



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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29 Honored Veterans
at Mt. Valley Grange

Mt. Valley Grange Hosts Community Celebration Honoring Our Veterans

The Community Celebration Honoring Our Veterans was held on November 9th, co-hosted by Mt. Valley Grange and North Clark Historical Museum. A Pie & Ice Cream Social was held in the basement by Mt. Valley Grange. The program was co-hosted by David Johnson, Master

of the grange, and Judi Malinowski, president of the museum. Military flags for every branch of the service lined the front of the hall, provided by John Nanney, American Legion Tum Tum Post #168, and were very impressive. Flag presentation was by Doug Facundus, American Legion; Brice Shirley, North County

EMS; and Jerry Johnson, American Legion. The approximately 100 guests in attendance included 30 veterans. A Patriotic quilt was made by the Chelatchie Quilters and only a Veteran could win it. It was won by Elaine Fletcher, who turned 100 in December. She served in the Army as a nurse from 1943-1946.

Major Dennis Steigmann, USMC, Ret., was the Program speaker. Denny (as he is known to his family and friends) served 23 years in the United States Marine Corps in both enlisted and officer ranks. He was an Honor Graduate of both Officer's Candidate School and the Officer's Basic School. During his

career he was awarded 13 medals and assorted ribbons. He spoke about his early years in the military and his service in Viet Nam War. Denny gave some insights into what it was like over there. He provided a handout filled with Vietnam War

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MT. VALLEY GRANGE PHOTO LEFT:
Elaine Fletcher, Army Nurse, 1943-1946

MT. VALLEY GRANGE PHOTO BOTTOM:
Judy Steigmann, Family Living, Susan Courtney, Val Weisenborn.



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

- FEBRUARY 20**State Grange Legislative Day @ Olympia
- FEBRUARY 21**State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Laurel Grange Hall, Whatcom County
- FEBRUARY 22**State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Quimper Grange Hall, Jefferson County
- FEBRUARY 22**State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Kellogg Marsh Grange Hall, Snohomish County
- FEBRUARY 23**State Grange Resources & Leadership Conference @ Steele Lake Highline Grange Hall, King County
- FEBRUARY 29**Waller Road Grange 75th Anniversary Celebration, 2 p.m.
- MARCH 6-8, 2020**.....State Grange Teen Getaway Weekend @ Moses Lake
- MARCH 15**Humtulsips Grange 100th Anniversary Celebration, 2 p.m.
- MARCH 27**State Grange Standing (Intersession) Committee Meetings.
- MARCH 27-28, 2020**.....State Grange Deputies, Officers, and Pomona Masters Conference @ Olympia
- MARCH 31**Grange Camp Directors Meeting, 11 a.m. at Olympia
- APRIL 1**State Grange Scholarship Applications Due
- APRIL 15**Secretary Report (First Quarter) Due to State Grange Office
- APRIL 25**Quimper Grange 100th Anniversary Celebration
- APRIL 23**State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
- JUNE 24-27, 2020**.....131st Annual Session of the Washington State Grange @ Walla Walla County Fairgrounds
- AUGUST 7-9, 2020**Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference @ Boise, ID
- NOVEMBER 17-21, 2020**.....154th Annual Session of the National Grange @ Valley Forge, PA

By-Laws

Whatcom Pomona will meet on February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Ten Mile Grange to vote to confirm their by-laws.

Pine Grove Grange #115 will be voting on a change in their dues March 18th at 3:30 pm at the home of Jim and Bonnie Lyle Colfax. Potluck to follow meeting.

Washington State Grange Offers Scholarships

Scholarships are offered each year through the Washington State Grange Foundation to assist Grange members attending college or children of Grange members. Applications for the scholarships will be taken through April 1 of each year for the following school year. Requirements vary for the different scholarships. Additional information about the State Grange Scholarship program and an application form are available by writing, calling, or emailing the Washington State Grange. Forms are also available online at www.wa-grange.org

A summary of the available scholarships is as follows:

Family Living Scholarships -

Two categories of scholarships are offered each year from funds collected by the Grange Family Living Department. The number of \$750 one-year scholarships granted depends upon the amount of funds accumulated during the previous year. One Family Living scholarship category is for students pursuing vocational education. The other category is for individuals enrolled in home economics studies. Applicants for the family living scholarships must have been Grange members for at least one year.

Agricultural Scholarships -

Applicants for these scholarships must be high school seniors or graduates already enrolled in institutions of higher learning. They must be Grange members, or sons or daughters of Washington State Grange members. The one-year scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or degree in some field of agriculture. This includes community colleges. The recipients must be majoring in some field of agriculture (or home economics for the Bozarth grants). Payments will be made directly to the college after notification of student's registration. The agricultural related scholarship include the Kegley Agricultural Scholarships (must have completed two years of college), the Norman Buchholz Agricultural Scholarship (up to \$2,500), the Kittleson Memorial Agricultural Scholarships, the Horace Bozarth Scholarship (Ag or Home Economics), the Kiona-Benton (Koss Memorial) Scholarship, and the Martin & Grace Forry Scholarship.

General Scholarships -

Applicants for these scholarships must be high school seniors or graduates already enrolled in institutions of higher learning. They must be Grange members, or sons or daughters of Washington

State Grange members. The scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or degree in a recognized profession or vocation. Each scholarship is for one year and is a minimum of \$750. Payments will be made directly to the college after notification of student's registration. The general scholarships include the Delpha Goude Scholarship, the Marion & Snowie Vanderpool Scholarship, the Riverview Grange Scholarship, the Fox Island Grange Scholarship, the Nob Hill Grange Scholarship, the Ray & Marian Kamerrer Scholarships, the Enga M. Anderson Scholarship, the Bear Creek Scholarship, the Rock Creek Scholarship, the French Creek Scholarship, the McCleary Grange Scholarship, and the Pomona Villa Scholarship.

Marie Snyder Memorial Scholarship -

Applicant must be a senior at Kahlotus or Washtucna schools or a member of Ralston Grange.

Only applicants should request the application forms. All portions of completed applications must be in the State Grange Office by April 1. Applications will be available to download from the WA State Grange website: www.wa-grange.org.

Mt. Valley Grange Distributes Dictionaries

Mountain Valley Grange #79 donated 166 of "The Best Dictionary for Students" to the third grade students at Yacolt Primary School in Yacolt. Georgene Neal, Darrell Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Ann Van Antwerp, Judy Steigmann, and Dave Johnson were there to hand out the dictionaries to the excited students. The students and the teachers look forward to our visit and our very appreciative of the Grange for handing them out.

Pictured: Ann Van Antwerp (Affiliate of Mt. Valley), Dave Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Darrell Johnson, and Judy Steigmann.



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President’s Message

Grange: A Politically Active, But Nonpartisan Organization

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

The next several months will generate a great deal of interest in our governmental elections. While candidate filing for most offices, from the U.S. Congress to precinct committee officers, will take place in June. Many candidates have already announced their intentions.

We can expect to see the retirements of a few politicians, while incumbents across the board are expected to have and increase in challengers from previous years. Throw in the fact that our country is polarized to the far left and far right, with few candidates taking a moderate approach. We have the makings of a political firestorm at our doorstep. We should anticipate another nasty election with accusations, smear campaigns, and other questionable tactics that will make this an election to remember.

As always, we hope our membership will take the opportunity to learn as much as we can about the candidates and their stance on the issues. We must, however, keep politics out of our Grange and our Grange out of politics.

The Grange is a politically active, but non-partisan organization. As a Grange, we get involved on issues, but do

not support candidates of any party for political offices. Our organization was founded on this principle, and we are committed to remaining a non-partisan organization.

Regarding partisan politics, here are some of the basic guidelines we use to remain non-partisan:

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- Grange halls may be used by political candidates for their events. Full rental rates must apply.
- The Grange cannot host an event for a candidate for a political office.
- We encourage Granges to hold candidate forums. All candidates for an office must be invited to participate.
- While individual Grange members may support a candidate, the Grange itself cannot endorse



Tom Gwin

or support a specific candidate for political office.

- As a State Grange, we ask elected officials to speak at our convention, but not candidates for political office. This sometimes is difficult in election years.
- The Grange, as a whole, may not contribute time, finances, or services to a candidate for political office.
- The Grange name and emblem may not appear on advertising, brochures, flyers, signs, social media, etc. for any candidate for political office.

As far as the State Grange in concerned, we will only invite elected and appointed officials to speak at the convention. Any who are running for reelection are reminded that we are a nonpartisan organization and their discussion should focus on issues rather than partisan politics.

By keeping these guidelines in mind, we will continue to be active in the political arena, but also remain a non-partisan organization that works to educate the voters on the issues. My best wishes to you as we trudge through the long election process and work together for the betterment of our communities, towns, cities, state, and nation.

Legislative

Nearly 3000 Bills Introduced Into Legislative Session



By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

During the first three weeks of the legislative session, nearly 3000 bills were introduced. Many bills focus on climate change and salmon recovery. The legislative session runs through March 13. Stay tuned, there is much more to come.

