoring teams in the contest. The awards were sponsored by the Washington State Grange Foundation.

THE WINNERS OF THIS YEAR’S CONTEST WERE:

Team Placings:

- First Place** – Addy #603 – Abigail Syjut, Chali Thompson, Courtney Thompson, Clara Thompson
- Second Place** – Fargher Lake #853 – Sydney Boyse, Donna Kennedy, Hunter Shirley
- Third Place** – Fargher Lake #852 – Meredith Meats, Jenna Meats, Chance Shirley
- Fourth Place** – Addy #603 – Justyce Paladin, Bree Paxton, Matthew Harbin, Kya Paxton
- Fifth Place** – Kettle River #1120 – G.G. Simmons, Laci DeMartino, Richard Simmons

Beginners, age 5-7

- First Place** – Lael Drummond, San Poil #684
- Second Place** – Elena Thompson, Kettle River #1120

Juniors, ages 8-10

- First Place** – Adalyn Barth, East Wenatch3ee #1012
- Second Place** – Courtney Thompson, Addy #603
- Third Place** – Clara Thompson, Addy #603
- Fourth Place** – Kelby Barth, East Wenatchee #1012
- Fifth Place** – Eli Drummond, San Poil #684
- Sixth Place** – Kaiden Thompson, Kettle River #1120
- Seventh Place** – Garrett Thompson, Kettle River #1120

Pre Teens, ages 11-13

- First Place** – Dianna Chappell, Freedom #1152
- Second Place** – Lucille Thompson, Kettle River #1120
- Third Place** – G.G. Simmons, Kettle River #1120
- Fourth Place** – Laci DiMartino, Kettle River #1120
- Fifth Place** – Jacob Smith, Humptulips #730
- Sixth Place** – Kya Paxton, Addy #603



Judging contest participants from Fargher Lake Grange.

- Seventh Place** – Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake #853
- Eighth Place** – Chance Shirley, Fargher Lake #853
- Ninth Place** – Kalev Midkiff, San Poil #684
- Tenth Place** – Jenna Meats, Fargher Lake #85

Teens, ages 14-19

- First Place** – Merdith Meats, Fargher Lake #853
- Second Place** – Abigail Syjut, Addy #603
- Third Place** – Sydney Boyse, Fargher Lake #853
- Fourth Place**– Justyce Paladin, Addy #603
- Fifth Place** – Hunter Shirley, Fargher Lake #853
- Sixth Place** – Riley Delp-Pratt, Kettle River #1120
- Seventh Place** – Melissa Kudsk, Haynie #169
- Eighth Place** – Bree Paxton, Addy #603
- Ninth Place** – Richard Simmons, Kettle River #1120
- Tenth Place** – Dustin Chappell, Freedom #1152

Adults, age 20 and over

- First Place** – Daria Chappell, Freedom #1152
- Second Place** – Hanna Brazington, Williams Valley #452
- Third Place** – Warren Lewis, Granville #857
- Fourth Place** – Cathy Scherrer, Granville #857
- Fifth Place** – Debbie Fisch, Bee Hive #385
- Sixth Place** – Jonny Pittman, Moses Lake #1151
- Seventh Place** – Hannah Midkiff, San Poil #684
- Eighth Place** – Heather Ferguson, Waitsburg #1
- Ninth Place** – John Scherrer, Granville #857
- Tenth Place** – Jennifer Kennedy, Fargher Lake #857

The 2025 Livestock Judging Contest will be held at the 2025 State Grange Session in Chehalis.



Award winners in the teen division



Group at the Livestock Judging Contest

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth & Juniors: Convention Memories



The Youth and Junior Drill Team.



Junior Grange Community Service Award



David & Mary Bryant (Elk Plain Grange) were named Youth Boosters of the Year for their years of service to the Grange youth members.



The Youth Raffle winner was Ann Fackenthall of Gardenspot Grange.



Melissa Kudsk, 2024-2025 State Grange Youth Ambassador.



Junior Grange Ice Cream Social



Working on Youth Educational Posters



GROW Club members attending the convention. The GROW club is comprised of Past State Young Couples and Youth Ambassadors.

