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Greenwood Park Grange Presents Membership Awards

On March 25, 2023, at Greenwood Park Grange #590 in Hunters, Washington: A 50 year pin was presented to Sherry Cummins by Deputy Michael Schwartz. Sherry had previously received her certificate. Deputy Lynn Wells presented Michael Schwartz with

his 50 year certificate and pin. Members Dorlan Hergesheimer and Keith Guenther also previously received their 50 year certificates.

Seals were previously presented to Ilene Daniels for her 60, 65, and 70 years, Loren Guenther for his 60, 65, and 70 years, and Beth

Engelhardt for her 60 and 65 years.

25 year certificates were presented to Greenwood Park Grange members Karla Schwartz, Julie Pascal, and Mary Schwartz by Pomona President Michael Schwartz. Jackie Schwartz also received her 25 year certificate.

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Large Top Photo: Sherry Cummins, Mary Schwartz, Karla Schwartz, Michael Schwartz, and Julie Pascal

Photo Above: Deputy Lynn Wells, Sherry Cummins, and Michael Schwartz.

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

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MAY 31

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By-Laws

Crescent Grange #1123 announces a vote to change their By-Laws, causing the business meeting to be at 6:30 pm on the first Wednesday of the month. This vote will occur at their business meeting 6:00 pm on May 3, 2023.

Kellogg Marsh Grange #136 will meet on Thursday May 11, 2023 at 6:30pm to vote on a change in their meeting time and dates. The Bylaws currently reads the time is 7:30pm and on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The time change is from 7:30 to 6:30pm. The days are still the 2nd Thursday of each month but the 4th Thursday's are just January through May, September, and October.

The Grange Exchange

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Community Service

Time To Start Collecting Items For The WA State Grange Convention



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson
 Community Service Director

It is time to start collecting items for convention. Each department has specific charities or projects they support. Here is a list of the department's projects and where to take them when you get to convention. We thank you for all of the hard work, thought, collection time and money you give to the charities our Departments support.

-The Community Service department will gladly accept new, unopened toiletries, women's sanitary products and new underwear. We will also be collecting your coin drill donations to the Ronald McDonald House charity. We are no longer accepting pop tabs, all pop tabs brought to convention will be thrown away. All you need to do is look for the teal tablecloths, fill out the form and leave your donation on the table.

-The Youth Department will be accepting Keep Washington Warm items. If you have new or clean, gently used hats, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets, coats, baby snow suits or other warm items they will gladly accept them. There will be a table with signage to indicate where to leave these items.

-The Juniors are collecting new or gently used children's books. These need to be left on the red table marked "Book Donations".

-The Lecturer will be collecting any monetary donations to the State Deaf Fund, Ag Education Charity Support Fund, or Contest Travel Fund. Please hand these donations directly to Leslie Wells, our State Lecturer, or send them to the State Headquarters with a label as to which fund you would like them to be applied.

-Any donations to the Family Living Department can be dropped off at the Family Living Tables. Please look for their signage. The Family Living Department accepts a large range of items including: eyeglasses, quilts of valor, lap quilts, chemo caps, adult eating aprons (bibs), comfort toys and many more. You can find a complete list on page 32 of the Washington State Grange Program Handbook.

Washington Grange No. 82 Members Sort Seeds for Regional Library Program



On April 20th, 6 members of Washington Grange No. 82 met at the FVRL (Fort Vancouver Regional Library) to sort seeds for a new free vegetable and flower seed program. The seed chest will be located at the library's downtown branch.

Lecturer Patti Tuller spearheaded this project after hearing from the library of their desire to start this free service for the public. Washington Grange voted to purchase the seed chest and the seeds.

Members of the public will be able to select various vegetables and flowers seeds in small packet rather than having to purchase a full packet of seeds from a retailer.

Washington Grange has purchased a 3x4 inch brass plaque that will be attached to the top of the chest giving us credit for the donation. FVRL also has a brochure mounted on top of the chest explaining the program and giving our Grange recognition for donating funds for the project.



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Your Name _____

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President's Message

Looking Forward To A Full Summer Of Grange Activities

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

The last of the Covid restrictions issued by Governor Inslee expired on April 3. This will allow a full summer of Grange activities across the State of Washington. We will be back to our regular complement of Grange activities for the first time in four years. Here is a highlight of what we all have to look forward to:

Grange Camper Association Fun Rally:

The Camper Association Rally will be held on June 2-4 at the Figg and Merwin properties in Ocean Shores. This will include a potluck picnic on Saturday, June 3. Attendees should bring their own place setting, lawn chair, and something for the potluck. If you want to camp (dry camping only), the cost is \$20 for the weekend. More information is available from Marilyn Armit, Camper Association Secretary at mearmit@tds.net

State Grange Annual Session:

The 134th Annual Session is scheduled for June 21-24 in Moses Lake. The session will include action on resolutions, committee recommendations, and reports. Currently, only ten resolutions for consideration have been received. The deadline for resolutions is May 22 to the State Grange Office. Awards will be presented for several Grange contests, with awards and prize money presented to the winners. The State Grange Officers will exemplify the Sixth Degree on Wednesday, June 21.

Degree tickets for candidates will be available at the session.

Annual Session Committees:

The preference sheet for session committees is due back to the State Grange Office by May 15. Committees will be assigned. All committees will meet prior to the session via zoom. Committee members will be notified of date, time, and log in information. Look for the zoom meeting schedule on our facebook page.

Junior Grange Camping Program:

We will have five weeks of Junior Grange Camps in 2023. Camp Wooten and Camp Morehead will start the season on July 9. Camp Wooten, near Dayton, will be July

Let's continue working for the Grange through the remainder of 2023 and beyond!

-- Tom Gwin

9-14, while Camp Morehead, on the Long Beach Peninsula, will be July 9-15. Those two camps will be followed by Camp Mayfield, near Mossyrock, on July 15-22 and Camp Cornet Bay, near Deception Pass, on July 23-28. The final camp will be Camp David, on the shores of Lake Crescent, on August 13-18. Information on each of the camps is on the State Grange website, www.wa-grange.com



Tom Gwin

Local, County, and State Fairs:

All fairs will be fully operational this year. Some of you will create intricate displays, some will have food concessions, while others will sponsor or help put on their local event. Whichever role your Grange plays, I encourage you to complete your tasks and to do it well. We are in our second year of the Grange Youth Fairs Program. Fourteen fairs have approved the program. Grange Youth and Junior Members will be showing their animals and displaying their wares. Be sure to visit the Grange Youth and Juniors. Show them your support and encourage them to continue their work in our program in the future.

Western Regional Grange Leaders and Youth Conference:

This year's conference will be July 27-30 and hosted by the California State Grange in the Sacramento area. Registration information should be available soon. Please note the 2024 conference is scheduled to be held in our state.

Let's continue working for the Grange through the remainder of 2023 and beyond! Membership wise, 2022 was a great year for the Washington State Grange. 2023 is also proving to be productive as we continue rebuilding Granges across the state.

Legislative

2023 State Legislative Session Come & Gone



Jesse Taylor

By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist

The 2023 version of the Washington State Legislative Session has come and gone, officially adjourning Sine Di at about 10:00PM on April 23rd. All three statewide budgets have passed the respective bodies and now await the Governor's signature.

As you know the Washington State Grange had a legislative team transition this session, but we managed to have an impact at the legislature and take part in some important policy wins. Our presence was felt at committee hearings, bill sign-ons, our legislative day and youth legislative day. The more we engage our local legislators, the more they look to Grange members for advice and counsel on topics as they arise. We seek to expand the legislative focus going into future biennia and sessions, with an eye toward local Grange member engagement with legislators as well as interim work to bring Grange issues into focus with local member meetings.

Because of the depth and breadth of Grange legislative policy, it's sometimes believed that we can't have an impact on any one specific issue. But like legislators themselves, we can be one-issue advocates who become a go-to expert for our local elected leaders. Were you part of the original Voluntary Stewardship Program development a decade ago? Become the Grange go-to expert on VSP. Are you a gun enthusiast? Firearm policy is a major issue every legislative session. Do you have a creek running through your property? Let's talk about riparian policy. Are you a former or current law enforcement officer? Public Safety is always a topic in our state. The more expert advice we provide to our local elected leaders, the more "juice" we have at the capitol to influence public policy. I hope to maintain and continue to grow our strong public outreach arm and bring more of our members into vocal advocacy. That work begins in the interim months before legislative session and I look forward to engaging many of you with this work.

The commencement of the 2023 session brings both wins and losses legislatively. Here is a quick preview of some of those as they pertain to Grange Policy.

WINS:

- SSB 5156 - Expanding the farm internship program.
- HB 1018 - Hog fuel/tax exemption
- SHB 1019 - Creating the pesticide advisory board.
- HB 1033 - Compostable product usage
- HB 1058 - Streamlining the licensing process for a commercial driver's license by allowing the department to waive requirements for applicants that previously surrendered the license, allowing the license to be renewed online, and modifying the license test fees.
- SHB 1084 - Concerning freight mobility prioritization.
- SHB 1117 - Addressing the extent to which Washington residents are at risk of rolling blackouts and power supply inadequacy events.
- SHB 1138 - Concerning drought preparedness.
- SHB 1322 - Concerning the Walla Walla water 2050 plan.
- SHB 1500 - Increasing the cap on gross sales for cottage food operations.
- HB 1573 - Dairy, etc. tax preferences
- HB 1775 - Salmon recovery/liability
- SB 5330 - Concerning the Washington pesticide application act.
- SB 5341 - Creating a location-based branding and promotion program for Washington food and agricultural products.
- SSB 5353 - Concerning the voluntary stewardship program.
- SB 5390 - Establishing a programmatic safe harbor agreement on forestlands.
- SSB 5439 - Concerning livestock identification.
- SB 5531 - Concerning special use permits for milk product haulers.

