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Grangers Gather In Lewis County For Annual Convention

Grange members from across Washington State will be meeting at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Centralia/Chehalis for their state organization's 136th annual convention, June 25-29. The convention returns to Lewis County for the first time since 1986.

The majority of those gathering at the convention site – the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds – are delegates elected to represent their

local Granges. The bulk of their time will be spent in meetings, making decisions that will set the course of the organization for the coming year. Besides delegates, there are scores of volunteers who will have other responsibilities during the week, and many other members drive in to participate in special events, listen to guest speakers or simply to get together with old friends. It is anticipated that more than 500

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

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

Preparations for this year's event have been under the direction of a district convention steering committee led by Phyllis Ogden of Cowlitz County. She has been

assisted by a host of volunteer sub-committee chairmen and committee members.

This year's session is being hosted by Granges in the Southwest District that includes Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Thurston, and Wahkiakum Counties.

Prior to the official opening session on Wednesday evening, June 25, several activities will occupy delegates and others. All committees will meet prior to the session via Zoom to consider reports and resolutions submitted for delegate consideration. The

committees will closely examine all resolutions referred to the convention by local community Granges. In some instances, the committees could draft additional resolutions. All those reports will be referred – with committee recommendations – to the delegate body for further debate during the session. The resolutions cover a wide variety of topics from internal organization matters to policy issues that will occupy the organization's Olympia and Washington, DC, lobbyists in coming years.

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JUNE 25 - 29, 2025

Southwest Washington Fairgrounds
Centralia/Chehalis, 1909 S Gold Street, Centralia, WA 98531

Lecturer's Department

Creative Writing Contest Results and Convention Information



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

Creative Writing Contest

The results of the 2025 Creative Writing Contest are as follows:

Group A – Adult:

A1 – Poetry, Metered; Topic: The Grange of the Future

1st Place: Jarrod Gardner
McMillin #848

2nd Place: Larry Houch
Sallal #955

A2 – Poetry, Free Verse; Topic: The Grange of the Future

1st Place: Mary Lee Rozelle
Camden #687

2nd Place: Larry Houch
Sallal #955

3rd Place: Mary Lee Rozelle
Camden #687

Additional entries were received from:
Heather Ferguson – Waitsburg #1 and
Judy Moilanen – Crescent #1123.

A3 – Short Story; Topic: My Garden Grows...

1st Place: Stephen Johnston
Logan Hill #1086

2nd Place: Sonja Bartsch
Camden #687

3rd Place: Mary Lee Rozelle
Camden #687

Additional entries were received from:
Larry Houch – Sallal #955,
Laura Ast – Camden 687, Raini Fogel –
Matlock #357, and Rodger Lance –
Washington #82.

Group A – Adult:

Best of Show:
\$50 Jarrod Gardner –
McMillin #848

Second Best of Show:
\$25 Stephen Johnston –
Logan Hill #1086

Contest Entry Check-In and Check-Out at Convention

Contest entries from your Pomona contest can be brought to the Lecturer Display area on Tuesday, June 24th from 2 – 6 PM and on Wednesday, June 25th 8 AM – 12 Noon. When you bring your item(s) to check-in, the only thing that should be attached is the entry tag from the Pomona

contest. We will remove that and attach our own tag for the state contest and give you the claim check. Items may be picked up on Sunday, June 29th from 12 Noon. Be sure to bring your claim check when you are ready to check out.

Convention Auction Items

- **Silent Auctions:** Located in the Department Display area
- **Live Auction:** Immediately following the Grange

Picnic/BBQ on Friday evening

If you are donating items for the department fund raising auctions that are in a basket, box, bucket or some such container, you need to attach a list of what is included. Having a list will allow us to let bidders know what all they are bidding on. This would also be helpful for these type of donations for the silent auctions. Please bring your auction items to the display areas. We thank you for your support.

Help Wanted

If you are attending Convention in Chehalis/Centralia at the SW Washington Fairgrounds and are not a delegate could you help out in the Lecturer Display area? We need help on Wednesday afternoon starting at 1 PM during judging and especially on Thursday morning from 8 AM – 1 PM for ribbon placement and recording of results. We could also use help during Check-In and Check-Out. If you are interested, please let me know: Leslie Jo Wells, 360.306.0905 or lesliewells@att.net.

Heirloom Project Readings June, July and August 2025



JUNE 2025: “Let ‘no fear ... deter you from doing that which is right.”
(Second Degree; President)

JULY 2025: “We must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Patron of Husbandry, gives up that inalienable right and duty which belongs to every American citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of one’s country. On the contrary, it is right for every member to do all in his or her power, legitimately, to influence for good the action of any political party to which he or she belongs. It is reserved by every Patron, as the right of a free citizen to affiliate with any party that will best carry out his or her principles.”
(Grange Declaration of Purposes)

AUGUST 2025: “Do good, hoping for nothing in return, and your reward shall be great. Love one another.”
(Second Degree; Chaplain)

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By-Laws

Sallal Grange #955 will vote on the following proposals to their Bylaws at the July meeting:

1. Change of meeting start time to 6:30
2. Increase of Annual Dues

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President’s Message

Join Us As We
“Celebrate Grange”
At Our 136th
Annual Session

By Tom Gwin
WA State Grange President

As we converge in Lewis County at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in beautiful Centralia/Chehalis for our 136th Annual State Grange Session, all Grange members are invited to join us for all or a part of this years’ session.

The majority of our Grange activities will be held in three buildings: the Community Events Building, the Grandstands, and the 4-H Building. All three buildings are in close proximity and in the midway area of the fairgrounds. Grange participants should enter the fairgrounds through the south parking area. Parking is available on the fairgrounds. RVs will park in the carnival area, with overflow camping in the South Campgrounds.

We will utilize the Community Events Building for our delegate sessions, workshops, degree exemplification, and memorial service. Registration and the display areas will be next door in the Grandstands (actually under the grandstands). Workshops will be in both the Commercial Building and the 4-H Building. The hospitality room is in the 4-H Building. The Junior Meeting Room will be in the 4-H Building, while the Youth Group will meet under the Grandstands.

We will “Celebrate Grange” with the official opening of the session on Wednesday, June 24. In addition to the delegate sessions, where one can see State Grange policy being developed, there are plenty of opportunities to celebrate the hard work by our members. The work of our talented members will be on display throughout the week in the display rooms. Group efforts will be included in the display area with contest entries in Grange Hall Improvement, community service, and many others.

Unfortunately, we find it necessary to cancel the Livestock Judging Contest at this session. Due to the unavailability of livestock animals, we will reschedule this event for the fall at one of the county fairs. More details will be available during the state session.

We are continuing with the display of youth educational posters and the public speaking contest. A note of interest for those considering the public speaking contest. We will accept video submissions of speeches for the competition this year. Read the information in the youth section of this issue and in the State Grange Program Handbook.

Another new Grange promotional activity will be the display of Grange hats and shirts. Each Grange is asked to provide an entry in each class. Grange members at the session will vote on their favorite and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Hats and shirts will not be returned to your Grange. They will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Granges are reminded to turn in their one-page “Grange in Action” report. The reports consist of one page with the Grange name and state, accompanied by 3-5 photos of the Grange’s activities with captions. The activities must have taken place since September 1, 2024. The reports will be on display and then forwarded to the National Grange for recognition. We will also be utilizing these reports in our state display at the National Grange Convention in November. This program is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the varied projects undertaken by Granges across our state.

Your state officers selected the themes for each day of the session. Officers, delegates, and members are encouraged to dress following the themes. This year’s themes are: Wednesday – Grange Gear; Thursday – Tropical day; Friday – Junior Grange Red Tennis Shoes; Saturday – Western Day.

The session will officially open on Wednesday at 7 p.m. After the opening ceremony, a few items of business will be conducted. We have invited several local dignitaries to attend to welcome the Grangers to Centralia and Chehalis. The welcome speeches will be followed by a reception hosted by the State Grange officers.

The business session will move into full swing and take much of Thursday and Friday. The session will include officer report and the report and action on committee reports. We will begin the election of State Grange officers and have a variety of speakers on Thursday morning. The family living



Tom Gwin

department will hold their annual luncheon on Thursday at 12 p.m.. The event will be next door at the Senior Center.

Business sessions will continue on Friday of the session. The State Grange Officers BBQ will be held on Friday evening. The dinner will be followed by the Live Auction, with the proceeds going to support the various Grange departments.

The Saturday schedule has been revamped. The postponement of the livestock judging contest opens some time on Friday for the delegates to continue working on business. The presentation of Quilts of Valor will be at 11 a.m., followed by the presentation of the Grange Leadership Award at 11:45 a.m. The fifth and sixth degrees of the order will be exemplified on Saturday afternoon. The Celebration Banquet is on Saturday evening and will be held next door at the Senior Center. Following a scrumptious dinner, we will further celebrate the achievements of our State Grange Foundation Scholarship recipients. Granges will be recognized for longevity and their outstanding community service work. The membership department will draw the winners of the Membership Incentive Program.

Sunday, the final day of the session, will include the Memorial and Church Service in the morning, followed by the completion of business. Our Junior and Youth Grangers will open the Saturday afternoon session. One of the final items of business will be the installation of State Grange Officers at 3:30 on Sunday. The session is scheduled to adjourn by 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Thank you to the Grange members of the Southwest District (Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Lewis, Pacific, Thurston, and Wahkiakum counties) for their outstanding work in putting the convention activities together for the benefit of all Grange members. Your efforts will allow us to join together to “Celebrate Grange” and will assist in preparing us for another exciting year of Grange activities.

Legislative

The Governor
Has Acted!



By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist

Jesse Taylor

Since the passage of the budgets in late April and the subsequent sine di gavel, the Governor had several weeks to go through the documents and determine what actions he might take. Washington is one of 44 states that allow for line-item veto power in their state budget. This authority, granted by state constitutions, is used in times of budget deficits and when the governor believes the legislature has stepped outside of its bounds of discretion.

