



# WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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## Chimacum Grange Becomes Vaccination Site

As the Covid pandemic spread in early 2020 Chimacum Grange canceled all gatherings at the Grange hall. Since then the board has tried to find ways the hall could be used to help the community deal with the virus. As vaccines became available the Tri-Area Pharmacy in nearby Port Hadlock was setting up to give the inoculations but didn't have the space to do so in their pharmacy. The Chimacum

Grange board heard about this and immediately offered the use of the Grange hall for vaccinations. As this is written in late February over 1200 Jefferson Co. residents have received their shots at the Grange, and the hall will be available for this as long as it's needed. While getting the hall prepared for this it was discovered that the old propane furnace heating the vaccination area was defective

and not repairable. Fortunately a local heating contractor was able to jump on it and replaced the furnace during the first day of vaccinations. It was quite a scene with shivering volunteers from the Bainbridge Prepares Medical Reserve Corp vaccinating people as the furnace was replaced. Chimacum Grange has started a fund raiser to cover the costs of the new furnace. [www.chimacumgrange.org](http://www.chimacumgrange.org)

**Top Photo: The line waiting at the Grange Hall for vaccines. (Photo supplied by Chimacum Grange)**

**Bottom Left: Robert Walker of Silverdale waits outside the Chimacum Grange during the vaccination clinic on Friday. (Diane Urbani de la Paz/Peninsula Daily News)**

**Bottom Right: Tri-Area Pharmacy assistant Jennifer Sharko-Taylor helped shepherd patients at Friday's vaccination clinic at the Chimacum Grange. (Diane Urbani de la Paz/Peninsula Daily News)**

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## Mark Your Calendars

### Upcoming State Grange Events

Due to Covid-19, many scheduled events are either cancelled or postponed. Please call prior to the event to confirm.

- MARCH 15** .....GIA Annual Meeting via Zoom, 10 a.m.
- MARCH 16** .....State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
- MARCH 24** .....Q & A with the State Master Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- APRIL 1** .....Secretary Report (First Quarter) due to State Grange Office
- APRIL 1** .....WA State Grange Scholarship Applications due to State Grange Office
- APRIL 15** .....Community Recognition Nominations (Teacher – Firefighter-Law Enforcement Officer – Volunteer-Volunteer Group) due to State Grange Office
- APRIL 15** .....Creative Writing Contest Entries due to State Lecturer
- APRIL 28** .....Q & A with the State Master Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- MAY 26** .....Q & A with the State Master Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- JUNE 5** .....Grange Community Service Reports Due to State Grange Office
- JUNE 23-26** .....132nd Annual WA State Grange Session at Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Port Townsend
- JULY 4-9** .....Camp David JG Camp
- JULY 11-17** .....Morehead JG Camp
- JULY 18-24** .....Mayfield JG Camp
- JULY 18-24** .....NEWA JG Camp
- AUGUST 1-6** .....Cornet Bay JG Camp
- TBD** .....Wooten JG Camp

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## Lecturer's Department

### Reminder, An A Update and Some Thoughts on Leadership



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells  
State Grange Lecturer

The Creative Writing Contest is our first Lecturer Contest for the year. There is an April 15 postmark date for your entries. The topic(s) for this year are Constitution or Virus – your choice and should be used for the Poetry (metered or free verse), Short Story/Anecdote and Essay categories. The fourth category is a Book Review.

Recently, your Grange Secretary received the State Grange Roster. Unfortunately, the list of State Officers showed an incorrect address and phone number for me. The correct information is Leslie Jo Wells, WSG Lecturer, 18232 201st Avenue SE, Monroe, WA 98272 and telephone number is 360 306-0905. Please make these changes to your roster.

For many of our Granges, this past year has meant few or no meetings, virtual meetings or just some phone calls. As the pandemic situation improves and vaccinations are becoming more available, we will probably begin to come together in-person again. As that happens, it might be a good time to think about Grange and what it means to you and your community. Do you need a reboot? Have you lost contact with others you normally associate with? I recently read a short article about Leadership that I am going to share with you because I believe Leadership is an integral aspect of our organization.

#### Answering Yes to These 5 Questions Means Your Leadership Skills Are Better Than You Think

By Marcel Schwantes @MarcelSchwantes

Good leaders understand the importance of prioritizing the interests of those they are leading over their own. This is no easy task, even for the most accomplished leader. But it works because it inspires people to a higher purpose.

To evaluate and reflect on where you stand as a leader, and whether

you are fit for the role, consider measuring your leadership skills against the high bar of the following five questions.

#### 1. Are you open to feedback?

Many autocratic managers view feedback as a threat to their power, self-worth, and position, which explains why they are opposed to it and often react fearfully and defensively to feedback.

Great leaders, on the other hand, view feedback as a gift to improve their leadership so they can serve others and their mission better. They value truth and honesty and diverse perspectives for bettering themselves and their businesses. Even when feedback is negative, it prompts an exercise in curious exploration to find out where things went wrong so that it doesn't happen again.

#### 2. Is your work environment psychologically safe?

Research by Amy Edmondson of Harvard indicates that when leaders foster a culture of safety – where employees are free to speak up, experiment, give feedback, and ask for help – it leads to better learning and performance outcomes.

When psychological safety is absent, fear is present. And fear is detrimental to achieving a company's full potential. We just can't be engaged or innovative when we are afraid. Some subscribe to the notion that fear is a motivator in the short-term, but what fear does is kill trust – the ultimate demotivator.

#### 3. Do you share the decision-making process?

Traditionally, an autocratic style of management has been effective in getting results. But the nature of work today, along with its workforce, has changed. Asking people to take part in deciding the goals that they will be a part of is an essential component to engaging employees.

#### 4. Are you communicative?

A leader's ability to communicate is certainly a prized skill. The

greatest investor of our time, Warren Buffett, remarks that investing in developing your communication skills -- both in writing and in-person – “can increase your value by at least 50 percent.”

There is a difference between being a good communicator versus being communicative. When you're communicative, you relay information consistently and clearly, in a way that makes you heard and understood. Being communicative may also mean over-communicating a strategy or vision clearly and consistently over and over again. The message amplifies the why behind the work, brings shared direction to all teams, and allows everyone to focus on what really matters.

