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Christmas Comes to Grange Communities Across Washington

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INSIDE: Holiday Memories From Washington Granges



Additional photos are on pages 6 and 7.

Pictured above: James Brouillard checks out his present from Santa at South Union Grange's annual Christmas celebration on December 9.

Pictured left: Violet Prairie Grange had a booth at the Winterfest event in Tenino selling Christmas items for the second year in a row.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

- JANUARY 11**Leadership Conference, Skookumchuck Grange Hall, Thurston County, 6 p.m.
- JANUARY 12**Leadership Conference, Sharon Grange Hall, Grays Harbor County, 12 p.m.
- JANUARY 12**Leadership Conference, Catlin Grange Hall, Cowlitz County, 6 p.m.
- JANUARY 13**Leadership Conference, Barberton Grange Hall, Clark County, 12 p.m.
- JANUARY 14**State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
- JANUARY 18**Leadership Conference, Edgewood Grange Hall, Pierce County, 6 p.m.
- JANUARY 19**Leadership Conference, Tualco Grange Hall, Snohomish County, 12 p.m.
- JANUARY 19**Leadership Conference, Fredonia Grange Hall, Skagit County, 6 p.m.
- JANUARY 20**Leadership Conference, Orcas Island Grange Hall, San Juan County, 1 p.m.
- JANUARY 21**Leadership Conference, Sequim Prairie Grange Hall, Clallam County, 12 p.m.
- JANUARY 21**Leadership Conference, Crystal Grange Hall, Kitsap County, 6 p.m.
- JANUARY 29**Grange Legislative Day at Olympia
- FEBRUARY 1**Leadership Conference, Eddy's Restaurant in Colfax, Whitman County, 6 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 2**Leadership Conference, Clayton Grange Hall, Stevens County, 12 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 2**Leadership Conference, Moran Prairie Grange Hall, Spokane County, 6 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 8**Leadership Conference, Terrace Heights Grange Hall, Yakima County, 6 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 9**2019 Convention Kick Off Meeting at Brewster
- FEBRUARY 9**Leadership Conference, Brewster Grange Hall, Okanogan County, following convention kick-off meeting
- FEBRUARY 10**Leadership Conference, Chelan County, location to be announced, 12 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 10**Leadership Conference, Moses Lake (O'Sullivan) Grange Hall, Grant County, 6 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 11**Leadership Conference, Kennewick Valley Grange Hall, Benton County, 6 p.m.
- APRIL 1**Application for WA State Grange Scholarships Due
- APRIL 23**Intersessions Committee Meetings at Olympia
- JUNE 26-29**130th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange at Okanogan County Fairgrounds

By-Laws

Bryant Grange #791 will vote to amend their by-laws at their regular meeting on January 10, 2019 regarding the day and time of their monthly meeting.

Eye On Membership

Has Your Grange Made Its Resolution For This Year?



Cecelia Hamilton



John Hamilton

By Cecelia & John Hamilton
Membership Directors

Happy New Year to all and Best wishes being sent your way as we embark upon a brand new year filled with opportunities to grow. This is the time of year in which some of us make a resolution for ourselves in order to improve or better our lives. Whether it is eating healthier, to lose weight, quit smoking or some other life changing goal. With this in mind,has your Grange made its resolution for this year? Have your members discussed how you can come together to make a change for success? Perhaps how you plan to bring in new members and in doing so how will you engage those new members so that they feel welcome and can participate comfortably in your activities and service to your communities?

Soon we will be sharing our 2019 Membership Program information with Grangers across our state and as we gather for Leadership Conferences we look forward to visiting with many of you once again. We are anxious to discuss some of the current membership opportunities as well as learning new and

exciting activities that you have put into action to grow your Grange. We will try our best to answer questions, as well as inviting you to take part in sharing the challenges and successes many of us encounter with recruiting and sustaining members within our individual Granges. We remind you once again to download your Membership Outreach Activities Year End Report, fill it out and send it to us so we can include your Granges entry for an opportunity to win one of our cash awards in June. Go online to www.wa-grange.com to the Membership Resources link. Everything you need to participate is there.

Although many Granges currently do not have a specific chairman for Membership within each Grange, we encourage all interested members to attend our Leadership Break out session in hopes of kindling the fire to take action and help our Grange grow. Sometimes it's as simple as a new idea or thought to make that connection. Your ideas are very important as well as your questions helpful in assisting us all in growing our membership numbers as well

as participation. We need you!

As this year came to an end, we have all had the opportunity to ask ourselves," How did I do this year as far as making a difference? Making a difference perhaps in the life of someone else, in my community, in my family, in my Grange? Have I been a good and faithful steward by promoting the growth of our organization? Do I promote and share one of our cherished objectives outlined in our "Declaration of Purpose" which states," We shall constantly strive to secure harmony, good will, and brotherhood, and to make our Order perpetual." In case you are wondering just what perpetual means;

Webster's Dictionary defines perpetual as: adjective

1a: continuing forever: everlasting perpetual motion

Let's make this our New Year's Resolution, to "Grow our Grange!" By continuing to work together forever in a strong perpetual motion we will succeed to be everlasting!

It's bound to be a Great Grange Year!

Feel free to contact us anytime with your membership concerns or to share your thoughts.

Pierce County Pomona 2019 Officers



Pierce County Pomona #16 recently installed their officers for 2019.

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President's Message

Discovering Opportunities For Success: Are You Ready?

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

We are ready to “Discover Opportunities for Success” in each of our Granges. We have two excellent opportunities coming up in the next month. Your State Grange Leadership Team will be visiting 16 counties for our Annual Leadership Conference Tour. The list of dates and locations is found elsewhere in this issue. Some of the locations may seem “out of the way” or a little “off course”. Please keep in mind that it is important for the State Grange to visit different Granges each year. At the conferences, we will be distributing program materials, packets of information, and sharing ideas. Program Handbooks and Legislative Handbooks are printed and will be available at the conferences. You may also download the information from the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.org. I hope you will take the opportunity to join us at one of this year’s conferences.

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

Heather Hansen, continues to work for us and all of agriculture. Heather will represent us well as she has the experience and knowledge required of an agricultural based lobbyist. The Grange Legislative Committee, chaired by Rick Nelson, will assist in guiding our legislative department. The legislative committee will also be involved

We can be Super Heroes for our Granges and our communities as we discover the opportunities that will ensure success to build a brighter future for our Granges, our communities, our state, and our nation.

-- Tom Gwin

with planning and conducting our annual Legislative Day, scheduled for January 29. You can find additional materials on this event elsewhere in this issue. For our Legislative Day, we will be joined by National Grange Communications Director Amanda Brozana Rios. She will do a presentation on utilizing our legislative



Tom Gwin

involvement to create publicity for your Grange. There will be additional speakers and workshops as well. We ask that you get your reservations sent in so we can get appointments lined up with your legislators.

The 130th Washington State Grange Convention will be June 26-29 at the Okanogan County Fairgrounds in Okanogan. The convention Kick Off Meeting is February 9. Next month, you will find the housing information in The Grange News. I encourage you to book your room early as there is limited hotel space in the Okanogan area.

This year promised to be busy and filled with Grange activities. We can be Super Heroes for our Granges and our communities as we discover the opportunities that will ensure success to build a brighter future for our Granges, our communities, our state, and our nation.

