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Washington Grangers Shine At National Grange Convention In VT

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Pictured above:

(Top left) Goldendale Grange receiving their Distinguished Grange certificate from National Grange Master Betsy Huber.

(Top right) The 2018 Horizon Youth Leadership Class included Morgan Browning and Brittney Oliver, representatives of the Washington State Grange.

(Middle left) WA State Grange Executive Committeeman David Bryant and his wife, Mary. David served as the second delegate from the Washington State Grange. Mary filled in as a protom officer and was also a court lady in the Seventh Degree.

(Middle right) National Grange Master Betsy Huber presenting the Grange Legacy Family certificate to Washington State Grange Master Tom Gwin, who is accepting the award for the Bowdish family.

(Bottom left) The Washington State delegation to the convention.

(Bottom right) WA Grange youth traveling to the convention together.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

- DECEMBER 8**.....Grange Travel Adventure Tour to the Leavenworth Christmas Lighting Festival
- DECEMBER 31**.....Secretary Fourth Quarter Reports due to State Office
- DECEMBER 31**.....Lecturer Reports Due to State Lecturer
- DECEMBER 31**.....Family Living Reports Due to State FL Director
- JANUARY 11**.....Leadership Conference, Skookumchuck Grange Hall, Thurston County, 6 p.m.
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- JANUARY 14**.....State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
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- JANUARY 29**.....Grange Legislative Day at Olympia
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- FEBRUARY 2**.....Leadership Conference, Clayton Grange Hall, Stevens County, 12 p.m.
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- APRIL 1**.....Application for WA State Grange Scholarships Due.
- APRIL 23**.....Intersessions Committee Meetings at Olympia
- JUNE 26-29**.....130th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange at Okanogan County Fairgrounds

Eye On Membership

Get Those Reports In And Let's Get Growing!



Cecelia Hamilton John Hamilton

By Cecelia & John Hamilton Membership Directors

The time has arrived for us to begin thinking about and the submission of our Grange Membership Program Participation reports. With this in mind let's review what you can do to be active participants for this year.

One area is the Grange Membership Incentive Program. So it's been a few months since we introduced this Grange Growth opportunity and we have observed many of our Granges actively involved in ways that qualify them for a chance to win some cash for their Granges. Here is a brief summary of our program. We are looking forward to receiving your report and also final numbers of our Grange membership growth for 2018 following 4th Qtr. Reports.

Subordinate Grange Outreach Activities Incentive Program Reports are due December 31st to us ;State Membership Directors John and Cec Hamilton. Please mail to: 14 Haley Lane, Republic, WA 99166. To put it simply, this is where your Grange reports the awesome activities it participated in to promote Grange Growth and to increase Grange participation. These activities may include some Community Service, but should include as well the fun non-service related activities and also your Grange Work orientated activities. There is No word maximum or page limit. Pictures are welcome but not required. Just remember a picture says a thousand words. A simple word document is

acceptable and you are asked to include within your report the following criteria.

Criteria for Outreach Activities Incentive awards include: Grange Name and Number, Name of Submitter

→ % of New Members Gained - 50% Score (Verify New Membership Growth numbers with your Grange Secretary)

→ Promotional Activities. - 10% Score (How did you promote your Grange? Open House, Dinners, Fair Booth)

→ Grange Community Service Activities - 10% Score (List) Dictionaries, Food Bank, Roadside Cleanup, Scholarships

→ Grange orientated activities for Grange Members - 10% Score (Degree work, Resolution Writing, Recognitions)

→ Communications with your Grange Membership - 10% Score (Newsletter, Postcards, Website, Newspaper)

Cash prizes of \$100,\$75,\$50 and \$25 will be awarded to the top four Subordinate Granges based upon the information provided in the report. A simple resource to find some of the information to report is in your Grange Meeting Minutes.

Just a reminder also that it is crunch time for the submission of the Grange Membership Incentive Program new member numbers! These membership totals of new members per Grange for the year are taken from the Secretary Quarterly Reports that your Grange Secretary submits. The final Quarterly report for 2018 is coming up and this year's reporting period ends December 31st. Let's make this quarter the very best yet! Have YOU

recruited a new member this year?

The Holidays are a wonderful time to invite, involve and recruit your new Grange members. When was the last time you invited someone to join your Grange or Junior Grange? Sometimes an invitation to join is the only thing holding back a prospective member. Each new member recorded qualifies your Grange for a ticket to be entered into the Membership Incentive drawings this coming June at State Convention in Okanogan. With our goal met of 200 new Subordinate Grange members statewide there will be two drawings for \$250.00. And, for each 100 additional members an additional \$250 drawing. Junior Granges have the opportunity to win also. With each new Junior Grange Member signed up within their Junior Grange they have the opportunities to win one of three if not all three cash prizes of \$25.00! Junior Granges send in your State Junior Grange Reports! Your State Junior Grange reports are available online at www.wa-grange.org. On the website go to Junior Grange, Secretary Reports. Report those numbers, grow your Junior Grange! Junior +1 members will be counted within their Subordinate Granges. Be sure to have your Grange Secretary send in your new Junior +1 members quarterly. So, get those reports in and let's get growing! Let's make this the best quarter ever!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

By-Laws

Fruitland Grange #999 will vote to hold only one meeting in May, on the 2nd Monday of the Month. This vote will take place at the December 2018 meeting.

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President's Message

Grange Super Heroes: Discovering Opportunities For Success

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

Following our previous State Grange themes of "Charting Our Voyage", "Setting Sail for a Brighter Future", and "Crossing the Horizon", we are planning to "Discover Opportunities for Success" over the next year. The National Grange has chosen a "Grange Super Heroes" theme, thus we will combine and use both themes in our state.

As we enter our 152nd year as a Grange organization, we may reflect on our successes of past years. We just completed our 152nd Annual National Grange Convention in Stowe, VT. I, along with State Executive Committeeman David Bryant, served as the delegates from the Washington State Grange. David was on the Grange Law Committee and I was on the Conservation and Ecology Committee. While many of my committee's resolutions focused on plastics and recyclables, we also discussed current Grange policy on drift net fishing, forest practices, mining regulations, and hydroelectric power. No topic was left untouched as we explored all aspects of our committee work.

