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Grange News

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Granges Compete At The Washington State Fair

In a fierce competition, Humptulips Grange #730 was awarded first place in both arrangement and overall Grange display at the 2021 Washington State Fair. Ten Granges created displays for this year's fair.

The displays are judged on a wide range of criteria. The

arrangement of the display is based upon the design, artistic effects, arrangement of fresh and preserved produce, and overall impact. Each of the five judges scores the displays, with special emphasis from a judge with an artistic background. Humptulips Grange was awarded first place

for their arrangement, followed by Black Lake Grange in second place, McMillin Grange in third place, Thurston County Pomona Grange in fourth place, and East Hill Grange in fifth place. The arrangement score factors in as 20% of the total display score.

The items included in the

display contribute the other 80% of the overall score. Agricultural products include grains and seeds is worth 20%, while livestock products (meats, dairy, poultry, honey, shellfish, etc.) contribute an additional 20%.

Horticultural products include fruits, berries, nursery stock, plants, forest products, and herbs. This section contributes 20%, while the vegetable category

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INSIDE: Take a look back at the 2021 Fairs and Exhibits



Fair Photos can be found on Pages 8, 9, 10 and 11, as well as elsewhere throughout the issue.

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.

- OCTOBER 15** State Grange Contest Entries (Lecturer, Family Living, Juniors) at Fruitvale Grange in Yakima. Check in Entries 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- OCTOBER 16** Tour of the Central Washington Ag Museum and the Grange Library, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- OCTOBER 16** State Grange Contest Open House, 1-4 p.m. at Fruitvale Grange Hall.
- OCTOBER 16** Check Out State Grange Contest Entries, 5-7 p.m.
- OCTOBER 27** Zoom Update on State Grange Activities, 7 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 9-13** 155th Annual National Grange Session at Wichita, Kansas
- DECEMBER 5** State Grange Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Grange Hall
- JUNE 22-25, 2022** 133rd Annual State Grange Session at Puyallup

By-Laws

SUNNYSIDE POMONA GRANGE will meet on October 11, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Lowe Naches Grange Hall to vote on changes to the bylaws, including changing their name to Yakima Valley Pomona Grange #11 and changing their meeting date to the Second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

RIVERSIDE VALLEY GRANGE #1047 will meet on October 20, 2021 at 7 p.m. to vote on their bylaws to change their meeting time to 7 p.m.

Burbank Grange Donates School Supplies



Burbank Grange members donated school supplies to the Columbia Burbank School District. Haley Kocek, high school counselor, accepted the supplies and will put them to good use.

Lecturer's Department

2021 Creative Writing Contest Results and Upcoming Contest Event



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

The topics for this year's Poetry (Metered and Free Verse), Short Story/Anecdote and Essay categories were the writer's choice between "Virus" and "Constitution." The other category for the contest was a Book Review. There were 16 entries from 10 different Granges. The Essay category had no entries. The judging has been completed and the following are the results:

A-1: Poetry, Metered

- First Place:** Gary Holland, Addy Grange
- Second Place:** Rex Valentine, Satsop Grange
- Third Place:** Jacklyn R Lester, Adna Grange
- Other entries were received from:** Bob Sholes, North River Grange; Jarrod Gardner, McMillin Grange (3) and one additional entry from Rex Valentine, Satsop Grange.

A-2: Poetry, Free Verse

- First Place:** Jarrod Gardner, McMillin Grange
- Second Place:** Herb Batterson, Green Bluff Grange
- Third Place:** Ann Fackenthall, Gardenspot Grange
- Other entries in the category were received from:** Cheryl Strong Magnuson, Happy Valley Grange and one additional entry from Jarrod Gardner, McMillin Grange.

A-3: Short Story/Anecdote

- First Place:** Mary Hursh, Fruitland Grange
- Second Place:** Jo Ann Anderson, Issaquah Valley
- There were no other entries.

A-4: Essay

There were no entries in this category.

A-5: Book Review

- First Place:** Jo Ann Anderson, Issaquah Valley
- There were no other entries.

The overall **Best of Show for the Creative Writing Contest** was Mary Hursh, Fruitland Grange. Mary will receive a check for \$50.00.

The 2nd Best of Show was Gary Holland, Addy Grange. Gary will receive a check for \$25.00.

Special Award: Norman D. Peterson, Espanola Grange for his writing about a young person's experiences with a one room school and the Grange.

I would like to thank everyone who entered the Creative Writing Contest this year. I hope we have more participation next year.

State Lecturer Contest Event Reminder

The State level Arts & Crafts and Photography Contests will be held in October. The time frame for eligible entries is from your 2019 Pomona contest through the Pomona contest of this year - 2021. Entries for the State contests are the Purple Ribbon entries from your Pomona Contest. If you are the Pomona Lecturer, please make sure you fill out and send me the Purple Ribbon Winners Report that was in your Lecturer packet. If you don't have the report form, please let me know and I will email the form to you. My email is lesliewells@att.net. I will use that report to make the entry tags that will be used for the State contest. Info for mailing: Leslie Jo Wells, 18232 201st Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272. If you have questions, call me at 360 306-0905.

The contests will be held at Fruitvale Grange in Yakima County in October. Here's the schedule:

Friday, October 15

9 AM - 3 PM Check-in entries;
11 AM Judging starts

Saturday, October 16

9 AM - 12 Noon Judging completes and Display set-up
1 PM - 4 PM Open House
5 PM - 7 PM Check-out entries



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President's Message

2021 Booster Program Message Announced

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

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

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

2021 GRANGE BOOSTER MESSAGE

"Washington State Grange: Working to Enrich Lives, Strengthen Families and Enhance Communities across our State since 1889"

This mission statement identifies our organization. It reflects our organization's values, our storied past, our modern-day projects and activities of the present, and the opportunities facing us in the future.

Every community in our state is impacted by the positive contributions of our Granges. Every successful community Grange provides the opportunity for its' members

to enhance their community. We strengthen families through our support of youth programs. We cultivate connections by creating partnerships with local schools. This may include our efforts to provide school supplies, dictionaries, and to present scholarships for students. We enrich lives by supporting food banks, reading programs, and other volunteer organizations. In each instance, the connection between the Grange and the community creates an impact by

Continue To Enhance Our Communities, Strengthen Families And Enrich Lives

-- Tom Gwin

making each community a better place for our citizens.

The Grange is truly a "grass roots" organization. Grange legislative policy development begins at the local level. Subordinate and Pomona Granges have an opportunity to submit resolutions that will update or change our current Grange legislative policy. Each resolution is considered at our State Grange Session, held annually in June. The 2022 session is scheduled to be held in Puyallup. The resolutions adopted by the delegates become policy of the State Grange, while those with a national scope are forwarded on to the National Grange for their consideration as well. Our



Tom Gwin

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

The new "normal", as created by the Covid pandemic has altered the traditional way of doing business in most Granges. For the past 18 months, our Granges have not met face-to-face. We are utilizing technology to hold meetings via zoom and other alternative means. We've also had to adapt our fundraising efforts to be able to pay our monthly expenses. We truly have been forced out of our traditional box in our ways of thinking and conducting business. The lessons learned will prove invaluable to our organization as we move forward to the future.

While our storied past is well documented and well written, perhaps our greatest opportunity for success is still ahead of us. We must continue thinking outside of our traditional programs and activities as we continue to enhance our communities, strengthen families and enrich lives.

Nearly 600 members have joined the Grange in our state thus far in 2021. We ask that all potential members consider joining our organization, and to share in our values as we cultivate the connections that will continue making an impact across the state.

Legislative

Attention Growers: Recent Actions Can Affect Your Operation



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

For growers who use water, pesticides, or hire workers, recent actions by state and federal agencies could affect the future of your operation.

WATER

The Department of Ecology is beginning two water adjudications, in in WRIA 1 in Whatcom County and the other WRIA 58 in the Lake Roosevelt area in Eastern Washington. They are looking at handling the adjudications either in batches of similar size and type of water right holders or by sub basins or both. They plan to file the two adjudications with the court in June 2023. Whatcom Superior Court will be the venue for the WRIA 1 adjudication. Spokane Superior Court will be the most likely venue for the WRIA 58 (Lake Roosevelt) adjudication. Ecology still has to secure funding for the two courts to handle their expenses.

Ecology expects these adjudications to cost less and be completed more quickly than the 50-year long Yakima adjudication. The process will be streamlined due to improved technology and the ability to start with a "report of findings" that Ecology will prepare. Ecology intends to include permit-exempt well users in the Nooksack adjudication. In total, that adjudication will include about 5400 people. More background can be found in the "Water Resources Adjudication Assessment Legislative Report" and the "Water Resources Inventory Area No. 1 Watershed Management Project". Both are available online.

LABOR

Among the many new provisions in the state budget, which took effect on July 1st, was increased funding for the Department of Labor and Industries to do inspections in agriculture. The Department is establishing a dedicated Agricultural Compliance Unit with sixteen new positions, thirteen of whom will be engaged in safety and health inspections and investigations and three dedicated to education and outreach. This initiative covers all of agriculture and growers should be prepared for an increased likelihood of a site inspection by the agency. One of the areas L&I plans to focus on is tractor and equipment safety. The new Agricultural Compliance Manager is David Yunker. He expects having staff dedicated to agriculture will improve relationships with industry. Staff will be more knowledgeable about what they are inspecting and the relevant rules.

