



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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Vashon Maury Grange Reorganized

Following the decision of Vashon Maury Grange #1105 to close in January, State Grange officials looked at their Grange Hall with a “what could be” attitude. With the lack of active Grange members on Vashon Island, there was little hope for saving what remained of the once vibrant organization. A few short months later, a new

group of individuals met with State Master Tom Gwin and expressed support for reorganizing the Grange.

On August 20, Gwin again travelled to Vashon Island for a reorganizational meeting of Vashon Maury Grange #1105. Gwin presented a brief introduction of the Grange organization and answered questions from the group on what it takes to

become an active Grange.

Thirteen new members completed membership applications, paid dues, and were welcomed as subordinate Grange members, along with seven 1+ Junior Grange members. Discussion ensued on possible activities for the new organization and how to proceed with developing relevant programs for island residents.

Officers were elected to lead the reorganized Grange through the coming year. The next meeting was scheduled, at which time additional members will be joining the Grange, as this group works together toward a successful program of activities on the island.

Photo Above: The new officers of Vashon Maury

Grange #1105 pose in front of the Grange sign on the exterior of their hall. The officers are Treasurer John “Paco” Joyce, Lecturer/Program Director Tami Brockway-Joyce, Master/President Jennifer Potter, Overseer/Vice President Rusty Willoughby, and Secretary Christy Hobson.

November issue deadline – October 15th

INSIDE: Take a look back at 2018 Fairs and Exhibits



Fair Photos can be found on Pages 7, 8, 9 and 10, as well as elsewhere throughout the issue.

Pictured Left: The first place winner in the Contemporary Division of the Grange Displays at the Southwest Washington Fair... Oakview Grange.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

OCTOBER 15 Junior Grange Camp Director Meeting,
11 a.m. at Olympia

OCTOBER 21 2020 State Convention Host Committee
(Eastern District) Meeting

NOVEMBER 13-17.. 152nd Annual Session of the National Grange
at Stowe, Vermont

DECEMBER 8 Grange Travel Adventure Tour to the Leavenworth
Christmas Lighting Festival

FEBRUARY 9 2019 Convention Kick Off Meeting at Okanogan

JUNE 26-29..... 130th Annual Session of the Washington State
Grange at Okanogan County Fairgrounds

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.

Central District 2019 Convention Update

John Hamilton
Central District Convention Chair

I would like to thank the eleven members who attended our recent meeting in Moses Lake on Saturday Sept. 15th. We had a Pizza lunch with salad and dessert. Thank you Moses Lake Grange for being our hosts! Members reported on various committees and a possible future meeting date was chosen for February in Okanogan. The Central District is in need of volunteers for assisting with various committees. If you are attending the 2019 Convention in Okanogan and have time and energy to share we welcome your help. Feel free to call me at 509-775-0191 to share what days and times you are able to help out.

Convention is held at the Okanogan County Fairgrounds June 26th – 29th 2019. Our Theme is “Back to our Roots”.

2018 State Grange Convention Pins Still Available

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Eye On Membership

Form A Membership Committee Within Your Grange

Cecelia Hamilton

John Hamilton

Cecelia and John Hamilton Membership Directors

As your membership directors we look forward to hearing about the many ways you have achieved growth within your subordinate Granges. We also witness that it may be challenging at times to remain positive when we find our attendance and participation within our Granges diminishing. We can ask questions amongst our attending members as to what suggestions they have for reaching out to our current members to encourage them to attend as well as publicizing our meetings and activities, these are all good, but let's take it a step further. How about forming a Membership Committee within your Grange? Appoint a Membership Chair to oversee the growth and maintenance of your membership. Grange secretaries have quite the job within our Granges with the upkeep of records, minutes, licenses, reports etc. A secretary keeps our roster “current” by submitting a quarterly report as well as the other required secretarial duties found in our By-Laws. A Membership Chair has the task of keeping

our roster “active” and growing. Membership Chairs possibilities are endless. You can design a program specifically for your Grange. How about an Open House to promote membership? Have a speaker covering a topic pertinent to your community. Have a “Membership” table present at your Grange activities. When you rent your hall do you take down the Grange promotional items? A Grange information bulletin board gets the word out even when members are not present. Current Grange program information is vital for growth. Do your schools, hospitals, libraries or chambers of commerce host an open house, holiday bazaar, holiday music program, booster night? These are great opportunities to promote your Grange and we all know that our communities play a vital role within our Granges. Be sure to have current program information available for table visitors to take with them. Another resource for potential growth includes our community meetings. When was the last time an officer or member of your Grange attended a local community meeting? These include but are not limited to the county commissioners,

school board, hospital board, emergency management, library, chamber of commerce or visitor bureau, cattlemen & cattlegirls, conservation district, food bank. When attending don't be afraid to ask for a moment to introduce the members of your Grange with you and what Grange you represent. If you have a name badge wear it. Again, be sure to have handouts for those attending and leave your introduction with an invitation to attend a local meeting. Perhaps a business card with your Grange name, address, meeting dates/times, and contact information. Be proud of your Grange and its members and the many accomplishments you have achieved. Share that energy with others and Grange growth will surely follow.

In closing let us reflect upon the season and the task of Grange elections soon to be underway within our Pomona and subordinate Granges. Membership growth is sometimes hindered by the lack of compliance. Refer to our state By-Laws for guidance in conducting elections. The use of paper ballots helps to eliminate the possibility of “how we have always done it” process. It also makes possible the development of new opportunities for all members. The “easiest way” may not be the “best way” when we are looking at longevity and our Granges future. Providing opportunities for others takes dedication as well as the ability to let go yet at the same time still be there to assist when and where needed. Be a membership mentor, encourage others.

State Grange Convention 2020 Meeting Notice

The Eastern District will meet to begin the planning for hosting the 2020 State Grange Convention. The meeting will be held at the Prospect Point Grange on October 21st at 1:00 pm.

For more information, please contact Rick Ferguson at 509-337-6207.

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• Tom Gwin, Executive Editor •

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President's Message

2018 Booster Message: Making Communities and Granges Stronger

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

Each Grange across the state is encouraged to hold a booster program this fall. The booster program is intended to provide a “boost” in the activities and membership of each Grange as we prepare for the new year.

The State Master annual provides a message for each Grange’s Booster Program. The message is intended to introduce the Grange organization to those in attendance and to provide inspiration to those members present. While some Granges don’t have a booster program or utilize the message, it is important for all current and potential members to hear the message.

2018 GRANGE BOOSTER MESSAGE

The Grange is truly a “grass roots” organization. The members of each Grange have the opportunity to write resolutions to assist in the development of Grange policy. Those resolutions are reviewed on an annual basis by the delegates to the State Grange Convention. Those adopted by the delegates become policy of the State Grange, while those with a national scope are forwarded on the National Grange for their consideration. Our

lobbyists, both in Olympia and in Washington DC, use these policies as they lobby on behalf of all Granges.

Every community in our nation is impacted by the positive contributions of our Granges. Every successful community Grange provides the opportunity for its’ members to impact their

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-- Tom Gwin

community through a variety of local projects. Some Granges support outside youth programs such as FFA, 4-H, or scouts. Many Granges support their local school through the Dictionary Project or by presenting scholarships for students. Still others will operate the local food bank in their communities. In each instance, the partnership between the Grange and the community creates an impact of building our communities and making them a better place for our citizens.

In addition to our members, perhaps the biggest asset of the Grange is the Grange halls. Our Grange halls provide a

location for the community to gather together to discuss and debate the issues of concern. From weddings to funerals and everything in between, our Grange halls provide a gathering place for our community members to come together.

While our past is well documented and well written, perhaps our greatest opportunity for success is still ahead of us, waiting for a Grange to take up a cause and to create new opportunities for our members and their friends and neighbors. GRANGE MEMBERS ARE “DO-ERS”! We must continue to strengthen our Granges and communities that make our country a better place for all.

Thank you for taking the time in your busy schedule to attend our Booster Program. To those who are already Grange members, thank you for being a “Doer” with your commitment to our organization and your community. To those who are not yet members of the Grange, I encourage you to consider joining us as we work together for the benefit of your community and rural America. The impact we have can and will make our communities stronger and a better place.



Tom Gwin

Legislative

An In-Depth Look: Three Citizen's Ballot Initiatives



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

The primary election is behind us and the general election is fast approaching. Ballots will start arriving in your mailbox shortly after October 19. They must be mailed in or put in a drop box by November 6. This is considered a mid-term election because it is between presidential elections. Historically, that means voter turnout is lower. But it is still a very important election for Washington State. All 98 members of the House of Representatives are up for election as are half of our state senators. The outcome will determine the balance of power in the state legislature for at least the next two years.

In addition to voting for elected officials, there will be three citizen’s initiatives on the ballot.

- Initiative 1631 – Implementing a carbon fee
- Initiative 1634 – Prohibiting new grocery taxes
- Initiative 1639 – Gun control

Initiative 1631 – Implementing a carbon fee

Washington State Grange policy opposes a carbon emission tax. Initiative 1631 would enact a carbon emission fee of \$15 per metric ton of carbon. The fee would increase by \$2 per metric ton, plus the rate of inflation, each year with no cap.

If the initiative passes, it will add an estimated 14 cents to the cost of a gallon of gasoline in the first year, then continue to increase each year. Energy bills for home heating and agricultural use will also increase. Rural people would feel the greatest impact of the tax because, by definition, rural people must drive farther to get to the grocery store, doctor and everything else.

Proponents say they are taxing polluters, but eight out of twelve of the state’s largest carbon emitters would be exempt. That shifts the burden to families and small businesses.

There is no requirement that the funds be spent on greenhouse gas reduction. The money collected (\$2.3 billion over the first five years) will be spent by an appointed board that is not legally accountable to anyone. There is no specific plan for how the money would be spent and no benchmarks for emission reduction.