Grange Camper Assc.

Grange Camper Association Annual Camp Out And Meeting

This year camp out and meeting will be held June 2-4th in Ocean Shores at the Figg's and Merwin's properties. 787 Chenois Ave NE Ocean Shores.

Saturday Pancake breakfast and Saturday spaghetti dinner will be provided. Members will provide Dessert or fruit. RV camping for the weekend is \$25, drive in is \$5. Each Camper club please provide a door prize.

RSVP via text with name, size and type of rigs for planning parking. Also RSVP if you plan to drive in. Call Verne Figg at 206-650-4054.

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Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS April 2023

| | # Joined | Jr. +1 |
|--|------------|-----------|
| 603 Addy Cristy Robbins, Mitzi Johnston, Abby Johnston | 3 | |
| 417 Adna Sonja Svenson | 1 | |
| 571 Barberton Matt Wubben, Bre Wubben, Drake Wubben, Noah Wubben | 4 | 3 |
| 630 Burbank John Brooks, Bette Brooks, Peter Ober, Crystal Ober | 4 | |
| 534 Cedar Robert Kuro, Alicia Sandhei | 2 | |
| 1123 Crescent Jolly Bittick | 1 | |
| 501 Davis Lake Kimberley Allen, Arnold Allen, Cathy Meed | 3 | |
| 846 Deer Lagoon Joseph Kleinman | 2 | |
| 1012 East Wenatchee Tiffany Albright, Kyah Albright, Porter Lumpkins Emily Lumpkins, Isabel Cruz | 5 | 1 |
| 782 Elk Plain Travess Erker | 1 | |
| 905 Five Mile Prairie April Jones | 1 | |
| 322 Happy Valley Kelly Shomler | 1 | |
| 730 Humptulips Jon Johnson, Tianna Wynn, Jaelyn Johnson | 3 | |
| 780 Inland Jaimee Stone | 1 | |
| 667 Long Beach Bryan West, Robyn West, Keenan Berry, Paul Wilson Sheryl Reynolds, Bryan Habermann | 6 | |
| 796 Manson Wyatt Lester | 1 | |
| 357 Matlock Shiela Jensen, Deena Jensen, Dale Hudson, Debra McDougall Jason Chappell, Jenny Scott, Darlene Henson, Jeff Boomhower | 8 | |
| 265 Meridian Grace Jones | 1 | |
| 1151 Moses Lake Aaron King, Julie Garibay, Brynlynn King, William Jachetta Jessica Jachetta, Trisha Cox, Michael Cox, Scott Neustel Judine Neustel, Abigal Neustel | 10 | 3 |
| 201 North Bellingham Aaron Brand | 1 | |
| 1067 Prospect Point Adalyn Hall | 1 | |
| 226 Rome Marisa Papetti, Rory Peterson, Ali Hajy | 3 | |
| 953 Rose Valley Laura Jurica | 1 | |
| 832 St Andrews Branden Jorgensen, Mike McLean, Scott Casimir, Dustina Casimir Adriana Marchesseault, Kayden Casimir, Kayle Casimir | 7 | 6 |
| 121 Stevenson Roberta May, Sara Callaghan, Sean Callaghan | 3 | 2 |
| 586 Terrace Heights Les Riel, Jan Hutchinson | 2 | |
| 1008 Tri Community Cassie Henry, Michael Henry | 2 | |
| 482 Twisp Valley Jane Gilbertson | 1 | |
| 1111 Waller Road Candice Cook, Joshua Lee, Caleb Lee, Skyler Decoteau | 4 | |
| 114 Whelan-Ewartsville Marsha Ginther | 1 | |
| 980 Windsor Linda Penning | 1 | |
| TOTALS | .85 | 15 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 424 | |

10 Simple Ways to Boost Positivity in Your Grange

1. Remember the Three C's

Don't criticize, condemn, or complain. There are ways to still let people know they missed the mark, but with a positive approach. Then, make sure to recognize, appreciate and give honest and sincere praise. Taking a genuine interest in what other people are doing or who they are will help to create good relationships with your fellow Granger.

2. Show Genuine Interest

The best way to express positive energy is to show a genuine interest in others. Trying too hard to be optimistic or cheerful can come across as forced and fake. What people really appreciate is the feeling that you're really listening to them and responding to their concerns. Asking questions, paying attention to others, and doing your best to solve problems come across as real positivity.

3. Give Positive Feedback

Be sure to give positive feedback instead of only constructive comments. It can be tempting to focus on the problems, especially when you are busy and stressed. However, calling out the things that are going well, celebrating them and encouraging more of them can both boost morale and performance since people then focus on trying to figure out what made that one thing great and trying to replicate it.

4. Share Your Knowledge

A good Granger will always listen and share their knowledge. Helping your fellow members succeed and letting them know that they've done a good job will not only make them feel good, but it will also make you have a

more positive attitude. Sharing your knowledge and creating an environment built on the idea of sharing knowledge and experience will lead to a more collaborative and happier environment.

5. Avoid Criticizing

Don't criticize, lead. Instead of complaining about something you don't like, point out what you do like. Better yet, show them how

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to See
in the World"*

-- Gahndi

it's done. Otherwise, your fellow members can build resentment toward you over your negativity. If you do have to point out flaws, make sure you follow them up with other aspects of their work that you do like.

6. Dismiss Drama and Gossip

Avoid drama and gossip. Whenever it comes up, dismiss it, and talk about something more positive. When you show your fellow Grangers that you simply don't have time for that stuff, your positivity should flow freely.

7. Lead with Empathy

One of the most important traits of a positive person is empathy. This trait helps you understand

the needs of others and be aware of their thoughts and feelings, so you can respond appropriately to different situations and prevent feelings of resentment and conflict. This helps drive positivity and helps in building stronger and more meaningful relationships in your Grange.

8. Spread Positivity Throughout Your Life

To exude more positivity at Grange, you need to be positive in other areas of life too. Otherwise, this can turn into toxic positivity that only sounds inspiring but doesn't help you achieve anything. Are you positive at home? With friends and family? If not, then it's time for some inner work to ensure that you're in the best mental shape you can be.

9. Show Appreciation

By showing gratitude, you create a positive environment for the entire Grange, and you boost morale. When a person shows appreciation, they become more personable, relatable, and approachable. The result? A strong, unified team of people with shared values who are all driven toward the same purpose.

10. Follow Positive People and Media

You are who you follow. It is important that you are fully aware of what you see, read, and hear every day. Whether it's on social media or at work, it is a must for us to only follow and listen to those who will bring positivity and joy to our lives. There's negativity all around us, so it is a must that we aren't part of spreading it, but rather part of the solution.

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.

Debbie Harbin – Addy #603
Roxie Kizanis – Burbank #630
Bernie Games – Matlock #357

Carol Garneau
Moses Lake #1152

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.

Bernie Games – Matlock #357
1 gift card

Carol Garneau – Moses Lake #1152
1 gift card

Ronda Fredrickson – Waller Road #1111
1 gift card

This Contest runs from January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023.
There are many members close to receiving their membership t-shirt or a \$25 gift card.
So, let's get out there and invite our friends and neighbors to join the Grange!



Legislative

2023 State Legislative Session Has Come & Gone *(continued)*

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We also look at concerning bills we seek to amend and provide assistance on going forward. These are some important policy bills that failed to make the cut this year:

- HB 1371 - Providing incentives to improve freight railroad infrastructure.
- HB 1412 - Addressing foreign ownership of agricultural lands.
- HB 1422 - Clarifying that certain reusable packing materials are exempt from sales and use tax.
- HB 1490 - Concerning direct sales of milk.
- HB 1523 - Authorizing agricultural employers to select 12 weeks a year to employ workers for up to 50 hours a week before overtime applies.
- HB 1574 - Supporting Washington agriculture by capturing methane and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- HB 1603 - Creating a location-based promotion program for Washington food and agricultural products.
- HB 1604 - Providing a retroactive business and occupation tax exemption for custom farming.
- SHB 1698 - Providing flexibility for the department of fish and wildlife to collaborate with local governments to manage gray wolves.

The Grange team is always available to answer questions regarding these topics or others. Thanks to all of you who have joined meetings in April to finalize our legislative priorities and handbook heading in to the State Convention. I look forward to seeing you all in Moses Lake next month!

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.

The remaining sessions are as follows:

| FOCUS GROUP | DATE | TIME | FACILITATOR |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| GRANGE MASTERS | Wed, May 31 | 7 p.m. | TOM GWIN, STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT |
| YOUTH FAIRS PROGRAM | Wed, May 3 Wed, June 7 | 7 p.m. 7 p.m. | TOM GWIN, STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT |
| LEGISLATIVE UPDATES FOR ALL GRANGE MEMBERS | Mon, May 1 | 10 a.m. | JESSE TAYLOR, GRANGE LOBBYIST |

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

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Lecturer's Department

State Convention Tips ...

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

Help Wanted

If you are attending Convention in Moses Lake and are not a delegate could you help out in the Lecturer Display area? We are down to just two committee members and really need some help. We need help on Wednesday afternoon starting at 1 PM during judging and especially on Thursday morning from 8 AM - 1 PM for ribbon placement and recording of results. If you are interested, please let me know: Leslie Jo Wells, 360.306.0905 or lesliewells@att.net.

Pomona Contest Results

Please be sure to send me the results of your Pomona Arts & Crafts and Photography Contests as soon as possible after your contest. I need as much time as possible to prepare the master list and entry tags that will be used at the convention.

Contest Entry Check-In

Contest entries from your Pomona contest can be brought to the Lecturer Display area (Bldg A) on Tuesday, June 20th from 2 - 6 PM and on Wednesday, June 21st from 8 AM - 6 PM. When you bring your item(s) to check-in, the only thing that should be attached is the entry tag from the Pomona contest. We will remove that and attach our own tag for the state contest and give you the claim check. Items may be picked up on Saturday, June 24th from 12 Noon - 1:30 PM. Be sure to bring your claim check when you are ready to check out.