The Washington State Attorney General's Office filed a lawsuit against two Yakima orchards in an effort to recoup more than \$450,000 in back wages, they believe are owed to workers. The lawsuit is based on a Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) investigation of wages paid between 2018 and 2020. Part of the dispute is over how piece-rate wages were calculated for fruit harvest.

PESTICIDES

The Washington Department of Agriculture is beginning to write rules in several areas related to pesticide use. First, they will deal with pesticide exam fees to allow computer-based testing administered at testing centers, including community colleges. Second, they will update the penalty matrix for pesticide application violations. The maximum penalty will not change, but there will be an increase in some penalty amounts. Penalties for incidents involving human health will increase. The matrix will be reorganized so human health and crop damage penalties will increase, record keeping penalties will decrease. WSDA wants input from stakeholders. They plan to hold webinars to gather input.

In addition to rule-writing, the Washington State Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Management Division, is expanding its education and technical assistance program. They conduct a variety of training and technical assistance classes in Spanish and English, focused on reduction of pesticide off target drift and Worker Protection Standard (WPS) training at all levels of agricultural operations.

An Update On Current State Grange Activities And Questions/Answers With The State Grange President

ZOOM MEETINGS: 4TH Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 27

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581> **Meeting ID:** 980 3697 1581

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Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS

August / September 2021

	# Joined	Jr.+1
404 Bethel..... Ole Schow	1	
861 Black Lake..... Sherry Stacy	1	
647 Broadway..... Cheryl Sample, Amy Ravenholt, Lynne Dolph, Eric Dolph Terri Widergren, Denise Edwards	6	
681 Chimacum..... Catherine Slayton, Heidi Eisenhour	2	
982 Clarkston Heights..... Kenneth Rea, Shannon Peterson, Kim Meek, Sandy House Fit For Life, Jerry Northup, MaryLou Northup	7	1
1123 Crescent..... Catherine Stordeur, Catherine Beltrami	2	
846 Deer Lagoon..... Matt Hamblen, Emily Hamblen, Eleanor Hamblen, Everett Zook Wendy Zook, Samuel Zook, Jeremy Birchfield, Jackie Birchfield Dayton Birchfield, Serenity Birchfield, Sarah LaChaussee	11	
26 Elma..... Mark Brasel	1	
999 Fruitland..... Monica Stewart	1	
124 Grays River..... Charlie Schumar, Kelly Schumar	2	
48 La Center..... Lindsey Brown, Grady Brooks, Brody Brown, Riley Brown Gracy Brown	5	
407 Lincoln Creek..... Bob Taylor, Isaac Taylor	2	
1101 Manor..... Fiona I.Humphrey, Justin D. Smith, Nick Johnson, Leticia Sherbahn	4	
276 Marion..... Monica Warner, Alan Spurgeon	2	
164 Minnehaha..... Marilyn Price	1	
1069 Molson..... Laura Robinson, Ernie Hennig, Kathie Hennig	3	
311 Oakview..... Patti Nelson	1	
101 Pleasant Hill..... Becky Norris	1	
720 Quimper..... Jim Kellogg, Dave Olsen, Deborah Olsen, Mary Beth Haralovich JJ Johnson, Barney Truman, Joanne Rittmueller, John Collins Carol McLane	9	
955 Sallal..... Peter Cook, Wanda Boe, April Davis, David Beegle, Natalie Bryant Mark Bryant, Racheal King, Lucy Adams	8	
849 Salmon Creek..... Myhriah Young	1	
684 San Poil..... Jesse Ackerson	1	
1108 Sequim Prairie..... Lester Ellis, Heidi Ault Gray	2	
800 Sharon..... Joanne Ritter, Nick Doelman, Nora Doelman, Eric Quartnstrom Mary Luz, April Messenger	6	2
1058 Stillaguamish..... Carol Goodell	1	2
1048 The Valley..... Danny Spencer	1	
610 Tyler..... Karen Strohmaier, Aaron Miller, Robin Miller, Jeffrey Roatz	4	
996 Violet Prairie..... Brett Swidecki, Megan Swidecki, Jack Swidecki, Hayley Tresenrter	4	
82 Washington..... Steven McDonald, Patti Tuller	2	
TOTALS	92	5

Identifying Your Grange

Its that time of year again; Election of Officers are being held this month and next. And with new officers, its also a great time to talk about new goals for your Grange.

The past 18 months haven't been typical for anyone let alone the Grange as an organization. Many of our Granges have changed the focus of their activities to better serve their communities through these rough and trying times. Many have adapted wherever needed, while others have not yet taken up these challenges.

In early 2020 as we traveled around the state for our Leadership Conferences, the State Lecturer asked each Grange to come up with a Mission Statement (the guidelines can be found on page 6 of the 2020/2021 Program Handbook). Has your Grange stepped up to that challenge?

The Washington State Grange Mission Statement is "Working to

Enrich Lives, Strengthen Families and Enhance Communities across our state since 1889".

Your mission statement says a lot about your Grange. It helps to give your Grange an identity. It tells others how you see both your past and your present and how you can better serve your communities. Before you begin to set your goals for 2022 and beyond, think about first deciding what your Granges' mission statement is (if you have not already). This will help in creating a clear path to success.

When writing your mission statement and setting your goals, ask yourselves if you know the identity of your Grange. What exactly does your Grange do? Are you focused on educational projects or maybe your Grange focuses a lot on legislative issues in your communities that affect you locally, or maybe your focus is on community service?

As you begin to ponder what

it is your Grange can offer those around you, ask yourselves if you could give a simple answer to this question, "What does your Grange do?". Could you give them a quick answer? Or would you be more apt to name everything your Grange works on? If this is the case, maybe it's time to find "Your Granges' Identity".

As we have learned through these past 18 months, our objectives may not change but finding new ways to still obtain those objectives may look very different. Many are also looking at their own lives differently as well and I believe this will continue to help our organization grow and change as we focus on our futures while not leaving our past values behind.

I challenge you all to invite someone new to your next Grange meeting or event (even if it is via Zoom). Get excited and they will be excited too.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Grangers for bringing in 3 new members into your Grange. You will each receive the membership t-shirt with our mission statement.

Lola Collinsworth - Clarkston Heights #982
Laura Rookstool - Deer Lagoon #846
Brian Sherbahn - Manor #1101
Kirby Pollard - Marion #276
Laurie Grimes - Oakview #311
Barbara Tustins - Quimper #720
Sheila Long - Quimper #720
Julie Lester - Sallal # 955
Wynter Ellwood - Sallal #955
Cindy Miles-Heller - Sharon #800
Beth Manning - The Valley #1048

Congratulations to the Grangers who have brought in 5 or more new members into your Grange. You have each won a \$25 Amazon gift card for every 5 new members brought in.

Shelly Jenkins - Broadway #647 - 1 - \$25 Amazon Gift Card
Lola Collinsworth - Clarkston Heights #982 - 1 - \$25 Amazon Gift Card
Justin Nichols - Deer Lagoon #846 - 1 - \$25 Amazon Gift Card
Wynter Ellwood - Sallal #955 - 1 - \$25 Amazon Gift Card
Cindy Miles-Heller - Sharon #800 - 1 - \$25 Amazon Gift Card
Bob Shea - Tyler #610 - 1 - \$25 Amazon Gift Card

Contest runs from January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2021.

There are many members close to receiving their membership t-shirt. So, let's get out there and invite our friends and neighbors to join the Grange!

Membership Matters Is Back

By Amanda Brozana Rios
Membership/Leadership
Development and
Communications Director

On Tuesday, September 21, Membership Matters returned. The monthly zoom program, open to all members that provides information and ideas for those working to attract, recruit and retain new members and on leadership development for the Subordinate Grange and beyond, had taken a summer break.

Dr. Jason Davis, a North Carolina Grange member, former FFA advisor and state director and current assistant dean at Mount Olive University, talked about generational differences and how each engages with the world

around them, especially in relation to things they take part in or join. Davis talked about the values and characteristics of individuals starting from the Silent Generation born before 1945 through today's Generation Z.

In October, Membership Matters will switch gears to look at how your local Grange can recruit and offer member benefits before returning to the topic of meeting the needs of the different generations in winter.

The recording of the program and slides related to it are now available to download from the National Grange website.

Please join us in the coming months at 8:30 p.m. Eastern on the third Tuesday of the month by going to <https://bit.ly/mm1867>.

The meeting ID is 525 965 930 and passcode is 981892. You may also call in using the number (301) 715-8592.

- October 19 - Grange Benefits and how to get Local Discounts
- November 16 - Zoom Canceled due to National Convention Travel
- December 14 (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY) -- Generations in Focus: The Traditionalists and Boomers
 - January 18 - Generations in Focus: Gen X
 - February 15 - Generations in Focus - Gen Y (Millennials) and iY
 - March 15 - Generations in Focus - Gen Z



Sammamish Valley Grange : An Off-Grid Cold Storage Refrigeration Unit Supports Local Farmers

While farmers and farm practices have evolved throughout the years, one thing that hasn't changed is the need for cold storage refrigeration.

The Sammamish Valley Grange worked together this year with community organizations and local farmers on an innovative "Keep it Cool, Keep It Fresh"

refrigeration project.

Organizers sought to aid small acreage farmers in bolstering a sustainable food system while also supporting the environment. The unit is entirely solar powered, making it a uniquely off-grid farm refrigeration unit. It provides 100% solar-power for the 3,000 square feet of cold storage space located in the middle of the Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District (APD), near Woodinville, Washington.