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS June & July 2024

	# Joined	Jr. +1
417 Adna5		
Shari Watt, Donald Watt, Jason Slape, Diane Ivie, Deanna Hamilton		
34 Baw Faw1		
William McKinney		
842 Camas Valley1		
Alycen Smith		
687 Camden2		
Janet Tachell, Sam Flatter		
306 Cedar Valley2		
Syntheticity Omega, Grace Maria		
782 Elk Plain2		
Michael Byus, Peggy Byus		
853 Fargher Lake7	15	
Keegan Allen, Taylor Allen, Kent Nelson, Joe Walsh, Jenn Walsh, Parker Baker, Connor Davis		
905 Five Mile Prairie0	3	
533 Fort Colville0	1	
155 Hope1		
Christel Fields		
1120 Kettle River1	3	
Luciana DiMartino		
667 Long Beach12		
Regina Bailey, Daniel Dunbar, Sheryl Shields, Debbie Graham, Dale Jacobson, Jackie Jacobson, Sharon Koskela, Ramona Russum-Martin, Sue Svendsen, Jennifer Stout, Carol Trekas, Jonas Trekas		
1101 Manor1		
Joy Tindall		
796 Manson2	4	
John Hei, Kaya Banghart		
276 Marion1		
Sandra Parker		
357 Matlock7		
Aric Irwin, Steve Jesse, Tina Jesse, Arne Swenson, Suzy Swenson, Walt Harvey, Diane Harvey		
383 McLane2		
Bonnie Miller, Dan Miller		
1001 McIntosh6		
Michael Warnecke, Jackson Hegney, Madeline Morin, Brady Bowen, Addison Bowen, Seth Baker		
265 Meridian1		
Marge Alex		
355 Mossyrock1		
Maya Hankins		
79 Mountain Valley5		
Barbara Carson, Nancy Amstad-Hite, Hartmut Karl, Joy Tindall, Luther Johsson		
769 North Creek Valley4		
Orsolya Nance, Susan Ryder, Adrian Parker, Scott Gueller		
311 Oakview1		
Steven Craig		
985 Oroville3		
Colette Biele, John Biele, David Sykes		
815 Rexville12		
Martha Pease, John Black, Jeanne Kleyn, John Christianson, Toni Christianson, Kathleen Willins, Mary Hedlin, Audrey Gravely, David Montague, Debra Montague, Carol Yaw, Ollie Iverson		
226 Rome3		
Heidi Ausfahl, Tamara Cooper, Tracy Webster		
953 Rose Valley2		
Catherine Jabusch, Adin Jabusch		
702 Roy4	1	
Sara Kildall, Paul Antista, Molly Noyes, Carlindo Noyes		
966 San Juan Island9		
Jill Akins, Mary Brooke-Barger, Sam Leigh, Katlyn Heck, Craig R. Smith, Nicolas Rassat, Leslie Neal, Brent Snow, Shauna Barrows		
608 Selah Heights1		
Rebecca Brown		
1108 Sequim Prairie4	2	
Debbie Crist, Cindy Reandeau, Ashley Taylor, Zachary Taylor, Myles Taylor		
879 Silverdale1		
Tabatha Graham		
425 Skamokawa1		
Holly Storer		
129 Sunnyside2		
Mary Walker, Abby Walker		
984 Swauk Teanaway3		
Dan Martin, Tyler Morris, Mackenzie Morris		
275 The Agate1		
Richard Wilson		
1019 Tunk Valley1		
Kellie Artunet		
482 Twisp Valley2		
Kirsten-Marie Kirby, Jared Wunsch		
TOTALS 115	30	

Let’s Talk Grange

It’s fair season! Some of you have already had your community fair and there are many more on the horizon. The fairs and our fair booths are so important in getting the Grange name out there. This is our time to truly talk Grange!

Grange displays are the favorite for so many. But do you know that most people who love our Grange displays do not actually know much of anything about the Grange organization? This is our time to shine.... It’s time for all of us to pull out our elevator speeches and get excited about all of the things the Grange has to offer. Your audience is right there waiting to hear what you have to say.

