



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

November 2024

Informing Grangers Since 1912

113th Year No. 9



Fargher Lake Grange Hosts Pumpkin Growing/Carving Contest

Fargher Lake Grange puts on an annual pumpkin growing and carving contest sponsored by Jim Lester. Bill Doty of Fargher Lake Store donates the pumpkins while Jim Lester

donates the prizes.

This year there was a great turnout with 10 home-grown pumpkins. The biggest (52.2 lbs.) was grown by Ryker Gaylor, who received \$50,

and the second-place winner was a 51.1 lb. pumpkin grown by Lukas Gaylor, who won \$20. All other growers were awarded \$10 for growing their own pumpkin.

The pumpkin carving contest was divided into groups. Group A (ages 14-19) Trevor Davis won first place of \$20; Group B (ages 9 to 13) Lukas Gaylor won 1st

place of \$20, and Sheri Hudgin won 2nd place of \$10; Group C (ages 5 to 8) Scarlett Gilmour won first place of \$20, and Simon Griffith won second

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President’s Message

Help Us Complete Unfinished Business To Close 2024

By Tom Gwin
WA State Grange
Master/President

October 16, 2024 was a wonderful day for Granges in Pend Oreille County. We celebrated 80 years of Grange membership for Thelma Weiland. The celebration was held at the Calispel Grange Hall. All Thelma’s living brothers and sisters were in attendance to celebrate with her. Thank you to Calispel Grange host your work in honoring our long time member.

THE GRANGE COMES TO THE SELKIRK VALLEY

Following that meeting, I travelled to the small community of Ione in Northern Pend Oreille County for the organizational meeting of Selkirk Valley Grange #1153. The Grange charter application was completed, membership applications filled out, and officers selected. Thus far, there are 27 new Subordinate Grange members and 15 1+ Junior Grange members. While the primary focus will be on the Grange Youth Fairs Program, we anticipate a wide range of other activities for this new Grange. Once the charter is received from the National Grange, we will hold the formal charter presentation later this winter.

As we prepare to close the doors on 2024, we have several items of unfinished business to touch on.

CAPITOL BUDGET REQUESTS

Thank you to the 80+ Granges who completed applications for the Capitol Budget Requests for 2025. The applications have been reviewed. We are putting together our request to the legislature for capitol improvement funds to assist our Granges in updating and repairing their halls. We hope all Granges who applied for funds will contribute to our efforts in obtaining the funds

by contacting your legislators and participating in Grange Legislative Day, on the schedule for Tuesday, February 4. Details on Legislative Day will go out in December.

BONDING

The National Grange Binding Program has a deadline of November 15. Bonding information was sent to each Grange. Those desiring bonding need to complete the form and send payment with the form to the WA State Grange Office no

Here’s to wrapping up 2024 and starting 2025 off in a positive forward direction as we work toward a better tomorrow in our Granges and in our communities.

-- Tom Gwin

later than November 15. The bonding will be for the calendar year of 2025. Please note: if your Grange had bonding insurance in 2024 and you do not renew for 2025, you will be ineligible for this coverage for the next three years.

2025 DUES INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS

The Dues Information Request form was sent to each Grange in September. This form is used to prepare your Grange dues notices for 2025. If you have not returned the form, please do so in the next few days. We plan to have dues notices in the mail to our members by November 30, as required by the State Grange Bylaws.

POMONA MEETING DATES

Date requests for 2025 Pomona meeting are due back to the State Grange Office by November 20. This will allow your staff to prepare the list of Pomona meeting dates for the December issue of The Grange News.



Tom Gwin

GRANGE OFFICER REPORTS

Each Grange should complete their Grange Office Reports no later than December 1. The report is to be completed, even if you do not elect a full slate of officers this year. Your timely reports will allow the publishing of the State Grange Roster in a timely manner.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Your State Grange Staff will host a Holiday Open House on Friday, December 13 at the State Grange Office, 924 Capitol Way S., Olympia. The open house will begin at 1 p.m. and run until 4 p.m. All Grange members are invited to stop by the office to join in the fellowship of celebrating the holiday season together.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

To allow our employees to celebrate the holidays with their families, the office will be closed November 28-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday and December 23 to January 1 for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

GRANGE RESOURCE AND TRAINING SESSIONS

As the 2025 Pomona Grange meeting date lists come back, I will be putting together the schedule of Grange Resource and Training Sessions. I am planning to do the sessions in conjunction with Pomona Meetings as much as possible. Details will be announced in December.

Your support in completing our unfinished business for 2024 is greatly appreciated. Here’s to wrapping up 2024 and starting 2025 off in a positive forward direction as we work toward a better tomorrow in our Granges and in our communities.

Legislative

The Power Of The Grange

By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist



Jesse Taylor

The yard signs will soon be down. The television and radio ads are going back to normal. Topics of discussion will veer from red versus blue to Thanksgiving stuffing and Christmas gifts. While the 2024 election season winds down I hope all our fellow Grangers were able to engage, inform, research and most of all...VOTE.

As the page turns from the 2024 election to the 2025 legislative session I want to remind our Grange community of the power of the Grange. There are few rural advocacy groups with our diversity, numbers and strength. Our mission should be to always be the voice for rural Washington at the capitol and make sure lawmakers know about the policies that matter to us and affect us. This coming session I look forward to engaging with many of you in this regard and hope that together we can move our legislative agenda forward.

Call to action:

Grangers, I have a homework assignment for us all. When the election is over and your state Representatives and Senators have been elected, please send them a congratulatory email and let them know the Grange has many legislative priorities that we desire to engage with them on. We want them to be an ally in our goals and we want them to lean on us for policy guidance. Please use this online tool to find the email and mailing address of your legislators and reach out to them. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rosters/members>.

Looking Ahead:

Budget: Washington state issued its September state revenue forecast which again foretold a possible revenue slowdown to the state coffers.

Our economic output is projected to produce about \$66 billion in revenue for the budget cycle that runs through next June. When combined with the June revenue report, which showed revenues tumbling \$477 million, revenue is now expected to be half a billion less than the last biennium budget.

It is still the duty of Governor Inslee to put forth his proposal in December that will serve as a template for legislators for the 2025 session. The results of the four ballot initiatives will also play a heavy role in the 2025-2027 budget projections. More to come on this topic as the first revenue forecast fore the new biennium is just months away.

Bird Flu:

On October 24, the WSDA issued a report confirming three additional cases of Bird Flu were detected in Washington state. As migratory birds return this fall, they bring heightened risks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), which has impacted 48 flocks in Washington state since 2022. Three recent detections in Washington state highlight this current threat: confirmed cases were detected in Franklin County (October 15) and Kitsap County (October 17), and Lewis County (October 28).

Legislative Days:

Please be checking the Grange calendar and all Grange News for updates around our 2025 legislative experience at the capitol. I look forward to seeing many of you again this year for a fun and educational experience.



JUNE 25 - 29, 2025

136th Annual Washington State Grange Convention

at the
Southwest Washington Fairgrounds
Centralia/Chehalis, 1909 S Gold St, Centralia, WA 98531