Talent Contest

As most of you are aware, we are no longer holding District Talent Contests. If someone, or a group, plan to participate in the Talent Contest they will need to come to the Lecturer display area before 12 PM noon

on Friday the 23rd to sign up and receive a rehearsal time. The categories are still the same - Vocal, Instrumental and Variety. The Talent Contest is scheduled for 8 PM on that Friday evening. If you or your group know ahead of time that you will be entering, I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know that. Tell me Who (a contact name), Grange, Category and what basic equipment you need. You can email me with the info at: lesliewells@att.net. You will still need to check in at the Lecturer area when you get to Convention to get your rehearsal time.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Moses Lake. Be sure to come by the Display area to see how creative our fellow Grangers are.



Leslie Jo Wells

Heirloom Project Readings May, June and July 2023

MAY: "The interests, the social relations and the destiny of man and woman are identical. She was intended by our Creator to be the help meet, companion, and equal of man—the perfecting half added to his hemisphere—thus completing the fully-globed orb of our common humanity; hence, as one, each shares the glory or the shame of the other." *(First Degree; Chaplain)*

JUNE: "Let us remember that no trees bear fruit in autumn which do not blossom in the early summertime. That life may be profitable, laden with good fruits, let all endeavor that youth be studious and virtuous, replete with the blossoms of observation and study - the promise of future wisdom and usefulness." *(Second Degree; Pomona)*

JULY: "Since God placed man on earth, agriculture has existed. There is no occupation that precedes it. Before literature existed, before governments were known, agriculture was the calling of man. And all the fruits of social progress since then grew from the brown soil." *(Installation Ceremony; Installing Officer)*



2023 Convention Info



JUNE 22 - 25, 2023

134th Annual Washington State Grange Convention at the Grant County Fairgrounds, 3953 Airway Dr NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Meal Information

The Central Washington Convention Committee is pleased to be offering professionally catered meals for all Lunches, the Family Living Breakfast and the Celebration Banquet at the 2023 Washington State Convention in Moses Lake. Meal tickets will be packaged and may be picked up at the registration table during convention.

The Lunches and Family Living Breakfast will be catered by members of Menastash Grange #1054. They are offering a different lunch every day that includes a drink and desert.

The catered Celebration Banquet features a main course or your choice of prime rib or chicken.

Please turn in your meal orders and payment by June 1st. Forms and payment can be mailed to Mary Hunt, 1804 RD 14 NE, Coulee City, WA 99115. And please make checks payable to: Central WA District Convention

2023 Convention Hotel/Motel Listings

The Convention Steering Committee is submitting the following list of hotels and motels in the Moses Lake area. The Steering Committee and the Washington State Grange are unable to verify prices or quality of each facility. We have also provided the helpful links that showcase the area that we find useful if you are not familiar with the area.

Quality Inn
449 Melva Lane
Moses Lake WA 98837
(509) 765-8886

Comfort Suites
1700 E Kittleson Rd
Moses Lake WA 98837
(509) 765-3731

Best Western Lakefront Hotel
3000 W Marina Dr
Moses Lake WA 98837
(509) 765-9211

Ramada By Wyndham
1745 E Kittleson Rd
Moses Lake WA 98837
(509) 766-1000

Wingate by Wyndham
1735 E Kittleson Rd
Moses Lake WA 98837
(509) 766-2000

<https://www.vrbo.com>

<https://www.airbnb.com/s/Moses-Lake>

<https://tourgrantcounty.com>

<https://www.moseslake.com>

<https://www.cityofml.com>

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
2300 S Maiers Rd
Moses Lake WA 98837
(509) 766-8000

Fairfield Inn & Suites
2380 S Maiers Road
Moses Lake WA 98837
(509) 765-0500

The Inn at Moses Lake
1741 E Kittleson Rd
Moses Lake WA 98837
(509) 766-7000

2023 Grange Convention
Meal Order Form

Name: _____
Grange: _____
Email: _____
Phone #: _____

Wednesday, June 21st
Lunch _____ x \$15 Each = _____
Loaded Baked Potato Bar**, Fresh Fruit, Drink, & a Sweet Treat.

Thursday, June 22nd
Family Living Breakfast _____ x \$20 Each = _____
Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Eggs, Hashbrowns, Sausage, Pastries, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Juice

Lunch _____ x \$15 Each = _____
BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich**, Coleslaw, Chips, Fresh Fruit, Drink, and a Sweet Treat.

Celebration Banquet
Prime Rib or Chicken, Potato, green beans, salad, roll, drink, desert
Prime Rib _____ x \$30 Each = _____
Chicken _____ x \$30 Each = _____

Friday, June 23rd
Lunch _____ x \$15 Each = _____
Cold Deli Sandwich** (Turkey & Cheddar or Ham & Swiss), Chips, Potato or Macaroni Salad, Drink, and a Sweet Treat.

Saturday, June 24th
Lunch _____ x \$15 Each = _____
Hot Dog or Polish Dog**, Macaroni or Potato Salad, Chips, Drink, and a sweet Treat

** Can Be Substituted For A Green Salad with Ranch or Dairy Free Italian Dressing). Please Note if you would like a substitution.

Ticket Orders must be received by **June 1st**.
Meal tickets will be packaged and may be picked up at the registration table during convention.

Make Checks Payable to: Central WA District Convention
Mail Order Form & Payment to:
Mary Hunt, 1804 RD 14 NE, Coulee City, WA 99115



Resolution E-Mail Sign-Ups

Send us your email at skeller@wa-grange.org to receive the resolutions that have been approved by the state Executive Committee and ready to be presented at the 2023 State Grange Convention in Moses Lake, WA.

2023 Convention Info



2023 State Convention RV Parking

Bring your RV to the 2023 State Convention at the Grant County Fairgrounds Moses Lake, WA. The entire Southfield Campground has been reserved for Grange RVs. The Grange RV rate is \$35 a night no extra fees or taxes. The Southfield campground site has water and 30 amp power. The Southfield Campground is the closest RV parking to the buildings housing all convention activities. Restrooms and showers are located on the grounds. A dump station is available on the fairgrounds on your way out. Please mail your RV reservation form by June 5th to Jonny Pittman, 802 South Pine Street, Warden WA 98857. Please make checks payable to "Central Washington District Grange Convention".

GRANGE CONVENTION RV PARKING RESERVATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Grange Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Arrival _____ # of Nights _____

Please circle your RV hook-up choice: **Water and 30 amp service (\$35 a night)**

Total amount paid: _____ RV License #: _____ Length of RV: _____

Mail by June 5th to: Jonny Pittman, 802 South Pine Street, Warden WA 98857



Washington State Grange Grange Clothing Orders Now Available Online

Pre-order your Grange Gear prior to the Annual Convention.
Start shopping today at
<https://stores.creativeink1.com/wa-grange/shop/home>

Women's Cardigans



Women's & Men's Vests



Clothing can be picked up at Convention or mailed to your home for an additional shipping fee.
Additional items not on the website will also be available at Convention.
Deadline for Convention pick-up order will be June 1st.
Clothing can be ordered after Convention as well but will be mailed to your home.

State Session Committees To Meet Prior To Session

The 134th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange is quickly approaching. The session committees will meet prior to the session via Zoom to review the standing committee reports and resolutions submitted for consideration.

The following committees will meet prior to the session via Zoom:

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| AGRICULTURE | TUES, MAY 30 | 6:30 P.M. |
| AUDITING | TUES, MAY 30 | 2:00 P.M. |
| CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY | WED, MAY 31 | 2:00 P.M. |
| EDUCATION | THURS, JUNE 1 | 6:30 P.M. |
| FISH & WILDLIFE | THURS, JUNE 1 | 2:00 P.M. |
| GRANGE ACTIVITIES | MON, JUNE 5 | 2:00 P.M. |
| GRANGE LAW | TUES, JUNE 6 | 2:00 P.M. |
| HEALTH, HEALTH CARE & SAFETY | TUES, JUNE 6 | 6:30 P.M. |
| NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE | MON, JUNE 5 | 6:30 P.M. |
| STATE LEGISLATIVE | THURS, JUNE 8 | 6:30 P.M. |
| TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY | MON, JUNE 12 | 6:30 P.M. |
| TRANSPORTATION | WED, JUNE 7 | 6:30 P.M. |
| VETERANS AFFAIRS | WED, JUNE 7 | 2:00 P.M. |

The following committees will not meet in advance of the session, but will meet face to face at the session:

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| CREDENTIALS | WED, JUNE 21 | 10:00 A.M. |
| ELECTION | WED, JUNE 21 | 10:30 A.M. |
| CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS | WED, JUNE 21 | 11:00 A.M. |

For those committees meeting prior to the session via zoom, the link for the meeting will be included in your email with the other meeting materials.

Committee appointments for this year's session will be announced in the next issue of the Grange members. All committee members will be notified via email with a packet of items for discussion for their meeting.

