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Terry And Mary Hunt Presented 2023 Grange Leadership Award

Terry and Mary Hunt, longtime members of Saint Andrews Grange in Douglas County, are the recipients of the 2023 WA State Grange Leadership Award. The award

was presented at the annual convention on Saturday, June 25. The Hunts were escorted to the president's station where they graciously accepted the honor and provided numerous

words of wisdom from their Grange involvement.

Terry Hunt is a 62 year member of Saint Andrews Grange. He served as the

Master of the Washington State Grange and led the Grange's efforts to pass Initiative 872, commonly known as the Top Two Primary. Following the passage of the initiative, he was

instrumental in defending the initiative in court eventually receiving approval of the U.S. Supreme Court for the

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



A recap of the 2023 Washington State Grange Convention can be found throughout this issue. (Above) The Three Graces.

SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming State Grange Events

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

AUGUST 13-18Camp David Junior Grange Camp, near Port Angeles

AUGUST 2-5Grange Youth Fairs Program – Grays Harbor County Fair @ Elma

AUGUST 3-5Grange Youth Fairs Program – Clallam County Junior Livestock Auction/Show @ Sequim

AUGUST 4-13Grange Youth Fairs Program – Clark County Fair @ Ridgefield (Grange livestock on display Aug 9-13)

AUGUST 15-19Grange Youth Fairs Program – Grant County Fair @ Moses Lake

AUGUST 22-26Grange Youth Fairs Program – Benton Franklin Fair @ Kennewick

AUGUST 24-27Grange Youth Fairs Program – North Central Washington Fair @ Waterville

AUGUST 24-27Grange Youth Fairs Program – Northeast Washington Fair @ Colville

AUGUST 27Picnic at the Central Washington Ag Museum in Union Gap, 1:30 p.m. Hosted by the Yakima Valley Pomona Grange.

AUGUST 30-SEPT 3Grange Youth Fairs Program – Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days @ Walla Walla

AUGUST 31-SEPT 4Grange Youth Fairs Program – Kittitas County Fair @ Ellensburg

SEPTEMBER 1-3Grange Youth Fairs Program – Ferry County Fair @ Republic

SEPTEMBER 7-9Grange Youth Fairs Program – Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show @ Connell

SEPTEMBER 7-10Grange Youth Fairs Program – Chelan County Fair @ Cashmere

SEPTEMBER 11State Grange Executive Committee Meeting, 9 am

SEPTEMBER 13-16Grange Youth Fairs Program – Othello Fair

SEPTEMBER 27Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom Meeting

OCTOBER 4Youth Fairs Program Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m. – review 2023 and program changes for 2024

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

NOVEMBER 14-18157th Annual National Grange Convention, Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Helen Bucher Honored For 75-Years Of Membership

Helen Bucher joined the Sequim Prairie Grange in the first quarter of 1946. 77 years later she was presented her 75- year Diamond Certificate & Pin at the Grange monthly meeting.

Helen has a life membership and is a 7th Degree Sequim Prairie Grange. She was Master of the Grange from 1990-1991 and Secretary from 1992 to over 20 years through 2013. She has also held many offices with State Grange, Subordinate and Pomona Grange, including State Flora.

She is a very committed and active member of the Sequim Prairie Grange.

We appreciate you Helen and congratulations!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

OCTOBER ISSUE:
We will be looking for your scheduled Fall events for Grange Connection. Harvest Festivals, Bazaars, Booster nights, etc.
Deadline is 9/20/2023

NOVEMBER ISSUE:
This issue will feature Fair participation through out the state. Send in your photos and captions of your Fair booths and youth fairs participation.
Plus... Grange Connection will be looking for your scheduled holiday events.
Deadline is 10/20/2023

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President’s Message

Reflecting On A Successful State Grange Convention

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

The 134th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange is now history! We experienced another outstanding convention, filled with both work and excitement. We debated 49 resolutions and the recommendations of nine Standing Committees. We elected a full slate of state officers, with four new faces joining the officer team. Contests were held and awards presented. There certainly was something for everyone to enjoy at this year’s convention.

There are many, many Grange members who contributed to the success of this year’s convention:

- The Convention Steering Committee, chaired by Debbie Fisch with Jonny Pittman as the vice chair, George Penner as the secretary, and Jacquie Hunt as the treasurer, and all of the other host committees...you did an excellent job of meeting the needs of the delegates. It was good to see representatives from several counties involved in the host duties.
- The staff of the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake was wonderful to work with. Their excellent facilities and professional staff are to be

- commended!
- To those who completed each of the details necessary for our success, including Progress Room Workers, deputies, officers, directors, and others, thank you for your part to make this a memorable convention.
 - To the National Grange Representative, Amanda Brozana Rios, thank you for your words of wisdom and guidance to the delegates. We know you had a long flight home and hope you will

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-- Tom Gwin

- remember your time spent with us.
- To the delegates and committee chairs, congratulations on discussing each aspect of every resolution and recommendation. The in-depth discussion on each subject was astounding! All committees completed their work by the end of the first day.
 - To the office staff, each of



Tom Gwin

whom brings their own special talent and skill level to their job, your long hours and dedication to your jobs is truly remarkable.

- To the youth and juniors, who bring a lively can-do attitude that reminds many of us of our not too distant past.

Now that convention is over, we quickly turn our focus to the Grange Youth Fairs Program. Our fairs have already begun and will continue across the state through the month of September. There are 14 fairs across the state that are allowing our Grange Youth and Juniors to showcase their projects, including livestock animals. Other fairs will have intricate Grange designs and still others will have Grange operated food concessions. Whatever role your Grange plays in the fair, I encourage you to do it well and to the best of your ability.

You may want to make plans now to attend the 135th Annual State Grange Session. We will be meeting at the Northeast Washington Fairgrounds in Colville on June 26-30, 2024. The Grangers of the Eastern District are already making plans for our visit to their area.

Legislative

The Facts On Water In Washington State

By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist



Jesse Taylor

From dams to rainfall, the big issue on everybody’s minds this summer has been water. So where do we stand?

On July 5th the Washington State Department of Ecology issued a Drought Advisory across the state. A state agency advisory is an order of guidance and not command. The guidance order explains common and easy conservation methods but is NOT a drought declaration.

Ecology then followed up on July 24th with an order of Drought Emergency within twelve counties both East and West of the Cascades. The counties include: Clallam, Jefferson, Island, Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Walla Walla, Columbia and Okanogan.

Fast facts:

- Average snowpack in most watersheds this year was on average 111% of normal.
 - The state received about 50% of its normal precipitation during the 60 days between April 29th and June 27th
 - Seasonal water supply forecasts indicate the state will experience below normal runoff (median forecast of 85 percent of normal) from April to September, with individual station forecasts ranging from 62-136% of normal (Northwest River Forecast Center: June 30 forecast)
 - Tacoma Water (which includes Covington, Kent, Lakewood and Tacoma) is sitting at 92% storage capacity and expects no delay or interruption in domestic and commercial water supply this year.
- According to the department of Ecology, in Washington a drought is declared when there is less than 75% of normal water supply and there is the risk of undue hardship. Declaring a drought emergency allows Ecology to process emergency water right permits and transfers. New legislation passed this spring also makes \$3 million in emergency drought funds available as grants to support communities, irrigation districts, Tribes and other public entities facing hardships.