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS

October 2024

		# Joined	Jr. +1
81	Centerville	7	
	Zachary Villar, Adan Dymont, Danielle Dymont, JoAnne Chambers, Claudine LeFever, Sara Wade, Kelsey Endicott		
938	Columbia Valley	2	
	Anne Jordan, Randy Jordan		
846	Deer Lagoon	1	
	Deborah Eastman		
1012	East Wenatchee	2	
	Paul "Ernie" Briggs, Sandra Briggs		
33	Fords Prairie	2	
	JoAnn Melius, Lora Mauel		
857	Granville	2	1
	Jacqueline Wellenbrook, Kyle Cullum		
1101	Manor	2	
	Brijin Luttrell, Jean Meyers		
710	Mansford	2	
	Caleb Bane, Rebekah Bane		
276	Marion	29	3
	Tonya Koskovich, Debra Naylor, Will Swoveland, Karla Swoveland, Rebecca Pike, Mary Majerick, Rachel Brown, Julie Maroni, Eric Yostheimer, Laurie DeSouza, Nancy Spencer, Nathan Spencer, Jennifer Broyles, Lisa Sutherland, Darrel Sutherland, Amanda Bowen, Kimberly Madsen, Kelly Tomich, Dana Brandsrud, Caroly Zieske, Tara Udager, Patrice Dunn, Valerie Child, Terri Leffel, Tonia Simmonds, Sue Munion, Sara Sutterfield		
357	Matlock	12	2
	Theresa Bush, Michael Krueger, Ashley Siegle, Samantha Glover, Jeffrey Prowse, Paul Farrell, Naomi Shryne, Ethan Hopkins, Patrick Fogel, David Persell, Karen Chappell Kenyon, David Chappell		
383	McLane	1	
	Rachel Floyd		
1054	Menastash	63	27
	Brandi Stevenson, Keith Allman, Aspyn Sandnew, Corrin Stevenson, Kai Stevenson, Megan Zapel, Kyle Zapel, Alissa Parks, Byron Parks, Lily Parks, Brinley Parks, Daniel Smith, Rebekah Smith, Johanna Smith, Esther Smith, Fiona Smith, Jack Smith, Ken Rusch, Deena Rusch, Michael McCormick, Amanda Anderson, Brad Anderson, Dean Hink, Lindsey Hink, Joan Smith-Bator, Steve Bator, George Kelley, Kyle Nicholson, Lacey Nicholson, Charlotte Nansel, Justin Henderson, Stacy Henderson, Krystal Larimer, Craig Larimer, Tara Brown, Jason Brown, Matt Schock, Michelle Schock, Wade Schock, Ellen Cartwright, Jennifer Thorton, Patrick Thorton, Chyane Thorton, Bethany Newby, Buck Newby, Jenna McCabe, Stanley McCabe, Norah McCabe, Katie Jo Turner, Troy Turner, Micah Flory, Britton Flory, Dacey Bator, Mike Bator, Griffin Bator, Rachael Bator, Mykayla McCrillis, Ethan McCrillis, Michaela Greenfield, Gerry Greenfield, Terry Clark, Donna Baker, Suzette Dutton		
98	Mountain View	1	
	Judy McManman		
946	North River	1	
	Pamela Brooks		
985	Oroville	2	
	Meghan Carranza, Emma Caranza		
315	Prosperity	2	
	Chris Tilton, Kimberly Toney		
720	Quimper	2	
	Julian Catford, Kelly Toy		
815	Rexville	1	
	Hunter Price		
226	Rome	2	
	Mimi Ambrosio, Jim Rhodes		
966	San Juan Island	14	
	Carole Lindner, Shake Feriazarian, Lisa Speyer, Amelia Schaefer, Barbara Defalco, Joseph Tein, Julie Duke, Amanda Lynn, Larissa Nash, Kim Howard, Betsy Dayton, Dalton Dinninham, Gina Levantini, Andrea Feniuch		
608	Selah Heights	1	
	Joe Briscoe		
1153	Selkirk Valley	27	15
	Cheyenne Maupin, Abiona Carlson, Alicia Haney, Chad Haney, Hannah Haney, Kylie Kalstrom, Merle Kahlstrom, Shawn Ellsworth, Candace Ellsworth, Shannon Haney, Maria Dispenza, Adam Dispenza, Oscar Dispenza, Kara March, Josh Hyberg, Natalie Nyberg, Brittney Hedrick, Kory Hedrick, Cody Bashaw, Sara O'Donnell, Alexa Wolfel, Marvin Lindeman, Camie Lindeman, Stevie Lindeman, Sandra Haney, Bill Haney, Thomas O'Donnell		
800	Sharon	1	
	Shirley Haapoanen		
129	Sunnyside	1	
	Hunter Nelson		
984	Swauk Teanaway	1	
	Steve Heck		
		# Joined	Jr. +1
TOTALS	181	48

One Member at a Time Builds the Grange

Its hard to believe we are already in the last few months of the year! The hustle and bustle of the holidays are now in full swing. Friends and family will soon be gathering and Granges are gearing up for holiday bizzarres, holiday parades, food banks, adopt a family, celebrating with Santa arrivals and breakfasts and the list goes on and on. It's always such a festive time at home and at the Grange!

Washington State Grange has been on the membership move again this year. We are hoping to see another year of membership gains (fingers crossed). And we can all celebrate a brand-new Grange! The Selkirk Valley Grange #1153 in Ione, WA was organized on October 16, 2024, with 27 regular members and 15 Junior plus 1 member with many more to come. They are already planning their first holiday event and hoping to add to their membership rolls.

With new memberships growing by leaps and bounds, others around the country want to know what we are doing. Its hard to really pinpoint one reason, but its important to note that the Grange is an organization that many want to help and to join. People want to be part of their community and the Grange is a great way to do just that. And now that all Granges offer family memberships in our state, there is

no reason the whole family can't be part of the Grange.

Let's not forget about our ongoing membership contest. There are so many of you so close

newest logo, Team Grange, which represents all four colors of the order. Each of the two designs can be ordered in either a T-shirt, a Women's V-Neck, a Crewneck Sweatshirt, or a Hoodie. We have selected various colors that you may like but if you don't see a color, you may really want, just give me (Sophia) a phone call and I will see what I can do to try to get a color you may like. These items make fantastic gifts for fellow Grangers, family, friends or just for yourself. Because if you are anything like me while Christmas shopping, its something for mom, something for me, something for friend, something for me, and so on. You get the point. Order today online by clicking the store link on our website.

The State Grange will be hosting a Christmas Open House right here at headquarters, on Friday, December 13th from 1pm to 4pm. Come and enjoy some light refreshments, punch and fellowship with fellow Grangers. All Grangers and their families are invited so come on out and bring some holiday cheer.

I challenge each of you to invite just ONE person to join the Grange this holiday season! Let's see how we can grow our Grange one member at a time.

I wish you a wonderful and successful holiday season!

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to a free t-shirt or a \$25 Amazon gift card. Many of you just need to invite 1 or 2 new friends to join the Grange. You have until December 31st to get them to join and get them obligated. I would love to send your prize out to you!

So, this year, think about giving a membership or even a family membership (2 memberships) as a gift. It's a gift that keeps on giving and warms the heart all at once. And while your thinking about gift giving, you will also find an opportunity to purchase either the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Grange Gear or our

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.**

T-Shirts

Kara Mathenia – Deer Lagoon #846

Tiffany Vogland – Matlock #357

John Brumfield – Sharon #800

Shannon Basterrechea – Menastash #1054

Ali Owens - Menastash #1054

Joan Smith-Bator - Menastash #1054

Tonja Brillhante – Marion #276

Andy Snow – Rome #226

Ricardo Barrientes – Fords Prairie #33

Gift Cards

Chad Sweitzer – Matlock #357

2 - \$25 Amazon Gift Cards

Bernie Games – Matlock #357

1 - \$25 Amazon Gift Card

Shannon Basterrechea – Menastash #1054

4 - \$25 Amazon Gift Cards

Ali Owens - Menastash #1054

1 - \$25 Amazon Gift Card

Stephanie King – Marion #276

1 - \$25 Amazon Gift Card

Tonja Brillhante – Marion #276

4 - \$25 Amazon 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!**



The Washington State Grange

ORDER FORM

Date:

E-mail:

Name:

Phone:


Address:

	Color	SIZE	QUANTITY
<div><div><div>aquatic blue</div><div>lime</div><div>athletic heather</div><div>heather red</div></div><div>\$15</div><div>unisex t-shirt</div></div>			
<div><div><div>aquatic blue</div><div>coral</div><div>violet</div><div>red</div></div><div>\$18</div><div>Ladies v-neck</div></div>			
<div><div><div>gold</div><div>pale pink</div><div>sapphire</div><div>red</div></div><div>\$30</div><div>crewneck sweatshirt</div></div>			
<div><div><div>violet</div><div>red</div><div>antique sapphire</div><div>pale pink</div></div><div>\$40</div><div>hooded sweatshirt</div></div>			

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Total

Add for Each "2XL" - \$4.00 x Qty

Add for Each "3XL" - \$7.00 x Qty

Add for Each "4XL" - \$8.00 x Qty

Shipping is \$8 for the first item and \$2 each additional item

Grand Total:

Prices include sales tax.

Logo size may vary based on garment size & availability.