Initiative 1634 – Prohibiting new grocery taxes

This initiative would prohibit local governments (cities, towns, counties) from imposing any new tax, fee, or other assessment on grocery items. (Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and marijuana products do not qualify as grocery items and would not be protected from new taxes.) Local governments are looking for ways to raise revenue. Under current law, cities can create new taxes any time they wish. New taxes on soda and other sugary drinks and bottled water have been considered in Washington. In other states, taxes have been proposed on candy and meat. New taxes may cost jobs.

Initiative 1639 – Gun control

Initiative 1639 is back on the ballot. In August, a Thurston County judge determined I-1639’s petitions violated state law because they did not show how the initiative would change the language of existing gun laws. A short time later, the Washington state Supreme Court overturned the decision allowing I-1639 to stay on the ballot.

The initiative would raise the minimum age to buy semi-automatic rifles from 18 to 21 and require enhanced background checks, waiting periods and training in order to obtain semiautomatic rifles. It would also require that gun owners secure firearms kept in their homes. Owners could face criminal charges in certain circumstances if someone prohibited from obtaining a weapon got access to the firearm. Washington State Grange policy opposes mandatory lock-up of firearms.

Community Service

Fall Is Here - Time To Share Themes and Ideas For 2019

By Yvonne Knuth
Community Service
Director

With most of the fairs done and a few to go, I hope you traveled around to the fairs and visited the Grange booths. One can pick up ideas for your own booth. If you saw a good booth and would like to share the theme and some of the ideas in the booth, email

or send a drawing and I will share with everyone..

Just think we are into fall already. Maybe some of you decorate with the pumpkins and corn stalks or take the time to make pies. I know the weather wasn’t nice to us this summer with one day 97 and the next day 67.

It was hard to get out in the garden to do things. For our fair, I had planted 30 potted

plants and hanging baskets and the huge pots at the Grange hall. So I had to guess when to fertilize and water.

Our Fair was part of the American in Bloom. The city puts up 100 baskets and the merchants have pots planted in front of their buildings. It is decorative.

Those going to National Grange convention have fun and take warm clothes.



Yvonne Knuth

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www.wa-grange.org

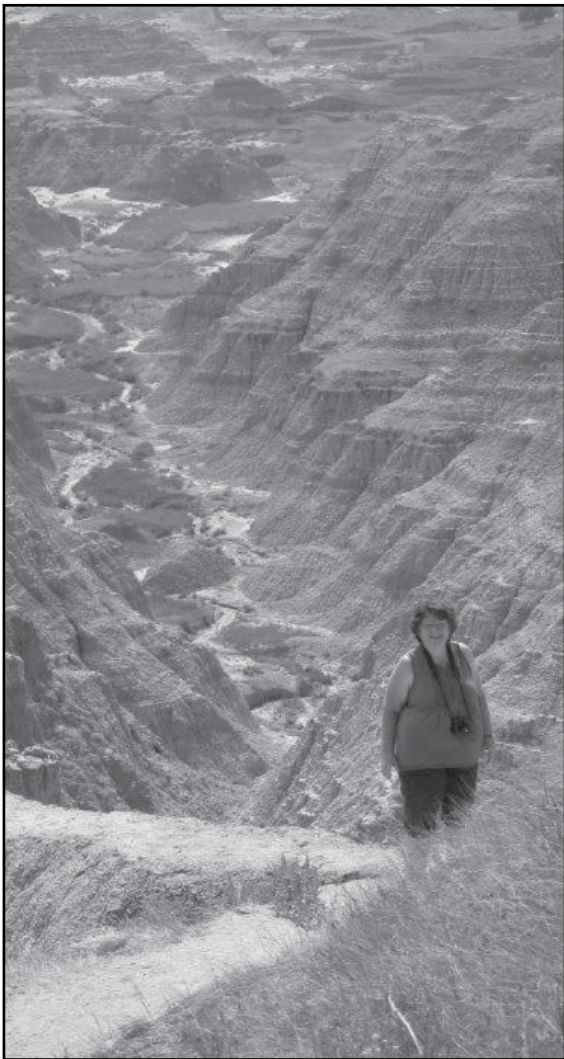
SpoKampers Take 3600 Mile Trip



Four units from the SpoKampers recently returned from their camping trip, which included visits to Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, and North Dakota. Places visited by Rich and Faye Krenkel, Mike and Cheryl Britton, Forrest and Marlene Diehl, and Walt and Janice Radmer (hosts) included the Little

Bighorn Battlefield, Missouri Headwaters, Scandinavian Heritage Center, Badlands, Ft Benton, Ft Lincoln, Ft Union, Ft Assiniboine, Great Falls, Dakota Air Museum, Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Devil's Tower, the Center of the Nation, Custer State Park, Teddy Roosevelt Parks, Lewis and Clark Caverns, Wind Cave, Rushmore Cave,

Coolidge Fire Lookout, Gates of the Mountains, King Saddle Museum, Minuteman Site and Monument, the Sapphire Gallery and the Sweet Palace, much wildlife, and much more. The trip covered approx. 3600 miles and spanned nearly 4 weeks from August 14 through September 9, 2018.



Grange Travel Adventures To Visit Leavenworth Christmas Lighting Festival

• Saturday, December 8, 2018 •



REGISTRATION DUE BY NOVEMBER 15TH
Reserve your spot today!

Send your registration and down payment to hold your spot on the bus.
Everett bus riders: We need to fill your bus before we have to cancel it!

The Washington State Grange Travel Adventures Program has scheduled a bus trip to the Leavenworth Christmas Lighting Festival for Saturday, December 8. Preliminary plans call for a bus to originate from two locations in Western Washington. The first bus will depart from the State Grange Headquarters in Olympia. Driving north on Interstate 5, the bus will make stops in the Tacoma and South King County areas as well before heading over Snoqualmie Pass. The second bus will depart the Everett area and travel over Stevens Pass (we must have a minimum of 35 people signed up to afford this bus). The bus will arrive in Leavenworth before 12 pm to allow visitors the opportunity to shop and enjoy the holiday festivities in Leavenworth. The festivities kick into full gear at 12:00 pm with the Arrival of Santa and costumed holiday characters in a march from the Festhalle to the Gazebo! Throughout the day you will find high-caliber performances in the Front Street Gazebo, including hand bell choirs, a top-ranking Army National Guard Dixie band, breakout solo artists, the best high school and professional choirs in the Pacific Northwest, and more! You'll also find carolers strolling through town, the smell of roasted chestnuts filling the air, sledding in Front Street Park, a traditional Gluhwein Tent (selling hot spiced wine and cider), costumed Christmas characters (including Santa, Mrs., Claus, and Father Christmas), and more! The festival culminates with the Lighting Ceremony (4:30pm), when a bit of pomp and circumstance brings about the lighting of the village with over half a million lights. Following the ceremony, the buses will depart Leavenworth and head back to their original departure sight. The cost for this Grange excursion will be \$50 per person. The cost will include round-trip motor coach by Northwest Passage Charter LLC and a box lunch for the bus ride. Refreshments will be available during the day at the Chumstick Grange Hall. To register for this event, please complete the registration form below. For more information, call the WA State Grange headquarters at 360-943-9911.

**ADVENTURE TOUR TO
LEAVENWORTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTING FESTIVAL**
Registration Due by Nov. 15 or as soon as buses fill up.

Name

Mailing Address

Email Address

Telephone ()

Grange Name

Departure From: Olympia Everett

Other (please list)

Please send registration with \$20 deposit.
Balance is due by December 1.

Checks should be made payable to the Washington State Grange.
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Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Time To Focus On The 2018 National Grange Convention

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

The Washington State Grange was well represented with several youth at the Western States Grange Leaders and Youth Conference in Olympia in August. In regional contests, Lacey Rude (Fredonia Grange) placed first for her prepared speech in the 14-21-year old age group. Brittney Oliver (Moses Lake Grange) placed first in the 22-35 year-old age group, while Heather Ferguson (Waitsburg Grange) placed first in the 36 year and over group. Heather was the best of show winner, but will be unable to attend the national convention. Thus, Brittney will represent the Western Region with her speech at the Evening of Excellence. For impromptu speaking, Jacob Gwin (Humptulips Grange) placed third in 14-21 year-old age group, while Brittney Oliver placed first for the 22-35 year old age group and Heather Ferguson placed first in the 36 and over group. Second lace winner in the 36+ group was Cecelia Hamilton (San Poil Grange). Now that summer is behind us, our focus turned on to the National Grange Convention, to be held in November. Morgan Browning (Mossyrock) and Brittney Oliver will be our representatives in Horizon Youth Ambassador Program. We are pleased to have six members on the National Grange Youth Officer Team: Hanna Ogle (Williams Valley Grange) will be the Lady Assistant Steward; Lacey Rude (Fredonia) will be the Flora; Jonathan Pittman (Moses Lake), Alejandro Cisneros (Pleasant Hill), and Skyler Zaborac (Humptulips) will be on the Executive Committee; and Joey Brenneman (Humptulips) will be the Musician/ Substitute. They will be joined at the convention by our talent contest winner, Georgia Clark (North River) who will also participate in the youth activities of the convention. All of the teens will be flying together to Vermont with Davona Gwin and myself as their chaperones. The tour at this year’s national convention will take us to the Vermont State House in Montpelier (the smallest state capitol city in the nation), the Vermont History Museum, and the Cabot Creamery Visitor Center. It is sure to be an educational experience for all of our youth.. We are starting to put together next year’s youth program. We are setting dates for activities and the planning process is started. Stay tuned for what our future holds!

Fun at the Western Regional Youth and Leadership Conference

The Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference was held August 3-5 at the RL Hotel in Olympia. Fifty Grange members from Montana, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and California attended the conference along with National Youth Director Charlene Espenshade, National Junior Director Samantha Wilkins, and National Grange Youth Team Members Jenn Nauss, Tessa Taft, and Jacob Gwin. The conference included a series of workshops and activities for both the youth and the leaders present. Grange youth members from four stated joined forced to present a drill at the conference. The service project for the conference was making school pencil packs from duct tape and filling them with school supplies. The packs were later distributed to area schools. Following the Saturday evening dinner, regional contests were held in public speaking, sign-a-song, and Grange jeopardy. Winners of those contests will advance to the national level in November. This year’s conference was hosted by the Washington State Grange. The 2019 Western Regional Conference will be hosted by the Montana State Grange.