#### 5. Do you lead with love?

Before you roll your eyes, love, in this case, is a verb packed with action behind it to help people flourish and businesses profit on a human level. According to Brian Paradis, author of Lead with Imagination and former president of Florida Hospital's (now Advent Health) Central Region, love was one of the guiding forces he saw transform the interactions within his teams.

“Love is powerful and when you infuse it into anything, that thing gets better,” Paradis told me in an interview. He added that while love is often viewed as a soft skill in the often harsh, transactional business environment, “the concept should be hard-wired in day-to-day interactions and strategy meetings.” By leading with actionable love and compassion, leaders set the tone of engagement within their businesses.

**My thoughts...** if we think of these 5 questions in terms of our Grange instead of a business they should still apply. I believe we as Grangers act with the “greater good” foremost in our minds. The above points can help with our success.

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## President's Message

# Grange Staff Works To Provide Information To Each Grange

By Tom Gwin  
State Grange  
Master/President

Your State Grange Staff have been busy printing, mailing, and getting items into the hands of each Grange for the past two months. Despite being down a staff member, the remaining staff have picked up the pieces to accomplish the necessary tasks. This has included learning new computer programs, operating office equipment, proper mailing procedures, and a variety of other tasks.

We updated our database to reflect current Grange officers, something that hasn't been done for several years. The printed membership lists for each Grange have been revised to be easier to read. The Grange Secretary Handbook and report forms have been completely revised. Personally, I worked to create the new Grange Master/President Handbook and the Treasurer Handbook/Financial Guide.

Each Grange Secretary received a mailing from the State Grange office that included:

- Master/President Handbook
- Treasurer Handbook/Financial Guide
- Secretary Handbook
- Community Service Packet and Report Form
- Membership Packet
- Chaplain's Memorial Service
- Grange Reporter Guidelines

It is important that each Grange Secretary distribute these items to the correct officer or committee chair. The information does no good in the packet or in your briefcase. The information is to be used as a guideline for your Grange in developing your programs and activities for the year.

The State Grange Rosters were to be included in this same packet.

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-- Tom Gwin

However, the additional weight increased the postage so much that we sent them out separately. By mailing separately, we saved nearly \$3 in postage for each Grange.

We also sent out the proceedings from our 2020 State Grange Business Meeting in October. Some Granges received two copies in error. In future years, each Grange will receive one copy. Hopefully you will put the proceedings in a binder and have them at your Grange hall for reference at future meetings.

In the past two weeks, we have completed the annual update of the State Grange Legislative Policy Handbook. We do have a few printed copies, but it is also available on the State Grange website: [www.wa-grange.org](http://www.wa-grange.org).



Tom Gwin

The New Member Packets have been completed and the first set of packets mailed out to those designated on your New Member Reports. We made revisions to the "New & Potential Member Handbook" and retitled it "New Member Handbook".

The Grange Membership Application was divided into an Individual Member Application and a Family Member Application to eliminate confusion. The fourth degree membership pledge is now printed on the application, per the direction of the delegates at the 2020 State Grange Business Meeting. It is still required that applicants attend a meeting to take the pledge, but at least now they will know in advance what they are agreeing to.

Our goal is to post all the updated materials on the State Grange website. We hope to have the outdated materials removed this month and to replace it with the updated items.

In the next few weeks, the State Grange Executive Committee will be meeting via zoom to review the status of this year's State Grange Session, currently scheduled for June in Port Townsend, and our Summer Junior Grange Camping Program. Let's hope for a productive summer and a safe resumption of Grange activities across the state!

## Legislative

# First Major Milestone Of The Legislative Session Passed

By Heather Hansen  
Legislative Lobbyist



Heather Hansen

The legislative session has passed the first major milestone. Any bill that did not pass its policy committee is now dead. Of course, nothing in the legislative process is that simple. Bills with significant financial consequences are exempt from cutoff and dead bills can come back to life if leadership wants them to.

State revenue has continued to grow during the pandemic. State revenues are expected to climb an additional 7% over the next two-year budget period under the current tax system. Even so, numerous proposals for new taxes have been put forward including an income tax on capital gains, a wealth tax, an increased estate tax, a carbon tax and a tax on health insurance.

This week, Senate Republicans released a 2021-23 budget proposal aimed at restarting schools and bringing jobs back, while saving money for lower-income families. Since Republicans are in the minority, we will have to wait and see if the majority party uses any of the ideas put forward. The majority party budget proposal is not expected for several weeks.

Highlights of the Senate Republican plan include:

- More than \$1 billion aimed at encouraging school districts to get children back into classrooms, of which \$200 million will go toward safety measures;
- \$333 million in additional assistance for small employers;
- More support for behavioral health;
- \$200 million to support efforts to expand broadband access;
- Eliminating the business-and-occupation (B&O) tax on manufacturing;
- Gradually shifting tax revenue from vehicle sales for use on transportation projects; and
- Full funding for improving forest health to reduce catastrophic wildfires.

In addition to new taxes, the cost of doing business in Washington could increase due to increases in the cost of fuel from the low carbon fuel standard moving through the legislature. Increasing the cost of fuel increases the cost of all goods due to transportation.

There are several unique bills this year. HB 1395, ensuring equity in farming, states its intent as ensuring opportunities for historically underrepresented groups to enter and remain in the farming industry. The bill directs the Washington State Department of Agriculture to report to the legislature by October 31, 2022, on progress, gaps, and recommendations to improve outreach to and resources for historically underrepresented farmers and ranchers.

House Joint Resolution 4205 would add a new section to the Washington State Constitution regarding the conservation and protection of the state's natural resources. It would have the Constitution state that the people of Washington have the right to a clean and healthy environment, that the state shall serve as trustee of the natural resources of the state, and that the state shall equitably protect these rights for all people. It has sparked concerns about private property rights. Constitutional amendments require a 2/3s vote of both the House and the Senate as well as a vote of the people, so the road ahead is long.

Remember, the virtual legislative session this year has made it easy to participate from the comfort of your home. All legislative hearings can be seen online on TVW. You can watch live or go to [www.TVW.org](http://www.TVW.org) and watch the video anytime. You can also testify and/or submit written comments from your computer. The legislature's home page, <https://leg.wa.gov/>, shows the daily calendar and has numerous links to help you find more information about your legislators and bills.