*No shipping charge if picked up at state headquarters



The Washington State Grange

ORDER FORM

Date:

E-mail:

Name:

Phone:

Address:

	Color	SIZE	QUANTITY
<div><div><div>black</div><div>tundra blue</div><div>laurel green</div><div>purple</div></div><div>\$20</div><div>unisex t-shirt</div></div>			
<div><div><div>violet</div><div>black</div><div>purple</div><div>aquatic blue</div></div><div>\$23</div><div>Ladies v-neck</div></div>			
<div><div><div>black</div><div>purple</div><div>heliconia</div><div>carolina blue</div></div><div>\$35</div><div>crewneck sweatshirt</div></div>			
<div><div><div>black</div><div>violet</div><div>purple</div><div>carolina blue</div></div><div>\$45</div><div>hooded sweatshirt</div></div>			

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Five Mile Prairie Grange Hosts Inaugural Crock-tober Soup Showdown

On October 7th Five Mile Prairie Grange #905 in northwest Spokane invited our neighbors to share their favorite Crockpot® soups and compete for the Golden Ladle.

Celebrity judges, all with connections to our Grange, tasted and evaluated the entries. They did a seriously great job and loved every minute of it. Our judges, pictured above from left to right, represented Mead School District, Spokane Library District, Edible Inland Northwest magazine, Ace Hardware (owner, longtime partner and supporter), and Sensational Cuisine (restaurantur).

Laura Hann earned the Golden Ladle for her Chicken with Rice soup, and Joe Seng took home the People's Choice Award for his Khao Poon. Other delicious entries were Tomato Plum, Sausage Corn Chowder, a second version of Chicken with Rice, South of the Border Chicken, Healthy Hamburger, Vegetable, and Green Curry Chicken Noodle (GF).

A great time was had by all. We will definitely be hosting a Second Annual Crock-tober Showdown in 2025.

Fruitland Grange Wraps Up First Year Of Their Community Garden

Fruitland Grange has wrapped up the first year of the Community Garden. The head gardener, took a class offered at WSU Extension, Puyallup, to learn how to "Put Your Garden to Bed". The team planted fruit trees, blueberries and raspberries on the property. One of the trees is grafted with 5 different varieties of apples. We're looking forward to those fruits when they come on next season. The garden yeilded enough veggies to donate almost 300 pounds of food to local charities/ food banks. All the while, members also were given items to enjoy. Produce was preserved either by canning for party prizes (pickles and relishes) or frozen to make soup to share before our meetings.

So with the harvest done and canning season firmly behind us, we have turned our focus to gathering necessary items for the Tacoma Rescue Mission. One of the biggest and most needed items requested is undergarments, i.e. socks and underwear. We will also be collecting new items for parents to "shop" for Christmas Gifts for their families. We collect toys, clothes, games, electronics and other items to help make Christmastime enjoyable.

As we get closer to the holidays, we will again host our Annual Community Christmas Party on Dec 15th.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Developing Our 2025 State Grange Youth Program

By Jerry Gwin
Youth Grange Director

This is the time of year we start putting our new program together. Next week, we should be getting the details on the 2025 National Grange Youth Program that will be included in our state program. We know there will be changes from the national level. We will incorporate those changes into our state program as best as we

can.

We are also looking for ideas from our members on what programs will attract youth members over the next few years. Please mail your ideas to me at davona1242@outlook.com

Reminder – All adults working with the youth and juniors must have a background check. This includes the Grange Youth Fairs Program. Background check forms are

available on the State Grange website. Please return the forms to the State Grange Office.

The 2025 Western Regional Grange Conference will be held May 15-17, 2025. It will be hosted by the Montana State Grange, with the location announced in the near future.

Happy Thanksgiving to you from the youth department.

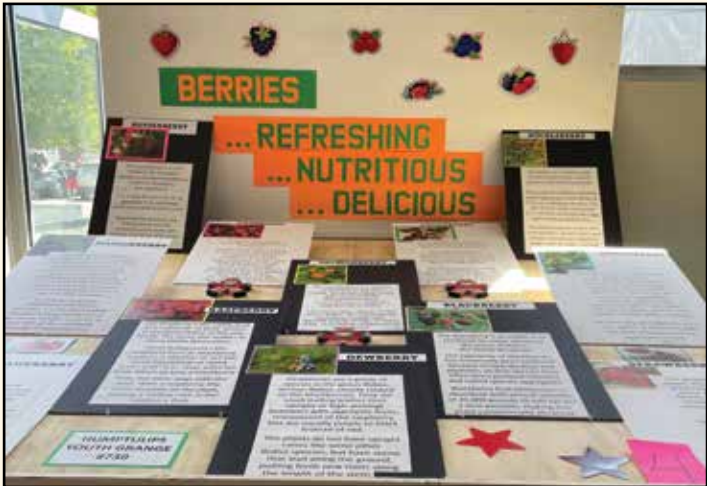


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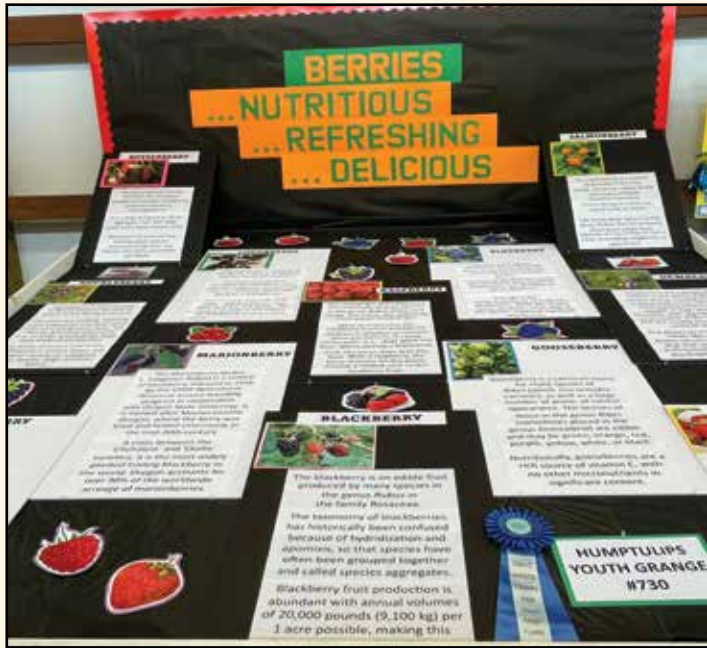
Youth Fair Displays



Grays Harbor County Grange Youth – Grays Harbor County Fair



Humptulips Grange Youth – Cowlitz County Fair



Humptulips Grange Youth – Grays Harbor County Fair

Juniors

Keep Your Eye Out For All The New Times/Dates Of Upcoming Activities

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!! I love this time of year, when you get to pull out all the warm cozy clothing, drink hot apple cider and focus on projects that have been neglected over a busy summer. It is also a great time of year to make plans for your Juniors that will soon be stuck inside during the winter cold months.

We have had many new Junior Granges and 1+ Junior members join us over the summer. If you don't already know, we will be seeing the updated 2025 State and National Grange program Handbooks in the next few months. These handbooks will have contests, crafts, and activities you may want to consider for your Juniors. The Juniors can work on them alone or as a group at a meeting or you can ignore them altogether and go with your own

program. I would love to see lots of Junior arts and craft entries at the next State Convention.

For those of you that have been here a while, there are always changes to the National program and I am tweaking a few things and adding a brand new project in the State program. ((Secret Sneak Peak) It could have something to do with animation.) I am pretty excited to tell everyone the details and I have plans on using it at convention and camps this summer.

Make sure to keep your eye out for all the new times and dates of activities for the year. You will be seeing the new dates for convention, due dates for contests and deadlines for paperwork. We understand that you are busy and try to ask for the minimal amount of paperwork needed but there is still some we have to have, sorry. Thank you for supporting the Junior program and Have a very fun and festive Thanksgiving.



Heather Ferguson

Junior Connection

HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange members carved pumpkins on October 20. Plans were made for our fall activities. Our next meeting will be November 3, where we will have a holiday craft. We will also distribute tickets for our upcoming holiday raffle. Prizes include several holiday gift items and a \$100 VISA gift card. We are planning to adopt a family for the holidays. Our Christmas Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, December 21.