Grange youth members made pencil packs and filled them with school supplies. The packs were presented to area schools.



Heather Ferguson of Waitsburg Grange placed first in the public speaking contest, 36 years and over.



Brittney Oliver of Moses Lake Grange placed first in the public speaking contest, ages 22-25.



Lacey Rude of Fredonia Grange placed first in the public speaking contest, ages 14-21 years.



Members of the youth drill team perform at the conference.

San Poil Juniors: 2018 Award Winners



Pictured are San Poil Junior Grange # 411 youngest members {left to right} Taeylenn Baldwin, Ike Baldwin, and Ryder Stinson. Sharing their awards from 2018 with the Grange News , Best of Category Float trophies from their Prospector's Days Floats, as well as Junior Grange Community Service 2nd place Certificate with check of \$150.00 and Membership Growth Drawing winners Visa card for \$25.00. Thank you Washington State Grange!!

Juniors

Got Junior Grange?



Marvin & Jennifer Oliver

By Marvin & Jennifer Oliver
Junior Grange Directors

Got Junior Grange? This was the Washington State Fair Junior Grange display booth theme this year. It showcased projects from multiple Junior Grangers to include camp projects , state convention projects and t shirts and even some vintage crafts from a couple of our current state officers! It had information and crafts that demonstrated our Juniors community service projects and things they learn in the Junior Grange like recycling and the Junior Grange awareness programs that National now offers. We again had a great time and thank all those who helped! We are not judged nor do we get prize monies but feel that it’s a great way to keep the Junior Grange name in the community. We also had a display with brochures and our anti bullying board from the state convention in the information booth. Thank you to the Grangers who manned the booth and answered questions for the community. It’s the Grange’s personal touch that stands out above all else! Being at the Washington State Fair we were able to meet people from all over the states which got us to think about the National Grange Pen Pal program. Below is taken off the official web site. www.nationaljuniorgrange.org. How fun is it to meet new Grangers from across the US. But what happens when we meet them at a National, Regional, or State Event? Do we keep in contact with them? Or do we just hope that we will get to see them the following year at another Grange event? Well it is time to help solve that. It is time to build Junior Grange relationships across the nation! By implementing the new Pen Pal Program we will be working to promote Grange health, developing and bettering handwriting skills, and making use of the United States Postal Service. 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:

Samantha Wilkins, National Junior Grange Director
Junior@nationalgrange.org
21578 Pleasanton Rd., San Antonio, TX 78264

Or visit the web page and complete the online form. Have a great holiday season.

Lecturer's Department

Fair Booth Contest Information and 2019 Program Input Welcome

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

The fair booth program is our opportunity to improve public opinion of the Grange and the community it serves by telling the story of agriculture and our Grange activities that support our communities. As the fair season is winding down, it's time to showcase your Grange members' hard work by entering the Fair Booth Contest. The information and fully explained rules about the contest are located on page 6 of the 2018 Program Handbook. In case you don't have a copy of the handbook, I'll summarize the entry criteria for you...

1. Each Subordinate, Pomona and Youth Group (ages 14 – 35) Grange putting in a display is eligible to enter the contest.
2. Entries must be post marked by October 31, 2018. Mail your entries to: Leslie Wells, WSG Lecturer, 18529 State Route 203, Monroe, WA 98272.
3. Your entry shall consist of a report (400 words maximum) describing the display and shall be accompanied by photographs

and/or newspaper clippings. The photos and clippings shall be mounted. Your report shall be no more than 8 total pages. The important thing to keep in mind is that your words and photos should be clear and concise because the judges cannot see the actual booth.

4. The front page of your report shall include the following information: Grange name and number, name of the fair entered, contact person's name and mailing address, and division entered.

4. Subordinate Granges: Two divisions: Division I – Produce; and Division II – Project

Pomona Granges: Two Divisions: Division I – Produce; and Division II – Project (either agricultural, educational or informational.)

Grange Youth Groups (ages 14 -35): One Division: Project

5. There will be a minimum of three qualified judges who will use the criteria established and printed on page 6 in the Program Handbook.

Good Luck to everyone who enters and many thanks to WSG

for sponsoring the monetary prizes awarded.

As we enter the last quarter of the year, most of our Granges will be electing officers for 2019. I know that some Granges have difficulty getting someone to agree to be Lecturer but it is an important part of Grange. All of our meetings should include a program that entertains and/or challenges our members. As Lecturer, you individually don't have to do all of the programs for the year – ask your members to participate in planning and presenting programs. I would urge all Granges to elect someone to the Lecturer position.

Your Lecturer Team will be meeting in the next couple of months to establish the department programs and contests for next year. We would appreciate any suggestions anyone may have that will enhance our programs and challenge our members. If you have an idea to share or changes to recommend please let me know -

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Leslie Jo Wells

USDA Awards Three Grants For Legacy Project Supporting Rural Businesses

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded The Washington State Grange and Northwest Cooperative Development Center grants covering the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. The grants will fund the Legacy Project that will engage small business advisors located in rural communities and trusted by the businesses they serve. The Washington State Grange and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) will partner with NWDC in Washington to help deliver technical assistance and support.

Rural business owners without a clear exit strategy may benefit by selling to their employees through either a cooperative or an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP). These models offer owners a viable exit strategy, offer opportunities for rural workers to retain their jobs, allow for the retention of local ownership, and maintain economic vibrancy and identity for the community.

By 2024, all "Baby Boomers" (those born from 1946 through 1964) will be at least 60 years old. As business owners retire, they may not readily find a buyer or have family members interested in keeping the business

operational. NWDC and the Washington State Grange want to make sure that co-ops are one option under consideration. Executive Director Diane Gasaway notes, "Small business advisers are the target audience for their potential to establish a continuing education pathway."

The grant will provide funding for identifying business advisors in several Pacific Northwest rural communities and creating educational workshops on the cooperative business model:

Washington: Aberdeen, Centralia, Colfax, Longview, Moses Lake, Mt. Vernon, Port Angeles, Shelton-Olympia, Toppenish, Wenatchee

Idaho: Salmon, Hagerman, and Driggs

Oregon: La Grande, Ontario, Redmond, Coos Bay, Klamath Falls
According to Gasaway, The Legacy Project will help support small business success, build an entrepreneurial ecosystem, and maintain good jobs in rural communities.

The timing of this grant coincides with the passage of the Main Street Employee Ownership Act. This landmark legislation passed with broad bipartisan support. It adds assisting with worker co-ops and conversions of small businesses to worker



co-ops to the mandate of the Small Business Administration. Small Business Development Center will be incorporating technical assistance for worker co-op conversions into their programs and the Cooperative Development Centers stand ready to assist.

NWDC, a 501c3 based in Olympia, Washington with the mission to promote community economic development through the cooperative business model since 1979 is a member of the Democracy at Work Institute's Workers to Owners Collaborative. NWDC provides technical assistance to new and existing cooperatives in the Pacific Northwest states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

The Washington State Grange is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization rooted in agriculture and rural community service. The Grange has a history of creating and promoting cooperatives, which continue to help rural Washington today.

Grange Insurance Assoc. Announces Scholarship Program For 2019-2020

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2019 – 2020 school year, totaling \$33,500. In addition, GIA is honored to award the \$1,000 Paul and Ethel Holter Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift of Mrs. Holter's estate, and the \$1,000 Dee and Ina McKern Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift from the McKern family.

Applicants may apply for either an academic or a vocational scholarship. Three of the awards will be for students wishing to pursue vocational studies and 22 awards will be for academic studies. The top winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 award and the remaining winners will receive \$1,000 - \$2,000 each.

Eligibility requirements (applicants must meet one of the following):

1. Current GIA policyholder (or children of GIA policyholder)
2. Children of current GIA company employees
3. A previous recipient of a GIA scholarship

Please note that children or legal wards of officers, directors or agents of GIA are ineligible.

These scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or a degree in a recognized profession or vocation, including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes. Vocational scholarships are aimed specifically for those students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional colleges or universities.

The committee will base its awards on the following:

- Complete and legible application
- Scholastic ability (official grade transcript required)
- Handwritten or typed Essay by Applicant
 - Please tell us about yourself, your family and your future goals
 - Also include any leadership or volunteer-related programs or projects in which you have been involved in high school, in the community, or elsewhere
 - What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend and how will this scholarship assist you

Application deadline is March 1, 2019. (Postmarked) Funds awarded for the 2019-2020 school year.

Please complete the following request form for an application for a Grange Insurance Association Scholarship:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE		Please send a GIA Scholarship Application to:
GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION		Name: _____
Attn: Scholarship Coordinator		Address: _____
P.O. Box 21089 Seattle, WA 98111-3089		_____

APPLICATION FORMS CAN ALSO BE DOWNLOADED AT OUR WEBSITE: www.grange.com

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Cantwell, Reichert, Murray & Newhouse Highlight Addition of Sweet Cherries to Trade Aid Program, Pledge to Continue Work to Ensure Relief

Today, U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Rep. Dave Reichert (R-WA), Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), and Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) highlighted a decision by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to include sweet cherries in the Market Facilitation Program (MFP), which was established through USDA's Trade Relief Plan, beginning on September 24. The MFP assists farmers hurt by unjustified retaliatory tariffs.

The decision comes after the members sent a letter to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue in August, calling on USDA to provide sweet cherries equal access to the relief measures being developed for U.S. agricultural commodities that have been negatively impacted by retaliatory tariffs. Sweet cherries will be eligible for MFP payments starting at a rate of 16 cents per pound.

