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Washington State Grange Hosts Successful Legislative Day

Grange Legislative Day was held on Tuesday, February 6 in Olympia. Over 30 Grange members gathered at the State Grange Headquarters to start the morning. After orientation, our morning keynote speaker was WA State Representative Mike

Chapman of the 24th District. Rep. Chapman serves as Vice Chair of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

The event then moved three blocks to the State Capitol campus. Grangers were able to attend hearings for the

Senate Transportation and Ways & Means Committee or the House Transportation and Appropriations Committees.

Lunch speakers were State Senator Dean Takko of the 19th District and State Senator Judy Warnick of the 14th District. The focus

of their talks was on rural development throughout the state, while also touching on pesticide issues, health care and fair funding.

Following appointments and meetings with their legislators, the group ventured back to the state Grange office

for a final debriefing of the day.

Thank you to Grange lobbyist, Heather Hansen, Executive Assistant Sophia Keller and the office staff for an excellent program this year. We hope to see many more new faces next Legislative Day.

April 2018 issue deadline – March 12

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Join Us For An Evening At The Ballpark



Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 2nd at 7:10 PM as the Seattle Mariners take on the Tampa Bay Rays. Grange Travel Adventures has reserved 95 seats in section 329, which is behind home plate, for the game. Reduced group ticket rates are just \$20 each. Reserve your tickets today! **Turn to Page 8 for all the details!**

• Mark Your Calendars •

Upcoming State Grange Events

- March 10** Junior Grange Camp Directors Meeting, 10 a.m. at State Grange Office
- March 16-17** State Deputies and Pomona Masters Conference
- March 25** 2018 Grange Convention (Northern District) Steering Committee Meeting at South Lake Stevens, 2 p.m.
- April 1** Secretary Reports (First Quarter) due to State Grange Office
- April 1** Washington State Grange Foundation Scholarship Applications Due
- April 1** Creative Writing Contest Entries due to State Lecturer
- April 10** Grange Intersessions Committee Meetings
- April 15** Community Service Reports Due to State Community Service Director
- April 15** Community Recognition Awards Program Nominations due to State Community Service Director
- April 18** Grange Travel Adventure Tour – Skagit County Tulip Festival
- April 20-22** State Grange Teen Weekend at Lewis & Clark State Park, near Toledo
- April 22** District Talent Contests, 2 p.m. at Newaukum (Southwest), McMillin (Northern), St. Andrews (Central), and Fort Colville (Eastern)
- April 22** 2018 Grange Convention (Northern District) Steering Committee Meeting at McMillin, following district talent show.
- April 22** 2021 Grange Convention (Southwest District) Steering Committee Meeting at Newaukum, following district talent show.
- June 1-3** Grange Camper Association Fun Rally at Spokane.
- June 2** Grange Day with the Seattle Mariners (vs. the Tampa Bay Rays)
- June 24-29** Camp Wooten Junior Grange Camp
- June 27-30** 129th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange at Skagit County Fairgrounds, Mount Vernon
- July 1-7** Camp Mayfield Junior Grange Camp
- July 8-13** Camp David Jr Junior Grange Camp – Session I
- July 22-27** Camp David Jr Junior Grange Camp – Session II
- July 15-21** Camp Morehead Junior Grange Camp – new dates
- July 22-28** Camp NEW Junior Grange Camp
- August 3-5** Western Regional Grange Leaders and Youth Conference in Olympia
- August 5-10** Camp Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp
- December 8** Grange Travel Adventure Tour to the Leavenworth Christmas Lighting Festival

••• Lecturer's Department •••

Be Creative And Put Your Imagination To Work



Leslie Jo Wells

**By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer**

Now is the time to put your imagination and creative juices to work and enter the Creative Writing Contest. I am hopeful that we will have numerous entries for this contest. It is an opportunity for our members to re-discover their writing skills and be creative. If you are the Lecturer for your Grange, consider having a program and have your members share their entries. If you do this early it may inspire others to participate in the contest.

The entry deadline is April 1st. There are several options available to you in this Lecturer

Department contest. There are two groups for each category – Group A is for Adults, age 20 and over and Group B is for Youth ages 14 – 19.

Poetry – The 2018 topic is “Water.” Maximum length is 300 words – Metered or Free Verse

Short Story – The 2018 topic is “It Happened in Washington State.” Maximum length is 500 words. Your short story should be written to entertain the reader.

Essay – The 2018 topic is “Why Everyone Should Visit Washington State.” Maximum length is 500 words. Your essay should be written to inform the reader.

Book Review – You need to support the statement “I Would Recommend This Book Because ...” Maximum length is 500 words. Remember that you are not re-telling the story of the book; it is a critique or evaluation of the overall work.

As we have traveled around the state for the conferences it has been interesting and informative to meet with everyone that has attended. If you have any program suggestions, please contact myself or a team member to share your thoughts. As Lecturers for our Grange, we are here to provide members with opportunities to learn, grow and have a little fun along the way.

Humptulips Grange Sets Auction For April 7

Humptulips Grange #730 will hold a Fund Raising Auction on Saturday, April 7 at the Humptulips Grange Hall, 32 McAfee Road in Humptulips. The auction will include both silent and live events and will feature nearly 300 items such as hotel stays, wood carvings, merchandise from local businesses, gift baskets, restaurant gift certificates, and a wide range of other items. The silent auction will begin at 6 p.m., while the live auction will begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments,

including baked potatoes, hot dogs, nachos, pie, and beverages will be available throughout the event.

The auction and dinner are fund raising events to assist in making the payment on the purchase of the Kay Bernethy (Humptulips) Community Center, which serves as our Grange Hall. Our objective is to manage the facility for the benefit of the residents of the Humptulips/ Axford Prairie area. Those currently utilizing the center include the Grange, food bank, 4-H club, Junior

Grange, and a variety of private citizens.

Proceeds also go toward supporting Grange activities in our community. We currently operate the Humptulips Food Bank, which serves 70 families on a monthly basis. We annually award scholarships to high school students, sponsor kids to summer camp, and support several other community projects.

For more information on this event, call Carol at 360-987-2344.

Spokampers Plan For Rally And Summer Camp-Out

Spokampers January meeting hosted by Forest and Marlene Diehl was held at the Timber Creek Buffet on the 27th. Eighteen members and a guest attended. Jim and Bonnie Lyle were also inducted into the Chapter. Mike read a Joke about a quick-thinking exterminator caught in an embarrassing situation. Mike Britton reminded everyone that we will be hosting the 2018 Camper Rally at his place this

year. No camp-out is planned for June because of the Rally and State Grange Convention.

For our camp-out in August, we will be traveling to the National Monuments and Parks in Montana and North Dakota. We will be departing August 14th and will return around the 3rd of September. Mike has an updated itinerary. Please let Mike know (mbritton@wildblue.net) if you intend to accompany the group.



•• By-Laws ••

Tri-Community Grange in Spokane County will vote to change the meeting date from the first Wednesday of the month to the third Wednesday of the month at the March 21st meeting at 6:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

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••• President's Message •••

Granges Prepare For A Busy Spring Season

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

Thank you to the multitude of Grange members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend one of our Grange Leadership Conferences. The conferences were an opportunity for myself and the State Grange Department Directors to present you with new and creative tools to utilize at the local level. We hope you will take those tools back to your Granges and to use them to diversify your Grange projects and activities, thus attracting new members who may not have considered becoming a Grange member in the past.

We also took the time at these conferences to listen to your concerns and to provide answers to your questions regarding the activities of the State Grange. We will continue to listen to our members and to respond by creating inventive projects and activities so that you can continue to build your Grange.

Thank you to our Grange hosts of the leadership conference series: Fort Colville, East Spokane, Whitman County Pomona, Buena, Columbia Valley, Moses Lake, Brewster, Chumstick, Laurel, Lopez Island, Manor, Ford's Prairie, McMillin, and Stillaguamish. Your hospitality was wonderful and greatly appreciated. Regretfully, weather forced the cancellation of the Sequim

Prairie Conference. We will plan to get back into your area next year.

One of our strategies for this year is to focus on the benefits of Grange membership. One of these benefits is to increase our fellowship type of activities for Grange members and their

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-- Tom Gwin

families. With that in mind, we have planned our first activity to increase fellowship amongst our members.

Several items are in the works for this:

- April 18 will be a bus tour to the Skagit Valley Tulips Festival. Information was in the last issue on this opportunity.
- June 2 will be our Grange Day with the Seattle Mariners. We have arranged for a group ticket price of \$20 person to watch the Mariners play the Tampa Bay Rays. Information and an order form are found elsewhere in this paper.
- December 8 will be a bus trip to the Leavenworth Christmas Lighting Festival. We



Tom Gwin

are still working out details for this activity. Watch future issues for the details.