Moving on to 2019, we are planning an expanded series of Grange Leadership Conferences throughout the state in January and February. The schedule can be found elsewhere in this issue. The plan is to include each of the State Grange Directors in the conferences. Each of the conferences will begin

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Grange Super Heroes
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across our state!*
-- Tom Gwin

with a general session for all Grangers, where we will provide you with tools and ideas on where and how you can discover opportunities for success in your Granges. This session will be followed by a breakout session where you will choose one to attend. The sessions will include a training for Grange Secretaries and multiple presentations focused on opportunities for Grange Lecturer, Family Living Chairs, Membership Chairs, Community Service Chairs, and Youth and Junior Programs. We will distribute a great deal of information for each Grange. I suggest



Tom Gwin

bringing a carload of people from your Grange so you can be represented at each of the sessions.

Also in this issue, you will find a list of dates for the upcoming year. Two important dates are Grange Legislative Day, scheduled for January 29 in Olympia and the State Grange Convention, which will be June 26-29 in Okanogan.

The past year has zoomed right by. Each day has brought new challenges to the Grange. Thank you for your support and guidance in meeting those challenges in a fair and concise manner.

As we approach the holidays, you are invited to join us for a Holiday Open House at the State Grange Office on Tuesday, December 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us for a time of socializing and enjoy light refreshments.

From the officers and staff of the Washington State Grange, our best wishes to each of you for a wonderful holiday season. Let's demonstrate how Grange Super Heroes can work together discovering opportunities for success in the Granges across our state!

Legislative

The Election Is Over, What Does 2019 Hold In Store?



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

Washington voters were clear about one thing, they do not like new taxes. Initiative 1631 which would have created a carbon tax resulting in higher fuel and energy prices failed decisively. This is not the first time. In 2016, Initiative 732, another carbon tax, failed. Earlier this year, the legislature tried to pass a carbon tax, but didn't have enough votes. One would think that after three failed attempts in as many years, supporters might accept that the people of Washington do not want this tax. That does not appear to be the case. Supporters are already talking of going to the legislature with another try in 2019.

Initiative 1634, passed with nearly as large a margin as 1631, banning local governments from creating new taxes on food items including sugary drinks. On both initiatives, King, Island and Jefferson Counties voted opposite from the rest of the state.

Initiative 1639 passed giving Washington State some of the toughest gun control laws in the country. The map was different for that one, with thirteen out of thirty-nine counties voting in support. Most were on the west side of the state, but Spokane and Whitman Counties voted yes while most of southwest Washington voted no.

Measure 940, concerning additional training for law enforcement focused on de-escalation, passed in seventeen counties.

In the legislature, the Democratic majority in the

Senate increased by two seats to 27-22. In the House, the Democratic majority increased by seven seats for a final count of 57-41. That means the Democratic party will control the agenda in 2019.

The new committee structure will not be finalized until the legislature begins on January 14. But there will be numerous changes.

In the House, there will be a new ranking Republican on the Ag and Natural Resources Committee since Rep. Vince Buys was defeated. There will also be a new ranking Republican on the Environment Committee since Rep. David Taylor was defeated. The Commerce & Gaming Committee will need a new ranking Republican since Rep. Cary Condotta retired. The Finance Committee will need a new Chair following Rep. Kris Lytton's retirement. The Transportation Committee will also need a new chair following Rep. Judy Clibborn's retired and a new ranking member since Rep. Mark Harmsworth was defeated.

In the Senate, the Committee on Economic Development and International Trade will need a new chair since Maralyn Chase was defeated. The Labor Committee will need a new ranking Republican since Senator Baumgartner retired. The State Government Committee will need a new ranking Republican since Mark Miloscia was defeated.

It is possible that the committee structure will have more significant changes as leadership finds places for new members.

2019 Central Washington Convention Committee Update

Members of the 2019 WA State Grange Convention Committee met on September 15th at the Moses Lake Grange with 11 Committee Chairs in attendance.

Convention Committee Chair John Hamilton welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting with an agenda of unfinished business as well as a brief review of previous meeting concerns and decisions. A Convention grounds map was provided showing buildings for various activities and RV Parking.

2019 Committee Chairs include: Celebration Banquet & CFL Breakfast - Mary Hunt. Chaplain- Wilma Penner. Elections- George Penner. Family Living-Helen Berg. First Aid - Marilyn Cross & Wilma Penner. Flowers - Karen Derry. Furniture - Rusty Hunt. Hospitality - Lucille Bevis. Housing & Transportation- George & Wilma Penner. Juniors- Jackie Hunt. Lecturer- To Be Determined. Convention Pins- Brittney Oliver. Publicity-Cec Hamilton. RV Parking & Camping- Johnny Pittman. Registration- Ida Laurie. Rose Drill- Cec Hamilton. Stage- Rusty Hunt & George Penner. Youth Tour-Brittney Oliver.

The 2019 Convention Kickoff is scheduled for Saturday February 9th. Tour of Okanogan Fairgrounds begins at 11AM. Okanogan Fairgrounds is located at 175 Rodeo Trail, Okanogan WA 98840. Just off Hwy 97. Following the tour a Convention Kickoff Meeting with a potluck lunch will begin around noon at the Brewster Grange Hall located at 25905 Hwy. 97, Brewster WA. Volunteers are encouraged to attend.



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2019 WA State Grange Leadership Conferences

This year's series of State Grange leadership conferences is set to begin with the first meeting on January 11 at the Skookumchuck Grange Hall in Thurston County. Seventeen additional meetings will be held through the months of January and February at various locations across the state.

Each of the conferences will begin with a potluck luncheon or dinner. Approximately one hour after the meal, the conference will begin. A brief session will be held for the entire group, followed by break out meetings. The break out meetings will be 45 minutes each and be on a rotating basis.

State Master Tom Gwin will lead a discussion for Masters, while State Secretary Terry Abbott will meet with the Grange Secretaries. Additional presentations will be given by Lecturer Leslie Wells, Family Living Director Eileen Moebius, Membership Directors John & Cec Hamilton, Community Service Director Yvonne Knuth, and the Youth and Junior Program Representatives. The focus of this year's leadership conference series will be on providing tools that will assist each Grange to become more successful in their communities.

Packets of information for each department will be distributed, along with program handbooks, legislative handbooks, and useful materials for each Grange.

The complete schedule of conferences, which are open to all Grange members is as follows:

- January 11 – Skookumchuck Grange Hall, Thurston County, 6 p.m.
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Lecturer's Department

Reflect / Review / Recharge

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

As our Grange year is coming to a close, I think it is a natural time for reflection. Think back to the beginning of the year and your plans or ideas for 2018. Have you managed to accomplish what you envisioned? If not, how can you change that outcome. Let's consider some steps that might make a difference for this next year.

Identify – What need/problem/issue has to be addressed? Does everyone/majority agree with this? Is this something you can change?

Plan – What steps can you take to affect the problem? Examine all facets of the issue – from small to large. Do you have the resources to make the improvements, e.g. time, money

and people.