Low-carbon fuel standard mandate

The most consequential bill to pass off the House floor so far this session is House Bill 1110 which creates a low carbon fuel standard. It passed on a party line vote. The program would be similar to California’s. It’s a priority for Gov. Jay Inslee. During the three-hour debate, representatives who opposed the bill warned it would increase gas prices but have little effect on the state’s environment. An analysis by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency shows that if the bill passes, it is likely to increase the cost of gas by up to 57 cents per gallon and increase the cost of diesel up to 63 cents per gallon by 2030. This means increased costs for families, truckers, farmers, ranchers, and small businesses around the state. Not to mention the price of goods as freight companies pass these increased costs on to consumers.

If approved by the Senate, Washington would join California and Oregon, which already have low carbon fuel programs. California’s program has raised gas prices by at least 16 cents per gallon and continues to generate deficits, while Oregon’s program has raised gas prices by roughly 24 cents per gallon, though it is only 15 percent implemented.

The bill would direct the state Department of Ecology to adopt standards to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions per unit of fuel energy in transportation fuels over time. The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency report also says the mandate would reduce the state’s Gross Regional Product and put our state at risk for hundreds of job losses over the next decade.

Rep. Chris Corry, speaking during floor debate said a more effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions would be through wildfire prevention. During the 2015 season more than one million acres burned, emitting 24 million metric tons of carbon. Another representative described the bill as “too much cost with too little benefit.”

The measure now advances to the Senate for consideration.

Road Use Charges

The Washington state legislature has been considering the idea of replacing the gas tax with a pay-per-mile tax since 2012. This year, SB 6586 would direct the Washington State Transportation Commission and the state Department of Licensing to set up a road usage charge (RUC) program for electric and hybrid vehicles. Grange policy opposes a road use charge because it is particularly harmful to rural residents who must drive further based on where they live.

In response to the proposed road use charge, HB 2855 was introduced prohibiting any fees on motor vehicle travel, and any technology used to track drivers. It would also require any revenue collected from road usage charges to be used only for highway projects.

WA State Grange Resource And Leadership Conferences Rescheduled

State Grange Leadership Team members have completed three weekends of Resource and Leadership Conferences across the state. Unfortunately for Granges in the northwest section of the state, inclement weather and uncertain roadways caused a postponement of their conferences.

The list of rescheduled conferences includes:

- Fri, February 21 – Laurel Grange Hall, Whatcom County, 6 p.m.
- Sat, February 22 – Quimper Grange Hall, Jefferson County, 12 p.m.
- Sat, February 22 – Kellogg Marsh Grange Hall, Snohomish County, 6 p.m.
- Sun, February 23 – Steele Lake Highline Grange Hall, King County, 12 p.m.

Each of the conferences will begin with a potluck luncheon or dinner. Approximately one hour after the meal, the conference will begin. A brief session will be held for the entire group, followed by breakout meetings. The breakout meetings will be 30-45 minutes each and be on a rotating basis.

Presentations will include specific items for Grange Masters and all Grange departments. The focus of this years’ leadership conference series will be on providing resources that will assist each Grange to become more successful in their communities.

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



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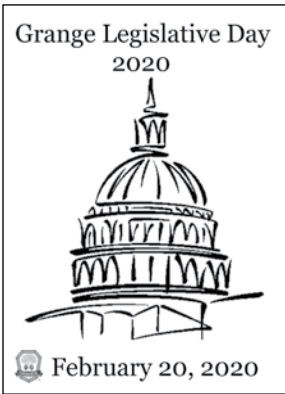
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It's Not Too Late To Sign Up For WA State Grange Legislative Day



As the legislative session kicks into high gear, the legislative department is hard at work making sure the concerns and needs of our members are heard at the state and national levels.

It is proven, however, that a grass roots effort works extremely well with

legislators on the hill. The best way to make this happen is to show them that the Grange is alive, the Grange is active, and we have a lot to offer the rural residents of Washington. This is where we need your help!

Grange Legislative Day is a great way to work to make this happen. This year's Grange Legislative Day will be Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to approx. 4:00 p.m. It's a prime opportunity to observe the process and to get involved in the process.

We are working to bring you another great Grange Legislative Day yet! Here is what's in store so far:

- 8am to 9:15 – Welcome, introductions and legislative briefing (at state headquarters)

- 9:30 to 12:00 – Meetings with your legislators, committee hearings, possible floor debates and capitol tours.

- 12:00-1:30 – Lunch at the Capitol Campus with the following speakers:

- o Senator Judy Warnick – Moses Lake, Ranking Minority on Senate Ag Committee
- o Diana Carlen – WA Assn of Wheat Growers, Columbia and Snake River Dams
- o Kathleen Collins – WA Water Policy Alliance – Ag water issues
- o Mark Streuli – WA Cattlemen's Assn – Livestock issues

- 1:30-3:00 – Group photo, meetings with your legislators, committee hearings, possible floor debates and capitol tours.

- 3:15 – Wrap up meeting at state headquarters
- Please understand that our schedule could be disrupted by what is happening on that day in the legislature, so flexibility is always needed.

Ask your fellow Grangers to join you, invite your youth to attend, and spread the word to anyone interested in promoting the concerns of rural Washington. 2020 is a great year to start anew and to become involved in the Grange legislative program.

USDA Invests In Broadband For Rural WA Communities

USDA Press Release
SEATTLE: Jan. 29, 2020

Today, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Washington State Director Kirk Pearson announced USDA has invested \$2.4 million in a high-speed broadband infrastructure project that will create or improve e-Connectivity for approximately 250 households and home-based businesses in rural Mason County in southwest Washington. This is one of many funding announcements in the first round of USDA's ReConnect Pilot Program investments.

"Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue, USDA recognizes that this is the task of our generation: to ensure that all rural Americans have the same access to affordable, high-speed broadband as their urban and suburban counterparts," Pearson said. "The ReConnect Pilot Program is helping to satisfy our mandate to improve the quality of life of all rural residents by improving their access to education, health care and economic opportunity, because when rural America thrives, all of America thrives.

Mason Public Utility District 3, based in Shelton, will use a \$2.4 million ReConnect Program grant to provide high-speed broadband to the unserved Grapeview community. The Three Fingers Rural Broadband Fiber Project will provide middle-mile and last-mile fiber-optic service to each premises located within the targeted area.

Background:

In March 2018, Congress provided \$600 million to USDA to expand broadband infrastructure and services in rural America. On Dec. 13, 2018, Secretary Perdue announced the rules of the program, called "ReConnect," including how the loans and grants will be awarded to help build broadband infrastructure in rural America. USDA received 146 applications between May 31, 2019, and July 12, 2019, requesting \$1.4 billion in funding across all three ReConnect Program funding products: 100 percent loan, 100 percent grant, and loan-grant combinations. USDA is reviewing applications and announcing approved projects on a rolling basis. Additional investments in all three categories will be made in the coming weeks.

These grants, loans and combination funds enable the federal government to partner with the private sector and rural communities to build modern broadband infrastructure in areas with insufficient internet service. Insufficient service is defined as connection speeds of less than 10 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 1 Mbps upload.

In December 2019, Agriculture Secretary Perdue announced USDA will be making available an additional \$550 million in ReConnect funding in 2020. USDA will make available up to \$200 million for grants, up to \$200 million for 50/50 grant/loan combinations, and up to \$200 million for low-interest loans. The application window for this round of funding will open Jan. 31, 2020. Applications for all funding products will be accepted in the same application window, which will close no later than March 16, 2020.

A full description of 2020 ReConnect Pilot Program funding is available on page 67913 of the Dec. 12, 2019, Federal Register (PDF, 336 KB). To learn more about eligibility, technical assistance and recent announcements, visit www.usda.gov/reconnect.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure is a key recommendation of the task force. To view the report in its entirety, please view the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (PDF, 5.4 MB). In addition, to view the categories of the recommendations, please view the Rural Prosperity infographic (PDF, 190 KB).

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas.

For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.



2020 Legislative Day

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Registration is \$15 per person. RSVP by February 14, 2020
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED

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www.wa-grange.com/LegislativeSession.aspx

Washington State Grange Bill Tracking

As Of 2/5/2020

High Priority Bills

Bill Details		Status	Sponsor	Position
SHB 2317	Animals	H PSDPS	Orwall	Oppose
	Concerning animal welfare.			
HB 2427 (SB 6453)	Climate change/GMA	H Env & Energy	Duerr	Oppose
	Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.			
HB 2536	Rural character/GMA	H Env & Energy	Maycumber	Support
	Updating rural character under the growth management act.			
HB 2624	Dept. of Ag./examinations	H RDev, Ag&NR	Shewmake	Support
	Concerning the authority of the director of the department of agriculture with respect to certain examinations and examination fees.			
2SSB 5947	Sustainable farms and fields	H RDev, Ag&NR	McCoy	Oppose
	Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program.			
SB 6260	Water resources/tribes	S Ag/Water/Natur	McCoy	Oppose
	Concerning tribal traditional and cultural interests in water resources.			
SSB 6300	Animals	S Rules 2	Rivers	Oppose
	Concerning animal welfare.			
SB 6453 (HB 2427)	Climate change/GMA	S Local Governme	Salomon	Oppose
	Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.			
SB 6518	Pesticide, chlorpyrifos	S Ag/Water/Natur	Rolfes	Oppose
	Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides.			