The WA State Grange Convention will be here before we know it! The Convention Kick Off Meeting was held in January and included a tour of the Skagit County Fairgrounds. Prior to the tour, we met for a lunch meeting at the Fredonia Grange Hall. State Officers and Directors met with local committee chairs to start the planning for this year's convention. The host committee is moving right along in their preparations. Thank you to Fredonia Grange for hosting this meeting.

Our Grange legislative department has certainly been busy for the past few months. Inside this issue, you will see a bill tracking list of issues our lobbyist is involved with. We held our Grange Legislative Day on February 6 with nearly 30 participants this year. The speakers were engaged with our members and meetings with our legislators were productive. Thank you to those who attend and to the legislators who made time in their busy schedules to meet with us.

The upcoming months will only get busier for our Granges!

•• Legislative ••



Heather Hansen

Budget, Taxes, Rural Internet On The Agenda

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

As I write this, the legislative session is two-thirds complete. The last constitutional day of the regular session is March 8, 2018. The expectation is that the legislature will finish on time this year. The House of Representatives has passed 317 bills so far. Now all of those bills must go to the Senate and vice versa.

At this point in the session, much of the focus is on the budget and proposals for new taxes. Last week, the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council released its quarterly state revenue forecast. Because of a strong economy in much of the state, the revenue forecast has been increased by \$647 million for the 2017-19 budget cycle and over \$1.3 billion over the next four years. This level of growth has not been seen for over a decade. Most legislators acknowledge that most of the economic growth is in the greater Puget Sound region, while much of rural Washington has a more stagnant economy.

In spite of the good news on the revenue front, multiple tax bills are still alive and appear to be moving. Governor Inslee's carbon tax proposal would create a new tax of \$10 per metric ton of carbon emissions beginning in 2019. It would increase \$2 a ton per year in 2021 until the price reached a cap of \$30 a ton. It would increase the gas tax by 30 cents a gallon, increase electricity rates by 17 percent and result in higher prices for fuel, fertilizer, transportation and food processing. Rural residents would pay the most by virtue

of the fact that they must drive farther to reach basic services such as grocery stores and doctors.

Another bill would create a low carbon fuel standard which amounts to a hidden gas tax. Lower carbon fuels reduce fuel efficiency, resulting in increasing farm production costs. If this bill and the carbon tax both pass, Washington residents would face 35 to 45 cents more per gallon at the pump — on top of the 68 cents we already pay in federal and state gas taxes.

Another tax proposal, House bill 2967, would impose a new capital gains income tax. And Senate bill 6609 would revoke the sales tax exemption for pesticides, fertilizer and numerous other items.

It's not all bad news for rural Washington. Two bills focused on bringing high-speed internet to rural areas are still alive and moving. House bill 2664 sponsored by Rep. Mary Dye of Pomeroy would extend wholesale telecommunications authority to all public ports. "This is a great use of public-private partnerships without having to use state tax dollars," said Dye.

Senate bill 5935, sponsored by Senator Tim Sheldon of Potlatch would designate high-speed broadband service for all of Washington as a high-priority state concern. It would follow federal standards in setting a target for high-speed service and would also create a state Office of Broadband Access to coordinate with local governments.

Stay tuned, much could happen yet before this legislative session winds to a close.

NE Washington Wolf-Livestock Grant Board Awards Five Grants For Wolf-Livestock Projects

(WSDA News Release)

The Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Grant Board has completed their evaluation process of the seven applications received for the Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Management Grant.

In 2017, the state Legislature allocated \$300,000 to this grant for the 2017-19 biennium. The funding is intended to create a community-based approach to provide assistance for projects related to nonlethal methods of deterring wolves from livestock in Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, and

Pend Oreille counties. Individuals and nonprofit, community-based organizations are eligible for these grants.

Last year, in consultation with area legislators and NE Washington conservations districts, WSDA Director Derek Sandison appointed four members to the Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Grant Advisory Board. All members are knowledgeable about wolf depredation issues and approaches. The advisory board met in January to review and select the projects to receive funding and advise WSDA on the expenditures of the northeast Washington

wolf-livestock management grant funds. WSDA's role is to ensure projects selected to receive funding are in compliance with state law and regulations.

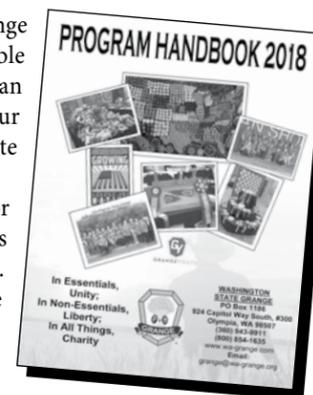
The Board has awarded five grants totaling \$257,001 for projects using nonlethal deterrence and nonlethal wolf-livestock management techniques including fencing, range-riders, fladry, and so forth.



Your 2018 Program Handbook Is Nearby

This year's Washington State Grange Program Handbook is available through department heads and as an online publication. It is right at your fingertips at any time on the State Grange website.

Refer to the Handbook often for details about contests and programs from each Grange department. Valuable information about Grange Foundation and GIA scholarships is also in the handbook.



<http://www.wa-grange.com/programhandbook2017.pdf>

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••• Legislative •••

Your Grange Legislative Department At Work Bill Tracking As Of 2/19/18

Bill Details	Status	Sponsor	Position	
HB 2725 (SB 6368)	Fairs, youth shows, & expos	S Econ Developmen	Blake	Support
	Modifies provisions regarding agricultural fairs, youth shows, and exhibitions on the following: (1) The state fair fund; (2) Categories of agricultural fairs that may be eligible for state allocations; (3) Eligibility requirements for those allocations; (4) Reimbursements for incurred operating expenses; and (5) Terms of the members of the fairs commission.			
SB 6368 (HB 2725)	Fairs, youth shows, & expos	H Ag & Nat Res	Warnick	Support
	Modifies provisions regarding agricultural fairs, youth shows, and exhibitions on the following: (1) The state fair fund; (2) Categories of agricultural fairs that may be eligible for state allocations; (3) Eligibility requirements for those allocations; (4) Reimbursements for incurred operating expenses; and (5) Terms of the members of the fairs commission.			
E2SSB 6386 (HB 2765)	Ag. fair funding/sales taxes	H Approps	Warnick	Support
	Requires the money received as the result of the imposition of the state retail sales tax on sales occurring during events held at county fairgrounds or grounds for fairs operated by a nonprofit where agricultural fairs occur, to be deposited into the fair fund. Requires the department of revenue to notify the state treasurer when the money collected and deposited for a fiscal year is 2.5 million dollars. Requires any money collected in excess of 2.5 million dollars for the fiscal year to be deposited in the general fund.			
E2SSB 6529	Pesticide application safety	H HC/Wellness	Salda?a	Oppose
	Creates the pesticide application safety work group to develop recommendations for improving the safety of pesticide applications. Expires December 31, 2018.			
SB 6609	Revenue	S Ways & Means	Ranker	Oppose
	Modifies certain revenue provisions to: (1) Repeal the sales and use tax exemption for candy; (2) Limit the limit trade-in exclusion; (3) Narrow the nonresident sales and use tax exemption; (4) Narrow the sales tax exemption for certain fertilizers, sprays, and washes; (5) Reduce the estate tax threshold; (6) Impose a graduated real estate excise tax; (7) Impose a carbonated beverage tax; (8) Impose a luxury tax on expensive passenger motor vehicles; and (9) Reduce the state property tax.			
E2SHB 2177	Rural county jobs program	S Higher Ed & Wor	Chapman	Support
	Creates the rural county high employer demand jobs program to: (1) Meet the workforce needs of business and industry in rural counties by assisting students in earning certificates, associate degrees, or other industry-recognized credentials necessary for employment in high employer demand fields; and (2) Provide selected students scholarship funds, as determined by the opportunity scholarship board, to help them meet their eligible expenses for up to one year, when they enroll in a community or technical college program that prepares them for a high employer demand field. Requires the opportunity scholarship board to create the rural jobs program account, from which scholarship funds will be disbursed beginning no later than the fall term of the 2020 academic year, if by that date, state matching funds have been received. Creates the rural jobs program match transfer account.			
SHB 2402	Energy independence act	H 2nd Reading	Tarleton	Concerns
	Concerning the energy independence act.			
E2SHB 2595 (E3SSB 6353)	Automatic voter registration	S State Govt/Tri	Hudgins	Oppose
	Establishes the automatic voter registration act of 2018. Requires the department of licensing to implement an automatic voter registration system so a person who is eligible to vote and is applying for or renewing an enhanced driver's license or identicaid may register to vote or update voter registration at the time of registration or renewal, by an automated process. Prohibits, unless required by law, the department of licensing from: (1) Sharing information used to verify identity with a federal agency or contractual obligation existing as of July 1, 2019; and (2) Collecting records or documentation used to certify eligibility to vote once the certification process has been completed and recorded. Requires the state health benefit exchange to: (1) Provide directly to the secretary of state's office information required to register to vote or transfer a registration for certain consenting persons; and (2) Study the feasibility of implementing automatic voter registration. Requires the office of the secretary of state to conduct a study and prepare recommendations for creating: (1) An automatic voter registration process for residents who recently completed the naturalization process; and (2) For an automatic pending voter registration process at birth. Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Information maintained in the pending voter registration database. Provides that sections 201 and 202 of this act are null and void if appropriations are not approved.			
SHB 2664 (SB 6426)	Telecomm. authority/ports	S Energy, Environ	Dye	Support
	Extending existing telecommunications authority to all ports in Washington state in order to facilitate public-private partnerships in wholesale telecommunications services and infrastructure.			
2SHB 2671	Ag industry behavioral hlth	S Health & Long T	Wilcox	Support
	Improving the behavioral health of people in the agricultural industry.			
HB 2967	Capital gains tax/prop. tax	H Finance	Lytton	Oppose
	Declares an intent to ask the state's citizens to reduce the state property tax levy and replace it with the capital gains excise tax.			
ESSB 5397 (SHB 1537)	Petition disclosure	H State Govt, Ele	Warnick	Support
	Regulates signature gatherers and those who employ signature gatherers.			