So how do we capitalize on this audience? First, you will need a nice display to show what your Grange or Granges are doing for your community. Think about creating a poster board or tri-board with activities you have held in the recent year. Have a handout of all the Grange events coming to the area in the next 3 or 6 months. Be sure to have ample Grange applications for membership (we have currently redesigned all of our Grange membership applications which include Individual, Family, Teen and Junior). Declaration

of Purposes brochures are also a great addition as they help describe the Grange Organization. And then of course you will want to include some

This is our time to shine.... It’s time for all of us to pull out our elevator speeches and get excited about all of the things the Grange has to offer.

Grange News as well. Pomona booths should include contact information for every Grange in the area as well as their dues amount and any other pertinent information.

Think about holding a drawing of some sort. Your drawing form should include checked boxes with phrases like: send me information about the Grange, I want to join a Grange and Already a Grange member. After the fair is over and you have drawn your

winner/winners, contact each of the people who either wanted more information or wanted to join a Grange near them. They have given you the opportunity to continue working with them.

And DON’T forget to show your Grange pride by wearing your Grange gear. If there are more than one of you in the booth, consider wearing the same t-shirt as it makes a great impact and brings a sense of curiosity to others.

Now that you have an eye-catching booth with Grangers decked out in Grange gear with smiles on their faces, talk talk talk Grange! Show your enthusiasm and tell them what you love about the Grange. Is it the activities of the Grange you like? Or maybe the brotherhood / sisterhood feeling of the Grange? Is it the giving back to the community? Is it the Youth or Junior programs that excite you? Just tell them with pride and joy and they will want to be part of it as well.

For more fair booth ideas or to order applications, brochures, drawing slips, Grange gear or even banners for your booth, please do not hesitate to call or email me at skeller@wa-grange.org.

Have a wonderful fair season and let’s all talk Grange!

Rose Valley Grange Honors Members



Rose Valley Grange #953 served a luncheon and awarded Phylis Makinster and Charolette Houghton with their 50 year Golden Sheaf certificates. It’s great to be a Granger. Thank you ladies.

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

Here’s how you can help:

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Membership Corner

Celebrating Grange History



Washington State Grange Historical Committee Convention Display.

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.

- Sonja Svenson – Adna Grange #417
- Bryan Bechler – Granville Grange #857
- Alice Coakley – Oakview Grange #311
- Cathy Savage – Rexville Grange #815
- Anne Bayse – Rexville Grange #815
- Nancy VanWinkle – Sequim Prairie Grange #1108
- Gale Ahrens – Long Beach Grange #667

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.

Roger Ellison
San Juan Island Grange #966
1 gift card

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!

WA Granger Joins SHIPmates Second Class

By Carolynn Chamlee
Senior Communication Fellow
High Desert Grange #22 (NV)

Seven Grange members from around the country have been named to the second class of the SHIPmates program after a competitive application process representing each of the five regions designated by the National Grange and a special assignment participant. Class II includes Vic Jameel (WA), Special Project; Heidi Henderson (NY), Special Project; Christina Webster (CA), Western Region; Theresa Kenney (MA), Northeast Region; Melanie Hudson (NC), Eastern Region; Katie Hunt (IA), Midwest Region; and Audrey Trowbridge (KS), Great Plains Region. Launched in 2023, SHIPmates is a specialized training program designed

to enhance Grange membership, leadership, and fellowship development. Annually, the program actively recruits new members from diverse regions to augment existing classes, fostering a collective effort to navigate a path toward progress. Participants benefit from professional-grade training sessions encompassing an array of leadership subjects, alongside an in-depth exploration of Grange regulations, customs, and organizational protocols. At the helm is Amanda Brozana, National Grange Membership Director. Brozana meets with the crew throughout the year for continuing mentorship and training so the SHIPmates can provide representation within their region. Jameel said he has “a love for connecting people to resources and empowering people to be the best version