Legislative

Gov. Inslee Releases 2019-2021 Proposed WA State Budget



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

Governor Inslee released his proposed budget for the 2019-2021 biennium in mid-December. His proposal serves as a starting point for the legislature. The legislature may add to, delete or modify anything in the Governor’s proposal. The budget is one of the last things the legislature acts on, so the final version will be available just before the legislature adjourns next spring.

Before the Governor prepares his budget, each state agency submits a budget request outlining what they want for each program they manage. Digging into the details of the budget, human service agencies and public schools got more funding than they requested. Natural resource programs took the biggest hit, with one exception. The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program got an historic \$115 million in funding in the Governor’s budget. On the other hand, the Conservation Commission had requested new funding for a variety of programs, they got almost none of it. There were a few small, but bright spots for agriculture. The department of agriculture got \$500,000 to expand their pesticide safety education program and funding for the new soil health initiative. The soil health initiative will be a joint program led by WSU. The Conservation Commission is also involved. The Governor funded that initiative for all three agencies.

Overall, the Governor’s \$54.3 billion budget proposes

to increase spending by \$10 billion over the next two years. That is a 22% increase in state spending. \$4.1 billion of the increase is to cover the ongoing cost of complying with the Washington Supreme Court in the McCleary school funding lawsuit. The budget also creates several new programs including prioritizing mental health, orca recovery and studying the removal of dams along the Snake River.

New programs take money, so Governor Inslee proposes creating a new state capital gains tax of 9% and increasing the business and occupation tax on professional services by 67%. These proposed tax increases would bring in an estimated \$3.7 billion over the next two-years. Capital gains from the sale of homes, farms and forestland would be exempt from the new tax, however, the exemptions are narrow. While farmland would be exempt, the sale of barns, sheds, equipment areas and the land under them would be taxed.

Inslee also proposes converting Washington’s flat real estate excise rate to a graduated rate to pay for the court-ordered removal of barriers to fish passage. That means, the higher the sales price on the property, the higher the tax rate.

These new taxes are being proposed at a time when revenue collections from existing taxes have been increasing due to a strong economy. Washington is projected to have more than \$3.2 billion in reserves at the end of the current two-year budget cycle.

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(Signed) Tom Gwin, Editor 11/30/2018



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Tawnya White		
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Wayne Vinyard, Nina Vinyard, Michael Dillenburg Carla Dillenburg, John Wells, Connie Eggleston Patricia Kreps Wyers, Eugene Baugher, Connie Baugher		
Hazel Dell #11247	2	
Carlotta Hinton, Zeb Mathews, Nancy Mathews Dorothy Poole, Mickey Webb, Emanuel Wilkins Michelle Wilkins		
Kettle River #11201		
Elton Kearney		
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John Shaw, Phil Paige, Martha Gooding, Bryan Gooding Robin Gibson, David Gibson, Sam Dillingham Emma Carter, Chris Coiley		
Mansford #7102		
Rosetta Willis, Susan Englebrick		
Okanogan #11032		
Kayla Gutierrez, John Salgado		
Pleasant Hill #1011		
Ray Cattin		
Sallal #9551		
Neil Hoopman		
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Silver Lake #1052		
Brent Monahan, Michael Owen		
Stranger Creek #3742		
Barbara MacDonald, Jeff Lipton		
Terrace Heights #5863	3	
Kent Horner, Josh Hinkle, Jessica Hinkle		
The Valley #10480	1	
Titon #8753		
Alicen Kelley, Amy Oberrender, George Ardeeser		
Triway #10933		
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Lecturer's Department

Creative Writing –
Options for Everyone



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

Your state Lecturer Team met at the headquarters building on December 16th to develop our department program for 2019. Although we were missing two of our members, we managed to review this last year’s elements and have made some changes. The two areas with the most changes were in the Talent Contest and the Creative Writing programs. I will address the Talent Contest changes in a future column. Because the Creative Writing Contest is the first activity on our calendar, I will share those changes with you this month.

Poetry – The 2019 theme for the Poetry Contest is: Cowboys and/or Cowgirls. Your poem can be about a cowboy or a cowgirl or both. We have

eliminated the word limit.

Short Story – The short story theme for 2019 is “It Happened At The Fair.” This category has a maximum word limit of 500 words. Remember, your short story should entertain the reader.

Essay – The 2019 theme for the essay is “Good Things That Happen In The Grange.” This category also has a 500 word limit. Your essay should be informative for the reader.

Book Review – This is a review of a book that you would recommend to others. Your entry should evaluate/critique the overall work – not re-tell the story of the book. The word count has been eliminated.

The divisions are: Adults, age

20 and older and Youth, ages 14 – 19. There is no contest for kids younger than 14. Entries must be postmarked by April 1st and mailed to: Leslie Jo Wells, State Lecturer, 18529 State Route 203, Monroe, WA 98272. The complete rules for the Creative Writing Contest will be in the Program Handbook, on the website and in the Lecturer Packet at the Leadership Conferences.

If you, as Lecturer, have not yet mailed me your Annual Report for 2018 please do it soon. I have received just a few so far and look forward to getting many more in the near future. Your reports help us understand if our programs are useful and what your Grange is involved in. I hope to see you at the Leadership Conferences that will be held around the state in January and February!



2019 Legislative Day

TUESDAY JANUARY 29, 2019

Registration is \$15 per person. RSVP by January 24, 2019
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Ag In The Classroom

Increasing Ag Literacy Of K-12 Students - One Classroom At A Time

Did You Know?

The State of Washington leads our Nation in the production of these crops (2017 crop data): Aquaculture (clams and oysters), Red Raspberries, Blueberries, Concord Grapes, Pears, Sweet Cherries, Apples, Wrinkled Seed Peas, Green Peas, Spearmint Oil, Hops.

There is a part of the hop plant that can be used in bee hives to remove destructive mites?

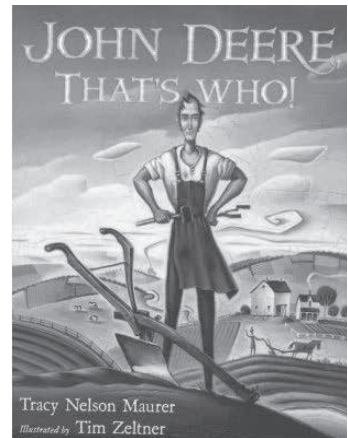
After experimentation and testing, the proper level of HBAs (hop beta acids) was determined to effectively destroy the mites while keeping the bee colony safe. Scientists extract the HBA from the cones of hop plants, apply it to cardboard strips, and then insert the strips into colony hives. Bees walk on these strips, picking up the HBAs, and transfer it through bee-to-bee contact. The mites on these bees are then killed and fall off. This method does not completely decimate the varroa mite population, but it can keep the mite levels below dangerous levels.

We are pleased to help students, parents, and educators learn more about our Washington agriculture. How?

The first of our three Ag@School magazines was mailed in October to 10,000 Washington students. This issue highlights the diversity of Washington agriculture with articles such as "Agriculture - From Field to Table", "Agriculture is Science and Technology", "Grown in Washington", "Hooray-Washington is #1", plus fun activities and additional ideas in the Teacher's Guide.