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••• Legislative •••

Your Grange Legislative Department At Work Bill Tracking As Of 2/19/18

Bill Details	Status	Sponsor	Position
ESSB 6002 Voting rights act Establishes the Washington voting rights act of 2018 to promote equal voting opportunity in certain political subdivisions and establish a cause of action to redress lack of voter opportunity.	H State Govt, El	Saldaña	Concerns
SB 6180 Planting and harvest dates States that the planting and harvesting seasons are January 1st through December 31st of each year, with regard to the exemption for agricultural transporters.	H Trans	Hobbs	Support
E3SSB 6353 (E2SHB 2595) Automatic voter registration Establishes the automatic voter registration act of 2018 to increase the opportunity to register to vote for qualified persons. Requires the state health benefit exchange to: (1) Provide certain information to the secretary of state's office for healthplanfinder applicants, including applicants who file changes of address, who reside in the state, are eighteen years old or older, are verified citizens, and do not decline the option to register to vote; and (2) Consult with the secretary of state's office to establish automatic voter registration criteria and procedures. Requires a task force to facilitate the implementation of this streamlining technology integration. Requires the office of the secretary of state to conduct a study and prepare recommendations for: (1) Creating an automatic voter registration process for residents who recently completed the naturalization process; and (2) An automatic voter registration process at birth. Prohibits, unless required by law, the department of licensing, the state health benefit exchange, and each qualified voter registration agency from: (1) Sharing information used to verify identity with any federal agency; or (2) Retaining any records or documentation used to certify eligibility to vote once the certification process has been completed and recorded. Exempts the following from public inspection under the public records act: Personal information in files maintained for patients or clients of agencies providing public assistance or services to persons with disabilities.	H State Govt, El	Hunt	Oppose
SB 6426 (SHB 2664) Telecomm. authority/ports Extends, to all ports in the state, the existing telecommunications authority in order to facilitate public-private partnerships in wholesale telecommunications services and infrastructure.	S Energy, Enviro	Wellman	Support
SB 6278 Seed certification fee use Revises the Washington state seed act to authorize the fees, that are collected for the certification of seed, to be used for services involving breeder seed, foundation seed, registered seed, and certified seed.	H Ag & Nat Res	Warnick	Support
SSB 6318 Intrastate food safety Clarifying existing law by creating a new intrastate food safety and security chapter from existing intrastate food safety laws and moving certain provisions in the intrastate commerce food, drugs, and cosmetics act to the titles of the agencies that administer the provisions.	H Ag & Nat Res	Takko	Support

OTHER BILLS

Bill Details	Status	Sponsor	Position
SHB 2940 Business and occupation tax Making the business and occupation tax more progressive.	H Approps	Lytton	
E2SSB 5935 Broadband & telecomm service Creates the governor's office on broadband access within the department of commerce, and with the mission of improving economic vitality, health care access, and education through greater access to broadband services. Requires the office to: (1) In collaboration with the utilities and transportation commission, the office of the chief information officer, and the community economic revitalization board, serve as the coordinating body for public and private efforts to ensure statewide broadband access and deployment; (2) Be responsible for all matters regarding the adoption of statewide broadband access and deployment; (3) Establish a competitive grant program to assist qualified local governments and tribes to build infrastructure for open access, high speed broadband services; (4) Study taxes imposed on the capital costs associated with providing retail broadband service, including sales and use taxes; (5) Develop a small cell facility deployment permitting model ordinance for cities and towns; and (6) Consult with cities, counties, and service providers when developing the model ordinance. Authorizes the office to convene an advisory group to: (1) Make recommendations on developing a statewide rural broadband strategy to ensure broadband access statewide by January 1, 2026; and (2) Conduct a gap analysis on the deployment of broadband services in underserved and unserved areas of the state. Creates the broadband access account and requires expenditures from the account to only be used for the expansion of broadband access.	H Tech & Econ De	Sheldon	Support
SB 6319 (HB 2681) Federal produce safety rule Establishes the produce safety rule implementation act to assist state produce farmers in implementation of the produce safety rule adopted by the United States food and drug administration pursuant to the federal food, drug, and cosmetic act. Authorizes the department of agriculture to: (1) Take actions necessary to cooperate in implementation of the produce safety rule, including entering into cooperative agreements with the United States food and drug administration, conducting compliance verification activities, enforcing regulatory compliance, and accepting federal funding to carry out the activities; (2) Cooperate with the United States food and drug administration in implementation of the produce safety rule only to the extent that the department receives federal funding for the activities; and (3) Establish a voluntary program for farms exempt or partially exempt from the produce safety rule to verify that the farms comply with the rule. Exempts the following from disclosure under the public records act: Information obtained from the federal government or others under contract with the federal government or records obtained by the department of agriculture. Creates a produce safety account in the agricultural local fund.	H Ag & Nat Res	Honeyford	



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Grange Connection

BENTON COUNTY

Kennewick Valley Grange has scheduled their Spring Bazaar and Flea Market for April 20-21 at the Grange hall, located at 27th & Washington in Kennewick. Vendor space is available. Potential vendors should email KVGrange@gmail.com

CLARK COUNTY

Barberton Grange held their monthly "All You Can Eat" Breakfast on February 17. While in the area for leadership conference, the State Grange Leadership Team attended the breakfast. The next breakfast will be on March 17.

Fargher Lake Grange will hold a bingo event on March 10, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be prizes for each game, with special prizes each half hour. The Grange is renting table for their annual plant and tree sale, to be held on April 21-22.

Fishers Pioneer Grange has completed the sale of the Fishers Grange Hall with the approval of the State Grange Executive Committee. Plans are progressing the remodeling and addition to the former Pioneer Grange Hall.

COWLITZ COUNTY

Rose Valley Grange delivered 37 Hygiene Bags to Kelso High School in Kelso, Washington in January. Inside these bags were a variety of hygiene items. The Grange also delivered 10 hugs in a mug to St. Vincent DePaul in Longview. Plans are under way for a Mother's Day Bazaar on May 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We still have room for a few more vendors.

Silver Lake Grange will host a presentation by Charity Rusch Marshall, who will share her experience, tips and techniques for growing Giant Pumpkins. In 2017, Charity grew a massive 1100 pound Atlantic Giant Pumpkin which was shown throughout the Pacific Northwest. The presentation will be on April 7 beginning at 2 p.m. The Grange hosted a Sweetheart's Dance on February 10 and a Craft Night event on February 17.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Elma Grange hosted a local girl scout troop, who camped at the Grange Hall in February. The Grange will be hosting a clothing and dress exchange on Sat, April 14, beginning at 10 a.m.

Humptulips Grange members are waiting for winter to end so we can finish our grassy yard expansion. The brush was cleared last fall. When the rain stops falling and the soil dries out, we will finish picking the sticks, rake the soil, and plant grass seed. It is nice to not have the brush so close to the building. We held our monthly bingo on February 3 and a special bingo on February 24 to benefit the Junior Grange. We are on the schedule for March 3 and a special bingo on March 24 to benefit the Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange. The Grange Food Bank served 60 families in February with excellent variety foods from TEFAP, Northwest Harvest, Coastal Harvest, and the Grange. Our annual auction is coming up on April 7. Over 200 items have been collected for the silent and live auctions.

Sharon Grange will hold their Annual Oyster Dinner on April 24.

The event is \$20 per person and will be held 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The menu will include oyster stew, fried oysters or ham, mashed potatoes, string beans, coleslaw, roll, and pie. For more information, contact Mark George at 360-273-6517.

