



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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Granges Celebrate the Holiday Season

Many of the Granges across Washington held Christmas Parties and Celebrations in the month of December. Photos from these Grange Christmas Celebrations can be found primarily on pages 13-15, but also can be found throughout this issue.

Large Photo Above: Humptulips Junior Grange adopted a family with four sisters for Christmas. Junior Grangers purchased gifts, including toys, winter jackets, and clothes, for each of the sisters. The Humptulips Fire Department assisted with the project by providing Santa and delivering the gifts in the fire truck.

Right: White Trail Grange #1143 Youth had a very successful bake sale at the Granges' Annual "A Country Christmas" bazaar.

FEBRUARY 2023 issue deadline – JANUARY 20th
Submissions can be sent to grangenews@wa-grange.org



Secretary

State Grange Secretary To Host ZOOM Training



Terry Abbott

By Terry Abbott
State Grange Secretary

Grange Secretaries. I have scheduled the following dates and times for the training sessions:

- Wed, February 1 at 10 a.m.
- Thurs, February 2 at 6 p.m.
- Wed, February 8 at 1 p.m.

We will review the Grange Secretary Handbook, including duties, reporting, membership award orders, the and the dues billing process. We will also go over any questions you may have regarding the Grange Secretary position.

GRANGE SECRETARY TRAINING

ZOOM MEETINGS

Wed, February 1 at 10 a.m.
Thurs, February 2 at 6 p.m.
Wed, February 8 at 1 p.m.

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IF WE DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE (CHILDREN) TO LOVE RURAL LIFE, WE MUST MAKE ITS LABORS CHEERFUL. WHAT A CHILD SEES MAKES THE MOST LASTING IMPRESSION. WE MAY TELL THEM OF THE PLEASURES AND INDEPENDENCE OF [RURAL LIFE]; BUT IF THEIR DAILY INTERCOURSE WITH US SHOWS IT TO BE TEDIOUS, IRKSOME, LABORIOUS, WITHOUT ANY RECREATION OF BODY OR MIND, THEY WILL SOON LOSE ALL INTEREST IN IT AND SEEK ENJOYMENT ELSEWHERE.

Lecturer's Department

2022 Fair Booth Contest Results



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

The 19 entries representing 15 different Granges for the 2022 fair season contest have been judged and resulted in the following:

SUBORDINATE GRANGE

Division I – Produce

- 1st Place \$100 Humptulips #730 Washington State Fair
- 2nd Place \$ 75 Humptulips #730 Grays Harbor County Fair
- 3rd Place \$ 50 Fruitland #999 Washington State Fair

Other entries were received from Bee Hive #385, Chelan County Fair and Deer Lagoon #846, Island County Fair.

Division II – Project

- 1st Place \$100 Washington #82 Clark County Fair
 - 2nd Place \$ 75 Ten Mile #399 Northwest Washington Fair
 - 3rd Place \$ 50 Camden #68 Pend Oreille County/Spokane Interstate Fairs
- Other entries were received from Centerville #81 Klickitat County Fair, Fargher Lake #853 Clark County Fair, Fruitland #999 Pierce County Fair, Newaukum #3 Southwest Washington Fair, North River #946 Grays Harbor/Pacific County Fairs and Oakview #311 Southwest Washington Fair.

POMONA GRANGE

Division I – Produce

- 1st Place \$100 Grays Harbor

Pacific #28 Grays Harbor County Fair

Division II – Project

- 1st Place \$100 Chelan #23/ Douglas #49 North Central Washington Fair
- 2nd Place \$ 75 King #13 King County Fair

Youth Group - Project

- 1st Place \$50 Humptulips #730 Grays Harbor County Fair
- 2nd Place \$30 Humptulips #730 Cowlitz County Fair

Just a reminder to please send me your Lecturer Report. Mail to: Leslie Jo Wells, 18232 201st Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272.

Beekeeping Facts



By Eileen Moebius
Special to the Grange News

Your calendar might say fall but outside it is winter with the snow on the ground. The bees are in the winter mode. August 1 is when the year really starts for honeybees to get ready for the year. We started out with a bang this year, winter started in October with a cold spell then the snow started. Because it is so cold, we needed to put insulation around the hive to try to help them stay warm. When the temperature drops to 57 degrees the bees began to form a tight cluster. Within the cluster, the brood (consisting of eggs, larvae and pupae) is keeping warm at about 93 degrees F. with heat generated by the bees. The egg laying of the queen bee tapers off and may stop completely during October and November even if pollen is stored in the comb.

16 ounces of honey requires 1,152 bees to travel 112,000 miles and visits to 4.5 million of flowers. They fly 15 miles per hour. It takes 1 ounce of



honey to fuel a honeybee's flight
We have 4000 species of native bees, with 70% nesting in the ground.
Until next time, Bee Well.

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President’s Message

Looking Forward To A Fruitful 2023

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

After an outstanding 2022, we are primed and moving forward to a fruitful 2023.

Our Granges have a storied past. We do not often celebrate our successes of the previous year. 2022 saw us back to a full state Grange session. We debated nearly thirty resolutions, over 150 recommendations from the standing committees, and enjoyed fellowship for our first face to face session in three years. Likewise, the Subordinate and Pomona Granges across the state are back to a full calendar of activities and are working to improve our communities.

Grange membership grew by leaps and bounds. Subordinate Granges reported 1038 new members in 2022. Several Granges were revitalized. Interest in the Grange Youth Fairs Program led to the organization of new Junior Granges. We have now passed 1200 Junior Grange members in our state. This is an increase of approximately 450 from 2021.

What do we have to look forward to in 2023? Your State Grange Leadership Team is working to provide tools that will assist you in building your Grange, causing you many reasons to continue your celebrations. The first set of tools is the upcoming series of Grange Resource and Leadership Conference. We are planning 19 face-to-face conferences across the state. The list of dates, times, and locations is found elsewhere in this issue. We will have discussions on current topics of interest, along with presentations by the Leadership Team on programs and opportunities available in 2023. We will be distributing program materials, packets of information, and sharing ideas. Program Handbooks

and Legislative Handbooks are printed and will be available. You may also download the information from the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.com. I hope you will take the opportunity to join us at one of this year’s conferences.

For those unable to attend one of our face-to-face conferences, we have scheduled a series of officer training meetings to be held via zoom. The list of training sessions, with the topic of each meeting, is also included in this issue. I encourage all Grange members to sit in on one or more of these meetings to learn more about current Grange programs.

The upcoming legislative session will occupy our interests here in Olympia. Our



Tom Gwin

Zoom. Additional dates and login information is listed in the article on “Zoom Officer Training.” We have scheduled our Annual Legislative Day for Thursday, March 2. Information on that event is elsewhere in this issue.

We added a new event to the Legislative calendar. We will be holding a Youth and Junior Grange Legislative Experience on March 26-28. Grange Youth and Juniors will be able to come to Olympia to learn about state government and to watch the legislature in session. We are planning tours, speakers, and appointments with State Senators and Representatives. We will also include a variety of social activities in this event. Participants will need to have their own chaperones and take care of their own housing. Additional information on this event will be forthcoming.

The 134th Washington State Grange Convention will be June 21-24 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake. The convention Kick Off Meeting is January 28. Next month, you will find the housing information in The Grange News. I encourage you to book your room early.

This year promises to be busy and filled with Grange activities. We have multiple opportunities to continue growing not only at the state level, but in all Granges in every single community across the state. Let’s continue working in building a bright future for our Granges, our communities, our state, and our nation. Our productive work will lead us to another fruitful year in 2023.

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-- Tom Gwin

new Legislative Lobbyist, Jesse Taylor, hit the ground running as he continues to work for us and all of agriculture. Jesse will represent us well as he has the experience and knowledge required of an agriculture-based lobbyist. The Grange Legislative Committee, chaired by Rex Ogden, will assist in guiding our legislative department. This year’s legislative session is back to the usual face to face format. We have scheduled regular legislative updates for every two weeks, beginning Monday, January 23. All Grange members are invited to participate in the updates as they will be conducted via

Legislative

Budgets On Tap At Legislative Session



Jesse Taylor

By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist

The legislative session is upon us with January 9th, 2023 marking day one of the 105-day session. This is the biennium year where the House, Senate and Governor must agree on a new 2-year budget that balances over a four-year outlook. This year the legislature will pass three budgets in all; the Omnibus Operating Budget, the Transportation Budget, and the Capital Budget. They are funded with different forms of revenue, and all serve their own purpose.