Implement – Make sure everyone involved understands their role in the implementation plan. Put your plan into action.

Review/Assess – Were you successful in solving your dilemma? Sometimes your actions are only partially successful. Don't just give up; view it as an opportunity to revisit your initial plan. Now you start the process over... it's called continuous improvement.

As you progress through each step, there will no doubt be other items that will need to be addressed. In other words, one idea or question often leads to another and your success will be determined by your thoroughness in addressing each step. This process as I've outlined it is pretty simplistic. It can be used in all facets of our lives not



Leslie Jo Wells

just as Grange members. Try it – you might like it.

Lecturer Notes... The Candle Lighting Ceremony will be posted on the WA State Grange Website by mid-December. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Leadership Conferences in January and February. These conferences are open to all members and we can always learn from each other. Bring some program ideas and we can put some words and actions around them. You will leave our session with at least one program ready to present at your meeting. If you have any questions or comments please call me at 360-306-0905 or email at lesliewells@att.net.

Sequim Prairie Grange Hosts Successful Events



Ice Cream Social



Flea Market



Country Fair and Pumpkin Party



2019 Legislative Day

TUESDAY JANUARY 29, 2019

Registration is \$15 per person. RSVP by January 24, 2019

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Progress Must Continue To Be Part Of Grange Story

By Brittney Oliver
2018-19 Outstanding Young Patron

Reprinted from *The Patron's Chain Newsletter - Day 5*

Take a minute to stop and just think about the Grange. What is the very first word that comes to mind?

Was 'progress' within your top five words? Just a hunch, but I'm guessing that a variety of several other words wandered through your mind instead. And you're probably not alone in that thinking. For a lot of Granges and Grangers across the country, this organization has lost sight of our great history of progress. The National Grange was founded on the idea of progress. Progress in agriculture, economic issues, gender rights; the list goes on and on.

But, how do we go about progressing the interests and impact that the Grange has on our membership, in our governments, and most importantly in our communities? I truly believe the answer lies

within our youth and young adults. Before you know it, this generation will be the ones in those gold sashes. So why aren't we more actively seeking new young members and training them to be the leaders we want to continue the legacy of this organization?

In Worthy National Master Betty Huber's internal address, she focused on the need for our organization to re-think membership recruitment when it comes to the young adults of Generation Y. Then, on Thursday night Betsy hosted a Young Leaders Council meeting with several young adults from all across the country in attendance. The purpose of the get-together was to brainstorm and discuss all aspects of the Grange and how our organization can better utilize, involve and gain more young adults and youth in all levels of the grange. This is a great start.

During the nearly two-hour meeting, several topics were explored, and no rock was left unturned. We dug into the core of the youth and young adults

in today's world. What are their needs, wants and goals? How can we, as an organization, make the Grange more desirable to the up and coming generations? What can we do at the national level to lead the effort in keeping our youth and young adults active, engaged, and excited to bring their friends to join? Under Betsy's direction and guidance this group of selected young adults will continue the conversation via digital meetings. Of the suggestions brought forward, several out of the box ideas were explored. What if we restructured the youth awards program; what would it look like? Why not give the National Youth Officers additional opportunities to grow their leadership skills throughout the year? What if we were to set learning tracks for youth members based upon their specific interests of the organization? The questions are starting to be asked, will continue to be asked, and all ideas will be reviewed to find the opportunities that could progress the Grange to engage the next generation.

Catlin Grange Delivers 3rd Grade Dictionaries



Members of Catlin Grange #199 in Kelso Wa delivered 3rd Grade Dictionaries to Mr. Turner's Class at Northlake Elementary School in Longview, WA. We also gave dictionaries to students at St Helens Elementary and Kessler Elementary in Longview Wa. We gave a total of 155 to the 3 schools. Back row - Grange members were Amanda Nichols, Jim Hedges, Marvin Wilburn and teacher Mr. Dan Turner. Picture by Tena Hedges

Granges Showcased At The Okanogan County Fair

The Okanogan County Fair highlights a year of hard work for the young and old in our area and again this year we enjoyed hosting the Grange building on the fair grounds. The building is a bit of a respite as you walk from the goat barn on the south end of the grounds! Thursday is especially fun for us as the schools bring their younger students through. Thanks to the donation from Culligan and Clear Water, right in Okanogan, on that day alone we served over 200 staff and students pure water as they enjoyed the fair. It didn't take long for folks to remember we had complimentary fresh, cool water, coffee and cookies thanks to the Grangers' donations.

Each Grange, and other volunteers put together displays depicting the Grange, the fair theme and agriculture. This year we also honored grandparents as Sunday of the fair was national



grandparents day.

Our greatest honor by far was to be awarded the Black and White!!! It is a prestigious award given to one barn/building on the grounds by the State Fair Commission. These awards are given to those participating in agricultural events at the Fair based upon educational value, how well the building was kept up and maintained, and how the displays were presented.

Our County Fair is only successful because of the great citizens of the county! Hats off to all of you! Happy harvest, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2019!!

Washington State Grange Resolutions Sent To National - 2018

Resolution Number	Title	Sponsoring Grange	Action at National
2018-05-1301	Dairy Pride Act	Pierce Co. Pomona #16	Present Policy
2018-06-1302	No Budget, No Pay	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Adopted as Amended
2018-30-1202	Dental and Health Insurance Be Combined	Brighton Park #163	Present Policy
2018-39-1203	Prescription Drugs	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Adopted
2018-24--0501	Opposing Crypto-Currency Mining	Sunnyside #129	Adverse
2018-11-1303	Stopping Identity Thieves	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Present Policy
2018-23-1307	Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act	Sunnyside #129	Present Policy

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Holiday Open House

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National Grange Convention Memories

152nd Annual Convention, November 13-17, 2018, Stowe, Vermont



Washington State
Grange Youth

State Youth Director Jerry Gwin with the six WA state members on the National Grange Youth Team: Skylar Zaborac, Lacey Rude, Jonathan Pittman, Joey Brenneman, Hannah Ogle, and Alejandro Cisneros.



The 2019 National Grange Youth Team includes Brittney Oliver (second from left) who was named Outstanding Young Patron at the convention.



The 2018 National Grange Youth Officer Team opened the Friday morning session at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention in Stowe, VT. The officer team included six youth from the State of Washington: Front Row – Lacey Rude of Fredonia Grange and Hannah Ogle of Williams Valley Grange. Second Row – Alejandro Cisneros of Pleasant Hill Grange and Jonathan Pittman of Moses Lake Grange. Fifth Row – Skular Zaborac of Humptulips Grange and Joey Brenneman of Humptulips Grange.