"While the priority for our growers remains an end to the trade disputes, our cherry growers are estimating they will experience up to \$86 million in damages from trade wars during the 2018 season, and they deserve the same assistance afforded to producers of other agricultural commodities that have been negatively impacted by retaliatory tariffs," the members of Congress wrote to Secretary Perdue in August.

"Because sweet cherries are highly perishable, the season is over and damages from increased tariffs and prices are hitting growers, we urge you to implement the support our

cherry growers are requesting," the members of Congress added.

Following today's announcement that sweet cherries will be eligible for the

Starting September 24, sweet cherries will be eligible for assistance starting at 16 cents per pound

Members warn Washington growers still facing harmful tariffs

funding, the USDA will announce the specifics of the available aid in the coming weeks.

The full text of the letter the members sent to Secretary Perdue in August can be found below.

Dear Secretary Perdue:
We write to request that sweet cherries have equal access to any relief measures the Department of Agriculture provides for agricultural commodities impacted by retaliatory tariffs. While the priority for our growers remains an end to the trade disputes, our cherry growers are estimating they will experience up to \$86 million in damages from trade wars during the 2018 season, and they deserve the same assistance afforded to producers of other agricultural commodities that have been negatively impacted by retaliatory tariffs.
The Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C 714) provides the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to use the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out almost any program that supports U.S. agriculture, including expanding domestic and international markets, providing

disaster relief, supporting research and pest and disease management, and assisting farmers when crop prices drop or revenues decline. In addition, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 removed language that once limited the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) ability to provide assistance to certain commodities. Therefore, we believe there are no limitations on how the USDA can assist our agricultural producers or what type of agricultural commodities qualify for assistance.

The 2,500 sweet cherry producers grow more cherries in the Pacific Northwest than any other region in the country. Sweet cherries have the shortest growing season of any tree fruit, which typically starts the beginning of May and ends by the middle of August. Sweet cherries are highly perishable, so the cherries must be picked and reach intended markets immediately. Sweet cherries cannot be stored. This harvest time sensitivity and short season creates tremendous pressure for the producer to sell cherries at any available price, even if it means financial losses.

On July 24, 2018, you announced that the USDA will use the Commodity Credit Corporation to provide assistance to agricultural producers that have experienced harm from the retaliatory tariffs that have been imposed on U.S. agricultural exports. You announced relief would come in three forms: a market facilitation program that will provide payments to producers that have and continue to experience damage from the ongoing trade wars, a food purchase and distribution program that will purchase surplus agricultural commodities, and a trade promotion program that will assist in developing new markets for agricultural products. Because sweet cherries are highly perishable, the season is over and damages from increased tariffs and prices are hitting growers, we urge you to implement the support our cherry growers are requesting.

Sincerely,
John Culton
Eastern Washington Director
U.S. Senator Patty Murray

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS July - September 2018

	# Joined	Jr. +1
Adna #417.....	1	
Kimberly Hepp		
Camden #687.....	1	
Sonja Bartsch		
Barberton #571.....	1	
Jim Olson		
Baw Faw #34.....	2	
Kevin Mc Gough , Ceilani Mc Gough		
Bee Hive #385.....	3	
Christopher Hampton, Heather Phythier, Heather Semen		
Chimacum #681.....	4	
Charlotte Frederickson, Martin Frederickson		
Norm Morton, Tony Goldenberg		
East Hill #786.....	2	
Theresa Flores, Adam Flores		
Edgewood #266.....	3	
Victor Ortiz, Iris Rosas, Rigoberto Benitez		
Five Mile Prairie #905.....	3	
Doris Farmer, Howard Shaw, Jan Shaw		
Forest #153.....	1	
Dolores Mora		
Fruitland.....	1	
Tracey Ackerschott		
Glenwood #94.....	1	
Teunis Wyers		
Goldendale #49.....	1	
Angela Hoffman		
Kettle River #1120.....	1	
Becky Thomas		
Lincoln Creek #407.....	5	
Ryan Geist, Cortney Geist, Madison Geist		
Marjorie Reed, Jack Thompson		
Long Beach #667.....	6	
Daniel Silva, Tom Childers, Kevin Gramson		
Katie Haskin, Chase Metzger, Bonnie Olsen		
Lopez Island #1060.....	1	
Lance Brittain		
Lummi Island #925.....	1	
Nancy Wong		
Manson #796.....	3	
Phyllis Coleman, Debbie Conwell, Jen Phillips		
Marion #276.....	1	2
Kelle Pollard		
Moran Prairie #161.....	1	
Tyson Stowell		
Newaukum #198.....	2	
Benjamin Willis, Rayleen Willis		
North River #946.....	1	
Sarah Alvarez		
N Willapa Harbor #947.....	1	
Jaenette Hudson		
Oakview #311.....	1	
Kahle Jennings		
Okanoagan #1103.....	1	
Amber Fritts		
Quillisascut #372.....	1	
Tony Mckern		
Ralston #943.....	2	
Umpqua Bank, Auista Corp		
Rimrock #941.....	1	
Teresa Correll		
Rome #226.....	1	
James Markarian		
Rose Valley #953.....	1	
Brenda Courser		
Salmon Creek #849.....	4	
Elizabeth Buskirk, Joe Buskirk, Mat Krysak, Randy McCaleb		
Sallal #955.....	2	
Douglas Palenshus, Richard Kaplan		
San Juan Island #966.....	17	
Lea Andrade, Christian Andrade, Morgan Asbridge		
Gene Bergman, Suki Boydston, Chad Coffey, Randy Gaylord,		
David Geist, Jeremy Jenngs, Tara Martel, Steven Nielsen,		
Kat Rose, Cal Ryan, Laura Jo Severson, Lauren Storm,		
Mariluz Villa, Denis Goudie		
Sequim Prairie #1108.....	2	
Ernestine Pearl, Tom Cook		
SilverCreek/Ethel #150.....	1	2
Julie Burke		
Silverlake #105.....	2	1
Mark Nord, Julia Nord		
Skokomish #379.....	1	
Patty Dyment		
Stillaguamish #1058.....	2	
Robert Paulson, Carrie Paulson		
Swauk-Teaway #984.....	1	
Cynde Wescott		
Terrace Heights #586.....	6	7
Charlie Brooks, Nancy Horner, Janette Fredrickson		
Robert Fredrickson, Douglas McDonald, Mary McDonald		
Waller Road #1111.....	1	
Kathleen Craig		
White Trail #1143.....	18	
Fred Butler, Rita Butler, Marcus Hundroft, Darcey Hundroft,		
Bill Fekkes, Bobbie Fekkes, Frank Fekkes, Chelsey Fekkes,		
Paul Klingeman, Kerrie Klingeman, Paul Kangement Jr.,		
Melissa Klingeman, Ross Kriete, Turrel Smith, Laura Smith,		
Mark Street, Betty Street, Sharleen Watts		
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Fair Time Memories



Green Bluff Jr Grange at the Spokane Interstate Fair



Inland Grange at the Spokane Interstate Fair



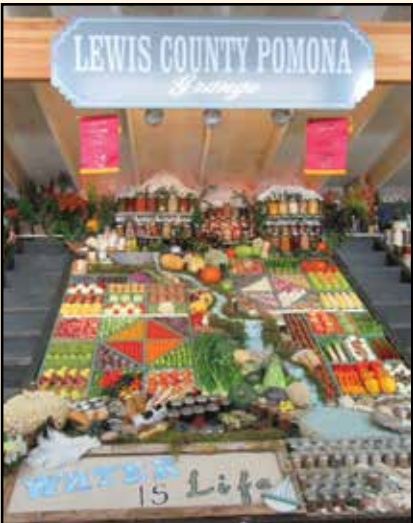
Moran Prairie Grange at the Spokane Interstate Fair



Green Bluff Grange at the Spokane Interstate Fair

Fair Time Memories

WA State Fair Attracts Grange Participation



Lewis County Pomona Grange



Thurston County Pomona Grange



Collins Grange



Ohop Grange



The Washington State Fair attracted the participation of ten Granges at their 2018 fair, held August 31 to September 23 in Puyallup. Granges competed in two separate categories for the honor of being named the Grand Champion Sweepstakes winners this year.

For overall display, Humptulips Grange bested the competition with 978 points out of 1000 for Grand Champion honors this year. Lewis County Pomona placed second with a score of 954 points and third place went to East Hill Grange with 936 points. Fourth place overall was awarded to Fruitland Grange with a score of 932 points, while fifth place was awarded to Thurston County Pomona with 921 points. Sixth place went to Collins Grange, seventh to Edgewood and McMillin Granges, eighth to Mason County Pomona, ninth to Meridian Grange, and tenth to Ohop Grange.

The Grand Champion for the arrangement of the display was also awarded to Humptulips Grange, followed by Lewis County Pomona in second, Collins in third, Fruitland in fourth, Thurston County Pomona in fifth, Mason County Pomona in sixth, East Hill in seventh, Edgewood and McMillin in eighth, Ohop in ninth, and Meridian in tenth.

The Washington State Junior Grange program also participated in the fair with a display booth this year. Junior Grangers from King and Pierce Counties put the display together.

Comments overheard throughout the displays included several from fair goers stating the Grange displays were their favorite part of the State Fair.

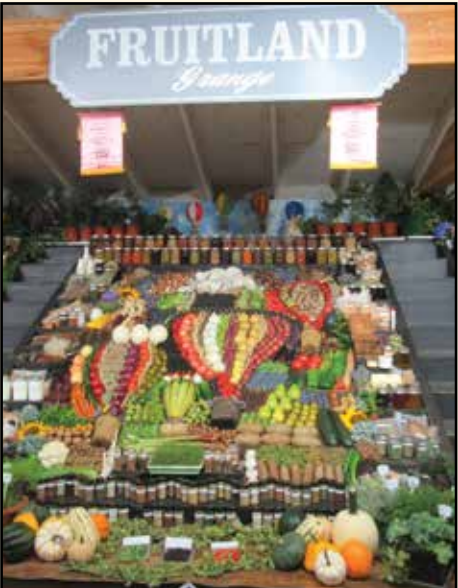
The Washington State Fair attracts over one million exhibitors annually to the fair, held over the four weekends in September.