of themselves possible,” so participating in a program that develops leadership skills, encourages greater fellowship-building and creates a culture to address members’ needs and seek new ways to connect with individuals who are good fits for Grange is of great interest. Crew members have provided workshop seminars at various conferences as well as hosted sessions for all members via Zoom. “This year as the next class comes on board, I am looking forward to mentoring and passing on some of what I learned and learning from them too,” said Scott Lyle, the Class I SHIPmate representing the Western Region. Kelly Riley, the Class I SHIPmate representing the Northeast Region, said she spent the first year of the program “learning and growing - personally and



professionally - by building relationships with each other and regional leadership.” She has been at the forefront of welcoming the new class aboard and looks forward to setting sail with the expanded crew while learning even more in Class II of the program.

President's Message

Reflecting On A Successful State Grange Convention

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the coming year. Claudine Lefever of Columbia Grange in Klickitat County has agreed to be the State Grange Community Service Director. Thank you to Heather Ferguson for her joint role as Director for both the Junior Program and Community Service Program. Heather will now focus on the Junior Grange Program. I have also appointed Debbie Riegel-Yates of Rexville Grange in Skagit County and Pat Veleke of McLane Grange in Thurston County to coordinate the Quilts of Valor Program for our Granges. They will be able to guide you on getting your Grange involved in this wonderful program.

There will be several new State Grange Deputy Masters announced in the next few months. I am also looking for members to serve on two committees. The first committee will review the State Grange Bylaws on the Election of State Grange Officers and make recommendations for updating. The second committee will look at the Telephone Services section of the State Grange Legislative Handbook as this section drastically needs updating. Anyone interested in serving on one of these committees should email me at tagwin@wa-grange.org. The committees will start meeting in October and be completed with their recommendations no later than May 1. You may want to make plans now to attend the 136th Annual State Grange Session. We will be

meeting at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis on June 25-29, 2025. The Grangers of the Southwest District are already making plans for our visit to their area.



State Grange Office Staff

State Capital Budget Grants for Granges – Chimacum Grange Experience

The roofing on the Chimacum Grange #681 roof had “outlived its useful life”, with shingles blowing off frequently. It was getting harder to find someone to gear up and replace a few shingles on the steep roof. We were alerted by the State Grange about possible funding from the State through the “Member Requested Local & Community Project” funding in the Capital Budget. This process allows legislators to propose projects for funding that benefit the community. So we applied for funds to replace the roofing and were awarded

enough to get it done, thanks to sponsorship by Senator Kevin Van de Wege.

How does funding repairs to a Grange Hall roof benefit the larger community one might ask? As with most Grange’s when the Hall isn’t in use for Grange activities Chimacum makes the Hall available to the community for party’s, weddings, memorial services, dances, pre-schools, educational activities and much more. The community loves our 92 year old hall!

The grant application process

was pretty straight forward. It’s important to contact your legislators early in the process as one or more of them have to sponsor the project. Each legislator chooses which applications to submit, and then they all deliberate on which ones will be funded. If you’re lucky yours will be funded.

That’s the easy part. Once you’ve been awarded funding you start working with the Dept of Commerce which distributes the funds. NOTE: this is a reimbursement type grant –

you have to completely pay for the project and then will be reimbursed by the state. There’s no such thing as “free money”! They require a lot of information before developing the contract. To get an idea of what’s involved check out the “CCF Resource Toolkit” <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/capital-facilities/resource-toolkit/>

Since it’s state funding there are requirements to consult (send letters) with Tribes, the Dept of Archeology and Historic Preservation, pay prevailing

wages, etc. You have to prove you own the grange hall – do you know where your deed is? But it’s just a bunch of paperwork and though a bit time consuming it’s easy to get through – and the Dept of Commerce staff are really helpful and good to work with. It’s a great opportunity to fund structural projects and address health/safety concerns at your Grange.

Each grange was sent a letter about the grant process with the application, which has to be submitted to the State Grange office by Sept 1. Good luck!