The 2018 National Grange Youth Officer Team rehearsing their opening drill.



Distinguished Granges

Distinguished Grange recipients: (Top Left) Mossyrock Grange, (Top Right) Five Mile Prairie Grange, (Bottom Left) Humptulips Grange.

Community Service



Community Service Awards were presented during the Celebration Banquet at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention in Stowe, VT. (Right) Humptulips Junior Grange Master Skylar Zaborac accepted the first place national award for Junior Granges from National Master Betsy Huber. (Left) Humptulips Grange Master Davona Gwin accepted the first place national award for Subordinate Granges from National Master Huber as well.

National Grange Convention Memories

National Grange News

National Grange Master Previews '19 Initiatives

By Phil Vonada
Trimble Legislative Youth

Reprinted from *The Patron's Chain Newsletter - Day 2*

On Tuesday, November 13, at the opening of the 152nd National Grange Session in Stowe, Vermont, National Grange President Betsy Huber presented her annual external address, highlighting accomplishments of the past year, and laying out action priorities for the coming term.

Despite partisan politics in D.C., Huber says "National Grange activities in Washington have been both massive in number and intense in action this year... we get actively involved with as many issues as we possibly can. Some of these, like farm and food policy, rural broadband expansion and health care are top priority and require intense time and effort." Huber touted the successes in these areas, but also noted that there were other Grange priority areas, including immigration,

farm labor and research, and infrastructure, where progress stalled.

"We expected a Farm Bill by now," Huber stated, "but Congress has not been able to get it to the finish line." She credits the Senate and House Agriculture Committees for working hard on creating compromises between versions of the bill and expressed optimism that a bill could be passed in the current lame duck session. In the dairy industry, she outlines that the Grange is wading into the "what's milk" issue, while also fighting for better prices and profits for our dairy farmers.

Huber announced the National Grange's partnership with the Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI), "building a network of state and local coalitions of community groups, community leaders, first responders, school officials, the medical community," and more to focus on local awareness, education, treatment, and finding a cure. "We've seen a growing consensus that winning

the drug addiction epidemic begins with friends, family, and the local community." Over the next year, the National Grange will continue to work on drug pricing, availability, and affordable insurance coverage.

Other critical issues for the 2019 term year include overcoming the "mean-spirited political divide" in Washington DC, especially as the 2020 Presidential campaign is already preparing to launch, rebuilding ailing infrastructure, and rewriting immigration laws and finding a solution to farm worker shortages.

President Huber reaffirmed the National Grange's effectiveness as a grassroots membership network, reaching rural and small-town America, and encouraged states to coordinate their efforts and to work closely with Grange Advocacy before launching a major effort on a national issue. "It is more important than ever that Granges get involved in their communities and take responsibilities... Grange



National Grange Master Betsy Huber. Photo by Lindsay Schroeder

members are knowledgeable about the issues, believe in family values, are honorable and sincere citizens that we need so much in our country's leadership." In closing, Huber praised Grange members for reporting more than 850,000 hours of community service, and encouraged Granges to continue getting involved, and to become a "pillar organization" and to help "restore respect, civility, and patriotism" to local communities.

When asked about his thoughts on President Huber's address, Vermont State Grange President Joseph Goodrich remarked "I agree with President Huber that it's time for our legislators to put partisanship aside and for our representatives to actually represent their people, not their interests." He also expressed excitement in the theme for the year: "Grangers are Superheroes," which Huber unveiled at the end of her address.

Tour Allows Grangers Peak Into Vermont Ag Industry

By Lauren Linkemyer
Communication Fellow

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While travelling to our first tour stop, Grange brothers and sisters enjoyed conversations about our different regions. Discussion was leaning toward how wonderful Vermont is and how pleasant it would be to live here, quickly shifting to how to prevent bear problems at home. i.e.; do not leave trash outside overnight, so as not to tempt the furry beasts. Every locale has its share of predators and pests.

Loretta Nieto, of San Antonio, Texas talked about how bothersome opossums are in her area. Only for local Beth Morse, of Bridport Grange, to respond with how useful opossums are up this way. "Opossums can eat upwards of 1 million ticks each night," said Morse. A huge benefit in mitigating the spread of Lyme disease through tick bites. One town's problem can be another's solution.

Our group had the opportunity to visit the Cabot Annex Store on

Waterbury-Stowe Rd.

The selection of cheeses available for sample tasting was incredible. I started with the mild cheddar, working my way up through increasing sharpness, to the Seriously Sharp, then the McCadam Adirondack, with a delightfully tangy sharpness, only to finish with the Orne Meadows, described as "a smooth Alpine style with a subtle sweet, nutty finish."

After enjoying Cabot's selection of sharp, extra sharp, and seriously sharp cheddars, the sweetness of the Orne Meadows cheddar was immediately apparent, and served as a lovely reset to the palate. Inquiring with our fellow travelers I came across Grange sister Brittney Oliver, who just so happened to have an interesting take on today's cheese tasting experience.

"I had the opportunity to tour Washington State Creamery during last year's National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington. They make a cheese that tastes almost exactly like Cabot's White Oak Cheddar, and is called Cougar Gold,"

so said Oliver of Moses Lake Grange #1151, adding that "the caramelization flavor in both cheeses is very distinct."

Another favorite at Cabot was their creamy sriracha dip, little bit of heat and a little bit of sweet, in a creamy dip was especially delicious on the provided chips. As Grangers, we know how to easily recreate a similar dip with a sweet hot sauce (like sriracha), salt and sour cream.

The next stop took our group to Montpelier at the Vermont State Capitol.

We learned that the Vermont capital has the smallest population of any other state capitol, at only 8,000, interestingly enough, keeping consistent around that population number for the last 100 years.

In the senate of Vermont, there are two presidents, the Lieutenant Governor of Vermont serves as the President of the Senate, but only casts a legislative vote if required to break a tie. President pro-tem is elected by the majority party caucus and appoints committee chairs.

While there we learned the



Youth visited the Vermont State Capitol building on Thursday as part of the tour. Photo used by permission.

history of the phrase of "costing an arm and a leg", is from the variety of cost of self-portraits. Apparently, painting hands is a challenge, as is the placement of feet, so those paintings cost much more than a simple head and shoulder portrait.

Our visit to the Vermont History Museum was a filled with fun and interesting information.

The Freedom and Unity exhibit presents the history of the state from the first inhabitants to the

present. The museum's full-sized Abenaki wigwam, complete with pelts, ranging from skunk to fox, were an interesting feature. The fox pelt was easily the softest.