Even more Washington students will receive copies of the magazine at the Whatcom Farm Circle November 6-8 where 940 third graders will learn more about agriculture. Copies are also shared with teachers as we promote our goal and programs throughout the State. If you want to read these articles (and more), go to www.waic.net, then Publications (at the top) and scroll down to Downloads and click on any of our recent issues, including our 1st one for 2018-2019 school year.

There's excitement building about John Deer That's



Who!. Volunteer readers and students are excited about this new book. Another great book from "Readers to Eaters" is Bread Lab!. Check them out! Volunteer readers are being recruited now to begin in February.

With the State Grange donation to Washington Ag in the Classroom, the second issue of Ag@School (mailed in January) will include the Grange logo plus information about our Fraternal Organization. Way to Go!

New WAIC Board Directors include:

- Linda Henderson lives near Ellensburg and raises beef/cattle.

- Pam Watson, representing Washington State University, lives near Chehalis on a dairy farm and also raises/shows poultry.

- Landon Macy lives in Chehalis and works for NW Farm Credit Services. (His wife is an ag teacher!)

Grangers, please ...

- talk about Ag in the

Classroom to any and all educators you know. They can visit us at www.waic.net to learn more, or send them my way!

- consider Washington Ag in the Classroom for Grange programGrange community service, and for an individual volunteer opportunity. Check out our website at www.waic.net.

- consider attending a WAIC Board meeting; they are always open to all!

Our next meetings, held in Lacey, will be January 24 and March 28. Our summer meeting is held in central or eastern Washington (TBD).

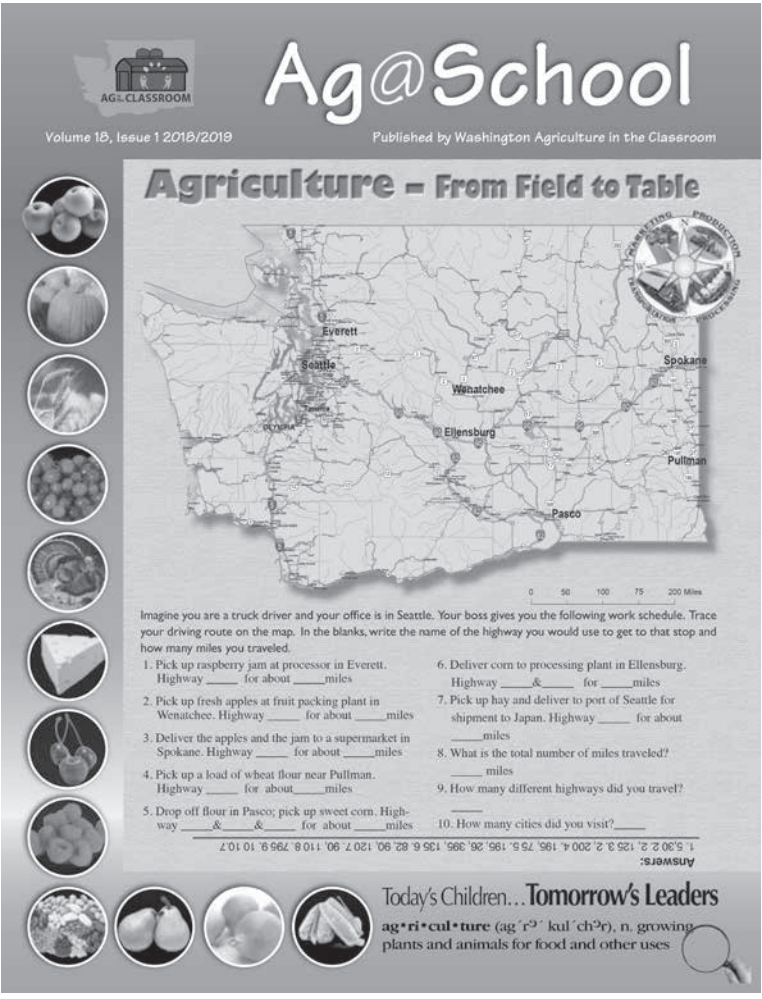
- contact me if I can help or answer questions!

We are dependent on our generous and faithful sponsors! Washington Ag in the Classroom (WAIC) is funded 100% by donations from individuals, organizations, and businesses.

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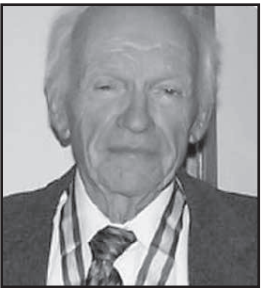
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Well done, good and faithful servant.

In Memoriam ... Past State Grange Deputy Gordon Peterson

Gordon C. Peterson passed away on Oct. 5, 2018 at Marlin, WA. He was born on Nov. 3, 1929 to Erna and Pete Peterson in Spokane, WA and was an only child. He was raised on the three generation family cattle and wheat farm.



At Marlin, he attended a one room school and graduated as a valedictorian from Marlin High School. He graduated from Whitworth College, Phi Beta Kappa, with a degree in education and minor in economics.

His first job was teaching Social Studies in Harrington. The rest of his career he taught middle school and then moved to the high school in Coulee City Schools. He taught Social Studies, English, Latin and Journalism. In addition, he was Senior Class Advisor, directed school plays and supervised the Senior Educational Trip. Many of his students remember learning and reciting his "infamous" poems and writing term papers. In his English classes he provided a strong foundation in vocabulary, sentence structure and writing. Outside of school, he continued his contact with students in various ways. Many remember him keeping the score books for boys and girls basketball games.

In addition, he served on the Coulee City School Board, was a member of the Coulee City Council and Coulee City Rodeo Association. He was very active with local Boy Scout Troop 35 and helped with many Eagle Scouts. His diligence with Boy Scouts at the many levels earned him the Boy Scout Silver Beaver Award. In addition, he was a member of the Cannaiwai Grange, Lincoln County Pomona Grange and Parliamentarian at the State Grange.

When he retired, he moved back to his farm in Marlin where he enjoyed his beloved Herefords, cats and dogs. Gordon had hired men to help with the cows, irrigation and hay.

Throughout his life he was a devout Lutheran and member of the Salem Lutheran Church in Marlin. He leaves many past students, teachers, administrators, neighbors and friends.

Donations can be made to the Coulee City Scout Troop 35, Union Gospel Mission or the charity of your choice. Scout donations can be sent to Shirley McLean, 9516 SR 17 N, Coulee City, WA 99115.



Spokampers Announce Schedule For 2019

The October Spokampers meeting was held at "Cinda Bar & Grill" on the Newport Hwy. Elections were held and Faye Krenkel was elected Wagonmaster; Mike Britton is the Treasurer and Forest Diehl is the Secretary. The annual schedule was discussed and the Scouts were selected:

Jan. 26th.....	12PM Lunch at Timber Creek, Argonne Shopping Center. Hosted by Joan Anderson and Bobbie Olinger.
Feb. 23rd	Lunch 1 PM, at Sharis, on Sullivan Rd. Hosted by Bill and Nancy Weiss .
Mar. 23rd	Lunch Hosted By Faye and Rich Krenkel. Location to be announced.
Apr. 25-28th.....	At Sportsman Resort, Potholes Reservoir. Hosted by Forest and Marlene Diehl.
May 23-26th	Hosted by Steve and Sylvia Hansen. Location to be announced.
Jun. 7-9th	Fun Rally at Vern Frigg's, Ocean Shores.
Jul. 25-28th	Hosted by Chris & Dovie Britton. Location to be announced.
Aug. 26-25th	Hosted by Mike and Cheryl Britton. Location to be announced.
Sep. 26-28th	Hosted by Walt and Janice Radmer. Location to be announced.
Oct. 26th	Hosted by Forest and Marlene Diehl (Election of Officers) Location to be announced.
Dec 7th.....	(Nov/Dec) No host potluck. No gift exchange. Donation to charity.