Governor Inslee has already released his record \$70 billion state operating budget. This includes no new taxes but relies in part on a tax on capital gains which takes effect this month. The legality of this tax is still in the court system, and we may not know until April 2023 what the outcome is.

You can see the Governor’s proposed budget summary, bill and agency details in this link.

<https://ofm.wa.gov/budget/state-budgets/gov-inslees-proposed-2023-25-budgets/highlights-gov-inslees-proposed-2023-25-budget>

OUR PRIORITIES

The Grange Legislative Committee has outlined our main priorities for the 2023 session. We favor retention of the Columbia and Snake River Dams as an integral part of our transportation infrastructure. These hydroelectric power producing dams provide clean energy, recreational opportunities and assist in managing flood control. We feel these energy sources and infrastructure are vital for the rural communities along it, as well as vital for the free flow of grain commodities to our export markets.

We support seasonal flexibility for overtime pay of agricultural workers. As changes to the state agriculture overtime rules continue with each session, we support flexibility of producers, employers, and farm workers during demanding seasonality.

We believe a capital gains tax is a form of income tax as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Washington State Constitution prohibits an income tax, therefore we oppose a capital gains tax. This will be settled in the Washington State Supreme Court by April of 2023.

We oppose any new riparian buffers that could result in removing land from agriculture production along with supporting expansion of broadband capabilities in rural areas of the state. These will be included with any other policy proposals which increase the economic viability of rural communities.

This year we are monitoring and actively engaging in the per-mile vehicle use fee proposed by the Washington State Transportation Committee. We feel this tax disproportionately effects our rural citizens who must drive further for basic necessities, services and work. Rural citizens already feel outsized pain of the current gas tax rates which are \$0.68 per gallon of gas and \$0.74 per gallon of diesel (State & Federal). We intend to advocate for policy which does no harm to our rural citizens regarding transportation or energy taxation. One Seattle newspaper offered a good explanation of the proposed policy, here.

This year will be full of new proposals, old proposals and some curve balls that might come about. Please reach out to us via email legislative@wa-grange.org with questions about legislation or proposals you may be hearing about. We’ve also included this find your legislator tool where you can identify your legislator and then contact them through this easy-to-use member roster contact page.

Happy New Year to you all!

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JUNE 21-24, 2023 • GRANT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, MOSES LAKE

State Grange Resource And Leadership Conferences - 2023

This year’s series of State Grange Resource and Leadership Conferences is set to being with the first meeting on January 14 in Grays Harbor County. Eighteen additional meetings will be held through January and February at various locations across the state.

The conference will include a general session for all participants, followed by break out meetings. The break out meetings will be 30 minutes each and be held concurrently.

State Master Tom Gwin will lead a discussion for Masters and Secretaries, while State Lecturer Leslie Wells will meet with the Lecturers and State Family Living Director Helen Berg will meet with the Family Living Chairpersons. Additional presentations will be given by the Junior and Youth Departments.

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

The complete schedule of conferences, which are open to all Grange members is as follows:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Sat, January 14	Satsop Grange Hall 401 Market Street, Satsop	12 p.m. potluck 1 p.m. conference
Sat, January 14	Washington Grange Hall 7701 NE Ward Road, Vancouver	6 p.m. potluck 7 p.m. conference
Sun, January 15	Catlin Grange Hall, 205 Shawnee Street, Kelso	1 p.m. potluck 2 p.m. conference
Sun, January 15	Fords Prairie Grange Hall 2640 Reynolds Avenue, Centralia	6 p.m. potluck 7 p.m. conference
Mon, January 15	Dry Creek Grange Hall 3520 W, Edgewood Drive, Port Angeles	1 p.m. conference
Fri, January 20	McMillin Grange Hall 12615 State Route 163, Puyallup	7 p.m. conference
Sat, January 21	Kellogg Marsh Grange Hall 10005 67th Avenue NE, Marysville	12 p.m. potluck 1 p.m. conference
Sat, January 21	Skagit Valley Grange Hall 21273 Cook Road, Burlington	6 p.m. potluck 7 p.m. conference
Sun, January 22	San Juan Island Grange Hall 152 1st Street N., Friday Harbor	1 p.m. conference
Fri, January 27	Fruitvale Grange Hall 2908 Castlevale Blvd, Yakima	5:30 p.m. potluck 6:30 p.m. conference
Sat, January 28	Prospect Point Grange Hall S. Howard & Prospect Avenue, Walla Walla	6:30 p.m. conference
Sun, January 29	Columbia Valley Grange Hall 6300 West Court Street, Pasco	1 p.m. conference
Sun, January 29	Menastash Grange Hall 4931 Menastash Road, Ellensburg	6 p.m. conference
Fri, February 3	Camden Grange Hall Downtown Camden	6 p.m. potluck 7 p.m. conference
Sat, February 4	Addy Grange Hall 1376 Main Street, Addy	12 p.m. potluck 1 p.m. conference
Sat, February 4	Green Bluff Grange Hall 9809 E Green Bluff Road, Colbert	7 p.m. conference
Sun, February 5	Eddy's Restaurant 702 S. Main, Colfax	1 p.m. conference with no-host lunch
Fri, February 10	Bee Hive Grange Hall 4593 Squilchuck Road, Wenatchee	6 p.m. potluck 7 p.m. conference
Sat, February 11	Okanogan Grange Hall 305 Tyee St., Okanogan	12 p.m. potluck 1 p.m. meeting
Sat, February 11	Bob's Café 1807 Kittleson Road, Moses Lake	6 p.m. conference with no-host dinner

State Grange Schedules Zoom Meetings

While not all state directors will be able to attend the leadership conferences, a series of Zoom meetings has been developed as a supplement to the face-to-face Grange Resource and Leadership conferences. This will allow Grange members across the state to communicate directly with the state officers/directors to learn about the current programs.

All training sessions are open to all Grange members and will allow multiple members from a Grange the opportunity to utilize the resources available to conduct successful projects and activities within their local Granges. Additional meetings will be announced as the dates become available.

Login information is the same for each meeting and is listed at the end of this article.

FOCUS GROUP	DATE	TIME	FACILITATOR
GRANGE SECRETARYS	Wed, February 1 Thurs, February 2 Wed, February 8	10 a.m. 6 p.m. 1 p.m.	TERRY ABBOTT, STATE SECRETARY
YOUTH FAIRS PROGRAM	Wed, February 1	7 p.m.	TOM GWIN, STATE PRESIDENT
FAMILY LIVING	Mon, February 13	7 p.m.	HELEN BERG, FL DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES FOR ALL GRANGE MEMBERS	Mon, January 23 Mon, February 6 Mon, February 20 Mon, March 6 Mon, March 20 Mon, April 2 Mon, April 17	10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m.	JESSE TAYLOR, GRANGE LOBBYIST, AND THE GRANGE LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY SERVICE	Wed, February 15	7 p.m.	HEATHER FERSUGON, CS DIRECTOR
JUNIOR DEPARTMENT	Thurs, February 16	7 p.m.	HEATHER FERGUSON, JG DIRECTOR
LECTURER PROGRAMS	Tues, February 21 Wed, February 22	7 p.m. 2 p.m.	LESLIE WELLS, STATE LECTURER
YOUTH DEPARTMENT	Thurs, February 23	7 p.m.	STATE YOUTH COMMITTEE
GRANGE MASTERS	Wed, January 25 Wed, February 22 Wed, March 29	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	TOM GWIN, STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

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2023 Legislative Day



THURSDAY MARCH 2, 2023, 8AM-4PM

Registration is \$15 per person prior to February 25, 2023
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED

FIRST AND LAST NAME _____ GRANGE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT _____

PAYMENT

Check (make check payable to the Washington State Grange)

\$ _____ enclosed (\$15/person)

Mail To:
PO Box 1186
Olympia, WA 98507-1186

(After February 25 and day-of registration is \$15 per person)

LODGING

Those attending must secure their own lodging. There are many hotels near state headquarters, and Grange members get a discount through the National Grange at Choice Hotels. To take advantage of this discount, book your room through their website at choicehotels.com or by calling (800) 288-2847 and using promo code #00211660.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

State Youth Department Offers 2023 Youth Achievement Award



Jerry Gwin

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

The State Grange Youth Department is continuing with the Youth Achievement Award program for 2023. The award is for the period of June 1 to May 31.