Gail Suitzer, Jen Nauss and Jacob Gwin enjoyed some historical wooden games in Jacob's Ladder and the Cup and Ball Toss Toy. In asking Gwin, from Humptulips Grange #730, what he likes best about Vermont, he says "the snow and the genuine kindness of the people of Vermont."

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Reliving The Trip To The National Grange Convention

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

The 152nd Annual National Grange Convention is now history. I, along with my Mom, accompanied eight Grange youth members from our state to Vermont. Two of our other youth flew directly from Spokane to the convention.

Stowe, while the remaining youth took the shuttle provided by the Host Transportation Committee. As we climbed higher in elevation, we started seeing traces of snow on the ground. By the time we arrived in Stowe, there was a couple inches of snow.

Eight of us met at 10:30 p.m. on a Sunday night at the SeaTac Airport. Upon getting checked in and through TSA security, we proceeded to our gate where we met up with Hannah Ogle, who had just flown in from Spokane to meet us. We boarded the plane and left SeaTac at 12:45 a.m. Some of the kids slept, but most were too excited to get much sleep.

Later that evening, it began snowing little tiny flakes of powder. By morning, there was over 10 inches of snow on the ground. The roads, however, were clear. We shuttled down the highway to visit Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory. We took the tour, sampled ice cream, and purchased souvenirs.

We arrived at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago at 6:41 a.m. With a 2 1/2 hour layover, we found breakfast and then proceeded to our gate. We proceeded to board the plane for our 2-hour flight to Burlington, VT.

The next morning, we shuttled in to the village of Stowe. We visited the shops and purchased more souvenirs. The youth activities started on Wednesday afternoon. The kids kept busy with ambassador interviews, officer practices, and other planned activities.

We were met in Burlington by State Master Tom Gwin, Brittney Oliver and Jonathan Pittman. They transported some of us to

All our youth members participated in the youth tour on Thursday. We visited the Vermont State Capitol in Montpelier, the Vermont State Museum, and the Cabot Creamery. We learned a lot of historical facts about the

State of Vermont.

With the convention in full swing, the youth kept busy with workshops, practices, programs, meal functions, and other activities. There wasn't more than just a few minutes of relaxation.

Our flight home was pretty uneventful. With a late WSU football game on Saturday night (ending at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning in Vermont) and a 4 a.m. shuttle to the airport, the youth were tired and slept much of the way home.

The members of the Washington State Grange can be extremely proud of their youth representation at this year's national convention. The kids were well behaved and participated in all aspects of the convention. Thank you to Morgan, Brittney, Jonny, Lacey, Hannah, Alejandro, Skylar, Joey, Georgia, and Jake for your excellent representation of the Granges of our state. We hope you had fun, learned a lot, and enjoyed this year's national convention!



Riley Reynolds (the 2018 National Junior Grange Ambassador) handing the Washington Junior awards to Brittney Oliver. (Washington State Ceres and newly awarded National Grange outstanding Young Patron).

Juniors

Start A New Year With A Positive And Hopeful Outlook



Marvin & Jennifer Oliver

By Marvin & Jennifer Oliver
Junior Grange Directors

Hoping your holidays are magical and fulling. With Christmas coming make sure to continue to support your local food banks and shelters. If your having holiday parties, collect non perishable foods for donations. Have a holiday craft to make cards or pictures and deliver to a local nursing home to brighten someones day. End the year strong and remember to always take pictures and document the fun you are having. Send in a short report to the Grange news or send to jenandmarv@yahoo.com so that we all can see what amazing things your Juniors are doing.

As we celebrate and ring in a new year lets remember the past, learn from success and failures and start a new year with a positive and hopeful outlook. Start the year off with printing and making available the new National program and the Washington State program books to your Junior leaders and committees. In these program guides you can find meeting and craft ideas, community service projects and contact information for all the assistance your programs will need to be successful. Have your Juniors meet new Grangers from across the US. To sign up for the Pen Pal Program and be matched with another junior from around the United States, please send...

- A: Your name B: Age C. Grange Name
- D. State E. Mailing address

... to the National Junior Grange Director - Junior@nationalgrange.org or to Samantha Wilkins, National Junior Grange Director, 21578 Pleasanton Rd., San Antonio, TX 78264. Juniors participate in the Pen Pal Program.

The Washington State Grange Juniors were very successful at the National Convention this year. Congratulations to the following:

National Grange 2018 Creative Art Contest winners and participants:

- 11-14 years old:** 1st Place: Lone Sheldon
- 2nd Place: Madison Shimkus 3rd Place: Audry Griffiths
- 8-10 years old:** Participant: Kayden Wright

Great job and congratulations to all! Happy Holidays to all.

Youth Team Reflects On 2018 Journey, Accomplishments

By Jenn Nauss
2017-18 Outstanding Young Patron

Reprinted from The Patron's Chain Newsletter - Day 4

Greetings from the 2017-18 National Youth Team! We are Outstanding Young Patron - Jenn Nauss from Pennsylvania; Youth Ambassadors - Tessa Taft from New York and Jacob Gwin from Washington. We have had a busy year, full of exciting opportunities. We have especially enjoyed meeting other members across the country in the last year and seeing each region's unique flair.

Atlantic Leaders' Conference happening in March in Maryland. Immediately following, we traveled to Washington, D.C., for Ag Day. We learned a lot about the Grange's legislative policies and how to interact with our legislators. We met with our Senators and Representatives over the next two days, got a picture with Vice President Mike Pence, and attended a luncheon with Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue. Thank you to the National Grange staff for their hospitality!



Jenn Nauss, Tessa Taft and Jacob Gwin served together the past year as the Youth Team. Photo by Amanda Brozana Rios

The summer was busy with Regional Conferences! We loved traveling across the country to meet fellow Grangers and Grange Youth. We would like to thank everyone for their hospitality and for welcoming us this summer!

Jacob is currently attending Grays Harbor College, getting his Bachelor's in Business Management with a minor in Marketing. Tessa is a Junior at Nazareth College and is a double major in English and Inclusive Early Childhood Education. Upon graduation, Tessa hopes to work in an elementary special education classroom.

Our journey started last November in Spokane, Washington, when we were named Youth Ambassadors and Outstanding Young Patron during the Evening of Excellence. We hit the ground running, meeting in December to plan programs, activities, and workshops for the coming year.