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GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY IN ACTION AWARD



submit a minimum one-page written description
of your Grange's grassroots advocacy action
along with at least one photo

Deadline: September 1

More information: bit.ly/23ngadvocacy

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TENTATIVE

Washington State Grange 134th Annual Session Schedule Of Events

**Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, Washington
JUNE 21-24, 2023**

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

| | | |
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| 10:00 am | Set Up | |
| 2:00pm-6:00 pm | Contest Entry Check In – Lecturer, Family Living, Youth, and Junior Departments | Commerical Bldg 4-H Bldg |
| 6:30 pm | Rose Drill Practice – closed event | |

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Western Theme Day – Dress to Impress

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|------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 8:00 am-5:00 pm | Registration Open | Commercial Bldg |
| 8:00 am-6:00 pm | Fifth- & Sixth-Degree Ticket Sales | Commercial Bldg |
| 8:00 am-1:00 pm | Contest Entry Check In – Lecturer, Family Living, Youth, and Junior Departments | Commercial Bldg 4-H Bldg |
| 9:00 am-12:00 pm | State Officer Practice – closed event | |
| 9:00 am | Youth Group Meeting - get acquainted activities - election of youth officers | Agriculture Bldg |
| 10:00 am | Credentials Committee Meeting | Commercial Bldg |
| 10:30 am | Election Committee Meeting | Commercial Bldg |
| 11:00 am | Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting | Commercial Bldg |
| 1:30 pm | Installation of Youth Officers | Agriculture Bldg |
| 2:00 pm | Deputies Meeting | 4-H Bldg |
| 2:30 pm | Delegate Orientation | 4-H Bldg |
| 3:00 pm | Workshops – Session 1 - Grange Hall Insurance, Clouse Insurance - Membership Development, Amanda Brozana-Rios | Commercial Bldg Ag Bldg |
| 3:45 pm | Workshops – Session 2 - Dr. Jim Ogden, Family Living Eyeglass Collections - Using Canva to Create Publicity Items, Brittney Pittman | Commercial Bldg Ag Bldg |
| 4:30 pm | Workshops – Session 3 - Membership Development, Amanda Brozana-Rios - Grange Legislative Process Work For You, Jesse Taylor | Ag Bldg Commerical Bldg |
| 6:30 pm | 5th Degree | 4-H Bldg |
| 7:00 pm | 6th Degree Opening - credential report - adoption of program - exemplification of 6th degree | 4-H Bldg |
| 9:00 pm | Close Session in the 4th degree | |

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Team Day – Support Your Favorite Team

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| 7:00 am | Family Living Breakfast -Family Living Awards | Agriculture Bldg |
| 7:30 am-5:00 pm | Registration Open | Commercial Bldg |
| 8:30 am | Session Opens - credential report - Master/President Address - committee reports - Election of Officers | 4-H Bldg |
| 8:30 am | Youth Group Meeting | Agriculture Bldg |
| 9:00 am-4:00 pm | Junior Grange Activities | Agriculture Bldg |
| 12:00 pm | Session Recess – Lunch | |
| 12:00 pm | Youth Fairs Program Coordinator Meeting | 4-H Bldg |
| 1:00 pm-5:30 pm | Department Displays Open | Commercial Bldg |
| 1:30 pm | Session Reconvenes - credential report - election of officers - committee reports | 4-H Bldg |
| 3:00 pm | National Grange Representative | |
| 5:00 pm | Session Closes in the 4th Degree | |
| 5:05 pm | Convention Group Photo | |
| 6:00 pm | Celebration Banquet - Dinner - Hall Improvement Contest Awards - State Grange Foundation Scholarship Awards - Community Service Awards - Membership Awards - Auction to Benefit Grange Departments | 4-H Bldg |

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

JUNIOR GRANGE RED TENNIS SHOE DAY

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| 8:00 am | Session Opens - final credential report - election of officers - committee reports | 4-H Bldg |
| 8:00 am | Youth Fairs Livestock Judging Contest | Moses Lake Grange Hall |
| 8:00 am-8:00 pm | Registration (non-delegate) Open | Commercial Bldg |
| 8:30 am | Youth Group Meeting | Agriculture Bldg |
| 9:00 am | Department Displays Open (until 7 pm) | Commercial Bldg |
| 9:00 am-4:00 pm | Junior Grange Activities | Agriculture Bldg |
| 11:30 am | Junior Grange Ice Cream Social (until gone) | |
| 12:00 pm | Session Recesses – lunch | |
| 1:30 pm | Youth Public Speaking Contest | Agriculture Bldg |
| 2:00 pm | Session Reconvenes - reading of the minutes - committee reports - election of officers | 4-H Bldg |
| 2:30 pm | Junior Grange Public Speaking Contest | Commercial Bldg |
| 3:00 pm | Youth Group Meeting | Agriculture Bldg |
| 5:00 pm | Session Closes in the 4th Degree | |
| 5:30 pm | Talent Practice – closed to the public | 4-H Bldg |
| 5:30 pm | GROW Club Pizza Dinner (no-host) | TBD |
| 7:30 pm | Doors open for seating | |
| 8:00 pm | Talent Show - talent presentations - winning public speaking presentations - Lecturer Department Awards - Livestock Judging Contest Awards | 4-H Bldg |

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Tropical Day – Fun in the Sun

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| 8:00 am | Session Opening by State Youth Officers - youth awards - raffle drawing - Junior Grange Awards | 4-H Bldg |
| 9:15 am | Business Session Continues - committee reports | |
| 9:30 am | Non-Delegate Workshops - Quilt of Valor program in your Subordinate Grange - Grange Hall Insurance | Commercial Bldg Agriculture Bldg |
| 11:00 am | Quilts of Valor Presentation | |
| 11:45 am | Presentation of the State Grange Leadership Award | |
| 12:00 pm | Session Recesses – Lunch | |
| 12:00 -1:30 pm | Check Out Contest Entries | |
| 1:30 pm | Memorial Service | 4-H Bldg |
| 2:30 pm | Session Reconvenes - reading of the minutes - final committee reports - host committee recognition - invitation for 2024 session | |
| 3:30 pm | Installation of Officers | 4-H Bldg |
| 4:00 pm | Session Reconvenes - any unfinished business | 4-H Bldg |
| 5:00 pm | Closing of the 134th Annual Session in the Fourth Degree | |



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Washington State Grange Foundation Announces Scholarship Awards

The Washington State Grange announces the following scholarship awards for the 2023-2024 academic year. Biographies and photos of the scholarship recipients will be printed in the next issue of the Grange News.

| NAME | GRANGE | AWARD |
|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| ADOLPHSEN, JILL | SEQUIM PRAIRIE 1108 | NORMAN BUCCHOLZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP |
| BOWDISH, NICKOLAS | CENTERVILLE 81 | MARTIN & GRACE FERRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP |
| BROOKS, LEXUS | PROSPECT POINT 1067 | POMONA VILLA SCHOLARSHIP |
| BROOKS, MICHELLE | BEE HIVE 385 | POMONA VILLA SCHOLARSHIP |
| COMPTON, KADINCE | BEE HIVE 385 | KITTLESON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP |
| GOULD, KATHERINE | SEQUIM PRAIRIE 1108 | LONE YEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP |
| HANSON, DELAYNE | OLYMPIC VIEW 774 | MCCLEARY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP |
| JAMES, MINIFANNI | CAMAS VALLEY 842 | RIVERVIEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP |
| JESSOP, COOPER | RIMROCK 941 | HELEN MARIE SNYDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP |
| KLEIN, JULIA | RALSTON 943 | FIDELITY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP |
| KLEIN, SOPHIA | PROSPECT POINT 1067 | BEAR CREEK/HORSESHOE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP |
| LESTER, WYATT | MANSON 796 | DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP |
| MAUER, MITZI | WAITSBURG 1 | POMONA VILLA SCHOLARSHIP |
| MEATS, MEREDITH | FARGHER LAKE 853 | RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP |
| NELSON, LUKE | PROSPECT POINT 1067 | MARION & SNOWIE VANDERPOOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP |
| POLAND, HANNAH | EAST WENATCHEE 1012 | ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP |
| ROIBAL, JACOB | MCINTOSH 1001 | DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP |
| SCARLETT, LINSEY | GREEN BLUFF 300 | FRENCH CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP |
| SCHOTT, CHYANNE | MENASTASH 1054 | NOB HILL GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP |
| SHERLEY, BAILEY | MENASTASH 1054 | KEGLEY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP |
| STOLLER, ALLYSON | FARGHER LAKE 853 | ROCK CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP |
| TAYLOR, RACHEL | MANSON 796 | DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP |
| WATTS, DAKOTA | MENASTASH 1054 | FOX ISLAND GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP |

Portions Of State Grange Session To Be Broadcast Via Zoom

Portions of the 134th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange will be broadcast via Zoom. This will allow Grange members from across the state to attend portions of the session without having to travel to the convention site.

Preliminary plans are to broadcast the following events:

Wednesday, June 21 – membership development workshops

Thursday, June 22 – Master/President Address to the delegates, National Representative Address to the delegates, Presentation of Grange Contest Awards

Friday, June 23 – Tour of the Contest Display Rooms, Youth Public Speaking Contest, Talent Contest, Livestock Judging Contest Awards

Saturday, June 24 – Youth Officer Drill, Junior Grange Awards, Quilt of Valor Presentation, Grange Leadership Award Presentation, Memorial Service, Installation of State Officers

The exact schedule will be printed in June issue of The Grange News.

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## Fruitland Grange Hosts Annual Easter Celebration

Fruitland Grange had a wonderful celebration for the community on March 26 with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was a fun celebration and enjoyable time for families.



## McLane Grange Opens Fundraising Season At Delphi Craft & Swap Meet



The Delphi Craft & Swap Meet opened McLane Grange's 2023 fundraising season April 8th and the Easter Bunny joined us! Vendor Peggy, owner of Nanna's Sweet Treats, wore her costume proudly and was met with smiles from everyone including Blake Benkosky, age 6 and his sister Hailey Benkosky, age 11.

McLane Grange will hold the Delphi Craft & Swap Meet the second Saturday of each month through November, 2023, from 9-3PM, at the Grange Hall, 931 Delphi Rd. SW, 98512. (May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11). The Hall fills with vendors selling their new and pre-owned treasures, including glassware, jewelry, plants, handcrafted items Nana's Sweet Treats, and more! Proceeds from an amazing bake sale go to families in need (sells out fast so come early!). Ample parking available. And please bring your extra eggs cartons and grocery bags for our Food Bank collection.