The unit helps farmers reduce food waste, strengthens the local food economy, supports regenerative farmers and provides storage for perishable products which will get fresh food to consumers, food banks



Grange members help dedicate the new Keep It Cool, Keep It Fresh farm refrigeration unit; L-R: Jeannie DeSmet, Erv DeSmet, Brenda Vanderloop and Tom Quigley.



A mural on the refrigeration unit, and adjacent wash-pack area, was painted later in summer by local volunteer art students.

and local outlets. When farmed to full potential, the Sammamish Valley is able to supply local, organic vegetables to 80,000 people annually.

A grant provided by Woodinville Rotary and Rotary International initiated the construction of the unit along with other donations. Local non-profits and organizations,

including Sammamish Valley Grange members and Valley farmers, helped organize and manage the project with the assistance of dozens of volunteers. For more information on the project visit: <https://www.sammamishvalley.org/keep-it-cool-keep-it-fresh-farm-refrigeration-project/>

Issaquah Valley Grange #581 Assembles Refugee Starter Kits



Issaquah Valley Grange #581 voted to assemble Refugee Starter Kits for immigrants from Afghanistan who are arriving at Joint Base Lewis McCord to find new homes through Lutheran World Relief in south Seattle. IVG selects from the six different supply lists (Bathroom, Kitchen 1, Kitchen 2, Personal Care, Baby, Cleaning) based on what members and friends donate then completes the list using donated funds and a generous grant from Thrivent Financial. So far they have assembled nine kits each valued around \$160. Pictured: Marjorie Steffin and Jo Ann Anderson pack a Kitchen Kit 1 for a refugee family's first apartment in the United States.

Quilts Of Valor Presented



Brighton Park Grange member Jim Weatherbie receives his Quilt of Valor for his Army service, 1961-1975. Jim's quilt was made by the Olympia Stars and Stripes group, presented by Shannon Gill and Carla Sontag during the Thurston County Pomona picnic at the Nelson Family Ranch July 11, 2021.



Brighton Park Grange member Charles Foster receives his Quilt of Valor for his Navy service, 1950-55. Charles's quilt was made by the Olympia Stars and Stripes group, presented by Shannon Gill and Carla Sontag during the Thurston County Pomona picnic at the Nelson Family Ranch July 11, 2021.

State Grange Contests To Be Held October 15-16 In Yakima

The Washington State Grange will be holding their annual contests on October 15-16 at the Fruitvale Grange Hall in Yakima. This event will replace the 2020 contests that couldn't be held with our hybrid State Grange Session in June.

Saturday, October 16
 9 am to 1 pm – continue clerking and displaying
 10 am to 1 pm – tour of the Grange Library and the Central Washington Ag Museum
 1 pm to 4 pm – open house to view the entries

5 pm to 7 pm – check out entries and clean up.
 Additional details will be announced by each of the department directors. Plans are to hold the 2022 contests at our regular time at the Annual State Session in June.

Contests to be held include:
Lecturer – Arts & Crafts, Photography.
Family Living – Quilting, Sewing, Needlework, and Canning. Baking and candy will not be held.
Junior – Junior Crafts and Junior Display Boards.
 The schedule for this event is tentatively set at:
Thursday, October 14
 2 p.m. - set up and preparations
Friday, October 15
 9 am to 3 pm – entry check in
 11 am – judging begins
 6 pm – close for the evening.

REGISTER TODAY TO TAKE YOUR 7TH DEGREE AT THE 155TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION

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Home & Family

Family Living

October 2021 Contest Hints

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

Contest time is just around the corner. It seems like forever since we have been able to showcase the handiwork of our amazing people. I'm excited to see what you have been working on these past two years. Remember, anything made within the past two years will be accepted.

As you have your county contests put the entry form in a sandwich zip-lock bag and safety pin to entry. The judges comment sheet should be put in this baggie as well once the item has been judged. When bringing the purple winners to state be sure to remove the judging

sheet and ribbon but leave the entry form in the baggie. This gives us a second method of identification especially if one person is bringing all entries for their county. While this method works well for sewing, needlework and quilting it will not work for canning, so I ask that you have the county entry form taped to the jar. We will put all comment sheets in an envelope for you and fasten to the bottom of the jar. By doing this I hope to not obscure the lovely product in the jar.

Now is the time to bring all your collectibles as well as projects that make a difference. These may be chemo caps, adult bibs or shirt protectors, Project

Linus blankets and anything else you may have done. Be sure to bring your comfort toys also. Pick out one to be judged.

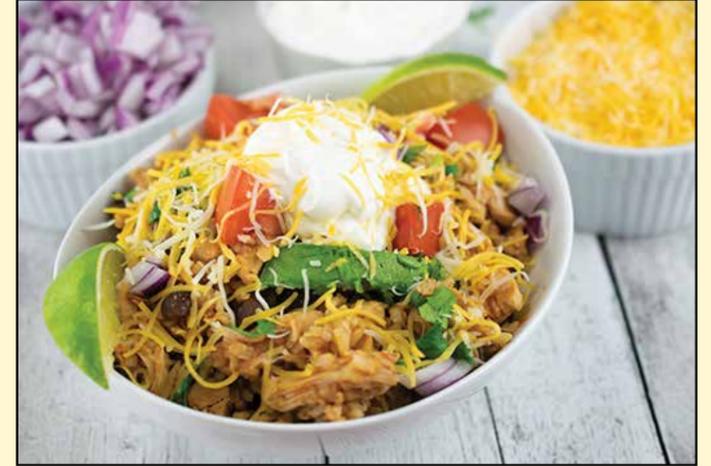
We will also have our state quilt block contest. There is still time to make a block of your choice using purple and teal which measures 12 ½ inches square. These will be put into a quilt for the next auction we have.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you October 15th and 16th. If you can help by being a scribe or runner e-mail me at chuckhelenberg@hotmail.com. Any help would be appreciated.



Helen Berg

Slow Cooker Chicken Burrito Bowls



(Courtesy of Family Features)

During the hustle and bustle of the school year, it can be difficult to find time to sit down for dinner together as a family. However, on weeknights filled with extracurricular activities, homework, meetings and more, it's still important to put delicious and nutritious meals on the table that can be served whenever your family members can find a few minutes to grab a plate.

Dairy foods like milk, yogurt and cheese are on hand in many kitchens and provide nutrients people of all ages need to grow and maintain strong bodies and minds. These Slow Cooker Chicken Burrito Bowls combine dairy with chicken, beans, corn and rice plus colorful garnishes for a meal you can set in the slow cooker at the beginning of the day and serve whenever hunger strikes that evening.

Find more weeknight meal ideas at milkmeansmore.org.

Slow Cooker Chicken Burrito Bowls

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 4-8 hours Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 1 jar (16 ounces) chunky salsa
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 cups instant brown rice
- 1 cup corn kernels, fresh or frozen
- chopped avocado, for garnish
- chopped cilantro, for garnish
- chopped red onion, for garnish
- chopped tomatoes, for garnish
- lime wedges, for garnish
- sour cream or Greek yogurt, for garnish
- shredded colby jack cheese, for garnish

In slow cooker, stir together salsa, chicken, broth and chili powder. Cook 3 1/2 hours on high or 7 1/2 hours on low.

Transfer chicken to cutting board and coarsely shred; return to slow cooker. Stir in beans, rice and corn. Cook 30 minutes on high, or until rice is cooked through.

Serve garnished with avocado, cilantro, onion, tomatoes, limes, sour cream and cheese.

Source: United Dairy Industry of Michigan / Recipe courtesy of Lori Yates of Foxes Love Lemons on behalf of Milk Means More

North Willapa Harbor Grange Hosts Woodfest Bake Sale Event



North Willapa Harbor Grange held a bake sale at Woodfest, an August event at the Tokeland Hotel. There was an excellent variety of vendors and attendees at the event.

San Juan Island Grange Has Booth At Friday Harbor Farmers Market



San Juan Island Grange provides an opportunity for their members to sell their produce in the Grange booth at the Friday Harbor Farmers Market. While a small fee is charged, the effort is proving to be an outstanding membership incentive for the Grange.

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Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Brittney Oliver To Represent WA State At National Grange Convention



Jerry Gwin

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

We are pleased to have Brittney Oliver, a member of Moses Lake Grange and Collins Grange, be the recipient of the John Trimble Legislative Experience for this year's National Grange Session. Brittney will be attending the session in Wichita, Kansas as the youth delegate. She will be serving on one of the session committees and participating in the delegate body at the convention.

Unfortunately, there were no other applications from our state in the various National Grange Youth Programs. We can only hope to move away from the Covid pandemic and begin to rebuild our youth programs.

The Western Regional Conference was held in August in Boise, Idaho. Our state was represented by seven delegates this year. Brittney Oliver placed first in the Impromptu Public Speaking Contest and in Grange Baseball for the young adults. In the Junior Grange division, Jacob Smith placed first in Grange Baseball.

The 2022 Regional Conference will be hosted by the Oregon State Grange.

Stranger Creek Juniors: Fair Crafts



Stranger Creek's Junior Grangers were busy with craft projects that were entered in the Hunters Fair August 21, the oldest 1 day fair in the state. They then entered in the NE WA Fair in Colville, held on August 26-29. The Junior Grangers participated in the local Hunters Fair and parade where they rode in a 1950 Chevy pickup owned by Granger Andre Lenz and won the Big Trophy for their parade participation.