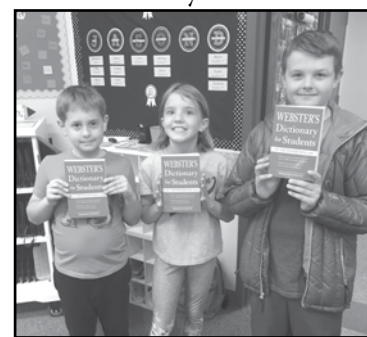
We have all continued to be busy in our own local and state Granges. Jenn works as a speech-language pathologist in an elementary school and was just elected Lecturer of the Pennsylvania State Grange, as well as serving on the Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee.

It is hard for us to believe that a year has passed since we were named to the Youth Team last November. This has been an amazing opportunity that has given us so much; we hope that we have given back to the department in some small way. We look forward to continuing to serve the Grange in the future.

Junior Connection

Green Bluff Junior Grange

The 3rd Annual Green Bluff's Junior Grange Family Friendly Haunted House was a huge success! We had nearly 750 visitors in two nights! Monies raised will be used for the future haunted house and some donated to the Mead Food Bank! Impressed with these kiddos!! Three Jr. Grangers helped distribute Words for Thirds dictionaries at Colbert Elementary school. Our meetings are the last Tuesday at 6pm in the Grange, ages 5-14 welcome! Find us on Facebook!



Home & Family

Family Living

CFL (Chair of Family Living) Annual Reports Due - Conferences Are Coming Soon

By Eileen Moebius
Family Living Director



Eileen Moebius

Welcome Marilyn Armit to the Family Living team. We are glad that you decided to join us.

Thank you all for taking on the Family Living Chairperson positions for 2018 -2019. Please get rid of your 2018 packet as all the paper work has changed. If you are new to the CFL or have changed your address, would you please email, text, or snail mail me your address, so that I can get to you your CFL packet before the Conferences start.

The CFL annual reports that are due January 1, will be sent to the State Grange. If the CFL reports are not in by the 30th of January, they will not be considered for an award.

Had a great time at National Grange Convention, and the fun part of the whole trip was that they had snow for us. It stayed

the whole time we were there. It was so pretty.

We received the Quilt Block pattern for the National Grange Quilt Contest, which I will have at the Conferences for you. Also, the Quilt Block for State Grange this year is "Over the Horizon" and the colors are all bright colors. I hope you will consider making one for each contest.

The 2018 Quilt Blocks are being put together on most Thursdays at Fruitland Grange in Puyallup (112 St E and 86th Ave E, Puyallup WA 98371) from 10:00am to 1:00pm - call before coming to make sure we are going to be there. 253-358-6440. The Two Quilts will be auctioned at the 2019 State Grange Convention.

Hope you are getting ready for the holidays to do something different this year. Maybe as a Grange you could go to a nursing home and entertain the

people, read a story, sing songs or just visit with them. While you are baking remember to try new recipes and or get your favorite recipes out, so you can practice your baking so that you will be ready for the CFL baking contest of 2019.

With the holidays coming and so many great gatherings going on, people need to be respectable to everyone and to remember to not be hurtful to other people's feelings.

I have a request. I am looking for a pattern from yesteryear. It is a ball pattern that little kids could put their fingers in and hold the ball easily. If you have the pattern, could you please send it to me. Thanks

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Believe in yourself, push your limits, experience life, conquer your goals, and be happy. Hope to see you next year at the Conferences.

National Grange Community Service Winners Revealed

By Maggie Swartzendruber
Communication Fellow

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Five Subordinate Granges and three Junior Granges were recognized for their outstanding community service.

Humptulips Grange #730 and Humptulips Junior Grange both received the highest honors of first place. Humptulips Grange has a self-funded food bank that serves on average 50 families a month which is their largest project. Humptulips and their Junior Grange both participate in the youth community service project called Make Washington Warm which donates hats, scarves, and gloves to homeless shelters in their area. They also donated books to the Timberland Library Reading Tree and support the Union Gospel Mission.

Avon Grange #125 received second place in the contest. Avon Grange participates in the Words for Thirds Dictionary

Project annually. They also have Homeless Care project they contribute to and provide Christmas treat bags for the Backpack Program.

Marvel Junior Grange was the second-place winner for the Juniors. Marvel members are busy learning what it means to serve your community alongside their subordinate members with lunches for senior citizens, assisting with a chili cook off, and write Valentine's Day cards for the military.

Richmond Grange #6 was honored with third place in the community service contest. Richmond Grange hosts a dinner to fund their Words for Thirds program, and they were able to donate 333 dictionaries this year. They also donated 152 pounds of food to the Rhode Island Center for Assisting Those in Need. Richmond Grange also adopts a family during the holiday season.

Kirkland Junior Grange received third place in the Junior Grange Community

Service book competition. Among their many projects, they participate at a food bank and learn what it takes to run a food bank.

Valley Grange #1360 was awarded honorable mention this year, although they are very active in their communities. Valley Grange members run a milkshake stand at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show which helps fund other projects. Those other projects include sponsoring an FFA chapter and a local baseball team. Valley Grange also sponsors the New Life for Girls.

Clear Lake #692 rounded out the awards this year with an honorable mention. Clear Lake Grange donates coats and costumes to kids around Halloween, volunteer with the Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity, and Aitkin Friend of the Library.

It is strongly encouraged to show the great things that your Subordinate or Junior Grange is doing each year.

Easy Holiday Hosting

(Courtesy of Family Features)

If the very notion of holiday hosting has you feeling a bit overwhelmed, get organized with these simple ideas that can help you serve up a successful holiday celebration.

Entertainment: Ensure guests enjoy a good time by offering entertainment that is suitable for their personality types. If your guests are more drawn to energetic activities, choose light-hearted, competitive games like charades. For guests who are more laid back, organize classic board games. There are many popular games available in special holiday editions for extra-festive fun. You can also simply play holiday movies and music in the background for crowds that would rather just mingle.

Favors: Send guests home with a sweet memory of the event, such as an ornament that connects to the party's theme or a bag of seasonal treats like homemade cookies or candy to nibble on during the trip back home.

Simple Snacks: Building your menu around simple snacks and finger foods guests can nibble on while they mingle is perfectly acceptable for almost any type of holiday gathering. Include options that can satisfy all the taste buds. You can even combine sweet and sour with a seasonal crowd-pleaser like this Lemonade Cranberry Orange Bread, which draws its flavor from a secret ingredient: Milo's All Natural Lemonade.

Find more holiday hosting ideas and recipes at drinkmilos.com.

Lemonade Cranberry Orange Bread

Prep time: 15 min. Cook time: 1 hour Servings: 8

- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 3/4 cup Milo's All Natural Lemonade
- 1 orange, zest only
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Heat oven to 350° F. In large bowl, mash cranberry sauce into small pieces. Add lemonade, orange zest, vegetable oil and egg; mix until blended. In separate bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and baking soda. Combine wet and dry ingredients; mix until batter is formed. Pour batter into greased loaf pan. Bake 1 hour. Let cool 20 minutes before slicing and serving.