The contact numbers are in the State Roster. If you have an RV and would like to join us please contact one of our members Their numbers and e-mails are in the State Roster or horseshoelakewa@msn.com.

Annual State Campers Officers To Meet In Ellensburg In March

The annual state camper officers meeting will be March 30, 2019 in Ellensburg. Time and place will be announced at a later date. All Grangers are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Ed Armit, 360-983-3974.

Holiday Memories from Washington Granges!



The annual Terrace Heights Grange's Community Christmas party was a big success!



Members showed off their gingerbread creations at the December 6 Thurston County Pomona meeting and Christmas celebration.



From the Nativity to Santa, sixty people enjoyed a program, roast beef dinner and auction at the annual Mt. Olive Grange Christmas Party! Money from the auction is designated for the Benevolent Fund of Mt. Olive which helps local families in crisis.



Juniors and Youth enjoy a Christmas party sponsored by Elk Plain Grange.



Santa visited the Learning Avenue Day Care Center in Vancouver, WA to deliver gifts to the children. His helpers from Clark County Pomona were Janice Anderson, Washington Grange, Debbie & Bob Richards, Fisher/Pioneer Grange, and Georgene Neal, Mt. Valley Grange. Of course, Santa was played by Dave Johnson, Mt. Valley Grange. 72 toys, hats, scarves, and gloves were handed out to the children.



The members of Cowlitz Pomona CWA meet on December 5, 2018 and made fresh centerpieces and swags. A fun time had by all, and four granges were represented. Picture by Tena Hedges.



This decorating crew showed up to “Deck the Hall” at South Union Grange. From left (front) Mary Brouillard, Bruce Brouillard, Pam Mathews (with James Brouillard), Patty Mathews; (back) Andy Jacobson, Mat Jackmond (not pictured, Christie Vintilo).



Valley Grange #1048 recently had their Annual Santa's Breakfast. This event happens at the Valley School during the school's craft fair. The Grange served over 100 in attendance, providing a free pancake breakfast to kids under the age of 12 and making sure their visit with Santa was a joyful one with a full bag of treats!



Green Bluff Grange was very festive during the Christmas season. The cookie exchange was fun and a number of Bluffers participated. The Community Christmas party saw the children enjoying sitting on Santa's lap and receiving a Santa Bag. Also Pastor Helen read the Christmas Story.

Celebrating The Holidays ... Grange-Style!

Home & Family

Family Living

Does Your Grange Have Telomar Cells?

By Eileen Moebius
Family Living Director

Does your Grange Have Telomar cells? More Granges have them than you think. What are Telomar cells? They are aging cells that are dying. For a cure, you need to revive your Grange by getting new blood and new interest.

Yesterday my Pomona Grange had Installation of Officers. The Pomona CFL has issued a Masters Challenge to all the Masters in the county to make a cat from

the 2018-2019 packet. I would like to extend this challenge to all the Masters in the State, and to anyone that would like to take the challenge. We need toys, lots of toys, for the charities around the state.

Remember - with the toy contest there are prizes for the State CFL Contest.

We are starting the 2019 conferences. Hope to see you at one of the conferences - bring your questions and ideas with you.

December 31st is the end of

the Grange year. Remember CFL reports for 2018 are due to me by the 30th of January.

It is winter so here's a reminder to dress warm, also to make sure your animals can get out of the bad weather, and to make sure they have water to drink. Be sure you drink enough water also.

I want to say thanks to Chris Shaffer and Logan Hill Grange for hosting a CFL Conference on December 5, and to also thank all the folks that came out to join us.



Eileen Moebius

Enjoy Winter With Spiced Pumpkin Bars

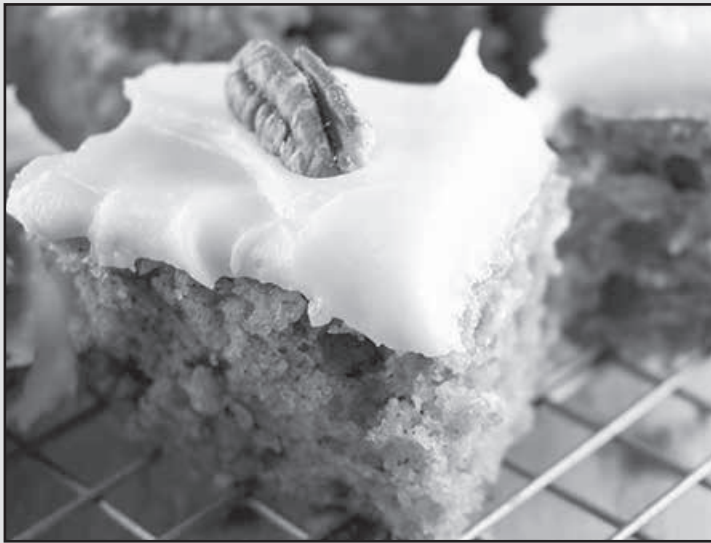
(Courtesy of Family Features)

Cold winter weather calls for comfort food like these delicious and moist pumpkin bars. Start your favorite movie and warm up your chilly day with a cozy blanket, a mug of hot chocolate and a plate of some of these incredible Spiced Pumpkin Bars. Recipe adapted from Better Homes and Gardens via Culinary.net.

Spiced Pumpkin Bars

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| 2 cups flour | 2 tsp baking powder |
| 2 tsp ground cinnamon | 1 tsp baking soda |
| 1/4 tsp salt | 4 eggs |
| 15 oz can of pumpkin | 1 2/3 cups sugar |
| 1 cup cooking oil | 1 tsp vanilla |
| 3/4 cup chopped pecans (optional) | |
| 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened | |
| 1/4 cup butter, softened | |
| 2 cups powdered sugar (sifted) | |
| Pecan halves (optional) | |

1. In a medium bowl stir together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda, and salt; set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl beat together eggs, pumpkin, sugar, and oil on medium speed. Add the flour mixture; beat until well combined. If desired, stir in chopped pecans.
3. Spread batter into an ungreased 15x10x1-inch baking pan.
4. Bake in a 350° F oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until the center comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack.
5. In a medium mixing bowl beat together cream cheese, butter, and vanilla until fluffy. Gradually add sifted powdered sugar, beating until smooth.
6. Frost pumpkin bars. If desired, top with pecan halves. Cut into squares. Store, covered, in refrigerator up to 3 days.



Community Service

Time To Think About Preparing Community Service Reports

By Yvonne Knuth
Community Service Director

Our state was well represented in the National Community Service Contest. Congratulations to Humptulips Grange for their first place award at the national level. Their primary project was the operation of the Humptulips Food Bank, which serves 60-70 persons each month. The key to their entry was a clear, concise notebook with good descriptions of each project. They created partnerships with other organizations and found financial support to conduct their project. While the main project was limited to four

total pages, each of their other projects was limited to 1-2 pages per project. There was no filler and the report spoke for itself.