Applications are on the State Grange Website, www.wa-grange.com. Click under the Youth Department.

Each Grange Youth member, ages 14-35, is eligible for this award. Awards will be presented at the Annual State Grange Convention.

To earn the award, participants must complete items from two different groups.

In Group A, participants must complete five of the following items:

- Attend the National Grange Convention
- Attend the Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference
- Attend the Washington State Grange Convention
- Attend the State Grange Youth/Junior Legislative Experience
- Serve as a delegate to the WA State Grange Convention

- Attend either the State or National Grange Legislative Day
- Serve as a member of a Grange Installation or Degree Team
- Mentor Junior Grangers or serve as a Grange Camp Teen Counselor or Staff Member
- Recruit one new member for your Grange (be the first light signer on their membership application)
- Write a resolution, have it adopted by your Grange, and send it to the State Grange for consideration

Recipients must also complete eight items in Group B:

- Participate in the public speaking or sign-a-song contest (state or regional level)
- Donate one item for the Keep Washington Warm service project
- Serve as a Subordinate Grange officer or committee chair
- Serve as an officer or committee chair in your Grange Youth Fairs Program Group
- Serve as a Pomona Grange officer or committee member
- Serve as a State Grange Officer or a member of a State Grange Standing Committee
- Attend 25% of your

Subordinate Grange meetings and/or 25% of your Pomona Grange meetings

- Participate in a community service project at your Subordinate or Pomona Grange
- Participate in the development and creation of a Grange Promotional Display or Grange Fair Display
- One entry in a Family Living Department Contest (baking, candy, food preservation, sewing, quilting, needlework, or quilt block)
- One entry in a Lecturer Department Contest (talent, art, craft, photo, or creative writing)
- Enter an exhibit in the Grange Youth Fairs Program at your county or area fair
- Work a minimum of four hours at a Grange Promotional event
- Present a Lecturer Program at your Grange or workshop at a Grange event
- Serve as a member of a Grange Drill Team at any level

We know there are youth doing amazing things in their Granges. It is time to recognize their efforts and encourage them to build their Grange resume. We hope to broaden their Grange knowledge and participation in Grange activities at all levels.

Juniors

2023: New Junior Opportunities



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director

Hopefully, everyone had a great Holiday Season. Mine started off a little rocky when traveling became a bit hazardous. Luckily, the weather cleared up just enough for me to get home safely. The last few months have not gone as planned for me. I had to miss Nationals, a Regency Era Ball and lots of fun Christmassy things due to surgery recovery. Luckily, I'm recovering well and slowly getting back to normal just in time for Leadership Conferences.

The Junior Department has so many new leaders and members that I urge you to try and make the Leadership conference in your area. This is a great place to get questions answered, meet others in the area, and meet your State Officers and Directors. At this meeting, you will also get the new program handbook, flyers and info to take back and share with your Grange. We offer these to give you all of the information you will need for the entire year. It is a valuable information tool for anyone new to the Grange.

Meeting you and getting to talk about my programs is the best part of Leadership Conferences. Unfortunately, I am not going to be able to make every meeting but I will be at most of them. With lots of luck the weather will play nice and allow the meetings to happen. I am looking forward to meeting all of our new members. See you there.

Youth Yammerings

WHEN:
Third Sunday of even-numbered months
(February, April, etc)
at 9 p.m. Eastern

On Zoom!
Login: 833 7712 0738
Passcode: 969128

JUNIOR JIBBER-JABBER

WHEN:
Third Sunday of odd-numbered months
(January, March, etc)
at 9 p.m. Eastern

Visit us on the web: www.WA-Grange.com

Junior Connection

GREEN BLUFF JUNIOR GRANGE

Green Bluff Jr. Granger Cash Larson created a wonderful graphic for our local paper, The Green Bluff Gazette. He and numerous other JGs continue to help with the animals at Higher Ground Animal Sanctuary. Our button making night was fun with instructions from our famous Mr. Phil! The craft was received well by the JGs and their parents!! Three of our JGs helped distribute Santa Goodie Bags to the community partnered up with the Green Bluff Grange 300!

HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange adopted a family of four sisters for Christmas. Gifts were delivered by Santa in the fire engine from the Humptulips Fire Department. Junior Grangers decorated the Christmas Tree at the Grange Hall for the holidays. Members gathered to elect officers and make plans for 2023 activities. Each JG member was given a holiday goody bag for Christmas.

The Grange Exchange

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Address _____		
City _____ State _____ Zip _____		

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS December 2022

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Tim Buck, Lisa Buck		
81 Centerville5		
Chris Sattlem, Susan Sattlem, Nadine Brack Mary Huber, Kimberly Jones Hall		
1123 Crescent.....4		
Andrew Finnigan, Ynez Finnigan, David Baker Robin Lea Baker		
49 Goldendale3		
Greg Watson, Sarah Bishop, Amanda Balodis		
322 Happy Valley1		
Sylvia E. Bernauer		
155 Hope.....1		
Channing Holmes		
315 Prosperity.....1		
Katarina Amos		
953 Rose Valley5		
Leigh Ford, Angela Matthews, Michael Hubsby Floyd Hubsby, Ann Sasso		
250 South Bay1		
Jack Zeiger		
984 Swauk-Teanaway.....1		
Ladd Butler		
586 Terrace Heights5		
Steve Tjarnberg, Glenda Tjarnberg LeeAnn Mulhair, Dale Ohlde, Marilyn Ohlde		
482 Twisp Valley1		
Gwen Veron		
178 Woodland2		
Mari Ripp, Erin Thoeny		
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What Might We See in 2023?

Happy New Year! 2022 is officially in the books and a new year brings us a fresh new start with new goals and new ideas for both our personal and our Grange lives.

Membership within the Grange has seen great growth in the last two years. As of this writing, we welcomed 1038 new members into our organization in 2022. Wow!!! This is something we have not seen in many, many years but we welcome this growth with open arms!

To help you better navigate all this new growth, we have scheduled the Resource and Leadership Conferences to begin in January and end in the middle of February. This is where you will receive all the tools you will need for another successful year of Grange.

Beginning Saturday, January 14 and running through Saturday, February 11 you can catch one or more of the Resource and Leadership Conferences that will be held throughout the state. These conferences are NOT just for leaders in the Grange. These conferences are

for EVERYONE in the Grange! This is an excellent opportunity to learn about what we will be doing for the year and how you

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can better your Grange through our programs and incentives.

Traveling this year will be, President, Tom Gwin who will touch on what is happening at both the state and national level, he will talk about our legislative activities as well as what is in store for our membership department and what great incentives, we have for you again this year. He will also be talking about the Youth Fairs Program and where we are today. Helen Berg, Family Living Director will be there with the Family Living packets and will have a workshop for those interested in attending.

She will also hold a few Zoom workshops so be sure to mark your calendar for that as well. Leslie Wells, State Lecturer will also be traveling again this year. Leslie will have your Lecturer packets and will also be holding both in person workshops at the conferences as well as Zoom workshops. And at many of the conferences, you can also see both Junior & Community Service Director, Heather Ferguson and Youth Director, Jerry Gwin. They will be sharing what those departments have to offer this year as well.

At the Resource and Leadership Conferences, you will be able to pick up for your Grange or Pomona; Program Handbooks, Legislative Handbooks, Secretary Handbook, Lecturer Packet, Family Living Packet, Junior Packet, Youth Packet, Community Service Packet, Membership Packet, Youth Fairs information, WSG Constitution and Bylaws and much more.

So be sure to attend one of these great conferences to better understand both the Grange and what our communities need from the Grange.

AN UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE GRANGE ACTIVITIES AND QUESTIONS/ANSWERS WITH THE STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

ZOOM MEETINGS

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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.

Emil Moilanen – Crescent #1123
Darlene Witt – Centerville #81
Luann Whitmire – Goldendale #49
Jen Pfleeger - Rose Valley #953

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.

Darlene Witt – Centerville #81
1 – \$25 Amazon gift card

This contest ran from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022
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Skookumchuck Grange Holds Annual Harvest Dinner And Bazaar



Skookumchuck Grange #584 recently held their Annual Harvest Dinner and Bazaar.

National Grange News

NATIONAL GRANGE: AGRICULTURE POLICY STATEMENT - 2022

Agriculture is, as always, a foundation of America's economy, providing directly or indirectly through value-added processing, and is approximately 5.2% (\$1.109 Trillion) of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP). For over 150 years, the National Grange has been working to improve agriculture in America and the welfare of those who work the soil or care for the creatures of the field. Our roots are in agriculture, and our future is tied to our faith in the perennial cycle of planting and harvest.