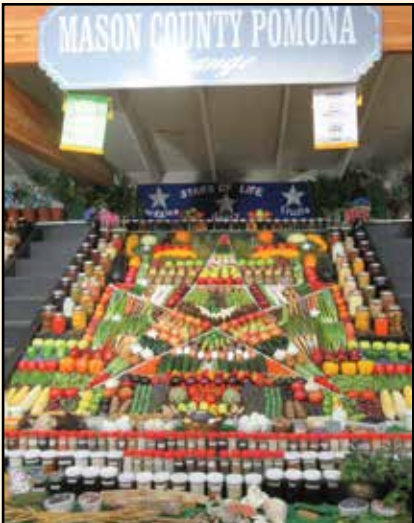
Humptulips Grange - Grand Champion Overall Display



Meridian Grange



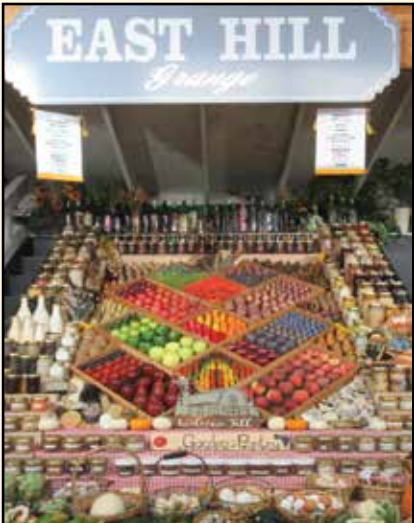
Fruitland Grange



Mason County Pomona Grange



Washington State Junior Grange



East Hill Grange



McMillin and Edgewood Granges



Fair Time Memories

Fair Displays From Around The Grange



Grays River Grange at the Cowlitz County Fair



Catlin Grange at the Cowlitz County Fair – first place traditional display



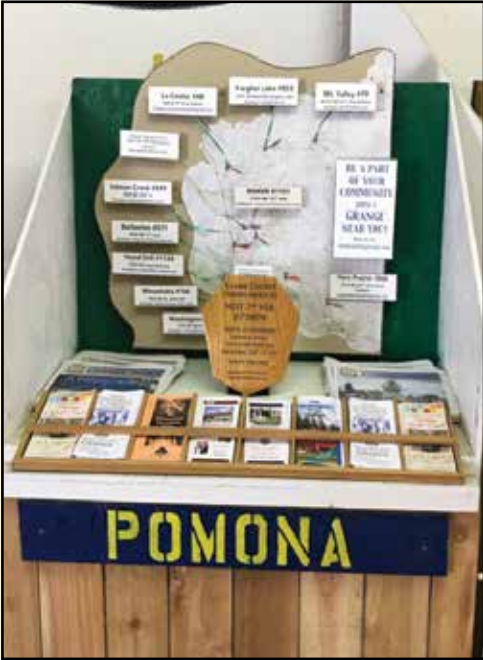
Rose Valley Grange at the Cowlitz County Fair



Pleasant Hill Grange at the Cowlitz County Fair – first place in contemporary division



Camp Morehead Junior Grange at the Cowlitz County Fair



Clark County Pomona Grange at the Clark County Fair



Goldendale Grange displayed a fair booth at the 2018 Klickitat County Fair. Theme of this year's fair was "75 years of Celebration in rural life." This was an ideal theme to incorporate material collected from the recent 150th National Grange anniversary into our display. Goldendale Grange has participated in the annual fair for many years before it was designated a county fair in 1944.



Fargher Lake Junior Grange at the Clark County Fair



Horseshoe Grange at the Evergreen State Fair



Humptulips Grange at the Grays Harbor County Fair – first place in produce division



Fargher Lake Grange at the Clark County Fair



Washington Grange at the Clark County Fair



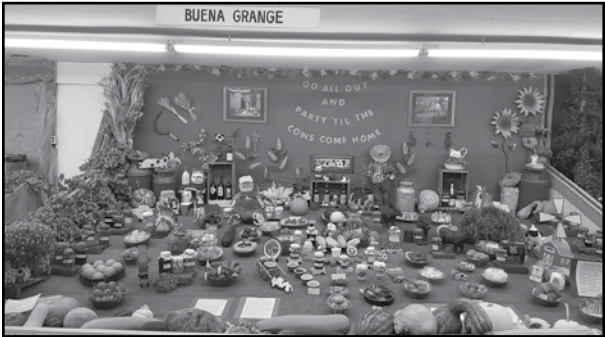
Mountain Valley Grange at the Clark County Fair



Dry Creek Grange at the Clallam County Fair

Fair Time Memories

Fair Displays From Around The Grange



Buena Grange at the Central Washington Fair



Fruitvale Grange at the Central Washington Fair



Lower Naches Grange at the Central Washington Fair



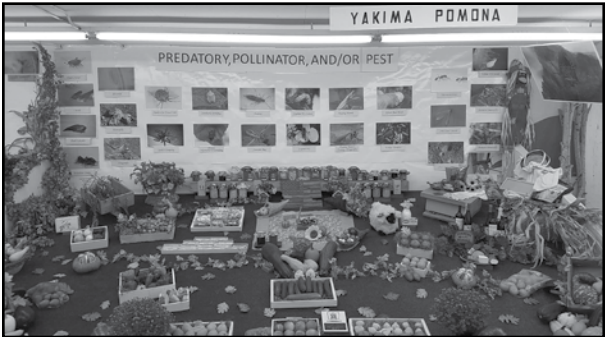
Selah Heights Grange at the Central Washington Fair



Riverside Pomona Grange at the Central Washington Fair



Sunnyside Pomona Grange at the Central Washington Fair



Yakima Pomona Grange at the Central Washington Fair



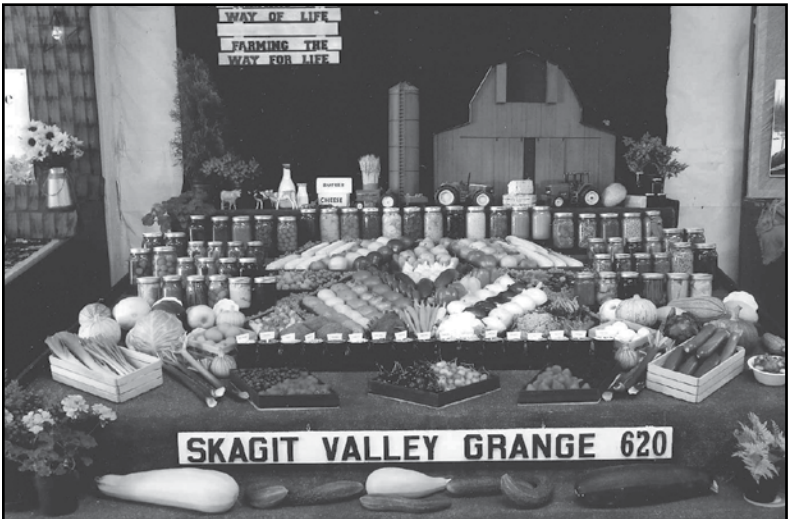
Broadway Grange at the Central Washington Fair



Ralston Grange at the Wheatland Community Fair



Ralston Junior Grange at the Wheatland Community Fair



Skagit Valley Grange at the Skagit County Fair



Inland Grange at the Pend Oreille County Fair

Grange Connection

BENTON COUNTY

Kennewick Valley Grange will have their fall bazaar on October 26-27. Spaces are available. Email KVGrange@gmail if you are interested in a space.

CLALLAM COUNTY

Dry Creek Grange operated the scone booth at the Clallam County Fair. The Grange hosted the Annual Dry Creek Reunion on September 18, with a large group in attendance.

CLARK COUNTY

Barberton Grange will host a Halloween Costume Dance on Tuesday, October 30, 7-9:30 p.m. The dance will feature the Steel and Velvet Band.

Salmon Creek Grange will host a Fall Festival on Sat, October 21, 12-5 p.m. The festival will include vendors, trick or treating, and make a craft.

COWLITZ COUNTY

Catlin Grange will be having our Huge Rummage Sale on Thursday, Oct. 11, Friday, Oct. 12, 8am-5pm, and Saturday, Oct. 13, 8-2pm. The Grange Hall is located at 205 Shawnee Street in Kelso. Proceeds will go toward purchasing dictionaries for 3rd Graders and other Grange projects.

Silver Lake Grange will hose the Toutle Valley Giant Pumpkin Weigh In on October 27. There will be a Pumpkin Roll on November 3. The Grange is looking for vendors for their 2nd Annual Brozaar, to be held on December 8. The brozaar is designed for vendors who products appeal to the men in your life.

Sunnyside Grange has been busy since convention was over. Many of us returned home and had to get ready for the community Fair and county Fair since they were in ten days. Our dairy bar at the Caste Rock Fair is our money maker for the year. We had to buy ice cream two more times during the last two days of the Fair because it was hot. Also, a project booth was put in for the Community Fair for the Grange. After Fair it was time to put in a booth at County Fair. In between times, many were out haying between working in the dairy bar. Other things the members did during the summer: Some of us were judging Grange booths and crafts for the 4-H members at County Fairs. A \$500 scholarship was given out to a graduating senior. Lori Ogden was our representative going to Grange camp at Morehead. Tri County was held at the end of September. The end of October

we will have a rest stop. Our Grange helped out on a city-wide clean-up day, planted flowers for the America in Bloom contest and of course a lot of watering on those hot days.

FERRY COUNTY

Eagle Cliff Grange hosted a Free Bingo with snacks, refreshments and fun on Sept. 29. Moving through the season, they will donate dictionaries to third graders. On December 8, they will spread some holiday cheer with their annual Christmas party. Eagle Cliff Grange meets the third Wednesday of the month with 5 p.m. potluck and 6 p.m. meeting.