As always, if you have questions about a bill or the legislative process, do not hesitate to ask.

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

### Here's how you can help:

#### Looking for a way to help?

Shop our AmazonSmile Charity Lists to donate items we need

[amazonsmile](https://www.amazon.com/smile)



#### Do you shop at Amazon?

You can make a difference in 2021. Shop for gifts at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6064592> to generate donations for the Washington State Grange Foundation (you can also search by our name, the Washington State Grange Foundation). 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.



### AN UPDATE ON STATE GRANGE ACTIVITIES AND QUESTIONS/ANSWERS WITH THE STATE GRANGE MASTER

**ZOOM MEETING -- 4TH Wednesday at 7 p.m.  
March 24 • April 28 • May 26**

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# Membership Corner

## Welcome New Members

### GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS

February 2021

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<b>Fredonia #545</b> . . . . .	1	
Eva Lynn M Perry		
<b>Fruitland #999</b> . . . . .	3	
Tyler Clark, Dale Heidal, Trent Stewart		
<b>Greenwood Park #590</b> . . . . .	1	
Maryann Rieckers		
<b>Mt. Valley #79</b> . . . . .	2	
Alicia LeDuc, David Montgomery		
<b>Pine Grove #115</b> . . . . .	1	1
Shelba Marthe, Audrey Hanson-Marthe		
<b>Sammamish Valley #286</b> . . . . .	3	
Jeannie Desmet, Erik Goheen, Lee Minea		
<b>Prospect Point #1067</b> . . . . .	1	
Shane Erickson		
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## Individual Membership Incentive Program- New Members 2020-21

Our 4th Quarter reports are in and winners of our individual membership contest have now been revealed. Congratulations to the following Grange members who brought in 3 or more new members into their Grange:

- **Deer Lagoon #846** – Chuck Prochaska (25 new members) – T-shirt & 3-\$25 Amazon Gift Card
- **Finley #414** – Kevin Morton (3 new members) – T-shirt
- **Goldendale #49** – Luann Whitmire – (4 new members) – T-shirt
- **Greenwood Park #590** - Michael Schwartz – (1 new members) – \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- **Rose Valley #953** – Nicole Nickel – (5 new members) – \$25 Amazon Gift Card

If you have brought in 3 or more new members since January 1, 2020 and have not seen your name listed here or in previous Grange News, please email Sophia at skeller@wa-grange.org.

- Recruit 3 new members and receive a state Grange mission statement T-shirt
- Recruit 2 more new members for a total of 5 new members and receive a \$25 Amazon gift card
- Recruit an additional 5 new members and receive an additional \$25 Amazon gift card – no limit to how many gift cards you can earn. Family memberships count as 2 new members for prizes.

\*\* Incentive program runs from January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2021

\*\* Subordinate Grange Secretaries – please be sure you are using the **NEW member report** so you can report who the new members are recommended by.

## Congratulations

### Top 10 Granges with New Members in 2020

San Juan Island #966 – 34 New Members  
Deer Lagoon #846 – 25 New Members  
Birdsview #957 – 19 New Members  
Goldendale #49 – 14 New Members  
Humptulips #730 – 12 New Members  
Fern Prairie #866 – 10 New Members  
Finley #414 – 9 New Members  
Rose Valley #953 – 8 New Members  
Lincoln Creek #407 – 8 New Members  
Sequim Prairie #1108 – 6 New Members

### Top 5 Recruiters

Chuck Prochaska – Deer Lagoon – 25 New Members  
Jessie Mattingly – Birdsview – 19 New Members  
Stony Winkleman – Fern Prairie – 8 New Members  
Nicole Nickel – Rose Valley – 8 New Members  
Patty Emery – Humptulips – 7 New Members

## Building Membership in the Grange

Are you ready for Grange Month? Don't forget that April is Grange Month! This year's theme is "Cultivating Connections in Our Community".

Grange Month is such an important time for our communities. It is a time to not only remind those around us what the Grange is but also what the Grange can do for them. It is a time to teach them about the history of the Grange while also showing how the Grange is still relevant in the 21st Century. We look forward to seeing your creativity with this year's theme "Cultivating Connections in Our Community". Don't forget that May 1st is the deadline for getting in your Grange month display photos for our contest.

As State Master Gwin wrote in his article, we have been busy updating materials, forms and enhancing our programs in the last few months. One of the things we talked about in the last membership article was the creation of a "new member

packet" that can be ordered for just \$1 each which helps to cover the cost of postage. We also decided to create a membership card that can be immediately sent to our new members who are reported to state Grange. With this membership card, they will also receive a "welcome to the Grange" letter from State Master Gwin. We sent out 65 new member cards to our newest members who were added in the 4th quarter. We will continue to do this as we receive new members unless the Grange has purchased the "new member packet" which they would then be sent both their card and letter along with other beneficial Grange paraphernalia.

On Saturday, February 27th, we met via Zoom with the owners of the old Orchardvale Grange hall in Yakima County, along with 12 of their friends. We were contacted by them in February last year in hopes of reorganizing the Orchardvale Grange. We scheduled to meet them in March but alas the pandemic hit,

and we were unable to visit. Well, a year later and we are set to welcome them into our Grange family. Thank you to state Deputy, Karen Derrey for helping to facilitate this with the new membership.

Your membership team has been working hard to rebuild the Grange through membership. We will be reorganizing a Junior Grange as well as reorganizing at least one but possibly two Granges and potentially adding a new Grange as well in 2021. We have lofty goals that we hope to reach. How can we help you with your goals of growing your Grange?

For many areas in the state, the pandemic has shown just how important the Grange is in their communities. Growth is happening because Granges are supporting those around them. The more we show the world around us what the Grange is and how we can help to better our communities, the more we will grow and prosper.

## Why Join the Grange?

When you are out talking to people about the Grange, do you get asked questions like "Why should I join the Grange?" or "I'm not a farmer, what does the Grange have to offer me?" or the age-old question, "What is the Grange?" Here are a few helpful ideas to get you talking about what the Grange can do for others:

- Do you believe that family comes first? Well so do we! We are a family organization where each member of the family has opportunities for involvement. This means that everyone has a vote and a voice in the Grange.