Article III, Section 12 of the Washington State Constitution is where this power lies, and it has been used regularly in the past by nearly all Governor’s at least on small scale items and rarely for larger vetoes. In Washington State the governor can veto entire bills, entire sections of a bill, or specific appropriation items in bills that contain multiple sections or items. For appropriation bills, the veto can target individual line items, but it must encompass an entire section or appropriation item, not just parts like individual sentences or phrases. In 1974 our state passed a constitutional amendment (SJR 140) restricting the governor’s veto power to prevent vetoing less than an entire section of a bill, except for appropriation items. This was intended to curb practices where governors altered the meaning of legislation by vetoing specific words or sentences. This action directed more power to the legislative body.

Line-Item Veto Actions by Governor Ferguson

Ferguson vetoed several dozen spending provisions within the 1,366-page operating budget, totaling approximately \$25 million in cuts plus billions in future savings by delaying spending. These vetoes targeted programs deemed non-essential or unaffordable given the state’s significant budget deficit and anticipated federal funding reductions. Here are some of the vetoed items:

1. The Garage (\$300,000) - The Garage is a café providing after-school tutoring, counseling, and case management services for high school students. Ferguson vetoed \$300,000, representing about one-fifth of the program’s budget.
2. Mentor Washington (\$1.55 million) - This program supports mentoring for at-risk youth through contracts with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, with about half of the funds allocated to a pilot for foster youth.
3. Hospitality Center of Excellence at Columbia Basin College (\$408,000) - Launched in January 2025 with \$257,000, this center aimed to strengthen ties between culinary programs and hospitality businesses, developing workforce education strategies. The Legislature allocated \$408,000 for two years of operation.
4. Forest Practices Board: \$1.1 million allocated for rulemaking was vetoed, as the board does not anticipate rulemaking in the next four years.
5. Department of Agriculture: \$358,000 for a program promoting Washington-grown farm products was eliminated.
6. Department of Agriculture (DEI Unit): \$258,000 for a vacant equity adviser position in the diversity, equity, and inclusion unit was not filled.
7. State Conservation Commission: \$365,000 for a proposed tribal liaison position was not funded
8. Offshore Wind Studies: \$816,000 for a study on offshore wind projects and \$731,000 for a tribal-state panel to study ecological impacts were canceled.
9. Department of Health Warehouse Lease: \$2.4M over four years was saved by ending a pandemic-era lease on an unused warehouse
10. Special Commitment Center: \$4M was saved by closing a 24-bed unit at the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island due to declining populations.
11. Public Health Funding: Funding for foundational public health was reduced from \$155M to \$133M annually, saving tens of millions of dollars over four years.
12. Childcare Rate Increases: A rate increase for childcare centers was phased in over four years instead of being implemented all at once, saving \$144M.
13. TANF Program: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding was maintained, but the governor recommended limiting general fund investment to \$82 million for the next biennium, down from \$128 million in the previous biennium

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will begin their convention activities on Wednesday morning, electing and installing their own slate of officers.

Following the opening session on Wednesday evening, the Grangers will host local dignitaries for words of welcome, followed by a welcome reception.

The work of the convention will begin in earnest at 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning when Gwin opens the session. Immediately after opening, he will deliver his annual report to the delegates. Following a short break, the delegates will begin their business session with reports from the various delegate committees. After a lunch break, the session will continue through the afternoon. Thursday evening is reserved for Grangers to enjoy dinner out, build fellowship, and to explore the area surrounding Centralia and Chehalis.

The business session will continue Friday morning. The delegates will consider additional committee reports. The afternoon will feature the Junior Grange Ice Cream Social. Youth and Junior Members will also compete in their public speaking contests, with the winners receiving the honor of representing our state at the regional level. The delegates will continue their work through Friday afternoon.

Friday evening will feature a new activity. State Grange officers will host a "Barbecue Picnic". The picnic will be followed by a live action, which financially supports Grange departments in their work.

Youth and Junior Grangers will

also compete in their public speaking contests, with the winners receiving the honor of representing our state at the National Grange Convention in November.

Business sessions will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday. At 11 a.m. the Grange will recognize a group of military veterans at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Each veteran will be recognized with their own Quilt of Valor. The Grange and the QOV program will make the presentations. The Grange Leadership Award, the highest honor bestowed by the State Grange, will be presented at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday.

The Grange's Fifth Degree will be exemplified on Saturday at 2:00 p.m., followed by the conferral of the Grange's Sixth Degree at 3:00 p.m. That evening, the Grange Celebration Banquet will be held. The banquet will include the presentation of several membership awards and the recognition of the 2025 State Grange Scholarship winners. In addition, Granges will be recognized for 150, 125, and 100 consecutive years of activity. Awards for community service and membership development will be presented.

Sunday morning will begin with the Grange Memorial and Worship Service. The event, under the direction of State Grange Chaplain Carolyn Hojem, will honor departed Grange members and serve as a worship service for all members. Following the service, the Grange will go back into regular session, completing the business of the organization.

The Sunday afternoon session



will be filled with presentations by the Grange youth and junior members. The young people will be recognized. Awards presented for their Grange work over the past year. Following their program, the Grange will install their newly elected State Grange Officers, followed by the completion of final business. The session is scheduled to adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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

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

The Annual State Grange Session rotates to various locations around the state. The session will be in Mount Vernon in 2026 and in Yakima in 2027.



Register today as a Non-Delegate, Guest, Youth or Junior member. You will also have the opportunity to purchase your 6th Degree tickets and meal tickets at the same time. Delegates can also use this form to purchase their 6th Degree tickets and meal tickets as well. Credential forms will still need to be mailed in for Delegates. Register at:
<https://form.jotform.com/241337806468160>



Fifth and Sixth Degrees To Be Conferred; Tickets Available

The Washington State Grange Officers will be conferring the Sixth Degree at the Annual State Grange Session on Saturday, June 28. The conferral will begin at 3 p.m. and will be held in the Community Events Building, the same location as the delegate meetings.

All Sixth Degree candidates must have received the Fifth Degree of the Order, which will be exemplified at 2:00 p.m. by a team from the Southwest District. Candidates should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the degrees to get seated in the designated areas.

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



GRANGE GEAR PROMOTIONAL CONTEST

CASH PRIZES (\$100, \$75, AND \$50) WILL BE AWARDED TO THE THREE HIGHEST VOTE GETTERS IN EACH CLASS. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED ON THE CELEBRATION BANQUET ON SATURDAY EVENING OF THE CONVENTION.

BRING A SHIRT AND/OR A HAT FOR THE GRANGE GEAR PROMOTIONAL CONTEST.

THERE WILL BE TWO CLASSES:
 CLASS 1 - SHIRTS (ANY TYPE)
 CLASS 2 - HATS

ALL ITEMS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE MEMBERSHIP TABLE AT THE CONVENTION PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE SESSION ON WED, JUNE 25. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE GRANGE.

Resolution E-Mail Sign-Ups

Send us your email at skeller@wa-grange.org to receive the resolutions that have been approved by the state Executive Committee and ready to be presented at the 2025 State Grange Convention in Chehalis, WA.



2025 Convention Info

TENTATIVE

Washington State Grange 136th Annual Session Schedule Of Events

JUNE 25 - 29, 2025

**136th Annual Washington State Grange Convention at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds
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Wednesday, June 25, 2025
• Grange Attire Day •

9am-12pm State Officer Practice – closed event
10am Credentials Committee Meeting
10am Workshop - Promoting Your Grange’s Programs -
Claudine Mincks & Sara Wade
10:30am Election Committee Meeting
11am Workshop – 2026 Legislative Capital Budget Grant Requests -
Jesse Taylor
1pm Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting
1pm Workshop -National Grange Lecturer Contests and Programs -
Tom Gwin, National Grange Lecturer
2pm Deputies Meeting
2:30pm Delegate Orientation
3pm Workshop - Water for Ag: Farm, Forest, Fish Connection -
Shelley Macy
3pm Workshop – Unlock Your Communication Potential -
Jonny & Brittney Pittman
3:45pm Workshop - Grange Youth Fairs Program Tom Gwin & Tom Hann
3:45pm Workshop - So You Want to Handle Money for Your Grange -
Isabella Lierman
4:30pm Workshop – Engaging Youth Legislators - Jesse Taylor
7pm Opening of the 136th Annual Session in the 6th Degree -
Welcome from Local Dignitaries
8:00pm Close Session in the 4th Degree -
Welcome Reception - Refreshments

Thursday, June 26,2025
• Tropical Day •

8:30am Session Opens in the Fourth Degree -Master/President’s Address -
Election of Officers
10:30am Speaker - State Rep., Peter Abbarno, 20th District
11am Speaker - State Rep., Ed Orcutt, 20th District
11:30pm Speaker - State Rep., Joel McEntire, 19th District
12 pm Session Recess
12 pm Family Living Picnic Luncheon and Awards (*tickets required*)
2pm Session Reconvenes
5:30pm Session Closes in the 4th Degree
5:45pm Convention Group Photo

Friday, June 27, 2025
• Junior Red Tennis Shoe Day •

8:30am Session Opens - Election of Officers
11:30am Junior Grange Ice Cream Social (*will last until the ice cream is gone*)
12pm Session Recesses – Lunch
12:30pm 2025 Capital Budget Grant Recipients Meeting
(*Open to recipients ONLY*)
2pm Session Reconvenes
3pm Speaker - Christopher Johnston, National Steward
5pm Session Closes in the 4th Degree
6pm Grange Picnic BBQ, (*BBQ ticket required*) -
Live Auction to benefit the Departments

Saturday, June 28, 2025
• Western Day •

9am Session Opens
11am Quilts of Valor Presentation
11:45am Leader of the Year Presentation
12 pm Session Recesses – Lunch
12:30 pm Workshop -Engaging Sponsors for Your Grange Events - Jesse Taylor
1pm Youth Public Speaking Contest
2pm Exemplification of the Fifth Degree
3pm Exemplification of the Sixth Degree - followed by the Rose Drill
5pm Session Closes in the 4th Degree
6pm Celebration Banquet, followed by -Awards Program (*dinner is ticketed*)

Sunday, June 29, 2025

9am Memorial Service/Worship Service
10:30am Session Opens in the 4th Degree
11:30am Session Recesses – Lunch
1:30pm Session Reconvenes - Youth and Junior Awards Program
3pm Installation of Officers
4pm Session Reconvenes - Any Unfinished Business
5pm Closing of the 136th Annual Session in the Fourth Degree

Convention Speakers Announced



CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON
National Grange Steward / Michigan State Grange President
Friday, June 27 • 3:00 PM

Christopher Johnston is a third-generation Granger from Michigan, who currently serves as National Grange Steward, elected in 2023, and as President of the Michigan State Grange. He has always been passionate about the lessons and rituals of the Grange.
In Michigan, he served as State Assistant Steward for eight years and Steward for three years before being elected President. He has also served in many different positions in his Subordinate and Pomona Granges, and was previously National Grange Gatekeeper from 2011-2023.