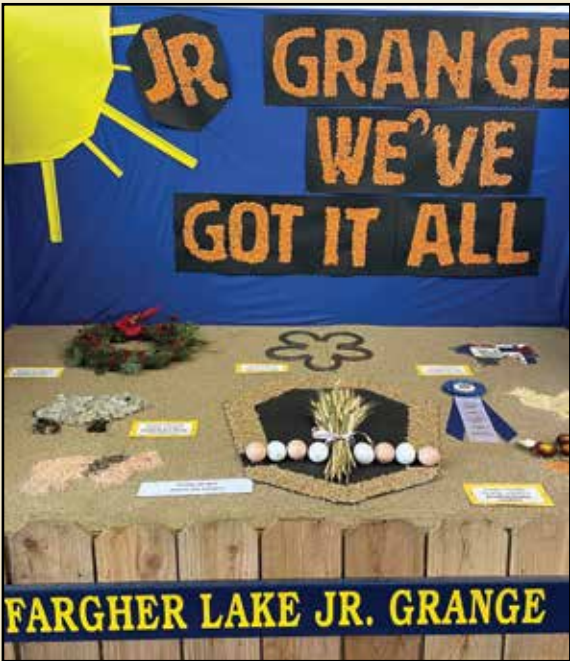
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Clallam County Grange Youth – Clallam County Fair

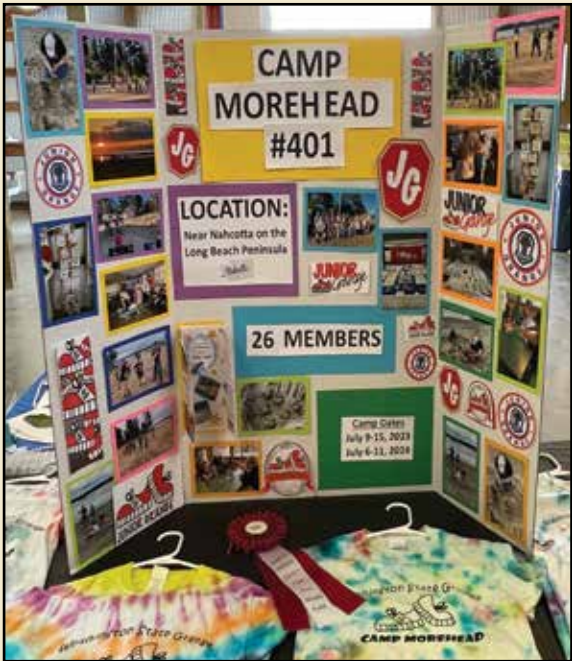
Junior Fair Displays



Fargher Lake JG – Clark County Fair



Fern Prairie Juniors – Clark County Fair



Camp Morehead JG – Grays Harbor County Fair



Cornet Bay JG – Northwest WA Fair



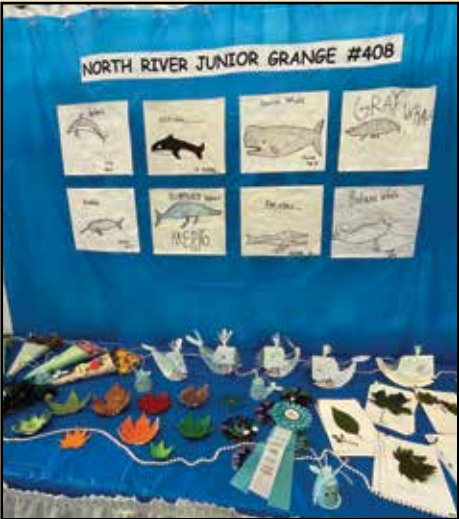
Haynie JG – Evergreen State Fair



Humptulips JG – Cowlitz County Fair



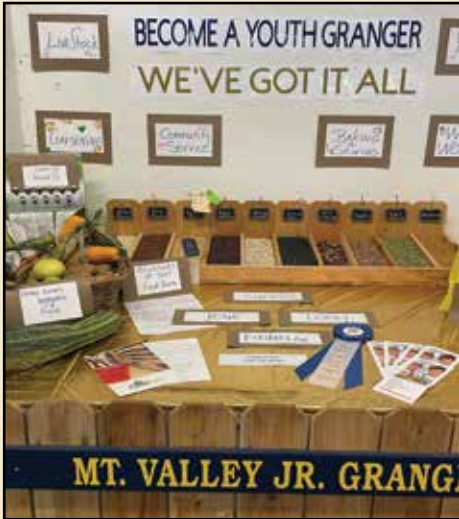
Humptulips JG – Grays Harbor County Fair