- Are you looking for new activities for your younger child/children/grandchildren or young adults? There are leadership opportunities for almost every age; Junior Grangers (ages 5-13yrs old) learn skills in speaking, ritual work, opportunities to hold an office as a junior Grange officer and so much more. Our youth (age 14+) learn leadership skills, public speaking skills, ritual work and can also hold an office as a youth officer and much, much more.

- Do you want to give back to your community but not sure what

to do or how to help? We believe in making our communities stronger which provide many opportunities to give back to your community through the programs and events the Grange in your area provides.

- Are you crafty or maybe you love to bake or knit? We have a place for you to showcase your skills. We hold annual contests in baking, quilting, canning, photography, wood carving, painting, creative writing and so much more. We also offer educational opportunities through our lecturers' program as well.

- Do you like to meet new people? Fellowship in the Grange is essential to our organization and we would love for you to join us!

## Grange Month Display Contest:

### "Cultivating Connections In Our Community"



Granges are encouraged to toot their own horn and the horns of other Granges as we celebrate Grange Month in April. The State Grange Membership Department is having a Grange Month Display Contest to assist in promoting the Grange and portraying the positive influences the Grange has made on our state and nation.

For over 130 years the Washington State Grange has worked to make our state a better place for our citizens. We are active in 226 communities throughout the state, providing a wide range of services and offering multiple activities and programs. A public display on our Grange programs will assist in informing the citizens of our state of our programs and achievements.

Grange Month is celebrated in April. We ask that each Grange create a public display to promote the Grange and to focus on the positive impacts the Grange has made in our state.

#### General Guidelines:

- Each Grange will arrange for their own display area in a prominent public location in their community. The display area may be a window, table, showcase, or whatever is available for use in your community.
- Each Grange will design a display featuring their projects and activities, with a focus on the positive impacts they have had on the community or state.
- The display should follow the theme "Cultivating Connections IN Our Community".
- A wide variety of Grange programs should be represented (i.e. lecturer programs, community service, youth activities, junior programs, family living, legislative etc.)
- The display must be in place for a minimum of seven days during the month of April.
- Each display must include a Grange logo and contact information for the local Grange.

#### Contest Information:

- Each Grange is encouraged to take a 3-5 pictures of their display (including one of the complete display).
- Place the pictures in a folder and include a 300-word (maximum) essay describing the display and what you tried to portray.
- Include your Grange name and contact information in the folder.
- Send the folder to the State Grange Office no later than May 1.
- Pictures of the displays will be used for promotion in The Grange News. In addition, pictures will be displayed at the State Grange Convention.
- Judging will be completed by a committee and will be based on: originality, creativity, design, and overall impact.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five displays: \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, and \$10.

All entries should be placed in a folder and sent by May 1 to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507. All entries will be available for pick up at the State Grange Convention.

# Home & Family

## Family Living

### Project Linus Is Back

By Helen Berg  
Family Living Director

I have been asked about reinstating Project Linus to our program. I think that it is a great program which is nationwide. We will need to follow their guidelines. Project Linus was started in 1995 to provide new blankets for sick or traumatized children. These blankets can be knit, crochet, sewn or no sew fleece. They service preemies to teens, so will take items up to twin size. They go to hospitals, shelters and foster children to name a few. They just ask that you contact your local chapter as to their specific needs. How do you find your local chapter you may ask?

Here goes: Go to the Project Linus homepage and click on "find chapter". Then click on Washington state on the map and a list of the local chapter representatives will be listed with contact information. These people will distribute the quilts for you. In our area we have a drop off sight at our local quilt shop. This makes things so easy.

On this sight you can also find many free patterns. Be sure to check it out. We will not need to bring the quilts/blankets to convention however I do ask that you let me know how your Grange did on your report.

I have found several quilt patterns in my quilt magazines which I have



Helen Berg

modified for babies. I hope some of you will join me in creating something warm for these fragile children. I'm excited to partner with this great organization. They also take monetary donations. Info is on their website.

I got a request about having contests. If you can do them safely with social distancing and masks I see no reason why you can't. Just remember that we don't know if we will have a regular convention yet.

Stay safe.



### Lucky Mint Brownie Perfection

(Courtesy of Family Features)

This is the perfect recipe just in time for St. Patrick's Day. It's a fun combination of mint and sweet chocolate that's sure to have almost anyone's taste buds screaming "yum." This dessert might just be the pot of gold at the end of your rainbow this year.

These Mint Brownies have three delicious layers. First, a supreme brownie on bottom. Then a fluffy, green mint layer that's full of flavor and color. Last, but definitely not least, a chocolate layer on top made with chocolate chips, butter and a little whipping cream.

All of these layers create a smooth, sweet, minty, bite-sized dessert perfect for any occasion, but especially St. Patrick's Day. The green mint color really pops off the plate, giving it some extra flare and an appetizing glow.

Find more seasonal dessert recipes at [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net).

### Mint Brownies

Servings: 9-12

**Ingredients:**

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 box supreme brownie mix with chocolate syrup pouch
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg

**Filling:**

- 3 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup whipping cream
- 5 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 5 drops green food color

**Topping:**

- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1 bag (12 ounces) chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup butter

Heat oven to 350 F. Spray 8-by-8-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray. In large bowl, mix brownie mix, water, oil and egg until combined. Pour into prepared baking pan. Bake 35 minutes. Cool completely, about 1 hour.

To make filling: In large bowl, beat powdered sugar, butter, whipping cream, cream cheese, peppermint extract and food coloring. Spread over cooled brownies. Refrigerate 1 hour, or until set.

To make topping: In saucepan, melt whipping cream, chocolate chips and butter until smooth. Cool until lukewarm, about 10 minutes. Pour over filling; spread to cover. Refrigerate 2 hours, or until set.

Before serving, let brownies set 10 minutes at room temperature.

**Tips:** Cut brownies with wet knife for cleaner cuts. Store covered in refrigerator.

### A Sammamish Valley Grange Community Program: The 5 Rs of Sustainable Living

You've heard of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. But to be truly sustainable, we have to look beyond that to incorporate how our lifestyle choices affect our whole waste stream. Sammamish Valley Grange #286 hosted Kelly Rankich recently for their virtual community program, The 5 Rs of Sustainable Living.