The Colville Fair was also successful with the Grange Booth winning the 1st place prize. Some of our Jr. Grangers also showed 4-H animals at both fairs. The Goat group received the traveling trophy from the Colville Fair for Herdsmanship. Max Motteshard won over-all Grand Champion and Grand Champion in his age group in rabbits and Kitra Veenhuizen won Reserve Champion in rabbits.

We are very proud of the time and hard work our Jr. Grangers put into these fairs. Congratulations to them all!



Washington State Juniors Create Exhibit For State Fair



The Washington State Junior Granges created a display for the Washington State Fair. Junior Granges contributing to the effort were Camp Mayfield, East Hill, and Humptulips. The colorful display received a special award from the fair.

North River Juniors Grays Harbor County Fair Exhibit



North River Junior Grange members in front of their display at the Grays Harbor County Fair. Display shows the learning activities in the past few months; planting vegetables in raised beds, learning the trees that grow in our forest and learning about honey bees.

Juniors

Contest Weekend Coming Soon



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director

Contest Weekend is fast approaching and I'm in the middle of my final preparations, how about you? One of my worries for this event was not having entries but I have been assured that will not be a problem. Whew! Here are a few reminders for those entering items in the Junior Grange contests.

The Junior Department will be judging Junior crafts and display boards for both individuals and Junior Granges. Any Craft or display board that was completed after convention in 2019 – present day is eligible to be judged. Your entries need to be at the Junior table between 9am-3 pm on Friday, October 15th and picked up between 5-7pm on Saturday, October 16th.

Each entry will be placed in one of five groups for judging: Group 1- 7 and under, Group 2- 8 to 10 years, Group 3- 11 to 14 years, Group 4- Junior Granges or Junior Grange Camps, Group 5- Special Needs. All entries will receive a ribbon and cash awards will be awarded to the top three in each group. Please make sure all of your items are marked with the child's name, birthdate or age and their Junior Grange or camp name. Required information is worth 10 points during judging.

I am looking forward to seeing the creativity of all our Grange members. Wandering through the department displays is always one of my favorite activities and I have definitely missed it at the last two conventions/business meetings. Make sure to stop by the Junior tables. I will see you and all of your creative endeavors soon.

Junior Connection

Camas Valley Junior Grange

Our Junior Grange has started monthly meetings again after summer break. Our Youth Grange will be starting again soon. Springdale Yard Sale Day, Saturday, September 18, will start at the Camas Valley Grange-a map of area yard sale locations will be available.

Green Bluff Jr Grange

Green Bluff Jr Grange will have a "Drive Thru Halloween Candy Hand Out" on October 30 from 5 – 7 pm at the Grange.

Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grange members submitted photos and see art pictures to the National Junior Grange Contests. Junior Grangers also sent 15 photos, 20 crafts, and 18 food preservation entries to the county Grange contests. Seventeen entries were awarded Purple Best of Class ribbons and will go to the state contests in October.

Washington State Junior Grange

Washington State Junior Grange had a display at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. Junior Granges contributing to the display were Camp Mayfield, East Hill, and Humptulips.

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Granges Compete At The WA State Fair

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contributes the final 20%. Each display is required to have 50 items in each of the four categories.

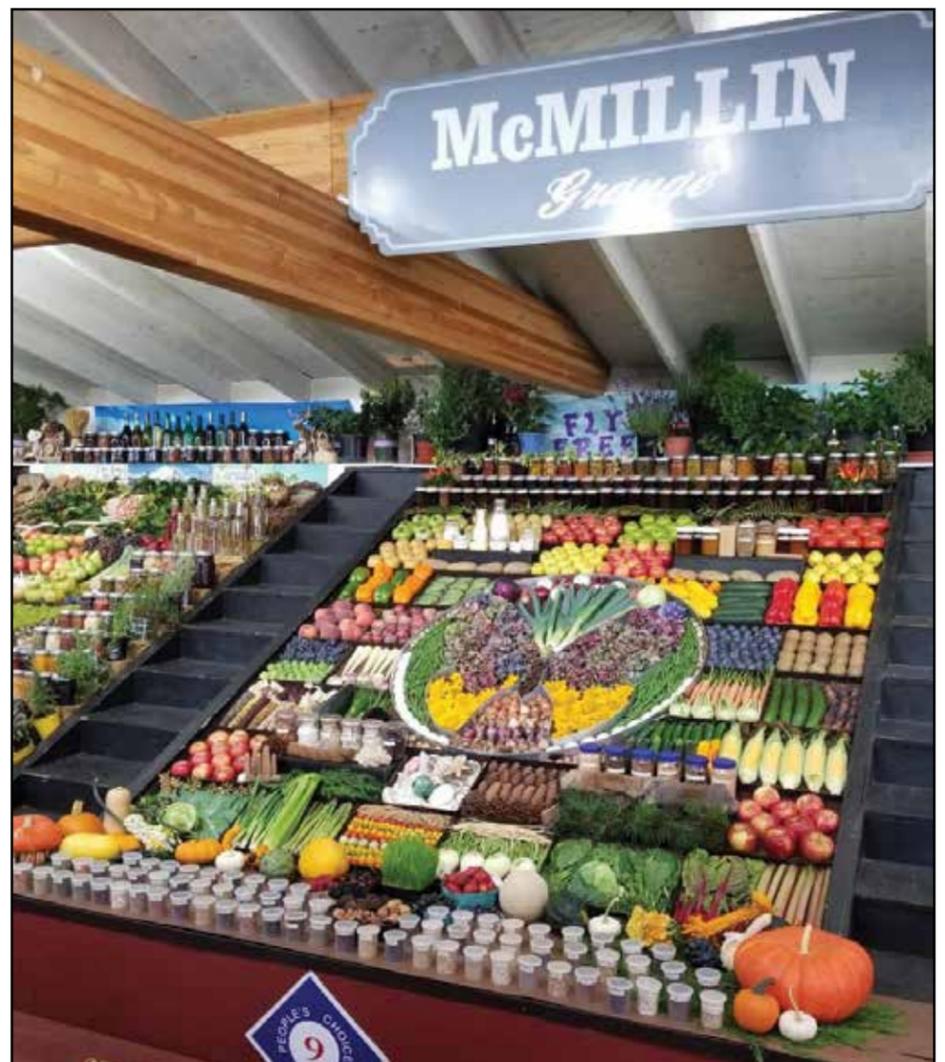
Four judges, one for each category, scores their category based up quantity, variety, and quality. After judging is completed, fair officials tally the scores to determine the overall winners. Humptulips Grange was the first place overall winner, followed by Black Lake Grange in second place, East Hill Grange in third place, Fruitland Grange in fourth place, and Ohop Grange in fifth place.

Other participating Granges in 2021 were Collins, Meridian, and Edgewood.

Each of the ten exhibiting Grange spend hundreds, and possibly even thousands, of hours of work on their Grange displays at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. Each starts out with the same dimensions, approximately 8 feet wide and 10 feet deep. The slope of the displays is predetermined and remains the same each year. Grange members spend months creating designs, canning and dehydrating fresh produce, collecting seeds and cones, and gathering display items from their Grange members, neighbors, and friends.