North River JG – Grays Harbor County Fair



WA State Junior Grange – WA State Fair

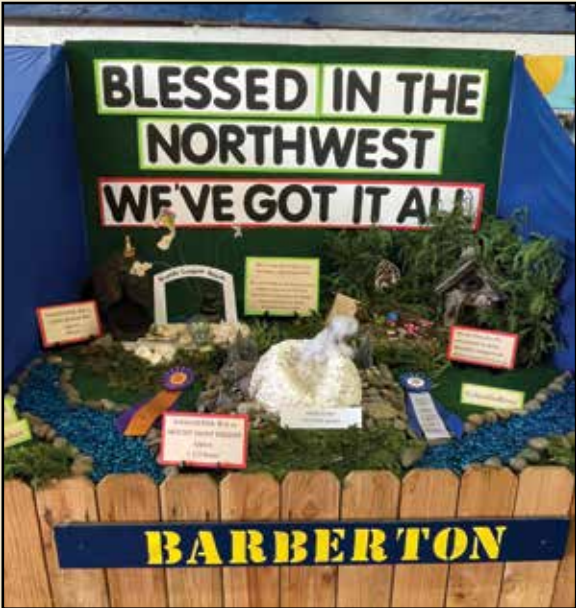


Mountain Valley Juniors – Clark County Fair

Grange Fair Displays



Adna Grange – Southwest WA Fair



Barberton Grange – Clark County Fair



Bee Hive Grange – Chelan County Fair



Bee Hive Grange – North Central WA Fair



Black Lake Grange – WA State Fair



Broadway Grange - Central WA Fair



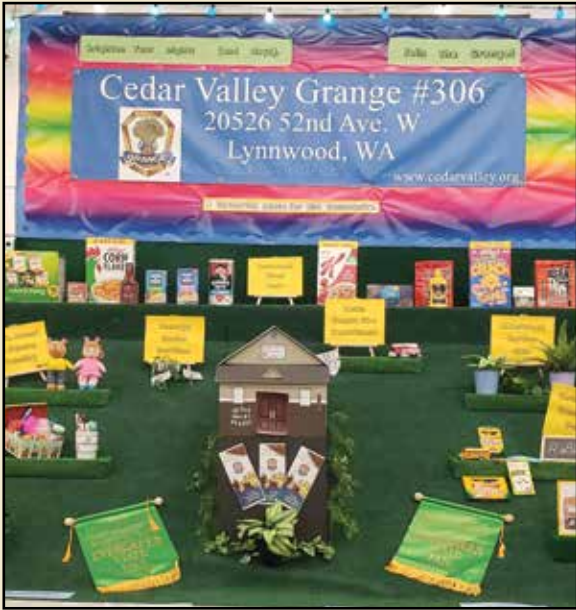
Buena Grange – Central WA Fair



Camden Grange – Pend Oreille County Fair

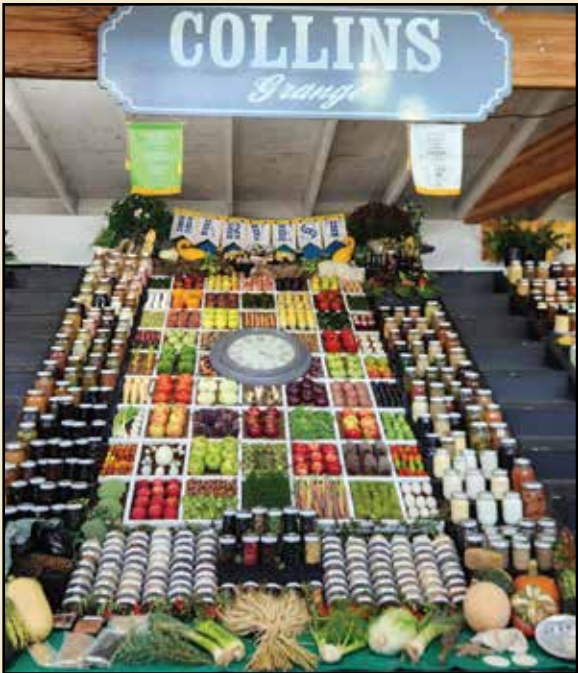


Catlin Grange – Cowlitz County Fair



Cedar Valley Grange – Evergreen State Fair

Grange Fair Displays



Collins Grange – WA State Fair



Cowlitz Prairie Grange – Southwest WA Fair



Crescent Grange – Clallam County Fair



Davis Lake Grange – Pend Oreille County Fair



Edgewood Grange – Pierce County Fair



Elk Plain Grange – Pierce County Fair



Elk Plain Grange – WA State Fair

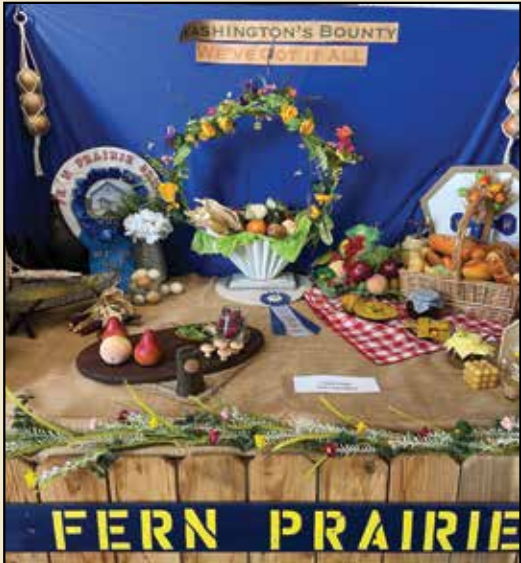


Elma Grange – Grays Harbor County Fair



Fargher Lake Grange – Clark County Fair

Grange Fair Displays



Fern Prairie Grange – Clark County Fair



Five Mile Prairie Grange – Spokane Interstate Fair



Fredonia Grange – Skagit County Fair



Fruitland Grange – WA State Fair



Fruitvale Grange – Central WA Fair



Goldendale Grange – Klickitat County Fair



Grays River Grange – Cowlitz County Fair



Haynie Grange – Northwest WA Fair



Horseshoe Grange – Evergreen State Fair



Humptulips Grange – Grays Harbor County Fair



Humptulips Grange – WA State Fair



Kellogg Marsh Grange – Evergreen State Fair

Grange Fair Displays



Lower Naches Grange - Central WA Fair



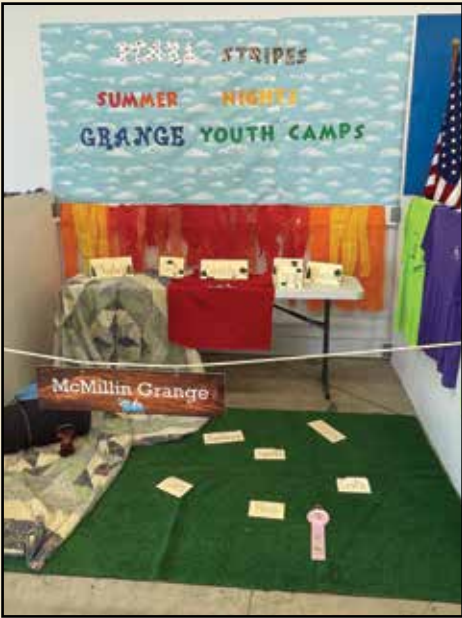
Manson Grange – Chelan County Fair



Marion Grange – Pierce County Fair



McIntosh Grange – Spokane Interstate Fair



McMillin Grange – Pierce County Fair



Menastash Grange – Kittitas County Fair



Meridian Grange – WA State Fair



Moses Lake Grange – Grant County Fair



Mossyrock Grange – Southwest WA Fair



Mountain Valley Grange – Clark County Fair



North River Grange – Grays Harbor County Fair

Grange Fair Displays



Newaukum Grange – Southwest WA Fair



Ohop Grange – WA State Fair



Olympic View Grange – Grays Harbor County Fair



Patit Valley Grange – Columbia County Fair



Prospect Point Grange – Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days



Rexville Grange – Skagit County Fair



Riverside Valley Grange – Pierce County Fair



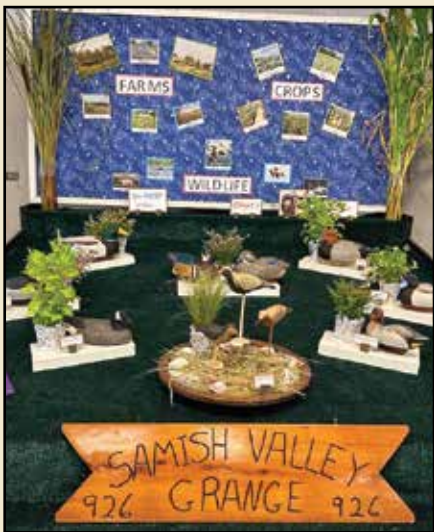
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Samish Valley Grange – Skagit County Fair



San Juan Island Grange – San Juan County Fair

Grange Fair Displays



Selah Heights Grange - Central WA Fair



Sequim Prairie Grange – Clallam County Fair



Sharon Grange – Grays Harbor County Fair



Skagit Valley Grange – Skagit County Fair



Stevenson Grange – Skamania County Fair



Ten Mile Grange – Northwest WA Fair



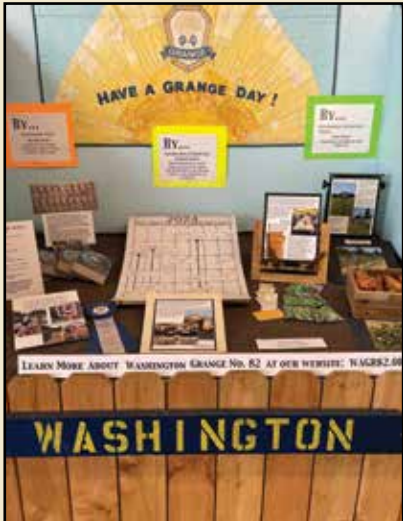
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Washington Grange – Clark County Fair

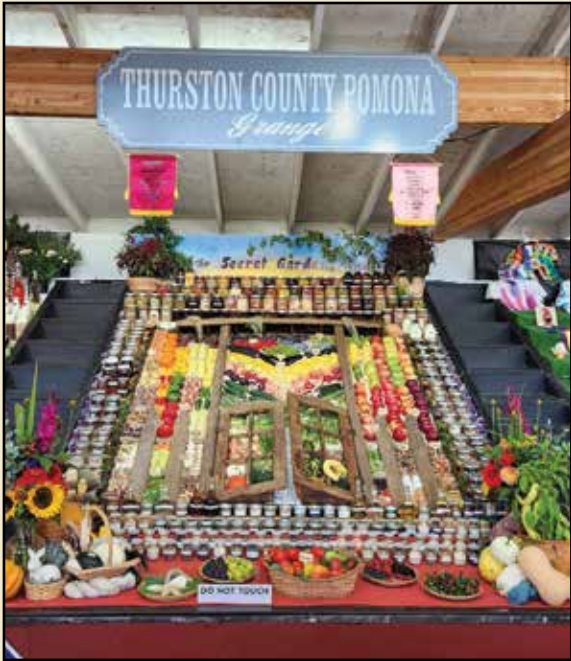
Pomona Fair Displays



Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona Grange – Cowlitz County Fair



Pend Oreille County Pomona – Pend Oreille County Fair



Thurston County Fair – WA State Fair



Klickitat County Pomona – Klickitat County Fair



Yakima Valley Pomona - Central WA Fair



Whatcom County Pomona – Northwest WA Fair



Lewis County Pomona – Southwest WA Fair



Carolyn Elliot and Meredith Meeker working the Yakima Valley Pomona Grange information and Apple booth. (Central WA Fair)



Clark County Fair – Clark County Fair



Pend Oreille County Pomona – Spokane Interstate Fair



Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange – Grays Harbor County Fair

Fargher Lake Grange Hosts Pumpkin Contests



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place of \$10. Parents and kids alike had a great time. All junior/youth participants were given cash awards. Candy was passed out to end the day. The contest is put on to help promote Agriculture by encouraging kids to grow pumpkins.