Johnston currently works at the Meijer Distribution Center in Lansing, Michigan. Outside of Grange, he is also an on-call firefighter, currently serving as Captain, a 1st Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, and as Scoutmaster for his sons’ Boy Scout Troop.
Johnston married his wife Connie, a fourth-generation Granger, in 2002. The couple met while attending Grange youth/young adult camps. She works as an Administrative Assistant at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan, and serves as State Grange webmaster.
The Johnstons have twin sons, Marcus and Cory.

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Convention Speakers Announced



PETER ABBARNO
State Representative - 20th District
Thursday, June 26 • 10:30 AM

Serving the 20th District, Rep. Peter Abbarno is a community leader, attorney, and most importantly, a husband and father.

Peter attended the State University of New York at Fredonia, graduating in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. For almost 10 years, Peter worked in the field of government and politics.

Peter also earned a Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School in 2008, and a Master of Laws in taxation from the University of Washington in 2009.

Peter then worked as a deputy assistant prosecuting attorney in King County Juvenile Court. In 2010, he joined the law firm of Olson Althaus Samuelson and Rayan in Centralia, currently known as Althaus Rayan Abbarno, LLP. Peter became a partner in 2013.

Throughout his career, Peter has practiced many areas of law, including estate planning, business/corporate law, family law, criminal prosecution and defense, workers’ compensation, and personal injury.

Peter also volunteers time to assist victims of domestic violence and assaults, non-profits, and new entrepreneurs with business formation and business planning.

In 2015, Peter was elected to the Centralia City Council, re-elected in 2019, and voted mayor pro tem in 2020. In November 2020, he was elected with 71% of the vote to the 20th

District in the Washington State House of Representatives. He ran unopposed in 2022 and was re-elected with over 96% of the vote.

Peter is past president and member of the Centralia College Foundation, past president of the Lewis County Bar Association, former host of the KELA radio’s “Let’s Talk About It” show, a classroom volunteer with WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) and with the Hub City Mission, and also serves as a mentor at both W.F. West High School and for the Morton High School Mock Trial Team. In addition, Peter and his wife, Holly, started the Centralia Back-to School supply drive, and he has coached Little League Baseball, the Centralia Youth Soccer team, and Centralia Parks and Recreation Basketball.

Rep. Abbarno holds numerous awards for outstanding community involvement. In 2012, he was named one of the top 20 professionals under the age of 40 in Lewis County. In 2018 and 2020, Daily Chronicle readers voted Peter as the “Best Volunteer” in Lewis County. In 2019, he received the “Economic Development Leadership Award” from the Lewis Economic Development Council, the “Human Rights Award” from the Church Women United organization and was voted the “Best Elected Official” in Lewis County. In 2020, Peter was named “Person of the Year” by the Daily Chronicle editorial board.

Peter enjoys spending time with his wife, Holly (Hawes), a math teacher at Centralia Middle School, and their two children, Sophia and Antonio.



ED ORCUTT
State Representative - 20th District
Thursday, June 26 • 11:00 AM

Rep. Ed Orcutt was appointed to the Washington State House of Representatives in 2002. From 2002 to 2013, he represented the 18th District. Due to redistricting, Ed went on to represent the 20th District and is serving his twelfth term as state representative.

Focused on creating jobs and protecting taxpayers, Ed is an advocate for policies that benefit families and communities. He is also a strong voice for a more effective and accountable state government that works for – not against – property owners and employers.

Ed is the ranking member on the House Finance Committee, which considers issues relating to state and local revenues. He is also a member of the state Economic and Revenue Forecast Council. Ed believes our state tax system produces enough revenue to pay for state priorities, and state lawmakers should resist efforts to raise taxes on individuals, families, or employers.

Ed is also a leader on transportation issues, having served as ranking member on the House Transportation Committee from 2013 to 2018. He continues to serve on the committee where he advocates for local transportation solutions and the effective use of state gas-tax revenue.

Ed also serves on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee where he relies on his forestry background to advocate for sound forest policy. He also serves on Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee which oversees how state government operates.

Ed received an Associate of Science Degree in Forest Management from the University of Maine. He then went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management from the University of Idaho. Ed has been a forestry consultant since 1990. In 2009, he became the owner of his own consulting company.

An advocate for protecting our economy, employers, and quality of life, Ed’s experience as a small business owner has provided insight on the challenges employers and families face from their government.

Ed is active in his communities and has worked with several non-profit and professional organizations dedicated to improving lives and opportunities. He has also held leadership positions with policy-related organizations, including the Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Ed and his wife, Marcie, have been married since 1996 and live in Kalama.



JOEL McENTIRE
State Representative - 19th District
Thursday, June 26 • 11:30 AM

Joel is serving his second term representing the 19th District, which includes parts of Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific, Wahkiakum, and Thurston counties.

His legislative priorities include protecting the valuable fishing, farming, and forestry industries of Southwest Washington. He is also focused on reducing the cost of living, making our communities safer, addressing the affordable housing crisis, and ensuring all students have an equitable learning environment.

Joel was raised in Cathlamet and graduated from Wahkiakum High School in 2006. After high school, he served a two-year mission in Cleveland, Ohio, which included cleaning up

flood damage and other humanitarian services.

After his mission, Joel served in the United States Marine Corps and continues to be a Marine Corps reservist. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in evolutionary ecology and a Master’s degree in mathematics education.

Joel worked as a full-time teacher at John C. Thomas Middle School in Cathlamet, where he also attended school. He has many years of experience working in education in various roles. Joel has been married to his wife, Margaret Jean, since 2010. They have five children. Joel enjoys playing competitive chess, hiking up Mt. St. Helens, and spending time with his wife and children.

2025 Convention Info

State Convention Meal Tickets Order Form – 2025

Name_____

Grange Name & Number_____

Phone_____ Email_____

Please Note: Daily Lunches will not be available at the fairgrounds. There are ample food establishments nearby.

Thursday, June 26

_____Family Living Lunch – Chicken Cordon Bleu, Steamed Vegetables, Cucumber Salad, Fruit.
Held at the Senior Center, next to the fairgrounds
@ \$16 each _____

Friday, June 27

_____Dinner – Officers Picnic BBQ with hamburgers, hot dogs, salad,
Watermelon, dessert, beverage. Prepared by the WA State Grange
Officers. Served at the fairgrounds.
@ \$16 each _____

Saturday, June 28

_____Celebration Banquet – Country Fried Steak, Marsh Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Salad,
Corn Muffin, and Dessert. Held at the Senior Center, nest to the fairgrounds.
@ \$25 each _____

Please make checks payable to Washington State Grange.
Mail order and payment to: Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507. Order forms must be received no later than June 5.

Online ordering is available on the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.com

Tickets will be packaged and may be picked up in the convention registration area.

2025 State Convention RV Information

RV Parking will be available for this year’s State Grange Convention at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Centralia/Chehalis. The rate will be \$40 per night for water and electricity. Camping is available beginning on Monday, June 23 and will end on Monday, June 30. There will not be septic service available.

RV RESERVATION FORM
2025 STATE GRANGE SESSION
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIRGROUNDS – CENTRALIA/CHEHALIS

Last Name_____First Name_____

Mailing Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Grange Name_____

Telephone_(_____)_____Email_____

Date of Arrival_____# of Nights_____

Please circle your RV Hook Up Choice:Water and 30-amp Service (\$40 per night)

Length of RV_____License #_____

Total Amount Paid_____

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Make checks payable to West Side Grange Convention
Mail by June 5 to: Ed & Marilyn Armit, 139 Del Ray Road, Mossyrock WA 98564



Session Workshops

A wide range of workshops will be presented as this year’s state session.
Here is a list of confirmed workshops:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

10:00am	Promoting Your Grange’s Programs Claudine Wade & Sara Wade	4-H Building
11:00am	2026 Legislative Capital Budget Grant Requests Jesse Taylor	4-H Building
1:00pm	National Grange Lecturer Contests and Programs Tom Gwin, National Grange Lecturer	4-H Building
3:00pm	Water for Agriculture: Farm, Forest, Fish Connection Shelley Macy	4-H Building
	Unlock Your Communication Potential Jonny & Brittney Pittman	Comm Events Bldg
3:45pm	Grange Youth Fairs Program Tom Gwin & Tom Hann	4-H Building
	So You Want to Handle Money for Your Grange Isabella Lierman	Comm Events Bldg
4:30pm	Engaging Youth Legislators Jesse Taylor	Comm Events Bldg

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

9-11am	Youth Workshop – Livestock Judging and Oral Reasons Becky Meats	Grandstand - Youth Meeting Room
12:30 pm	Workshop -Engaging Sponsors for Your Grange Events Jesse Taylor	4-H Building
2-4pm	Youth Workshop – Livestock Bingo and Other Games Becky Meats	Grandstand – Youth Meeting Room

WA State Grange Convention 2025 Hotel/Motel Information

Housing options for this year’s State Grange Session in Chehalis are listed below. These hotels/motels can also be viewed online as well. Many of the hotels in the area are very pricey so you may also want to look in the Olympia area if you don’t mind the 20–30-minute drive. RV parking will be available on the fairgrounds. Please watch our website under the convention tab for more information.

→ Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Chehalis - Centralia by IHG 730 Northwest Liberty Place Chehalis, WA 98532 360-740-1800	→ Centralia Square Grand Ballroom and Vintage Hotel 202 West Centralia College Blvd. Centralia, WA 98531 360-807-1212
→ Best Western Plus Park Place Inn & Suites 201 South West Interstate Avenue, Chehalis, WA 98532 800-780-7234	→ Cozy Inn 1003 Eckerson Road Centralia, WA 98531 360-807-4071
→ Relax Inn Chehalis 550 Southwest Parkland Drive Chehalis, WA 98532 360-748-8608	→ Centralia Inn 1015 Eckerson Road Centralia, WA 98531 360-330-8000
→ McMenamins Olympic Club 112 North Tower Avenue Centralia, WA 98531 360-736-5164	→ Great Wolf Lodge Grand Mound 20500 Old Highway 99, SW Centralia, 98531 800-640-9653
→ Lakeview Inn Centralia 1325 Lakeshore Drive Centralia, WA 98531 360-736-9344	→ Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Grand Mound Centralia 6223 197th Way SW Centralia, 98579 360-858-5757
→ King Oscar Motel Centralia 1049 Eckerson Road Centralia, WA 98531 360-766-1661	→ Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel (Washington) 12888 188th Avenue SW Rochester, WA 98579 800-720-1788

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS May 2025

		# Joined	Jr. +1
630	Burbank	2	
	Matthew V. Kirkelie, Dillon Rice		
853	Fargher Lake	4	1
	Tammy Woltersdorf, Liberty Woltersdorf, Justice Woltersdorf, David Young		
533	Forth Colville	2	
	Danielle Olsowki, Emilee Souder		
348	Fruitvale	3	
	Cheryl Reese, Jim Samuels, Timothy Brown		
300	Green Bluff	2	
	Scott Larson, Clarissa Mollette		
1060	Lopez Island	1	
	Brenna Nies		
164	Minnehaha	1	
	John (JT) Buck		
1125	Olalla	1	
	John VonBrandt		
315	Prosperity	4	
	Robert Haight, Dama Sargent, Allison Sargent, Hayley Yount		
815	Rexville	3	
	Bobbi Krebs-McMullan, Rebecca Meloy, Claudie Ross-Kuhn		
584	Skookumchuck	3	
	Kevin Jensen, Krystal Jensen, Jessica Davis		
1096	Triway	2	
	Zeohan Schroeder, Dawn Schroeder		
996	Violet Prairie	1	
	Susie Kingsolver		
TOTALS		29	1

Green Bluff Grange Presents 50-Year Golden Sheaf Award



Russell Laws was awarded his Golden Sheaf Awards for 50 consecutive years of membership in Green Bluff Grange.

Congratulations Winners! New Membership Contest

Congratulations to the following Grangers for bringing in 3 new members into your Grange.
You will each receive the membership T-shirt.

T-Shirts

Long Beach Grange #667 – Blaine Gunkel
Minnehaha Grange #164 - Debbie Witcher

Congratulations to the following Grangers for bringing in an additional 5 or more new members into the Grange. After recruiting your first 3 members and receiving your t-shirt, when you bring in another 5 members you will receive a \$25 “Grange Bucks” Certificate, which can be spent on any Grange gear, pamphlets, jewelry or other paraphernalia we have on hand at State Grange.

Grange Bucks: No winner this month.

Our new contest began January 1, 2025 and runs through December 31, 2025.

State Session is Almost Here

There's something truly special about gathering with Grangers from across the state who share a passion for strengthening the Grange. The exchange of ideas, the rekindling of friendships, and the welcoming of new faces all contribute to this organization's continued growth. Every session is an opportunity to celebrate tradition while shaping our future.

State Session is a wonderful time to see our history in full form. From the marching drills the State Officers perform which display tradition and leadership, and help bring our history to life. Experiencing the 6th degree in its full form is another meaningful moment, reinforcing the values our founders created that make the Grange strong.

The dedication to our youth and juniors is particularly moving, seeing the next generation step up, open the Grange, and showcase their talents is a powerful reminder of our organization's bright future. And an ice cream social on Friday to kick it all off? It's the perfect way to build bonds and celebrate together. What a beautiful mix of tradition, education, and community.

The State Session is truly an immersive experience that deepens our understanding and appreciation for the Grange as a whole. While the work of the Subordinate and Pomona Granges are invaluable, stepping back to see the broader scope of the State Grange can be eye-opening. The convention provides a sense of unity, tradition, and purpose that one can only fully grasp by being there. It's incredible how such gatherings reinforce the strength of the organization while inspiring future generations. There's something truly special about stepping into the convention and seeing firsthand the richness, tradition, and unity that the State Grange fosters. It is an experience that brings everything

together—the history, the leadership, and the community that makes it all thrive. Those who attend for the first time walk away with a whole new perspective on what the Grange offers.

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about this past legislative session, and we will be joined by National Grange Steward, Chris Johnston and his wife, Connie. Be sure to stop and say hi and welcome them to Washington!

Don't forget to stop by the sales and membership tables for our new Grange Gear. You'll find T-shirts, women's V-necks, hoodies, full-zip tack jackets, other sweatshirts, baseball caps, mugs and so much more. On the membership table, we will have applications for regular membership, family membership, youth membership, junior membership, youth fairs, declaration of purposes as well as banners and other items for purchase. I will have a “special convention sale” on brochures once again this year. Be sure to also stop by the table for your “free” flyer to hang at your Grange or on your membership table at one of your events.

Please stop by the Progress Room or the Sales table to introduce yourself if we haven't met yet. I look forward to seeing you all soon. Wishing you an incredible session filled with meaningful conversations, new friendships, and a renewed commitment to the values that make the Grange so special. Enjoy every moment!

The week will be filled with workshops on legislative issues, how to promote your Grange, cash handling in your Granges', the Youth Fairs Program, finding sponsorships for your Grange events and so much more. We have speakers coming to talk with us

Membership Packet Order Form

Grange Name _____ Grange Number _____
Your Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Brochure Only Packet – Qty _____ Total Amount \$ _____
2- T-Shirts W/Brochures – Qty _____ Total Amount \$ _____
T-Shirt Size* (1) _____ (S-3X) T-Shirt Size* (2) _____ (S-3X)

(2XL +\$2, 3XL +\$3) (*T-shirt sizes while supplies last)
Brochure Packet Includes: 40 Regular Membership Applications, 10 Family Membership Application, 50 Declaration of Purpose & 25 Grange Benefits for \$25 including S/H. 2 T-Shirts with Brochure Packet above for \$40 includes S/H.

Fruitland Grange Hosts Formal Tea Party



Fruitland Grange #999 in Pierce County held their first annual Formal Tea Party. The downstairs hall was transformed into an almost unrecognizable, magical place. The committee made wonderful tea-sized sandwiches and delectable desserts which was served with lots of tea from vintage teapots into beautiful cups and saucers. Even the youngest attendees (member's grand-daughter) and all ages were pleasantly surprised by a most pleasurable afternoon.

The men of Grange dressed in their finest, served the guests making it a memorable experience. There were emails that came in after the event wanting to know when the next one was.

Centerville Grange Celebrates Member's 90th Birthday

Sixth Generation Family Legacy member Pat Wallenmeyer celebrated her 90th birthday at Centerville Grange #81 where she and her family have been longtime members. It was quite a celebration with family, fellow Grange members, and the local communities of Centerville and Goldendale, and Pat was beaming ear to ear while she shared fond memories. Standing to Pat's left is one of her grandson's, Drew Bowdish, who has held offices in the Grange since he was a young teenager, and is now the county's Steward.



Washington State Grange Awards \$25,000 In Scholarships



The Washington State Grange foundation is pleased to announce our 2025 scholarship award winners. Twenty-one Grange members from across the state have been awarded scholarships based on academic excellence, Grange and community involvement, and recommendations from their schools and Granges. The awards total \$25,000.



TAYLOR ALDER

**MENASTASH GRANGE #1054
POMONA VILLA GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Taylor Alder, a member of Menastash Grange #1054, will graduate in June from Ellensburg High School. She is a Running Start Student at Central Washington University, where she will continue her studies in Biomedical Science. The daughter of Kevin and Amy Alder, Taylor is looking to become a dermatologist. Taylor has been raising and exhibiting sheep for nine years, culminating in the Super Shepherd Award at the 2023 Kittitas County Fair. The award recognized excellence in livestock judging, showmanship, market quality, and rate of gain. Taylor works parttime as an Early Childhood Development Assistant at the CWA Early Childhood Learning Center.



MARGUERITE "MAGGIE" BAILEY

**McINTOSH GRANGE #1001
FOX ISLAND SCHOLARSHIP**

Marguerite "Maggie" Bailey is the daughter of Samuel and Anne Bailey. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with a minor in Sociology from Carroll College in Helena, Montana. She is working toward her Doctorate degree in Biochemistry at Montana State University. Her studies are emphasized in agricultural crop genetics. She hopes to use her degree to test the genetics of various agricultural crops. Maggie and her parents are members of McIntosh Grange. She is a Graduate Research Assistant at the Bothner Lab at MSU. Maggie was awarded the Fox Island Grange Scholarship.