Kelly Rankich was the featured speaker at a recent Sammamish Valley Grange #286 program on The 5 Rs of Sustainable Living.

Rankich is a Green LEED Associate (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), the Facility Manager at 21 Acres (which is home to several Grange members and volunteers) and a WSU Snohomish County Extension Sustainable Community Steward. Grange members and dozens of local residents participated in the discussion

and learned more about current challenges. Local resources to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot" were

made available with ways to live more sustainably and how to get involved in the solutions.

## Convention Info

### Resolution Writing Tips

**Resolutions are not hard to write!**

One of the real benefits of membership in the Grange is the opportunity that membership gives to every Grange member to have an effective voice regarding the issues that affect their lives. Each of the National and Washington State Grange policy positions all started as resolutions that were written and adopted by a local Grange.

Even so, some people are still intimidated at the idea of writing a Grange resolution.

As the state Grange is scheduled to hold its annual convention this June, we hope it will help generate greater interest in grass-

roots participation in our Grange legislative program. The postmarked deadline for submission of resolutions from Subordinate and Pomona Granges is May 25.

Here is a quick and easy overview of writing a resolution:

**Title of Your Resolution Here** (This should be just a few words and easily summarize what the resolution is about)

**Whereas**, this is where you identify one problem that needs to be addressed or solved; and

**Whereas**, only place one reason or fact that supports your argument in each whereas paragraph; and

**Whereas**, only put facts in the whereas paragraphs that

make it easier for the reader to understand the purpose of your resolution; Therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that this is where you clearly state the primary action that you propose to solve the problem you identified in the whereas paragraphs (Resolved should stand alone from the Whereas' as this will be the policy printed in the Legislative Handbook. No information from the Whereas' will be printed in the handbook), and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that any secondary actions to address the problem are placed here.

Be sure to include both the Master and Secretary signatures, Grange seal, contact information and any supporting materials.



### Session Watch 2021

Stay informed about what is happening in the State Legislature. Send us your email at [grange@wa-grange.org](mailto:grange@wa-grange.org) to receive our weekly Session Watch report. You can also find each weeks Session Watch on our website under the Legislative Department page at

[www.wa-grange.com/LegislativeSession.aspx](http://www.wa-grange.com/LegislativeSession.aspx)



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# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## Youth

### Updates/Changes On Youth Programs

By Jerry Gwin  
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

The Youth Department has a few updates to bring to your attention. Many of the changes were made in 2020, but the pandemic is delaying the implementation until this year.

The Western Regional Grange Leaders and Youth Conference is still on schedule for August 6-8 in Boise, Idaho. Candidates for National Grange Youth Ambassador must attend the Regional Youth Conference this year and must participate in the conference with a prepared speech. There will be a separate class for youth ambassador candidates.

Candidates for the National Grange Youth Officer Team must participate in either the prepared speech contest or the impromptu speaking contest at the regional contest.

The Youth Achievement Awards have been replaced by the GRANGE Pillar Project. The report for the Pillar Project includes the details of what was planned, implemented, and the final result of conducting the project. Details can be found in the National Grange Youth Program Guide and on the National Grange Youth website: [www.nationalgrangeyouth.org](http://www.nationalgrangeyouth.org)

The Youth Department is also sponsoring a display contest this year. The goal of this contest is to create either a digital or folding display that could be utilized at a county fair, library, Grange open house or other forum to promote the Grange, a Grange forum, or a Grange issue. If a static display is created, it should be brought to the State Grange Convention. If a digital or electronic display is created, it should be emailed in before the convention. Email to [davona1242@outlook.com](mailto:davona1242@outlook.com)

This year's public speaking contest will have a new category. The radio spot is no more and has been replaced by a "Grange Commercial". A Grange commercial is an advertisement promoting the Grange. Prior to the State Grange Convention, the participant must film and edit themselves doing a commercial for the Grange. The commercial can include up to five people and should last between 30 and 60 seconds. The participants must include a written script. Commercials may be emailed in prior to the convention to [davona1242@outlook.com](mailto:davona1242@outlook.com) or may be turned in on a flash drive prior to the opening of the State Grange Convention to the State Youth Director. Note: there is a category for 36 years and over in this contest, thus non-youth Grangers are invited to participate.

The changes in these contests signify the emphasis on Grange promotion and the leadership development opportunities we hope to promote to our youth members.

Let's work to increase our participation levels in all our youth programs this year!

### State Grange To Recognize 2021 Graduates

The Washington State Grange will recognize Grange members who are members of the Class of 2021 in an upcoming issue of The Grange News.

We ask each Grange to submit the names of those who will be graduating in 2021, along with a photo of the graduate. High school

graduates will have their name, Grange, and school listed. College graduates will have their name, Grange, school, and degree received with area of study.

Information can either be mailed to the State Grange Office or may be emailed to [grangenews@wa-grange.org](mailto:grangenews@wa-grange.org) no later than April 20.



### Washington Youth Kennedy Gwin Named National Grange Communications Manager

National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director Joe Stefenoni has announced his departure from the National Staff effective this month. Stefenoni said he remains dedicated to the organization that has been such a large part of his life and is excited to continue serving in his role as Vice President of the California State Grange and as a deputy for the Nevada Granges.

"The Grange is an incredible organization that I have had the amazing fortune to not just belong to, but work for in service to our members and our mission," Stefenoni said. "I will always be a part of the Grange and look forward to the many visits to come with my fellow Brothers and Sisters at Grange events."

Communications Director Amanda Brozana Rios will be taking on the Membership and Leadership Development Director responsibilities. She previously assisted in membership and leadership development efforts in 2016-17 prior to Stefenoni's return

to the National Staff and called the move both exciting and challenging.

"There are big shoes to fill here – big boots that is. Joe has done an amazing job producing materials for our leaders and members to use to strengthen our organization and bring new ideas to the way we do membership and leadership development. I'm fortunate to follow such a dedicated staff member who has ensured a solid foundation," Brozana Rios said.