Medium Priority Bills

Bill Details		Status	Sponsor	Position
HB 1979	Surface water flow levels	H RDev, Ag&NR	Maycumber	Support
	Concerning the establishment of reasonable surface water flow levels.			
SHB 2311	Greenhouse gas emissions	H Approps	Slatter	Oppose
	Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.			
HB 2413	Wildfire activity funding	H Approps	Fitzgibbon	Oppose
	Concerning funding for wildfire prevention and preparedness activities.			
HB 2415	Special district elections	H State Govt & T	Hudgins	Oppose
	Conforming elections for certain special districts with Title 29A RCW.			
HB 2524	Ag. product negotiations	H RDev, Ag&NR	Chandler	Support
	Expanding the scope of agricultural products subject to requirements in chapter 15.83 RCW related to negotiation concerning production or marketing.			
HB 2529 (SB 6503)	Odd-numbered year elections	H State Govt & T	Gregerson	Oppose
	Concerning odd-numbered year elections.			
HB 2549	Salmon recovery efforts/GMA	H Env & Energy	Lekanoff	Concerns
	Integrating salmon recovery efforts with growth management.			
HB 2550	Net ecological gain	H Env & Energy	Lekanoff	Concerns
	Establishing net ecological gain as a policy for application across identified land use, development, and environmental laws.			
HB 2552	Salmon committee	H RDev, Ag&NR	Lekanoff	Support
	Creating a joint legislative salmon committee.			
SHB 2588	Special purpose districts	H Rules R	Pollet	Oppose
	Improving openness, accountability, and transparency of special purpose districts.			
HB 2609 (SB 6335)	Climate change/GMA	H Env & Energy	Duerr	Oppose
	Addressing climate change through growth management.			
HB 2696 (SB 6329)	Meat and poultry misbranding	H RDev, Ag&NR	Dent	Support
	Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.			
HB 2697 (SB 6401)	Noxious weeds	H RDev, Ag&NR	Dent	Support
	Concerning noxious weeds.			
HB 2712	Beef country of origin	H RDev, Ag&NR	Kretz	Support
	Requiring retailers to indicate the country of origin on beef sold to the public.			
HB 2713	Compost procurement and use	H State Govt & T	Walen	Support
	Encouraging compost procurement and use.			
HB 2866	Transfer of water rights	H RDev, Ag&NR	Goehner	Support
	Prohibiting transfers of water rights out of their original water resource inventory area.			
ESSB 5323	Plastic bags	H Env & Energy	Das	Concerns
	Reducing pollution from plastic bags by establishing minimum state standards for the use of bags at retail establishments.			
SB 5412 (E2SHB 1110)	Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels	S Environment, E	Salda?a	Oppose
	Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. Low carbon fuel standard.			
SB 6036	Droughts/trust water rights	S Ag/Water/Natur	Honeyford	Support
	Providing opportunities for drought mitigation using trust water rights.			
SB 6076 (HB 2241)	Assault weapons	S Law & Justice	Kuderer	Concerns
	Concerning assault weapons and large capacity magazines.			
SB 6161	Ammunition excise tax	S Law & Justice	Dhingra	Oppose
	Imposing an excise tax on ammunition.			
SB 6261	Farm labor contractor system	S Labor & Commer	McCoy	Oppose
	Strengthening the farm labor contractor system by removing an exemption for nonprofits, prohibiting retaliation and the use of farm labor contractors in certain circumstances, and establishing liability for related violations.			

Medium Priority Bills

Bill Details		Status	Sponsor	Position
SB 6272 (SHB 2311)	Greenhouse gas emissions	S Environment, E	Das	Oppose
	Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.			
SSB 6288	Office of firearm violence	S Ways & Means	Dhingra	Oppose
	Creating the Washington office of firearm violence prevention.			
SB 6306	Soil health initiative	S Ways & Means	Liias	Support
	Creating the Washington soil health initiative.			
SB 6329 (HB 2696)	Meat and poultry misbranding	S Ag/Water/Natur	Warnick	Support
	Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.			
SB 6401 (HB 2697)	Noxious weeds	S Ag/Water/Natur	Warnick	Support
	Concerning noxious weeds.			
SB 6454	Salmon habitat planning	S Local Governmen	Salomon	Oppose
	Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas.			
SB 6503 (HB 2529)	Odd-numbered year elections	S State Govt/Tri	Nguyen	Oppose
	Concerning odd-numbered year elections.			
SB 6514	Irrigation dist. elections	S Local Governme	Schoesler	Support
	Addressing irrigation district elections.			
SB 6544	GMA/agricultural land	S Local Governme	Zeiger	Support
	Encouraging the success of agriculture on agricultural land.			
SB 6586	Electric vehicles/per mile	S Transportation	Salda?a	Oppose
	Implementing a per mile charge on electric and hybrid vehicles.			

Low Priority Bills

Bill Details		Status	Sponsor	Position
2SHB 1733	Productive farmland	H Rules R	Gregerson	Support
	Retaining productive farmland.			
HB 1983	Natural resource management	H 2nd Reading	Maycumber	Support
	Concerning natural resource management activities.			
HB 2166	Working forest license plate	H Trans	Orcutt	Support
	Creating special license plates that support working forests.			
HB 2228	State fire service deploy.	H Approps	Springer	Support
	Permitting early deployment of state fire service resources.			
HB 2553	Water resource policy group	H RDev, Ag&NR	Lekanoff	Concerns
	Creating a joint executive, legislative, and interagency work group on water resource policy for the purpose of developing a statewide water action plan.			
HB 2603 (SB 6494)	Trust water rights	H RDev, Ag&NR	Springer	Concerns
	Concerning trust water rights.			
HB 2765	Committee on water	H RDev, Ag&NR	Lekanoff	Support
	Creating a joint select committee on water.			
HB 2811 (SB 6124)	Environmental education	H Approps	Johnson	Neutral
	Establishing a statewide environmental sustainability education program.			
HR 4653	Agricultural producers		Dent	Support
	Honoring Washington's agricultural producers.			
SB 5504	Peer-reviewed journal access	S Rules 2	Warnick	Support
	Concerning state agency employee access to peer-reviewed journals. Directs the state institute for public policy to conduct a study that addresses potential funding, organizational structure, and policy mechanisms that would provide relevant state employees with comprehensive electronic access to peer-reviewed journals. Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the state institute for public policy for conducting the study. Expires June 30, 2021.			
SB 6124 (HB 2811)	Environmental education	S EL/K-12	Hunt	Neutral
	Establishing a statewide environmental sustainability education program.			
SB 6301	Surface water rights	S Ag/Water/Natur	Van De Wege	Concerns
	Concerning public interest considerations in the transfer or change of surface water rights.			
SB 6335 (HB 2609)	Climate change/GMA	S Local Governme	Salomon	Concerns
	Addressing climate change through growth management.			
SB 6345	Water infrastructure program	S Ag/Water/Natura	Honeyford	Support
	Establishing the water infrastructure program.			
SB 6347	Pistol license expiration	S Law & Justice	Wagoner	Neutral
	Extending the expiration date for a concealed pistol license.			
SB 6494 (HB 2603)	Trust water rights	S Ag/Water/Natur	Rolfes	Concerns
	Concerning trust water rights.			
SB 6545	Voluntary stewardship prog.	S Local Governme	Zeiger	Support
	Concerning the voluntary stewardship program.			

Other Bills

Bill Details		Status	Sponsor	Position
HB 2519	Ammunition	H Civil R & Judi	Walen	
	Concerning reasonable public safety measures to prevent dangerous individuals from acquiring ammunition.			
SB 6093	Park and land public access	S Ag/Water/Natur	Schoesler	
	Concerning free public access to state parks and lands.			
SSB 6382	Meat and poultry inspection	S Ways & Means	Ericksen	
	Concerning state-inspected commercial custom meat facilities.			

Convention Info

JUNE 24 - 27, 2020

131st Annual State Grange Convention

Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Writing Resolutions

Each and every Grange member can take an active part in policy development by writing resolutions. If members are concerned about an issue or the way the Grange is conducting operations, writing an effective resolution is the first step toward change. Take time to consider issues that will make a difference in members' lives. Think about how realistic results can be achieved. Discuss ideas at Grange meetings, and consider input from all members. Prior to finalizing a resolution, have someone, other than the writer, read it aloud to the group to check for clarity, wording and sentence structure. Please don't use abbreviations.