Dams Update

This summer has seen the Snake River Dam congressional hearings with the last one taking place on June 27th in Richland. Congressional members Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Dan Newhouse testified in the committee to the importance of the dams to the economy of the Pacific Northwest. Some of the testimony included the fact that the four Lower Snake River dams helped transform Eastern and Central Washington from dry, barren sagebrush to one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world. Together, these dams also generate over 1,000 megawatts on average, which is enough to power over 800,000 homes.

On July 25th several conservation groups announced a lawsuit against the federal government suing to remove the lower four dams. The groups include Columbia Riverkeeper, Idaho Rivers United, Idaho Conservation League, and the Northwest Sport Fishing Industry Association. This is very early in the process with the actual suit still to be filed, but we will stay apprised of this as it moves its way through the system.

Grange Capital Budget Projects

Earlier this interim Tom sent out the call for capital budget projects with the document the legislature uses. We are still on track to start pitching the projects to local legislators this fall with site visits. Please get those applications in as soon as you can ahead of the deadline and be as specific as you can on how the money will be spent. Small community projects that serve the general public make for great capital budget projects. I look forward to working with you on these and answering questions along the way.

EPA Restrictions Harm Potential Crop Yields In Buffer Zones

By Betsy E. Huber
Master/President
National Grange

Fifty years ago, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) was passed to protect and conserve species facing extinction. While this is a noble goal, few understand the impact the ESA can have on agriculture, family farm sustainability, and food security.

The U.S. EPA has inserted large buffer zones for certain pesticide use in counties where listed species may be present or their possible habitats exist. Even if a habitat

exists on only a few acres, the entire county is restricted from pesticide use; thus the farmer’s crop yield is reduced and income is lessened. For instance, an herbicide was eliminated from use on approximately 1 million acres in 11 counties in Georgia, but it was found that only .37 percent of the area was suitable habitat. With precision agriculture capabilities today, possible habitat areas can be much more specifically delineated, allowing farming on more acreage that is needed for production.

As the number of farms declines rapidly and the loss of

U.S. agricultural land exceeds 200 acres every hour, it is expected that farmers will need to increase food production by 70% by 2050 to sustain the growing population. This can only be accomplished if economically effective tools are available to farmers to help prevent pests from stealing food, feed and fiber crops.

Funding is needed to help educate farmers on ways to protect endangered species, create better maps of where species occur, and research additional ways to reduce risks from pesticides.



Betsy E. Huber

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS June & July 2023

		# Joined	Jr. +1
534	Cedar John M. Olson	1	
982	Clarkston Heights Jay Parker Sanders	1	
681	Chimacum Heidi Ruegg, Suzanne Martin, Mary-Lou Vibrans Aleta Anderson	4	
819	Chumstick Jessica Ising, George Ising, Marilyn Ising, Soren Ising Elizabeth Ising	5	2
506	Diamond Lake Koyes Reedy	1	
1014	Entiat Evelyn Gildersleeve, Terry Gildersleeve, Elahiela Gomez Gerry Sorenson	4	
853	Fargher Lake Carol Stewart, Fred Hudgin	2	
905	Five Mile Prairie Nick DeGroat	1	1
533	Fort Colville Robert Tieszen, Mary Tieszen	2	
278	Gardenspot Scott Randall, Tara A Riordan	2	
49	Goldendale Astrid Fredenck, Theone Wheeler, Mariatha Rising Angela Kruger	4	
124	Grays River Denise Blanchard, Nicole Langer	2	
322	Happy Valley Joseph Zimmerman	1	
581	Issaquah Valley 	0	1
667	Long Beach Jerry Caird, Marci Caird, Cheri Diehl, Linda Dunn, Nancy Elwood, Wes Elwood, Tammie Lewis, Susan Mitchell Vicki Reninger, Patrick Smith, Holly Smith, Karen Whitmore Dayna West, Sheryl L. McDonald, Jean Matthew Shirley Reed Boardman, Michele Reed, Kim Pitzer	18	
925	Lummi Island Laurie Hawkins	1	
796	Manson Jennifer Phillips, Wendy Wilfong, Kyle Wilfong Colton Wilfong	4	
357	Matlock Amber Hart, Pattie McLean, Stephanie Ayres, Verena Lewis Robert Lewis, April Kloempken, Kristen Masteller Collin Morris	8	
985	Oroville Suzi Segar, Suzanne Cheney, Kim Byers, Joan Krajewski Dawn Yattaw, Roy Bryant, Barry Itail, David Mattson Steve Bell	9	
1067	Prospect Point Crystal Trout	1	1
941	Rimrock Brittany Gordon	1	
953	Rose Valley G.E.Douglas	1	
702	Roy Leonora Smith, Kendra Burns, Jason Gibbs	3	1
286	Sammamish Valley Jill Nivison, Susan Webster, Torrey Webster	3	
966	San Juan Island Greta Yocom, EDC of San Juan County, Gretchen Gubelman Liz Pillow, Manya Pickard, Pete Melson, Jennifer Oettinger Myah Thompson, Chloe Klein, Bex Bishop, Jessica Clark Victoria Compton, Jeffrey Dalbok, Cady Davies, Eric Ellison Katey Rissi	16	
684	San Poil Lynne Flagg, Kathy Debus	2	
105	Silver Lake Clifton 'Dale' Weise, Sara 'Nicole' Weise, Karen Kidney	3	
261	Summit Park Wendy Hammons, Winnie Petersen	2	
1019	Tunk Valley Karla Peterson, Ron Peterson, Bonnie Martin	3	
482	Twisp Valley Deb Schuler, Gabby Beaudin	2	
1111	Waller Road Frank Fuller	1	
452	Williams Valley Sean Rory O'Riordan, Judy Bailey, Scott Bailey, Janet King	4	
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TOTALS		112	6

Fair Season is Once Again Upon Us!

It is once again fair time! How can we use the fair season to jumpstart our Grange membership?

Pomona Granges have a wonderful opportunity to help their Subordinate Granges with this task. Many Pomona's put in a fair booth table with membership materials etc. but how are we enticing fairgoers to join a local Grange? Do your displays invite others to join the Grange? Are you "tooting your own horn"? If you were not a member of the Grange, would you want to join a Grange after visiting a membership booth at your local fair? These are just a few of the questions you should think about before putting your booth together. Here are a few other ideas:

Think about creating a smaller version of the State Granges' "Granges in Action" poster boards. On an 8 ½ x 11 paper, put the Grange name and number at the top and add 3-4 photos with a caption for each photo, include a photo depicting each event the Grange held in the past year. This can include anything from Easter egg hunts to Santa breakfasts or a Candidates forum or maybe a rummage sale, or even a farmers' market. Anything that shows the audience that the Grange has an

impact in their community. Adhere each of these to a poster board with bright color paper behind it. Be sure to give it a title as well. If the poster board has space, type each Grange Name, Number, and location on a separate piece of paper and adhere

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it on as well. You might also make a half sheet handout that would have the Grange names, numbers, addresses and a contact person. Have those readily available for those interested in joining a Grange. And always be sure to have lots of membership applications on hand!

What else should go on your

membership table? Our Grange News is always a great thing to have for those that want to take one. Be sure to have a least one copy of both our Legislative Handbook as well as our Program Handbook so they can see all that the Grange has to offer. Another great item to add to your booth is the new and improved "Declaration of Purposes" brochure. This brochure beautifully depicts our organization in a well thought out manner and makes it an easy way to answer that common question, "What is the Grange?"