Kennedy Gwin, a lifetime member of the Washington State Grange, who has been working as an intern with the National Grange since July, has been hired full-time as the Communications Manager and will assume many of the day-to-day tasks carried out by the department including producing this weekly newsletter, the Patrons Chain, preparing press releases and statements, writing op-eds, pitching stories about the Grange to reporters, managing the social media accounts of the Grange and providing assistance to Granges, among other tasks.

"This is a big job, but I'm excited to take on this new role and learn and grow with the Grange. I greatly look forward to working with new people and getting the chance to expand my horizons," Gwin said.

National Grange President Betsy Huber said she believes the hires will provide continuity for our members and excel in their new roles.

Programs, Benefits, Sales and Membership Recognition Director Loretta Washington, IT Director Stephanie Wilkins, Operations Manager and Junior Director Samantha Wilkins, as well as Gwin, will each be taking on a small portion of the duties of Program Assistant Kelly Klingman, who is no longer with the National Grange.

"We wish Joe all the best, but know he's a shining star in the Grange that will remain with us as a leader in our membership," Huber said. "The dedication our staff has shown to the organization is humbling and we know they will do a wonderful job serving our members and continuing to move our organization forward in their new roles."

## Juniors

### Junior Department News And Updates



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson  
Junior Grange Director

In our recent Leadership Conference Meetings several topics and questions were addressed. Thank you to everyone who logged in for those meetings. It was great to see some familiar faces and have a conversation about the Junior Grange. For those who could not join us here are a few reminders from that meeting.

The State and National programs for Juniors have remained mostly the same from last year with a few additions and topic changes. Please be sure to read through the program handbooks to note those changes. As a reminder, most of the contests can be done as individuals and do not need to be completed as a group. Since our kids are still not back as a group, reaching out to your Juniors and giving them a project would be a good way to keep them busy over spring break.

Are camps and convention happening this year is on everyone's mind. For anyone with the same question, I don't know the answer. Our State Executive Committee will make the decision about convention and camps in their March meeting. As soon as that decision is made we will let you know the answer. That decision will be made with the help of Washington States current and projected Covid 19 rules and the health and safety of our Juniors and volunteers in mind.

In our meeting, I also mentioned that the National Junior Grange is holding a bi-monthly, all interested, Zoom meeting called Junior Jibber Jabber. The first one for Juniors will be on March 21 at 6:00 pm PST. This will be a great way to talk to our National Director and Junior Grange leaders from all over the country to get ideas and see what they are planning for the year. The Zoom meeting ID is 833 7712 0738 with passcode 969128. Hope to see you there.

I would also like everyone to welcome our newest Junior Grange, The Valley Junior Grange #156 in Stevens County. They have great ideas and plans for their Juniors. I cannot wait to see their accomplishments.

### WA State Grange Offers 2021 Scholarships

Scholarships are offered each year through the Washington State Grange Foundation to assist Grange members attending college or the children of Grange members.

Applicants for these scholarships must be high school seniors or graduates already enrolled in institutions of higher learning. They must be a member of a Subordinate Grange in the State of Washington.

The scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or degree in a recognized profession or vocation.

The following scholarships are being offered this year:

- Grange Family Living Dept. Vocational Scholarship
- Grange Family Living Dept. Home Economics Scholarship
- Kegley Agricultural Scholarship
- Norm Buchholz Agricultural Scholarship
- Kittleson Memorial Agricultural Scholarship
- Adrian & Betty DeVries Memorial Scholarship
- Delpha Goude Scholarship
- Horace Bozarth Scholarship
- Kiona-Benton (Koss Memorial) Scholarship
- Martin & Grace Forry Scholarship
- Martin & Snowie Vanderpool Scholarship
- Riverview Grange Scholarship
- Fox Island Grange Scholarship
- Nob Island Grange Scholarship
- Ray & Marion Kammerer Scholarships
- Enga M. Anderson Scholarship
- Bear Creek Scholarship
- Rock Creek Scholarship
- French Creek Scholarship
- McCleary Grange Scholarship
- Pomona Villa Scholarship

Details on the requirements for each scholarship, along with applications forms, can be found on the Washington State Grange website, [www.wa-grange.com](http://www.wa-grange.com). Completed applications and all other required materials must be in the State Office by April 1.

A question & answer session regarding the Washington State Grange Scholarship Program is scheduled to be held via zoom on Tuesday, February 2 at 7 p.m. To join the zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581>

# Grange Connection

## CLALLAM COUNTY

Crescent Grange members continue to meet to carry on whenever and wherever they can in the community. Attendance was up at our February Zoom business meeting. Members are getting into the swing of it. A Covid19 vaccine clinic is being set up for February/March at the Crescent High School for those who were unable to get appointments at the two clinics in Port Angeles. President Emil Moilanen urges all community members to take advantage of this. Treasurer Elizabeth Hogan warned the membership of mail fraud in our area. Mailboxes have been broken into. Two of our members had their mail stolen including their membership renewal checks. Happily, we are not the only people thinking

positive...we have been asked to again host the Goat Run on September 12th. John Locke is handling all the arrangements. We also have the Great Strait Sale on our September agenda. Lecturer Steve Singhose has asked members to think of their favorite recipes. He will sign a particular food item to each month; February was shell seafood, March is blueberries. Steve will collect the recipes and publish them on the Crescent Grange website. He is hoping that involving both the membership and the community will have positive feedback and keep everyone in touch.

## GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humptulips Grange will be distributing food through their food

bank on Wednesday, March 17. We have been serving an average of 65 families each month for the past few months. The February Grange business meeting was cancelled by a snowstorm. At the March meeting, we will discuss plans for awarding four new Golden Sheaf awards later this spring.

## ISLAND COUNTY

Deer Lagoon Grange members held a Drive Through Pancake Breakfast in January. A nice sized donation from the proceeds was given to the food bank. Another breakfast is scheduled for April, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Central Whidbey Fire and Rescue.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

Chimacum Grange is donating the use of their hall as a vaccination site for the Tri Area Pharmacy.

## KING COUNTY

Issaquah Valley Grange members enjoyed a program Zoomed into their homes February 8 from member Akela Hunter who is a junior at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. Akela described how the Ellensburg rehabilitation center where she works is handling the Covid virus lockdown. They have 58 patients including two World War II veterans. Due to the completion of vaccinations and no positive tests the DOH will authorize them to ease some restrictions. Akkela noted that she has enjoyed socializing with residents in place of family and friends who have been restricted for much of this year. We also celebrated with our Gate Keeper, Dave Waggoner, who was chosen by the Chamber of Commerce for the City of Issaquah Hall of Fame. Congratulations Brother Dave!

## PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange is continuing to meet via Zoom. We had some issues with everyone having access to wi-fi but thanks to one of our new Grange members with a Zoom account we can now connect with everyone using Zoom or calling in by telephone. We welcomed three new members at our meeting in February who are excited to

## Fruitland Grange Collects Belt Buckles



Fruitland Grange is continuing to collect belt buckles for the Rascal Rodeo. This organization holds rodeo's for people with special needs of all ages. If you have any buckles to donate please contact Debra Basquez at [dbasquez2000@yahoo.com](mailto:dbasquez2000@yahoo.com) or donate directly by visiting the Rascal Rodeo website at [www.rascalrodeo.org](http://www.rascalrodeo.org). Pictured: Fruitland Grange member Bob Ballou presenting Debra Basquez with two belt buckles that he made for the Rascal Rodeo organization.

be active Grangers and we are excited to have them join us. Our new lecturer, Mary Hursh, presented material on wildfire prevention. She explained that after last year's wildfire season in Pierce County she wanted everyone to be aware of how they could defend their property and prepare if the worst-case scenario arises and need to be evacuate at a moments' notice because of fire. The Grange is sponsoring a blood drive on April 23rd from 10am to 2pm. Please hold the date if you are interested in participating, more information will be forthcoming.

## SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange members are renewing their grange membership as 2021 dues payments are being received. The yearly audit was completed and sent. Grange members are collecting fronts of any card which will be sent to St. Jude's for the patients' art projects. Anyone can donate. A Bluegrass Tribute to the Statler Brothers will be presented by The Mt. Dew Boys on May 29 at the Grange if COVID 19 restrictions are lifted. Grange members are putting out the word about how Grange contests will be held this year.

Information regarding the Quilt Block contest is also being disseminated. And, we are advertising our Grange Scholarship program. At our February 16 Grange Zoom meeting President Jim is asking members to think about various ideas for a fund raiser in the spring/summer. Grange member Francine, now living in Austria, is still editor of our Green Bluff Gazette. She did a wonderful job on the Spring 2021 edition which you can see by going to [GreenBluffGazette.com](http://GreenBluffGazette.com). Besides living thru COVID-19, getting vaccines, we hope everyone came thru the really cold, winter days this past month. Stay warm and think about wearing the green for St. Patrick's Day!

## THURSTON COUNTY

Skookumchuck Grange raffled off a "Date Night" Valentines dinner delivered to the winners' home!!! Who would not want to win a dinner for two, chocolate covered strawberries, a dozen roses and a bottle of wine for 5 bucks! It was a successful venture and because we used local businesses and sold tickets at various business in town, it was a win win!. We face booked the drawing live in front of our Grange.

## Pomona Connection

### GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona has moved the location of their March meeting. The meeting will be on Saturday, March 13 at the Satsop Grange Hall, beginning at 10 a.m.

## Pomona Calendar

**Pomona Grange Secretaries are requested to submit their 2021 list of meeting dates at their earliest convenience. Due to Covid-19, there may be numerous changes in this schedule. Please confirm your dates with the Pomona Grange Master or Secretary prior to the scheduled meeting**

- CHELAN** .....none scheduled at this time due to Covid19.
- CLALLAM** .....March 21 at Crescent, 2 p.m.
- CLARK** .....March 10 Zoom meeting at 7 p.m.  
April 14 Zoom meeting.
- COLUMBIA**.....to be determined.
- COWLITZ/  
WAHIAKUM** .....to be determined.
- EXCELSIOR** .....March 27 at Clayton, 10:30 a.m.
- FERRY** .....to be determined.
- GRAYS HARBOR/  
PACIFIC** .....March 13 at Satsop, 10 a.m.
- ISLAND**.....to be determined.
- KING** .....to be determined.
- KITSAP** .....to be determined.
- KLICKITAT** .....March 13 at Glenwood, 12 p.m. potluck,  
1 p.m. meeting.
- LEWIS**.....April 3 at Oakview, 6 p.m. potluck,  
7 p.m. meeting.
- MASON** .....March 20 at Matlock, 11 a.m. meeting,  
12 p.m. potluck. Contest entries due  
by 10 a.m.
- OKANOGAN**.....to be determined.
- PEND OREILLE**.....to be determines.
- PIERCE** .....April 3 at Waller Road, 10 a.m. Will be zoom  
meeting if can't meet face to face.
- SKAGIT** .....April 7 at Fredonia, 7 p.m.
- SNAKE RIVER** .....March 20 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
- SNOHOMISH** .....to be determined.
- SPOKANE**.....May 15 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m. meeting,  
12 p.m. potluck
- THURSTON** .....April 1 at Skookumchuck, 6 p.m. potluck,  
7 p.m. meeting.
- WHATCOM**.....March 16 at 7 p.m. meeting. Probably zoom  
meeting.
- WHITMAN** .....March 20 at Whelan/Ewartsville, 10 a.m.  
meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- YAKIMA** .....to be determined.

## Skookumchuck Grange Member Celebrates 106th Birthday With Drive-Through Birthday Bash



Long-time Grange member Lola Bowen Stancil celebrated her 106th birthday on January 31, 2021 with a 2-hour drive-through birthday bash outside East Olympia Elementary School. Despite the cold, wet weather, a long line of cars filled with well-wishers lined up, stretching out onto Rich Road and circling through the school parking lot, waiting their turn to greet the delighted birthday girl. The family estimated that at least 75 vehicles drove by for Lola's celebration. Guest were given party bags containing colorful streamers, candy, and an apple. Tied to each bag was a card with photos of Lola as a child and as a young lady, as well as a current photo. The card gave some biographical notes and a family recipe for Raw Apple Cake from the 1890s. Lola personally signed her name inside each card. Her family also reported that Lola received birthday greetings from National Grange, signed by National Master Betsy Huber. Lola is a much-loved member of Skookumchuck Grange #584 and Thurston County Pomona Grange #8.