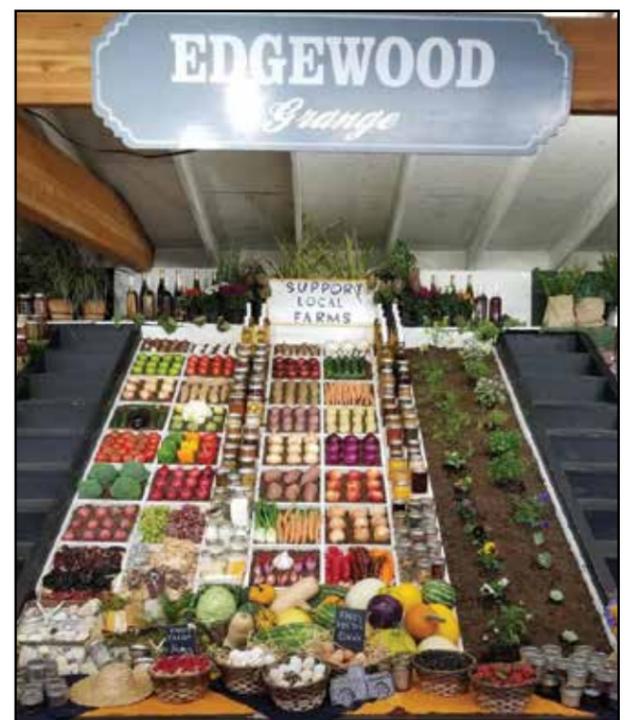
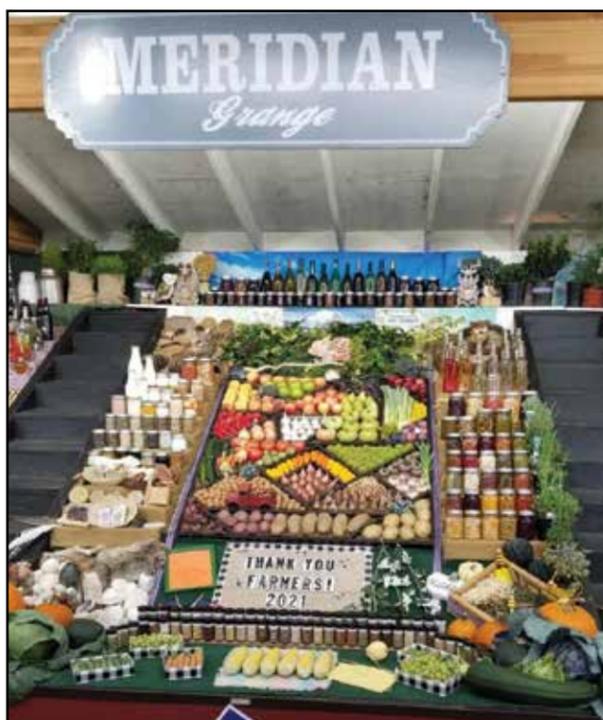
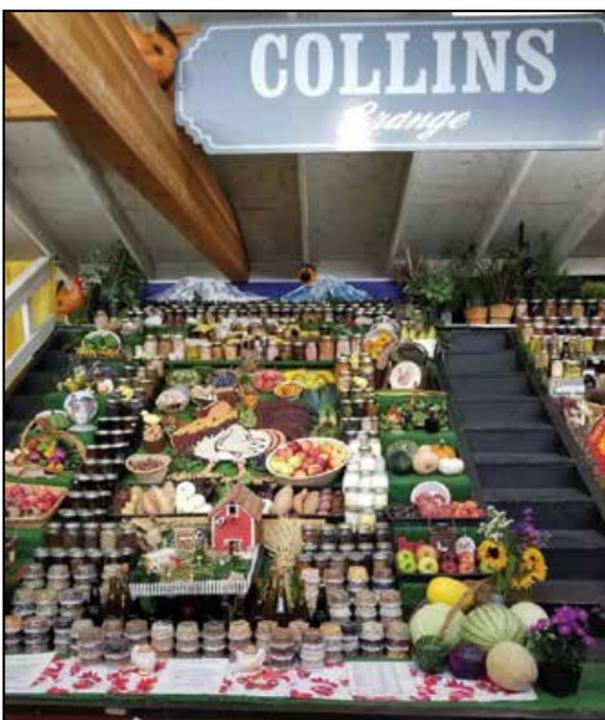
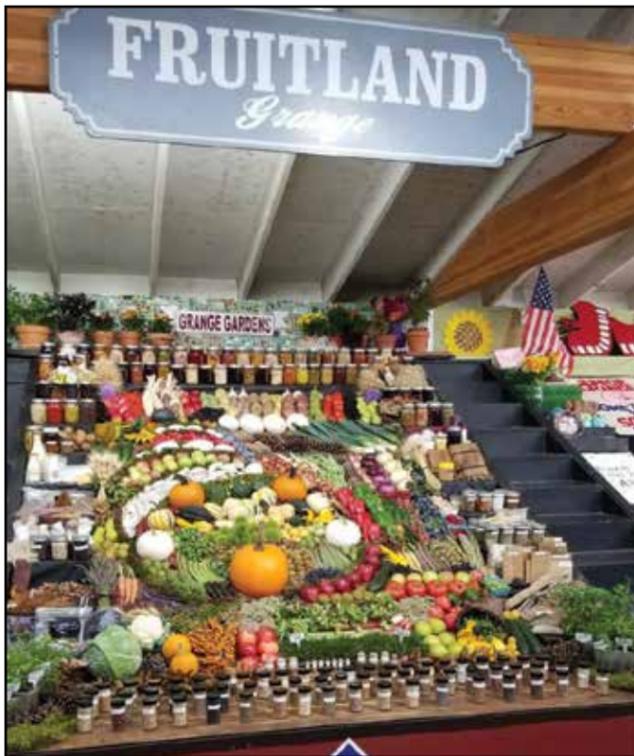
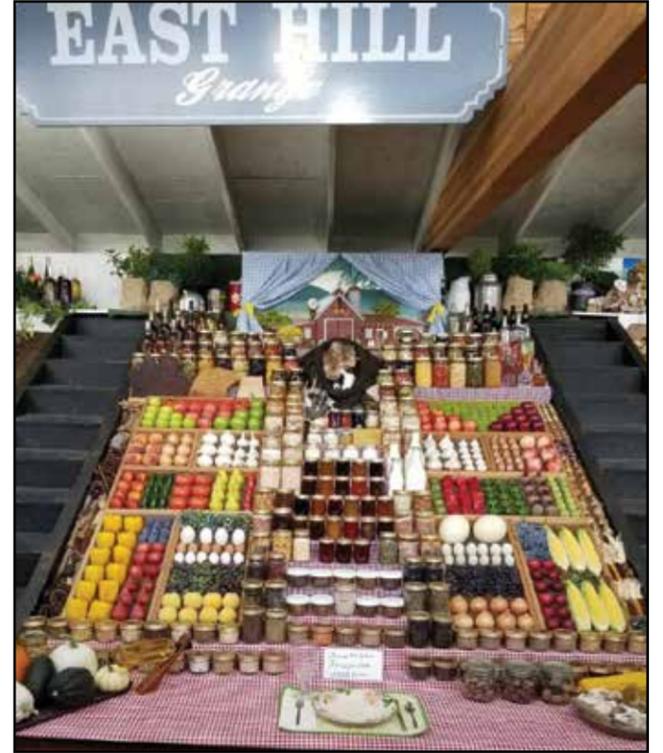
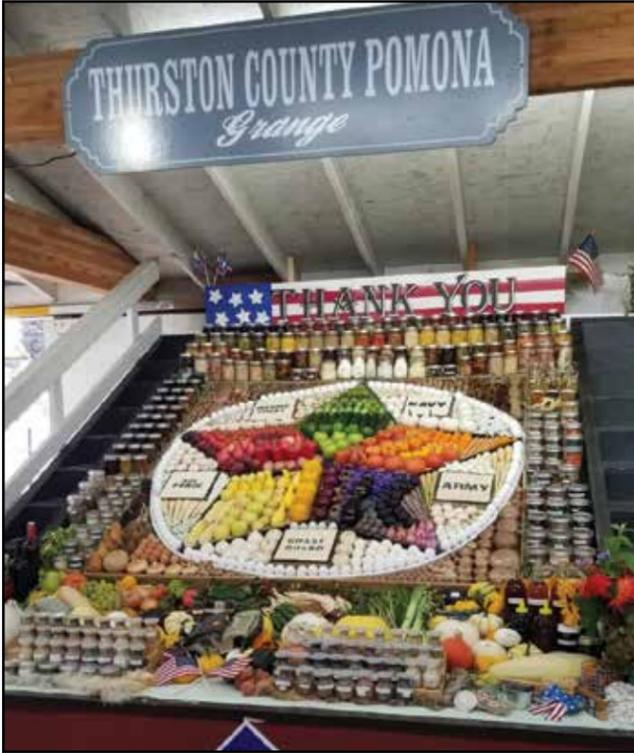
Each Grange is responsible for their own design and builds a framework with their design prior to arriving at the fair. The Grange display building in Puyallup is usually ready for the Granges to start moving in two weeks prior to the fair. Most Granges will get their framework set up and the basic design in place a week before the fair. The final week is spent gathering the fresh produce items and placing them into the display. It is a push to the finish to get everything into the display and have it arranged in an attractive manner.

The Washington State Fair, formerly known as the Western Washington Fair and the Puyallup Fair, was first held in 1900. Grange displays have been a part of the fair since its inception.



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2021 Fair Time Memories

Fair Memories From Around The State



The Washington State Grange has an Informational Display at the State Fair in Puyallup. The display featured ("Grange in Action" posters from nearly 60 different Granges across the state. Grange members were available throughout the fair to answer questions and share information on the organization.



Chelan County Fair - BeeHive Grange Booth Exhibit received first place!



Deer Lagoon Grange #846: Our display won the Superintendent Award, and also the Fair Manager Award!



2021 Adna Grange booth at the SW WA Fair. We appreciate farmers!!! We received a 3rd Place ribbon.



Five Mile Prairie Grange received first place on their display at the 2021 Spokane Interstate Fair.



Yakima Valley Pomona - The APPLE BOOTH in the AG Bldg at the Central Wash. State Fair.

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Fair Memories From Around The State



Moses Lake Grange seed display at the Grant County Fairgrounds.



Fredonia Grange was awarded first place for their display at the Skagit County Fair.



Oakview Grange extends their deepest gratitude to King Agricultural Museum for the loan of one of their pedal tractors, a child's wheelbarrow and tools to us to help complete our booth at the 2021 SW WA Fair. A winning team! Mike Freels, Terry Lowery, Dave Escobar, Becky Escobar, Alice Coakley and Gayle Mulligan.



Truckin' To The Grange

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #38 created a produce display at the Grays Harbor County Fair in Elma. Even though the displays were not judged this year, Poona Grange members felt it was important to portray agriculture in a positive light.

Subordinate Granges created folding tri-panel board displays on their projects and activities. Subordinate Granges participating were East Oakville, Elma, Sharon, Olympic View, Humptulips, and North River.

Junior Granges creating displays were Camp Morehead, Humptulips, and North River. The Junior Grange department also had over 60 entries from Junior Granges, including crafts, photos, fine arts, plants, and food preservation. While the Junior Grange entries were not judged this year, each participant received a gift card from a local business.

The Agriculture Building, which housed the Grange, floral, and horticulture departments were named as the winners of this year's "Super Award" as the outstanding display building at the fair. The award is based on a vote of all fair superintendents.



Ten Mile Grange received first place on their display at the Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden.