In the junior division, Humptulips Junior Grange also placed first at the national level. The junior division is set up for both Junior Granges and 1+ Junior Grangers. The contest is based upon a single project and support of their subordinate Grange service projects. The Humptulips Juniors worked to support their Grange Food Bank by sorting through food, rotating stock, and providing holiday treats and fruit for the food bank. The National Grange limited their reports to three pages and required statements from both the Junior

Grangers and their leaders.

As the new year is here, it is time to think about all what has to be done for reports, community service book, etc. Please keep track of hours you have put in to benefit the community. If the project is to benefit the Grange, the hours don't count as the real benefit is for the Grange and not the community. Please keep this in mind as you start preparing your reports.

For a list of projects, check out the list of projects in last year's community service packet.

Leadership conferences are coming up. Please plan to attend and get your packet and report forms for 2019..

Happy New Year to all of you.



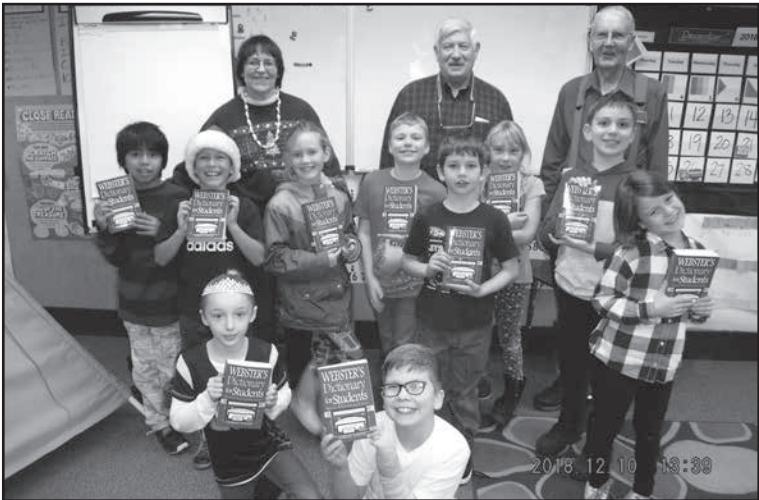
Yvonne Knuth

Community Service: Third Graders Receive Dictionaries



(Left) On Nov. 2, 2018, Darrell Johnson, Dave Johnson, Judy Steigmann, and Georgene Neal handed out 160 dictionaries to the third grade classes at Yacolt Primary School in Yacolt, WA. The students are always excited to receive their dictionaries.

(Right) Third grade students at Crescent School receiving dictionaries from Crescent Grangers, from left to right, Judy Moilanen, Jon Cash and Emil Moilanen, on December 10, 2018.



Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Our Focus Now Turns To 2019 Youth Activities

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

We have enjoyed another great year for the State Grange Youth Department.

Brittney Oliver of Moses Lake Grange racked up the awards at the 2018 National Grange Convention in Stowe, VT. In addition to being named at the 2019 National Grange Outstanding Young Patron, Brittney was also recognized at the National Grange Youth Recruiter of the Year for her work in recruiting members to organize Moses Lake Grange. Later in the convention, Brittney was elected to succeed Rick Ferguson on the National Grange GROW Club Board of Directors.

We can be proud of Morgan Browning, State Grange Youth Ambassador, for her fine representation of the Washington State Grange. The remaining eight youth members who attended the convention and participated in the youth activities were excellent representatives of our state.

The Washington State Grange was named as a Distinguished Grange Youth Program for 2018. Humptulips Grange was also recognized as an Distinguished Subordinate Grange Youth Program. Congratulations to all the youth who participated in our programs and contributed to this distinction.

Putting 2018 behind us, our focus will now turn on to 2019 youth activities.



Jerry Gwin

We have a new National Grange Youth Director. Mandy Bostwick of Kansas will be leading the Grange youth program. We expect exciting programs and activities for our youth in the near future.

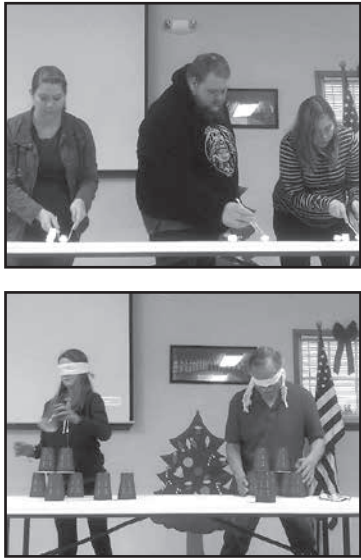
The Youth Program Handbook is ready and will be distributed at the Grange Leadership Conferences. Please pick up your copy there. Applications for national awards are available on the national website: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org.

Looking back, we have had a great year. We can only hope to grow and prosper and plan for another excellent year of youth programs in 2019!

Elk Plain Grange Hosts Youth and Junior Christmas Party



(Above Left) David and Mary Bryant of Elk Plain Grange playing a minute to win it game with two Elk Plain Junior Grangers at the 2018 Junior Grange Party. (Top Right) Youth from Pierce County with community members, playing build a snow man minute to win it games. (Bottom Right) David Bryant in a friendly competition with his granddaughter.



Fargher Lake Youth/Juniors Fundraise For Babies In Need



At the December meeting of Fargher Lake Junior Grange, the Junior and Youth made Christmas wreaths and voted to donate \$75.00, and \$25.00 from the donation jar from the fall sale to Babies In Need. This motion was approved by the subordinate grange which also donated \$125.00. December's theme was charity (giving back to the community). October and November theme was self sustainability. Jr./youth made bird house's, duck house's and barn door swags. These were sold at the fall sale to support their up-coming projects and charities. Gross sales were \$254.00. 21 of 28 Jr./youth contributed to this project.



Juniors

Welcome 2019! Our Juniors Are Heroes In Training

By Marvin & Jennifer Oliver
Junior Grange Directors



Marvin & Jennifer Oliver

As we ring in a new year lets continue the celebration of our 130th year of Junior Grange. Supporting and encouraging our Junior Grange culture of giving back to the community as they are growing into our organization. The Grange fosters leadership, encourages collaboration, grows organizational skills and makes friendships for a lifetime. At our local and State level, let's find new and fun ways to support our Juniors and future leaders. Have our Junior and Junior 1+ members take roles in the subordinate meetings, mentor them and support their ideas. The future leaders of our Grange and Nation are counting on us and I know that we are up for the challenge!

The National Grange has great new programs that will enhance the Junior program and guide the year in a positive path. The National Junior Grange theme is Heroes in Training. What an amazing theme that will truly showcase our Juniors.

This year the Juniors have the opportunity to write for "Good Day!" magazine, which is printed quarterly, and offering the opportunity for Juniors to submit an article that could be printed! Each magazine has a theme and a deadline for submission to the director.

- 1. Superheroes - January 31st
- 2. Respecting Difference - April 30th
- 3. Delicious Dairy - July 15th
- 4. D-I-Y Gift - October 15th

Please go to the National Grange website and see all the instructions for submissions, or call and we would be glad to explain or get you the new Program Guide for your use.