KAYLIANA BLACKMORE

**MENASTASH GRANGE #1054
BEAR CREEK/HORSESHOE
GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Kayliana Blackmore, the daughter of Jon and Julie Blackmore, will graduate in June from the Washington Connections Academy. She will attend either Big Bend Community College or Wenatchee Valley Community College to work toward a degree in either Biology/Pre Medicine. She is planning a career as a dermatologist or a teacher. Kayliana shows lambs and rabbits in the Grange Youth Fairs Program and horses in the 4-H Program. She is a gymnastics coach for 2-12 year old youths at Rodeo City Gymnastics in Ellensburg. She was involved with volleyball, basketball, and track at Kittitas High School. Kayliana was awarded the Bear Creek/Horseshoe Grange Scholarship.



RUBY BARNTS

**BAW FAW GRANGE #34
WA STATE GRANGE FAMILY LIVING
VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Ruby Barnts, a member of Lewis County's Baw Faw Grange, is the recipient of the WA State Grange Family Living Vocational Scholarship. The daughter of Brett and Elizabeth Barnts, Ruby is studying Cosmetology at Centralia Beauty College. Ruby received her GED from Pueblo Community College, CO. She is employed at Claire's in Centralia and has worked part time at Star and Sparrow Farm, Field to Heart Flower Farm, and Lane Homestead. She has participated in fundraisers, potluck and family-centered events at Baw Faw Grange.



COLTON BARSNESS

**MENASTASH GRANGE #1054
POMONA VILLA GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Colton Barsness is planning to study Communications at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. He is the son of Matthew and Harmony Barsness and will graduate in June from Ellensburg High School. Colton served as Secretary and President of the Menastash Grange Livestock Club. He has also been a member of both 4-H and FFA and has participated in soccer and track at school. He shows pigs and steers in the Grange Youth Fairs Program. Colton was a 2024 Kittitas County Fair Ambassador and volunteers in a 2nd grade classroom at Lincoln Elementary School. He is planning a career in news broadcasting, sports broadcasting, or agricultural news and journalism.

Meet the 2025 Scholarship Award Recipients

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ADDISON BOWEN

MCINTOSH GRANGE #1001
RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Addison Bowen, the daughter of Chris and Lisa Bowen, will graduate in June from Freeman High School. A member of Spokane County’s McIntosh Grange, Addison was awarded the Ray & Marian Kammerer Memorial Scholarship. She is planning to study Astronomy and Astrophysics at Emory-Riddle Aeronautics University in Daytona Beach, FL. Addison’s school activities include cheerleading, trap shooting, pep band, knowledge bowl, and FBLA. She participates in Competitive Gymnastics and is a national place winner in trampoline and tumbling. Following school, she hopes to work for NASA and be in mission control for the first manned mission to Mars.



NICKOLAS BOWDISH

CENTERVILLE GRANGE #81
MARTIN & GRACE FORRY
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Nickolas Bowdish, a 2023 graduate of Goldendale High School, will be entering his third year at Walla Walla Community College, where he completed the Deisel Technology Program. He will now work toward an Associate Degree in Animal Science and Certificate Degrees in Agricultural Business, Plant and Soil Science, and Irrigation Business Management. The son of Dean and the late Susan Bowdish, Nickolas is an officer at both Centerville Grange and Klickitat County Pomona. Nickolas was involved with the Goldendale FFA and Technology Student Association. He lives and works on a third-generation family farm raising cattle and producing hay and grain crops. Following college, he plans to return to the family farm, where he will be the maintenance supervisor of the farm. Nickolas has been awarded the Martin & Grace Forry Memorial Scholarship.



JOCELYN DEGROAT

FIVE MILE PRAIRIE GRANGE #905
RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jocelyn DeGroat will graduate in June from Mead High School. She and her parents, Nicholas and Jessica DeGroat, are members of Five Mile Prairie Grange in Spokane County. Jocelyn was awarded the Ray & Marian Kammerer Memorial Scholarship. She will be attending Brigham Young University in Provo, UT to study Nutritional Science, specifically health motivated eating to promote longevity and quality of life. Jocelyn maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school while also participating in cross country, track, and band. She is a member of the Backyard Beekeepers Association and has volunteered over 200 hours with the Mead Food Bank



CHLOE CLYBURN

MENASTASH GRANGE #1054
RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Chloe Clyburn is a member of Menastash Grange in Kittitas County. The daughter of Christopher and Pauline Clyburn, Chloe is a 2023 graduate of Ellensburg High School. She just completed her second year at Montana State University where she is studying Equine Science and Veterinary Science. er long-term goal is to attend Colorado State University and earn a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine Degree for Large Animals. Chloe is active in the Grange Youth Fairs Program, where she shows Breeding Goats. She also shows horses and dogs in 4-H, along with livestock and dairy in FFA. Her college activities include the Intercollegiate Equestrian Team, marching band, and Pre-Vet Club. Chloe is the recipient of the Ray & Marian Kammerer Memorial Scholarship.



DRAKE GLOYN

RIMROCK GRANGE #941
HELEN MARIE SNYDER
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Drake Gloyn, a graduating senior at Washtucna High School, has been awarded the Helen Marie Snyder Memorial Scholarship. Drake, the son of Derek and Staci Gloyn, is a member of Rimrock Grange. He is planning to attend Washington State University to major on Computer Science, with a minor in Music Education. He has served in several leadership positions for the High School ASB, FFA, FBLA, Yearbook Committee, and Band along with being a class officer. Drake has participated in the State High School Solo/Ensemble Contest and was a member of the Washington All State Wind Symphony.



MAYA HANKINS

MOSSYROCK GRANGE #355
POMONA VILLA GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

Maya Hankins, a member of Lewis County’s Mossyrock Grange, is the daughter of Judd and Samantha Hankins. She is a 2024 graduate of Mossyrock High School and currently attends Central Washington University, working toward a degree in Construction Management, with a minor in Engineering Technology. While in high school, Maya designed and constructed an organic community garden with assistance from her FFA advisor. Her interest in horticulture led Maya to the Outstanding FFA Horticulture Exhibitor Plaque at the 2024 Washington State Fair. Maya is also involved with the VITA-IRS Program at Mossyrock Grange, where she is a certified tax preparer and prepares taxes for senior and other low-income persons.



LUCY JONES

FIVE MILE PRAIRIE GRANGE #905
DELPHA GOUDE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lucy Jones, the daughter of Mark and Rebecca Jones, is a five-year member of Five Mile Prairie Grange in Spokane County. Lucy will graduate in June from Five Mile Prairie Mead Learning Options. She is planning to study Horticulture at Brigham Young University – Idaho. Her desire is to go into landscape architecture following college. Lucy received the 2nd Best of Show Award in the 2023 State Grange Talent Contest, and has also received numerous awards in the photography and art contests. She is a member of the School Color Guard, the Village Community Orchestra, the Mead Orchestra, and is involved with Competitive Gymnastics. Lucy works as a recreational coach at Evergreen Gymnastics and is the owner of Lucy’s Cute Crochet, where she has a booth at farmers markets and craft fairs.



ZACHARY KLEIN

RALSTON GRANGE #943
HELEN MARIE SNYDER
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Zachary Klein, the son of Jacob and Alisha Klein, is a member of Ralston Grange #943. He will graduate in June from Lind Ritzville High School. Zachary will then study Agribusiness and Farm and Ranch Management at Oklahoma State University. As the fifth generation on the family wheat and cattle ranch, he plans to utilize his college education to help grow the operation. In high school, Zachary was a member of the football, basketball, tract, and baseball teams. He received numerous honors in both FFA and FBLA, notably placing first in State FFA Individual Farm Business Management Program and receiving the Gold Emblem at the national level. Zachary is the recipient of the Helen Marie Snyder Memorial Scholarship.

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MELISSA KUDSK

HAYNIE GRANGE #169
NOB HILL GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP

Melissa Kudsk, a member of Haynie Grange, is a 2024 graduate from Ferndale High School. She is completing her first year at Washington State University, studying Agriculture Education. Melissa, the daughter of Lauren and Cindy Kudsk, is the 2024-2025 Youth Ambassador for the Washington State Grange. She serves as the Lady Assistant Steward at Haynie Grange. Melissa shows goats, lambs and alpacas at the Northwest Washington Fair. She was the Vice President of her FFA chapter and received her State FFA Degree in 2023. She has served as a Teen Counselor at Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp. Melissa has attended several State Grange Conventions and three National Grange Conventions. She was awarded the Nob Hill Grange Scholarship.



MEREDITH MEATS

FARGHER LAKE GRANGE #853
ROCK CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP

Meredith Meats, a member of Fargher Lake Grange, is a 2023 graduate of Columbia River High School. She currently attends the University of New Hampshire, where she majoring in Neuroscience and Behavior, with a minor in Linguistics. Upon receiving her bachelor's degree, she will pursue a Juris Doctorate degree and become an attorney. Meredith, the daughter of Justin and Rebecca Meats, was the 2023 Clark County Dairy Princess. She shows dairy cattle in the Grange Youth Fairs Program and assists at the Fargher Lake Grange activities. Meredith was awarded the Rock Creek Grange Scholarship.



REGINA NELSON

PROSPECT POINT GRANGE #1067
RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Regina Nelson, the daughter of Mike and Mary Nelson, is the recipient of the Ray & Marian Kammerer Memorial Scholarship. Regina, a member of Prospect Point Grange, is a 2024 graduate of DeSales High School in Walla Walla. She is pursuing a degree in Exercise Physiology at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, Florida. She them plans to obtain a degree in Athletic Training. Regina has been active in the Grange Youth Fairs Program and showed dairy cattle, market goats and a market lamb. She has been employed by Klickers Strawberry Acres as a picker, field boss, and plant manager. She also works at Covello Cellars as a water truck and bankout wagon driver. Regina is planning to spend this summer as a missionary at Damascus Catholic Youth Summer Camp in Ohio.