KNOW YOUR FACTS: Identify the problem. It is essential that the writer has a clear understanding of the subject matter. Before writing a resolution, check current Grange Policy (in the annual Legislative Handbook). It is important to know what the existing policy is in order to know what portion needs to be changed. It is also important to know how the law reads. Resolutions are much more effective when they are clear about what needs to be changed. Resolutions that inadvertently include inaccurate information can damage the credibility of the organization. The Washington State Grange office is available to assist with background research on existing laws and policy.

STATEMENT OF ACTION: The resolution must clearly state the desired action to be taken and who is to act. Consider the goal of the resolution, what are the intended results? What course of action is required for an acceptable solution?

CONTACT PERSON: Each resolution must include the name and daytime telephone number of one or more contact persons who are knowledgeable about the issue. This will assist the legislative department in preparing background information for the convention committee.

FISCAL IMPACT: If the resolution relates to Grange law or Grange activities and would cost money to implement, a fiscal impact statement must be prepared showing the cost of implementation. It is important that such resolutions come in early so the Executive Committee can review the cost estimate prior to convention. This statement of cost may be on a separate sheet of paper from the actual resolution.

SEND TO: Resolutions should be sent prior to deadline to the State Grange headquarters in Olympia.

RECOMMENDED FORMAT

- 1. **Title** - Should clearly reflect the issue.
- 2. **Problem statement** - Clearly state the problem and why it is a problem. This should be stated in two or three short paragraphs. Statements should be concise and factually correct.
- 3. **Action statement** - State the action requested.
- 4. **If the resolution is to be sent to other Granges, please identify which group** - all community Granges, all Pomona Granges or both. A fee will be charged for this service.
- 5. **Authorization** - State the name of the Grange and the date the resolution was passed. The resolution must then be signed by the master and secretary and have the Grange seal affixed.
- 6. **Contact person(s)** - Name and daytime telephone number.



2020 WA State Grange Convention RV Reservations

Bring your RV to the 2020 State Grange Convention at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds. There will be water and electric hook-ups for \$25 a night and tent camping for just \$5 per night. Please sign up early as there are only a few 100 sights available. We will be very close to all activities as well as restrooms and showers.

Please mail your RV reservation forms by May 30th to James Lyle at 307E Cooper St., Colfax, WA 99111. Please make checks payable to the "Washington State Grange NE District".

GRANGE CONVENTION RV PARKING RESERVATION

Last Name

First Name

Street Address

City / State / Zip

Grange Name

Phone

E-mail

Date of Arrival

of Nights

Please circle your RV hook-up choice:

Tent Camping (\$5 a night)

Elec. & Water (\$25 a night)

Total amount paid:

RV License #:

Length of RV:

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Mail by May 30 to:

James Lyle at 307E Cooper St., Colfax, WA 99111

Do you LOVE taking photos?

Will you be attending State Convention?

We are looking for people who would like to help capture the memories of this year's convention in Walla Walla. What do we need? Someone with a camera, not afraid to snap candid shots of various activities around the fairgrounds. Once convention is over, please forward your photos to grangenews@wa-grange.org.

Now's a Great Time to Support the Washington State Grange Foundation

Here's how you can help:

Do you shop at Amazon?

Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile will donate to the Washington State Grange Foundation when you do your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6064592 (you can also search by our name, the Washington State Grange Foundation). By remembering to shop at smile.amazon.com, Washington State Grange Foundation can significantly increase its AmazonSmile donations (you MUST shop at AmazonSmile not just the normal Amazon website).

Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?

Support the Washington State Grange Foundation just by shopping at Fred Meyer with your Rewards Card. You are now able to link your Rewards Card to your favorite nonprofit by visiting customer service desk at your local Fred Meyer or by creating an account online and linking your rewards card to the Washington State Grange Foundation (account # DI486). Whenever you use your Rewards Card when shopping at Freddy's, you will be helping our organization earn a donation from Fred Meyer. They are donating \$2.6 million each year - up to \$650,000 each quarter - to the local schools, community organizations and nonprofits of your choice. All you have to do is link your Rewards Card and scan it every time you shop at Fred Meyer.

The Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS January 2020

	# Joined	Jr. +1
Adna #417.....	2	
Jessica Franklin, Thomas Hamilton		
Bee Hive #385	5	
Kevin Newell, Lynn Newell, Cameron Newell		
Alyssa Newell, Kadice Compton		
Brighton Park	1	
Jennifer Taylor		
Buena #836.....	1	
Kayla Derrey		
Cedar Valley #306.....	3	
Ruth Jester, Carol Harris, Ken Gallagher		
Chimacum #681	2	
Norm Macleod, Rob Story		
Enterprise #784	1	
Gregg Wicks		
Fagher Lake #853	1	
James Zimmerman		
Five Mile Prairie #905	2	
Bill Manuel, Vonnice Manuel		
Fort Colville #533	4	
Veronica Randall, Tracey Delyea, Lee Waith, Janet Walth		
Green Bluff #300	2	
Fred Lear, Jordan Kuhnkey		
Haynie #169	1	
Melissa Kudsk		
Hazel Dell #1124.....	2	2
Alyssa Rice, Sean Rice		
Inland #780.....	1	
William Jonston		
Kellogg Marsh #136	1	
Bobby Patterson		
La Center #48.....	1	
Kristen Simons		
Long Beach #667.....	2	
David Seals, Robert Gray		
Lummi Island #925.....	2	
Willie Kelley, Kavin Kelley		
Marion #276.....	6	
Michelle M Vander, Arthur Storbo, Perry Dahlquist		
Paula Loreman, George Mckay, Micah Cook		
Matlock #357	2	3
Raymond Jacquez, Anastasia Jacquez		
Mcintosh #1001.....	0	1
Molson #1069.....	2	
Judy Howlett, Lynda Rice		
Moran Prairie #161.....	1	
Sheryl Oien		
Mossyrock #355.....	1	
Janice Kuper		
Mt View #98	6	
Matt Hartmand, Alice Strunk, Bill Ekman		
Tamera Woodruff, GiGi Pomerantz, Lynn Mason		
Oakview #311.....	1	
Sandra Lund		
Pleasant Hill #101.....	1	
Peggy Parr		
Prosperity #315	0	1
Quillisascut #372.....	6	
Tawni Zerba, Myle Zerba, David Johnson		
September Johnson, Joe Vodmick, Penny Vodmick		
Quimper #720	1	
Otte Smith		
Rose Valley #953	2	1
Nathan Martin, Brianna Cassity.....		
Silver Lake #105.....	4	
Scott Schroeder, Selena Schroeder, Hal Hagen, Judy Hagen		
South Bay #250	2	
Jordan Pelton, Bill Dole		
South Camano #930	2	
Chuck Durland, Isabell Durland		
Swauk Teanaway #984	2	
Laura Schwab, Lenny Schwab		
Terrace Heights #586	1	
Carol Von Gohren		
The Valley #1048	8	7
Jill Jorgenson, Bob Jorgenson, Thelma Fry, Nicholas Shrofe		
Polegi Eneliko, Leilani Leova, Matthew Hill, Roxanne Hill		
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TOTALS	82	15

Social Media and the Grange

You just can't get around it anymore. Social media is an integral part of the 21st Century!

So how can we use social media to enhance our Granges and introduce new and potential members to the Grange?

Facebook is undoubtedly the most popular social networking site available today. Of course, there are the other social media sites such as Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn and a few others, however, Facebook is where we will find the most connectivity among users.

There are three types of Facebook accounts: individual, group or a page. Individual pages are for your own personal page as a group account is much the same, however, you can have multiple administrators; meaning multiple people can make updates, post new information, etc. to your Facebook page. Most importantly though, a group account still acts like an individual account in that people can post comments and information to the wall (page). Lastly, a page virtually acts as a marketing platform for people to visit in order to learn more about a company, organization, celebrity, etc. Unlike the other accounts, group pages have "followers" instead of "friends" and can be easily tailored to include more logos and graphics.

You should use Facebook to do the following:

- Update your members on important issues like upcoming events, Grange or committee meetings, or monthly newsletters.
- Post links to news articles, relevant websites, community events and other valuable resources.
- Attach your Facebook URL to anything and everything you distribute (email signatures,

business cards, pamphlets, event flyers, etc.) allowing potential members or contributors to easily learn about your Grange.

- Look up fellow members or potential contacts when traveling, providing an opportunity for face-to-face contact.

- Join other Ag groups, or organizations with similar interests to share industry information.

- Use the followers list from similar organizations to solicit new members interested in the Grange.

Fully capitalizing on your Facebook page is going to be a joint effort. Assign two to three people within your Grange the duty of checking your page daily to ensure that no message, comment, or request goes unnoticed. Remember, everything you post on the Internet is forever. Double-check spelling and content of your message posting.