San Poil Grange has BINGO on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Potluck at 5:30 and bingo starts at six.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Columbia Valley Grange members met on September 13, 2018 at their hall at Pasco following a Junior Grange meeting and potluck dinner. Camp Wooten Director Deena Stallings reported there were 160 campers attending and all seemed to enjoy themselves. The group donated unused cash registers on hand to Prosser Senior Center and Loren Amack volunteered to transport them. Twenty-five year membership certificates will be presented at the December 9 Christmas Dinner and Program.

GRANT COUNTY

Moses Lake Grange will have an arts and crafts bazaar on October 27-28. The Grange has inherited the former O’Sullivan Grange Hall and is working to make repairs to the hall.

White Trail Grange held a silent auction and BBQ pork dinner on September 29. Proceeds from the event went toward operation of the Grange hall.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Elma Grange held a clothing and formal dress exchange in September. The Grange placed third on their display at the Grays Harbor County Fair. A holiday bazaar is planned for November 17-18.

Humptulips Grange place first on their produce display at the Grays Harbor County Fair and went on to be the Grand Champion Grange Display at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. The youth group placed first on their display as well, while the Junior Grange also won a first -place award. Eight members attended the Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference in

Olympia. The food bank has continued with distribution of foods each month. The number of families served in September increased to 62. Gift card bingo starts again on October 6, with another bingo on November 3. Turkey bingo is scheduled for November 10.

Olympic View Grange has several rentals through the fall. The Grange placed second on their display at the Grays Harbor County Fair.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Chimacum Grange celebrated it’s 100th birthday with a Blueberry Pancake Breakfast on September 16. The Grange will co-host a workshop on October 6 titled “Fall Session Medicinal Herb Micro-Farming: How to Do It”.

KITTITAS COUNTY

Swauk Teanaway Grange will hold their annual Hunters Breakfast on opening day of deer season, modern rifle, on Saturday, October 13th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This tradition of serving breakfast to deer hunters, friends and neighbors in the Teanaway River Valley began 31 years ago with long time Grange member Violet Burke. Still going strong after three decades, Grange members will serve pancakes, grilled ham, and eggs made to order - a breakfast that will satisfy the hunger of hunters and non-hunters alike. And to top it off, we’ll have our famous apple butter to enjoy with your pancakes or in jars to purchase for your family or to give as gifts. The breakfast is \$8, \$4 for those 12 and under.

LEWIS COUNTY

Adna Grange Annual Fall Bazaar & Lunch will be on October 27. The bazaar is 10:00am to 4:00pm and will feature baked goods, dog treats, home & garden décor, soaps/salts, deodorants, body & lip butter, salves / lotions, quilted items, serving pieces, embroidered / crocheted / knitted / sewn towels, scarves, hats, headbands; jewelry, greeting cards, teddy bears, baskets, Christmas decorations, LulaRoe® clothing, cookbooks, Scentsy® wax warmers, diffusers & oils, etc. Baked Potato Lunch is available from 11:30am – 1:30 pm for a price of \$7.00.

Lincoln Creek Grange will host their Annual Cider Press on October 13 at 10 a.m. Bring your apples and containers and meet your neighbors while you make cider with our cider press.

Mossyrock Grange will hold a blood drive on Wed, October 17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grange

Hall. The Grange had dry firewood for sale (alder, fir and hemlock) in the Mossyrock area.

Oakview Grange will have a Fall Craft Fair on October 26-27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The fair will feature holiday décor and specialty gift items. Lunch will be available.

MASON COUNTY

Skokomish Grange has a Pinochle Tournament scheduled for Oct. 13. The cost is \$11/ person with all proceeds benefiting repairs to the Grange

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Goldendale Grange Sells Mini Pies For Scholarship Fund



Goldendale Grange Pie Booth at Farmers Market during Community Days. Grange sold 81 mini pies with proceeds going toward our scholarship fund.

Calispel Grange Birdhouse Table At The Pend Oreille County Fair



Calispel Grange offered a free activity for kids at the 2018 Pend Oreille County Fair to give them the opportunity to paint birdhouses. This has been offered for several years by Grange members, Leroy and Cindy Hokenson. They spend all winter making the birdhouses from donated cedar. A local Ace Hardware donates the paint to decorate about 140 birdhouses for next year’s birds. Pictured: Grange member Jorja guides kids during this fun and free activity.

Sammamish Valley Grange Presents Fall Pruning Program



Sammamish Valley Grange presented “Fall Pruning in Your Backyard Orchard” for their September community education program. Led by Tom Quigley, a Certified Arborist (and Grange Master), attendees learned best tips and practices including proper pruning cuts, where to cut and how much to cut, along with watering and overall care. It was a full house in the Grange Heritage Garden with dozens attending and getting answers to all their personal tree-related questions following Tom’s demonstration. The October 3rd program topic is "History of Sammamish Valley Agriculture" with the Woodinville Heritage Society.

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building. Cost includes: play, lunch, prizes, and dessert. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and game time is at 1 p.m. For any questions call Marie and leave a message - 360-490-2420.

OKANOGAN COUNTY

Twisp Valley Grange has scheduled a candidate forum for Wed, October 17, beginning at 6:15 p.m. All candidates for contested county office and state representative have been invited.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange will have their consignment auction on the second weekend of the month. The Grange sent three juniors to Camp Morehead this summer.

North River Grange had displays at both the Grays Harbor County Fair and the Pacific County Fair. The Grange placed third at the Grays Harbor Fair. The Grange is supporting talent contest winner Georgia Clark in her trip to the National

Grange Convention in Vermont. North Willapa Harbor Grange continues to care for the North Cove Pioneer Cemetery. The Grange placed first on their project display at the Grays Harbor County Fair.

Skamokawa Grange was in the Wahkiakum Eagle newspaper on Aug, 13, 2018 with an article about the Grange's activities at the Wahkiakum County Fair. The annual Grays River Grange Spelling Bee was held on Kids Day in the Skamokawa Grange hall next to the Wahkiakum County Fairgrounds and Bob Pyle (Grays River Granger) did a reading from his new book "Magdalen Mountain" on Senior Day at the fair. Thanks to Janice Anderson, from Washington Grange for coming.

PIERCE COUNTY

McMillin Grange draped the charter for Worthy Chaplain Laura Jobe, who passed away in July. Sister Victoria Bower was elected to fill the remainder of the term at chaplain and Sister Karri Marsh was elected to serve

as Pomona, the office vacated by Sister Bower. Sister Charlene Phinney will complete an unexpired term on the executive committee. McMillin hosted a community fun night with a meal and games on July 29. McMillin Grange had a booth at the Pierce County Fair with the theme "Local Farmers are our Heroes" and some members helped man the information booth and the Pomona Kitchen.

SAN JUAN COUNTY

Lopez Island Grange is hosting a Fall Festival and Quilt Show, with an evening Potluck and Square Dance with The Canote Brothers on Saturday Oct. 6. We have a full day of events planned! Come for some of it or come for it all! Day events are FREE, as well as the evening potluck. The square dance is a ticketed event.

Orcas Island Grange will hold an Open Mic at the Grange on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Bring your acoustic instruments, songs, stories, or just come and listen.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Fredonia Grange will be holding a Fall Vendor Fair on October 27-28. The event is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, with lunch available. On Sunday, October 28, there will be a pancake breakfast, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Skagit Valley Grange won the sweepstakes award and people's choice award daily on their produce booth at the Skagit County Fair. During the summer, the charter was draped for Jean Janson, Ernest Riggles, and June Riggles. All were long time members of the Grange. A garage sale will be held on October 26-27 at the hall with proceeds going to the upkeep of the hall.

SKAMANIA COUNTY

Stevenson Grange presents the continuation of it's 2018 Resiliency Series with the workshop, "The Intersection of Art, Science, and the Brain" on Wed, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Stevenson Community Library.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Tyler Grange will hold their Harvest Dinner, October 27th at 6pm. No charge, but please stick around for the baked goods auction. Your donation of a baked good to the auction will help fund Tyler Grange activities like the Harvest Dinner and Tyler Daze.

STEVENS COUNTY

Fort Colville Grange is starting up the Fall Bingo Series

on October 6. Bingo is the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, with dinner at 5 p.m. and bingo starting at 5:45 p.m.

Valley Grange will hold a bingo event on October 12. German dogs are available in the kitchen. The Grange will be holding their Vintage and Craft Sale on November 2-3.

THURSTON COUNTY

McLane Grange presents the Delphi Craft & Swap Meet on October 13, from 9:00 - 3:00pm at McLane Grange (931 Delphi Road SW, 98512). This sale is one of the two remaining for the year - come do your holiday shopping early! If you

or your friends have art, crafts or pre-owned treasures to sell, please contact Eladice at 360-866-7254. Free coffee, ample parking and delicious baked goods for sale. Please mark your calendar now to stop by and help with our major fundraiser.

Skookumchuck Grange draped the Charter for our beloved Secretary and Pomona Chaplain. Debra Sporseen wife to our Master has gone to heaven and left us behind. We miss her. The Grange Harvest Dinner and Bazaar will be on October 7. It will be a roast

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Malo Grange Awards Biggest Zucchini Contest Winner



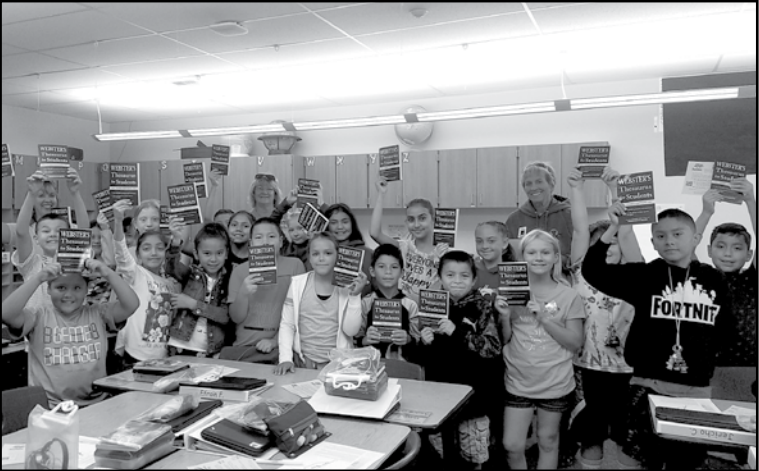
Malo Grange hosts two community yard sales each year. This year our fall sale was a bust! Maybe the week of showers? Maybe not enough advanced noticed? Whatever the reason we had only two booths which is not the norm for our yard sales. However, during the sale we have a biggest zucchini contest and Marianne Davis won a year's bragging rights for bringing the "Granddaddy Zucchini of Them All" to the annual Malo Grange Harvest Market Yard Sale in September.