Sequim Prairie Grange Hosts Successful Fall Festival

Sequim Prairie Grange was filled with ghosts and goblins and cute little cartoon characters at their annual Fall Festival. Not only was the Grange filled with lots of games, but the grounds were also filled with pumpkin carvers and trunk or treaters. Hundreds dressed up for the festival all wanting a chance to win a prize. The cakewalk was a very popular event for only 50 cents you had a chance to win a cake made by Grange members. The balloon pop and ring toss also had long lines with all ages trying to win some fresh apple cider and other goodies. The Grange kitchen was busy cooking burgers and dogs keeping those little Dinosaurs fed. It was the perfect Fall day out on the grounds where kids of all ages carved their pumpkins, ate popcorn and went from trunk to trunk for those sweet treats. One of the trunks was even a boat filled with crabs and handed out candy via a fish net. Clallam County Fire Department also showed up and gave tours of their paramedic unit. The Sequim Prairie Grange is very grateful to the community and all our Grange members for making this year's Fall Festival a huge success.



Stranger Creek Grange Celebrates Halloween



Stranger Creek Grange celebrated Halloween with bobbing for apples, costumes and more.

Heirloom Project Readings

November and December 2024; January 2025

NOVEMBER 2024: “That you may enjoy your rewards dispense Charity, the flowers of brotherly love, as freely as Nature spreads her flowery carpet over all the earth. And let your Charity extend to all humanity.”
(Third Degree; Flora)

DECEMBER 2024: “Patrons, carry with you a feeling of compassion for those who strive to make the world a better place.”
(Installation Ceremony; Installation Officer)

JANUARY 2025: “Be cheerful, be united. “Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”
(Installation Ceremony; Installation Officer)

Congratulations!

Melissa Kudsk has been chosen as a National Grange 2024 Youth and Young Adult Ambassador, who will be representing Washington State at this year's National Convention in Iowa.

Congratulations!

"GRANGE HAS HELPED SHAPE ME INTO WHO I AM, BREAKING ME OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE TO TRY NEW THINGS."

MELISSA KUDSK

Washington Youth Ambassador

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National Grange News

A View From The Hill - October 2024 Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**
National Grange
Legislative Director

What Happens when a Farm Bill expires?

Congress left town at the end of September to campaign for reelection. They did not pass a new farm bill before leaving. In fact, neither the Senate nor House farm bill versions have been sent to the floor for a vote.

In the meantime, the 2018 Farm Bill expired on September 30. In some ways, the current farm bill has been dying the last few years, thanks to unanticipated price inflation. The dollar is only worth 80% of what it was in 2018. The fixed reference prices for commodities in that farm bill, which define the help from USDA farmers depend on in rough times, are only worth 80% of what they were in 2018. Also, dollars set aside for research and innovation grants and certain conservation programs are only worth 80% of what they were in 2018. So, what will we miss with no new farm bill?

Some programs were shut down immediately October 1:

- Numerous international programs, including the Market Access and Foreign Market Development Cooperator trade

promotion programs and Food for Progress.

- The Biobased Markets Program and Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels
- The Specialty Crops Block Grants Program
- The National Organic Certification Cost- Share Program
- Several animal health programs
- New enrollments in the Conservation Reserve Program, livestock projects under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program and the Regional Conservation Incentive Program, and several wetland, forest and watershed restoration programs.

Conservation funds outside the farm bill

The Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act added nearly \$18 billion to farm bill conservation programs deemed “climate- related” by the law’s authors. These programs are at least partially funded outside the farm bill with supplemental funding that doesn’t have to be spent until fiscal year 2031. These funds can be used to supplement “climate -related “ conservation practices in the absence of a farm bill.

Permanent law

A number of farm bill programs operate under permanent law, meaning law without a sunset date. These include crop insurance programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Emergency Food Assistance Program, and several disaster programs. These will continue to operate but without improvements and updates that would happen in a new farm bill.

Normally when people talk about permanent law and the end of a farm bill, they are talking about farm programs dating back to the 1930’s and 1940’s that are still on the books, but which are suspended by modern farm bills. Various current commodity support programs will be extended through the current crop year then replaced with permanent law that will kick in with the 2025 crop.

Congress has chosen to leave these old laws on the books as a guarantee that it will take some action to prevent the return of these programs. The old programs would support certain farm prices far above current support prices and so far above market prices as to be disruptive to the agricultural economy and very costly to the federal government. These permanent law support prices account for rising input costs but

not for vastly improved yields and input efficiencies. These “parity prices” are still published every month by USDA.

If there is no new farm bill or extension through next year, USDA would pay commodity prices under these old programs through purchases and nonrecourse loans. Milk and honey pricing would kick in January 1. The current milk price per hundredweight of \$22.80, for example, would go to \$49.43. Pricing for barley, corn, cotton, oats, rice, rye, sorghum and wheat would kick in with the 2025 crop. Corn would go from the July 2024 market price of \$4.24 per bushel to \$7.45 per bushel and wheat from \$5.52 to \$15.08 per bushel. There are no permanent law programs for peanuts, canola, seeds, soybeans, sunflower and several other crops.

CCC Authority

The commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) has historically been used as the secretary of agriculture’s emergency slush fund regardless of the party in power. The farm bill directs numerous programs to draw funding from the CCC. The secretary has broad ad hoc authority to support farm prices, farm income, agricultural marketing, exports, domestic consumption, conservation programs and to provide emergency relief. When the



Department of the Treasury pays the Agriculture secretary’s bills this fall, he’ll have a \$30 billion line of credit to work with. This gives the secretary flexibility to operate farm income support and disaster programs to fill in behind actions not taken by Congress.

What’s next?

Congress will return to Washinton after the elections for a “lame duck” session. They could spring into action and pass a new farm bill before January 1. That’s highly unlikely given the mood and politics in Congress right now. Congress could do nothing and let permanent law kick in January 1. Congress can’t afford that option. So, at this point it looks like the only palatable option for Congress to take is to pass an extension of the current farm bill. The only argument may be to extend for how long?

“The Grange Is Who I Am”

National Grange President Christine Hamp was recently interviewed by Glenn Vaagen of the Pacific Northwest Ag Network. An article and podcast episode were each created out of this interview.



Christine Hamp

It’s only been a year since Chris Hamp was elected President of the National Grange, but in that time, she’s worked hard to share with the farming community why the Grange is important in the 21st century. Hamp noted that the Grange is there to encourage children, and young adults to be individuals and advocate for themselves.

“Long before this phrase you know ‘it takes a village to raise a child’ was something that was part of our vernacular, it was what Grange did and what it continues to do is make sure that that our members are part of something bigger than themselves that that you grow and learn for a lifetime.”

In a world where phones and electronic devices rule the lives of so many, what has the Grange done to stay relevant? Hamp says they focus on Rural America, and how those needs greatly differ than the needs of those living in more metro areas. “That they have education and that they have health care and that they have connections to the ability to stay there and farm if that’s what they want to do,” Hamp said. “I think there’s lots of issues out there that that we can help make sure that if you want to call rural America home and you want to raise a family on a small farm in a small community, that we can make sure that that that happens.”

Hamp added they continue to work at the local and national level to find the next leaders of the Grange, and those interested in steering the organization into the future.

Read more and listen to the podcast episode here: <https://pnwag.net/hamp-the-grange-is- who-i-am/>
Hamp also spoke with Vaagen about the current failure to pass a farm bill. Listen to that episode here: <https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=pdOEgF70u5E>

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Home & Family

November 2024 News From Your Family Living Director

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

Today I would like to share some hints that my long armer shared at our last quilting meeting. First you do not have to follow the adage of pressing to the dark. Many times the fabric will dictate to you which direction to press. Remember to press and not iron. This is especially important when working with a bias seam.

Second when preparing your

backing and you need to seam it a horizontal seam is easier to put on the machine. A vertical seam adds bulk to the center of the quilt as it is rolled causing the sides to become less taut. If you must use a vertical seam be sure to press the seam open.

Third overworking the fabric can cause fraying which may be difficult to work into the block without having bits of thread showing. So just be careful how you handle your pieces.

Fourth be sure all your outside seams are secure.

Fifth when making a backing with fabric such as minky be sure to pay attention to the nap. These are all thing I have known however it is always great to have reminders. Happy Quilting.