TYLER SCHUYLEMAN

BEE HIVE GRANGE #385
DELPHA GOUDE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Tyler Schuyleman is a 2022 graduate of Wenatchee High School, who will graduate with an Associate Degree from Wenatchee Valley College in June. This fall, he plans to enter Georgia Gwinnett College in Lawrenceville, GA to continue his studies in Exercise Science: Clinical Concentration. With the ultimate aspiration of playing professional baseball, Tyler plans to open a training and rehabilitation facility for young baseball players. Tyler participates in collegiate and summer baseball teams, also is not coaching and training younger baseball players. Tyler is signed to play for the Wenatchee Applesox this year. He also works in cherry and pear orchards parttime.



BAILEY SHERLEY

MENASTASH GRANGE #1054
NORMAN BUCCHOLZ
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Bailey Sherley, a 2021 graduate of Ellensburg High School and 2024 graduate from WSU this year with a degree in Agriculture and Food Business Economics. She is currently enrolled in the Master's Program at Oklahoma State University continuing her studies of International Agriculture. The daughter of Dan and Becky Sherley, she was awarded the Norman Buccholz Memorial Scholarship. Bailey is a member of Kittitas County's Menastash Grange. She is planning to graduate with her Master's Degree in 2026. Following graduation, Bailey plans to work alongside agricultural producers and other industry professionals to educate the public, promote agriculture, and bridge the gap between producers and consumers.



BODE SHERLEY

MENASTASH GRANGE #1054
ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIES
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Bode Sherley is planning to study Agricultural Engineering at Washington State University. A member of Menastash Grange #1054, Bode is the son of Dan and Becky Sherley. He will graduate in June from Ellensburg High School. Bode, a 2023 Kittitas County Fair Ambassador, was awarded the Adrian & Betty Devries Memorial Scholarship. Upon college graduation, Bode hopes to contribute to the agricultural industry through innovation, using his skills to improve both his community and the world. He is active as the Ellensburg FFA Chapter President and received his FFA State Degree Award. Bode shows pigs in the Grange Youth Fairs Program and participates in livestock judging.

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KIERA SMITH

EAST WENATCHEE GRANGE #1012
DELPHA GOUDE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kiera Smith, the daughter of Gabriel and Denaye Smith, is a member of Douglas County's East Wenatchee Grange. She will graduate this year from Liberty Homeschool Academy. She intends to study horseshoeing at the Idaho Horseshoeing School, with the intent of becoming a farrier. Following school, she would like to open her own farrier business in North Central Washington. Kiera participates with her horse in the Grange Youth Fairs Program. She has been Treasurer of the Youth Fairs Program at East Wenatchee Grange. She has participated in Grange Food Drives, the NCW Fairgrounds Cleanup, and Grange CASA Stockings. Kiera was awarded the Delpha Goude Memorial Scholarship.



MAGDALENE WYRICK

FIVE MILE PRAIRIE GRANGE #905
DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP

Magdalene Wyrick will graduate in June from Northwest Christian High School in Colbert. The daughter of Jered and Shelly Wyrick, she plans to study Biochemistry at Washington State University. Magdalene is a member of Five Mile Prairie Grange. She is a National Merit Commended Student and has been dually enrolled in high school while taking classes at Eastern Washington University at the same time. Magdalene plays the mandolin with her family and entertained at the 2017 National Grange Convention in Spokane. She is a worship leader at Life Center Church and has taken missionary trips to Ecuador and the Dominican Republic. She plays softball at school and is a member of the Knowledge Bowl Team, which placed fifth at state this year.

Home & Family

See You At Convention; Help Needed

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

Oh my! I hope you got a good laugh over my wrong date in my last column. As you have probably realized we will take entries on June 24 from 1-5 pm (not April) and on the 25th from 8 am to 1pm. That being said, I am looking for any help

I can get. We need runners who can take entries to their respective locations after they are entered. During judging starting at 10am on Wednesday we can use people to attach ribbons, bring items to judges and then to the person recording the judge's results.
On set-up day Tuesday AM I need some men who can set up the

quilt racks. Then on Wednesday I will need some tall people who can hang the quilts. Many people make for light work. I thank you in advance for any help you can give.
See you in Chehalis.



Helen Berg

Community Service

Community Service at Convention

By Claudine Mincks
Community Service Director

Washington State Grange Convention 2025 is just days away and the Community Service Department needs your help. Grangers are the Hearts of Service in Grange and what better way to show this than to encourage your Granges to support the Community Service Department by bringing donations to the Convention for Keep Washington Warm, School Supply Collection, and Personal Care Items projects.

► **Keep Washington Warm** in cooperation with the Youth Department are collecting stocking caps, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, coats, etc. for distribution to the less fortunate in our state. Items can be purchased or handmade and they should be brought to the Convention where they will be

displayed by Grange Youth until they distribute the items in the convention host's local area.

► **School Supply Collection** in cooperation with the Junior Department are collecting backpacks, notebooks, writing supplies, coloring supplies, glue, thumb drives, earphones, Kleenex, etc. for distribution to the less fortunate students in the state. Items should be brought to the Convention where they will be displayed by Grange Juniors until they distribute the items in the convention host's local area.

► **Personal Care Items** in cooperation with the State Community Service Department are collecting soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths, lotions, and numerous other items for distribution to the less fortunate in the state. It is important that **ALL ITEMS ARE TO BE UNOPENED, UNUSED, AND UNDEMANAGED.** Items

can be dropped off at the Community Service Display area and at end of the Convention they will be distributed in the convention host's local area. If your Grange donates these items locally, please be sure to note it on your community service report.

Please stop by the Community Service Department's at Convention, I look forward to seeing you. Check out how Granges around the state have been servicing their local communities the past year. If Grangers continue to work together in service, it will be as rewarding to those that give as to those that receive! It's been a pleasure to serve you this past year as WSG Community Service Director. Keep up the GREAT service!



Claudine Mincks

Nutritious Twist On A Classic: Grilled Cheese

(Courtesy of Family Features)

This summer, give your family the fuel they need for all their warm-weather activities and adventures with a healthy twist on a childhood classic.

Picky eaters have met their match with Chicken and Apple Grilled Cheese Sandwiches. Tender shredded chicken meets tart apple slices, ooey-gooney cheese and whole-grain bread for an unexpected twist that will have taste buds tingling.

Serve up more delicious, family-friendly lunches this summer by visiting HealthyFamilyProject.com.



Chicken and Apple Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

Servings: 4 Prep Time: 5 Minutes Cook Time: 10 Minutes
Recipe courtesy of "Healthy Family Project"

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 8 slices whole-grain bread
- 8 ounces sliced rotisserie-style chicken breast
- 4 slices sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 apple, thinly sliced
- prepared salad, for serving

Instructions:

Heat large skillet over medium-low heat. Lightly butter one side of each slice of bread. Place bread butter-side-down in skillet. Top with chicken, cheese and apple slices. Top with slice of bread butter-side-up. Cook 2-3 minutes, flip and cook 2-3 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Remove from heat and cut in half. Repeat with remaining sandwiches. Serve with prepared salad.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Fargher Lake Grangers Participate In Southwest Washington Spring Youth Fair



Fargher Lake Grangers Brandon Roberts, Jennifer Walsh and Jennifer Kennedy started training 12 junior and youth children in February, with no sheep experience. They took 9 Junior Grangers to Chehalis for the Southwest Washington Spring Youth Fair and did an excellent job, with 1 win in Grand Champion and 1 in Reserve Grand Champion.

Junior Connection

CAMP CORNET BAY

Camp Cornet Bay will be July 7-12 at the Cornet Bay ELC, located near Deception Pass.

CAMP MAYFIELD JUNIOR GRANGE

Camp Mayfield Junior Grange is scheduled for July 13-19 at Camp Mayfield, near Mossyrock.

CAMP MOREHEAD JUNIOR GRANGE

Camp Morehead Junior Grange will operate as a day camp again this year due to facility issues. The dates will be July 8-9-10 and will be held at the Humptulips Grange Hall.

CAMP WOOTEN JUNIOR GRANGE

Camp Wooten Junior Grange will meet on July 7-12 at the camp, near Pomeroy.

CLALLAM COUNTY JUNIOR GRANGE

Clallam County Junior Grange will meet on August 3-8 at Camp David, on the shores of Lake Crescent.

HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange members placed flags on the veteran's graves at the Humptulips and Quinalt Cemeteries for Memorial Day. The flags will remain in place throughout the year and we will replace them next spring. Going through the cemetery is a good way to learn the history of the families in both communities, which is intertwined with both Humptulips and the former Quinalt Grange. Junior Grangers participated in baking, food preservation, art, craft, and photo contests with several members receiving Best of Class Awards. We are working on our Tri board for the state convention and starting to plan our fair displays.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Convention Youth Activities

A couple items of note for our upcoming State Grange Convention:

- We are accepting video entries for the Public Speaking Contest. Follow the rules as printed in the handbook. The video must be clear and have good sound. Entries can be emailed no later than June 20 to davona1242@outlook.com. There will not be questions from the judges this year. The first-place speeches will be forwarded into the national contest this fall.

- The Livestock Judging Contest is being postponed until later this year as the host committee is having difficulty obtaining animals for the contest. There are several jackpot shows scheduled for that day, along with other factors that make holding this activity unfeasible. Watch for a rescheduled time to be announced soon.