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By **Burton Eller**
National Grange
Legislative Director

WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

Government Shutdown Avoided

On Thursday September 30th Congress passed a continuing resolution extending government funding until early December, narrowly avoiding a potentially catastrophic government shutdown during a pandemic. Earlier in the week, Democrats had attempted to move forward the continuing resolution along with an increase in the debt limit, a law which caps the total amount of money the federal government can borrow which is set to be met in mid-October. However, these attempts were blocked by Republicans who argue that if Democrats want to increase the debt limit, then they must do so without Republican support, meaning they would have to do so through the reconciliation process (a process Democrats are already pursuing for a large portion of the Biden agenda discussed below.) Democrats argue that the Republican position with regard to the debt limit is hypocritical because much of the debt was accumulated under President Trump, and Democrats had previously voted with Republicans to increase the debt limit under the previous administration. Ultimately, to avoid a government shutdown at the beginning of October, Democrats allowed a vote on just government funding, but the debt limit remains unaddressed. If the debt limit is not increased by mid-October, then the federal government will default on its debt obligations and untold economic consequences will follow.

Infrastructure Vote Delayed Indefinitely

Late in the night on Thursday September 30th, House Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) officially announced that the vote planned for the \$1.2 trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure deal would be postponed. However, Pelosi also indicated that Democrats had made significant progress towards its passage along with the passage of a larger \$3.5 trillion reconciliation package.

For context, the \$1.2 trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure bill passed the Senate in August with significant bipartisan support and includes significant sums for traditional hard infrastructure, including rural broadband deployment. However, Democrats in the House have so far been unable to pass the bill because progressive members have made it clear that they will not support

the bill until a larger \$3.5 trillion reconciliation package, which includes a variety of tax increases and social spending not yet entirely determined, also passes. In late August, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) made a nonbinding promise to moderate House Democrats that the House would pass the bipartisan infrastructure deal by the end of September. However, because not enough progress had been made on drafting and passing the larger reconciliation by this week's scheduled vote, many progressive members of the House threatened to vote against the bipartisan infrastructure package to force the Speaker to delay the vote until further progress had been made. At time of writing, it is not entirely clear when the House progressives will be satisfied enough with the status of the reconciliation bill to offer their support to the bipartisan infrastructure bill, but until that time comes it is unlikely that either will face a vote.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

President Biden Targets Ag Competition

The President aims to restore competition and innovation to the American economy and as the administration looks at agriculture, the focus is on packer concentration. The four largest beef processors control 82% of the market compared to 26% in the mid-seventies. The four largest pork processors control 66% of the market compared to 33% in the mid-seventies. The four largest poultry processors fall between these two. USDA recently issued a Request for Information (RFI) to determine how to spend \$500 million to diversify processing capacity. Responses have included suggestions to offer grants and low interest loans for small and medium size plants, target new processing capacity to eastern regions where there is a deficit in processing facilities, and improve plant working conditions and pay rates.

Record Ag Exports Predicted

USDA is predicting total U.S. exports for 2022 will be a record \$177.5 billion, \$4 billion more than the latest forecast for 2021 exports. The increase is due to higher export values for cotton, soybeans and horticultural products. At the same time, China's appetite for American beef continues to rise. During the first seven months of 2021, beef exports to China are 1,000% above the same period in 2020.

CONSERVATION/CLIMATE CHANGE

Waters of the U.S. in Flux

The Environmental Protection Agency has completed its listening sessions and public comment period in response to its announced intent to reverse the 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule. The opportunity for public comment drew a large response from farmers, ranchers, landowners and others. The National Grange said the original 2015 WOTUS rule created imprecise and overly inclusive definition of navigable waters that imposed significant economic burdens on agriculture. The Grange proposes a more balanced regulatory approach which both protects our waters and allows farmers and ranchers to succeed. In the meantime, the 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule has been vacated by a federal judge in Arizona, adding regulatory uncertainty to water regulation on private property.

Questions Surround Ag Carbon Markets

Farmers and ranchers want more answers before wading into carbon markets. An August 2021 survey by the Farm Journal found 55% of respondents plan on joining the carbon market in the next three years but are looking for some answers in the meantime. What will be the return on my investment? What are the compliance requirements? What if I change farming practices? Will university extension and /or USDA confirm carbon market compliance? Is my operation too small to qualify? They are looking for reputable sources for more trustworthy information.

HEALTH CARE

"Twindemic" Threatens Fall and Winter Season

Washington's The Hill newsletter published an opinion editorial by National Grange President Betsy Huber in which she warns of a challenging flu and pneumonia season approaching. Many rural Americans are still vulnerable to COVID-19 and have a mortality rate nearly eight times greater than their urban counterparts because of underlying medical conditions. A potentially more deadly flu and pneumonia season could create a more severe health crisis in rural America. Huber encourages vulnerable rural residents to get vaccinated against flu and pneumonia as well as COVID-19. She also calls on the CDC to expedite the release of two new FDA approved pneumonia

vaccines to protect against the repercussions of a "twindemic". A similar message was submitted in a filing by the National Grange to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices at the CDC.

Cap Out-of-Pocket Costs

The National Grange joined 132 organizations on a letter to key committees in the House and Senate to address the unaffordable out-of-pocket costs in the Medicare Part D prescription medication program. As cost-sharing increases, this leads to lower drug adherence, higher mortality and increased overall health care costs.

Grange Petitions FDA for Eye Care

The National Grange petitioned the Food and Drug Administration not to make permanent cuts to payment schedules for eye care under Medicare. Of particular concern is access to micro-invasive glaucoma surgery and access to ambulatory surgery centers which are so vital to older rural residents.

TAXES

Taxes in the Spotlight

This September could have been called the "pay for" taxes month. That is, what taxes will be needed to pay for the massive price tag attached to the \$3.5 trillion reconciliation package now stalled in Congress. How will those new tax proposals affect family farmers and ranchers is the big question in rural America. The administration contends the proposed family farm tax exemptions will exclude over 98% of farm families from new taxes. However, a recent Texas A&M study indicated 92 out of 94 farms in the study would experience significant tax liability under the administration's tax plan.

Keep Sound Tax Policy for Ag

The National Grange joined 237 national and state agriculture and land conservation groups in urging Congress not to alter or eliminate long-standing federal tax code provisions that are fundamental to the financial health of production agriculture. There are four times as many farmers and ranchers aged 65 and older as there are under the age of 35. These individuals own 40% of agricultural land in the United States and 370 million acres are expected to change hands in the next two decades. To preserve family farms and ranches and maintain the ability to transition when a family member or business partner dies, the group

urged Congress to:

- Maintain the current federal estate tax code provisions
- Oppose the repeal of the step-up in basis
- Oppose new capital gains taxes on family farms and ranches when there is a death in the family
- Keep the Sec.199A business tax deduction for pass-through businesses like farms and ranches
- Retain like kind exchange tax provisions

Protect Family-Owned Businesses

The National Grange and 161 members of the Family Business Estate Tax Coalition sent a letter to the leadership of the House and Senate asking them to protect step-up basis and oppose any changes to current family business tax law.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Broadband Waiting on Infrastructure Vote

The Minneapolis Post published an editorial by National Grange president Betsy Huber on September 29 that encouraged Congress to pass the bipartisan infrastructure package. There are nearly a half million Minnesotans who lack access to a broadband connection and two million who cannot access the internet at speeds meeting the definition of broadband.

Infrastructure Package to Boost Broadband

The bipartisan Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act supported by the National Grange will add \$65 billion to support broadband deployment. Here are some ways it should help close the digital divide:

- **Deployment and Access** – State grants will allot \$42 billion for deployment administered by the federal National Telecommunications and Information Administration. An additional \$2 billion goes to the USDA Rural Utilities Service specifically for rural broadband deployment. Another \$2 billion will go toward deployment initiatives on tribal lands.
- **Adoption and equity** – African Americans in the rural South lack internet in 38% of their homes as do 35% of Latino adults countrywide. The package includes \$14 billion to make the affordable pandemic-era emergency broadband program permanent for these residents.

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'All options on the table' in National HQ discussion

By **Betsy E. Huber**
President
National Grange

Every Grange member is extremely proud of our headquarters building, located around the corner from the White House in Washington, DC. We own a beautiful, 11 story building in a fantastic location in the capitol city of our country.

The building is 61 years old now and hasn't always had the ongoing maintenance that it needed. There are a lot of little problems like leaking pipes, an aging electrical

system, and lots of other big things that are needing attention. Recent updates include new roof, new boiler and a new air conditioning system, but many other repairs are necessary. Engineers have provided a variety of estimates and urgent versus important totaling \$4.5 million over the next eight years just to maintain the building's safety, status, and its justification for rental rates. Some more extensive repairs like wiring and piping may require us to vacate the building for about two years – both tenants and contents, including the National Grange offices.

To do any of those projects would require borrowing a lot of money, which is of course a concern. How will we repay the loans? We live off our current income-- we are saving a little bit of money, but nothing close to what it would take to make these needed improvements.

Mechanical issues are not the only problem facing the building, as outdated décor and a changing style of work brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic risks the ability of the Grange to find suitable tenants.

The conversation then turns to return on investment – which even with the best-case scenario would take years to pay off– or finding another way to fund the work such as a one-time or multi-year member assessment or major dues increase.

With a building appraised at \$13 million according to a 2018 appraisal, with a market value of possibly \$24 million, and a budget that relies heavily on the nearly \$400,000 a year rental income, clearly 1616 H Street is a great asset.

The question, though: Is it worth it? Should we mortgage the future just to have an office close to the White House? When does an asset become a liability because of the scope of work necessary?

The National Grange Executive Committee has been studying this issue for two years, and states, "all options are on the table."