LEWIS COUNTY

Adna Grange has scheduled a Potato Bake for Saturday, March 24, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Logan Hill Grange will be manning the Toutle Rest Stop on northbound I-5 on March 19-23.

Mossyrock Grange is sponsoring a blood drive on March 5 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. The event will be held at the Grange hall. Donors can in advance for a time or just show up to give blood.

Oakview Grange will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner to support John Foster and his family in his fight against cancer. The dinner will be on March 3 and will include an auction of locally donated items as well. The Grange will have their Spring Garage Sale on March 23-24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Lunch will be available, and the coffee is always on.

OKANOGAN COUNTY

Twisp Valley Grange will host a Hot Sauce Making Class on March 10 at 9 a.m. Texas Creek Salsa Queen Ann will give a comprehensive class on how to make your own salsa. This is a must go class for the serious chili head.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange will hold a Flea Market on March 2-3. The monthly consignment auction is scheduled for March 10. A jam session will be held on March 4 and 18. The rummage sale and indoor garage sale will be on March 24.

North Willapa Harbor Grange has been working on erosion control along State Hwy 109 in the Washaway Beach area. Grange members have raised over \$8,000 to contribute to the effort to save their highway from washing into the Pacific Ocean.

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange is having a Craft Sale/Flea Market on Saturday, March 17. If you are interested in being a vendor or attending, please see our event facebook page for more information. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

SAN JUAN COUNTY

Lopez Island Grange will host the Indoor Winter Market on March 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The market will feature a variety of local value-added products. The Grange will be pleased to present a film screening of Mark Kitchell's new documentary film: "Evolution of Organic." The evening will include an Opening Speakers Panel: "Origins of Organic Farming on Lopez Island" with Brent Charnley, Christine Langley, Susan Bill, Alberta Plate, and Becky Johnson. Hear tales from the fields, of the early days of organic farming on Lopez island. Panel will run about an hour, followed by the film.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Garden City Grange will be having our Open House, Bazaar, Flea Market, Rummage Sale, Plant Sale on Saturday, March 17. Event. Hours are 9AM to 6PM @ Garden

City Grange Hall, 800 Second Street, Snohomish, WA. If you have something you'd like to sell, please call the Grange at 360-568-1653 to reserve a space or if you have any questions about this event. Please include your name and phone number in your message

Stillaguamish Grange will hold their Spring Fling on Saturday, April 21. This is a super fun event with over 40 vendors, live music, food truck, fashion show presented by Ladders and Lace, and silent auction. All proceeds go to the Grange to help refurbish the Hall.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Fredonia Grange will hold a Pancake Breakfast and Sale on March 10. The event begins at 8 a.m. and goes to 1 p.m.

Reville Grange will hold their Annual Art Show on April 6-15. This event is in conjunction with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.

Samish Valley Grange is planning a couple of events for this Spring and Summer to try to engage the local community. On March 18, we will be having a Ham Dinner, which will be open to the public. A full dinner including ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, beverages and dessert will be served from 1-4 pm. Bring your friends and family! We are also planning for our 2nd annual round of Swap Meets on the third Saturday in June, July and August. Applications are now being accepted from vendors. Spaces will be available for \$15 per month, \$10 per month if all 3 months are prepaid by May 15. Our members are excited to see how these swap meets expand and grow. Also hoping to possibly even entice a few new members! Planning for the Washington State Grange Convention has also begun, and it will be held in Mount Vernon this year. Stay tuned for more info on that. We send our thoughts and best wishes to anyone who has been affected by the recent flooding.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange will hold "all you can eat" Pancake Breakfasts on March 25, April 29, May 27 and June 24. The June event will be our Strawberries and Pancakes breakfast. Horticulture yearly meetings for growers will be on Wednesdays mornings at the Grange hall from March 21 until May 16. Information is being disbursed to the community regarding upcoming Grange contests and scholarships. Our February 6 community event was a Quilt Block Party, which was a success with 4 individuals finishing their quilt block and others finishing at home. Our next community event will be Tuesday, March 6 featuring a presentation by Greater Spokane Emergency Management on Disaster Preparedness. This is a partnership with the Green Bluff Neighborhood Watch Group & Green Bluff Grange. We plan to have our Grange Open House on April 3.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange Master Sandie Bowers attended an award ceremony to receive a donation for the Grange - \$1,000 from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. The Grange's name had been submitted by Granger Mike Kessler and was one of a few chosen from many submissions.

Calispel Grange Receives Quilted Wall Hanging



For many Augusts, the Kalispel Tribe of Indians have donated to the Bingo Booth run by Calispel Grange #500. This year a quilted wall hanging was presented, in thanks to Paul Mackey, who shared material from the Kalispels for the 2017 Fair Booth.

Five Mile Prairie Grange Celebrates Chinese New Year

Five Mile Prairie Grange recently held our Chinese New Year celebration. The hall was decorated. The hall was full. Our grace before dinner was said in Mandarin. Top Left Photo: The potluck dinner had a Chinese theme - this photo is of fish. Bottom Left Photo: The stage was decorated as a photo booth with items to wear/hold. John and Peggy had a great time. Top Right Photo: Becca Jones, one of our members, provided cultural information about Chinese New Year traditions and taught the group a song Bottom Right Photo: There were several activities available to try and all were very popular with all ages - coloring, dragon making and a timed challenge to see how many items with different point values you could pick up with chop sticks and place in your bowl.



Green Bluff Grange Honors Member With Special Cup



Green Bluff Grange's Sister Lou organizes, coordinates and manages the monthly breakfast events we all enjoy. Lecturer Terri Saak designed and made this cup as a token of the appreciation for her tireless and ongoing efforts. Regularly scheduled monthly breakfasts are the last Sunday of each month, serving from 8-11 am.

••• Grange Connection •••

Thank you to Mike and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and their support of non-profit groups in the area. Starting the first Saturday in February, various groups will be hosting BINGO in the Grange Hall - the dates and times will be written on the white board in front of the Grange, notices posted on Facebook and area bulletin boards. Families have a good time. There are nice prizes, including one for Blackout BINGO, great food, and it is a chance to visit with those attending the games.

Fort Colville Grange has been revitalized with new officers elected. The Grange is regularly meeting on the 2nd Friday of each month. The Grange is holding bingo on the first

and third Saturday of each month, with dinner available at 5 p.m. and bingo starting at 5:30 p.m. A new Grange sign has been placed along Hwy 20 in front of the hall advertising the Grange and bingo events.

THURSTON COUNTY

McLane Grange will hold the Delphi Craft & Swap Meet on the second Saturday of each Month, beginning on April 14. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Drinks and lunch are available for purchase. Rental spaces are \$15 and includes table and chair. Contact Eladice at 360-866-7254 to reserve your space.

Skookumchuck Grange will

host a Disaster Preparedness Class at their Grange Hall on Monday, March 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The class is free and all are invited to attend.

South Bay Grange holds dances on the first, second, and fourth Saturdays of the month. Orientation is at 7 p.m., followed by dancing 7:30-10:30 pm.

South Union Grange holds their monthly dance to live country music on the first Saturday of each month, 7-10 p.m.

WHITMAN COUNTY

Palouse Grange will have their March Madness Rummage Sale on Saturday, March 10. The sale begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.

Rose Valley Grange Presents Service Award



Rose Valley presented a service award to Dale McGee & Sons Well Drilling for their service above and beyond during the Grange's Families In Need Christmas Charity in 2018. Glenn Wilkerson co-owner of Dale McGees Well Drilling received the Helping Hand Award presented by Grange Master, Cathleen Miller. Pictured: Jennifer Pflieger, Cathleen Miller, Glen Wilkerson, Aaron Betorac.

••• Pomona Connection •••

Clark County Pomona

Clark County Pomona will meet on March 14 at the Mountain Valley Grange Hall at 7 p.m. Mountain Valley Grange is in charge of the program. The community service collection project is nonperishable goods for the Battle Ground Food Bank.

Cowlitz County Pomona

Cowlitz County Pomona has cancelled their March meeting. It is time to start thinking of the upcoming contests. The Lecturer and Family Living Contest will be held April 20 at the Catlin Grange Hall. Entries will be taken in from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be a potluck lunch. If you have questions for Family Living contests, contact Carol Brent at 360-423-5373. Questions for Lecturer contests should be directed to Gene Frymire at 360-274-8680.

Grays Harbor / Pacific Pomona

Grays Harbor /Pacific Pomona Grange held a successful bake sale, in conjunction with a quilt show at the Elma Fairgrounds. The next Pomona meeting is March 10 at the Olympic View Grange Hall. Baking and candy contest entries are due by 9 a.m., with the business meeting beginning at 10 a.m. The Pomona Grange will be having a basket bingo on March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Humptulips Grange Hall. The Pomona is also offering partial campships to attend the Morehead Junior Grange Camp this summer. Application letters for the campships are due by May 1.