Pictured above: (left photo) Lola Bowen Stancil (left) enjoyed seeing her many friends and well-wishers as they drove past to greet her on her 106th birthday. Her daughter Connie Barlow is on the right. (right photo) Vehicles filled with well-wishers lined up around the school parking lot and out onto Rich Road.

# In Memoriam

## Richard "Rick" Nelson - Past State Grange Executive Committeeman



Richard "Rick" Nelson, age 68, passed away January 15, 2021 at his home. He was born on August 6, 1952 to Elna and Jim Nelson at St Peter's Hospital. He died in the house that he lived in his entire life.

Rick graduated from Tenino High School in 1970. He attended Centralia Community College and Washington State University where he earned a degree in agriculture and was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He then returned home to help run the family farm, Nelson Ranch, one of the oldest ranches in the county still owned by the original family. He was a fourth generation descendant of early Thurston County pioneers.

Rick was a consummate storyteller. Anyone who knew him probably heard stories about a guy he nicknamed Bull or his friend he called Deputy Dog. Rick would often be laughing so hard that he couldn't even finish the story. He also enjoyed sharing tales he had learned from older local people about their experiences. One of Rick's greatest joys was his border collies. One of his favorite sayings was "Don't you wish you had a good dog like..." where he would fill in the blank with his dog's name. On Fridays you would typically find him attending the Chehalis Livestock Auction.

He was a passionate advocate for our community and agriculture. Rick was the current Pomona (Thurston County) Grange Master, a past Washington State Grange Officer, past Chairman of the Agriculture Committee for Washington State Grange, and a member of Brighton Park Grange for 55 years. He was President of the Thurston County Farm Bureau and a past President of the Washington State and Thurston County Cattlemen's Association. He served on the Puyallup Fair Rodeo Committee and the Washington State Beef Commission. He testified before the Thurston County Commissioners and state legislature many times. And was a regular attendee at hearings for the legislative farm committee and always helped serve beef to thousands of legislators and staff at the annual "Beef on the Hill" event. In 2000, Rick was named one of the top 25 leaders in Agriculture by the Livestock Market Digest.

Rick had a great smile. He loved to tease others by calling them an "old codger" even if they were just a few months older or younger than him. He loved Tenino vs. Rochester banter and enjoyed saying things like he could enter the Olympics for fencing because he could build fences better than the next guy. He was quick witted and had a good sense of humor. He always seemed to one-up others and enjoyed being known as "Rodeo Rick" and as "the only true cowboy" at the Valley Athletic Club. Many who knew him from the Valley have commented that they enjoyed talking to him between work-outs or sticking around after their work-out to hear his stories.

In addition to helping run the family farm, Rick was an auctioneer. He was proud of his fast talking verbiage and his ability to auctioneer. He volunteered his services each year for the Thurston County Market Animal Sale, a livestock auction for Thurston County youth; the Tenino FFA auction, the Thurston County Fair Auction to keep the fair soluble; the Tenino Splash Bash, an auction to keep the Tenino historic pool open; and the Thurston County Cattlewomen's auction whose proceeds funded scholarships for local youth. He was also the announcer for the Tenino Oregon Trail Days parade and 2019 Tenino Chamber Volunteer of the Year. He embodied real community spirit and would do anything for the town of Tenino. Anyone who attended any of these events probably heard him say, "Tenino is the center of the known universe."

Rick is survived by his siblings, Virginia "Ginny" and Ray Nelson, Ronald "Ron" and Kay Nelson; nephew, Scott Nelson; nieces, Jill Nelson, Karen Nelson, and Anna Nelson; and grandnieces/nephews: Naomi Nelson and Elias, Tycho, and Camille Barry.

Donations can be made to: Thurston County Market Animal Sale, PO Box 695, East Olympia, WA 98540  
A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Grange Connection

### East Oakville Grange Is Remodeling



East Oakville Grange is continuing with the hall remodeling project. Improvements include new siding and roof replacement. The lower roof is completed, but the upper roof still has a ways to go. The Grange continues to recruit new members and raise funds to replace the upper roof.

### Calispel Grange Partners With Local High School Students



Calispel Grange #500 is often a site to bring fabric that belonged to a family member who is no longer able to sew or quilt. One of our last donations was several bags of polyester. Wanting to get the best use of it all, we decided to make quilts for the homeless. We googled and found a website with a description and directions. Grange members cut out, sewed, and layered quilts. Our local high school in Newport, Washington was contacted and asked if they were interested in doing the tying.

Mrs. Johnson, the teacher in charge, described the magic this project created. She said that due to the pandemic restrictions, some students come to school tired and sad. When Mrs. Johnson asked her students if they wanted to help finish the quilt we gave her, they were excited, dove in, and got the job done. She said it was quite emotional for her to hear students leave that day with positive comments, "This was the best day ever!" We are happy to be part of this "Village."

## From The Secretary's Desk

### Secretaries Zoom Meetings and Information

By Terry Abbott  
State Grange Secretary

I decided to put an article in the Grange News, so that it can be seen by all.

I want to thank all of the secretaries and other folks that attended the Zoom Leadership

meetings online in February. I felt for a first time event we did quite well. And I also want to thank those of you who gave me feedback about the layout of the new forms. It is my goal to make our reporting efforts to State Grange as easy as possible and not time consuming. If you are like me your days are quite full and

sometimes you just want to say "To heck with it!" Just remember your not alone with that feeling.

With that said, I know many folks didn't get to hear about the updated forms or see the new report that was created. Most of you should have your new secretaries materials and I would bet some questions. If you have a desire for me to do another zoom meeting or two to explain your packet, I would be willing to do so. Please also do not hesitate to call me. My number is in the 2021 roster. If I don't recognize your number know I probably won't answer, UNTIL YOU LEAVE ME A MESSAGE AS TO WHO YOU ARE. I WILL RETURN YOUR CALL ASAP.

Another reminder to all secretaries, ALL reports and monies for the State Secretary go to Washington State Grange Headquarters. We have a staff that takes care of all the requirements and requests that you have. I am at the office at least once every couple of weeks or as needed. If you are unsure of what to do call Nancy at the state office.

Again thank you for all the hard work that you do for your Grange and the Washington State Grange. I appreciate all of you.



Terry Abbott

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