To sell your art, crafts or pre-owned treasures contact Eladice at 360-970-5325.

## North River Grange Presents Golden Sheaf



North River Grange vice chairman Dan Brown presented Bob & Haldis Sholes with their 50 year Golden Sheaf Certificates at their regular meeting on April 12.

**Visit our Website:**

[www.WA-Grange.org](http://www.WA-Grange.org)



# National Grange News

## A View From The Hill - April 2023 Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**  
National Grange  
Legislative Director

### WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

#### Debt Ceiling Fight Moves Forward

In April, House Republicans offered their first concrete proposal to address the imminent debt ceiling default. The Republican proposal comes in the form of the Limit, Save, and Grow Act, which passed the House this past week. The Act would first address the debt limit default by waiving the debt limit through March 31st, 2024 or until a \$1.5 trillion increase in federal spending occurs, whichever comes sooner. In exchange for raising the debt limit, the proposal includes a variety of Republican legislative priorities which would total a decrease in federal spending of an estimated \$4.5 trillion over the next ten years. This decrease in spending would come from a reset of federal discretionary spending levels to fiscal year 2022, a 1% cap in discretionary spending increases over the next ten years, and a variety of targeted spending cuts.

Targeted spending cuts included in the bill represent a wide range of Republican policy priorities. To start, the bill would rescind an estimated ~\$100 million in unspent COVID funding and prevent President Biden's loan forgiveness executive orders from going into effect. The bill also repeals a variety of clean energy tax credits which were passed last year as part of the Inflation Reduction Act. As well, the removal of these tax credits would increase the deficit, though they are offset by wider spending decreases. Furthermore, the bill would remove increased funding for staffing at the IRS, which would similarly increase the deficit, not decrease it. Finally, the bill would increase work requirements for many federal welfare programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Proposals effecting SNAP could dramatically change dynamics surrounding this year's Farm Bill debates, where nutrition assistance programs are likely to be a hot topic.

Beyond spending cuts, the Republican proposal also includes several elements of the Regulations from the Executive Need Scrutiny (REINS) Act, a long-time conservative priority, and other legislative changes. The REINS Act would target executive branch authorities by requiring that any new regulation which would have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more would have to be approved by both the House and the Senate before it could go into effect. This would represent a dramatic shift in the balance of power

between the executive and legislative branches which has not been seen for decades. As well, other legislative priorities attached to the debt limit increase include proposals to increase domestic oil and gas production and streamlined permitting reform for a variety of infrastructure projects, both of which would increase the deficit.

While the bill has passed the House, this is just a first offering from Congressional Republicans and many of the key elements of the bill are nonstarters for the Democratic Senate and White House. However, with both Republican and Democratic parameters for a debt ceiling increase established, negotiations between the two sides can begin to move towards a compromise.

### AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

#### Milk Price Reform Takes Center Stage

USDA has received conflicting requests from milk producers and dairy processors to address problems with the way producers and processors are compensated through federal milk marketing orders. Milk marketing orders were created about a century ago to establish minimum prices paid to farmers in a particular region and to ensure payments to farmers are accurate and timely. The International Dairy Foods Association filed a petition with USDA that proposes to update formulas used to calculate "make-allowances" which are rough estimates of the cost to turn raw milk into finished dairy products (cheese, Ice cream, yogurt, etc.). The National Milk Producers Federation is pushing for changes in the formula for pricing milk in addition to certain changes in make allowances. The Secretary of Agriculture must decide whether to deny the petition or issue an action plan that would include a 129-day hearing process. It's been 15 years since the formulas for make allowances have been changed, but 23 years since Class I fluid milk prices have been adjusted.

#### Restore Work Requirements for SNAP

Houser Speaker Kevin McCarthy wants to restore and expand Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) work requirements for able-bodied adults in exchange for negotiations with President Biden to raise the nation's debt ceiling. Work requirements were relaxed during the pandemic but are due to go back into full effect May 11 which will require able-bodied people 18 to 49 without dependents to work or be in a training program at least 20 hours a week. House Republicans are looking at expanding the upper

age to 55 and including parents with children over 6.

#### Tracking Foreign Land Purchases

After a three-year gap in the disclosure of foreign purchases of U.S. land, the USDA has doubled the number of staff tracking these transactions and will take another look at past transactions. The department assessed no penalties between 2015 and 2018 and many bipartisan members of Congress want to know the current state of enforcement of the Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act.

#### Emphasis on Local

A bipartisan group of senators and representatives have introduced the Local Farms and Food Act. The bill reforms the Local Agriculture Market Program, the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program, and the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. The aim is to build infrastructure for small and midsize farmers to sell at local markets and provide incentives for low-income households to purchase local foods.

### CONSERVATION / ENVIRONMENT

#### WOTUS Rule Blocked in 26 Additional States

The Biden Administration rule defining "waters of the United States" is no longer in effect in 26 states as the result of a district court injunction issued in mid-April which stated the 2023 rule poses a threat to states' sovereign rights and amounts to irreparable harm. An additional 24 states were covered by an earlier court injunction. Therefore, the WOTUS rule has essentially been set aside nationwide until the Supreme Court issues its decision in the Sackett case which is expected in June.

#### Proposed Emission Regulations to Promote Electric Vehicles

EPA is set to propose new tailpipe emission limits that are the strongest ever federal pollution standards for cars and trucks according to Administrator Michael Regan. The new standards will be difficult to meet unless manufacturers shift more of their sales toward electric vehicles. Regan estimates the new standards will stop 10 billion tons of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere and reduce oil imports by 20 billion barrels.

### HEALTH CARE

#### Judge Strikes Free Preventive Services

A federal Texas judge recently struck down a provision of the Affordable Care Act that requires insurers and employers to cover

preventive services such as cancer screenings and HIV drugs for free. The decision likely jeopardizes access to treatment for approximately 100 million patients who use free preventive services annually. The Biden administration is expected to appeal.

#### Update Prescribing Information for Health Care Providers

The National Grange joined numerous health care industry entities in support of the bipartisan Prescription Information Modernization Act of 2023. The Act enables the distribution of electronic prescribing information which eliminates 8-12 months of preparation and delivery time for paper prescribing information. Prescribing information is complex scientific and technical information specifically for prescribers and pharmacists and is different from labeling information patients receive with prescriptions.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

#### USDA Promotes Rural Internet

The availability of \$20 million from USDA will target broadband technical assistance in rural communities and support the development and expansion of broadband cooperatives. The new Broadband Technical Assistance Program will support feasibility studies, network designs and financial assistance applications. USDA will partner with small towns, local utilities, cooperatives and private companies. Cooperatives must propose projects that support establishment or growth of broadband cooperatives that benefit rural communities. Funding comes from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

#### New Locations Added to Broadband Map

Nearly three million new broadband-serviceable locations have been added to the Federal Communications Commission's nationwide broadband map that indicates where fixed broadband could be installed. In addition, the FCC has processed over four million challenges to broadband availability shown on the first iteration of its map. This second version of the map is expected to be released later this spring. Map accuracy is critical because it will be used to fund projects funded by the \$42.5 billion Broadband Equity, Access and Development (BEAD) program.

### TRANSPORTATION

#### Rail Safety Legislation

The National Grange joined



members of the agriculture input supply chain to support the goal of bipartisan rail safety legislation currently being negotiated between Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee chair Cantwell (D-WA) and ranking member Cruz (R-TX). The prospective bill would:

- Increase rail car inspections and audit requirements
- Add defect detectors to identify defective equipment
- Increase funding for first responder training
- Increase funding for rail safety infrastructure
- Increase funding for tank car research grants

### OF INTEREST

#### Big City Exodus

The retreat from urban centers that began during the pandemic is continuing. From 2020 to 2022, over two million people fled America's largest cities. Only a fresh influx of immigrants saved big cities from even more dramatic population declines, according to the Economic Innovation Group, a bipartisan public policy organization. The historic exodus, combined with chronic office vacancies and surging crime, could pose profound challenges for America's large cities. One large scale survey released last year found that nineteen million people planned to move because of telework.

#### How Will the IRS Spend Its \$80 Million Funding Boost?

A large-scale refurbishment of the Internal Revenue Service is underway following an \$80 billion infusion to the agency in last year's Inflation Reduction Act. According to the Treasury Department's operating plan, the money will be spent over the next decade to hire tens of thousands of new employees, upgrade technology and expand its data and analytics capabilities. IRS objectives will be to restore a depleted IRS staff, crack down on tax evasion, close the "tax gap" (uncollected taxes), and boost compliance and analysis.



# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## Juniors

### Looking For Volunteers For The Convention

By Heather Ferguson  
Junior Grange Director

It's that time of year where I have a Convention To-Do list a mile long. Which is usually a lot of fun but I am in the middle of moving and cannot remember which box things were packed in. I will get it all done one way or another and we will have a fabulous time. We have a lot of fun activities and crafts planned along with a pizza party for all of our participants.

Sadly, I have received news that some of our Juniors are still in school and will not be able to

attend convention. If you are in this situation, we will miss you. Just keep in mind you can join us at anytime on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. We would love to see you, even if it is just for the last day. On the flip side of that if you know how many Juniors will be attending from your Grange I would love to know, give me a call at 503-307-7951. It is always hard to plan for our Juniors not knowing how many will attend.

Remember that any Junior can enter arts or crafts in the Junior contest. They do not need to win at a Lecturers or Family Living contest. The Junior display area will

be located in the large exhibit hall. If you have items to enter just look for the red table cloths. Please double check that each entry has a label with the Juniors Name, Grange and Age. All the exhibits can be picked up Saturday afternoon. If you need them before that just let me know.

I am always looking for help with the ice cream social, public speaking contest (judges) and setting up exhibits. If you are interested in helping, I would love to have you, give me a call at the number above. As always Thank You for all of the support you give to the Juniors.