South Union Grange Junior Alumni Pictured



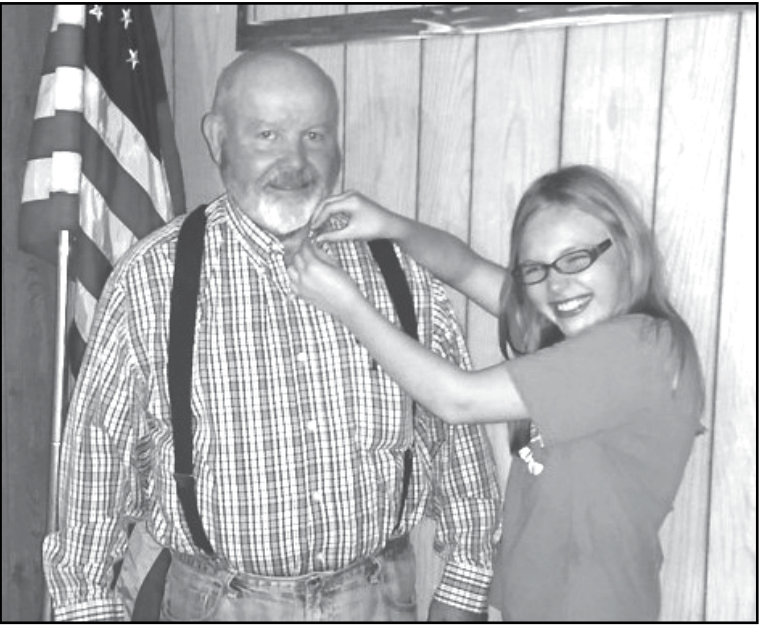
When Peggy and her mom Verna stopped by South Union Grange's September dance to pick up applications, some members joined them for a photo. The middle four are alumni of South Union Junior Grange. (Front: Verna Parish, Sharon Mathews. Middle: Pam Mathews, Christie Vintilo, Peggy Parish, Patty Mathews. Back: Karl Dehm.)

Terrace Heights Grange Presents Dictionaries To School District



One of the twelve 4th Grade classes (approx. 245 students) in the East Valley School District in Yakima County that received a Thesaurus book from Terrace Heights Grange.

Quillisascut Grange Honors 60-Year Member



At Quillisascut Grange our junior member, Heather Miller, presents Tom McKern, our longest-standing member, his 60 year pin.

Grange Connection

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beef dinner, with homemade pies served.

South Union Grange will meet on Monday, October 15 at 7 p.m. Business will include election of officers for 2019. Dance to live country music by The Country Four and More from 7 to 10 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. All ages are welcome and the cost is just \$6 per person.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY

Burbank Grange will hold their Annual Holiday Bazaar on October 27. Last call! For any vendors selling homemade items that would like to participate in our Annual Holiday Bazaar, please contact us and get your fee in by October 12th.

WHATCOM COUNTY

Haynie Grange will start their

series of Pancake Breakfasts on Saturday, October 14 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person.

YAKIMA COUNTY

Terrace Heights Grange has the following events planned for this fall: Wed., Oct. 17th, 5:30 pm – Community Food Drive and Baked Potato Feed. Donations of non-perishable food items and/or cash for The Pantry food bank at East Valley Reformed Church. Pumpkin decorating for the kids! Wed., Dec. 12th, 6:00 pm - Community Christmas party. Santa, lighted Christmas trucks, toy walk and goodie bags for all the kids.

Tieton Grange will host the Annual Highland Community Halloween Family Dance on October 27, beginning at 7 p.m. Bring family and friends to join the fun. Concessions will be available.

Revitalization Efforts Underway At Addy Grange in Stevens County



The Washington State Grange held a meeting to revitalize Addy Grange #603 in Stevens County. We welcomed eleven new members to the Grange as we increase our efforts to keeping Addy Grange moving forward in their community. The next meeting was set for October 15, at which time officers will be elected. State Grange Membership Directors John and Cec Hamilton and Deputy Master Lynn Wells are leading the effort to rebuild the membership in Addy Grange.

Calispel Grange Bingo Booth



Calispel Grange #500 Bingo Booth at the Pend Oreille County Fair.

Thurston County Pomona Has Busy Summer At Fairs



Thurston County Pomona #8 had a Grange information booth and a hamburger booth at Thurston County Fair in August. In September, they had an agricultural display at the Washington State Fair. Several members staffed the State Grange information booth at Puyallup as well. The next meeting will be Thursday November 1 at Violet Prairie Grange. Pictured: Rita Klein and Ginny Nelson invited visitors to learn about the Grange at Thurston County Fair in August.

Junior Connection

Green Bluff Junior Grange

Green Bluff Junior Grangers Spokane Interstate Fair Booth won 1st place. Congratulations to all of them for a job well done!! They hosted a Haunted House at the Grange on October 26 and 27 from 6 – 10 pm. It was a Spooky Fun time!!!

Green Bluff Grange Gets Extreme Team Renovation; Saves Bees



Green Bluff Grange has a new look! Exciting times took place during the month of September with Mark Peterson, Extreme Team KXLY4News, leading the Grange renovation. Things started happening first of September with the contract companies' removing of the roof, asbestos/siding, etc. with excitement of finding lots of honey bees in the wall. Fortunately Grangers, Brandy, Tina & Tom, were able to save them. Lots of pictures were taken and a binder/presentation will document all of the changes. The week of Sept. 17-20 is when lots of organizations / individual volunteers showed up to work, work, work with amazing community members coming together to bring food every

day. On Thursday, Sept. 20 the GRAND REVEAL took place. It was a big evening party atmosphere — Chris Hamp represented the National Grange and Duane Hamp represented the Washington State Grange. If you weren't there you sure missed a BIG DEAL in our Grange history! Green Bluff Grange had a Grange booth at the Spokane Interstate Fair and of course we thought it was a winner—unfortunately the judges didn't. Our September 30 breakfast was the first time in our newly renovated Grange — Oct.7, 14, and 21 are the applesauce/pancakes breakfasts. No breakfast on Oct. 28 due to the Haunted House. Our first Tuesday community event on Oct. 2 was Troop 288 Dutch Oven

Cookout. Harvest Festival at the Grange with food/various venue vendors is the first 3 weekends of October. Nov. 6 community event will be our annual Booster Night starting with a potluck at 6pm and program to follow. Green Bluff Grangers invite everyone to come take a look at what can happen when the Extreme Team KXLY4News, BECU, our Grangers, and many, many community organizations and individuals work together!!!!!!!



Pomona Connection

Clark County Pomona
Clark County Pomona will meet on October 10 at the Barberton Grange Hall. A Harvest Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting following at 7 p.m. The agenda will include the planning calendar for 2019.

Ferry County Pomona
Ferry County Pomona Grange will be having our quarterly meeting on October 10 at the Malo Grange. We will start at 5:30 pm with a pot luck with the meeting to fellow at 6 pm. The Malo Grange will follow with their meeting at 7:00pm.

Grays Harbor/ Pacific Pomona
Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange had an informational booth at the Grays Harbor County Fair, to go along with the 12 Grange displays and the Youth/Junior Grange exhibits. There were 140 exhibits this year, ranging from potted plants and cut flowers t preserved foods and artwork. The Pomona Grange made a sizeable donation to Georgia Clark, state Grange talent winner, who will represent our state at the Evening of Excellence at the National Grange Convention in Vermont. The Pomona also awarded four campships

to attend camp this summer. The next Pomona Meeting will be on November 10 at the Satsop Grange Hall. It will include election of officers and planning for 2019.

Klickitat County Pomona
Klickitat County Pomona Grange held our first fall meeting Saturday September 8, at the Centerville Grange Hall. We agreed to continue our tradition of providing the outstanding senior 4-H member in Klickitat County with a trophy and raised the cash award that accompanies the trophy to \$100.00. Our Pomona Grange has provided this trophy annually for over fifty years. The Bowdish family of Centerville have submitted a Grange Legacy Family application to the National Grange. During the meeting it was announced that Randi and Josh Krieg, Goldendale FFA Advisors, received the outstanding teacher of the year award at the State Grange Convention last June and we need to plan a formal Grange presentation sometime in the near future. Next Pomona meeting to be held in November.

Mason County Pomona
Mason County Pomona Grangers enjoyed a summer

picnic on August 25th. The picnic was held in Kneeland Park in downtown Shelton and several brave souls found their way to the park to enjoy good food and good fellowship in spite of smoky skies and damp weather. The Grange display at the Washington State Fair was the important discussion of the day. Members from The Agate, Matlock, Twanoh and Skokomish Granges attended.

Pierce County Pomona
Pierce County Pomona Grange had an information booth at the Pierce County Fair in Graham, August 9-12 and served meals at the Pomona Kitchen all four days for the year's biggest fundraiser. Eight of ten subordinate Granges installed displays. Marion Grange took first place, with Ohop Grange, Elk Plain Grange, Collins Grange, Edgewood Grange, Riverside Valley Grange, Fruitland Grange, and McMillin Grange also participating.