Pomona Connection

Grays Harbor/ Pacific Pomona

Grays Harbor / Pacific Pomona met at the Satsop Grange Hall in November. Davona Gwin was reelected Pomona Master. The 2019 calendar of events and meeting schedule was developed. The next

meeting will be on January 12 at the Sharon Grange Hall at 10 a.m. A potluck will be held at 12 p.m., followed by the State Grange Leadership Conference at 1 p.m.

Lewis County Pomona

Lewis County Pomona will hold

Installation of Officers on January 14 at 2 p.m. at Cowlitz Prairie.

Okanogan County Pomona

Okanogan County Pomona will meet on February 9 at 10 a.m. at Mount Olive. The meeting will include the installation of officers.

Snake River Pomona

Snake River Pomona met on November 17. Members voted donations to Washington State University Extension 4-H program and to "Ag in the Classroom". Meeting dates and places for 2019 were chosen. Lecturer Al Meyer reported on the recent 2020 State Convention planning meeting held in Walla Walla. Our local leadership meeting will be February 11, 2019 at Kennewick Valley Grange hall beginning with a 6:00 PM potluck. Present officers were re-elected to serve in 2019. The next meeting will be March 16, 2019 at Burbank Grange hall.

Snohomish County Pomona

Snohomish County Pomona will hold a visitation meeting on December 27 at the Kellogg Marsh Grange Hall. Games will be played beginning at 2 p.m. A potluck will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Whatcom County Pomona

Whatcom County Pomona will host their annual Planning Meeting no-host breakfast on Saturday January 12th, 8:30 a.m. at the Rusty Wagon restaurant on Hannegan. Bring your calendars and ideas for activities in 2019. All members welcome.

Grange Connection

ADAMS COUNTY

Ralston Grange has held a Christmas Program for 87 years. Even though a lot has changed since 1930, this is one tradition that has remained constant. We enjoy a great potluck, then get ready for an entertaining program. For many families, some the fifth generation, this evening has marked the beginning of the Christ-mas season. Kids and adults sharing their talents, the singing of traditional Christmas carols, a visit from Santa... the "treat bag" for each child. This is part of what Christmas is all about! That good warm feeling you get when you share something familiar with family, friends and neighbors. This year's Christmas Program was held on December 2.

CLALLAM COUNTY

Sequim Prairie Grange will hold our Handmade Christmas Fair on December 1st. There will be a Bake Table, manned (womanned) by Sue. Homemade baked goods sell well during the holidays, so let's get out the old family recipes and do some baking. Don't forget pies for the kitchen too. Our Pumpkin Party and Country Fair were a huge success. Everyone stepped up to the plate to make it work. Special thanks to Dorinda Becker for an amazing job, and to the ladies of the Auxiliary, under the guidance of Carol Crose, for the 24 fabulous cakes they baked and decorated.

CLARK COUNTY

Fargher Lake Grange will have an open house Booster Day on Saturday December 1st from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will honor Barbara Hagedorn for being a 75 year member of Fargher Lake Grange. Refreshments and entertainment will be available.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Columbia Valley Grange draped their charter for longtime member Boyd Peterson. Dec. 9 is the date of this year's Community Christmas dinner and Santa program at the Grange hall beginning at 2:00 PM. Lecturer Loren Amack presented a Thanksgiving-themed game and awarded door prizes.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Elma Grange will be holding a Garage Sale on December 7-8. Spaces are still available.

Humptulips Grange will hold their Annual Christmas Dinner on December 14. Sandra Wells will be recognized with her Golden Sheaf Membership Award. Turkey bingo was held on November 10 and December 1. Gift card bingo will be on December 15 with the proceeds to go toward the Junior Grange. Grange members baked 20 pies for the Union

Gospel Mission for Thanksgiving. The Grange food bank served a record 74 families in November.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Chimacum Grange is looking for vendors for our Craft Fair, December 8th and 9th 2018. Last year went so well that we are expanding to two days this year! We welcome hobbyists, businesses, and non-profit groups. We encourage the creation of local crafts that reflect the natural world of the Olympic Peninsula, to create a craft fair of recognizable quality and preservation of historical crafts.

LEWIS COUNTY

Baw Faw Grange will have their Christmas Celebration Dinner and Program on December 10 at 9 p.m.

Cowlitz Prairie Grange's Annual Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 9 at 2 p.m.

Logan Hill Grange will have their Christmas Dinner on December 11 at 6 p.m.

Newaukum Grange Christmas Dinner will be on December 16.

MASON COUNTY

Skokomish Grange members voted to raise dues to \$50.00 a year. After much discussion it was also decided to cancel the meetings for November and December because of busy holiday schedules. Grange will convene again January 15th at 7:00 p.m. Happy Holidays to all.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange's December 4 community event "cookie exchange and decorating the Grange" was lots of fun with abundant cookies and kiddos helping. The community Christmas party on December 8 was another great event — even Santa had a good time. People were very generous for the Toys for Tots program. Our December 18 Grange meeting will be our annual member Christmas exchange party while enjoying holiday treats after our meeting and possibly working on our 2019 events calendar. Our 1st Tuesday community event for 2019 which is January 1 will be a Hayride around the Bluff and back to the Grange for hot chocolate & holiday leftovers. This should prove to be a really FUN time and hopefully not too cold!! A Spin-In is planned for December 15 from 10 am-4 pm at Red Barn Brewing on the bluff and again on January 19 at the Grange. January 27 is our first 2019 "all you can eat pancake breakfast" at the Grange. Many of our Green Bluff farms are open for holiday shopping, especially the Christmas tree farms. Green Bluff Grange meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.—come join us. We wish all our Grange members a very Merry

Christmas and Happy New Year.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange and Junior Grange was hopping the last two weekends in October. The Kiddie Karnival, Kreepy Kafé, and Haunted House was in full swing... and that Haunted House was pretty scary if all the screams were an indication. The young ones had fun on the Karnival side with a lot of different games to play - including the fish pond, duck pond, toss the spider, and the cupcake walk. There were a lot of yummy food in the Kafé for everyone to enjoy. In November the Camas Valley Grange gets to host the Pomona Fall meeting. The Grange is also gearing up for the annual Community Christmas Dinner that is put on every year on the first Sunday in December - even Santa will be there!