Lewis County Pomona

Lewis County Pomona will meet on March 3 at the Mossyrock Grange Hall. The community service collection will be food and/or blankets for the animal shelter. The CFL and Lecturer Contests will be held on April 7 at the St. Urban Grange Hall with entries due from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Okanogan County Pomona

Okanogan County Pomona will meet on April 14 at Twisp Valley. The baking, sewing, and craft contests will be held.

Skagit County Pomona

Skagit County Pomona will hold their Lecturer/CFL contests on April 4. Entries are due to the Fredonia Grange Hall between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. The Pomona Grange will then meet on the same day at 7 p.m.

Snohomish County Pomona

Snohomish County Pomona will meet on March 24 at the South Lake Stevens Grange Hall. Baking, candy, and canning contest entries are due 7:30-9:30 a.m. The Pomona Grange meeting begins at 10 a.m. Degree practice will be on April 14 at the Horseshoe Grange Hall, with the exemption of the first through the fifth degrees scheduled for April 28, beginning at 10 a.m.

Thurston County Pomona

Thurston County Pomona met on February 1 at Brighton Park Grange for their regular meeting. Lecturer Patty Mathews lead a candle lighting ceremony to start

the new Grange year. Historical committee chair Sharon Mathews announced that the next Thurston County Through the Decades event will be held at Thurston County Fairgrounds on May 19 and the years 1950-1975 will be spotlighted. She needs volunteers to help put together Pomona's display for the event. The Grange voted to support the Keep Washington Warm project. CFL Ginny Nelson said that she would like to increase the number of kids who enter the baking and candy contests, which will be held on March 1. Lecturer and the other Family Living contests will be held at Brighton Park Grange on April 14.

Whitman County Pomona

Whitman County Pomona met at Eddy's Restraint in Colfax on January 20, Two resolutions were discussed and committees formed on 1) that congress and the senate do not get paid when there is a government shutdown; 2) oppose the \$25 fee for all 4-H members. On January 28, State Master Gwin and officers from State Grange met with us and discussed the legislative programs and other items of interest. Our next meetings will be Feb.17 at Kenova Grange in Pine City and March 17 North-South Palouse Grange. Both meetings start at 10 am with a noon potluck.

Yakima, Riverside, and Sunnyside Pomonas

Yakima, Riverside, and Sunnyside Pomonas will hold their Tri-Pomona Friendship Meeting on Saturday, March 10. The meeting begins at 2 p.m. at the Buena Grange Hall.

••• Pomona Calendar •••

All Pomona Granges are requested to send their list of 2018 meeting dates, times, and locations to grange@wa-grange.org for inclusion into this calendar.

Clallam	April 18 at Crescent, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting
Clark	March 14 at Mountain Valley, 7 p.m. Collection of nonperishable goods for the Battle Ground Food Bank.
Cowlitz	March Pomona meeting cancelled; April 21 at Catlin, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. All contest entries due on April 20. Baking auction at the Pomona meeting.
Excelsior	March 17 at Clayton, 9:30 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck. Baking, photo, and art contest entries due.
Ferry	April 10 at San Poil, 6 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. meeting.
Grays Harbor/Pacific	March 10 at Olympic View, 10 a.m., potluck at 12 noon. Baking and candy contest entries due at 9 a.m.
King	March 10 at Cedar, 10 a.m., potluck at 12 noon
Kitsap	February 15 at Silverdale, 7:30 p.m.
Klickitat	March 3 at Mountain View, 12 p.m.
Lewis	March 3 at Mossyrock, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. business meeting. Collect food or blankets for the animal shelter. April 7 at St. Urban.
Mason	March 17 at Matlock, 11 a.m., 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and Family Living entries due by 10 a.m.
Okanogan	April 14 at Twisp Valley, 10 a.m. Baking, crafts, and sewing entries due.
Pend Oreille	April 14 at Fertile Valley, 10 a.m. Baking Contest entries due by 9:30 a.m. Baking auction during the meeting.
Pierce	April 7 at Waller Road, 10 a.m. Sewing and Needlework entries due on April 6 at 9 a.m.
Riverside	April 21 at Lower Naches, 1:30 p.m.
Skagit	March 7 at Skagit Valley, 7 p.m. Baking, candy, and canning contest entries due 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Snake River	March 17 at Kennewick Valley, 10 a.m.
Snohomish	March 24 at South Lake Stevens, 10 a.m. Baking, candy, and contest entries due 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Spokane	May 19 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m. All contest entries due on Friday, May 18.
Stevens	March 24 at Quilliscut, 11 a.m.
Sunnyside	March 13 at Buena, 6:30 p.m.
Thurston	March 1 at Violet Prairie, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Baking and candy entries due 5-6 p.m. April 5 at Skookumchuck.
Whatcom	April 17 at Rome, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Art, craft, and canning contest entries due.
Whitman	March 17 at North and South Palouse, Baking contest entries due.
Yakima	March 16 at Broadway, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting

••• Junior Grange Connection •••

Camp Morehead Junior Grange

Camp Morehead Junior Grange has a date change for this year. Camp will now be held July 15-21. Camp registrations are due by July 1. Camp counselor applications have been mailed and are due back by April 1.

Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grange held a Gift Card Bingo event on

February 24. In addition to bingo, we had two raffles. Members are preparing for the Pomona Baking and Candy Contest on March 10. Junior Grangers will be assisting with the Grange Auction on April 7. We have scheduled our spring retreat for April 27-29 at Camp Morehead.

San Poil Junior Grange

San Poil Junior Grange met on Feb. 26 for their annual Sledding

Party. We enjoyed chili and brownies as we reviewed the 2018 JG Program Guide. Some have earned their Pen Pal Program merit badge. We learned about Presidents Day and worked on the "Presidents" Merit Badge. We decorated a donation box for gently used or new children's books and placed it at the Republic Market. This is a part of the "Book Giving" Merit Badge. Their next meeting is on March 26.

• Welcome New Members •

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS

December 2017 - January 2018

	# Joined	Jr. +1
Adna #417	1	
Chester Kelley		
Broadway #647	3	
Lisa Hendricks, Jill Hendricks, Kelly Enquist		
Burbank #630	6	5
Shane Combs, David Ensunsa, Dana Ensunsa, Kevin Haworth, Lindsay Middleton, Chris Leaky		
Calispel #500	1	
Jorja Clement		
Camas Valley #842	3	
Michael Mahony, Wroe Lee, Harmen Mary		
Cedar #534	2	
Heidi Beck, William Beck		
East Wenatchee #1012	5	
Mary Spaun, Joe Thomas, Barbara Jones, Steven Briggs, Denise Briggs		
Fargher Lake #853	2	
Steve Allen, Sam Arola		
Fertile Valley #1094	1	
Anna M Burns		
Fruitland #999	2	
Debra Basquez, Jan Mucha		
Fruitvale #348	1	
Tami Menard		
Garden City #280	1	
Susan Mitchell		
Goldendale #49	4	
Matthew Lefever, Renee Kreinbring, Conor Holbrook, Madison Holbrook		
Granville #857	3	
Becky Baker, Rosalie Gangiver, Adam Gangwer		
Hope #155	1	
Traci Morgan		
Kellogg Marsh #136	1	
Kelsey Wedemeyer		
Lopez Island #1060	5	
Margot Case, Scott Case, Matt Hummel, Diana O'Daugherty, Noreene M. Ignelzi		
Lower Naches #296	1	
Nancy Fewel		
Matlock #357	1	
Susan Stanley		
Mcintosh #1001	0	1
Mclane #383	1	
Carol Spaulding		
Molson #1069	2	
Joanie Raymond, David Raymond		
Mt. Valley #79	1	
Valerie Weisenborn		
Mt. View #98	7	
Carola Stepper, Chris Hatch, John Griffith, Hannah Griffith, William Hoffer, Jan Miller, Christy Noltman		
North Creek Valley #769	2	
Christine Reid, Nola Fillbrook		
Oakview #311	1	
Robie Carter		
Orcas Island #964	1	
Tom Welch		
Quimper #720	1	
Steve Wilson		
Ralston #943	2	
Lynda Hamilton, Big Bend Electric		
Riverside Valley #1047	0	1
Salmon Creek #843	3	
Christinia Gjerard, Christinia Greenwell, Justine Mings		
San Juan Island #966	8	
Jill Patten, Kassi Honcoop, Mark Torrance, Paul LeBaron, Nina LeBaron, Dancing Seeds Farm, Chanda Stone, Eric Stone		
Selah Heights #608	2	
Ron Drew, David Justis		
Swauk-Teaway #984	2	
Nancy Wagley, Linda Geren		
Terrace Heights #586	1	
Cherokee Frazier		
Twanoh #1118	1	
Cynthia A Preston		
Tyler #610	3	
Howard Hart, Pamela Hart, Paul Estrada		
Washington #82	1	
William Castleberry		
Whelan-Ewartsville #114	1	
Kevin Mader		
William Valley #452	1	
Haley Ogle		
Totals	85	7

••• Eye on Membership •••



John Hamilton

Are Your Grange Membership Options All That They Could Be?