Lastly, when managing your Grange-oriented account, remember

whom you're representing and act accordingly. Avoid cursing, posting inappropriate material, misrepresenting the Grange by stating views that aren't in alignment with Grange policy. Your page must be clearly identified as a Grange website or page and must have contact information. Your page must be clearly identified as being a Grange sponsored page or group and have a Grange contact person easily identified on the page. There should be NO partisan or sectarian comments, opinions, statements or endorsements on the website or page. No negative or inflammatory comments, opinions or statements toward any Grange or level of the Grange or toward any member of any Grange or to any public entity or public officials, may be posted. All content, including advertisements, must be within the guidelines of the Digest and By-Laws of the State Grange.

Are You Ready For A Contest?

Every Grange member has the opportunity to earn Grange gear and an unlimited number of Amazon gift cards! How many will you earn throughout 2020?

Rules and Guidelines:

This program will begin on January 1, 2020 and end on December 31, 2020. Recognition will be given to each Grange member who recruits new members during the calendar year. Awards for recruiting new members may be earned by Grange members as follows:

- *3 members – a State Grange T-Shirt
- *5 members – a \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- *Each additional 5 members – a \$25 Amazon Gift Card

Information will be taken from the quarterly Grange Secretary reports. The awards will be cumulative and will be sent to the recipients as they are earned throughout the year. Grange recruiters will also be recognized in *The Grange News*.

Lecturer's Department

Our New And Improved Talent Contest

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

As we wind-up our visits with Granges around the state, I'd like to share the information about the newly revised WSG Talent Contest with you. I think some background is in order to explain why the changes are being made. As many of you are aware the participation in the Talent Contest has declined significantly over the last several years. In 2018, we used the District contest format we had used for quite a few years and ended up cancelling two of the contests because there were no entries. We did have four contestants that performed at the state level in 2018. Last year (2019), we changed the format so two District contests, one on each side of the state, were held over two different Sundays

for a total of four District contests. My thought was that participants would have an opportunity to perform in any of the four contests depending on their time commitments or availability. Of those four District contests, two were canceled because there were no participants. We ended up with two entries at Convention. Both were certainly qualified and performed well. But my point is, it was not the Talent Contest evening that we have come to know and love. What to do???

Well, we're really shaking things up! The District Contests have been eliminated. This year, if you think you want to participate in the State Talent Contest you can finalize that decision once you get to Convention. There have been no changes to the other rules for the Talent Contest. We still

have the three categories – Vocal, Instrumental or Variety. Participants still must be Grange members and the act cannot exceed five minutes in length without penalty. To enter, visit the Lecturer Display area and sign up – it's that simple. You can do this from 1 PM Tuesday, June 23 until Noon on Friday, June 26th. Once you sign up, you will be given a rehearsal time that will be between 5:30 and 7:00 PM later that Friday afternoon.

I hope that we will have participation from lots of Granges – both Subordinate and Pomona levels. How about challenging the other Granges within your Pomona...or your neighboring Pomona Granges. Let's have a fun and entertaining evening.



Leslie Jo Wells

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Youth: Teen Getaway Weekend Coming Soon



Jerry Gwin

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

This year's State Grange Teen Getaway Weekend is coming up on March 6-8 at the Moses Lake Grange Hall. Registration information can be found in this issue. The weekend is an opportunity for our Grange teen members and friends to make connections with other Grange youth members, to learn about the Grange and opportunities available to teen members, and to have a fun weekend with their peers. The cost for the weekend, which includes food and all activities, is \$20.

The National Grange Youth Program has undergone a few changes this year. A summary of changes is as follows:

- Youth Ambassadors – all candidates for National Grange Youth Ambassador must attend this year's regional youth conference and must enter a prepared speech in a separate class of the regional public speaking contest.
- National Grange Youth Officer Team – all candidates for the National Grange Youth Officer Team must attend this year's regional youth conference and must enter either the prepared speech or impromptu speech contest at the regional level.
- Public Speaking – the radio spot has been replaced with a Grange commercial, where the participant must film themselves and edit the commercial. Details are available from the State Youth Director.

The Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference is scheduled for August 7-9 in Boise, Idaho. Details on the regional conference will be forthcoming.

Juniors

2020 Junior Programs: Let's Get Our Creativity Working



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director

It has been great meeting with many of you at this year's Leadership Conferences. I have had a great time traveling all over the state and getting to see so many great communities and Grange Halls. Hopefully, you were able to attend one of the conferences, but if not, make sure to take a look at the new 2020 Program Handbook.

Several recurring questions were asked that need to be clarified. There was some misunderstanding on where Juniors can enter photography or crafts at our state convention. There are three different places where Juniors are able to enter items. The Lecturers department and the Family Living department are both happy to see entries from Juniors. The Program Handbook has the guidelines for both of these departments.

The Lecturers and Family Living departments require entries win at a Pomona contest before coming to State. Your Pomona Lecturer or Pomona Chairman of Family Living will fill out the necessary paperwork to enter the item and possibly transport them to State convention.

The third place to enter craft projects is with the Junior department. Please check pages 20 - 21 of the 2020 Program Handbook for the categories and items accepted. Entries with the Junior department do not need to be judged at a Pomona contest and do not need to be pre-registered. These entries may be brought directly to State Convention and entered at the Junior contest tables.

The Lecturers and Family Living departments do not judge Juniors against adults and have age categories for Juniors, Youth and Adults. The Junior

department judges entries against Juniors of similar ages. Please read through your Program Handbook for further information about age group categories and entry rules. If you have questions after that, contact information for the directors and their leadership teams are located at the beginning of each section and we are more than happy to answer questions.

If you did not get to join us for one of the conferences, please make sure you get the new State and National Junior department programs. This upcoming year is going to be a fun one and I am looking forward to seeing how each Junior Grange uses the new programs. I would love to see a record amount of Juniors in the Lecturers, Family Living and Junior departments at State Convention. So let's get our creativity working.

Junior Connection

Camp Cornet Bay Junior Grange

Camp Cornet Bay Junior Grange will meet August 2-7 at camp near Deception Pass on Whidbey Island.

Camp David Junior Grange

Camp David Junior Grange will meet July 12-17 at Camp David on the Shores of Lake Crescent in Clallam County.

Camp Mayfield Junior Grange

Camp Mayfield Junior Grange will meet July 19-26 at Mayfield Lake, near Mossyrock.

Camp Morehead Junior Grange

Camp Morehead Junior Grange will meet July 12-18 at Morehead Park, near Nahcotta on the Long Beach Peninsula.

Camp NEWA Junior Grange

Camp NEWA Junior Grange will meet July 19-25 at Camp Princess Pine, just east of Colville on Hwy 20.

Camp Wooten Junior Grange

Camp Wooten Junior Grange will meet June 21-26 at Camp Wooten, near Pomeroy.

Green Bluff Junior Grange

Green Bluff Junior Grange meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Some Jr. Grangers made homemade cookies to have along with other refreshments we sold at the Mt. Dew Boys bluegrass concert on January 25.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE YOUTH WEEKEND MARCH 6-8, 2020

The 2020 Youth Getaway Weekend will be held at the Moses Lake Grange Hall. Youth Getaway Weekend is open to all youth, ages 14-20. There is a \$20 registration fee for each participant. Everyone must have a registration form and medical release form (available on the State Grange website) that is current for 2020. Please send all completed forms to Jerry Gwin, State Youth Director. **Forms must be postmarked by February 25.**

The weekend's events will include workshops, recreation, and a pizza party. The registration fee covers all of the activities.

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 the absence has been pre-approved by both the youth director and a parent/guardian. 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 by February 25 to: Jerry Gwin, State Youth Director, P. O. Box 14, Humptulips, WA 98552

Home & Family

Family Living

Happy Valentine's Day

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

I have enjoyed meeting so many of you Family Living Chairs. Thank you so much for taking on this position. One challenge I have thrown out to you is comfort toys. Here are a few hint to help you be successful when making them:

- 1. Be sure to clip seams before turning. Use pinking shears for outside curves rather than making a lot of v- clips. Clip inside curves with straight in snips.

- 2. When stuffing with polyfill use a chopstick or knitting needle to get those corners stuffed tightly.
- 3. Be sure to use appropriate medium for faces i.e no buttons which can be chewed off and become a chocking hazard. Painted faces as well as embroidered faces are great.
- 4. Most of all have fun. Be sure to pick out one to be judged.