THURSTON COUNTY

Skookumchuck Grange held our Elections of Officers Nov. 5. the day before Election Day. Our Tenino FFA teacher has taken a position at our Grange, for the first time. Whoo Hoo! We continue to have Grange Hall rentals and many come thru our Facebook page. December 1st - Violet Prairie Grange will be selling Xmas goods and more at the Tenino Winterfest at the High School. Pomona will have a table next to them selling desserts. Remember your Grange Master's closing ceremonial words. "We must avoid intemperance in eating and..."

South Union Grange will have a Christmas Party and dinner on December 9 at 2 p.m. Santa will be there!

WHATCOM COUNTY

Laurel Grange invites everyone to an All Grange Christmas Dinner Sat. December 8th at 6 pm. Laurel Grange will provide the beef, potatoes and gravy, everyone else bring side dishes and desserts. Santa will arrive at 7:30 and pass out gifts (bring wrapped gifts with your child's name on it for Santa to pass out).

North Bellingham Grange will begin a Winter Meeting schedule, starting in December. We will meet on the 1st Saturday at 1pm. We will return to our evening meetings (1st Thursday at 7pm) in April.

Ten Mile Grange recognized five members with membership awards at their November meeting. Judith McCormick received her 50 year pin and Golden Sheaf Award; Jack Little, Lola Osgood, and Louis Millay received their 55 year seals; and Robert Rowe received his 70 year seal AND his 75 year Diamond pin and Diamond Certificate! Congratulations to each of you on these milestones!

Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are requested to send their list of 2019 meeting dates, times, and locations to grange@wa-grange.org for inclusion into this calendar.

CLALLAM	January 23 at Sequim Prairie, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
CLARK	December 12 at Minnehaha, 7 p.m.
COWLITZ	December 15 at Sunnyside, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. Christmas Party and Installation of Officers.
EXCELSIOR	January 19 at The Valley. 10 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck. Installation of Officers
FERRY	January 16 at Eagle Cliff, 5:30 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	January 12 at Sharon, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Leadership Conference begins at 1 p.m.
KING	January 12 at Issaquah Valley, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Will have Candy contest.
KITSAP	December 21 at Bethel, 7:30 p.m.
LEWIS	December 1 at Oakview, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Installation of Officers will be January 14 at 2 p.m. at Cowlitz Prairie.
MASON	January 19 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck
OKANOGAN	February 9 at Mount Olive, 10 a.m. Installation of Officers.
PEND OREILLE	December 8 at Fertile Valley, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Installation of Officers.
PIERCE	December 1 at Waller Road, 11 a.m. Installation of Officers. January 5 at McMillin.
RIVERSIDE	February 17 at Lower Naches, 1:30 p.m.
SKAGIT	December 5 at Fredonia, 7 p.m.
SNAKE RIVER	March 16 at Burbank, 10 a.m. Will include judging of Lecturer and Family Living Contests.
SNOHOMISH	January 19 at Tualco, 10 a.m. Leadership conference at 1 p.m. Visitation will be at Kellogg March on December 27, games 2-6 p.m. and potluck at 6:30 p.m.
SUNNYSIDE	December 11 at Buena, 6:30 p.m.
THURSTON	December 6 at South Union. Christmas potluck at 6 p.m. and business meeting at 7 p.m. Installation of officers will be January 6 at Skookumchuck at 2 p.m.
YAKIMA	January 18 at Broadway, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Candle Lighting Ceremony.

Grange Connection

Goldendale Grange Holiday Pies Provide Six Scholarships

All pies are handmade in a room full of ladies who truly love to make pies. They aren't typical pies every pie is handcrafted using only the best local fruit. Huckleberries from the berry fields of Mt. Adams were hand-picked by Shirley Pence. Sweet Cherries donated by Kay Kayser Thompson from a secret tree that only she knows the location. Succulent peaches came from the Columbia River orchards at Maryhill.

Goldendale Grange is fortunate for its community support and generosity. Many of our pie customers not only purchase holiday pies but also donate many of ingredients with the knowledge they'll eventually be used to provide a scholarship to deserving young individuals.

For over 150 years the Grange has been known as a family oriented organization. Our pie project exemplifies that claim. Kay Kayser Thompson and her daughter Luann supervise the kitchen crew. Their grandson, third generation Miles helped briefly and has been taught to hold his own in a kitchen full of women while creating his own yummy pie. Grange Master, Mary Anne Enyeart and her grand-daughter Anna were covered in flour while kneading tubs of pie dough. Grange member Lanae Johnson provided a precious moment when she was caught explaining her secret to making an awesome pie to Noah, her 12-year old grandson. Lanae is also an accomplished cake baker-decorator and in constant



demand. She has exhibited her artistic ability by providing beautiful cakes for most of our special grange events. We were fortunate she found the time to participate. This year's pie baking crew consisted of twenty-five ladies that included both grange members and non-members.

Our group of special ladies not only love to make pies they're also extremely critical of the pies they make. If a pie doesn't meet their expectations they don't hesitate in discarding it. The day before our pies were to be delivered the ladies

discarded a group of pies that didn't meet their expectations. Showing true dedication, these ladies arrived at 4 o'clock the next morning to remake the rejected pies before delivery time that same morning.

Holiday pie sales has been our premier community service projects for many years. This is only one of the many projects we do that helped gain us recognition at the 2018 National Grange Convention in Stowe, VT as a National Distinguished Grange. An elite group of only 33 granges found throughout the county.

Fargher Lake Grange Youth Work On Pumpkin Contests



Fargher Lake Grange Youth and Juniors working on their pumpkin contest entries sponsored by Lesters. The Grange has a combined youth and junior group that is doing great things in their community.



Fairview Grange Honors Vets



Fairview Grange #619 honored 28 Veterans at their annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner on 11/13/2018. There were about 70 people including the veterans that enjoyed a great potluck meal and program. Each veteran received a medallion and thank you card from the Grange. All branches of the military were represented and they all stood to sing their rally songs! Three veterans from the American Legion Riders performed a flag folding and unfolding ceremony accompanied by the playing of the Taps. Several inspirational stories were read and we were all inspired again to "never forget"; "always remember"!

Skookumchuck Grange Serves Up Homemade Pies At Dinner



At Skookumchuck Grange's Harvest Dinner in October, we served up a yummy roast beef dinner with homemade pies for desert. 130 people came to eat.

Green Bluff Grange Celebrates Booster Night With Awards



Green Bluff Grange's Booster night was held on November 6. Lecturer Terri did a great job putting together the program — she involved many of the Grange members too. It started with a potluck dinner followed by presentation of awards/certificates, honoring the KXLY4 Extreme Team, BECU, and all the over 200 different volunteer people and/or businesses involved in our Renovation.

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