And DON'T forget to show your Grange pride by wearing your Grange gear. If there are more than one of you in the booth, consider wearing the same t-shirt as it makes a great impact and brings a sense of curiosity to others.

Now that your booth is ready and your members are dolled up in their gear, be sure to brush on your "elevator speech" (can be found in the April 2023 Grange News) so you know best how to answer the age-old question "What is the Grange?"

Let's not let this great opportunity pass us. The Grange is a wonderful organization, and we need to spread the word. I hope you all enjoy your local fair!

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.

- Al Latham – Chimacum #681
- James Gimenez – Freedom #1152
- Pati Burns – Oroville #985
- Victor Stevens – Roy #702
- ★ Donna Russel – Williams Valley #452

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.

- Al Latham
Chimacum #681– 1 gift card
- Roger Ellison
San Juan #966 – 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!

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

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

2023 Youth Award Winners Announced; Thank You Youth



Jerry Gwin

Thank you to all those who worked with the youth department at our recent state session. While our youth group was smaller than we are accustomed to, we finally turned the corner and are rebounding from the Covid pandemic. Many of our youth participants were new, and they brought a great deal of enthusiasm to the Grange.

The youth officer drill was presented on Saturday morning. As we didn't have a full slate of officers, we started the drill with the teenagers. They were later joined by the young adults, five of who are State Grange Officers, and eventually the Junior Grangers joined in as well. With all three groups working together, we were able to show the progression from Junior Grange up through the teens and the young adults.

One of our new events at this session was the Youth Educational Poster Contest. We had 91 entries in our first year. The posters were evaluated and ribbons awarded. Cash prizes were awarded to the top posters.

We also owe a big thank you to those who supported the youth department by purchasing tickets for our annual raffle. The support is universal across the state. We also thank those who donated items for the live and silent auctions. Your generosity will allow us to continue providing opportunities for our youth Grangers to grow and learn.

A summary of youth awards is as follows:

Youth Boosters of the Year
Ed & Marilyn Armit, Mossyrock #355

Youth Community Service Award
Tessa Taft, Humptulips #730

Youth Mentoring Award
Jacob Gwin, Humptulips #730

Pizzaz Awards
Katelynn Hann, Fern Prairie #866
Aiyona Hann, Fern Prairie #866

Impromptu Speeches – Ages 14-19
First Place – Melissa Kudsk, Haynie #169
Second Place – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1
Third Place – Brady Lierman, Horseshoe #965, and Dustin Chappel, Freedom #1152

Impromptu Speeches, Ages 20-35
First Place – Sheyenne Koen, Kellogg Marsh #136
Second Place – Jacob Gwin, Humptulips #730

Impromptu Speeches, Age 36 and Over
First Place – Marc Jones, Five Mile Prairie #905, and Susan Hegney, McIntosh #1001
Second Place – Heather Ferguson, Waitsburg #1
Third Place – Shannon Basterecchia, Menastash #1054

Youth Raffle
First Place - \$400 – Donna Carr, Anacortes WA
Second Place - \$100 – Jennifer Oliver, Tacoma WA
Third Place - \$60 – Rusty Hunt, Coulee City WA
Fourth Place - \$40 – McLane Grange #383

Youth Educational Posters

Class 1 – Beginners, Aged 5-7
First Place – Paisley Holland, Moses Lake #1151; Juniper Belleveau, Addy #603
Second Place – Cliven Thompson, Addy #603
Third Place – Ashley Jachetta, Moses Lake #1151

Class 2 – Juniors, ages 8-10
First Place – Andreanna Puller, Prospect Point #1067; Nia Sackman, Moses Lake #1151
Second Place – Judah Richardson, Addy #603
Third Place - Charlie Thorson, Prospect Point #1067

Class 3 – Pre Teens, ages 11-13
First Place – Rebecca Rettkowski, Moses Lake #1151; Tucker Syjut, Addy #603; Lane Delp-Pratt, Kettle River #1120
Second Place – Piper Holderman, Prospect Point #1067
Third Place – Lane Delp-Pratt, Kettle River #1120

Class 4 – Teens, Ages 14-19
First Place – Laura Klein, Prospect Point #1067; Raven Lutz, Addy #603
Second Place – Justin Klein, Prospect Point #1067
Third Place – Raven Lutz, Addy #603

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Juniors

Congratulations To Our Juniors



Heather Ferguson

**By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director**

Thank you to all who supported and helped the Junior department at State convention in June. From my Leadership team and Mike Gilmour, the Host Committee, my judges, those who donated auction items and books and especially those who donated at the ice cream social. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The Junior Department had lots of fantastic entries this year. If you missed seeing the results at convention here is the list of the very talented Juniors and Leaders who won awards.

Junior Leader of the Year-
Mike Gilmour – Fargher Lake Junior Grange #49

Junior Granger of the Year-
Jaelyn Johnson, Humptulips Jr Grange #376

Individual Membership Building Award-
Jaelyn Johnson, Humptulips Jr Grange #376

Junior Grange Membership Building Award-
Humptulips Junior Grange #376

1st Place Junior Community Service Award-
Humptulips Junior Grange #376

Ned Cullen Award- Humptulips Junior Grange #376

Art/Craft Contest

Group 1 : 7 and under
1st – Emily Parelko – Birdhouse – Fargher Lake
2nd- Lena Gilmour – Shark Drawing- Fargher Lake
3rd- Hanna Filzen – Informational Duck Tri-fold – Fargher Lake

Group 2 : 8-10 years
1st- Wyatt McClellan- Painting – Fargher Lake
2nd- Zoey Eggers- Pillowcase- Mosseyrock
3rd- Cindy Kangas- Blue Birdhouse- Farghar Lake

Group 3 : 11-14 years
1st- Audrey Spurlock – Afghan- Fern Prairie
2nd- Bridget Klein – Placemat- Prospect Point
3rd- Jenna Meats- Birdhouse- Fargher Lake

Group 4: JG and Camps
1st- Humptulips JG #376

Impromptu Speaking
1st- Gideon Jones – Five Mile Prairie
2nd- Truman Jones – Five Mile Prairie
3rd- Harlow Dirks - Menastash

Prepared Speeches
1st- Truman Jones – Five Mile Prairie
2nd- Kelby and Adeline Barth – East Wenatchee

Short Story
1st- Gideon Jones – Five Mile Prairie

Junior Fair Booth Awards
1st- Humptulips Junior Grange #376
2nd-Fargher Lake Junior Grange #49
3rd- Camp Morehead Junior Grange #401

Lecturer's Department

2023 Creative Writing Contest Results, Talent Contest Results And Convention Thanks

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

The results of the Creative Writing Contest are as follows:

Group A – Adult:

A1 – Poetry, Metered; Topic: Pet(s)
1st Place: Lorell Fisher, Stranger Creek #374
2nd Place: Jacklyn Lester, Adna #417
3rd Place: Jarrod Gardner, McMillin #848
Entries were also received from: Bob Sholes – North River #946, Carol Wright – Camden #687, Jarrod Gardner – McMillin #848, Barbara Hagedorn – Fargher Lake #853, Nancy Hartley – Camden #687 and Judy Steigmann – Mt. Valley #79.