I have given out many patterns for shirt protectors to your CFL chairs. If

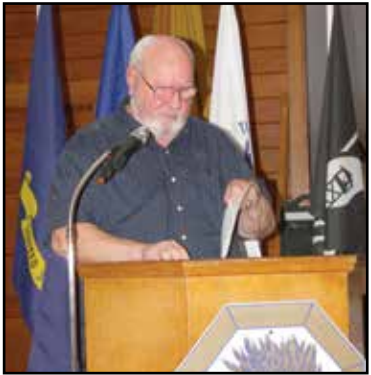


Helen Berg

this is something you would like to do check with them. Nursing homes and care facilities can always use these. I have also given out many patterns for an easy chemo cap. I challenge you to try making one. Once you've made one you will want to make another. Both of these projects are great stash busters. I am looking forward to seeing what you bring to Walla Walla. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Mt. Valley Grange Honors Vets

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Data, August 5, 1964-May 7, 1975. He also served in Okinawa, Guam, Hawaii, and on the East and West Coast. The Patriotic Singer was Heidi Steigmann, Dennis' daughter. She sang "America, the Beautiful" from the poem written by Katherine Lee Bates in 1895. The lyrics were revised in 1904 and 1913. Heidi



Major Dennis Steigmann, USMC, Ret.

asked the audience to sing along on the chorus and it was amazing to listen to. The organization highlighted was North County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), & the speaker was Shaun Ford, Chief of North County EMS and Fire District #13. Shaun spoke about the number of calls they get and the number of responses they make. They have provided advanced Life Support (paramedic) ambulance service to designated service areas in north & northeast Clark County since 1976. Their two ambulances are staffed 24 hours a day from two stations, Yacolt and Fargher Lake. Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Amboy Middle School Band, Directed by Gary Bong. The 17 students played many spirited patriotic songs. The evening was broadcast on



Jim Malinowski, Auctioneer

CGR Radio Network by Gerald Gaule, Owner-Program Dir/Engineer, and his wife Lisa. The program was broadcast via his link on the internet. Gerald was very helpful in promoting the event. The evening concluded with The drawing for the Raffle Quilt winner, the Door Prize winners, and a lively Pie Auction!

McLane Grange Presents Quilts of Valor and NCO Sword



McLane Grange #383 and Stars and Stripes Quilts of Valor group presented SFC Evan Berns, Special Forces and Grandson of Master Pat Veleke, a Quilt of Valor on Dec 20, 2019. New grange member Arlen Veleke presented his Grandson Evan with an NCO Sword. Pictured left to right are McLane Grange officers Teri Ramsauer, Pat Veleke, honoree Evan Berns and Eladice Arnold. Pat worked with our local VFW to organize the ceremony with friends and family attending. McLane Grange is honored to host the Stars and Stripes group each month on the first Tuesday and the third Monday at 10 am.



Valentine's Day Eats And Treats

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Because Valentine's Day occurs during American Heart Month, it's a perfect opportunity to start taking care of your own heart and the hearts of loved ones. These Frosted Watermelon Cutouts make for ideal snacks for children and adults alike whether it's an after-school treat or a sweet dessert with just three ingredients, heart-shaped cookie cutters and minimal time spent in the kitchen. If you're really looking to impress that special someone, this Watermelon and Chocolate Dessert Board calls for creativity and plenty of tasty morsels like berries, cashews, almonds and dark chocolate. Without any baking or cooking required, simply spread out the ingredients for a platter that's just as visually appealing as it is appetizing. These recipes include the benefits of watermelon, which boasts plenty of vitamin C to boost the immune system's defenses as a cholesterol-free, fat-free and sodium-free food. Plus, watermelon draws its red color from the powerful antioxidant lycopene (12.7 mg per serving), which may help protect cells from damage, and the healthy treat is American Heart Association Heart-Check Certified with just 80 calories per serving, making it the perfect centerpiece for Valentine's Day recipes. Find more Valentine's Day recipes at watermelon.org.

Frosted Watermelon Cutouts

- 1 seedless watermelon, cut into 1/2-3/4-inch thick slices
 - 4 brownie bites
 - 1 cup frosting (any flavor)
- Using heart-shaped cookie cutters, cut shapes out of watermelon slices or simply use cut watermelon wedges, if desired. Top heart shapes with brownie bites and add frosting as desired.

Watermelon & Chocolate Dessert Board

- 1/2 medium seedless watermelon, cut into wedges and cubes
 - 1 cup fresh raspberries
 - 1 cup fresh red cherries
 - 1 cup strawberries, trimmed and halved
 - 1/4 cup dried cranberries
 - 1/3 cup roasted, salted cashews
 - 1 cup chocolate covered almonds
 - 1 bar dark chocolate, broken into squares
 - 1 cup coconut chips
 - mint leaves, for garnish
- On serving board, arrange watermelon in center and surround with raspberries, cherries, strawberries, cranberries, cashews, almonds, chocolate and coconut chips. Scatter mint leaves around board for garnish.

Fargher Lake Grange Makes Wreaths



Fargher Lake Grange held a holiday wreath-making event. Georgia Goff generously provided copious boughs from her tree farm.

Grange Connection

COWLITZ COUNTY

Rose Valley Grange had their first dance night. We had a band, 45 people came up have dinner and dance. Next dance night is Feb. 8th from 5-9 pm.

Silver Lake Grange will hold a Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance on Friday, February 14 from 6-9 p.m. The event will have a "Roaring 20's" theme. Costumes are encouraged.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange hosted a Pomona Grange meeting for the first time in five years. The Grange held a successful "Breakfast with Santa" event in December, with over 200 attending. Grange members have removed an old boiler from the hall and created a new storage area. At the next meeting, Grange members will begin planning the Easter Egg Hunt. In one year since reorganization, we have taken in 24 new members.

Elma Grange hosted a clothing and formal dress exchange on January 11. The next exchange will be on April 11.

Humptulips Grange will celebrate their 100th Anniversary with a celebration on Sunday, March 15, beginning with dinner at 2 p.m.

Membership awards will be presented. The Grange also have their 7th Annual Fund-Raising Auction coming up on April 11. Bingo events will be held on February 22 and March 7. The recently installed chain-link fence placed between the county road and Grange parking lot looks great. We also installed baby changing stations in both the men's and women's restrooms. The Grange Food Bank continues to serve 560 families each month.

Sharon Grange has scheduled their Annual Oyster Feed for Saturday, April 18 from 12 to 7 p.m.

PIERCE COUNTY

Waller Road Grange members are in the planning stages and collecting info through the years. Come and help us celebrate our 75th Anniversary on February 29th. Hope to see you at 2pm as we celebrate

SKAGIT COUNTY

Skagit Valley Grange members donated god and cat food to the Skagit Humane Society, a large amount of food and fleece throws to the Alger Food Bank and Toys for Tots in December. The Annual Christmas Party and presentation of membership awards was held on December 8. Receiving awards were Eunice Jenkins (70 years), Jean Swift

(50 years), Norm Mitchell (60 years), Mary Hall (65 years). Unable to attend were Janet Berger (25 years), Wanda Freeling (60 years), Frank Nichols (60 years), and Roger Hall (65 years).

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange held their 2nd annual ole fashioned Hayride on January 1. The event saw more riders than last year as we had to use 2 trailers this year. Our January 7 event was "sewing a 2020 quilt block." The Spin-In on January 18 was very well attended. All proceeds went to our scholarship fund. New officers were installed on January 21 by Pomona Master, Walt Radmer, and his wife, Janice. The Mt. Dew Boys bluegrass band presented a Hank Williams tribute on January 25 at the Grange. First place winner of the February 4th Chili Cook-off will be announced in the March issue. Those who were able to go to the Grange Resources and Leadership Conference on February 2 for Spokane County indicated it was very informative. February 23 is the next "all you can eat pancake breakfast." Our 2020 calendar of events is filling up to be a busy year again for Green Bluff Grangers.

STEVENS COUNTY

The Valley Grange has been busy the last few months. We received a Grange

In Action Award from National Grange, and are super excited. Our officers attended the Leadership Conference Feb 1 at the Addy Grange and are excited about all the programs we can bring to our community. We have some great things scheduled for March. We will have our Monthly Bingo on the 12th from 6pm to 8pm and are Excited to offer our first Pinochle Day on March 28th with time TBD. We are also hosting a Junior Grange Open House on March 26 from 3:30-6:30. We are so close to opening our Junior Grange for the first time in years. Stay tuned for updates on that!! Our members are hard at work on our contest entries. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for more information and updates.

THURSTON COUNTY

Black Lake Grange members visited Larry Brown, an 89-year old golden sheaf member in the hospital. He joined the grange in December 1962. Larry passed away later in the month. A memorial service will be held at Black Lake Grange on February 8. To honor Larry, a monetary donation by the Grange in Larry's name will be made to the Thurston County Food Bank.

Skookumchuck Grange had a birthday party for long time member Lola, she turned 105! We again had to drape the Charter for a dear member. As a Grange, we voted that going forward there would be no charge for the use of the hall for memorials for

members. Members Art and Deanna will be getting married at our Grange this month, We will be ordering a new cordless microphone for our PA system. We continue to upgrade and maintain our Grange. Being able to offer an inexpensive and large clean venue for the community we feel is important and it helps us pay our bills. We talked about upcoming convention and who will attend. Get your resolutions written and submitted.