Those include borrowing and making necessary repairs in a well-planned, systematic way; or to sell the building outright and find a new building to purchase that is large enough to produce rental income or small enough to house only necessary operations and put the remaining sale profits into investments with hopes for good returns to support our programs and staff.



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- **Skills and training** – The Digital Equity Act was included in the package which provides \$2.75 billion to support expanded digital training. About a third of residents ages 16 to 64 have no or very limited digital skills.

Broadband Providers Add to Connectivity

According to USTelecom, the telecommunications industry association, private broadband providers pumped another \$79.4 billion into broadband connectivity infrastructure in 2020. According to the Federal Communications Commission, fiber broadband deployment increased by approximately five million homes during the first six months of 2020. Increases in fixed wireless and 5G coverage added significantly to that number as well.

Rotation – Good For Crops, Good For Granges



Betsy E. Huber

By **Betsy E. Huber**
President
National Grange

I am always pleased to read the State Grange newsletters I receive from all of your states and I always learn something from them. You have some great committee chairs and department directors with fantastic ideas and interesting columns about their Grange experiences.

Today I received the Granite State Granger (NH) and found an idea that makes so much sense but that I had never thought of. Norman Brandt, NH Agriculture Chairman, wrote how important crop rotation is in farming. Different crops use different nutrients from the soil and put different benefits back into the ground where they grow.

In the same way, we need to rotate officers in our Granges. As crop rotation benefits the

soil, so does officer rotation benefit our Community Grange (--Pomona, State, and National Grange too!) Norman says, "As people rotate through the seats in a Grange, the new people taking their office bring in new ideas and take the Grange in new directions." We plant crops in different fields and change our gardens around to help the plants do their best. It also prevents pests and diseases from taking hold.

I will take it one step further and say that our officers also need gardeners to help them produce the best yield. When a different person takes an office, another member who has formerly held that job should cultivate, fertilize, and water the new officer to help them grow to their full potential. We call this mentoring. If the term mentoring scares you, just think of it as gardening to help the new crop of officers do their best.

National Grange HQ: The Facts

The approximate value of the building:

Assessed value (taxes).....	\$9,072,010
Appraised value 9/2018.....	\$13,000,000
Market value	\$24,000,000

Current mortgage.....\$1,558,400.

The income it brings in (generally):

Gross income	\$1.1 million
Net	\$385,300

Repairs needed:

Urgent	\$485,000
1-3 yrs.....	\$3,667,500
4-8 yrs.	\$825,000

Total needed repairs next 8 years = \$4.5 million

Monthly payments on 20 year mortgage\$40,060
(Equals \$9.61 per member per year)

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Grange Wins Trademark Fight With Oregon Hemp Company

By Mateusz Perkowski
Capital Press / Bend Bulletin
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An Oregon hemp company must stop using the “Grange” trademark and destroy advertisements and business cards using that name under a default judgment issued by a federal judge.

Last year, the National Grange organization filed a lawsuit alleging trademark infringement against the Hemp Grange, a manufacturer and retailer of hemp products in Grants Pass.

The organization claimed

that during a phone call over the dispute, the hemp company claimed its name did not violate trademark protections and “invited plaintiff to bring a lawsuit to enjoy the use of the name.” The Grange — formally called the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry — was started in 1867 to promote farming interests. The group has more than 2,000 local chapters that provide agricultural goods and services, including two operating in the same city as the Hemp Grange company.

The Grange argued that “despite

being put on notice” of the organization’s rights, the hemp company’s continued use of the name has “unfairly benefited from the Grange’s reputation and goodwill.”

The Grange’s official policy on hemp “opposes the production, processing and marketing” of the crop until the psychoactive THC compound can be fully removed from it, “reducing the potential misuse of industrial hemp for illegal activities.” A search of the federal court docket determined that the Hemp Grange company’s owner was legally served with the complaint last year but has not filed a response. The magistrate judge said that “no evidence exists” that the Hemp Grange failed to respond to the complaint “due to excusable neglect” and the Grange “is not seeking monetary damages” from the company.

The national organization’s complaint sought an injunction prohibiting the hemp company from using the “Grange” trademark and ordering it to destroy materials that infringed on the trademark.

“Without an appearance by the defendants and their side of the facts or any other countervailing evidence, the factors weigh in



An Oregon hemp company was ordered to stop using the “Grange” trademark in a federal default judgment.

Photo by Mateusz Perkowski/Capital Press file

plaintiff’s favor, and the court cannot find a reason to deny the motion for default judgment,” Clarke said.

After reviewing the case, U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken has now found “no clear error” with the magistrate judge’s decision and

recently ordered an injunction against the hemp company’s use of the “Grange” trademark.

The owner of the Hemp Grange did not respond to requests for comment. The company’s website is no longer functioning.

Legislative

Attention Growers: Recent State Actions Can Affect Your Operation

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The Environmental Protection Agency announced on August 18, 2021, that it will revoke all food tolerances for the insecticide chlorpyrifos. This action effectively bans use of the product on food crops. The rule will become effective in six months. Chlorpyrifos has been widely used in agriculture for more than 50 years. Non-food, non-feed uses, will not be affected at this time so the product can still be used on ornamentals, seeds, Christmas trees and other such crops. However, EPA indicated that it would continue to review non-food uses of chlorpyrifos and expects to make a decision by the end of 2022.

Many fruit and vegetable crops grown in Washington count on chlorpyrifos to control insect pests. The product is generally used at a time of year when it cannot leave residue on the food crop. For many, there are no viable alternatives. This action may have a dramatic effect on agriculture in Washington State.

Many national farm organizations opposed this decision, saying “President Biden campaigned with the slogan of “Science over Fiction,” but the EPA’s decision to cancel all tolerances of chlorpyrifos does not live up to that standard or to the EPA’s commitment to scientific integrity. Decades of review by EPA career staff and independent scientific advisory panels have repeatedly supported safe uses for this product, yet this decision comes without a full scientific review or a thoughtful assessment of the beneficial uses of this product. Farmers need tools to fight insect pests, but the agency has taken an overly broad action that will cause significant problems for farmers.”

Grange Connection

Rose Valley Grange Part Of Fire Wise Grant

Rose Valley Grange and community is part of a fire Wise Grant in the event of a wild land fire in the Valley. Rose Valley Grange sponsored the meeting. A few of our members will be a part of the board to assist in the program along with community members.





From the beginning, supporting the private the Grange was an enterprise system. The organization developed success of these to protect farmer’s cooperative efforts led interests and to to many ventures, one encourage working cooperative venture with others while that still exists today -

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Grange Connection

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange will host the Annual Haunted House on weekends through October. Concessions will be available. The Grange made a tri-fold display for the county fair. It has been nearly 20 years since the Grange had a display for the fair.

Elma Grange continues to hold their monthly garage sales. The Grange created a display for the county fair on their projects and activities.

Humptulips Grange is continuing with hall improvements. Grange members recently accepted a bid to replace six roof vents on the hall. The metal vents have rusted through causing leaks into the hall. The Grange decided to hold off on their bingo events until after the first of the year. We continue to operate the food bank, serving an average of 45 families each month. Several members entered the Grange contests and will have entries going to the state contests in October. Members worked on their displays for the county and state fairs. We are proud to have won the awards for Champion Arrangement and Champion Agriculture Display at this year's state fair.

Olympic View Grange held a garage sale at the hall. We had a display at the county fair. With rentals starting to pick up, we have been busy working on the hall.

Sharon Grange held an End of Summer Community Yard Sale on Saturday, August 28. The response from the community was outstanding. We are planning a Holiday Bazaar for November. The 2022 Oyster Feed is scheduled for March 26, 2022.

LEWIS COUNTY

Oakview Grange took second place among the six granges that created booths for the Southwest

Washington fair. The booth's interactive question/answer board proved to be a hit with the public – both young and old. Oakview also created three attractive booths depicting the Family Living, Lecturer, and Community Service departments within the Grange. Additional educational displays were arranged on tables depicting Oakview's history including historical items --- 1957 SW Washington Fair premium book, hay hooks, old ballot box, etc. In addition, display boards explained the four levels of Grange – Community, Pomona, State and National Grange. Becky Escobar offered up her mom's beautiful quilts which were hung as a backdrop. Tucked into the raised stage area, an array of Grange information (Grange News, Junior Grange and Youth Grange brochures as well as programs like Dogs for Better Lives) was offered free to the public. Because of Oakview's exceptional efforts, Grange Building took 3rd place out of all displays and venues at the Southwest Washington Fair. September's meeting began with a City Scavenger Hunt created by Oakview's Lecturer Becky Escobar that saw Grangers scrambling to their vehicles with map and list of clues in hand to local sites. Forty-five minutes of seeking and clicking photos of "clue sites", members reconvened for the evening's meeting. A committee is reviewing current rental rates and policies and comparing Oakview's with other venues and Granges in the area. Another committee is ranking the members' wish lists of Grange upgrades before pursuing grants. Fall brings with it Oakview's garage sale on September 17th & 18th followed by Oakview's Craft Bazaar on October 22nd & 23rd. Both sales are from 9am - 4pm with lunch available. Members are looking forward to their traditional Thanksgiving potluck and BINGO! in November.

PACIFIC COUNTY

North River Grange participated in the Grays Harbor County Fair and the Pacific County Fair with a display at each. We continue to operate the North River Food Bank. The Junior Grange is again getting active.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Skagit Valley Grange draped their charter for Sister Edna Waits. They made plans for a huge Garage Sale to be held on Friday, October 22 and Saturday, October 23, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM each day. Election of officers will be held at their meeting on October 11.