John Hamilton
Membership Director

Are your Grange membership options all that they could be? Have you considered offering a Family Membership level to encourage a more versatile age opportunity to support participation in the many fine programs within our Grange? We offer Junior +1, Junior, Teen, Youth, Affiliate, and Associate membership opportunities. Offering all ages the opportunity to participate will promote longevity and growth for generations to come.

What's next? You may be wondering why I ask this question. With the many new members, you will be welcoming into your Grange it is one of the many questions that not only the new members will be asking of us but a question we should be asking ourselves. With new members we welcome new ideas, challenges and endless possibilities. How do you propose to follow up on the journey of the new members within your Grange?

Recently I had the opportunity to address a group of brand new members. All were filled with enthusiasm and wonderful ideas as to how they hoped to portray their

Grange in their community. This group consisted of young families, young couples with families on the way, students, professionals and retirees all under the same roof. All joined together for a common cause. The consensus was to make the world a better place and to uphold the principles of our order. Each one in attendance had the desire to make a positive difference. Each new member was there in hopes of learning about our order and each had questions and concerns. What an opportunity to inspire! Yet, they were the ones who inspired myself and others who were there to share our programs. They were a definite energy within the room. So, I ask you, what's next? How will your current Grange members follow through on the new members within your Grange? Have you considered a mentorship match up for keeping members informed about upcoming activities and Grange services within your Grange? This is not to exclude long time members. They too need to be brought into the loop and included in the planning and production of your activities. Not all members carry a smart phone but every member carries a desire to make a difference and the hope for a brighter future.

Don't be afraid to ask your members who have the technology experience to make your lives easier to use their abilities to do just that. On the same note, be conscious of those who may have the current technology yet wish to remain attainable through a more manual method such as a telephone call or a hard copy mailing. This may be the opportunity to update your member mailing and telephone list. Be sure to report any changes within your membership to the state headquarters on your Secretary Quarterly Reports.

We Grangers love the rich history of our order. We all cherish our historical items placed within our halls. It is such an honor to visit the beautiful items which have been carefully put together in glass display cases and wall boxes proudly hanging for all to see. If it has been a while since you have cleaned your displays and possibly updated information perhaps the month of March would be a fine time to take inventory of such. This may be a great time to spruce up your hall for your upcoming Grange Month celebration. This is a fine way to honor those who have served before us and to share your accomplishments.

Grange Travel Adventures Invites You To Join Us For An Evening At The Ballpark



Join us at the ballpark for another exciting excursion with your fellow Grangers, friends and family.

Grange Travel Adventures have planned again this year to have a day at Safeco field for Grangers across the state. We have reserved 95 seats

in section 329, which is behind home plate, for the Saturday, June 2nd game against the Tampa Bay Rays at 7:10 pm. With a Saturday night event, we hope that more Grangers can attend this year to not interfere with work schedules and busy week night

activities. Reduced group ticket rates are just \$20 each.

Reserve your tickets today!

**Mail your check with registration to Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia, WA 98512*

2018

The Washington State Grange

AT SAFECO FIELD

GAME DATE:

RAYS VS. MARINERS
SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018 •
7:10PM

View Seats for \$20.00 Rate

- Bring out your family and friends and join the Grange at Safeco Field to watch some exciting Major League Baseball action.
- We have a large block of seats reserved for the game, so order your seats now and join us for some fun at the ballpark.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT:

View Seats for \$20

If you would like to sit with another family, please place one order for the entire group. Orders are filled on a first come first serve basis and are based on availability.
Order Now!

SCOREBOARD GREETING:

Watch for our name on the video board in the 4th inning for our special welcome to Safeco Field.

The Seattle Mariners are extending a discount ticket offer! Enjoy a special outing with your friends and family members!

To order tickets, fill out the form below and return it to the office or Mail to: PO Box 1186, Olympia, WA 98507-1186
Deadline to order is May 10th, 2018 | Questions? Contact Sophia Keller at 360-943-9911 or skeller@wa-grange.org

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NAME _____	#of View Reserved Seats _____ @ \$20.00 = _____
ADDRESS _____	
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____	
DAY PHONE _____	
EMAIL _____	

If you would like to sit with another family, please place one order for the entire group.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: **The Washington State Grange**

••• Spotlight on Youth & Juniors •••

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE YOUTH WEEKEND APRIL 20-22, 2018

The 2018 Youth Weekend will be held at Lewis & Clark State Park, near Toledo in Lewis County. Youth Weekend is open to all youth, ages 14-35. There is a \$10 fee for each participant. **Everyone must have a registration and medical release form (available on the State Grange website) that is current for 2018.** Please send all completed forms to Jerry Gwin; forms must be postmarked by April 10.

We maintain a zero tolerance policy on alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and weapons. Once a youth member arrives at the conference, they will stay with the group until they leave to go home, unless absence has been pre-approved by both the youth director and a parent. This includes the use of cars. Those participants over 18 years of age may drive themselves and siblings. Violators will be sent home. All food for the weekend will be provided. Please bring a sleeping bag and anything else you will need for the weekend – we will be sleeping at the retreat center. Bring your own toiletries.

Name _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 Email _____
 Sponsoring Grange _____ County _____
 Date Joined _____

I have read and agree to the above rules.

Parent Signature _____
 Youth Signature _____

Send registration forms to:
 Jerry Gwin, Youth Director, P. O. Box 14, Humptulips, WA 98552

Grange Travel Adventures To Visit Skagit Tulip Festival



Wednesday, April 18, 2018

The bus will originate in Olympia at 8:00 am at the State Grange Headquarters. Driving north on Interstate 5, the bus will make stops in the Tacoma and King County areas as well. The specific pick-up locations will be determined by the location of the members who register for the day's events. Confirmations with pick up locations will be mailed out prior to the event.

The bus will arrive in Skagit County in the late morning for a visit to Tulip Town. Tulip Town features an indoor garden and flower show, numerous outdoor gardens, an elegant gift shop, landscape murals, a trolley ride through the fields, and vendors who have something for everyone. After the visit to Tulip Town, the bus will proceed to Hillcrest Park Lodge for the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Wild Salmon Barbeque. The BBQ lunch features grilled salmon, baked potato, coleslaw, garlic bread, beverages, and dessert.

ADVENTURE TOUR TO SKAGIT VALLEY TULIP FESTIVAL
Registration Due by April 1, 2018

Name _____
 Mailing Address _____
 Email Address _____
 Telephone (_____) _____
 Grange Name _____

Please send registration with \$65 fee no later than April 1.
 Checks should be made payable to the Washington State Grange.
 Send to: Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507.

••• Youth •••



Jerry Gwin

Grange History, Ritual And Programs Included In Youth Trivia Challenge

**By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director**

The Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge is required for participation in many of our National Grange Youth Programs. The trivia challenge includes questions such as:

- The influence of the National Grange was significant in the passage of what Act in 1917 that provided further for vocational and agricultural education?
- The use of which Grange emblem teaches us perseverance in overcoming obstacles?
- Who may install the officers of a Subordinate Grange?
- Complete the sentence, "Before literature existed, before governments were known,"

These questions are included in the 2018 trivia challenge, which is a part of the National Grange Youth Achievement Awards Program. Details on the awards can be found in the WA State Grange Youth Program Guide, available on the youth page of the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.org. Also available is an application form for the awards program. Each youth chairman should simply print out the application form and circle the awards the individual member

qualifies for. The levels on each award can be earned in any order.

Examples of what qualifies for youth achievement awards are as follows:

- William Saunders Agricultural Achievement Award: visit with a farmer and then write an essay about what you learned about running a farm, prepare an exhibit for a county or community fair, working on a Grange display at your local or state fair, develop an agricultural enterprise, organize a mutual event with your local FFA or 4-H chapter.
- John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award: plan a legislative night for your local Grange, research an important community issue and write a resolution for consideration by the State Grange; serve as a delegate to the State Grange Session, participate in a Legislative Day at your state house.
- Drill Achievement Award: participate in a drill presentation at the subordinate or Pomona Grange, participate in a drill at state convention of Grange camp, participate in a drill at the Regional Youth Conference, create an original drill for the Grange at any level, prepare a workshop on drills.
- John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award: research on the degrees and write an essay about how you can apply the lessons to your daily life, memorize the opening ceremony of a Grange meeting,

organize a workshop on ritual, serve as a member of the State Youth Officer Team or National Youth Officer Team.