A2 – Poetry, Free Verse; Topic: Pet(s)
1st Place: Nancy Hartley, Camden #687
2nd Place: Nancy Hartley, Camden #687
3rd Place: Ann Fackenthall, Gardenspot #278
Entries were also received from: Herb Batterson – Green Bluff #300, Jarrod Gardner – McMillin #848, Tatyana Kido – Camden #687 and Nancy Hartley – Camden #687.

A3 – Short Story; Topic: I Can’t Believe I Did This
1st Place: Lois Cole, Camden #687
2nd Place: Nancy Hartley, Camden #687
3rd Place: Jarrod Gardner, McMillin #848
Entries were also received from: Rodger Lance – Washington #82, Jacklyn Lester – Adna #417, Judy Steigmann – Mt. Valley #79, Judy Brezina – Twisp Valley #482 and Barbara Hagedorn – Fargher Lake #853.

A4 – Essay; Topic: Washington – The Evergreen State
1st Place: Rodger Lance, Washington #82
2nd Place: Jarrod Gardner, McMillin #848
3rd Place: Billie Jean Williams, South Union #860

Best Of Show: \$50
Lois Cole – Short Story, Camden #687
2nd Best of Show: \$25
Nancy Hartley – Poetry Free Verse, Camden #687

For the first time in several years we had entries in the Youth Group.

Group B – Youth:

B3 – Short Story; Topic: I Can’t Believe I Did This
1st Place: Joelle Brandtner, Camden #687
2nd Place: Carter Brandtner, Camden #687
3rd Place: Judah Barnett, Camden #687

B4 – Essay; Topic: Washington – The Evergreen State
1st Place: Ryland Krieger, Camden #687
2nd Place: Olivia Martinez, Camden #687
3rd Place: Myles Chaney, Camden #687
One additional entry was received from Clara Simonson – Camden #687.



Leslie Jo Wells

Best of Show: \$50
Ryland Krieger – Essay, Camden #687
2nd Best of Show: \$25
Joelle Brandtner – Short Story, Camden #687

I would like to congratulate and thank everyone who had the courage and took the time to enter the Creative Writing Contest this year.

TALENT CONTEST RESULTS
The annual State Grange Talent Contest was held on Friday evening of convention. There were four entries this year: Vocal Category – Matt Hodges, Barberton #571; Instrumental Category – Lucy Jones, Five Mile Prairie #905, April Jones, Five Mile Prairie #905 and Variety – Jessica Van Gelder, Fern Prairie #866. The Best in Class for Instrumental was awarded to Lucy Jones for her Piano piece and a Special Award Ribbon went to April Jones for her Clarinet piece. The Vocal Best in Class was presented to Matt Hodges. The Best in Class for Variety was earned by Jessica Van Gelder with her dance presentation. The Best in Show and \$500 was presented to Jessica Van Gelder. The 2nd Best in Show and \$200 was presented to Lucy Jones. Jessica will have the opportunity to represent Washington State Grange at the Evening of Excellence to be held at the National Grange Convention in Niagra Falls, New York in November. My thanks to those who served as judges for this event: Angela Rohde, Waitsburg #1, Chris Hamp, Five Mile Prairie #905 and Oren Gaskill, Ten Mile #399.

Following the actual Contest we were treated to a delightful Accordion recital from our new WSG Musician Dr. Jim Ogden which included a vocal number by Annie Scott. What a great way to end our evening!

CONVENTION THANKS
Once again we were able to present and display for you the results of the Pomona level winners for the Arts & Crafts and the Photography Contests this year. It is a rather large undertaking and couldn't happen without a significant amount of help. I would like to thank the Host Committee and their helpers for getting our display area set up. I would especially like to thank the following Grangers that judged entries for the areas that the Host Committee could not get judges for: Karen Castello, Steve Dalton, Jacquie Hunt, Jim Moebius, Lillie Savage, Jean Swift and Lucy Vest. Thanks to Dennis McGurk, Connie Hauver, Ann Fackenthall, Anita Mastin, Jennifer Webb, and Judy Hossner for their help with check-in/check-out and recording the judging results. If I have forgotten anyone, please accept my apology. We on the Lecturer Committee, myself, Sherry Cummins and Helen Gardner would have had a much harder time if it were not for all the help of our fellow Grangers!

I would also like to thank all the individuals and Granges that donated items for the Auctions. The Live Auction items brought in \$1110, and the Silent Auction items brought in \$975. I would like to especially thank Steve McDonald of Washington #82 for donating 3 quilts and a quilted wall hanging that were made by his mother. Ll of these funds will be used to support the activities of the Lecturer department.

Heirloom Project Readings August, September and October 2023

AUGUST: “In no other occupation does a man’s daily labor bring him into such close companionship with the Great Creator as in the cultivation of the soil.”
(Second Degree; Chaplain)



SEPTEMBER: “Cultivate the habit of looking for better and brighter days, instead of mourning over the past.”
(Third Degree; Vice President)

OCTOBER: “Speak good of others, rather than evil. Gather up memories of others' virtues, and pass by their faults in pity.”
(Third Degree, Chaplain)

2023 Talent Contest

Best of Show: \$500	Jessica Van Gelder	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1
2nd Best of Show: \$200	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
Vocal Class			
\$50 Best of Class	Matt Hodges	Barberton #571	Clark #1
Instrumental Class			
\$50 Best of Class	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
Special Award	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
Variety Class			
\$50 Best of Class	Jessica Van Gelder	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1



Lecturer's Department

2023 Lecturer Contest Results

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Total entries pre-submitted: 219
Total entries received/judged: 215

GROUP I - Adults, age 20 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Jim Higgins	Marion #276	Pierce #16
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Jim Higgins	Marion #276	Pierce #16

Best of Class Winners:

A. Scenic Photo	Haldis Sholes	North River #946	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
B. Washington My Home	Ralph Allen	Williams Valley #452	Excelsior #37
C. Animals	Nick Oliver	Collins #893	Pierce #16
D. Birds	Jesica Parker	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6
E. People	Bailey Lyle	Pine Grove #115	Whitman #2
F. Portraiture	Nikki Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
G. Historical	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
H. Agriculture & Farming	Jim Higgins	Marion #276	Pierce #16
I. Celebration	Nikki Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
J. Water	Ralph Allen	Williams Valley #452	Excelsior #37
K. Flora	Karri Marsh	McMillin #848	Pierce #16
L. Winter	Brittney Pittman	Moses Lake #1151	Grant
M. Spring	Dennis Lippert	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
N. Summer	Tena Hedges	Catlin #199	Cowlitz/Wahkiakum #7
O. Autumn/Fall	Pam Mathews	South Union #860	Thurston #8
P. Insects & Bugs	Jim Higgins	Marion #276	Pierce #16
Q. Grange Activities	Vickie Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
R. Buildings or Structures	Heather Ferguson	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #6
S. Lines, Shapes or Forms	Bailey Lyle	Pine Grove #115	Whitman #2
T. Transportation	Jenny Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
U. General Interest	Jenny Vincent	East Hill #786	King #13

GROUP II - Youth, ages 14-19

Best of Show: \$25	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

Best of Class Winners:

BA. Scenic Photo	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
BB. Animals	Parker Hammons	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
BC. People	-----No Entries-----		
BD. Birds	Parker Hammons	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
BE. General Interest	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
BF. Grange Activities	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
BG. Water	Parker Hammons	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
BH. Flora	Adrionna McClellan	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
BI. Buildings/Structures	Parker Hammons	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
BJ. Transportation	Parker Hammons	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50