Conservation of our soil, water and air quality remains a priority for the Grange, keeping in mind that all pertinent regulations should reflect local conditions. A key component of the future security of our water supply for both domestic and agricultural uses is the ability to store it. Challenges from environmental groups and climate change have brought progress in that area to a standstill. The National Grange will continue to promote water storage projects that benefit agricultural and domestic needs while appropriately safeguarding fish and wildlife safety concerns. The Grange opposes the expansion of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) current authority to regulate our water supply. We oppose proposed changes to expand the definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS). We believe that the US Army Corps of Engineers should have jurisdiction only over navigable waters, as defined in the 1972 Clean Water Act, and non-navigable waters should be subject only to state Department of Natural Resources & Natural Resources Districts regulations.

Agricultural producers have been leaders in protecting the environment. The National Grange urges Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) agencies to implement Nutrient Management Plans (NMPs). Good soil health, including proper nutrient management, is a priority, and we encourage all farmers to develop and follow a Nutrient Management Plan to ensure that no more nutrients are applied than are needed to grow the crop. As computer technology becomes more integral to farming and the equipment used, we encourage the use of precision agricultural technologies to benefit the environment and improve farm

operational efficiency. The National Grange should engage in public relations efforts to showcase the work and leadership of farmers and ranchers in adapting to and utilizing best management practices. We support the research and development of alternative fuel sources for agricultural use that will help to reduce greenhouse gases.

The National Grange encourages the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and State Departments of Agriculture to continue programs like the Farmers to Families Food Box Program. These programs enabled the purchase of foods that would have potentially been destroyed. The National Grange recognizes that other additional challenges facing producers is the fluctuation in commodity prices coupled with ever-rising cost of inputs and the yearly increases in property taxes. We will continue to work on solutions to help minimize their impact on the agriculture sector.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic we realized the need for local processing of our food supplies of beef, pork, poultry and dairy. More regional or local processing would have helped offset the devastating losses caused by the shutdown of large food processing plants. Closing down one plant, even for a few weeks, backs up production across the country, crashes prices paid to farmers and leads to huge surpluses at the farm and severe meat shortages for the consumer.

The National Grange continues to monitor issues concerning GMO-related (Genetically Modified Organisms), Genetically Engineered (GE) and Bioengineered (BE) food production and labeling.

We endorse the recommendations of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation titled "Gene Editing for the Climate: Biological Solutions for Curbing Greenhouse Emissions, concludes with a set of policy recommendations urging governments around the world to accelerate the development and deployment of gene-edited climate solutions by acting to:

Eliminate unscientific regulatory burdens and barriers that hinder the development of safe gene-edited products.

Increase investment in research and development (R&D) priorities such as advancing Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short

Palindromic Repeats (CRISPR) tools, enhancing photosynthesis, and improving methods to measure soil carbon.

Improve coordination of existing R&D efforts within the United States and around the world.

Expand incentives that will spur the rapid adoption of novel gene-edited technologies.

The National Grange supports voluntary labeling of Genetically Modified products. We further request that the National Grange Legislative Director share the latest reliable research on this subject with State Granges on a continual basis. As consumers become more concerned about where and how their food is produced, the National Organic Program (NOP) has become more popular. The National Grange supports the continued growth and federal support for the NOP, in order to meet the increasing consumer demand for organic food products.

Support for Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) is a long-standing position of the National Grange and is favored by consumers. We support food labeling programs that provide clear information about country of origin and processing, so that consumers can make informed choices about the food they feed their families. We believe that a food that is labeled Product of the USA shall be both grown and processed in the USA.

Food safety continues to be a significant issue for Americans in light of the ever-increasing amount of our food that is imported. We believe the responsibility for all food safety inspection should fall under one federal agency, preferably the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Growing Climate Solutions Act would create a USDA system for certifying third-party verifiers and technical assistance providers. Farmers and ranchers could receive assistance and incentives for implementing practices which reduce carbon emissions on their operations. In addition, they could sell excess carbon credits to commercial firms who exceed their carbon emission cap.

Healthy pollinator populations are critical to food production in the US. We are pleased that the USDA has information available to assist first-time beekeepers in learning how to begin production. The National Grange supports

ongoing efforts to preserve proven pollinators health practices, while identifying new pesticide crop treatments that are not harmful to pollinator's populations. Although Neonicotinoids are a critical component of seed treatments, their misuse via over-the-counter products has resulted in their increasing presence in water and wetlands. Their toxic effect on pollinator's populations has reached the point where we feel it is time to consider designating Neonicotinoids as a restricted use pesticide. We support additional education efforts designed to inform producers as to the toxic nature of Neonicotinoids that are present in treated seeds and the positive aspects of having untreated seeds available for planting.

The use of drone or UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) technology is rapidly becoming an important tool for agricultural production. However, privacy concerns have arisen as drones have become more popular. The National Grange supports the implementation of developed FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) regulations governing the use of drones, and will continue to work with USDA, FAA and other agricultural organizations to address issues related to drone use as they pertain to agriculture.

The National Grange continues to support extensive research by our Land Grant Colleges and Universities into both short-term and long-term effects on the environment and on human nutrition, of all new crops, whether Genetically Modified or traditionally bred. One of the major issues facing animal agriculture in our country are the efforts by certain "Animal Rights" groups to define "Humane Treatment" of animals. The National Grange should work together with other like-minded groups, to ensure that sound science is used in determining humane treatment of animals. The National Grange strongly supports agriculture education at all levels, including agriculture science as well as Cooperative Extension Service, and encourages the partnership between 4-H, FFA, Grange Youth Fair Program and Cooperative Extension Service to draw on and develop leadership abilities. Adequate funding of Extension must be continued and increased if we wish to ensure

the availability of innovative practices and new tools beneficial to agriculture and society. We support educational programs, such as Farm to Table or Farm to School, that teach the importance of proper diet and nutrition. It is more critical now than ever to help consumers understand the basic food system, where their food comes from, and what, if any, genetic alteration was integral to its development. It is vital that we encourage the younger generation to enter into farming. We support programs or policies that will enhance the ability of young farmers to be successful as they pursue production agriculture as an occupation. Opportunities exist to expand agricultural tourism as an additional source of income for farm families. The National Grange urges government at all levels to remove unnecessary laws and regulations and work to pass legislation to limit liability exposure that hampers the expansion of agricultural tourism. As production agriculture becomes more dependent on computer technology, access to high-speed internet has become critical to farming and marketing activities. High-speed internet access is also critical to the agricultural operations that desperately need it to enable their high-tech precision farming equipment that is used to grow crops using less water, seed, fertilizer and pesticides. The National Grange strongly supports expanded funding efforts necessary to develop high-speed internet access in rural area that are currently under-served.

The 2018 Farm Bill provided additional funding to help close the existing gap between feed costs and average milk prices. This, along with restructured premium rates, benefitted small-to-medium sized dairy producers. The National Grange also appreciates the establishment of a new Foot and Mouth vaccine bank. These improvements and other provisions designed to provide equitable treatment for all commodities on all farm sizes in all regions of the country need to continue to be addressed. The National Grange also strongly supports retaining adequate levels of financial support for the USDA Risk Management Division and the Federal Crop

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Insurance Program (FCIP), so that coverages accurately reflect cost of production and provides adequate price protection; yet ensure that premiums remain affordable. Disaster Relief programs are also a critical component of farm income safety nets. We also strongly urge that provisions are made to adequately address the needs for a reliable source of seasonal as well as year-round farm labor. Bills have been introduced, but none have been able to advance through Congress. This lack of action has been frustrating because the need for an affordable and adequate work force remains a critical agriculture issue. While many issues were resolved by the 2018 Farm Bill, plenty of challenges still remain to be addressed like more mental health programs for production agricultural workers. We urge continued work begin soon on a the new Farm Bill in a timely manner.

The National Grange continues to support the principle that only those foods from mammalian sources should be allowed to use the term "milk." The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) should not allow the labeling of nutritionally-inferior plant or artificial substitutes as "milk," "yogurt" or "cheese". The USDA must retain the authority to regulate the emergence of the efforts to grow cultured protein ("meat") in a laboratory setting. The Grange supports the principle that the term "meat" can only be used to describe animal protein derived from harvested production livestock, poultry, seafood or wildlife, wild or domestic. We firmly support the clear and accurate labeling of all non-meat alternatives to reduce consumer confusion at the market shelf.