At the state level we will continue to collect gently used or new children's books for donations, collect food for your community local food banks and find ways to enhance and support your communities needs. Encourage your juniors to find a community service project that they are interested in. Take photos, and keep a journal to track progress towards their goals and objectives. Have them make a memory book for entry in the subordinate and state contest. Use this community service project and have them be the Lecturer's program. Our Juniors are amazing - lets keep a memory that the future generations can share.

Here's to a great new and exiting year! Remember if your Juniors are working on a project and you want to share it with the Grange, take a photo and let us know what's going on. Send it to the Washington State Grange and have them enjoy seeing themselves in the Grange News!

Looking forward to an amazing year!!

Junior Connection

Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grange provided the prizes for bingo and items for the baked raffle on December 15. The Junior Grange met on December 2 for a food preservation activity. Members made cranberry sauce, apple jelly, blackberry jelly, currant jelly, and mixed berry jelly. The Junior Grange provided oranges and holiday treat bags for each of the food bank recipients in December. Holiday plans included pizza and bowling in Ocean Shores on December 29.

Visit us on the web:
www.wa-grange.org

WA State Grange Offers Scholarships

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

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

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

The following scholarships are being offered this year:

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

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

Ten Mile Grange Honors 75-Year Member Robert Rowe

Ten Mile Grange was very pleased to celebrate the 75 year Grange Membership of Robert Rowe. Robert currently lives in Yakima, WA, but continues his Grange membership in Ten Mile Grange #399.

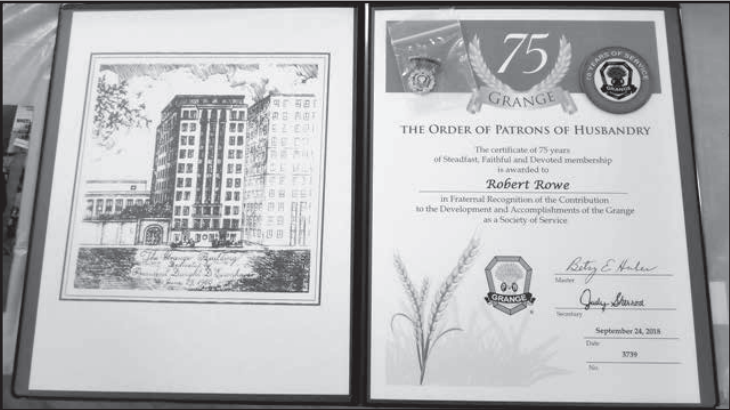
Robert Rowe became a Grange member at age 14 in the Nooksack Valley Grange in 1943. He then demitted to Hopewell Grange when Nooksack closed, and is now a member of Ten Mile Grange due to the closure of Hopewell Grange.

He grew alfalfa and bought and sold beef and dairy cows most of his career. He entertained us all with stories of his farming endeavors over the years, and we all feel blessed to have had him attend the Membership Celebration commemorating his 75 years in the Washington State Grange.

We want to Congratulate Robert for reaching this fantastic milestone!



(Above) Whatcom Pomona Master Scott Hackett and Ten Mile Master Peter Hauck presenting Robert Rowe with his 75 year Certificate and pin. (Below) A close up of the 75 year Certificate and Diamond Pin.



National Grange News

National Grange Announces 2019 Quilt Block Contest

By Christine Hamp
National Grange Lecturer

The 2019 National Grange Quilt Block is called Pride of Quillisascut which is based on the Disappearing Nine Patch, also called Split Nine Patch. The Pride of Quillisascut came to be as the result of me challenging Joan Roberson, the 2017 contest winner, and her fellow Quillisascut Quilters of Quillisascut Grange #372 in rural, northeast Washington state to select the block for the 2019 contest.

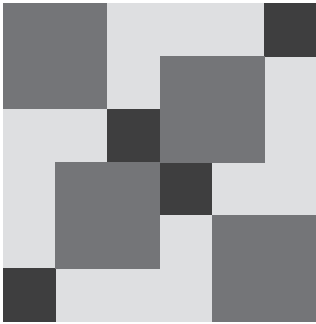
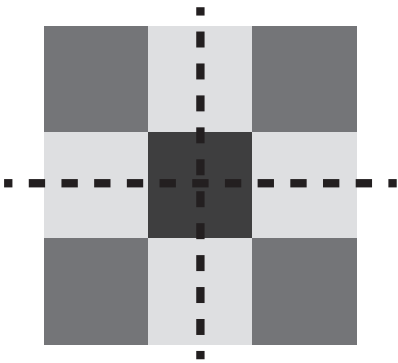
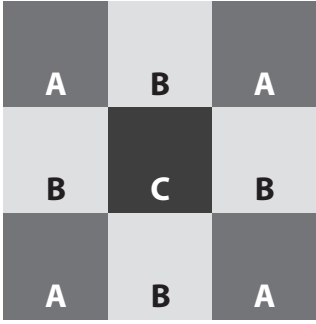
I can't wait for these big, bold blocks to start appearing in my mailbox. I hope you enjoy putting one, or many, together!

**2019 Quilt Block Contest
Pride of Quillisascut**
(based on the Disappearing Nine Patch, also called Split Nine Patch)

Fabric:
Three Fabrics. The key to this block is that there is good contrast between all three

fabrics.
Fabric A should be a medium to dark print.
Fabric B should be significantly lighter than Fabric A.
Fabric C should be BRIGHT! Not a pastel bright, but a strong BRIGHT!
All fabric used should be cotton.

Constructing the Quilt Block:
• Cut all pieces to 4-1/2 inch x 4-1/2 inch square.
• Fabric A: Cut four.
• Fabric B: Cut four.
• Fabric C: Cut one.
Use a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Sew into three rows: ABA, BCB, ABA. Sew the rows together into a single block.
Cut the block into four equal pieces through the middle.
Rotate two blocks.
Clip and remove all threads.
Press all seams.
Sew the block back together.
Unfinished block should measure 12-1/2 inches x 12-1/2 inches.
Clip and remove all threads.



Note: Special recognition and thanks to the Quillisascut Quilters of Quillisascut Grange #372 in rural, northeast Washington state for taking on the challenge of selecting the block for the 2019 National Grange Quilt Block Contest by virtue of one of the members, Joan Roberson, winning the 2017 contest. Fantastic work!

2019 Quilt Block Contest Rules

Rules:
A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.

B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2019. Send entries to: Christine Hamp, National Lecturer, 16418 North Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.
C. Any entires received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 153rd National Grange Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
D. The quilt block you enter in the contest must be made by you.
E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.
F. All entries will be retained

by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity.
G. A 2019 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.
Groups:
• Group I - Adult (Age 14+)
• Group II - Junior (Age 13 and under)
Prizes:
• Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both groups.
• Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

Grange Connection

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange has a large group interested in the Grange and are planning to revitalize the Grange in January.

Humptulips Grange held their Annual Christmas Dinner on December 14. The dining hall and tables were decorated. Jars of homemade jelly served as the table favors. Turkey bingo was held on December 1 and a gift card bingo to benefit the Junior Grange was held on December 15. Fifteen members took the bus to Leavenworth for the Grange Adv3enture Tour on December 8. The Grange food bank received a generous donation from the Hoquiam High School Foodball that will assist in supplying food to the community for the upcoming year. The Grange food bank served 62 families in December. Thank you to our donors and food providers for the past year: Coast Harvest, Northwest Harvest, St. Andrews Church (Aberdeen), Humptulips Grocery, Humptulips Valley Church, Humptulips Valley Foundation, Hoquiam High School Foodball, and the Humptulips Junior Grange.