South Union Grange met on January 20 for their first meeting of the year. Andrew Jacobson was appointed to fill the vacant Executive Committee position. It was announced that their Grange will participate in the free coffee program at Maytown Rest Area on March 18-21 and June 10-13. The holiday food drive ended at the meeting and the Grange thanks the members, friends, and family who donated food, paper bags, and egg cartons which were to be delivered to the Thurston County Food Bank. The next Grange meeting will be held on Monday February 17 at 7 pm. Dance to live county music by The Country Four and More on the first Saturday of every month from 7 to 10 pm (\$6 per person donation). All ages are welcome.

WHATCOM COUNTY

Ten Mile Grange was happy to donate 30 Dictionaries to the Lummi Nation School for the "Words For Thirds" Project.

Stevenson Grange Builds on Community Resiliency Programs

By Mary Repar, Master Stevenson Grange

Stevenson Grange #121 was re-chartered in 2012 and since then has been active in Skamania County through its educational Community Resiliency Programs. The Grange supports agro-ecology and sustainable and organic farming. The 2019 Community Resiliency Program theme was "Food: Connecting the Community." The Grange programs run throughout the year, ending with a Community Harvest Feast in December.

The first program was the annual Plant & Seed Swap held in April, followed by May's "For the Love of Mushrooms," which was presented by Dr. Michael W. Beug, Professor Emeritus, Evergreen State College. Dr. Beug described the best edible mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest, where and when to find them, and how to distinguish them from potentially dangerous species.

As part of the Community Resiliency programs, the Grange also hosts the "Critical Issues Of Our Times Film Series." The 2019 film series featured five documentaries. All the films in 2019 featured the central theme of community. The first film was "Just Eat It" and looked at our systemic obsession with expiry dates, perfect produce and portion sizes, and revealed the core of this seemingly insignificant issue that is having devastating consequences around the globe.

In 2019, we also wanted to

return to the issue of water and its relevance to all of us. The second film in the series was "The Watershed Guardians of the Fraser River." This documentary is a journey to meet with the people who are studying and defending the Fraser River and its watershed.

The next documentary was "Water on the Table," a character-driven, social-issue documentary, that explores Canada's relationship to its freshwater, arguably its most precious natural resource.

The controversial film "DamNation" inspired a long discussion on dams and possible dam removals and the impacts on our local community, where we have had two dams removed.

The resiliency programs continued with "Seed Saving Through the Ages," presented by Dr. Ed Guerrant. Dr. Guerrant's talk surveyed the history of seed saving, going back at least 11,000 years, and ended with a short, practical session on seed saving principles and techniques for home gardeners.

Continuing the Grange Community Resiliency Program themeforthisyear, "Food: Connecting the Community," was "Once Upon A Table: A Food Fable," which was presented by Annie McHale and Curt Gray of local ROOTS Farmacy. "Once Upon a Table" was a journey thru the Columbia River Gorge's food scene from its first peoples to today's modern family. Sample treats from local Native American and Pioneer recipes, including an old fashioned cornbread prepared in a Dutch oven that traveled from east to west in 1848,

were taste tested by attendees! Plus, the topic of individual food preparedness in the event of a shortage or emergency was also discussed in this presentation.

The last film series presentation was "The Memory of Fish," a documentary about one man, the wild salmon he loves, and his fight to free Washington's Elwha River. "The Memory of Fish" film aims to inspire communities near rivers at risk, encourage people to engage in political action and citizen science, and equip the audience to support American rivers, whether through financial donation, service or volunteering.

Stevenson Grange #121's last event of 2019 was our fifth annual Community Harvest Feast held on the first weekend in December, coinciding with the Christmas in the Gorge Bazaar. The Feast is a free community potluck dinner, held on Saturday evening, and hosted by a number of sponsors. This year the Grange, The Women's Gathering group, the Stevenson Methodist Church, Heart Journey, Skamania County Democrats, and the Musicians of Stevenson and Skamania (MOSS) hosted the event. The Grange invited everyone to bring their smile, their appetite, and come share community.

The Grange is working on its 2020 Community Resiliency Programs and the theme this year will be "Sustainability." Please e-mail Mary Repar, Master, at repar@saw.net or call (360) 726-7052 for more information about Stevenson Grange #121's activities.

Goldendale Grange Distributes Dictionaries



On January 28, 2020, members of Goldendale Grange #49 distributed dictionaries to the third and fourth graders at Goldendale Middle School.

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Pomona Connection

CLARK COUNTY POMONA

Clark County Pomona Grange held a Harvest Dinner was held at Mt. Valley Grange on October 10. A planning meeting was held after dinner. The Baking, Arts, Crafts, and Photography contest will be held on April 8 at Fargher Lake Grange. Clark County Pomona Grange members will serve coffee and cookies at the Gee Creek Rest Stop Southbound May 21-22 and September 24-25. Elections for 2020-2021 Officers were held at the Pomona meeting on November 11, with Janice Anderson being reelected as Master.

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona met in January at the East Oakville Grange Hall. Seven new members were obligated in the fifth degree. The program was the Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony. Pomona calendars for 2020 were distributed. Following a potluck luncheon, the State Grange Leadership Conference was held. Pomona will hold a bake sale in conjunction with the quilt show at the Elma Fairgrounds on February 15-16. The next Pomona meeting will be on Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. at the North River Grange Hall. Baking and candy contest entries will be due at 9 a.m.

PIERCE COUNTY POMONA

Pierce County Pomona Grange conducted its first meeting of 2020 at Ohop Grange on Saturday, January 4. After the meeting and lunch, members remainder for a rules and ritual refresher touching on topics such as proper flag presentation, making motions, the attitude of prayer, draping the charter,

and so on. Very special thanks to visitors who came to lend out-of-county eyes and to advise: State Steward David Knott, State Chaplain Pam Mathews, State Secretary Terry Abbott, State Flora Kim Knott, Thurston County Deputy Christie Vintilo, and acting King County Pomona Master Steve Hall. Proper procedure aids in smoother and more productive meetings. Most members should have gained some valuable instruction.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY POMONA

Snohomish County Pomona Grange will meet on Saturday, March 21st 9 a.m. at the South Lake Stevens Grange Hall. Family Living Contests for baking, candy and canned goods will be held. Entry check in 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. See the 2020 Program Handbook or your Grange's CFL for more information.

SPOKANE COUNTY POMONA

Spokane County Pomona Grange met on November 16 at the Green Bluff Grange Hall. A donation was made to the Northeast Washington Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. It was also reported that a donation had been made to the Northeast Washington Junior Grange Camp (NEWA) in support of the campers from Spokane County. We had an entry in the Spokane County Interstate Fair in the "Class 3 - Pomona Granges /Special Interest Booths" category. We would like to encourage all Spokane County Grange Members to participate in the Spokane County Pomona activities.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona Grange held an afternoon installation of officers on Sunday, January 12. Thurston and Lewis County Grange members braved wind, rain, and a bit of snow and hail to reach South Union Grange hall, only to find that the power went out about 45 minutes before the schedule start time. In the dark building with the heat dissipating, the installation was abbreviated and Masters who were installed were asked to install their own officers at their next meeting. They can also contact their Pomona and someone can be sent out to install their officers. Despite the cold, many stayed for refreshments and were rewarded with the power coming back on! The next meetings will be held at 7 pm on February 6 at Black Lake Grange and March 5 at Brighton Park Grange. The March meeting will be preceded by a potluck at 6 pm. Baking and candy contests will be held at the March meeting (bring in entries between 5 and 6 pm) with the entries being auctioned during the Lecturer's program.

WHATCOM COUNTY POMONA

Whatcom County Pomona will hold their Grange Baking Contest (entries from members and nonmembers welcome) at the February meeting, Tuesday 2/18/20, at Ten Mile Grange. Entries are due from 10am - noon for judging. The evening will begin with a potluck at 6pm, followed by an auction of the baked goods, beginning at 6:45, followed by the Pomona meeting. The auction is always lots of fun, with items going from \$2 to \$30. Plan now to attend.

Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are reminded to send their list of 2020 meeting dates, times, and locations to grange@wa-grange.org for inclusion into this calendar.