Now for the really big news. We are moving. Our kids want us closer to them. I will give you our new address next month.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving.



Helen Berg

A Hearty, Festive Recipe To Complement Your Entrée



(Courtesy of Family Features)

Don't let turkey and ham have all the fun this holiday season. A hearty side-dish solution is inspired by harvest season, offering comforting taste and mouthwatering flavors to make your holiday meal truly memorable. There's nothing wrong with the classics – mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and the like – but a recipe from "Cookin' Savvy" can give your gathering a special seasonal spin. Discover more holiday recipes by visiting Culinary.net.

Herbed Wild Rice and Apples

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Note: Recipe can be doubled for large crowds.

- Ingredients:**
- 4 tablespoons butter
 - 1 tablespoon minced onion
 - 1 apple chopped
 - 2 packages long-grain wild rice (8 ounces each)
 - 2/3 cup apple juice
 - 1 package (2-1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces
 - 1 tablespoon rosemary
 - salt to taste
 - pepper to taste
 - 2/3 cup pecans
 - 2/3 cup cranberries
 - garlic and herb cheese spread for garnish (optional)

Instructions:

In skillet over medium heat, saute butter, onion and apple pieces. When apples soften, add rice, apple juice, bacon pieces and rosemary. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Cook about 10 minutes.

In large bowl, mix pecans, cranberries and rice mixture. Place in serving dish and crumble herbed cheese on top, if desired.

The Dictionary Project: Words for Thirds

Washington Granges Present Dictionaries To Students



Fertile Valley Grange in Pend Oreille County presented dictionaries to the Riverside and Chattaroy Elementary School.



Mt. Valley Grange #79 members handed out 147 of the Best Dictionary for Students to the third-grade classes at Yacolt Primary School on October 18th. The students were very excited to get their very own dictionary. Grange members attending were Dave Johnson, Judy Steigmann, Beth Goble, Joy Tindall, Julia Heldman, Jennifer Slayton, Ann Van Antwerp, and Georgene Neal. This is the 22nd year that Mt. Valley has handed out dictionaries at the Yacolt Primary School in Yacolt, WA. Pictured: Mt. Valley members Judy Steigmann, Julia Heldman, Beth Goble, Jennifer Slayton, Joy Tindll, Ann Van Antwer, and Dave Johnson.

SPEAK LIKE A "CHAMP"

Speak like a "CHAMP" will be a monthly word or phrase designed to get everyone speaking the same language to build a positive message as we Grange.

"PROACTIVE APPROACH"

Being **proactive** involves taking initiative, anticipating events, and acting in advance to prevent issues or to create positive outcomes. Proactive individuals and organizations are forward-thinking, strategic, and take control of situations rather than merely responding to them.

Pomona Connection

**COWLITZ COUNTY
POMONA**

Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona will meet on Saturday, November 16 at the Sunnyside Grange Hall in Castle Rock. Potluck lunch at 1 p.m., with the meeting to follow. The agenda will include the election of officers and planning for 2025. The monthly Pomona Project is to bring a New Toy for the Toys for Jumbo's Toy Run. At the October Pomona meeting, Harvey Williamson did a Slide Presentation Program about Cowlitz County Granges -Survey and Historic Contexts.

**GRAYS HARBOR/
PACIFIC POMONA**

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange met on November 1 at the Olympic View Grange Hall. Lucy Vest was elected Master for 2025. The Pomona Grange is coordinating the baking of pies for the Union Gospel

Mission in Aberdeen. Each Grange is asked to donate six pies for the Thanksgiving holiday. The 2025 calendar of events is being compiled. The next Pomona Grange meeting will be on Sat, January 11 at the North River Grange Hall.

**Klickitat County
POMONA**

Klickitat County Pomona changed their next meeting to November 9 at Goldendale Grange,1:30 p.m. meeting with dessert to follow. Election of Officers will be held. (Time change is due to an earlier hall meeting).

PIERCE COUNTY POMONA

Pierce County Pomona will be hosting the Installation of Officers for all our Pomona elect Officers for 2025 at the December 7th Pomona Meeting. 10am, Waller Road Grange #1111, with potluck to follow. All Subordinate Grange Officers are welcome to be installed for their

upcoming term at this meeting as well.

**THURSTON COUNTY
POMONA**

Thurston County Pomona Grange met at Brighton Park Grange on Thursday, October 3 for their monthly meeting. The election of officers was held, and Shavanna May was re-elected at Master. Good of the Order meeting was held on Sunday October 13 to plan the Pomona calendar for 2025. The draft calendar has been sent to all Granges in the county for review and will be voted on at the December 5 meeting. That meeting will be held at McLane Grange at 7 pm and will be preceded by a potluck dinner. Installation of officers for Thurston County Granges will be held on Sunday January 5, 2025 at 2 pm at South Union Grange. Pomona officers will provide finger food following the meeting.

Pomona Calendar

Please submit your 2025 Pomona Meeting Dates.

CHELAN	November 21 and December 19 at Smitty's Restaurant, 12 p.m. social luncheon. The next business meeting is November 16 at Manson, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
CLALLAM	November 14 at Sequim Prairie, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting. Will include election of officers.
CLARK	November 13 at Manor, 7 p.m.
COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM	November 16 at Sunnyside, 1 p.m.; planning meeting and election of officers.
DOUGLAS	November 21 at East Wenatchee, 6 p.m.
EXCELSIOR	November 16 at Gardenspot, 10:30 a.m. Potluck picnic at lunch. Will include election of officers.
FERRY	to be determined.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	January 121 at North River, 10:30 a.m. Potluck lunch at 12 noon.
KING	November 16 at Sammamish Valley, 10 a.m.
Klickitat	to be announced.
LEWIS	December 7 at Logan Hill, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
MASON	November 16 at Matlock, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. lunch.
PEND OREILLE	to be announced.
PIERCE	December 7 at Waller Road, 10 a.m. Will include installation of officers.
SKAGIT	December 4 at Fredonia, 6:30 p.m.
SNOHOMISH	November 16 at Granville, 10 a.m. Will include election of officers.
SPOKANE	November 16 at East Spokane, 10 a.m.
STEVENS	to be determined.
THURSTON	December 5 at McLane, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
WHATCOM	November 19 at Haynie, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Will include election of officers.
WHITMAN	November 4 at Jim & Bonnie Lyle's Home in Colfax. Will work on 2025 Pomona schedule.
YAKIMA VALLEY	January 8 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Pierce County Pomona Holds Member Recognition Banquet

Pierce County Pomona Grange #16 held our Recognition Banquet Sunday October 13th at Collins Grange.

Guest Speaker was Brother Duane Hamp, Executive Committee member of Washington State Grange and our Entertainment was the Dimond Spurs of Yelm.

We Honored our Grangers of the Month for the year. These members are the doers of the Grange, and help keep our doors open and programs going.

May 2024 Steve Hall of McMillin Grange. June 2024

Eileen and Jim Moebius of Elk Plain Grange. August 2024 Brandi Ockenfels of Roy Grange.

Also, recognized for 75 years of continuous membership, Galen Nusbaum of Collins Grange. 60 years of continuous membership, Helen Gardner of McMillin, Arthur Storbo of Marion and George Walk of Waller Road Grange. 55 years of continuous membership John Gardner of McMillin and Cindy Van Hulle of Waller Road Grange. Golden Sheaf member Jerry Schaefer of Edgewood and Janet Schmidt of Waller Road Grange.



(Top Right) 50 Year Members; (Middle Right) 55 Year Members; (Bottom Right) 60 Year Members; (Bottom Middle) 75 Year Member; (Bottom Left) Granger of the Month Recipients.

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Grange Connection

CLARK COUNTY

Mt. Valley Grange members have been busy this summer and fall. Old School/Old Timers picnic, participation in the Clark County Fair, Words for Thirds, Booster Day/Open House, along with a couple of Bingo days and bazaar/rummage sales. Due to some vandalism of the reader board, Mt. Valley now has a security camera. We gained 5 new members in 2023 and 5 more new members in 2024! We are very excited, especially since several of these new members have stepped up and taken over committees and work around the grange. The Junior 1+ program has four members who entered many projects at the Clark County Fair. The next meeting is on November 16th at 10:30 am. Election of Officers will be held.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Elma Grange has a garage sale on the first weekend of each month. The Grange will hold the Elma Grange Kids Shop and Santa Pics on November 16-17.