ISLAND COUNTY

Deer Lagoon Grange met for their Annual Christmas Dinner on December 4. The Grange was presented its Distinguished Grange Award for 2018 by State Master Tom Gwin. The State Master also installed 2019 officers during the business meeting.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Quimper Grange saw giant-sized accomplishments in 2018. We were able to host: 13 contra dances, 9 square dances, 10 Old Time Jams, 9 “House Concerts”, 1 harmony singing workshop, 1 Danish dance workshop, 5 educational programs, the 7th Annual Plant and Seed Exchange, and the first (annual?) instrument sale. Besides these offerings to the community we were able to make major improvements to our hall and grounds: The exterior of the hall was painted; we got new sensor lights for the parking area; bathrooms got new sinks, paper product dispensers, grab bars, and mirrors and they were painted. One bathroom was remodeled, the other now has marmoleum on the

floor. In our kitchen old appliances were removed, and unused kitchen items were sold at a garage sale. One of the counters was extended, the other reconfigured. A new stove and refrigerator were installed. The dance floor was refinished and we purchased 22 new tables. Chimacum Grange offered us many chairs they no longer needed. So we have more and better seating. The biggest accomplishment of the year was replacing all of our WWII era plumbing; pipes, drains, water heater, everything, and an outdoor faucet and hydrant were added. In addition to our accomplishments we draped the charter for Tony Mauhar and in November the outgoing president, Marla Streator was presented with the first Marla Anne Streator Excellence in Service Award. We continue to support the Quimper Grange Food Bank Garden by donating the use of our land and supplying the garden with water. This year they were able to contribute about 3,000 pounds of organic produce to help feed the hungry.

KING COUNTY

East Hill Grange was presented with their Distinguished Grange Award at their meeting on December 12 by State Master Tom Gwin. The meeting was preceded by a Potluck Christmas Dinner. A gift exchange was held throughout the meeting.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange was presented a commendation plaque for 100 years of service to their community by State Master Tom Gwin at their meeting on December 19. The Grange reviewed their rental rates and make adjustments for 2019. The Grange Christmas Dinner was held on December 5 and included several in attendance from the church that meets in the Grange Hall.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Samish Valley Grange members closed out 2018 with a couple of changes. They raised their annual dues to \$41, and changed their meetings to the first and third Thursdays beginning at 6:30pm. Member, Bill Mayer, was proud to earn a "Best in Show" ribbon for the Skagit County Fair Booth he

and other members put together in August. The second season of summer Swap Meets was a big success and plans are already in motion to make it bigger and better next year. Wishing you and yours all the best in 2019!

Skagit Valley Grange held their election of officer on November 12, with Barbara Hoffman reelected as Master. Donations were made to the Alger Food Bank, Humane Society, and Toys for Tots. The Annual Christmas Dinner was held on December 9. Membership awards were presented to Sharon Whiting for 50 years; James McRae, Janet McRae, and Dale Jenkins for 65 years; Donna Stone for 70 years; and William Cottrell for 75 years.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Granville Grange held their Christmas Party on December 5. The grange provided turkey and ham, stuffing and gravy, and drinks the rest of the dinner was pot luck. There were games and gift exchange after. Lots of fun! Members from Horseshoe attended and really enjoyed visiting other Grangers. Granville men decorated their tree and it looked real nice and the rest of the hall was decorated too.

Horseshoe Grange was busy with charities. We fill 6 shoe boxes for Samaritans Purse a charity organization. Snohomish Calvary Church supplied the shoe boxes and we stuffed them with toys and activity items for children all over the world. They were mailed the first of November and are able to be tracked so you know where they end up. One of our members spent three weeks in Uganda personally delivering all the dresses, shorts and blankets made by Grange members. We had election of officers at the November 30 meeting.

Tualco Grange hosted an installation of officers on December 9, 2018. Members from Tualco, Kellogg Marsh and Horseshoe attended. Installation was given by Margaret Ohlsen.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange enjoyed hosting the November 17 Pomona meeting. Grange member Darlyn Boyles was presented the State Grange award for "Junior Grange

Leader of The Year". December 2 was the Annual Community Christmas Dinner, which had been beautifully decorated by a group of dedicated Grange members. Over 152 people were served. The food was delicious and plentiful. Santa visited with each child as they received a hand crocheted scarf (by Darlyn Boyles), a sack of candy, and a toy. There were a lot of door prizes handed out by a drawing. The Volunteer of the Year Awards went to Mike Kelly and Mike Mangis - these two pitch in whenever and where ever needed. Grange member Charley Culp received the Grange Member of the Year Award. He is always involved in the Grange and in the Springdale community. Quilts and afghans were handed out to Veterans. Apples were available for the taking. The 2018 Grange Raffle Quilt was won by a "Stephanie L". Irene Brown already has the 2019 Grange raffle quilt done-it is gorgeous. The success of the Annual Community Christmas Dinner is due to mostly to the hard work of Marilyn and Frank LeBret, Sandie Bowers, Don and Darlyn Boyles, Pat and Mike Mahony, Linda and David Fietz, Peter Jensen, Irene and Jerry Brown, Charley Culp, Leora LeBret, and many others. Grange members

go above and beyond to make sure that Grange and community events are a success. Stay tuned -there will be several "Sew Day"s scheduled in 2019 to complete more quilts for Veterans and First Responders which will be handed out on the first Sunday in December - mark your calendars!

THURSTON COUNTY

Skookumchuck Grange held their Annual FREE Xmas party. It was warm and toasty with Apple Cider and Hot Chocolate. Santa's presence brought children of all ages to his lap, and none cried! Whoo Hoo! The Tenino Choir sang to us and we sang too! This event is always successful as it is so basic. Cookies, Santa, Children, Good will to all! I hope you all had a Merry Xmas!

South Union Grange held their Deck the Hall party to decorate the Grange on November 23. Their Christmas party on December 9 was filled with great food and fellowship. To the delight of everyone, Santa made an appearance with gifts for the children and Christmas wishes for all. Their holiday food drive for Thurston County Food Bank will continue through their next meeting which will be on January 21 at 7 pm.

Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are requested to send their list of 2019 meeting dates, times, and locations to grange@wa-grange.org for inclusion into this calendar.

CLALLAM	January 23 at Sequim Prairie, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
COWLITZ	January 19 at Catlin, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting
EXCELSIOR	January 19 at The Valley. 10 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck. Installation of Officers
FERRY	January 16 at Eagle Cliff, 5:30 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	January 12 at Sharon, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Leadership Conference begins at 1 p.m.
KING	January 12 at Issaquah Valley, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Will have Candy contest.
KITSAP	January 18 at Olalla, 7:30 p.m. Candle Lighting Ceremony.
KLICKITAT	March 9 at Mountain View, 12 p.m. potluck, meeting follows.
LEWIS	February 2 at Newaukum, 5:30 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
MASON	January 19 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck
OKANOGAN	February 9 at Mount Olive, 10 a.m. Installation of Officers.
PIERCE	January 5 at McMillin, 10 a.m.
RIVERSIDE	February 17 at Lower Naches, 1:30 p.m.
SKAGIT	February 6 at Skagit Valley, 7 p.m. Candle Lighting Ceremony.
SNAKE RIVER	March 16 at Burbank, 10 a.m. Will include judging of Lecturer and Family Living Contests.
SNOHOMISH	January 19 at Tualco, 10 a.m. Leadership conference at 1 p.m.
STEVENS	January 26 at Fort Colville, 11 a.m. Potluck at 12 noon.
THURSTON	February 7 at Brighton Park, 7 p.m. Installation of officers will be at Skookumchuck on January 6 at 2 p.m.
WHITMAN	January 19 at Eddy's Restaurant in Colfax, 11 a.m. No Host Lunch.
YAKIMA	January 18 at Broadway, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Candle Lighting Ceremony.