- CHELAN** February 20 and March 19, social luncheon at Smitty's in Wenatchee, 11:30 a.m.
March 21, business meeting at 10 a.m., location to be announced.
- CLALLAM** April 15 at Crescent, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting
- CLARK** February 12 at Hazel Dell, 7 p.m.
- COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM** February 15 at Pleasant Hill, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- EXCELSIOR** March 21 at Clayton, 10:30 a.m. Baking and photo entries due.
- GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC** March 14 at North River, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Baking and candy contest entries due at 9 a.m.
- KING** March 14 at Happy Valley, 10 a.m.
- KITSAP** February 21 at Silverdale, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- KLICKITAT** March 14 at Glenwood, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- LEWIS** February 1 at Baw Faw, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. March 7 at Mossyrock.
- OKANOGAN** February 8, location to be announced.
- PEND OREILLE** February 8 at Calispel, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PIERCE** February 2 at Collins, 10 a.m. March 2 at Edgewood, meeting at 10 a.m., baking entries due at 9 a.m.
- RIVERSIDE** February 15 at Terrace Heights, 1:30 p.m.
- SKAGIT** March 14 at Skagit Valley, 7 p.m.
- SNAKE RIVER** March 21 at Burbank, 10 a.m. No Host lunch following meeting.
- SNOHOMISH** March 21 at South Lake Stevens, 9 a.m. Baking, canning, and candy contest entries due 7:30 to 9 a.m.
- SPOKANE** March 21, location to be announced, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- STEVENS** April 25 at Kettle River, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- SUNNYSIDE** February 11 at Buena, 7:30 p.m.
- THURSTON** February 6 at Black Lake at 7 p.m. March 5 at Brighton Park.
- WHATCOM** February 18 at Ten Mile, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Baking contest to be held.
- WHITMAN** March 14 at Whelan Ewartsville, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Baking contest and sale to be held.
- YAKIMA** February 21 at Selah Heights, 12 noon potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.

Clark County Pomona Christmas Project

On December 12th, Santa (Dave Johnson), Mrs. Claus (Janette Cjeka) and elves Georgene Neal, Judy Steigmann, and Ann Van Antwerp, visited the Learning Avenue Day Care Center in Vancouver to deliver crocheted hats and scarves and comfort toys. The children were delighted to see Santa and had fun picking out their hat, scarf, and toy. The age of the children is from 3-1/2 to 5 years, and 72 children received wonderful gifts from Santa! It is always a joy to watch the children and see how excited they are. The scarves were crocheted by Ann Van Antwerp and Donna Davis. The hats were crocheted by Janice Anderson, Barb Sizemore and several ladies in her group, and many more wonderful Grange members and community members who donated to make this event a success.

Pictured right: (Top) Crocheted hats. (Bottom) Ann Van Antwerp Manor Grange #1101, Judy Steigmann Mt. Valley Grange #79, Santa (Dave Johnson) Mt. Valley Grange #79, Mrs. Claus (Janette Cjeka) Washington Grange #82, and Georgene Neal Mt. Valley Grange #79



Green Bluff Grange Happenings



(Left) Green Bluff Grange held a "sewing a 2020 quilt block" event on January 7.

(Right) Green Bluff Grange held their 2nd annual old fashioned Hayride on January 1. The event saw more riders than last year as we had to use 2 trailers this year, driven by Doug and Jim.



Grangers Invited To Witness Degree Work

All Grange members are invited to witness the Exemplification of the First Four Degrees on Friday, March 27, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Brighton Park Grange Hall in Thurston County.

The four degrees will be performed by the State Grange Deputies, Officers, and Pomona Grange Masters as a part of their annual conference. While parts may not be memorized, the messages and lessons of the degree work are important for all Grange members.

Any questions regarding the explication of the four degrees can be directed to the State Grange office.

Grange Connection

Skagit Valley Grange Presents Awards



Skagit Valley Grange recently honored long-time members awards their Christmas Party. Pictured: Front - Eunice Jenkins (70 Years), Jean Swift (50 Years). Back - Mary Hall (65 Years), Norm Mitchell (60 Years). Unable to attend - Wanda Freeling (60 Years), Frank Nichols (60 Years), Roger Hall (65 Years).

Barberton Grange Show Entertains At Adult Day Care

On January 8 Barberton Grange Master Matt Hodges and his wife Tammie did their first of 2 monthly shows at CDM Adult Day Care in Vancouver. The residents really enjoyed the show and a couple even got up and sang themselves. This is a partnership between Matt and Tammie and the Barberton Grange.



Grange Camper Clubs

CAMPER ASSOCIATION OFFICERS TO MEET

The State Grange Camper Association Officers will meet on March 28th at 12 noon at the Buzz Inn in Ellensburg. The address is 2202 Canyon Rd, Exit 109. The upcoming State meeting and Fun Rally will be discussed along with the door prizes furnished for State Grange Convention. The State meeting and Fun Rally will be in Mossyrock at the Armit's place, 139 Del Ray Rd, June 5-7. It is time for Camper Clubs to send your dues to Cheryl Britton and Roster to Marilyn Armit. Both address are in our State Camper Roster. All Grangers are welcome to attend any of our activities.

SPOKAMPERS

The Spokampers (Grange member of Spokane and surrounding area) who like to go camping, If that is what you call it when its in an RV. They are alive and well. We have a Facebook page "Spokampers" with news of our activities Our last meeting was held at the "Timber Creek Buffet", Hosted by Honorary members Joan Anderson and Bobbie Olinger . The Feb meeting will be held at Shari's on Sullivan in the Spokane Valley on the 25th at 1PM. On March 21, we will meet at Dos Amigos, 12119 E. Trent. Normally we camp out each month through the summer, on three (3) day campouts at campgrounds selected by the Scouts. Plans are being made for a longer campout. To contact a members for further information check in your Washington State Grange roster. Come and join us.

The officer for the Spokampers were chosen for 2020 as follows: Left to right: Treasurer - Mike Britton; Sunshine director - Cheryl Britton; Wagon Master - Faye Krenkle; Secretary - Forrest Diehl.



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Mt. Valley Grange Holds Booster Day And Open House



Pictured: (Left) Kaitlyn Hann and Aiyana Hann, Fargher Lake Junior Grange; (Second from Left) Jim Malinowski, 25 years; Dave Johnson, Master; Judi Malinowski, 25 years (Second from Right) Gary Bong and Judy Steigmann, Lecturer (Right) Jim Malinowski and Judy Steigmann, Lecturer

Citizens Award was given to Gary Bong, Band Leader at Amboy Middle School. Gary grew up south of Battle Ground and graduated from Battle Ground High School in 1968. In high school, he played baseball, was a member of the German Club, served on Student Council and was on the 4-year Honor Roll. Gary played in Symphonic Band and Stage Band. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Portland and his Master's in Music Education from Lewis & Clark. He worked in several schools before coming back to the area in 1987. He taught half-time at Amboy and half-time at Battle Ground High School for 2 years, and then became full-time at Amboy Middle School as the Music Director. He has taught there for over 30 years, influencing 1000's of students.

Gary believes music education helps improve fine motor skills and language development. The brain learns to work harder and the IQ's increase. He also helps with problem-solving. The students learn to work as a team and their social skills improve. Gary has his own band, The Pranksters, and has been performing in the Portland area for 25 years. Mt. Valley Grange was honored to give Gary Bong their 2019 Citizens Award.

A Grange Member Award was given to Jim Malinowski for his contributions to Mt. Valley and to the Community. Jim joined the Mt. Valley Grange in September of 1994. He has received the 5th and 6th Degrees, has served as Steward and Treasurer, and is currently serving as Treasurer. Jim attended Battle Ground High School, graduating in 1956, and attended Washington State University, Texas A & M University, and Stanford University.

Jim is very active in the Community. He joined the Board of Directors of the North Clark Historical Museum in 1995, during the renovation period of the church building into a museum which opened in 2000. He is on the Exterior Exhibits committee, recently worked on the Rashford Steam Donkey exhibit, is working on renovation of the Wise Shop, and recently completed serving as President for 4 years. He has served on the Board of Directors of: Fish First, Woodland, WA; SW Washington Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Assoc.; Columbia Springs; and Past President and member of the Board of Directors of Clark County Citizens United.

Jim is always ready to help wherever needed, whether it be the Grange Hall, the Museum, his neighbors, his family, or his friends. He is currently serving as Clark County PUD Commissioner, having been re-elected at the last election. Jim was also the speaker at Booster Day and talked about how the Grange and The PUD worked together and all they accomplished.

Membership Awards were given to Jim and Judi Malinowski for being 25-year grange members. Other members receiving awards, not in attendance, Hope Hazen, 50 years; Ralph Schultz and Neil Wheatley, 55 years.

Entertainment was provided by Kaitlyn Hann and Aiyana Hann, Fargher Lake Junior Grange members. They each played the piano.

South Union Grange Holiday Food Drive

South Union Grange's holiday food drive yielded a generous amount of food items. Copious amounts of paper grocery bags and empty egg cartons were also donated.



Cedar Valley Grange Presents 75-Year Membership Certificate

Cedar Valley Grange #306 had an extra celebration at their annual Christmas potluck meeting. Margaret Sherman was presented her 75 years of Grange Membership Certificate from the National Grange. In her early years, Margaret was a member of Agate Grange #235 in Shelton, Washington. However, most of her grange membership has been with the Cedar Valley Grange in Lynnwood, Washington.

In addition to her certificate Margaret received a 75-year membership pin and a box of See's candy.

A specially decorated cake in her honor was shared with all present. Guests included Pomona officers, member friends from other Granges, as well as Cedar Valley members and their guests.

Margaret has held various offices throughout her Cedar Valley Grange membership, many years as the Secretary. Congratulations Margaret!