Humptulips Grange will have Turkey Bingo on Sat, November 23, beginning at 7 p.m. The doors open at 6 p.m., with available in the Grange kitchen. Gift Card Bingo is scheduled for Sat, December 7. The Grange operated Humptulips Food Bank is seeing increasing numbers, serving over 70 families each month. In addition to the food distribution, the Grange hosts the Mobile Assistance Vehicle from Ocean Shores and the Anywhere Library from the Timberland Library System on food distribution days.

Olympic View Grange held a Lazy Man Cake Walk on November 12, with 52 guests in attendance. Grange members will donate pies for the Union Gospel Mission in Aberdeen for Thanksgiving. The Grange Hall has been busy with an increase in hall rentals.

Camas Valley Grange Collects School Supplies At Block Party

Camas Valley Grange members collecting school supplies at the Mary Walker School District block party.

Satsop Grange holds their flea market on the first weekend of each month.

Sharon Grange will be hosting a Crime Watch Program on November 6. There will be a Wreath Making Workshop on November 13. Grange members are holding a food drive to collect food for local families in November, December, and January. The Grange will have a table at the Country Christmas Bazaar at the Elma Fairgrounds on November 23-24. The Grange's Winter Potluck is scheduled for December 11.

LEWIS COUNTY

Adna Grange announced three events: Bingo will be held on Tuesday, October 15. The doors open at 5 pm, with games starting at 6 pm. Food will be available. The Annual Fall Bazaar and Baked Potato Lunch will be on Saturday, October 26, 10 am to 4 pm. Lunch will be available from 11:30 am to 3 pm. November will feature Turkey Bingo on Tuesday, November 12.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange held the Haunted Grange on October 25-26, transforming the entire downstairs of the Grange building. 320 people went through the haunted Grange. Proceeds will go toward the Grange Hall Roof Replacement Project. The Grange has a holiday bazaar scheduled for December 13-14. A Quilts of Valor presentation is scheduled for December 7.

North River Grange held their food concession at the Saginaw Loggers Day event in September. The Grange continues to sponsor the food bank and the Anywhere Library from the Timberland Regional Library System. The Grange collected school supplies for North River Elementary School. Members will also donate



Yakima Valley Pomona Rides Local Trolley



Yakima Valley Pomona Grange and friends had a wonderful day riding the trolley. We toured the museum then enjoyed dinner at Bob's. The next social activity will be December 1st wreath making and bingo for charity at Terrace Heights Grange Hall.

Rose Valley Grange Works Trunk Or Treat



Rose Valley Grangers bagging up treats for trunk or treat at the Rose Valley Church. Every year we pass out bags of candy / treats to the children.

Thanksgiving pies for the Union Gospel Mission. We are also preparing health care kits for the Women's Shelter.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange had a fantastic Harvest Festival during the month of October. We held four Sunday pancake breakfasts served with applesauce. The Craft Fair held for 2 weekends was successful—many vendors, lots of visitors, and beautiful Fall weather. The Draping of the Charter was held on October 15 for Lyle Manly, Dolores Voelker, LaDoris Laws, Pat Tompers, Dick Atkinson, and Stan Smith. Jr. The Grange hosted a Halloween Candy Drive Thru on Oct. 26. Words for Thirds dictionaries were presented in November. November 5 was our community event—a Chili Cookoff. The last pancake breakfast for the year will be Nov. 24. The Community Christmas Party will be held on December 14. Work is starting on our 2025 calendar of events.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange booth at the annual Springdale Parade and Showcase in the Park was able to talk to several people about the Grange. At the August 14 Grange Community Picnic, Grange members handed out lunches and information to the those that stopped by. Several totes of school supplies and even some cash was donated by those that stopped by. The cash will be used to purchase more school supplies, which will be delivered with the totes to the Mary Walker School District for the Aug 21 MWSD Community Block event. The Haunted House was finished and decorated just in time for opening night, thanks to some very dedicated and amazing grange members. There were plenty of screams, and some people had to sit in the Kiddie Karnival area until they calmed down. Youngsters, and others that were recuperating from the Haunted House, enjoyed the various booths of different games and prizes. The Kreepy Kafe had

several yummy menu choices. In another week or two, planning for the annual Community Christmas Dinner set for the first Sunday in December will be finalized. Great things are happening in Springdale thanks to the awesome Grange members.

THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange co-hosted Thurston Conservation District's annual Harvest Festival at the Grange Hall on October 7. The annual Christmas celebration will be held at 2 pm on Sunday December 8 and is open to everyone. Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7 pm, with the next meetings scheduled for November 18 and December 16. Dance to live country music by The Country Four and More on the first Saturday of every month from 1:30 to 4:30, \$6 per person donation and all ages welcome.

Grange Connection

Yakima Valley Pomona Serves 4-H Dinner



On November 3rd, Yakima Valley Pomona Grange served the Yakima County 4-H awards dinner. It was hosted at Fruitvale Grange. We server 100 people.

Mountain Valley Grange Open House

Mt. Valley Grange #79 held their Booster Day/Open House on October 5th. The Community Citizen’s Award was given to North Clark Historical Museum for their preservation of history and what they provide for the community. Board members present to accept the award were Jim Malinowski, George Weisenborn, April Reichstein, Georgene Neal, and Debbie Zitt. Special Grange Awards were given to two newer members (2 years or less) for their dedication to Mt. Valley in such a short time. Jess Crossley took over Rentals, Fundraising, Agriculture, and looks for ways to fix and organize the building. Dave Stiles stepped up to help Dave Johnson with Buildings and Grounds. Dave and his wife Denise mow and weed the lawn. Dave fixes anything that needs to



be fixed, located refrigerators to replace the worn-out ones, and took care of a security problem when vandalism occurred. Members Neil Wheatley and Ralph Schultz were recognized for 60 years as Grange members. Board members of North Clark Historical Museum, April Reichstein and Georgene Neal put on a program about the museum and its history and

brought some of the items from their collection to share with the audience.

Pictured: Jim Malinowski, George Weisenborn, April Reichstein, Georgene Neal, Debbie Zitt-NCHM’ Judy Steigmann, Lecturer, Mt. Valley Grange #79

South Unions Grange Members Serve Food At Annual Harvest Festival

South Union Grange members sold chili dogs, baked potatoes, and beverages at Thurston Conservation District’s annual Harvest Festival on October 7. (L-R: Pam Mathews, Patty Mathews, Mat Jackmond, Andrew Jacobson.)



St. Andrews Granger Make Pillowcases For Foster Kids



The Coulee Cutups from St Andrews Grange in Douglas County! They made 27 pillow cases for “Guardian ad Litem Pillowcase Project” for foster children in Grant County. The cases will be filled with individualized gifts for foster children. Pictured are Mary Hunt, Jenny Adams, Jacqueline Randolph and Kim Jorgensen. Also contributing time and skills are Katie Evans and Kathleen Schroeder from Coulee City!

Rome Grange Honors Members



Rome Grange #226 recently held a “catch-up” reception, honoring our members who have achieved the following levels of membership:
25 Years: Joni Kennedy and Russ Weston
40 Years: Donald R. Buckenmeyer, JoAnn Cress, Dean Francisco, Annamarie Hamilton, Steve Siekkinen, and Beverly Siguaw
55 Years: Larry Culver, Ruth M. Johnson, Carol Sweitzer, and Frances Westergreen
60 Years: Larry Culver, Ruth M. Johnson, Peggy McDonald, R. J. Moen, Willis Roughton III, Carol Sweitzer and Frances Westergreen
65 Years: Gary Turcott
70 Years: Frank Hachman
Pictured, from left: Russ Weston-25 Years, Peggy McDonald-60 Years, and Gary Turcott-65 Years.

Issaquah Valley Grange Helps Rainbow Trout



Members of Issaquah Valley Grange #581 helped with Issaquah Salmon Days by selling fish food for the rainbow trout and manning docent stations along the Issaquah Creek and the viewing windows. The fat and happy rainbow trout will relocate to Beaver Lake when the salmon fry need pond space. Later in October Issaquah members donated 312 Words for Thirds dictionaries to the third graders in Issaquah Valley schools.



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