Pomona Connection

Grays Harbor/ Pacific Pomona

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona will meet on January 12 at the Sharon Grange Hall at 10 a.m. A potluck will be held at 12 p.m., followed by the State Grange Leadership Conference at 1 p.m. A bake sale is planned for February, to be held in conjunction with the quilt show at the fairgrounds in Elma.

Lewis County Pomona

Lewis County Pomona will hold Installation of Officers on January 14 at 2 p.m. at Cowlitz Prairie.

Okanogan County Pomona

Okanogan County Pomona will meet on February 9 at 10 a.m. at Mount Olive. The meeting will include the installation of officers.

Skagit County Pomona

Skagit County Pomona Grange met at Skagit Valley Grange in November. Election of Officers was held, with Dennis Hall being re-elected Master. Two members of Family Promise of Skagit Valley explained the purpose of their program which is to help homeless families get back on their feet. December's meeting was an "Old-

Fashioned Christmas Party" held at Fredonia Grange, with singing, stories, lots of goodies, and a visit from Santa. Donations were made to the Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund, the Skagit Argus Fund, and the Family Promise of Skagit Valley. The next meeting will be a Candle Lighting Ceremony at Skagit Valley Grange on February 6th.

Snohomish County Pomona

Snohomish County Pomona held their Holiday party/visitation at Kellogg Marsh Grange on December 27, 2018. There were games from 2 to 5pm then white elephant gift exchange followed by potluck at 6:30pm. The January 19, 2019 Pomona meeting will be at Tualco Grange at 10:00 am, with a potluck at noon and the leadership meeting afterwards.

Thurston County Pomona

Thurston County Pomona #8 met on December 6 at South Union Grange for their annual Christmas celebration and meeting. State Master Tom Gwin was a special guest. CFL Ginny Nelson and fundraising committee chair Diane Williams reported on a successful bake sale which, in addition to

the funds raised, resulted in the collection of a lot of donations for the local food bank. The 2019 Pomona schedule of events was approved. Lecturer Patty Mathews presented a program that included a very hearty Merry Christmas from Black Lake Grange, Brighton Park members singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," reading of "Christmas Eve with the Teddy Bears" from South Union, and the reading of "Politically Correct Christmas" from Violet Prairie. Viki Sharp, Denise McCartan, Patty Mathews, and Ginny Nelson showed off their gingerbread structures to the delight of everyone present. Installation of officers will be held on January 6 at Skookumchuck Grange at 2 pm. The next regular meeting will be February 7 at Brighton Park Grange at 7 pm.

Whatcom County Pomona

Whatcom County Pomona will host their annual Planning Meeting no-host breakfast on Saturday January 12th, 8:30 a.m. at the Rusty Wagon restaurant on Hannegan. Bring your calendars and ideas for activities in 2019. All members welcome.

Grange Connection

Lummi Island: A Grange Success Story

By Ed Scott,
Lummi Island Grange

In 2017, the Lummi Island Grange #925 received a requested safety inspection from the Whatcom County Fire Marshall. This inspection pointed out several safety issues which needed to be addressed for the continued safe use of the Grange building by community members. Several of the minor findings were able to be resolved by our Grange Maintenance Team, however, major egress issues were identified, which reduced our legal occupancy of our main hall to only 49 persons. This had a major effect on the community's ability to use the hall as a meeting place, as it had for nearly 80 years. A building improvement committee was formed at a Grange meeting, and plans were started for finding a way to address the egress issues. A local island architect volunteered to inspect the as-built conditions, and produce



drawings and blueprints for necessary structural modification to the building. A local building contractor volunteered his time and efforts to work with a team of other volunteers, to complete the required construction work. Individual members of the community, and island organizations, donated over \$6,000, for the necessary building materials. Whatcom County Public Works issued a building permit for the construction to begin. By October, 2018, all construction was completed. A new set of French Doors were installed on the West side of the main hall, leading out to a large deck. Installation of the doors required modifying the building roof with a gable, to allow full



height doors where the roof had been too low to permit. A new front landing and stairs were constructed to permit rapid exit from the existing doors on the East side of the hall. In November, 2018, Whatcom County Public works conducted the final building inspection, and approved all modifications. The Whatcom County Fire Marshall was invited to come and re-inspect the building, and he then assigned an A-2 building code, and raised the occupancy permitted to 99 persons. Once again, the Lummi Island Grange is able to serve the community's needs for public events, thanks to the many generous neighbors who share our small island.

Klickitat Pomona Hosts 4-H Achievement Night



Klickitat County Pomona Grange Master, Lucille Bevis presented to Alyssa Simmons the Pomona Grange Cup and \$100.00 Certificate for being the 2018 Outstanding Senior 4-Her in Klickitat County. Goldendale Grange provided the Grange Hall and a spaghetti dinner for the annual 4-H achievement night.

Fargher Lake Grange Honors 75-Year Member



Fargher Lake Grange held a Booster Day on December 1st to honor club member accomplishments. Among the honorees was Barbara Hagedorn for being an active member of Fargher Lake Grange for 75 years. She is a third generation member of Fargher Lake Grange as her parents and grandparents were charter members. State Grange Master Tom Gwin (Pictured above with Barbara) graciously attended the event and presented her diamond award certificate.

Valley Grange Hosts Friday Night BINGO



Valley Grange #1048 has been hosting Friday night BINGO since last fall. These Grange members have too much fun! On the second Friday of each month they create a theme and sponsor a dinner during BINGO Night. The Grange offers up door prizes and has contests to make things a little more fun.

Mt. Valley Grange Presents Awards



Mt. Valley Grange recently held their Booster Night/Open House, where Citizen Awards were given to Colleen Ayers and Joy Miller. (Right) Colleen has worked in the kitchen at Amboy Middle School for 17 years. Joy is the Assistant Secretary at the Amboy Middle School. An award was also given to Grange Member Georgene Neal (left) for her work as Secretary of Mt. Valley and all the other committees she works on or helps out on. She is a past Lecturer of Clark County Pomona Grange #1. She serves her community by helping out at Meals on Wheels People Senior Lunch held at the Grange hall. She is also a volunteer and Board Member of North Clark Historical Museum and donates many hours to the running and upkeep of the Museum. Pictured (Left) Judy Steigman, Lecturer Mt. Valley Grange, Georgene Neal, Secretary Mt. Valley Grange, and Annie Scott, State Grange Flora. Pictured (Right) Joy Miller, Judy Steigman, Lecturer Mt. Valley Grange, and Colleen Ayers.

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