GROUP III - Juniors, ages 5-13

Best of Show: \$25	Finn Harris	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit #10
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Finn Harris	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit #10

Best of Class Winners:

CA. Scenic Photo	Marty Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
CB. Animals	Finn Harris	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit #10
CC. People	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
CD. Birds	Finn Harris	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit #10
CE. General Interest	Colin Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
CF. Grange Activities	-----No Entries-----		
CG. Water	Marty Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
CH. Flora	Finn Harris	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit #10
CI. Buildings/Structures	Finn Harris	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit #10
CJ. Transportation	-----No Entries-----		

2023 ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST

Total entries pre-submitted: 319
Total entries received/judged: 259

Group A - Paintings and Drawings, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Terri Flores	East Hill #786	King #13
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Nancy Elwood	Long Beach #667	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Best of Class Winners:

A-1 Oils	Jessica VanGelder	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1
A-2 Acrylics	Sarah Thompson	Whelan-Ewartsville #114	Whitman #2
A-3 Watercolors	Maggie Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
A-4 Mixed Media	Nancy Elwood	Long Beach #667	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
A-5 Drawings – Any Media	Sheyenne Koen	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12
A-6 Other	Terri Flores	East Hill #786	King #13

Group B - Fiber Craft/Needle Arts, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Jane Deardorf	Fort Colville #533	Stevens #17
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Vicki Carter	Long Beach #667	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Best of Class Winners:

B-1 Weaving	Cheri Diehl	Long Beach #667	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
B-2 Felting (unspun only)	Martha Copeland	Violet Prairie #996	Thurston #8
B-3 Embroidery, Hand	Vicki Carter	Long Beach #667	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
B-4 Embroidery, Machine	Sherry Crespo	Elk Plain #782	Pierce #16
B-5 Knit, any item	Karen Castello	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit #10

B-6 Crochet, any item	Shelby Carlson	Addy #603	Stevens #17
B-7 Counted Cross Stitch (Framed)	Vicki Carter	Long Beach #667	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
B-8 Counted Cross Stitch (Unf'd)	-----No Entries-----		
B-9 Plastic Canvas	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
B-10 Other Fiber Craft	Jane Deardorf	Fort Colville #533	Stevens #17
B-11 Other Needle Art	Sherry Crespo	Elk Plain #782	Pierce #16

Group C - Holiday Crafts, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Jereme Roy	Moses Lake #1151	Grant
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Jodi Ann Cameron	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

Best of Class Winners:

C-1 Christmas Ornaments (must be able to hang)	Sherry Cummins	Greenwood Park #590	Excelsior #37
C-2 Christmas Decorations	Jereme Roy	Moses Lake #1151	Grant
C-3 Thanksgiving Decorations	-----No Entries-----		
C-4 Halloween Decorations	Karri Marsh	McMillin #848	Pierce #16
C-5 Easter Decorations	Sheri Bock	East Wenatchee #1012	Douglas #49
C-6 Valentine's Day Decorations	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
C-7 Decorations for Seasons of the Year	Jodi Ann Cameron	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
C-8 Other Holiday or Celebration Décor	Karen Jackson	Edgewood #266	Pierce #16

Group D - Wood Crafts, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Joeann Terpening	Ford's Prairie #33	Lewis #3
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Jim Moebius	Elk Plain # 782	Pierce #16

Best of Class Winners:

D-1 Woodworking (with a finish)	John Haug	Long Beach #667	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
D-2 Woodworking (w/o a finish)	Jim Moebius	Elk Plain # 782	Pierce #16
D-3 Wood Carving	Geoff Ginth	Quilliscut #372	Stevens #17
D-4 Wood -scroll work	Martha Copeland	Violet Prairie #996	Thurston #8
D-5 Wooden Animal House or Feeder	-----No Entries-----		
D-6 Wooden Toys	Terri Flores	East Hill #786	King #13
D-7 Any Woodworking Item (ages 14-19)	Joeann Terpening	Ford's Prairie #33	Lewis #3
D-8 Other Wooden Item	Mr. Veltry	Violet Prairie #996	Thurston #8

Group E - Recycled Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Marvin Oliver	Collins #893	Pierce #16
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Kay Thompson	Goldendale #49	Klickitat #5

Best of Class Winners:

E-1 Recycled Fabric/Fiber	Vicki Carter	Long Beach #667	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
E-2 Recycled Wood	Marvin Oliver	Collins #893	Pierce #16
E-3 Recycled Metal	Jim Moebius	Elk Plain # 782	Pierce #16
E-4 Recycled Plastic	-----No Show-----		
E-5 Recycled Paper	-----No Best of Class-----		
E-6 Recycled from Any Other Item	Kay Thompson	Goldendale #49	Klickitat #5

Group F - Constructive Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Eileen Moebius	Elk Plain #782	Pierce #16
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Steve Dalton	Garden City #280	Snohomish #12

Best of Class Winners:

F-1 Stained Glass, copper foil	-----No Entries-----		
F-2 Glass Craft (other than Stained glass)	Aryanna Cerar	Elk Plain #782	Pierce #16
F-3 Metal Craft	Luke Nelson	Prospect Point	
F-4 Lapidary	-----No Entries-----		
F-5 Sculpted Clay/Pottery	Steve Dalton	Garden City #280	Snohomish #12
F-6 Yard Art	Eileen Moebius	Elk Plain #782	Pierce #16
F-7 Ceramics, stains/acrylics	Terri Flores	East Hill #786	King #13
F-8 Ceramics, overglaze	-----No Entries-----		
F-9 Ceramics, other and/or combined techniques	Erin Moilanen	Crescent #1123	Clallam #31
F-10 Other Constructive Crafts	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Group G - Paper Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Karen Jackson	Edgewood #266	Pierce #16
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Judy Cressey	Addy #603	Stevens #17

Best of Class Winners:

G-1 Handmade Card (holiday)	Lois Cummins	Inland #780	Spokane #4
G-2 Handmade Card (all occ)	Karen Jackson	Edgewood #266	Pierce #16
G-3 A Scrapbook Page	-----No Entries-----		
G-4 Memory/Scrapbooks	Leta Smith	Lincoln Creek #407	Lewis #3
G-5 Adult Coloring	Jackie Lester	Adna #417	Lewis #3
G-6 Other Paper Craft Items	Lily Sargent	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29

Group H - General Crafts, Adult, Ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Jill Michels	Fredonia #545	Skagit #10
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

Best of Class Winners:

H-1 Beading	Noreen Gwilt	Tualco #284	Snohomish #12
H-2 Jewelry	Jill Michels	Fredonia #545	Skagit #10
H-3 Decorative Painting	Aspen Balodus	Goldendale #49	Klickitat #5
H-4 Wearable Art	Robyn West	Long Beach #667	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
H-5 Toys (other than wood)	Marcus Dingman	St Andrews #832	Douglas #49
H-6 Nature Craft	Geoff Ginth	Quilliscut #372	Stevens #17
H-7 Duct Tape Crafts	-----No Entries-----		
H-8 Flower Arrangement/ Corsage (dried or silk)	Mary Ann Weeks	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit #10
H-9 String, Cord, or Rope	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
H-10 Other General Craft Item	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

Group I – Grange Promotional Art/Craft, Ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Meredith Meats	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

Best of Class Winners:

I-1 Grange Promotional Brochure	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
I-2 Grange Event Flyer	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
I-3 Posters	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
I-4 Button	-----No Entries-----		
I-5 Invitations	-----No Entries-----		
I-6 Other Promotional Art/Craft Items	Meredith Meats	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