Small farm operations have dwindled over the last 50 years and small farms and farmers fail when bureaucracy and regulations become burdensome. The United States Department

of Agriculture classifies a small farm to have \$350,000 or less of gross income per year and a demographic of farm operators exist where a more realistic annual income for them is \$150,000 per year. We encourage the USDA to reevaluate the income threshold levels for the classification of small, medium and large farm operations and if necessary, adjust them to be more reflective of the range of income levels in the agriculture sector.

Milk prices to the farmer have failed to keep up with inflation, while production costs have continued to climb. The Grange must continue to work to educate consumers on the positive qualities of whole milk and lowering the unacceptable level of waste of our food that currently occurs on a daily basis in this country. Education efforts such as these will lead to more demand for our domestically-produced milk, thus leading to higher prices for our producers. and Less waste of food will make more food available for government-assistance food programs.

Food security includes everyone having enough to eat of course, but it also involves farmers earning enough to stay in business; government not overregulating normal agricultural practices; advancements in scientific research and reliance on sound science not popular opinion. It includes reducing food waste, preparing for, and adapting to climate change, water and soil conservation, and animal welfare. There is great concern that foreign governments, individuals and other entities are purchasing agricultural land, endangering not only food security but also national security. We urge that this issue be addressed. Food security was identified by National Grange delegates several years ago as a top priority and it will continue to be a focus in the coming years.

We were excited that the White

House held a Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health after more than 50 years, but production agriculture needs to be part of the conversation, both the nutrition side and the production side. We see local food initiatives such as farm markets, farm to school programs, and local processing and butchering expanding to meet a growing demand. The food as medicine concept will expand as more research is conducted on the effect of diet, particularly on chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, etc. As demands on agriculture increase, the need for adequate funding for mental health issues is necessary.

Individual incomes in developing countries are rising, leading to changes in diet that will increase demands on the world's food supply even as population growth adds its inevitable impact. The National Grange supports new and progressive trade pacts that lower trade barriers and promote fair trade. Farmers prefer fair trade for their products rather than government payments.

National Grange encourages recycling of all twine and netting and supports educational programs to educate farmers and other users of twine products for the proper disposal of twine to prevent endangerment of raptors and wildlife.

National Grange urges the federal government to give preference to domestically grown horticultural products for display in domestically located US government owned facilities and buildings.

National Grange encourages all State Granges to be aware of government regulations on agri-tourism in their state and to work to stop the reclassification of value added and agri-tourism buildings to commercial buildings.

Cooperative nonpartisan effort is the "Grange way," and an understanding of the direct relationship between science and the natural world. The words written by National Master Oliver Wilson in 1919 are appropriate today, in that the time has come to simply classify agriculture as one of the great industries that make up our economic structure, and the need to treat agriculture as a vital part of that structure. Over one hundred years later we are still facing the same struggle, still selling products at less than the cost of production. We have the choice- pay the farmer a fair price or import our food. "No nation can prosper whose agriculture deteriorates."

Be Aware Of Scams In The New Year

By Betsy E. Huber
President
National Grange



Betsy E. Huber

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and were able to celebrate with family and Grange friends.

As we now hunker down for the long dark winter, I encourage you to use the time to plan some exciting events for 2023. There are so many Grange events posted on Facebook these days, you should have no problem finding lots of ideas to try out in your Grange. Let your New Year's resolution be to try something new!

I want to urge you to beware of scams, especially through your email. The National Grange had someone try to become a signer on our primary bank account just last week. It seems they were able to get enough information to access the bank, make up a fake National Grange letterhead, and were almost successful. Fortunately, the bank called me to verify before they added the false signer. We think they accomplished all this through an email to us that looked legitimate from a nonprofit organization in the northeast that wanted us to apply for a grant.

Every one of us should have a trusted internet advisor - probably a child or grandchild - who can check out these false emails for us so we are not fooled. There are many people out there who want to make a "fast buck" using illegal means. Don't be fooled!

Phishing: Don't Take the Bait

Phishing is when you get emails, texts, or calls that seem to be from companies or people you know. But they're actually from scammers. They want you to click on a link or give personal information (like a password) so that they can steal your money or identity, and maybe get access to your computer.

Partners in the Mission

The National Grange has become a recognized partner in the mission of the Quilts of Valor® Foundation as an official Under Our Wings® program. This program allows Grange members to create quilts and present them to veterans in their communities or in the organization, and teach the art of quilting to novices and young people while completing this meaningful community service.

All quilts awarded should be reported to the National Lecturer so the information can be made official with the Quilts of Valor® Foundation. Labels are available through the National Lecturer to be sewn onto the quilt indicating the name of the recipient and Grange/member who made the quilt.

For more, contact National Lecturer Christine Hamp at 509.953.3533 or lecturer@nationalgrange.org or send mail to 16418 N. Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.

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NATIONAL GRANGE: CONSERVATION POLICY STATEMENT - 2022

We encourage the responsible stewardship of our natural resources from all who own or use them. We define responsible Stewardship as a balance between use, preservation, and the environmental standards appropriate to the regional needs. Our organization has been a strong advocate for land stewardship. We believe that protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources are vital. We further believe that education of the public regarding the importance of our natural resources is an absolute necessity. We support current federal guidelines on the control of air and water quality.

The National Grange should continue to advocate for conservation programs. These programs should encourage farmers to operate in an environmentally sound manner, focusing on scientific and technical assistance, research, education, loans, and cost-share programs.

Climate change is receiving attention not only in our nation, but across the globe. The National Grange understands agriculture is a part of the total picture on climate change and the efforts to accomplish Net-Zero greenhouse emissions in the United States. We demand American Agricultural Data, rather than worldwide data, be used to provide a more accurate picture of greenhouse

emissions in our nation and that consistent sources of data be used. The National Grange supports the use of Best Management Practices and any mandates on agriculture in regard to reducing emissions be accompanied with economic incentives to lower the impact on our agricultural producers.

We recognize that plastic and other non-biodegradable materials are a significant environmental nuisance. The National Grange supports legislation that will promote the use of shorter life plastic and biologically degradable materials.

The National Grange recognizes the unique role agriculture plays in land and environmental management. The National Grange supports transparent disclosure of details of any environmental testing and/or modifications being conducted by any governmental agency. We advocate for greater flexibility in the interpretation of environmental laws to allow for traditional land uses taking into consideration varying environmental situations across the country and encourage agricultural producers to engage in best management practices in all aspects of their operations.

The National Grange supports coordination among Federal, State and Local Governments when developing land use

management plans. We urge Congress to include voluntary incentive-based assistance for conservation practices by farmers, ranchers, foresters, developers, and landowners in future Farm Bills, which will maintain a commitment to conservation. In that light, we also urge USDA to ensure that they use only scientifically based research when crafting regulations to implement the conservation portions of the Farm Bill. The optimum result should be that the environment be protected with the least amount of prime, productive farmland taken out of production.

Waters of the United States has emerged again through court rulings and legislative activity, which has the potential to overreach into our farms as it did before. The National Grange continues to stress that navigable waters remain in the definition of the Clean Water Act and will continue to monitor for developments as they occur.

Food waste is a problem to be addressed as approximately half of the food grown in the country is thrown away without being consumed. Environmentalists are concerned because the decay of food in landfills releasing methane into the air. The Grange should be involved in efforts to reduce food waste while at the same time helping the environment.

NATIONAL GRANGE: CITIZENSHIP AND TAXATION POLICY STATEMENT - 2022

The National Grange is delighted that Broadband internet service is now developing rapidly in areas of the United States due to the distribution of \$42.4 billion in federal broadband funds from the Infrastructure and Jobs Act. The National Grange continues to support accurate mapping, ensure fair, equitable, cost-effective and timely access to utility poles by providers, and funding to connect the unserved and underserved first which could assist farmers with benefits of precision agriculture. The National Grange encourages State Gange presidents to establish a working relationship with their state broadband agency. We must continue to fight to protect family farms, ranches and businesses from over-regulation, government control that will inhibit operations and devastating changes in the Federal Tax Code.

The National Grange supports the formation of an Office of Rural Prosperity to be housed in the Executive Branch of the President of the United States to coordinate and streamline Federal investments and foster public-private partnerships that strengthen communities and improve the quality of life and well-being of persons living and working in rural communities.