Heather Ferguson

## Youth

### Summer Grange Youth Activities On The Horizon

By Jerry Gwin  
State Youth Director

Thank you to those Granges who quickly sold their youth raffle tickets and returned them. Be sure to send the completed ticket stubs with the payment. If additional tickets are needed, you can contact either me or the State Grange Office. We still have tickets available.

The youth activities at the upcoming State Grange Session will begin on the morning of Wednesday, June 21. We will start with get acquainted activities and the selection of our state youth officer team. We are planning on a full schedule, which will include:

- **Wednesday, June 21** – Fifth and Seventh Degree Exemplification
- **Thursday, June 22** – Celebration Banquet and Department Auction
- **Friday, June 23** – Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contests
- **Saturday, June 24** – Youth Officers Will Open the State Grange Session

Additional information will be next month's column.

Please note contestants in the Horizon Youth Leadership/Ambassador Program, the Sign-a-Song Contest, and those entering prepared speeches in the Public Speaking Contest should notify me of your intent to enter by June 1.

Entries of educational posters will be on Tues, June 20, 2-5 pm, and on Wed, June 21, 8-11 a.m. in the Commercial Building at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake. After judging, entries will be on display beginning at 12 p.m. on Thurs, June 22. Entries will be released after the talent show on Friday night or on Saturday beginning at 12 p.m.

We are looking forward to a great convention for the youth department.



Jerry Gwin

### Grange Youth Fairs Program Integrates Into State Grange Annual Convention

To integrate the Grange Youth Fairs Program into the traditional Grange organization, we will be offering a variety of activities to the Annual State Grange Session that will be of interest to our youth and the Grange as a whole.

The activities focusing on this new group of Grange members includes a Livestock Judging Contest, Public Speaking Contest, and the Educational Poster Contest.

#### Livestock Judging Contest

This event will be held on Friday, June 23 at 8 a.m. at the Moses Lake Grange Hall, 14724 Road 3 SE, Moses Lake. Grange members will utilize their decision-making skills to compete with other Grange members for individual and team awards. Grange members will judge 7-8 classes of livestock animals – beef, sheep, swine, and goats. Oral reasons will be given on one of the classes. Individual awards will be given to the top individuals in each age division: 5-7 years, 8-10 years, 11-13 years, and 14-19 years. Team awards will be awarded to the top

five teams. Teams may be mixed age divisions and must be registered before the start of the contest. As an added attraction, adults over 19 years of age may participate and compete with other adults for individual awards only.

#### Public Speaking Contest

This is a part of the Youth Department's Annual Public Speaking Contest. Prepared speeches will be given at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 23. The first place winners will represent our state at the regional contest in late July in Sacramento, CA. Rules for the public speaking contest may be found in the State Grange Program Handbook.

#### Grange Youth Educational Poster Contest

All Grange Youth members, ages 5-19, may submit educational posters to compete for cash prizes. Each poster will be judged and the top three will receive cash awards. There are three classes in each age group: animal related topics, plant

related topics, and other topics. Entries are due on June 20-21 to the Commercial Building at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake. After completion of judging, ribbons will be attached and the entries displayed. Checkout of entries is after the talent show on June 23 or at 12 noon on June 24.

Any Grange Youth member, ages 5-19, may participate in these programs. It is not necessary to be a member of a Grange Youth Fairs Program.

Complete rules may be found in the State Grange Program Handbook, found online at [www.wa-grange.com](http://www.wa-grange.com).

These activities and other youth fairs program topics are discussed on the monthly Youth Fairs Program Update, held via Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Logon information is on the front page of the State Grange website.

## Junior Connection

#### HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange sewed pillowcases, made herbal flavored vinegars, and canned jam and pickles at their activity day on April 4. Members are preparing their entries for the Grange Contests. We will be placing flags in the Humptulips and Quinault Cemeteries for Memorial Day.

### Five Mile Prairie Grange Hosts Easter Bunny Breakfast



Five Mile Prairie Grange #905 served their annual Pancakes with the Easter Bunny breakfast in April. Families always enjoy getting pictures with the Easter Bunny!

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

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# Washington State Grange Salutes The Class Of 2023



The Washington State Grange salutes our college and high school graduates for a job well done! Best of luck in the career path you have chosen.



**Jill Elizabeth Adolpsen**  
Sequim Prairie Grange  
Sequim High School and  
Olympic Peninsula Academy



**Nick Bowdish**  
Centerville Grange  
Goldendale High School



**Oliver Clark Eades**  
Baw Faw Grange  
WF West High School



**Katherine Gould**  
Sequim Prairie Grange  
Sequim High School



**Delayne Hanson**  
Olympic View Grange  
Elma High School  
Grays Harbor College  
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**Jacob Lyle**  
Columbia Valley Grange  
Pullman High School



**Jasmine Taylor Ogden**  
Sunnyside Grange  
Central Washington University  
Columbia Burbank High School



**Hannah Ziegler**  
Steele Lake Highline Grange  
Washington State University  
Bachelor of Arts Degree  
in Strategic Communications  
with a Sports Management minor





# Home & Family

## Time To Prepare For The Upcoming Convention

By Helen Berg  
Family Living Director

As many of you have had your contests you may have noticed there are some errors on the report forms. I would like to apologize for the mix-up on the contest report forms. I made the changes to the program but failed to make the changes on the report forms. Baking seems to be the worst. Please change the Lots to letters rather than numbers.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Jim and Eileen Moebius to the Family Living team. They are members of Elk Plain Grange

in Pierce County. They are great workers and love the Grange. If you are in their area be sure to avail yourselves of their help. Eileen is a past State Director and Jim has been her right hand man. They were great help to me last year in Puyallup. Welcome to both of you.

For those of you who are attending the Convention in Moses Lake this June don't forget to come to the bake sale auction in the Family Living area on Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. There will be lots of great foods to satisfy your taste buds. Our regular bake sale will follow with the remaining

entries put out for donation. All proceeds go to the Family Living budget.

As you are preparing for the Convention don't forget to bring your auction items. Be sure to make a visible list of what is in the basket. I plan on having a sale table again this year so if you have some small items to contribute bring them with you. Thank you in advance.

Family Living breakfast is Thursday the 22nd at 7a.m. I know it is early, however I know it will be delicious.

See you in Moses Lake.



Helen Berg



## Dial Up Flavor With A Warm Weather Favorite

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Turn up the heat and spice your way to delicious warm-weather recipes by using subtle ingredients that bring out bold flavors in your favorite foods. Adding a taste-enhancing option to your repertoire, like Tajín Mild Hot Sauce – can make your summer get-togethers the talk of the neighborhood.

Bringing a touch of heat to summer cookouts can be a breeze with mild hot sauces added to dishes like these Spiced Pork Ribs, which can be created start-to-finish in the oven or taken outside to sear on the grill. Just a handful of ingredients are required to season the ribs to spicy perfection before wrapping them in foil and letting your oven do the work.

Find more recipes that crank up the heat this summer by visiting [Tajin.com/us](http://Tajin.com/us).

## Spiced Pork Ribs

Total time: 3 hours, 10 minutes

Servings: 6

### Ingredients:

- 2 racks (about 4 pounds) baby back ribs
- 1/4 cup Tajín Clásico Seasoning
- 1/4 cup Tajín Mild Hot Sauce, plus additional for serving, divided
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- lime wedges, for serving
- mashed potatoes or steamed rice, for serving (optional)

Rub ribs with seasoning. Marinate at least 4 hours or overnight in refrigerator.

Preheat oven to 300 F. Combine hot sauce, oil and brown sugar; brush over both rib racks. Line baking sheet with double layer of aluminum foil with enough overhang to wrap foil around ribs.

Lay ribs, bone side down, on foil-lined baking sheet. Wrap foil around ribs and seal. Place on baking sheet. Fill large baking dish or roasting pan with 2 inches of boiling water. Place on lower oven rack to keep ribs moist as they bake. Place ribs on middle oven rack. Bake 2 1/2-3 hours, or until meat is tender and just starting to fall off bone.

Preheat broiler. Unwrap ribs and place on foil-lined baking sheet. Broil 4-6 minutes on middle oven rack, or until lightly charred and caramelized.

Serve with lime wedges and additional hot sauce. Serve with mashed potatoes or steamed white rice, if desired.

## Issaquah Valley Granger Ginger Sweet Donates Hundreds Of Crocheted Items

Ginger Sweet, an outstanding community service volunteer and member of Issaquah Valley Grange #581 showed some of the baby afghans and hundreds of kids' hats that she has crocheted to fellow Grangers Marjorie Steffin and Joanne Isacksoned at our April meeting. She donates them to Eastside Baby Corner which is headquartered in Issaquah but supports child services throughout King and Snohomish counties.



## File Mile Prairie Grange Donates Dictionaries To Third Grade Students



Five Mile Prairie Grange presented dictionaries to the third graders at Prairie View Elementary (left) and at Skyline Elementary (right). The principal at Prairie View presented us with a Proclamation!

## Calispel Grange Says Thank You With Quilt

Each year at Pend Oreille County Fair time Calispel Grange asks for prize donations from the community for our Bingo Booth fund raiser. This spring we decided to thank another generous member of our community. Greg Seeber was treated to a luncheon and a quilt representing what he loves. Greg's family business has generously offered gift certificates for prizes for our booth each year. The celebration was attended by Greg Seeber's family, friends, and our own Calispel Grange members. The quilt was made by Patti Monk and quilted by Kathryn Hartley.



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 many ventures, one encourage working cooperative venture with others while that still exists today -

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# Agricultural Fairs Attract Grange Participation

Grangers across the state are busy designing displays, planning menus, and sponsoring activities at the various youth shows and community, county, and state fairs. Each of the fairs is operated by volunteers and staff members to assist in promoting the agricultural industry in our state.