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

Tuesday, June 24

- 2-5 pm – Turn in Educational Posters for Judging
- 2-5 pm – Turn in Raffle Tickets, Keep Washington Warm Donations, and Auction Items

Wednesday, June 25

- 9 am – 1 pm – Turn in Raffle Tickets, Keep Washington Warm Donations and Auction Items
- 9-am – 1 pm – Turn in Educational Posters for Judging
- 1 pm – Installation of Youth Officers, followed by officer practice
- 7 pm – Attend Opening of the State Grange Session

Thursday, June 26

- 8:30 am – Youth Group meeting and drill practice
- 1 pm – Educational Posters on Display

- 2 pm – Youth Drill Practice
- Friday, June 27**
- 8:30 am – Youth Group meeting and drill practice
 - 11:30 am – Junior Grange Ice Cream Social
 - 2 pm – Bowling at Fairway Lanes
 - 6 pm – Barbecue Picnic, followed by the Live Auction
- Saturday, June 28**
- 9-11 am – Youth Workshop – Livestock Judging and Oral Reasons
 - 11 am – Quilts of Valor Presentation
 - 1 pm – Youth Public Speaking Contest
 - 2-4 pm – Livestock Bingo and Other Games
 - 2 pm – Attend Fifth Degree
 - 3 pm – Attend Sixth Degree
 - 6 pm – Celebration Banquet, followed by awards
- Sunday, June 29**
- 9 am – Attend Memorial/Worship Service
 - 11 am – Youth Group Meeting and Drill Practice
 - 1:30 pm – Youth Officers Open Session in Fourth Degree – Youth awards program and raffle drawing, followed by Junior Grange Program
 - 3 pm – Installation of State Officers – conducted by the GROW Club
 - 5 pm – Closing of State Session

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



Jerry Gwin

Juniors

It's Time For Convention Reminders

**By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director**



Heather Ferguson

It's almost time for convention. Most of my extensive to-do list is about done which always gets me excited to see everyone. There are a few updates and reminders you will need to know for those attending convention.

There will not be any livestock judging on Saturday morning this year. We will be adding a Saturday morning session of Juniors starting at 10 am till noon. That afternoon we will start at 1 o'clock ,as normal, with the Adult, Youth and Junior public speaking contest. If you are going to be at convention, I encourage you to participate in this contest. It is a lot of fun.

I still get a lot of questions about the Junior art and craft contest so here are the answers. There is no preregistration or forms to send in for the Junior contest. You just need to bring them to convention. The entries DO NOT need to go to a local contest first. I would love to see anything that your kids have made. Just make sure that their name, age, and Grange is on the artwork or craft.

I am looking forward to all of the conversations, fun, laughs and friends at convention. I will see ya soon.

National Grange Lecturer's Creative Writing Contest

Rules & information

<http://www.nationalgrange.org/lecturer-contests>

Submission Deadline: September 1, 2025

<https://grange.biz/grangecreativewriting2025>

2025 Junior Grange Camps Offer Opportunities For Kids

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

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

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

[JuniorCamps.aspx](#)). One may also call the individuals listed below for each camp.

There are a number of camperships available for first-time campers. These camperships will pay \$125 each, which is approximately one-half of the camp fee. These camperships are made possible by the State Grange Needy Campship Fund (formerly the Richard A. Kimball Memorial Fund).

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

Registrations for **Camp Wooten**, July 7-12, can be sent to Dawn Yearout, 13546 Rd 5 NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837. The registration fee is \$250. Checks must be made out to Wooten Junior Grange Camp and sent with the registration form. Camp Wooten is located near Pomeroy. The camp director is Dawn Yearout, (509) 989-7057 or email dawnyearout2@yahoo.com.

The fee for **Mayfield Junior Grange Camp**, located near Mossyrock, July 14-20, will be \$350. Checks should be made out to Mayfield Junior Grange Camp and send with the registration and medical forms to Jennifer Oliver, 3307 128th Street E., Tacoma WA 98446. Jennifer can be reached at (253) 906-6078 or jenandmarv@yahoo.com.

The **Clallam County Junior Grange Camp**, held August 3-8 at Camp David on the shores of Lake Crescent in Clallam County. Cindy Kelley is leading the leadership team putting this camp together. The cost for the camp is \$325 per camper. Registration information is on their facebook page: Clallam Junior Grange Camp. Questions can be directed to 360-460-9549 or emailed to juniorgrangecamp@gmail.com.

The **Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp** will be held July 7-12. The camp, near Deception Pass, has a fee of

\$350 per camper. The camp is under the leadership of Co-Directors, Isabella Lierman and Alexius Kudsk.

Registration forms and payments, made payable to Northern District Junior Grange Camp, should be sent to Kathy Moynihan, 29415 218th Place SE, Black Diamond, WA 98010.

Camp Morehead will operate as a day camp only this year due to facility issues. The day camp will be July 8-10 and held at the Humptulips Grange Hall.in Grays Harbor County. The day camp is under the guidance of Co-Directors Tom Gwin (360-581-0177 or tagwin0181@outlook.com) and Jacob and Tessa Gwin. There are no fees for attending the day camp.

The **Camp NEWA (Northeast**

District) will not operate in 2025. We hope to have a new facility and staff in place for 2026.

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

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

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

JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP DATES FOR 2025:

JULY 6-12Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp at Deception Pass

JULY 7-10Wooten Junior Grange Cam at Camp Wooten

JULY 8-10Morehead Junior Grange Day Camp at Humptulips Grange Hall

JULY 13-19Mayfield Junior Grange Camp at Camp Mayfield

AUGUST 3-8Clallam Junior Grange Camp at Camp David

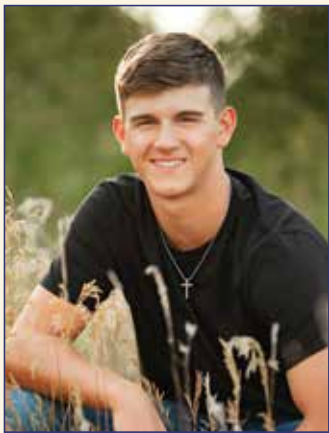
Manson Grange Youth Fairs Program Marches In Parade

Members from the Manson Grange Youth Fairs Program marched in the 2025 Manson Apple Blossom parade held on May 10. This is our second year taking part in this 105-year-old event. We took second place in our category.

Washington State Grange Salutes The Class Of 2025



The Washington State Grange sends our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2025!



Colton Barsness
Menastash Grange #1054
Ellensburg High School



Kayliana Blackmore
Menastash Grange #1054
Washington Connections Academy



Addison Bowen
McIntosh Grange #1001
Freeman High School



Jocelyn DeGroat
Five Mile Prairie Grange #905
Mead High School



Drake Gloyn
Rimrock Grange #941
Washtucna High School



Tessa Gwin
Humptulips Grange #730
Eastern Washington University
Master's Degree in Special Education



Chloe Johnson
Brighton Park Grange #163
Capital High School



Lucy Jones
Five Mile Prairie Grange #905
Five Mile Prairie Mead
Learning Options



Zachary Klein
Ralston Grange #943
Lind Ritzville High School



Lauren Rohde
Waitsburg Grange #1
DeSales High School



Bode Sherley
Menastash Grange #1054
Ellensburg High School



Tyson Weiland
Fertile Valley Grange #1094
Deer Park High School



Magdalene Wyrick
Five Mile Prairie Grange #905
Northwest Christian High School



Grange Connection

CLALLAM COUNTY

Sequim Prairie Grange will hold an Ice Cream Social on June 22, 1-3 pm. They will serve banana splits and sundaes for \$7. The hall renovation is nearing completion, with Grange events and rentals starting back up.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humptulips Grange members are looking at proposals for a continuous gutter on the back side of the Grange Hall. We also voted to purchase and install new toilets. A new Grange sign will be erected now that the wet weather has subsided. A lift is required to install the sign. The Grange Food Bank served 54 families in May. One June 18, we will have our next food distribution along with the Timberland Library's Anywhere Library and the Mobile Assistance Van from Ocean Shores present to serve the community. Several members will be assisting at Junior Grange Day Camp in July.

Sharon Grange members held their Annual Oyster Feed in April. After hosting the Pomona meeting and contests in May, members worked to clean up the Sharon Cemetery prior to Memorial Day. The Grange enlisted the Boy Scouts to place flags in the cemetery. The Grange will host a Farmers Market on June 14. Vendors are needed to make this event successful. The market will continue

through the summer on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

KING COUNTY

Meridian Grange will vote on September 11 to amend their bylaws, changing their regular meetings from the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm to the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

Sallal Grange will be discussing and/or voting on the following issues at our July meeting: By Law changes, meeting time change, annual dues.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange auctioned 20 pies at our pie auction on May 6 bringing in \$935 for their scholarship fund. We had only 3 entries in Grange contests, and all will go to the State Convention. The Inaugural Bluegrass on the Bluff festival held over Memorial Day weekend was a success. The event was put on by a large group of volunteers and had excellent attendance. June 3 our community event was a BBQ ribs & beans snack, followed by the Spokane River Tellers entertaining us. The 4th Annual Tractor Parade around the Bluff, in honor of Sherm Simpson and Mel Walker, will follow the June 29 breakfast (around 11:15). July 17 will be the 4th year our Grange has sponsored the Cherry Picker's Trot and Pit Spit.

THURSTON COUNTY

Prosperity Grange collected 42 stocking hats, 5 headbands, 2 sets of gloves, 2 vests, 1 scarf, 11 coats, and 1 pair of fleece socks for Keep WA Warm during our annual Spring Flea Market. We hosted a Food Dehydration class on May 6 with Debra Basquez of Fruitland Grange with 25 attendees! Learned a lot about traditional methods of food dehydration, as well as freeze drying. The monthly Senior Social Hours on 2nd Thursdays continue to be successful at connecting area seniors to one another for conversation. We will continue to be a regular stop of the TRL Anywhere Library on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Our historic Grange Hall is in need of some TLC. Our Building Maintenance and Improvement committee is still looking at options for refinishing our floors, as well as other items the hall sorely needs.