The importance of retaining a Tax-Exempt Status for all qualified Granges must be maintained. We encourage the National Grange to provide State Granges with information via electronic or paper communications of filing procedures for the necessary 990-N form.

The National Grange recommends that people charged with vandalizing or destroying historical landmarks and monuments be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

The National Grange applauds and supports the Postal Service Reform Act of 2021 designed to assist the Postal Service towards financial stability and improves service.

The National Grange encourages America to become energy independent to control cost for food producers, businesses and consumers. The National Grange would support a comprehensive energy policy that includes all sources of energy.

The necessity of bipartisan cooperation as a result of the mid-term elections has become abundantly clear. The National Grange strongly encourages our Congressional leaders to move in this direction so that the legislation necessary to move the country forward can be enacted.

The National Grange urges local and State Granges to strive for social and racial justice, equality and compassion in human relations by initiating open public meetings in collaboration with other local and State organizations fighting against social injustice and harsh racial practices. The National Grange condemns all racially motivated acts of hate and violence.

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A View From The Hill - 2022 Wrap-Up

By Burton Eller
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Legislative Director

WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

Congress Passes Government Funding

As 2022 and the 117th Congress came to a close in late December, after lengthy negotiations Democrats and Republicans agreed on a final bipartisan compromise in the form of a \$1.7 trillion omnibus government funding bill. In doing so, Congress was able to avoid a government shutdown for another year and increase spending on both non-defense discretionary programs at \$772.5 billion and defense funds at \$858 billion.

As the last piece of legislation to move through Congress before the conclusion of the current term, the bill also included many provisions inspired by legislation that had been introduced this Congress but which would expire if not acted on before the end of the year. Major examples of these provisions include \$45 billion in assistance to Ukraine, increased disaster aid, overhaul of Congressional procedures related to electoral vote counting, changes to Medicaid and Medicare, increased funding for higher education, increased financial support for active duty military and veterans, strengthened nutrition assistance programs, assistance for child care and utility bills, adjustments to retirement savings, investments in affordable housing, and increased resources for mental health and substance abuse programs.

Beyond the more general changes made in the spending bill, a number of provisions were included of particular interest to the National Grange and rural America. The bill included some significant agriculture related provisions including the Growing Climate Solutions Act, which would establish USDA regulated voluntary carbon credit markets to reward farmers for actions they take to decrease emissions, and the SUSTAINS Act, which would allow private entities to fund conservation projects with matching support from USDA, both of which the National Grange supported. Yet more, the bill includes funding increases for agricultural research on energy efficiency, genetically modified/engineered organisms, and more. The bill also included significant disaster relief targeted towards agriculture, increases in foreign food aid purchases, reauthorization of Pesticide Registration programs and deadline extension for pesticide

review, and increased funding for farm business programs.

Outside of agriculture, important healthcare and telecommunications provisions which would affect rural America were included. The spending bill includes key extensions of the Federal Communications Commission's spectrum auction authority and flexibilities which have allowed for the increased use of telehealth through Medicare. As well, the bill included funding for Medicare support for an increased variety of healthcare services including vaccines and mental health coverage. Other mental and behavioral health programs which received increased support included opioid abuse programs and funding for mental health programs targeting youth and underserved communities. Finally, the bill included funding for hospitals at risk of closure, many of which exist in rural America.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Additional Challenge to Canadian Dairy Quotas

The U.S. Trade Representative is seeking a new dispute settlement resolution to the ongoing dairy trade dispute with Canada. A three-member US-Mexico-Canada Agreement dispute panel agreed in December 2021 that Canada was manipulating the quota system. The U.S. has rejected successive Canadian proposals to address the dispute panel's decision and is broadening the scope of its challenge to Canadian restrictions on U.S. dairy exports.

More Liability Protection for Donated Foods

In late December, Congress passed legislation to improve protection for farmers, processors, supermarkets and other businesses that donate food. The bill is designed to extend liability protection to donors when food is given directly to a person in need rather than a nonprofit intermediary. It explicitly states, "A qualified direct donor shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability arising from the nature, age, packaging, or condition of an apparently fit grocery product that the qualified direct donor donates in good faith to a needy individual at zero cost."

Farm Share of Food Dollar Hits Historic Low

USDA says that farmers and ranchers now get 14.5 cents from every food dollar spent by consumers. That's down from 15.5 cents in 2020. Eating out at higher prices apparently caused most of

the farm share decrease along with supply chain disruptions, avian influenza and war in Ukraine.

"Smart" Agriculture Drawing Billionaire Investments

Billionaires historically have used their investment capital to tackle public policy issues. Today 95% of billionaires see it as their responsibility to use their business resources to generate impacts to global challenges. Areas where billionaires see the greatest potential to make positive impacts are smart agriculture, clean water, poverty alleviation, green energy and education. Smart agriculture leverages technology to improve productivity and reduce environmental damage.

Foreign Ownership of Farmland Update

Foreign entities own 37.6 million acres of U.S. agricultural land which includes forest land, crop land and pasture land. More states are becoming concerned as farmland sales in their state go to foreign buyers. Representative Dan Newhouse (R-4-WA) and 50 other members of Congress in September asked USDA and other agencies to take action to address potential national security risks that might arise from such transactions. Foreign countries with the largest shares of U.S. land ownership are Canada followed by Netherlands, Italy, United Kingdom, Germany and China. Real estate brokers say foreign investors generally have no connection to agriculture but see U.S. farmland as the best place to invest their money.

Climate and the Environment

Billionaires Guiding Climate Policy?

Though not elected to any office, the world's billionaires may have more environmental influence than many heads of state. The Washington Post says their role as shadow policymakers has grown amid the evolution of the Biden administration climate agenda and the recent U.N. Climate Change Conference in Egypt. Billionaire engagement in climate action is growing as nations lean on private companies and philanthropists willing to make big bets on decarbonization. According to the Post, the United States has failed to muster the political support for regulations that limit emissions and force companies to reshape their operations, so the government is looking to billionaires to help redirect the economy to where mainstream science says it needs to go. Billionaires are investing heavily

in technology development such as carbon capture, traveling wave nuclear reactors, green hydrogen, carbon credit trading and more.

Climate Projects Target Minority Farmers

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced project grants to develop markets for lower-carbon farm commodities in an effort to ensure minority farmers benefit from shifts in agricultural practices to address climate change. A total of 65 projects will receive \$325 million to measure and verify the impact of climate-related farm practices and to test ways to market commodities produced with a smaller carbon footprint to apparel and food companies. The project's partners include the Federation of Southern Cooperatives, Intertribal Agriculture Council, South Carolina Black Farmers Association, Kansas Black Farmers Association, Field to Market, Prairie View A&M, Alcorn State University, Lincoln University and more.

HEALTH CARE

USDA Joins Cancer Moonshot Initiative

The Moonshot is the administration's goal to reduce the death rate from cancer by 50% over the next 25 years. As part of the Moonshot, Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack will establish an Agricultural Science Center for Nutrition and Diet. Its purpose will be to bring together scientists, partner organizations and communities to focus on science-based solutions that improve the health and well-being of Americans, particularly in underserved communities. According to the World Cancer Research Fund, 20-50% of all cancer cases are preventable by following a healthy diet and active lifestyle.

Food As Medicine A Farm Bill Priority

Senate Agriculture Committee member Cory Booker (D-NJ) aims to incorporate the concept of "food as medicine" into the upcoming 2023 farm bill. His aim is to increase consumption of fruits and vegetables. One of Booker's suggestions is for USDA to create a new specialty crop food box program to provide locally sourced fruits and vegetables to Medicaid patients. Fellow committee member Roger Marshall (R-KS), a physician, says he plans to introduce legislation with Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) for a large-scale pilot program to evaluate the cost savings and health benefits to Medicare recipients who



are sent home from hospital stays with medically tailored meals.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Look for Broadband Coverage Gaps

If you don't have high speed internet coverage at your home, farm, ranch, business or community, you need to become involved in broadband map verification. In late November, the Federal Communications Commission released updated broadband coverage maps which more precisely pinpoint gaps in broadband access. These maps are much improved compared to previous maps, but they aren't perfect. After a month of review by the telecom industry, there are still areas misidentified on the new maps. If you do not have high speed internet, Google and contact your state broadband agency. Your agency can verify or challenge the accuracy of your area map and clear the way for internet service providers to bring service to you. Feedback from local Granges indicates that the new broadband maps still contain inaccuracies over the rural landscape.