Pomona Connection

GRAYS HARBOR / PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor / Pacific Pomona had a full display building at the Grays Harbor County Fair in Elma. The Grange displays included three produce displays, 3 project displays, two youth displays, three Junior Grange displays, and three small table displays. This year’s first-place winners were Humptulips (produce), Sharon (project), Humptulips Youth, and Humptulips Juniors. The Junior/ Youth Grange Department had 223 entries including arts, photography, baking, canning, and gardening. The next Pomona Grange meeting will be on Saturday, September 21 at the Humptulips Grange Hall. We will start the meeting at 10:30 a.m. A picnic lunch will be provided. The agenda will include an evaluation of the fair. We will begin formulating plans for

fall and winter Pomona Grange activities.

Klickitat County Pomona

Klickitat County Pomona were happy to have six members attend the 135th Washington State Grange Convention in Colville. State musician, Dr. James Ogden, known to fellow Grangers as “Maddog” was awarded a Quilt of Valor for his service during the Vietnam War while stationed at the Naval Shipyards in South Carolina. County Deputy, Lucille Bevis, sat at the doors during convention and accepted the Community Service Recognition Award for Goldendale Grange #49. Delegates Claudine Lefever and Sara Wade from Columbia Grange #87 served on committees and Claudine accepted the State Grange Community Service Director appointment. Rounding out the night of excellence were brothers Nickolas and Will

Bowdish from Centerville Grange #81. Nickolas was honored with the Martin & Grace Forry Memorial Scholarship which he is applying towards his degree in Diesel Technology and Crop & Soil Sciences at Walla Walla Community College. The next Pomona meeting will be on Saturday, September 14th, with a noon potluck and meeting at 1:00 PM at the Centerville Grange Hall.

Thurston County Pomona

Thurston County Pomona #8 held their regular monthly meeting on June 6 at McLane Grange Hall, with the annual floral arranging contest preceding the meeting. The annual Pomona picnic was held on July 14 at the Nelson Ranch. Despite the hot weather, participants enjoyed good food and plenty of fellowship in the shady grass.

Pomona Calendar	
Please submit your 2024 & 2025 Pomona Meeting Dates.	
CHELAN	August 15 and September 19 at Smitty’s Restaurant, 12 p.m. social luncheon. The next business meeting is August 17 at Bee Hive, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
CLALLAM	September 19 at Fairview, 5 p.m.
CLARK	September 11 at Manor, 7 p.m.
COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM	August 17 at location to be determined, 1 p.m. potluck picnic.
DOUGLAS	September 19 at St. Andrews, 6 p.m.
EXCELSIOR	September 28 at Camas Valley, 10:30 a.m. Potluck picnic at lunch.
FERRY	October 14 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	September 21 at Humptulips, 10:30 a.m. Picnic lunch will be provided.
KING	August 17 at Meridian (hosted by East Hill), 10 a.m.
Klickitat	September 14 at Centerville, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
LEWIS	August 3 at Lincoln Creek, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting. The next meeting will be October 5 at Oakview.
MASON	September 21 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. lunch.
PEND OREILLE	October 5 at the Golden China in Newport, 12 p.m.
PIERCE	August 17 at Roy, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
SKAGIT	September 4 at Samish Valley, 6:30 p.m.
SNOHOMISH	September 21 at Horseshoe 1 p.m.
SPOKANE	August 17 at Tri Community, 10 a.m.
STEVENS	October 25 at Stranger Creek, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
THURSTON	Golden Sheaf & Silver Star Celebration on August 18 at County Union, 2 p.m. The next meeting is September 5 at Skookumchuck, 7 p.m.
WHATCOM	September 17 at North Bellingham, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
WHITMAN	September 21 at Wilcox, 10 a.m. Potluck lunch at 12 noon. Will include election of officers.
YAKIMA VALLEY	October 7 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Sequim Prairie Grangers Memorialize Member Sue Hargrave



Sequim Prairie Grange members participate in the Grange Memorial Service for Sue Hargrave, past Master of the Clallam County Pomona Grange #31.

Thurston County Pomona Enjoys Annual Picnic At Nelson Ranch



Thurston County Pomona Grangers enjoyed their annual picnic at the Nelson Ranch on July 14.