- Oliver H Kelly Public Speaking Achievement Award: present a speech at your subordinate or Pomona Grange; participate in the Grange Public Speaking Contest, prepare a workshop on public speaking for your Grange.
 - Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge: complete the trivia challenge and score at least 75%.
 - Aaron Grosh Mentoring Award: assist with Junior Grange meetings and activities, serve as a JG leader, lead a JG service project, be a JG camp counselor, assist with state and/or national session JG activities.
 - Caroline Hall Achievement Award: share a specific talent with your Grange, participate in a community service project, enter a talent contest, organize a Grange service project, organize a fund-raising event for a charity.
 - William Ireland Deaf Awareness Achievement Award: learn the manual alphabet, develop a deaf awareness display, participate in the sign-a-song contest.
- Applications for all youth achievement awards can be sent to the State Youth Director at any time, but no later than August 15 for this year's awards. We hope to have many award recipients in 2018!

••• Juniors •••



Marvin & Jennifer Oliver

Spring Is Coming ... And So Are Pollinator Awareness Awards

**By Marvin & Jennifer Oliver
Junior Grange Directors**

What a wonderful time of the year. The days are getting longer and warmer. It's the season of rebirth. The birds are singing louder and it's the start of the beekeeping season.

March is a critical time for bees. The queen will starting to lay more eggs and the colony will use more of its supplies of food. If the weather is good and the bees are flying, you can have a quick look inside the hive. You should not disturb the bees. They are collecting pollen for the hive.

Want a great Junior Grange March Meeting project? Check out the National Grange 2018 Awareness Award Theme:

POLLINATOR AWARENESS

Complete the following tasks to receive your 2018 Awareness Award!

- Research the different types of pollination and who our pollinators are. Talk to a local Master Gardener about their importance and what you can do to help.

Create a pollination diagram and a flyer about the importance of Pollinators; place the flyers up at your Grange Hall, local businesses, and/or grocery stores. (These can also be entered in the Lecturers and/or the Junior contest at Subordinate and State levels)

- Encourage friends, family, and neighbors to not use toxic chemical pesticides (invite them to a Junior Grange meeting and have presentation)
- Find out what plants pollinators are drawn to and plant a small (or large) pollinator garden. Or help a local gardener or small group plant a garden.
- Build a 'bee condo' or an 'insect hotel' or bird house/ butterfly house (instructions on how to build a bee condo are available on pollinator.org)
- Speak at your Junior Grange and/or Subordinate Grange about the importance of pollinators!

Submissions for Award:

- Submit a copy of your flyer and diagram
- Submit pictures of your 'bee condo'

Any written testimonials about your efforts to bring awareness

- Junior Leader must submit a letter stating your efforts.

- Submit pictures of your efforts to bring awareness! (Talking to neighbors, at your Grange meeting, hanging flyers, etc...)

The Awareness Awards will be presented during the Junior Grange Breakfast at National Session. If you are unable to attend National Session we will mail your certificate.

All Articles Submitted MUST have the Juniors:

- Age
- Name
- Grange Name & No.
- State
- Mailing Address
- Will you be attending National Session?

SUBMISSIONS FOR AWARD MUST BE MADE BY OCTOBER 1, 2018 to The National Junior Grange Director.

If you not sure how to get it there, contact us for assistance!

**Remember to always
STAND UP
AND SPEAK OUT!**

••• Home & Family •••

••• Family Living •••

Time For Reports And Prep For Our June Convention

By **Cecelia Hamilton**
Family Living Director

It's almost here, yep that wonderful time of year when the red winged blackbirds arrive at our house and we begin to plan our greenhouse planting. The exciting time when we begin to see those seed catalogs arrive in the mail. I have to slow myself down long enough to realize that we have at least two more months of winter weather just waiting to happen over here on the east side of the state.

So, I use this in between time to make sure all my yearly reports have been submitted to the various departments in the Grange as well as the planning of our county Family Living Pomona contests as well as the upcoming convention planning that is definitely on my mind. Before you know it, June will be here and it will be time to pack for a busy week in Mt. Vernon. It is a fine time to put together your CFL notebooks to share the fun year your members had!

This is a great time to review our legislative handbook, program

handbook, depart-mental packets and finish your resolutions for this year. A resolution meeting with your Grange members can open eyes and ears for the opportunity to work together as a legislative committee. There are many areas of family life that are in need of legislative action. Family Living encompasses health and safety, nutrition, education, as well as environmental issues and medical needs for all ages. The list is endless. The generations which are following in our footsteps are watching and listening to our every move. They are eager to make this a better world and it is our duty to listen to them and make sure they are familiar with the tools available and necessary to make this happen. We have a voice, let's use it.

As a Family Living chair within your Grange I urge you to provide the opportunity for educating all ages with the necessary skills and activities to encourage engagement in a wide variety of interests. Utilize your Grange halls for hosting speakers and hands on activities. Introduce your members

to local officials and resources within your community. Better yet, open your hall to the public; allow nonmembers the opportunity to participate in your contests, workshops, and fun nights. "Engage & Encourage".

For those of you who have already submitted your year - end reports I say thank you! I am still anxiously waiting for many to arrive. Your reports tell me what's working within our program and what's not. Please get them in to me as soon as possible. Be sure to take the time to share the new program handbook with your fellow Grangers. Make them aware of the Calendar deadlines for our upcoming events such as the Family Living Scholarship applications which are due to State Headquarters by April 1st.

As I write I realize we have only one more weekend of Leadership Conferences ahead of us and so if there are any of you who could not attend, I prepared CFL packets for each county and if you were unable to attend please check with me to verify who picked up your packet.



Cecelia Hamilton

Beat Winter Blues With Help From Vitamin D

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Staying indoors and wrapping up in a blanket is one way to avoid winter's frigid weather, but less exposure to the sun can also put you at risk of a vitamin D deficiency. Milk is the primary source of vitamin D in the American diet, according to research published in the FASEB Journal, making it a great choice on dark winter days.

An 8-ounce glass of milk provides 30 percent of the daily value of vitamin D, so just three cups of milk each day will provide 90 percent of your body's recommended daily requirements. Milk is also an easy way to get other essential nutrients like B vitamins for energy, high-quality protein for lean muscle and vitamin A for a healthy immune system.

When you need a quick way to warm up on a cold day, try this creamy chicken corn chowder recipe that can be made with a pressure cooker. Cooked with wholesome ingredients like milk, chicken and potatoes and topped with bacon and green onions, it's an easy and delicious addition to your weekly meal rotation. For more recipes to warm up your winter, visit milklife.com.

Pressure Cooker Corn Chowder

Servings: 12

6 slices (6 ounces each) thick-cut bacon, chopped

1 small yellow onion, diced

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 pound boneless skinless chicken breast, diced

1 bag (16 ounces, about 3 1/3 cups) frozen corn kernels

4 cups chicken broth

1 pound unpeeled or peeled Yukon Gold potatoes, cut into 1/4-1/2-inch chunks

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste

1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper, plus additional, to taste

2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 1/2 cups fat-free milk

2-3 green onions, sliced (optional)

1 tablespoon heavy cream or half-and-half (optional)



Heat large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chopped bacon and cook until crispy. Using a slotted spoon, transfer cooked bacon to paper towel-lined plate and pour off all but 1 tablespoon bacon fat.

Return skillet to stove. Add onion and garlic; sauté 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Add diced chicken and frozen corn; sauté for an additional 3 minutes, stirring often.

Remove skillet from heat and transfer contents to pressure cooker. Add chicken broth, potatoes, salt and pepper. Close and seal pressure cooker, making sure the vent is in the sealed position. Cook on high 8 minutes.

While the chowder cooks, make a slurry by whisking cornstarch (or flour) into milk. Set aside.

When done, remove pressure cooker from heat. Allow pressure to release on its own or carefully quick-release pressure after a few minutes. Stir in the cornstarch-milk slurry. Cover and allow chowder to thicken for 10-15 minutes before serving.

Portion soup into bowls and generously top with bacon. Garnish with green onion and cream or half-and-half, if desired. Season with additional salt and pepper, to taste.

••• Community Service •••

Deadline for Community Service Notebooks Coming Soon

By **Yvonne Knuth**
Community Service Director

I enjoyed seeing so many of you during this year's leadership conferences. I hope you received great information. The weather is very cold, frost several mornings, so like me I hope that some of you have started on your community service reports or notebooks. Since the 15th of April is a Sunday, you will get an extra day to get books in the mail

no later than the 16th of April.

In the last Grange News hints were given on how to put together a desirable community service book. Remember, less is more when assembling your books. Also, be sure to reduce the amount of pictures and have a good descriptive paragraph on what you accomplished. When I went through books from last year, there were many that had an overabundance of pictures. Some books had items in it that

didn't pertain to community service and there were too many pages that were coming out of the book. So remember to go through your notebook and take a good look at what you have. If making a history book, save those pages and put them in when your book comes back to you.

St. Patrick's Day is coming up soon so don't forget something green.