Senate Hearing Raises Concern

At a December hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband, witnesses told Senators that the "once-in-a-generation" broadband expansion funding approved last year by Congress will only close the digital divide when underserved communities gain full connectivity. The witnesses voiced concerns about billions of dollars in resources failing to go to the neediest areas due in part to inadequate coordination by government agencies. Success will require disciplined execution between over 100 programs administered by a dizzying array of government agencies, according to witnesses. National Grange voiced similar challenges following passage of the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act which provided this internet funding.

Home & Family

Happy New Year 2023

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

With the New Year many of you may be looking for ways to use up your stash of fabric. I promised my daughter that I would really work at this and have been looking for new ways to use up said fabric. Many of you have bazaars at your halls so here are a couple of ideas for things that sell well. Potholders and placemats are two of these items. I cut 2 ½ inch strips the width of the fabric of two coordinating fabrics. Sew together six of these strips, press all seams the same direction and then sub-cut into 2 1/2-inch strips. Sew 8 of these strips

together by flipping every other row and nesting the seams. Pick a backing and a piece of cotton batting (I have been known to sew pieces together with a zig-zag stitch) and make a sandwich ready to quilt. I have found that if I press the sandwich together with lots of steam followed by a few pins to anchor the layers together. I quilt by stitching from corner to corner in each block. Bind the placemat in your favorite way. I use French fold binding sewn on the front and folded to the back. I then stitch in the ditch to anchor it. No hand sewing needed. Potholders are made the same way but with a layer of thinsulate and cotton

batting. Two fat quarters will make 2 placemat fronts. Have fun.
It is time to send in your annual reports. Thanks to those who already done so.
I look forward to seeing many of you at the Leadership Conferences. This is a time to get questions answered as well as share thing you have been doing.
If anyone has polyester double knit fabric that they want to get rid of, feel free to bring it to the leadership conference and I will take it off your hands to make quilts for the homeless. Thank you in advance.
Have a great new year!!



Helen Berg

Calispel Grange Celebrates Quilting

Members of Calispel Grange #500 celebrated and entertained the Newport Quilt Club with a soup and salad luncheon in December. We were asked to bring 7 two and a half inch strips so we could play “strip poker.” Winner went home with over 60 strips of various fabrics. Another great day at the Grange.



Kick Winter's Chill With Hearty Chowder

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Avoid venturing into the cold for a trip to the store by turning to a pantry staple like sweet potatoes. As one of the most versatile veggies, they’re easy to add to a variety of recipes while enhancing both flavor and nutrition.
Their long shelf life – up to four weeks if stored properly in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from heat sources – means you can rely on sweet potatoes throughout the winter as an on-hand ingredient. Additionally, as a “diabetes superfood” according to the American Diabetes Association, they’re rich in vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber, all of which are good for overall health and may help prevent disease, making them a key source of nutrients during wintertime.
When your family needs a warm-up on those frosty days, put sweet potatoes at the center of mealtime (with an added kick) in this Jalapeno Sweet Potato Chowder. It’s a filling meal that makes enough for a crowd so no one goes hungry.
Visit ncsweetpotatoes.com to find more comforting meal ideas.

Jalapeno Sweet Potato Chowder

Recipe courtesy of the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission Servings: 6

- Ingredients:**
- 2 large North Carolina sweet potatoes, baked
 - 1 small onion, 1/4-inch diced
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 quart chicken or vegetable stock
 - 2 cups cooked chicken, cubed
 - 1 1/2 cups whole corn kernels
 - 2 teaspoons minced jalapenos
 - 1/2 cup heavy cream
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - chopped scallions, for garnish

Peel baked sweet potatoes; discard skin and puree. In a soup pot, saute onion in butter until softened. Add pureed sweet potato and stock, as desired. Bring to a boil, reducing the liquid slightly. Add chicken, corn, jalapenos, heavy cream, and salt. Simmer for 10 minutes.
To serve, ladle into bowls and garnish with chopped scallions.

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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.

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Grange Connection

COWLITZ COUNTY

Rose Valley Grange had a meeting to decide if we should close our doors. We are facing some major repairs that are needed. At this time, we do not have any heat or a septic drain field. We are applying for grants for help. There is also a go fund me started from a community member. Donations can also be made at Fibre Federal Credit Union. We appreciate any help or donations. Thank you.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange hosted Breakfast with Santa and had a full house for their event. Gifts were presented to each child

and senior citizen in attendance at the event.

Elma Grange hosted Pictures with Santa on December 10. The Grange will host a Kid's Carnival on Saturday, February 11, 1-8 p.m.

Humptulips Grange changed their Christmas Dinner to December 16. A nice group gathered for a dinner of ham and scalloped potatoes. The Grange held bingo on December 3 and 17, with wonderful attendance. Bingo will be on the first Saturday of each month at 7 p.m. through May. The Grange Food Bank had another busy month, serving 73 families in December.

Sharon Grange has scheduled their Annual Oyster Dinner for Saturday, March 25, 12-6 p.m.

LEWIS COUNTY

Mossyrock Grange will again offer FREE Tax preparation through VITA for elderly and low to moderate Income (not above \$60,000.00) folks in our area. We are looking for volunteers. If you live in Lewis County and want to volunteer, please contact Paulette James 253-720-8033. Our schedule for February and March is: Wed.8th - 9 am to 5pm; Sat 11th - 9am to 5 pm.; and Sunday 12th - Noon to 6 pm. April dates are: Sat. 8th - 9 am to 5pm; Sunday 9th - Noon to 6 PM; Monday 10th - 9 am -5 pm; and our last day, Wed 12th - 9am to 5 pm.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange's last business meeting for 2022 on December 20 was cancelled due to snow and cold weather. Again, this year history repeated itself as it was a blistery, cold night on Dec. 10 when Santa's drive thru took place. Fewer families attempted the cold, snowy night but Santa gave out goodie bags and we were able to collect some toys and money

for Toys for Tots. Our local New Hope Resource Center was delighted to get all the remaining Santa goodie bags to give to their clients. On January 3, our community event was a Game Night — competition was fierce at some of the game tables! The February 1st Tuesday community event will be our Quilt Block Party— participants will make the 2023 Grange Quilt Block to enter in the contest. January 21, we will host a Green Bluff Spin-In with vendors. Our first 2023 “all you can eat pancake breakfast” will be January 29. Our grange was very festive during the Christmas season for over 6 events/rentals held at the grange. A wonderful surprise for our members was having member Francine, who now lives in Vienna, visit us at our Booster night program on December 6. Green Bluff Grange members wish everyone a prosperous and energy-filled 2023 for your Grange.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange held their annual Community Christmas Dinner, with over 120 attendees. Through the generosity of the Grange, Junior, and Youth Grangers, there were a number of door prizes handed

out. Lucas won the raffle quilt - that ticket was sold by Irene. Charley once again sold the most tickets and was presented with a blue and white afghan for selling the most tickets each year for over three years. Several quilts were handed out to veterans, current military, and first responders. The remaining quilts and afghans were handed out by ticket drawings since the floors are getting refinished when the weather is warmer, and things will get stored elsewhere. So many Grange, youth, and junior Grangers worked hard to make the dinner happen and be such a success. There has been a lot of snow so far this winter, and both Don and Charley shoveled paths. There was no December meeting, and the January meeting will be held, barring weather and road conditions. Hope 2023 brings each one of you joy. Shop local. Stay healthy and safe. Darlyn and the Camas Valley Junior and Youth Granges worked together and made adorable hot cocoa mix sets out of sterilized baby food jars and some ornaments to hand out at the annual Community Christmas Dinner. The groups also helped decorate the stage area and the tables. After the attendees left, they also helped with cleanup. There will be no monthly meetings until the road conditions improve.

Pomona Calendar

The 2023 date request forms have been mailed to the Pomona Grange Secretaries. Please complete and return to the State Grange Office ASAP.