Group J - Arts & Crafts, Children, Ages 10-13

Best of Show: \$25	Jenna Meats	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Audrey Spurlock	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1

Best of Class Winners:

J-1 Paintings	Finn Harris	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit #10
J-2 Drawings	Violet Pulley	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
J-3 Crayons	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-4 Woodcrafts	Jenna Meats	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
J-5 Fabric/Fiber Craft	Audrey Spurlock	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1
J-6 Paper Craft	-----No Entries-----		
J-7 Decorations, holiday	Taylor Schwan	Collins #893	Pierce #16
J-8 Decorations, non-holiday	Abbi Schmoie	Humptulips Jr #376	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
J-9 Wearable Art	Lilly Brazeau	Addy #603	Stevens #17
J-10 Any Item made from a Kit	Presley Dray	Collins #893	Pierce #16
J-11 Other Arts & Craft Items	Serenity Dean	Addy #603	Stevens #17

Group K - Arts & Crafts, Children, Ages 5-9

Best of Show: \$25	Ruby Dean	Addy #603	Stevens #17
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Truman Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

Best of Class Winners:

K-1 Paintings	Truman Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
K-2 Drawings	Truman Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
K-3 Crayons	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips Jr #376	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
K-4 Woodcrafts	Everly Blackford	Washington #82	Clark #1
K-5 Fabric/Fiber Craft	Amarich Duhein	Williams Valley #452	Excelsior #37
K-6 Paper Crafts	Avery Kemano	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
K-7 Decorations, holiday	Wren Dray	Collins #893	Pierce #16
K-8 Decorations, non-holiday	Liv Yancy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
K-9 Wearable Art	Tory Lane	East Hill Jr #236	King #13
K-10 Any Item made from a Kit	Lena Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
K-11 Other Arts & Crafts Items	Ruby Dean	Addy #603	Stevens #17



Convention Recap



2023-2025 State Grange Officers

New Faces Join WA State Grange Officer Team

The election of State Grange officers was held in accordance to the bylaws at this years’ Annual State Grange Session. Four new faces are joining the slate of Washington State Grange officers, while one officer moves to a new position.

Alexis Kudsk will move from the position of Pomona to become the new Lady Assistant Steward for the State Grange. A member of Haynie Grange in Whatcom County, Kudsk served as the 2019 National Grange Youth Ambassador.

Succeeding Kudsk as Pomona will be Jordanne Webb of Rimrock Grange in Adams County. Webb is an EMT in the Ritzville area. The granddaughter of Wayne and Peggy Miller, she is from a multi-generation Grange family.

The office of Chaplain will now be filled by Carolyn Hojem. A member of Newaukum Grange in Lewis County and an affiliate of Fruitland Grange in Pierce County, Hojem served as the Chair of the 2022 State Session Host Committee in Puyallup.

Karen Jackson of Edgewood Grange in Pierce County was elected to the office of State Grange Secretary. Jackson previously served as Overseer and Pomona of the State Grange. She succeeds Terry Abbott, who recently moved to Florida and did not seek reelection.

Shavanna May of Brighton Park Grange in Thurston County will serve as the State Flora for the next two years. May serves as the President of Thurston County Pomona Grange. She is also a member of Fords Prairie Grange in Lewis County.

Officers reelected to their positions at this years’ state session were:

- **President** – Tom Gwin, Humptulips Grange, Grays Harbor County
- **Vice President** – David Bryant, Elk Plain Grange, Pierce County
- **Lecturer** – Leslie Jo Wells, Tualco Grange, Snohomish County
- **Steward** – Jacob Gwin, Humptulips Grange, Grays Harbor County
- **Assistant Steward** – Jonny Pittman, Moses Lake Grange, Grant County
- **Treasurer** – Annie Scott, Catlin Grange, Cowlitz County
- **Gatekeeper** – Butch Ogden, Sunnyside Grange, Cowlitz County
- **Ceres** - Debbie Fisch, Bee Hive Grange, Chelan County
- **Executive Committee** – Rick Ferguson, Waitsburg Grange, Columbia County

- **Family Living Director** – Helen Berg, St. Andrews Grange, Douglas County

Two positions on the **State Grange Executive Committee** were not up for election this year:

- Brittney Pittman, Moses Lake Grange, Grant County (one year remaining on her term)
- Duane Hamp, Five Mile Prairie Grange, Spokane County (two years remaining on his term)

One position on the Executive Committee will be elected at the 2024 State Grange Session, while the next full election of officers will be held in 2025.



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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1



Convention Recap

Delegates Debate And Take Action On A Wide Range Of Subjects

The delegates to the Annual State Grange Session debated numerous subjects. Highlights of these actions are as follows:

AGRICULTURE

- We encourage the WA State Department of Agriculture to adopt an MPI (meat and poultry inspection) program similar to many other such programs in the US that would allow meat and poultry raised, processed and sold in the State of Washington to use their own stamp rather than a USDA stamp.
- We support legislative action to block the sale of U.S. farmlands to foreign governments and foreign entities.
- We support improving farm animal welfare as an industry that will benefit economically.
- We believe the responsibility of controlling noxious weeds should be with the owners and/or operators of the land, be it public or private.

➤ We support increasing penalties to a class C felony when vandalism destroys agricultural research laboratories.

CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY

- We encourage the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to work diligently toward management of all publicly owned timber for the highest value in dollars returned to the trusts.
- We support the use of biological control of pests on forest and agricultural lands.
- We oppose the removal of any dam in the Columbia/Snake River system. We further believe any plan to remove any dam in the Columbia/Snake River System must include an equitable and robust economic transition plan for the affected rural and agricultural communities. Any decision-making process must include the feasibility of replacing the dams’ services with alternative methods of transportation,

recreation, energy, and irrigation.

- We support federal funding to the United States Forest Service (USFS) and other federal agencies which would allow the agencies to sustainable manager our nation’s forests and reduce wildfire fuel hazards in our forests. We further support increased federal funding of the USFS to assist state and local agencies in preparing for wildfire emergencies.
- The Washington State Grange withdraws its support to make Camp Bonneville a state or county park.

EDUCATION

- We believe tat all schools in the Washington public education system be required to instruct all capable students in developing handwriting skills and those skills be reinforced though the entre educational process.
- We support allowing our teachers to set and maintain disciplinary standards in their classroom to create a healthy learning atmosphere.
- We support home schooling as an alternative to traditional basic education. Thos may include hybrid programs, which include combinations of home school education and public education.
- We support the establishment of a more equitable funding program of school choice with the goal of empowering parents and guardians to choose an education program that suits the needs of their children.

what foods, medicines, and medical procedures they will or will not use provided such choices do not impact public health.

- We encourage the State of Washington work to increase staffing and incentives for mental health professionals, especially in rural areas.
- We support a change in the Medicare program to include basic dental services.
- We encourage the State of Washington to reinstate or establish mental health (psychiatric) institutions and/or outpatient facilities. These institutions and/or outpatient facilities are to be staffed with mental health counselors to treat those with treatable mental programs. We further ask Washington State to fully fund these institutions and/or outpatient facilities.
- We support efforts to clarify the labeling of food expiration dates to either: “Best if Used By” to indicate that products will decline in quality or freshness past the dates on the label; or “Use By” to indicate that a product’s safety risks can increase after that date.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE

- We support adding the Secretary of Agriculture as a permanent member of the committee on Foreign Investment in the US (CFIUS).