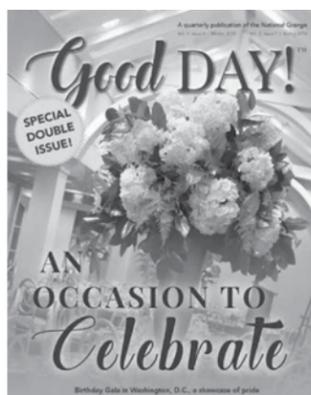
Yvonne Knuth

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(Web address is case sensitive)



A Quilt Block Party was held at Green Bluff Grange #300 on February 6, 2018. A few finished their quilt blocks that night and others will turn theirs in later. It was a fun community event.

••• Convention Information •••

JUNE 27 - 30, 2018

129th Annual Washington State Grange Convention at the Skagit County Fairgrounds, 479 West Taylor Street, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

!! REMINDER !! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All Resolutions must be received by May 28 at the State Grange Office to be considered at the State Grange Convention. Resolutions must have the original signatures of the sponsoring Grange Master and Secretary and have the Grange seal affixed.



2019 State Convention Planning Meeting Set

The 2019 State Grange Convention Planning Committee will meet on Saturday, April 7 at the Okanogan Grange Hall. The meeting will begin with a 12 p.m. The Central Convention District

includes all Granges in the following counties: Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Okanogan, Kittitas, Klickitat, and Yakima. The 2019 State Grange Convention will be held at the Okanogan County Fairgrounds.

Multiple Options For Housing At State Grange Convention

There are many options for housing at this year's State Grange Convention, scheduled for June 27-30 at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon. We encourage Grangers to make reservations early as there are other events occurring in the Mount Vernon area during the same week.

The convention Housing Committee has compiled the following information on hotels in the area:

Tulip Inn - 1200 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon; 2.8 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes breakfast that you must take back to your room, free Wi-Fi, in-room mini fridge, microwave, coffee maker

and hair dryer. Currently under renovation and will be done by June. Allows dogs at \$10 per night, but no cats. Cost - \$75 per night plus tax. Telephone 800-599-5969 or 360-428-5969. Email: gm@tulipvalleyinn.com

Quality Inn - 1910 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon; 2.6 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool and spa. Pets are \$20 per night. Cost - Double Queen \$121.49/night plus tax, Single King \$112.49/night plus tax. Telephone 360-428-7020. Email: Qualityinnwa083@gmail.com

Holiday Inn Express - 900 Andis Road, Burlington. 5.3 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free

breakfast and free wi-fi, pool, and hot tub. No pets allowed. Telephone 360-755-7338. Email: sales.bkob@smjmanagement.com

Days Inn - 2009 Riverside Drive, Mount Vernon. 2.2 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool, in room microwave and mini fridge. Pets are \$10 per night. Telephone 360-424-4141. Email daysinnMV@aol.com

Best Western College Way Inn - 300 W. College Way, Mount Vernon. 2.5 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool and hot tub. Pets are \$20 per night. Telephone 360-424-4287. Email: bwcllegewayinn@comcast.net

••• Grange Month - April 2018 •••

Grange Month Display Contest: "Crossing The Horizon To Grange Growth"

During Grange Month we encourage Granges to highlight their Grange in their communities and state in the form of a Grange Display. As we celebrate Grange month in April Granges are encouraged to showcase their individual Grange and to also support other Granges by attending their activities. The State Grange Membership Department is having a Grange Month Display Contest to assist in promoting the Grange by portraying the positive

influences the Grange has made on communities, state and nation.

For over 150 years, the Grange has worked to make our nation a better place for our citizens. We are active in 240 communities throughout the State of Washington, providing a wide range of services and offering multiple activities and programs. A public display of our Grange programs will assist in informing the citizens of your community of our programs and achievements. We ask that each Grange create

a public display to promote the Grange and to focus on the positive impacts the Grange has made in our state.

Contest Information:

- Each Grange will arrange their own display area in a prominent public location in their community.
- Each Grange design a display featuring their projects and activities, with focus on positive impacts achieved in their community and state.
- The display should follow the theme "SAIL TOWARD CROSSING THE HORIZON TO GRANGE GROWTH".
- Grange programs should be represented (i.e. Lecturer, Community Service, Legislative, Youth and Junior activities, Family Living, etc.
- The display must be in place for a minimum of seven days during April.
- Each display must include a Grange logo and contact information for the local Grange

Entry Guidelines:

- Each Grange is encouraged to take 3-5 pictures of their display (including one of the complete display).
- Place the pictures in a folder, with a 300-word (maximum) essay about the display and the message you wanted to convey.
- Include your Grange name and contact information in the folder.

- Submit pictures of your display for promotion in The Grange News.
- Judging will be completed by a committee and will be based on: originality, creativity, design, and overall impact.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five displays: \$50, \$40, \$30,

\$20, and \$10.

• All entries should be placed in a folder and sent by May 15 to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507.

• All entries will be displayed and available for pick up at the State Grange Convention.

••• The Grange Exchange •••

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*Celebration of the Sesquicentennial
Anniversary Of Our Order*

WHEREAS, The Grange celebrates its 150th birthday throughout the years 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America during three centuries, advocating for legislative protection for farmers through the Granger Laws in the 1800s; promoting research and education to improve agriculture through the Cooperative Extension Service and Land Grant Colleges and working to expand mail delivery and electricity to rural areas in the 1900s; and encouraging the expansion of broadband internet service in the 2000s; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active force in thousands of communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange provides leadership, motivation, and education to bring together rural and urban families and offers them opportunities for personal growth and individual expression; and

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

WHEREAS, The Grange promotes service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, Master of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim the year beginning December 4, 2017 as the Grange Sesquicentennial Celebration, and further I do encourage the participation of each Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange history and legacy by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in their respective communities.

Betsy E. Huber
President, National Grange

Thurston County Installation Of Officers



(Top) Thurston County Pomona Grange's 2018 Officers were all present for installation on January 13. Front: Rita Klein, Jim Weatherbie, Lilly Hernandez, Diane Williams, Luella Huber, Barbara Roderick. Middle: Viki Sharp, Chuck Sharp, Christie Vintilo, Patty Mathews, Rick Nelson, Art Sporseen, John Weatherbie, Ron Nelson, Ginny Nelson. Back: Debra Sporseen, Mike Fair.



(Right) This team of Thurston and Lewis County Grangers installed the officers of Thurston County Granges on January 13 at Black Lake Grange. Front: Terry Abbott, Deena Holsinger, Gail Hakola. Back: Barb Ramsdell; Pam Mathews, Mary Jane Fox.

Clallam County Pomona Installs 2018 Officers



Clallam County Pomona #31 - Our first meeting was held at Sequim Prairie Grange. After our potluck we installed our 2018 Officers. Our next meeting will be April 18th at Crescent Grange starting with a potluck at 6:00pm with meeting to follow.

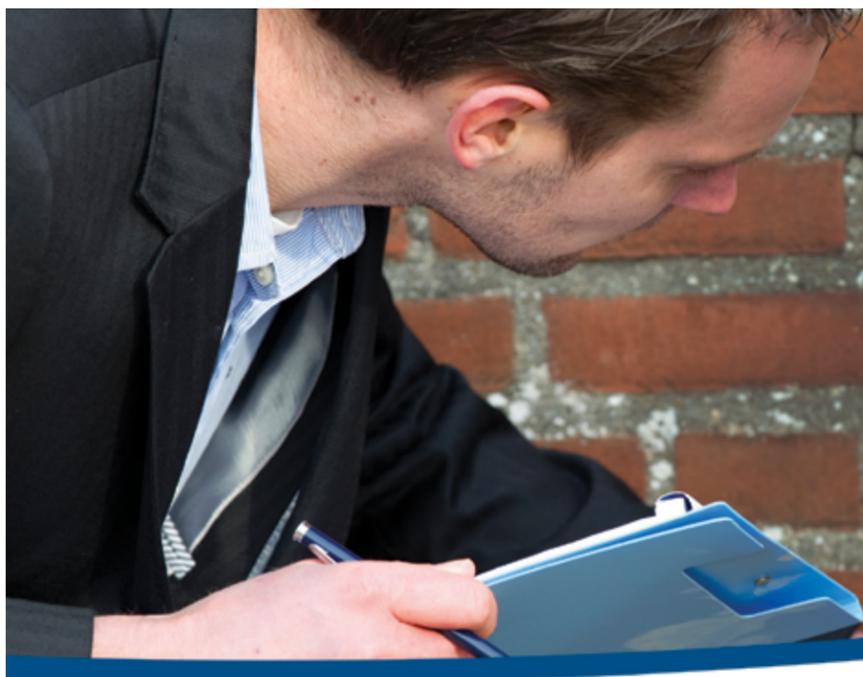
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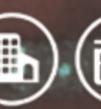
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