Grange Connection

CLALLAM COUNTY

Sequim Prairie Grange celebrated the life and devotion of one of Sue Hargrave, who passed away on May 29, 2024. Sue joined our Grange in 1995. She was a 7th degree and Lifetime member. Sue was the Master for Clallam County Pomona in 2019-2020. Sue's dedication to the Grange and Pomona will be greatly missed by all Grangers, but it's her big heart and smile we will treasure forever.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humptulips Grange had six regular members, and one Junior member attend the State Grange Convention in Colville. Our members sent more than forty entries to the state contests, bringing home over twenty rosette awards. At our last meeting, discussion focused on replacing gutters on the back of the Grange Hall with one continuous gutter. Grange members are soliciting proposals for this. We had a produce display at the Grays Harbor County Fair, placing first on the display. Our Youth Group made a display on berries and received first place at both the Cowlitz County Fair and the Grays Harbor County Fair. We are now planning for our display at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. The food bank continues to serve over 60 families each month. Bingo returns in October on the first Saturday of the month, the first event being Gift Card Bingo on Sat, October 5 beginning at 7 p.m.

Sharon Grange hosted a community breakfast on June 15 consisting of pancakes, eggs, ham, fruit, and beverage. It was free for those who attended and there were about 50 neighbors who took advantage of the event. There was a donation jar for those who wished to support the grange's efforts to

grow their building funds. After the success of this breakfast, there has been discussion of having another breakfast in the fall, as a hunter's breakfast.

KING COUNTY

East Hill Grange welcomed Jennifer Leeden from the City of Covington to their July meeting. She discussed the Adopt a Street program, and the Random Acts of Cleaning program. East Hill voted to Adopt a Street, and also had 6 members sign up for the Random Acts of Cleaning Program.

Issaquah Valley Grange will have picnic meetings in July and August at Bracken's Cove on Beaver Lake. This is because of summer temperatures in our regular meeting hall. Members and guests are invited to arrive early for swimming, rowing or SUP paddleboarding. Dates will depend on weather and the menu is dependent on the whim of the Family Living Director. Details by email closer to the dates.

OKANOGAN COUNTY

Twisp Valley Grange opened its doors this July as a Cooling Center. It is staffed by Grangers and open during periods of extreme heat, based on information posted on the National Weather Service's HeatRisk website. Hours of operation are posted at twispvalleygrange.org and on this Grange's Reader Board. The most vulnerable members of the Twisp community are alerted to opening hours through a partnership with the local social service agency, Room One. Thanks to a grant from the Washington Dept. of Commerce and a lot of work by volunteers, the building now has 2.5" of exterior insulation, a heat pump on each floor, and rewired

electrical service for the kitchen that will make future kitchen upgrades possible. This Grange is continuing to seek funding for air filtration to make it both a Cooling and a Clean Air Center.

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange has been busy with community classes. So far, we've had canning basics, cast iron cookware, and held a community garden education day. The Community Garden Team has been busy harvesting and donating lettuce and other veggies to the local food bank and a Salvation Army Senior Residence location for their lunches. Upcoming Schedule: Aug. 7: Dehydration Class; Aug. 17: Junk in the Trunk Sale; Oct. 2: Bunco; Oct. 14: Grange potluck – soup & bread; Oct. 19: Craft Sale; Oct. 27: Community Halloween Party.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange had a busy July. We cleaned up the Grange area for Cherry Pickers Trot; held our business meeting on July 16; the Cherry Pickers Trot & Pit Spit on July 18, our cherry & pancake breakfast on July 28; and a new community event on July 30. This was National Picnic Month, so we held a picnic for all, and the Spokane Story Tellers told us stories as we all sat around a fire pit. We are planning a hot dog feed and possibly a "cornholes" competition for National Night Out event on August 6. Our Grange booth at the Fair is being worked on and the 2024 Harvest Festival is vendor sold out. Our peach & pancake breakfast will be held on August 25. We are now accepting credit cards since Wi-Fi was installed in June and a square was purchased. We have a list of building & grounds projects that we are attacking to keep our Green Bluff Grange a great community place to come to.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange members and community volunteers have been working hard on the Haunted House area. The Building and the Beautification Committees are busy getting things done. The Community Service Committee is compiling items for the winter homeless bags. This Grange will have a booth at the annual Springdale Parade and Showcase In The Park on Saturday, July 20, 2024, and talk to visitors about the Grange. Bingo is scheduled for the first Saturday in August, September, October, and November. There will be a picnic in Springdale Park on August 14. The front of the

Buena Grangers Canned Cherries



Buena Grange members in Yakima County canned cherries on July 2.