The first few fairs of the year were completed in March and April. This included the North Central WA Junior Livestock Show, the Whatcom County Youth Fair, the WA State Spring Fair, the St. John Community Fair, the Northwest Junior Livestock Show, the Enumclaw Junior Dairy Show, and the Asotin County Fair.

The remaining schedule for this year's fairs is:

| Date                   | Fair                                     | Location             | Grange Youth Participation |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| April 30-May 3         | Central Washington Junior Livestock Show | Toppenish            |                            |
| May 3-6                | Junior Livestock Show of Spokane         | Spokane              |                            |
| May 5-7                | Southwest WA Spring Youth Fair           | Chehalis             | Yes                        |
| May 11-14              | Milton-Freewater Junior Livestock Show   | Milton-Freewater, OR | Yes                        |
| June 1-3               | Puget Sound Junior Livestock Show        | Lynden               |                            |
| June 3-4               | Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show          | Waitsburg            |                            |
| June 23-25             | WA State Junior Horse Show               | Yakima               |                            |
| July 13-15             | Kalama Community Fair                    | Kalama               |                            |
| July 13-16             | King County Fair                         | Enumclaw             |                            |
| July 14-15             | Northwest Junior Sheep Expo              | Moses Lake           |                            |
| July 19-22             | West Valley Community Fair               | Wiley City           |                            |
| July 20-22             | Castle Rock Fair                         | Castle Rock          |                            |
| July 26-29             | Cowlitz County Fair                      | Longview             |                            |
| July 26-30             | Thurston County Fair                     | Lacey                |                            |
| July 27-30             | Whidbey Island Fair                      | Langley              |                            |
| July 29                | Silvana Community Fair                   | Silvana              |                            |
| August 2-5             | Grays Harbor County Fair                 | Elma                 | Yes                        |
| August 4-6             | Stanwood-Camano Community Fair           | Stanwood             |                            |
| August 4-13            | Clark County Fair                        | Ridgefield           | Yes                        |
| August 9-12            | Skagit County Fair                       | Mount Vernon         |                            |
| August 9-12            | Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo             | Grandview            |                            |
| August 10-13           | Pierce County Fair                       | Graham               |                            |
| August 10-19           | Northwest Washington Fair                | Lynden               |                            |
| August 11-12           | Valley Community Fair                    | Valley               |                            |
| August 11-13           | Jefferson County Fair                    | Port Townsend        |                            |
| August 14-19           | Grant County Fair                        | Moses Lake           | Yes                        |
| August 15-20           | Southwest Washington Fair                | Chehalis             |                            |
| August 16-19           | San Juan County Fair                     | Friday Harbor        |                            |
| August 16-19           | Skamania County Fair & Timber Carnival   | Stevenson            |                            |
| August 16-20           | Klickitat County Fair                    | Goldendale           |                            |
| August 17-19           | Wahkiakum County Fair                    | Skamokawa            |                            |
| August 17-20           | Clallam County Fair                      | Port Angeles         |                            |
| August 17-20           | Pend Oreille County Fair                 | Cusick               |                            |
| August 22-26           | Benton Franklin Fair                     | Kennewick            | Yes                        |
| August 23-26           | Pacific County Fair                      | Menlo                |                            |
| August 23-27           | Kitsap County Fair & Stampede            | Bremerton            |                            |
| August 24-26           | Lincoln County Fair                      | Davenport            |                            |
| August 24-27           | North Central Washington Fair            | Waterville           | Yes                        |
| August 24-27           | Northeast Washington Fair                | Colville             | Yes                        |
| August 24-September 3  | Evergreen State Fair                     | Monroe               |                            |
| August 25-27           | Clayton Community Fair                   | Clayton              |                            |
| August 26-27           | Lacamas Community Fair                   | Roy                  |                            |
| August 30-September 3  | Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days         | Walla Walla          | Yes                        |
| August 31-September 3  | Wheat Land Communities Fair              | Ritzville            |                            |
| August 31-September 3  | Kittitas County Fair                     | Ellensburg           | Yes                        |
| September 1-3          | Ferry County Fair                        | Republic             | Yes                        |
| September 1-24         | Washington State Fair                    | Puyallup             |                            |
| September 1-24         | Washington State 4-H Fair                | Puyallup             |                            |
| September 1-24         | Washington State FFA Exhibition          | Puyallup             |                            |
| September 1-24         | Washington Junior Poultry Exposition     | Puyallup             |                            |
| September 7-9          | Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show     | Connell              | Yes                        |
| September 7-10         | Chelan County Fair                       | Cashmere             | Yes                        |
| September 7-10         | Okanogan County Fair                     | Okanogan             |                            |
| September 7-10         | Palouse Empire Fair                      | Colfax               |                            |
| September 8-10         | Columbia County Fair                     | Dayton               |                            |
| September 8-17         | Spokane Interstate Fair                  | Spokane Valley       |                            |
| September 13-16        | Othello Fair                             | Othello              | Yes                        |
| September 15-17        | Garfield County Fair                     | Pomeroy              |                            |
| September 22-24        | Southeast Spokane County Fair            | Rockford             |                            |
| September 22-October 1 | Central Washington State Fair            | Yakima               |                            |



# Grange Connection

## GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

**Humptulips Grange** had "Casserole Night" on April 14. Each Grange family made a casserole to share for dinner prior to our business meeting. We welcomed three new members into our Grange that evening. The Grange Food Bank served 78 families in March. Our numbers are continuing to increase each month. We will have our last bingo event of the season on May 6. We also scheduled a work party to prune our "out of control" shrubbery for May 6 at 12 p.m. We will host the Pomona Grange Contests on May 12 and the Pomona Business Meeting on May 13.

## KING COUNTY

**Cedar Grange** has reinstated its third Sunday of the month breakfast event. We have not had a pancake breakfast since Covid - and we still haven't. Due to a reduction in both Grange members and breakfast attendees, who have either moved on or passed on, a big breakfast is just not possible now for us, nor are we sure of attendance. So, our modified breakfast gathering to Coffee and Doughnuts, with fruit also available. We kicked off in February, and although attendance has been modest, it has been slowly growing each month. A few long time community members have mentioned how much they enjoy gathering at the Grange again - and the very building itself seems happy: clean, shiny, with the smell of hot coffee wafting overhead rows of set tables. We are keeping our fingers crossed that attendance continues to grow and holding the event will remain viable. In other good news, we also had two new members join earlier in the year. Things are looking up! Breaking News: A third new member (who attended our coffee & doughnuts gathering on Sunday) signed up at our April 19th meeting!

## PIERCE COUNTY

**Fruitland Grange** had a wonderful celebration for the community on March 26 with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was a fun celebration and enjoyable time for families.

Our Annual Spring Bazaar and Craft Sale was held on April 1st with typical spring-like weather for the Pacific Northwest. It rained, it hailed, it sun shined and then did it all over again. Attendance was wonderful despite the weather. Our next bazaar and craft sale is July 22nd.

A Bingo Night was held on April 19th, which was open to all ages. Kids

are loving this Bingo game time. Prizes are geared towards both adults and age appropriate for the children. It's a fun, safe, family event.

Summer classes for food preservation are scheduled. These occur on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Focus topics are: May 24 - Canning Basics; June 28 - Low/No Sugar Canning; July 26 - Pickling and Fermenting; August 9 - Dehydration; August 30 - Canning Salsa and Fruit. These are all free classes taught by a Master Food Preserver. The class is instruction and part demonstration showing how to properly prepare food safe products. This is also a great boost for the Canning and Food Preservation contests held each year

## SPOKANE COUNTY

**Five Mile Prairie Grange** served their annual Pancakes with the Easter Bunny breakfast on April 8th. Families always enjoy getting pictures with the Easter Bunny!

We presented dictionaries to the third graders at Prairie View Elementary and at Skyline Elementary. The principal at Prairie View presented us with a Proclamation!

We presented 20 handmade quilts to Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. Every child who is admitted for an overnight stay goes home with a quilt or blanket, a handmade pillowcase and a new stuffed animal.

Next month we are hosting a public presentation entitled, Mind Your Health .

Five Mile Prairie Grange is excited to host this public presentation and to introduce the founder of local nonprofit Light A Lamp and two lead members. Light A Lamp founder Angella Southerly will explain the nonprofit's goals and give details about their program that provides mental health support in our schools. Krystal Allison will bravely share what Project Lift Up means to her and why this program is important to her on a personal level and Jane Beeson (aka Mrs. Spokane) will speak on her involvement in the community and share her story from a parent's point of view. We are also honored to have Staci Cornwell a licensed mental health clinician and the Mental Health Coordinator for the Mead School District. Staci will be speaking about the importance of connection, a sense of belonging, problem-solving skills, relationships, and community, and will include some of the strategies used by the Mead School District to create resilient, future ready youth. For those

unable to join us in-person, the event will be streamed live on our Facebook page, Five Mile Prairie Grange #905.

**Green Bluff Grange's** Open House on April 4 was another fun community event with Jr. Grange leader, Stevie, having a table with Jr. Grange info plus member Phil having kiddos make a rope on his rope machine; crafty Laurie having Green Bluff, WA mugs for sale; an informational Grange table for people to view; and our annual Pie Auction, which totaled \$737 for the Grange. May 2 is our Sourdough Starter presentation for the community. May 28 is the next "All you can eat Pancake Breakfast." Spokane County Grange Contests judging will be May 20. Congratulations to our scholarship recipients: Keeli Holestine \$2000, Linsey Scarlett \$1800, and Taylor Jackson \$600. Our Grange community events are on the 1st Tuesdays and meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm each month. The summer edition of the Green Bluff Gazette will be available in May. Our Green Bluff Grange is the front cover.