STATE LEGISLATIVE

- We urge the legislature to retain and improve cooperative laws and regulations that promote the economic well-being of our state.
- We support legislation that would limit the Governor’s emergency orders under RCW 43.06.220 (1) (h) to 30 days unless further authorized by the legislature, or, if the legislature is not in session, by the unanimous approval of the leaders of both parties in the state house and senate.
- We oppose any legislation allowing the state to remove children from legal custodial parents without following dur process except in life threatening situations.

TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY

- We encourage the legislature to repeal the state capital gains tax.
- We oppose any increase in the property tax cap that would exceed the voter approved amount of 1% per year.
- We support the use of the implicit price deflator (IPD) to define “inflation” as applied to property tax increases.
- We support legislation that creates a tax exemption for real property held by fraternal organizations that provide financial support for charitable expenses and have been operating in Washington State for at least 100 years. To qualify for the exemption, the fraternal organization must also qualify for exemption from federal income tax under sections 501(c)(5), 501(c)(8), or 501(c)10 of the Internal Revenue code. The exempted property is to be used as a public assembly hall or meeting place of the fraternal organization.

TRANSPORTATION

- We support the use of corn by-products as a source for biofuel.
- We recommend the standardization of seat belt buckles and mechanisms.
- We ask that Emergency Call Boxes be placed along state highways in the zones where no cell service is available and that boxes be placed no more than five miles apart.
- We oppose the 2030 Electrical Vehicle Mandate.
- We support legislation removing the request for odometer readings of motor vehicles on the renewal of vehicle license tabs in the State of Washington.
- We encourage the Commercial Aviation Work Group (CAWG) not to consider and/or select agricultural land currently in production as the site for a new commercial airport facility.

VETERAN’S AFFAIRS

- We ask the Washington State Legislature and Congress to adopt legislation to support our veterans with mental health issues.



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Convention Recap

2023 Outcome Of Proposed Resolutions

The delegates to the 2023 State Grange Session voted on 49 proposed resolutions. The outcome of each resolution is as follows:

NUMBER	TITLE	PROPOSED BY	OUTCOME
2023-01-1601	Replacing the Rail on the Chelatchie Prairie Rail-Line	Clark County Pomona #1	Rejected
2023-02-1101	Dispensations	Elk Plain #782	Adopted
2023-03-1102	Duties of the Secretary	Elk Plain #782	Adopted
2023-04-1301	Food Insecurity	Elk Plain #782	Adopted as Amended
2023-05-1302	Ban Cryptocurrency	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Rejected
2023-06-1103	Membership	Elk Plain #782	Adopted
2023-07-1602	Tire Chains in All Vehicles	Sunnyside #129	Rejected
2023-08-1001	Preserving the Seventh Degree	Sunnyside #129	Rejected
2023-09-1002	Changing the Wording in the Policy Handbook	Sunnyside #129	Adopted as Amended
2023-10-1104	Eliminating or Keeping Pomona Granges	Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona #7	Rejected
2023-11-1003	Grange Modernization and Accessibility	Catlin #199 and Cowlitz/ Wahkiakum Pomona #7	Rejected; covered by recommendation
2023-12-1201	Prescription Safety for the Visually Impaired	Catlin #199 and Cowlitz/ Wahkiakum Pomona #7	Rejected
2023-13-0301	Lower Snake River Dams	San Juan Island #966	Rejected
2023-14-0302	The Proposed Removal of the Lower Snake River Dams	San Juan Island #966	Adopted as Amended
2023-15-1106	Office Titles	San Juan Island #966	Rejected
2023-16-1603	Electrical Vehicle Mandate	Moses Lake #1151	Adopted
2023-17-1501	Increased Fund Raising Limit	Stillaquamish #1058	Rejected
2023-18-1004	Honoring Veterans	Brighton Park #163	Rejected; covered by recommendation
2023-19-1604	Yakima Regional Airport	Issaquah Valley #581	Rejected
2023-20-1605	Mileage Report of Motor Vehicles	Humptulips #730	Adopted
2023-21-1606	Opposing the Use of Agricultural Lands for a New Commercial Airport	Humptulips #730	Adopted as Amended
2023-22-0303	Federal Funding for Forest Management	Humptulips #730	Adopted
2023-23-1502	Retaining Voter-Approved 1% Annual Limit on Property Tax Increases	South Union #860	Adopted
2023-24-1106	Recommended Dues Amount of Life Members	Humptulips #730	Adopted as Amended
2023-25-0104	Reduce Gun Violence	Mountain Valley #79	Rejected
2023-26-1005	State Grange Convention Minutes	Mossyrock #355	Rejected; covered by recommendation
2023-27-0304	Clarifying Grange Handbook Contradictions in Public Lands	Kellogg Marsh #136	Rejected
2023-28-1402	Child Custody	Kellogg Marsh #136	Adopted as Amended
2023-29-1303	Federal Supreme Court Justices	Kellogg Marsh #136	Rejected
2023-30-1403	Term Limits	Kellogg Marsh #136	Rejected
2023-31-1202	Health Decisions	Kellogg Marsh #136	Rejected; covered by recommendation

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2023 Outcome Of Proposed Resolutions

NUMBER	TITLE	PROPOSED BY	OUTCOME
2023-32-1203	Identifying Service Dogs	North River #946	Rejected
2023-33-1204	Basic Dental Coverage Through Medicare	North River #946	Adopted
2023-34-1205	Mental Health Care	North River #946	Adopted
2023-35-1503	Property Tax Exemption for Fraternal Organizations	Five Mile Prairie #905	Adopted
2023-36-1607	Electric/Battery Power as an Alternative Fuel	Clark County Pomona #1	Rejected
2023-37-0101	Ban Foreign Foes from Buying US Farmland	Clark County Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended
2023-38-0102	Update the Washington State Grange Policy Legislative Handbook on Food Standards	Clark County Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended
2023-39-0305	Remove Redundant Item in Forest Management and Timber Section	Clark County Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended
2023-40-1404	Amend the State Government Operations Section; Item 2	Clark County Pomona #1	Rejected
2023-41-0306	Amend Item #11 re: Camp Bonneville in the Public Lands Section	Clark County Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended
2023-42-1304	Support HJ Res. 38 – Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to Parental Rights	Deer Lagoon #846	Rejected
2023-43-0701	Support SB 5558 – An Act Relating to the Fundamental Right of Parents in the State of Washington	Deer Lagoon #846	Rejected
2023-44-0702	School Choice in the State of Washington	Deer Lagoon #846	Adopted as Amended
2023-45-1405	Oppose ESSB 5599 – An Act Relating to Supporting Runaway and Homeless Youth and Young Adults Seeking Protected Health Care Services (Abortion and Sex Change Surgeries as defined in HB 1469) in the State of Washington	Deer Lagoon #846	Rejected
2023-46-1305	Oppose S1207 – The EARN IT Act 2023	Deer Lagoon #946	Rejected
2023-47-1306	Oppose S686 – The RESTRICT Act	Deer Lagoon #846	Rejected
Committee Resolution #1	Standardization of Food “Sell Date” Usage	Health, Health Care & Safety Committee	Adopted
Committee Resolution #1	Veteran’s Mental Health Care	Veterans Affairs Committee	Adopted

The full set of adopted resolutions will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

WA State Grange Delegates Debate, Vote On Internal Issues

Delegates to the 134th Annual Session debated and voted upon several internal issues aimed toward moving the organization forward.