- CHELANFebruary 18 at Beacon Hill, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- CLALLAMMarch 15 at Crescent, 6 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. meeting.
- CLARKJanuary 11 at Manor, 7 p.m.
- COWLITZ/ WAHIAKUMJanuary 21 at Catlin; 1 p.m. potluck, 2 p.m. Golden Sheaf and Silver Star Recognition. Planning Meeting and Pomona Grange meeting to follow.
- EXCELSIORMarch 25 at Greenwood Park, 10:30 a.m. Will hold baking contest. Photography contest entries due.
- FERRYJanuary 9 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
- GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFICMarch 11 at North River, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Baking and Candy contest entries due at 9 a.m.
- ISLANDMarch 11 at South Camano, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- LEWISFebruary 5 at Forest, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- MASONJanuary 21 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PIERCEFebruary 4 at Fruitland, 10 a.m.
- SKAGITMarch 1 at Skagit Valley, 6 p.m.
- SNAKE RIVERMarch 18 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
- SPOKANEFebruary 11 at East Spokane, 10 a.m.
- STEVENSJanuary 28 at Kettle River. 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- THURSTONFebruary 2 at South Union, 7 p.m
- WHITMANJanuary 21 at Eddy's Restaurant, 702 S. Main in Colfax. 11:15 a.m. meeting. No host lunch.
- YAKIMA VALLEY ..January 9 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Pomona Connection

COWLITZ WAHIAKUM POMONA

Cowlitz Wahkiakum Pomona Grange will be having a Grange Golden Sheaf- Silver Star Awards and luncheon on Saturday Jan 21. The event will honor Grange members who have reached 50 years for Golden Sheaf and 25 years for Silver Star. We will also honor is any members who are due Seals for years of membership. The event will be held at the Catlin Grange Hall, 205 Shawnee Rd, Kelso, beginning with a 1:00 p.m. potluck luncheon and 2:00 p.m. program. There will be a planning meeting following the program, then a Pomona meeting.

Rose Valley Grange Distributes Dictionaries

Members of Rose Valley Grange recently delivered dictionaries to third graders at Rose Valley Elementary. The students were so excited.



Grange Connection



Granges Celebrate the Holiday Season

Goldendale Grange Supports Community Christmas Event

Twelve Goldendale Grange members volunteered to assist in staging the 2022 Community Tree lighting project and Candy Cane Parade on December 10. Lanae Johnson, with over twenty years of experience, on the Christmas committee directed the festive event. The courthouse lawn covered with snow and young kids playing provided a perfect holiday scene. When lit a 40-foot living evergreen tree, covered in snow and decorated with hundreds of colored lights twinkled in the frosty evening mist.

Sirens Screeching and bells clanging announced the arrival of the Candy Cane Lane Parade. Leading the parade was Grand Marshall, Judy Bane sitting snugly in a warm Christmas red and white 1957 Studebaker car donated by Edgar Holbrook, chauffeured by Grange member Steve Johnson. Young ladies on horseback and floats pulled by pickups made up the 25 - unit parade.

As the parade ended parents and children wandered quickly from the 25 degree outside temperature to the warm and comfortable former Masonic Lodge Building. Our Grange ladies, led by Luann Whitmire and Laura Walker served over 250 cups of steamy hot homemade turkey noodle, Ham and bean, and Butternut squash soup. Klickitat Valley Health provided 300 decorated Christmas cookies. Cups of hot chocolate were available from the Rachel Starr memorial booth. A Grange member, known across the state, Dr. Jim Ogden played Christmas carols on his accordion. He was accompanied by Joan Heming, a spry 91-year young lady who loves to play the piano. Daniel Lefever provided the lodge building and decorations.

To the delight of the kids Santa Clause quietly slipped in and took his place in a big chair next to the fireplace. For over an hour Santa listened to the kids' wish lists as he entertained them.

Earlier on the same day the Goldendale Farmers Market group held their annual Christmas Bazaar. The bazaar used both our new and old Grange building as forty vendors filled the equivalent of three floors with handcrafted treasures. The farmers market bazaar made Christmas shopping easy this year.



Grange Connection



Granges Celebrate the Holiday Season

Green Bluff Grange Holds Santa Drive-Thru And Toys For Tots Collection



Green Bluff Grange held a Santa Drive-Thru. It was a cold, snowy night but Santa gave out goodie bags and we were able to collect some toys and money for Toys for Tots.

Sharon Grange Holds 2nd "Operation Give Back"



Sharon Grange #800 held their 2nd Annual "Operation Give Back" event where they made cards, decorated cookies and visited Santa.



Rose Valley Grange Has Holiday Fun With Santa And Friends

Rose Valley Grange had a visit from Santa and Friends to spread holiday cheer to children. He handed out treat bags, hat's & gloves to children



Grange Connection



Granges Celebrate the Holiday Season

Clark County Pomona And Santa Visit Children's Center



Clark County Pomona #1, visited the children's center in Vancouver this week with Santa in his new ride Dave Johnson played Santa, and Brenda Lester was Rudolph, delivering books, hats, scarf's, coloring books, crayons and socks. Clark county Dairy princess Meredith Meats handed out cheese sticks and donated art supplies to all the children. Elf's Judy Steigmann and Vickie Gilmour, Santa's helpers Janice Anderson, Lanette Pinard and Ann VanAntwerp.

Ralston Grange Celebrates Christmas With Potluck And Party



Thank you again to everyone who helped make the 91st annual Ralston Grange Christmas Potluck and Party a huge success. In spite of some snow and slick roads, we had 112 + turnout! There has already been a few ideas thrown out on how to make the next one even better!

SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming State Grange Events

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

- JANUARY 1** Grange Lecturer Annual Reports due to State Grange Lecturer Leslie Jo Wells

JANUARY 1 Grange Family Living Annual Reports due to State Family Living Director Helen Berg

JANUARY 14..... Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting at the Satsop Grange Hall, Grays Harbor County

JANUARY 14..... Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting at the Washington Grange Hall, Clark County

JANUARY 15 Secretary 4th Quarter Reports Due to WA State Grange Office

JANUARY 15 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 1 p.m. potluck, 21 p.m. meeting at the Catlin Grange Hall, Cowlitz County

JANUARY 15 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting at the Fords Prairie Grange Hall, Lewis County

JANUARY 16 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 1 p.m. meeting at the Dry Creek Grange Hall, Clallam County

JANUARY 20 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 7 p.m. at the McMillin Grange Hall, Pierce County

JANUARY 21..... Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting at the Kellogg Marsh Grange Hall, Snohomish County

JANUARY 21 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting at the Skagit Valley Grange Hall, Skagit County

JANUARY 22 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 1 p.m. meeting at the San Juan Island Grange Hall, San Juan County

JANUARY 23 Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.

JANUARY 25 Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom Meeting

JANUARY 27 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 5:30 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. conference at the Fruitvale Grange Hall, Yakima County

JANUARY 28 Convention Kick Off Meeting: Tour at 11 a.m. at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake. Meeting to follow at the Moses Lake Grange Hall

JANUARY 28 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 6:30 p.m. meeting at the Prospect Point Grange Hall, Walla Walla County

JANUARY 29 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 1 p.m. meeting at the Columbia Valley Grange Hall, Franklin County

JANUARY 29 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 6 p.m. at the Menastash Grange Hall, Kittitas County

FEBRUARY 1 Secretary Training Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY 1 Youth Fairs Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2 Secretary Training Zoom Meeting, 6 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 3** Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting at the Camden Grange Hall, Pend Oreille County

FEBRUARY 4 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting at the Addy Grange Hall, Stevens County

FEBRUARY 4 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 7 p.m. meeting at the Green Bluff Grange Hall, Spokane County

FEBRUARY 5 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, Whitman County

FEBRUARY 6 Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY 8 Secretary Training Zoom Meeting, 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 10 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting at the Bee Hive Grange Hall, Chelan County

FEBRUARY 11 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 12pm potluck, 1pm meeting at Okanogan Grange Hall, Okanogan County

FEBRUARY 11 Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 6 p.m. at Bob’s Café in Moses Lake (*dinner is no-host*)

FEBRUARY 13 Family Living Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 15 Community Service Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 16 Junior Grange Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20 Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY 21 Lecturer Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 22 Lecturer Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.

FEBRUARY 22 Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom Meeting

FEBRUARY 23 Youth Department Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

MARCH 2 State Grange Legislative Day, 8 am to 4 pm in Olympia

MARCH 6 Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.

MARCH 17-18 Grange Deputy and State Officer Conference in Wenatchee

MARCH 20 Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.

MARCH 26-28 State Grange Youth/Junior Legislative Experience in Olympia

MARCH 29 Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom Meeting

APRIL 1 Secretary First Quarter Reports Due

APRIL 3 Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.

APRIL 17 Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.

JUNE 21-24 134th Annual Washington State Grange Convention, Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake

NOVEMBER 14-18..... 157th Annual National Grange Convention, Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303