Grange building now has hanging baskets.

THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange has had a busy summer. Four members attended the annual Washington State Grange convention in Colville in June. James Brouillard, one of our +1 Junior Grangers, won second place in the prepared speech for his age group. Another member (and James's mom, Mary Brouillard, took first place with her impromptu speech in the adult category. Members voted to support our +1 Junior Granger Riley York with an add-on

donation to the sale of her market lamb at the Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale. South Union Grangers made their debut at Tumwater's Fourth of July parade with a float, consisting of a truck-pulled flat-bed trailer. Patriotic music was provided by on-board musicians, while other members, seated on a small tractor or bales of hay, sang along. Members were excited to find that they won the Sweepstakes Award in the Float category. The sixtieth anniversary celebration of South Union Grange dances with The Country Four is being planned for September 7.

Camden Grange Supports Youth Soccer Team



Camden Grange #687 supports youth soccer team and future Grange members!

Malo Grange Hosts Candidates Forum



Malo Grange held a Candidates Forum for our five candidates for the north end Ferry County Commissioner position and the many candidates for WA State District Legislative 7 Representative candidates. The audience submitted questions and listened attentively to help them choose during the upcoming primary election.

South Union Grange Wins July 4th Parade Sweepstakes Award



South Union Grange was awarded the Sweepstakes Award in the Tumwater Fourth of July Parade.

National Grange News

A View From The Hill - Summer 2024 Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**
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AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Federal Milk Marketing overhaul proposed by USDA

USDA is proposing to drop the way fluid milk is priced under the federal milk marketing orders established by the 2018 Farm Bill. The proposal would restore a rule that makes the Class1 milk (fluid milk) price the higher of the price of Class 3 (milk sold for cheese) and class 4 (milk sold for butter and powder) for the month, plus a differential that would vary by location. Extended shelf-life milk would also get a new pricing formula. The proposals are the result of an extended USDA hearing process that took place last year following an appeal by the National Milk Producers Federation to restore the old formula. The proposed changes must be approved by a dairy producer referendum.

USDA funds meat processing expansion

USDA is making \$110 million available to expand local meat processing capacity through grants for projects in 30 states. The Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program will distribute \$83 million, and the Local Meat Capacity Grant Program will distribute \$26.9 million. Funds will be used for building or expanding processing facilities, installing new equipment, meeting packaging and labeling requirements, and meeting staffing goals. Increasing local meat and poultry processing capacity is a top priority for the National Grange.

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Iowa approves controversial carbon pipeline

The Iowa Utilities Board has approved Summit Solutions’ main liquid carbon dioxide pipeline through the state. The board ruled that the proposed service “is in the public

convenience and necessity” and vested the company with the right of eminent domain across all requested parcels. However, Summit cannot start construction until it gets approval for a sequestration site in North Dakota and approval of pipeline routes in that state and South Dakota. Summit will be required to maintain an insurance policy to ensure landowners and tenants are compensated for damages that may result.

HEALTH CARE

Multi-cancer screening test passed by key committee

The Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act (H.R. 2407) has been approved with strong bipartisan support by the House Ways and Means Committee. The Act authorizes Medicare to cover a simple blood draw screening test that detects a multitude of cancers with a single procedure. The National Grange shared the results of its rural cancer disparities study with committee members, which found that compared to urban areas, rural communities have overall higher rates of cancer incidence, late-stage diagnoses, and mortality. National Grange also sent 108 letters of support to committee members, their staff and committee staff. Ways and Means Chairman Jason Smith (R-MO) gave the National Grange a shout-out for their support in his press release following the bill’s passage.