Snake River Pomona
Snake River Pomona Grange met September 15 at Burbank Grange hall. Al Meyer reported on June's State Grange Convention. The next meeting will be November 17 at Columbia Valley Grange hall in Pasco and officers will be elected.

Whatcom County Pomona
Whatcom County Pomona has a Grange Bowling League. It started back up for another season on September 8th and will run until mid-April. We bowl at Mt. Baker Lanes in Ferndale on Saturdays at 4:00. It is a Family League, using a handicap to even out the good

bowlers. It is for anyone that wants to come out and try or used to bowl years ago and wants to see if they still have it. We have plenty of room for new teams of four persons or filling a vacant spot on an existing team. Come by the Bowling Alley on a Saturday, or Contact Scott Hackett - League President

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	November 18 at Dry Creek, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting. Planning for 2019.
CLARK	October 10 at Barberton, 5:30 p.m. Harvest Dinner, 7 p.m. meeting
COWLITZ	October 20 at Pleasant Hill, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
EXCELSIOR	November 17 at Camas Valley. 10 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck. Election of Officers, Awards Dinner and Harvest Auction with proceeds to Camp NEWA Fund.
FERRY	October 8 at Malo, 6 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. meeting.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	November 10 at Satsop, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Election of officers.
KING	November 10 at Meridian, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Installation of officers.
KITSAP	October 19 at Olalla, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. Election of Officers
KLICKITAT	November 3 at Goldendale, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
LEWIS	November 3 at Cowlitz Prairie.
MASON	November 17 at Twanoh, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck
OKANOGAN	November 10 at Okanogan, 10 a.m. Election of officers.
PEND OREILLE	October 13 at Camden, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Election of officers. Pomona Harvest Dinner will be on October 27 at Camden at 1 p.m.
PIERCE	November 3 at Riverside Valley, 10 a.m.
RIVERSIDE	October 20 at Terrace Heights, 1:30 p.m.
SKAGIT	November 7 at Skagit Valley, 7 p.m. Election of Officers.
SNAKE RIVER	November 17 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
SNOHOMISH	November 17 at Kellogg Marsh, 10 a.m.
STEVENS	November 17, location to be announced.
SUNNYSIDE	October 9 at Buena, 6:30 p.m. November 13 at Buena – will be election of officers.
THURSTON	November 1 at Violet Prairie, 7 p.m. Farm City Dinner will be October 14 at 2 p.m. at Black Lake.
WHATCOM	November 20 at location to be announced, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Election of Officers.
WHITMAN	October 20 at Wilcox, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Election of Officers.
YAKIMA	October 19 at Selah Heights, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.

Pomona Fair Memories

Clark County Pomona Displays And Exhibits At The Clark County Fair

The Clark County Fair was held August 3-6 in Ridgefield. Fargher Lake Grange, Washington Grange, Mt. Valley Grange, Pomona Grange, Fargher Lake Jr. Grange, Salmon Creek Grange, Fern Prairie Grange, and Grange Camping Club put in displays at the fair. The Junior/Youth Grange Included a variety of exhibits, including a dog house, a chicken coop (with chickens), and many entries from the Junior Grange members. 50+ hours were spent cleaning, painting, moving booths, setting up, taking entries, cleaning up and tearing down all the displays and entries. A special thank you goes to Dave Johnson, Rodger Lance, Don Kapitanovich, Robert & Debbie Richards, Tom & Kari Hann and Kaitlyn Hann, Lane Roberts, Mike & Vickie Gilmour, Jim & Brenda Lester, and Janice Anderson for all their hard work. Members from each Subordinate Grange put in several hours setting up their displays. During the 10 days of the Fair, 60 grange members and friends manned the booth area for a total of 248 hours! Time was spent visiting with fair goers, young and old, sharing grange information, and stamping fans for the "Passport to Fun" contest. And of course, a visit to the Dairy Women's booth for a milk shake was a must!



Home & Family

Family Living

Time To Make The CFL Dept. Bigger and Better With Your Help

By Eileen Moebius
Family Living Director

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer. The fairs will soon be over, and the summer is winding down. Remember to bring your entries to the district contest so the blue ribbons can compete in the CFL 2019 contest at convention.

I want to thank Ann Fackenthall, Vicki Loomer and Carolyn Hojem for becoming directors for the Family Living for the 2018-2019 year. I am so glad to have them on the team and I am looking forward to working with them. I do need district directors in Eastern Washington and one in the Southwest.

Looking through some old Family Living files, I found a newspaper article about the 1957 convention. It was the 67th annual session in Walla Walla in June of 1956. There were 650 entries and at that time the department was called Grange

Home EC. Four Hundred women came out to the event. One of the major events was the Home Economics breakfast at 7 a.m. on Tuesday at the Grand Hotel with 500 Grange women expected to attend. The men would have liked to attend also but there was not room to accommodate everyone. The event was limited to women only. If we could have attendance like that again; wouldn't that be fantastic?

I have heard that the Family Living department will most likely not be going forward because of lack of participation. You, as the body of the Grange, you voted to keep it going. Please, can I ask everyone to step up and help to make the department bigger and better? We need the help from every Grange to make the department work. As I look back to the first time that I was installed as CFL and at that time it was called Women's Activities. At that time, it was said that the CFL was the most important job of the Grange. I still believe that!



Eileen Moebius

Now is the time to talk about the Family Living department. It is the job of the department to educate you about safe food preservation, baking, nutrition and textile skills and hospitality.

We will be replacing the Linus Blanket and the March of Dimes with the fire department, chaplains, police and WICK.

If you are sending checks for any of the charities, please make the checks out to the Washington State Grange and names of the charities should be written on the left-hand side at the bottom of the check. Thank you in advance.

The silent auction brought in \$795 and the bake sale brought in \$495. Thanks everyone. This really helps support our department. Happy Halloween everyone!

I am leaving you with a few words "Stop being afraid of what could go wrong, and start being excited about what could go right. "Author Unknown.

Community Emergency Preparedness Meeting Held At Rose Valley Grange

Jeanette Fedorka and Rose Valley Grange held a Community Emergency Preparedness meeting at their Grange Hall on August 22, 2018. There was a large turnout. There were Grange Representatives, Sheriff's Office representatives, and Cowlitz Fire and Rescue representatives present to answer questions.

People learned what to do in cases of a wildfire, or earthquake. In addition they learned ways to prepare for disasters and how the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Preparedness Groups work to help the community in the event of an emergency. The most important thing learned was how to communicate with neighbors and band together to help each other. It is also very important to have a GO BAG complete with water, food, medication and important papers together in a back pack to grab and go in a moments notice. It was also highly important for those who take serious medications to make sure they have an additional 2 weeks worth in case of an emergency.

Information was given out on how to put together a GO BAG, who to contact in case of



emergency, and how to prepare at home to be self sufficient for at least two weeks by storing at least 5 gallons of water a day per person and animal, and stocking the pantry with food. Everyone really enjoyed the information given and

their questions were all answered. Rose Valley encourages every grange in the State of Washington to hold these meetings. Rose Valley extensively uses Facebook to announce their Community Meetings and Events.

Add Grapes To Seasonal Dishes To Freshen Up Holiday Entertaining

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Taking a fresh approach to seasonal menus can make holiday gatherings and get-togethers more special.

As you prepare for the festivities, consider recipes that feature healthy ingredients such as versatile California grapes, which come in three vibrant colors - red, green and black - and can add a palate-pleasing crunch and plenty of taste to everything from main dishes to sides and even desserts. Heart-healthy grapes are also perfect on their own as a snack and their natural beauty can help enhance any table as an edible garnish or fresh centerpiece.

Using grapes as a featured ingredient in your holiday dishes can provide a fresh twist on seasonal dishes, such as Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Grapes and Balsamic Glaze.

Find more holiday recipes at GrapesfromCalifornia.com.

Roasted Brussels Sprouts With Grapes And Balsamic Glaze

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 pound Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved lengthwise
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- pinch of salt
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 cup red California grapes
- 2 tablespoons ready-to-use balsamic glaze

On baking sheet, toss sprouts with olive oil, salt and pepper, to taste, until sprouts are well-coated. Roast until deep golden brown, about 17-20 minutes, turning sprouts halfway through roasting. Stir in grapes and roast 3-5 minutes. Transfer to bowl and drizzle with glaze or drizzle platter with glaze and pile sprouts on top.

Seasonal Entertaining With Grapes

While the beautiful, vibrant colors of grapes can add visual interest to recipes, they can also serve a variety of purposes when hosting:

- Grapes can make for easy decorations when placed in bowls, on platters or draped from a cake plate.
- Grapes can be "frosted" with sugar, spices and chopped nuts then served as a finger food or used as a garnish to decorate cakes, cookies, puddings, mousses and other seasonal desserts. Simply dip grape clusters in liquid gelatin then roll in your desired mixture.
- Grapes make for a quick and easy hostess gift. Wrap multi-colored grape clusters in tissue paper then place them in a basket or tin tied with ribbon.



Moses Lake Grange Seed Display At Grant County Fair

Moses Lake Grange #1151, contacted spevel local seed companies for two months leading up to the fair, and were pleasantly surprised by the generosity and enthusiasm expressed by each of the sponsors. It was the vast of amount of donations that allowed Moses Lake Grange to install the seed display booth at the Grant County Fair.

Grange Members spent a handful of Saturdays building

the table, sign and display. The weekend before the fair, ten members collaborated harmoniously to place the seeds, creating the unique display that was located in the agriculture building. Grange seed display booths have a historical connection to the region, but have not been seen by Grant County Fair goers in at least 25 years.

The purpose of the seed display was to artistically

highlight the local agriculture of the Columbia Basin and inspire others to enter their own agricultural related items into the county fair. Each of the seeds showcased can be grown in Grant County. The quilt block pattern gives homage to the country roots of our region, and the centrally located Grange logo shows that Moses Lake Grange #1151 is aiming to make a positive impact in their community.



GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION (Seattle, Washington)

NOTICE OF 2019 ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 5th day of September 2018.

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