## STEVENS COUNTY

**Camas Valley Grange** had a well attended meeting in April. Irene has completed the raffle quilt top. There are some quilt tops for veterans, current military, and first responders ready to tie. The Haunted House area will be completely remodeled this summer. The Kiddie Carnival and Kreepy Kafe will be discussed at future meetings. Groups and/or individuals have already reserved the Grange Hall a number of times for various events, including Bingo on the first Saturday in May and in June. Grange members are already volunteering for the Showcase In The Park on the third Saturday in July. The annual Memorial service and recognition of those that have been grange members at least 25 years will be at the May 8 meeting.

## THURSTON COUNTY

**South Union Grange** met on Monday April 17 for their regular monthly meeting. Pam Mathews and Christie Vintilo were elected delegates to this year's Washington State Grange convention. Topics of discussion at the meeting included heating system replacement, the April 28-29 garage sale, and the April 21 Boston Tea Party & Colonial School event. The next meeting will be held on Monday May at 7 pm.

with 31 purple ribbons awarded.

## GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange will meet on May 13 at the Humptulips Grange Hall. Contest entries for all contests except baking and candy will be due on Friday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The business meeting will include the awarding of partial camperships to attend Junior Grange Camp. We will also make plans for the Grays Harbor County Fair, scheduled August 2-5 in

Elma.

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY POMONA

Snohomish County Pomona is holding their Lecturer and Family Living contests at the Garden City Grange Hall, 800 2nd St, Snohomish. Submit entries for Arts, Crafts and Photography on Thursday May 18 between 10AM and 2PM. For additional information or earlier entry time, please contact Cathy, Pomona Lecturer at 360-348-6346. Family

## 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.**

|                                        |                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CHELAN</b> .....                    | May 20 at Chumstick, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.                                                                                              |
| <b>CLALLAM</b> .....                   | July 11 at Fairview, 4 p.m.                                                                                                                         |
| <b>CLARK</b> .....                     | May 10 at Manor, 7 p.m.<br>Next meeting is June 14 at Manor.                                                                                        |
| <b>COWLITZ/<br/>WAHAKIUM</b> .....     | May 20 at Grays River, 1 p.m. potluck, meeting to follow.                                                                                           |
| <b>EXCELSIOR</b> .....                 | May 20 at Enterprise, 10:30 a.m.<br>Will hold baking contest. Lecturer and Family Living contests will be May 19 at Williams Valley.                |
| <b>GRAYS HARBOR/<br/>PACIFIC</b> ..... | May 13 at Humptulips, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and Family Living contest entries due on May 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.                 |
| <b>ISLAND</b> .....                    | June 3 at Deer Lagoon, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. All contest entries due.                                                                   |
| <b>KING</b> .....                      | May 13 at East Hill, 10 a.m.<br>All food contest entries due at 9 a.m.                                                                              |
| <b>KLICKITAT</b> .....                 | September 9 at Glenwood.                                                                                                                            |
| <b>LEWIS</b> .....                     | May 6 at Lincoln Creek, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.<br>Next meeting is August 5 at Logan Hill.                                                 |
| <b>MASON</b> .....                     | May 13 at Skokomish, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.                                                                                              |
| <b>PEND OREILLE</b> .....              | June 3 at Camden.                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>PIERCE</b> .....                    | May 6 at McMillin, 10 a.m. Degree Day/Potluck. Craft and Photography contest entries due.<br>Next meeting is June 3 at Ohop with Elk Plain hosting. |
| <b>SKAGIT</b> .....                    | June 7 at Summit Park, 6:30 p.m.                                                                                                                    |
| <b>SNAKE RIVER</b> .....               | May 20 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SNOHOMISH</b> .....                 | May 20 at Garden City, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.                                                                                            |
| <b>SPOKANE</b> .....                   | May 20 at Five Mile Prairie, 9 a.m.                                                                                                                 |
| <b>STEVENS</b> .....                   | July 22 at Quillisascut, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.                                                                                          |
| <b>THURSTON</b> .....                  | June 1 at South Bay, 7 p.m.<br>Will include flower arranging contest.                                                                               |
| <b>WHATCOM</b> .....                   | June 20 at Laurel, 6 p.m. potluck, meeting to follow.                                                                                               |
| <b>WHITMAN</b> .....                   | May 20 at North & South Palouse, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.<br>Will hold Lecturer and Family Living Contests.                                |
| <b>YAKIMA VALLEY</b> .....             | July 10 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.                                                                                               |

## Pomona Connection

### COWLITZ/WAHAKIUM POMONA

Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona will meet on Saturday, May 20 at the Grays River Grange Hall on State Route 4 W. in Grays River. The program will be the Memorial Service. We will start with a potluck luncheon at 1 p.m. There will not be a Pomona Meeting in June or July. Grange contests were held on April 14 at the Catlin Grange Hall. The Family Living Department had 52 entries, with 13 purple ribbons awarded. The Lecturer Department has 60 entries,

Living Contest entries for sewing, needlework and quilting contest will be accepted on Friday May 19 between 9AM and 12 Noon.

### THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona met on April 6 at Violet Prairie Grange for their monthly meeting. The meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner. The baking and candy contest was held. After judging, those in attendance were able to bid on the entries in a lively

auction. The next meeting will be held on June 1 at South Bay Grange at 7:00, and the flower arranging contest will be held at the meeting. Upcoming events for Thurston County Pomona include the annual picnic at 2 pm on July 9 at the Nelson Ranch, and a Veterans' Appreciation event at South Union Grange on July 23. The county-wide Silver Star and Golden Sheaf recognition event is scheduled for August 13 at 2 pm at Violet Prairie Grange.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

# Upcoming State Grange Events

**Scheduled events may be either cancelled or postponed. Please call prior to the event to confirm.**

- MAY 3** ..... Youth Fairs Program Zoom Meeting Update, 7 p.m.
- MAY 22** ..... Last Day to Receive Resolutions for Consideration at the 2023 State Grange Session
- MAY 24** ..... Session Committee Chairs Meeting (via Zoom), 6:30 p.m.
- MAY 25** ..... State Grange Executive Committee Meeting (via Zoom), 6 p.m.
- MAY 30** ..... Session Audit Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.
- MAY 30** ..... Session Agriculture Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- MAY 31** ..... Session Conservation & Ecology Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.
- MAY 31** ..... Q & A With the State Grange President – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- JUNE 1** ..... Session Fish & Wildlife Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.
- JUNE 1** ..... Session Education Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- JUNE 2-4** ..... Grange Camper Association Camp Out and Fun Rally at Ocean Shores
- JUNE 5** ..... Session Grange Activities Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.
- JUNE 5** ..... Session National Legislative Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- JUNE 6** ..... Session Grange Law Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.
- JUNE 6** ..... Session Health, Health Care & Safety Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

- JUNE 7** ..... Session Veteran's Affairs Committee Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.
- JUNE 7** ..... Session Transportation Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.
- JUNE 7** ..... Youth Fair Program Monthly Zoom Meeting Update, 7 p.m.
- JUNE 8** ..... Session State Legislative Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- JUNE 12** ..... Session Taxation & Fiscal Policy Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- JUNE 21-24** ..... Washington State Grange 134th Annual Session at Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake
- JULY 9-14** ..... Wooten Junior Grange Camp, near Dayton
- JULY 9-15** ..... Morehead Junior Grange Camp, near Ocean Park
- JULY 16-22** ..... Mayfield Junior Grange Camp, near Mossyrock
- JULY 23-28** ..... Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp, near Anacortes
- JULY 27-30** ..... Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference at Sacramento, CA
- AUGUST 13-18** ..... Camp David Junior Grange Camp, near Port Angeles
- NOVEMBER 14-18** ..... 157th Annual National Grange Convention, Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

## Fargher Lake Grange Hosts Tree Sale

Over the weekend of April 22 and 23, Fargher Lake Grange held their annual tree sale. It was a huge success, with members from the community lined up to purchase trees. The Grange had a variety of fruit trees, some decorative trees, a wide variety of berry bushes, fir, pine, and spruce trees. Junior and Youth Grangers made planters and had their own area for the community to see their workshop and support them. The tree sale is Fargher Lake Grange's biggest fundraiser. It is also a wonderful way for the community to reconnect with each other.

Preparation for the sale starts with digging a ditch for the trees to rest in, and then bringing in donated sawdust for them. Master Jim Lester brings his tractor in, so digging the ditch is a little easier. Next, the gathering of the trees and bushes that will be for sale. Then members go and pick up the trees (a huge job), while other members prepare for the labeling process. Junior and Youth Grangers helped the other members of the Grange; it is truly a project for the entire Grange. Once the labels are written members start to label the trees. This entire process is done no matter what the weather as the trees have to be put into the ditch, and their bare roots covered with sawdust. One day it poured down rain and members got soaked.

Once the trees are prepared for sale, the Grange members celebrate with a pizza lunch. Members Heidi Zimmerman, Jim Lester, Vickie Gilmour, Mike Gilmour, Trevor Davis, Sam Arola and Larry Goble worked especially hard to ensure the success of the sale. But all the members should be congratulated for a job well done. This is a perfect example of a group of people working together to make a project not only a success but something the community looks forward to.



## Green Bluff Junior Grange Sponsors A Community-Wide Clean Trash Pick Up



Green Bluff Jr. Grange hosted our 10th Annual Keep Green Bluff Clean Trash Pick Up! Former Green Bluff Jr Grange member, Braden Donough, proposed and implemented the event back in 2013! We had around 20 participants this year going around Green Bluff and collecting trash, which is then picked up by Spokane County. BECU sends a handful of their volunteers to help out too! It's truly a community event for all...Jr. Grange, Grange, neighbors and other community members!

## Malo Grange Hosts Easter Egg Hunt



Malo Grange held an Easter Egg Hunt in April. (Left) On the run to gather those eggs! (Right) Helping sort the loot!

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