Support for Share the Savings with Seniors Act

The National Grange joined key patient groups on letters of support to the Hill for the bipartisan, bicameral Share the Savings with Seniors Act. The Act would require savings from rebates on medicines for chronic conditions to be passed along to Medicare beneficiaries at the pharmacy counter. Medicare beneficiaries are often charged coinsurance based on the list price of a medicine rather than a percentage of the discounted

net price the insurance plan pays. The Act remedies this disconnect by requiring the cost-sharing for chronic care medicines be based on the net price of the drug. Rebates for patients at the pharmacy counter has been a long-term priority for the National Grange.

Nearly half of U.S. counties lack a single cardiologist

Most counties without a cardiologist are rural, with lower income levels, less access to healthy food, and fewer health care providers overall. Millions of Americans likely to develop and die from heart disease live in cardiology deserts, according to new research by the American College of Cardiology. People living in these counties have a much higher prevalence of the entire spectrum of cardiovascular risk factors, including obesity, diabetes, smoking, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol. Although heart disease is the nation’s No.1 killer, people living in

rural areas are dying earlier and more often from heart disease that could have been prevented, according to a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

OF INTEREST

What’s all the hype about the Chevron Doctrine?

In June, the Supreme Court overturned the so-called Chevron deference that required courts to defer to federal agencies’ interpretation of ambiguous laws. On a vote of 6-3, the court said the 1984 Chevron decision “defies the command of the Administrative Procedure Act that the reviewing court - not the agency whose action it reviews - is to decide all relevant questions of law and interpret statutory provisions.” The decision is considered a huge win for the dozens of industry groups that supported the challenge by fishing companies to a National Marine Fisheries Service



rule requiring fishermen to pay for the cost of observers on board their vessels. The deference rule permitted federal agencies, rather than the courts, to determine the meaning of ambiguous federal statutes. Farmers, ranchers, forest owners, and landowners have long opposed the Chevron deference, and they most recently cited the Waters of the United States rule as a prime example of federal regulatory overreach. The Supreme Court decision will likely force Congress to give agencies more specific direction in the laws it passes.

AUGUST 2024

NATIONAL GRANGE EVENTS

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP
JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR THESE EVENTS!

	ALL TIMES EASTERN	ALL TIMES EASTERN
2: FELLOWSHIP FIRST FRIDAY Connect: grange.biz/FirstFriday Join us for a time for fellowship, thought-provoking conversation, and connecting with Grange members. Includes a short program, activity, and time to socialize around topics of your choice. August topic: Mental Health for Back to School	8:30 P.M.	
7: NEW IDEAS, NEW APPROACHES Registers: grange.biz/IdeasZoom Fundraising professional Beth Westbrook will present a program focused on Granges finding new ways to access support for their programming.	8:30 P.M.	
21: MEMBERSHIP MATTERS Connect: grange.biz/matters Join Membership/Leadership Development Director Amanda Brozana to learn about various membership challenges and growth opportunities.	8:30 P.M.	
27: LECTURER'S FORUM Connect: grange.biz/lecturerforum National Grange Lecturer Tom Gwin will lead this interactive forum, providing updates and fun for Grange Lecturers and members across the country	8:30 P.M.	
28: 1-IN-1,000 CLUB MEETING Connect: grange.biz/1in1000 The Grange Foundation's 1-in-1,000 Club is a group of donors and supporters who believe in the longevity and mission of the National Grange. Join us for our semiannual meeting. You can join the Club by visiting http://grangefoundation.org/foundations/1-in-1000-club/	8:30 P.M.	

SEPTEMBER 1
Deadline for most National Grange Convention contests & applications

JUNIOR GRANGE FOCUS AREA:
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YOUTH FOCUS AREA:
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Convention Memories



The Rose Drill Team.



Convention Workshops.



Presentation of Grange Legacy Family Recognition.



Lunch.



Five Mile Prairie Grange Convention Volunteers.



The Feast Drill Team.

Convention Memories



Convention Attendees



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