SPokane COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange first official public event was the July "All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast" on July 25. We had a cherry sauce made from Green Bluff cherries. Breakfast eaters were in for a surprise as Grange members Phil and Nancy was throwing a 50th anniversary party for themselves and paid for everyone's breakfast—what a treat. On August 29 we had our 12th annual "Peaches and Pancakes" with a yummy peachy sauce which was attended by too many to count! September 26 was our "Applesauce and Pancakes" breakfast and will also be held on 1st three Sundays in October. Welcome to new member Melaine Pfaff. Thanks to Fire District 4 Station, Green Bluff Grange received a very nice donation. Green Bluff Grange was one of five grange booths at the Spokane Interstate Fair this year. We received "People's Choice" for our interpretation of the theme "More Fun in 21." The Kevin Pace Bluegrass Band presented a fantastic concert to a full house on August 28. The Mountain Dew Boys will present a bluegrass concert on November 27. October is Apple Harvest on Green Bluff and our Grange will raise money for our scholarship fund by parking cars on our property.

We are holding our 3rd Tuesday Grange meetings in person again so plan to visit us at 7 p.m.—we'd love to see you.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange hosts Pomona on Saturday, September 25. The October Kiddie Karnival, Kreepy Kafe, and Haunted House will be a "GO" this year, and changes to the designs and layout are being made to accommodate social distancing and other safety requirements. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, for a few months, there will be a Crochet Class/Group

that meets at the Grange to make hats for the Springdale Booster Food Bank. Quilt tickets for the December drawing are available. An area club has already rented the Grange for a "MadHatter Tea" in April. Be sure to support your local businesses. Stay safe and healthy.

WHITMAN COUNTY

Whelan-Ewartsville Grange will start the year on Wednesday, October 13. We will meet at 6 p.m. for a potluck dinner at the Grange Hall. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. to make organization plans for the year.

Pomona Calendar

Pomona Grange Secretaries are requested to submit their 2022 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**to be determined
- CLALLAM**November 14 at Dry Creek, 2 pm., business and planning meeting.
- CLARK**.....October 14, more information to be announced.
- COLUMBIA**.....to be determined.
- COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM**October 16, time and location to be announced.
- EXCELSIOR**January 15, 2022 at The Valley.
- FERRY**to be determined.
- GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC**November 13 at Sharon, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck
- ISLAND**.....to be determined.
- KING**to be determined.
- KITSAP**to be determined.
- KLICKITAT**November 14 at Centerville, 12 p.m. potluck, 1p.m. meeting.
- LEWIS**.....October 2 at Hope. 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. November 6 at Cowlitz Prairie, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
- MASON**November 20 at Twanoh, election of officers.
- OKANOGAN**.....November 13 at Brewster, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PEND OREILLE**.....to be determined.
- PIERCE**October 2 at Riverside Valley, 10 a.m., election of officers. November 6 at Marion, 10 a.m.
- SKAGIT**October 6 at Rexville, 7 p.m. November 3 at Skagit Valley, election of officers.
- SNAKE RIVER**November 20 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
- SNOHOMISH**to be determined.
- SPokane**.....November 20 at Green Bluff, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck, election of officers.
- STEVENS**October 23 at Stranger Creek, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. lunch.
- THURSTON**.....October 7 at South Union, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. election of officers. November 4 at Black Lake, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
- WHATCOM**.....to be determined.
- WHITMAN**.....October 16, time and location to be announced.
- YAKIMA VALLEY (SUNNYSIDE)**October 11 at Lower Naches, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Pomona Connection

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona held their contest day on August 28 at the Olympic View Grange Hall. There were 169 total entries. There were 87 entries in the Family Living Department, with purple ribbons awarded to 27 entries. There were 82 entries in the Lecturer Department, with 47 purple ribbons awarded. The purple ribbon winners will go to the state contests in October. The next Pomona meeting is scheduled for November 13 at the Sharon Grange Hall.

SKAGIT COUNTY POMONA

Skagit County Pomona Grange met on September 1 at the Fredonia Grange Hall. Lecturer and Family Living contests were held during the day. Results were

announced during the meeting and entries were on display after the meeting. The Lecturer reported 22 entries in the Arts and Crafts Contest with purple ribbons going to Susan Custance, Karen Castello, Mary Ann Weeks, Jean Swift, Debbie Riegel-Yates, Kamyn Serna and Sue Palmer. There were 42 Photography entries with purple ribbons going to Barbara Hoffman, Phil Hoffman, Mary Hall and Susan Custance. Family Living reported a total of 19 entries in Needlework, Sewing and Quilts with purples going to Laurel Jacobs, Karen Castello, Debbie Riegel-Yates and Jean Swift. There were 50 entries in the Food Preservation Contest with purple ribbons going to Debbie Riegel-Yates, Steve Yates and Jean Swift. Debbie Riegel-Yates spoke to the

members about Family Promise, an organization that works with homeless families with children. The families are sheltered in churches, with dinners provided by other church groups and other organizations. This is done on a rotational basis. Counselors work with the families to help them find permanent housing, find jobs if needed, learn money management, and the children are transported to the schools they were attending, if possible, so their education is not disrupted. Just for fun, we also had a baking and candy contest so we could have an auction after the meeting. Top prizes went to Sue Palmer, Barbara Hoffman, Jean Swift, Dennis Hall and Steve Yates. The auction brought in over \$120 to go to the Family Living charities.

Grange Connection

Tyler Grange Hosts New Local Community Farmers Market

We had our regular Grange meeting on June 14, 2021 and had 'New fundraising or community ideas' on our agenda. Various members in the meeting threw out ideas such as a community CPR/First Aid class, bingo, farmers market, etc. Well, the farmers market concept really excited a few members. They called me and asked to meet to discuss what this idea would look like. I sent out an email to the membership to meet at the grange to discuss the concept, what it would look like, what kind of expenses we

could expect to kick it off, etc. At this special 'Farmers Market Committee Meeting' there was so much energy and excitement that the next steps and details quickly came together. Tommi Hammons stepped up to be Committee Chair and Farmers Market Director if the idea took off.

We quickly pulled together a Special Executive Committee Meeting where Tommi made a presentation to the Tyler Grange Executive Committee about the Farmers Market concept, schedule, format, vendor pricing,

marketing, and expenses. 7-days after the original idea was brought up at a regular grange meeting, the Executive Committee approved the idea, expenses and we even voted on a logo for the Tyler Farmers Market.

Tyler Grange mailed out 1,000 flyers to local postal routes, created a Tyler Farmers Market Facebook page and advertised through the site, and published our farmers market calendar in our local newspaper the Cheney Free Press. The first Tyler Farmers Market was held on July 22nd with great fanfare and support from the local community.

Due to the pandemic and labor shortages, we've had a hard time securing a food truck for our market, so one of our local members donated a hot dog steamer/roller, a snow cone machine and all the needed supplies so the grange can sell food at the market. We've worked with our local teen grange members to get their Spokane County Food Handlers permits to work the food booth for the grange. We've had a growing number vendors and a steady flow of new people attending each market. By the second market, another one of



our members worked on getting a band that plays at each market to round out the Farmers Market environment. We have vendors selling fresh produce, local beef, honey, soaps, handmade crafts, jewelry, a local lavender farm and their products, plants, candles, toys, clothing and textiles, hair products, baked goods and jams, etc.

It has been such a gratifying venture for our grange to start a new annual event that has

pulled so many people from our surrounding communities. It has brought new people to our grange membership, cash donations to the grange, and a new energy to our grange meetings as we talk about the success of our Tyler Farmers Market.

Pictures are worth a thousand words, so here is the link to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TylerGrangeFarmersMarket>

Mossyrock Grange Awards Firefighter of the Year



Mossyrock Grange Master Darell Myers presents the State Grange Firefighter of the Year Award to Doug Fosbury. Fosbury's nomination form was forwarded to the National Grange for consideration of national recognition. Pictured: Firefighter of year Doug Fosbury, Wife Ronda, Master Darell Myers.

Ford's Prairie Grange Holds Weekly Senior Day



Ford's Prairie Grange is holding Senior Day each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Seniors are invited for coffee, cookies, doughnuts and enjoy the fun and fellowship of others.

Calispel Grange Honors Member

This past year has been a challenge in many ways for most of us. One of the hardest is losing a friend. Those of us who sew, quilt, or craft lost one of the icons of the now gone Ben Franklin store. Her name was Karen Smith. If you read her obituary you found out just how talented she was, and how many of us counted on her special skills for guidance.

Three members of the Calispel Grange #500, Kathryn Hartley, Sue Santilli, and Patti Monk, wanted to honor her memory. When we heard about her estate sale we went to find all kinds of her treasures for sale. One box in particular contained many of the vests she made to wear during the different seasons and holidays. We decided to pay tribute to our friend, Karen, by creating a quilt using the "Sun Bonnet Sue" pattern. We also decided to enter it in the Pend Oreille County Fair this year to commemorate the hours she dedicated in the quilt barn. Surprisingly it did take a few good ribbons. Our ultimate idea was to present it to her sister at the closing of the fair.

We miss you, fellow quilter, and know you are among the quilt stars of heaven.



Pictured are (standing) Kathryn Hartley Pam Foster, Trina Lane, (seated) Laura Miller, sister.