WHITMAN COUNTY

Whelan-Ewartsville Grange will hold their End-of-the-Year meeting on Saturday, June 21 at 1 p.m. The potluck lunch will be on the Grange porch (weather permitting). All Grange members in the area are encouraged to come to the lunch meeting

Pomona Calendar

Please submit your 2025 Pomona Meeting Dates.

CHELAN	.....	to be announced.
CLALLAM	.....	September 9 at Fairview, 5 p.m., refreshments following meeting.
CLARK	.....	June 11 at Manor, 7 p.m.
COLUMBIA	.....	to be announced.
COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM	.....	August 126 – picnic with location to be announced.
DOUGLAS	.....	June 19 at East Wenatchee, 6 p.m.
EXCELSIOR	.....	July 19 at Enterprise, 10 a.m. Lunch picnic at 12 p.m.
FERRY	.....	October 13 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	.....	July 12 at Long Beach, 12 p.m. potluck lunch, 1 p.m. business meeting.
ISLAND	.....	June 7 at Deer Lagoon. Pomona contests to be held.
KING	.....	August 16, location to be announced.
KLUCKITAT	.....	September 13 at Columbia, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
LEWIS	.....	August 2 following picnic at Ed & Marilyn Armit's home in Mossyrock.
MASON	.....	September 20, location to be announced. 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck lunch.
OKANOGAN	.....	July 12 at Oroville, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck.
PEND OREILLE	.....	August 23 at Camden, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
PIERCE	.....	July 12 at Marion, 10 am meeting, 12:30 pm potluck lunch.
SKAGIT	.....	July 9 at Pomona Park, 5 p.m. picnic.
SNOHOMISH	.....	July 26 at the Scherrer Ranch, Granite Falls. Potluck picnic and informal meeting at 1 p.m.
SPOKANE	.....	August 16 at Spring Hill, 10 a.m.
STEVENS	.....	July 25 at Fort Colville, 6 p.m. potluck picnic, 6:30 p.m. meeting..
THURSTON	.....	July 12, Pomona Picnic at the Nelson Ranc, 2 p.m.
WHATCOM	.....	June 17 at Laurel, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
WHITMAN	.....	July 19 at Rimrock or Basset Park in Washtucna, 12 p.m. potluck picnic with meeting to follow.
YAKIMA VALLEY	.....	July 14 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Pomona Connection

GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange completed their Pomona contests in May with 140 entries in the family living contests and 120 in the Lecturer contests. Five Granges participated in the contests, with 135 purple ribbons awarded. The May Pomona meeting was held at the Sharon Grange Hall. The program included a Memorial Service for ten past Pomona Grange members. The next meeting will be on July 12 at the

Long Beach Grange Hall. Due to the long distance, the meeting will begin with a potluck luncheon at 12 noon, followed by the business meeting.

PIERCE COUNTY POMONA

Pierce County Pomona Grange held the craft and photography contests on May 2. There were 75 total entries, and purple ribbons were awarded in 26 categories. On May 3, the regular Pomona meeting included exemplification of the first five degrees of the Order. The

next Pomona meeting will be held Saturday, June 7 at Collins Grange beginning at 10:00am.

SPOKANE COUNTY POMONA

Spokane County Pomona is proud to announce the awarding of Pomona Grange Scholarships to Lucy Jones of Five Mile Prairie Grange and Addison Bowen of McIntosh Grange. Both recipients are high school seniors who will move on to college in pursuing their chosen careers.

Legislative

2025 WA State Legislative Session Adjourned

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Grange Convention

I look forward to seeing you all at the 2025 Washington State Grange Convention. I will be doing several workshops with topics including Legislative involvement,

the 2026 Capital Budget process and Sponsorships. We will also have an agent from the Department of Commerce to walk us through the expenditure process for 2025 Capital Budget Grant recipients. See you in Lewis County!

Prosperity Grange Finds Historic Wall Hanging And Teaches Dehydration Class



(Left) Prosperity Grange recently found a crocheted P of H wall hanging in the Grange Hall which appears to be at least 60 years old, along with the original Prosperity officer's badges. (Right) Debra Basquez teaching dehydration class at Prosperity Grange Hall, showing an array of the dehydrated products she brought to display. The class had over 25 people in attendance, who learned about traditional methods of food dehydration, as well as freeze drying.

The Grange Exchange

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

Cost per word	one month	4 or more
Regular	\$.50	\$.40
Boxed	1.00	.75
Centered or reversed text	\$2.50/line	
Minimum for one month	\$5.00	
Word count: hyphens, spaces and X's separate words. Phone numbers count as one word. We do not print ads for 900 number services.		
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____		

SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming State Grange Events

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

MONTHLY	New Member Reports due to the State Grange Office	AUGUST 3-8	Clallam Junior Grange Camp at Camp David
JUNE 1	Community Service Reports Due to the State Grange Office	AUGUST 11-16	Grange Youth Fairs Program at Grant County Fair, Moses Lake
JUNE 2	Education Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.	AUGUST 14-17	Grange Youth Fairs Program at Pend Oreille County Fair, Cusick
JUNE 3	Transportation Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.	AUGUST 19-23	Grange Youth Fairs Program at Benton Franklin Fair, Kennewick
JUNE 16	Auditing Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.	AUGUST 21-24	Grange Youth Fairs Program at NE Washington Fair, Colville
JUNE 25-29	136th Annual Washington State Grange Convention at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Centralia/Chehalis, 1909 S Gold Street, Centralia, WA 98531	AUGUST 21-24	Grange Youth Fairs Program at North Central Washington Fair, Waterville
JUNE 25	Credentials Session Committee, 10 a.m. at Chehalis	AUGUST 27-31	Grange Youth Fairs Program at Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days, Walla Walla
JUNE 25	Elections Session Committee, 10:30 a.m. at Chehalis	AUGUST 28- SEPTEMBER 1	Grange Youth Fairs Program at Kittitas County Fair, Ellensburg
JUNE 25	Constitution & Bylaws Session Committee, 11 a.m. at Chehalis	AUGUST 30- SEPTEMBER 1	Grange Youth Fairs Program at Ferry County Fair, Republic
JUNE 30	Second Quarter Secretary Reports Due	SEPTEMBER 4-6	Grange Youth Fairs Program at Columbia County Fair, Dayton
JULY 6-12	Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp at Deception Pass	SEPTEMBER 4-7	Grange Youth Fairs Program at Chelan County Fair, Cashmere
JULY 7-10	Wooten Junior Grange Camp at Camp Wooten	SEPTEMBER 10-13	Grange Youth Fairs Program at Othello Fair, Othello
JULY 8-10	Morehead Junior Grange Day Camp at Humptulips Grange Hall	NOVEMBER 8-16	159th National Grange Convention Cruise aboard the Carnival Horizon – leave Miami on 11/8; visit Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao; arrive back in Miami on 11/16
JULY 13-19	Mayfield Junior Grange Camp at Camp Mayfield		
JULY 30- AUGUST 2	Grange Youth Fairs Program at Grays Harbor County Fair, Elma		
AUGUST 1-10	Grange Youth Fairs Program at Clark County Fair, Ridgefield		

Barberton Grange Hosts Gospel Show; Busy With Service Work

Barberton Grange held a Gospel music show fundraiser for the County Wide Chaplaincy. Grange President Matt Hodges provided the entertainment for the event. We raised \$512.00 for the Chaplaincy and honored them with the 2025 community citizens award. We also gave 28 quilts and afghans that the Chaplaincy hands out to people whom they visit, made by Grange members Bev McGuire, Shirley Heffel, and Anita Wilson.



Happy Valley Grange Makes "Bundles of Joy" Bags

On May 20, 2025, Happy Valley Grange members worked together on a community service project making "Bundles of Joy" gift bags for the entire staff of the Stillwater Elementary School in the Riverview School District in Carnation, WA. Pictured: Ruth Neilsen, lecturer, Alison Cook, secretary and Dana, a frequent volunteer and participant in our Grange activities.



Sequim Prairie Grange: From Paint Brushes To Spatulas, Breakfast Is Served

Sequim Prairie Grange is pleased to announce the reopening of its Grange following a three-month renovation period by hosting a Pancake Breakfast. Grange members assembled around the newly installed grills to observe the preparation of the first servings of pancakes, eggs, and ham. The aroma of freshly cooked breakfast overshadowed the lingering scent of fresh paint.

The kitchen underwent a comprehensive remodel, including the installation of new grills, high-temperature dishwasher, sinks, cabinets, and quartz countertops. Additionally, new flooring and windows were installed. Beyond the kitchen, the coffee room, meeting room, and both the men's and women's bathrooms received complete overhauls. Our wonderful community was very supportive of the renovation and clearly appreciated the breakfast that was served, as it was a huge success.



Orcas Island Grange Hosts Local Theatre Group & More



Orcas Island Grange rents their hall on a monthly basis to the Actors Theatre Orcas Island. The group performs monthly on the Grange stage. Skagit Pomona Master Debbie Riegel-Yates visited the Grange in May and discussed Grange programs and bylaws.

Granville Grange Members Honored By Scouts



On Saturday, April 19th, the annual Pilchuck District Scouter Recognition ceremony was held at the Maltby Community Club to recognize Scouting volunteers for their service during the past year. David Dee, a member of Granville Grange #857, was recognized as the Scoutmaster of the Year for Pilchuck District. Andrew Dee, also a member of Granville Grange #857, was recognized as the Pilchuck Eagle Scout of the Year, due to him starting his project (which consisted of building a gazebo, installing horseshoe pits and having the parking lot at Granville Grange smoothed out with new gravel) before having the final approval for his Eagle project. Attending the ceremony were: Melissa Dee, Peyton Dee, and Kathleen and Bryan Bechler, all members of Granville Grange #857.

Pictured Above: David Dee, Andrew Dee and Melissa Dee.