AUDIT & BUDGET:

The State Grange will close out all Active Grange Property Funds held in trust with a balance of \$500 or less.

GRANGE LAW:

State Grange Officers will be required to complete a background check with the Washington State Patrol withing thirty days of election.

The Veteran’s Affairs Standing

and Session Committees were eliminated.

The Agriculture Standing Committee was reduced from 12 to 9 members.

The State Grange Bylaws were updates to updated to eliminate the reference to Grange dispensations, which are no longer issued.

We support an amendment to the National Grange Digest of Laws: “When an application for membership has received an unfavorable ballot, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the applicant in writing that their application for membership has been rejected.”

The State Grange Bylaws were updated to state: “Teen membership (a regular member under the age of nineteen (19) of a Subordinate Grange) shall terminate at the end of the Grange year in which the member reaches the age of 19.”

The State Grange Bylaws were updated to state: “Family membership dependency shall terminate at the end of the Grange year in which the family member dependent reaches the age of 23.”

The State Grange Bylaws were updated regarding dues for life members: “The fee for a life membership shall not be less

than \$500, regardless of age.”

GRANGE ACTIVITIES:

The delegates recommended adding one day to the Annual State Session to include activities/programs that will attract families and non-delegates to the session.

The Washington State Grange will appoint a study committee to review the feasibility and modernization and accessibility of Grange materials to meet the needs of sight and hearing-impaired individuals.

We recommend each Subordinate Grange keep and maintain a list of members who

are veterans.

The delegates recommended the draft minutes of the daily sessions at the Washington State Grange convention be printed and distributed to the delegates. The minutes of the daily sessions will not be verbally read. The official minutes will be approved by the Washington State Grange Executive Committee.

It was recommended a single contest entry form be developed by the Lecturer and Family Living Departments for use in Pomona and State Grange contests.

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Quilts of Valor Recipients

Annual Quilts of Valor Presentation Brings Smiles and Tears

By Christine Hamp

Those in attendance on Saturday morning of our recently concluded 134th annual convention were treated to an emotional and healing Quilts of Valor presentation. Eight Washington State Grange members were awarded a Quilt of Valor for their service to our country. Our Veterans receiving their Quilt of Valor this year included: Larry Auvil of East Wenatchee #1012 who served in the Navy from 1970-1973, David Bryant of Elk Plain #782

who served in the Army from 1969-1972, Thomas Bryant of Waller Road #1111 who served in the Army from 1967-1970, Michael Garneau of Moses Lake #1151 who served in the Marines from 1973-1976 and in the Air National Guard from 1991-2010, Steven Hossner of Five Mile Prairie #905 who served in the Navy from 1964-1970, Jack Lee of Goldendale #49 who served in the Navy from 1959-1963, James Lyle of Pine Grove #115 who served in the Navy from 1967-1971, and Henry "Jim" Moebius of

Fruitland #999 who served in the Navy from 1957-1962. Thank you, gentlemen, for your service and sacrifice!

Assisting with the presentation were Cindy Hoover, QOV State Coordinator for Washington, who explained the Quilts of Valor Foundation, its mission and history, numbers of quilts awarded in Washington State and across the country, and encouraged continued interaction between Grange and the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Cindy also gave a wonderfully moving thank

you and tribute to our Vietnam Veterans and presented 50th Anniversary Commemoration pins to the Vietnam Veterans in attendance. Members of the Washington State Youth Group escorted each Veteran to the front of the hall as their name was called and a brief biography of their service was read. Members of the Washington State Junior Grange wrote thank you cards for each Veteran. Assistance with presenting each Quilt of Valor and wrapping it around the Veteran was provided by Pat Veleke of

McLane #383, Debbie Riegel-Yates of Skagit Valley #620, and Karrie Roberts who is the local Columbia Basin QOV group leader. Thank you to everyone who assisted with ensuring the success of this presentation!

If you, or someone you know, is a Veteran or active-duty and has not already received a Quilt of Valor and will be in attendance at the annual session of the Washington State Grange in Colville next June, please let us know.

Presidential Stick Horse Presented

During a lighter moment at the State Grange convention Grange Deputy and Klickitat County Pomona Grange #5, President Lucille Bevis presented Washington State Grange President, Tom Gwin with a walking stick horse so he could save his feet with all the travel he does around the state for the Grange. Dr. Jim Ogden, state pianist, played McDonald had a Farm in the background.



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Grange Youth Demonstrate Skills In Decision Making

To integrate the Grange Youth Fairs Program into the traditional Grange organization, the Washington State Grange held their first ever Livestock Judging Contest at the recently completed State Grange Session in Moses Lake. Young Grange members gathered at the Moses Lake Grange Hall on Saturday, June 26 to demonstrate their skills with and knowledge of a variety of livestock animal species.

Grange Youth members competed in this decision-making program by evaluating classes of beef, sheep, swine, and goats. Both market stock and breeding stock classes were included in this contest.

Later that evening the results of the contest were announced at the Annual State Grange Talent Show. Medals were awarded to the top ten individuals in each age group,

while banners were awarded to the highest scoring teams in the contest. Awards were sponsored by the Washington State Grange Foundation.

The winners of this year's contest were:

Team Placings

First Place – Fern Prairie #866 – Jessica Van Gelder, Katelynn Hann, Aiyana Hann

Second Place – Moses Lake #1151 – Nia Sackmann, Trevor Sackmann, Lila Sackmann, Rebecca Rettkowski

Third Place – Freedom #1152 – Dustin Chappell, Jonathan Gimenez, Dana Chappel, Michel Gimenez

Fourth Place – Moses Lake #1151 – Christian Williams, Zachary Rettkowski, Addy Rettkowski, David Williams

Beginners, age 5-7

First Place – Kelby Barth,

East Wenatchee #1012

Second Place – Adalyn Barth, East Wenatchee #1012

Third Place – Troy Schmeltz, Dry Creek #646

Juniors, ages 8-10

First Place – Nia Sackmann, Moses Lake #1151

Second Place – Zachary Rettkowski, Moses Lake #1151

Third Place – David Williams, Moses Lake #1152

Pre Teens, ages 11-13

First Place – Jonathan Gimenez, Freedom #1152

Second Place – Trevor Sackmann, Moses Lake #1151

Third Place – Lila Sackmann, Moses Lake #1151

Teens, ages 14-19

First Place – Lukas Teague, Dry Creek #646

Second Place – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1



Third Place – Dustin Chappell, Freedom #1152

Third Place – Angela Rohde, Waitsburg #1

Adults, age 20 and over

First Place – Kari Hann, Fern Prairie #866

Second Place – Katie Roylance, Moses Lake #1151

We are planning to continue holding the Youth Livestock Judging contest at future State Grange Sessions.

Terry And Mary Hunt Presented 2023 WA Grange Leadership Award

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continuation of the top two primary system in Washington state. Terry also served as the Overseer of the National Grange for several years. His other Grange leadership roles included serving as a

State Grange Deputy Master for Douglas County, State Grange Legislative director, and as a Special Deputy for Governmental Affairs and Grange Properties.

Mary Hunt is a 60-year member of Saint Andrews Grange. She served as the National Grange Ceres. At the

state level, Mary was elected to the positions of Chaplain and Lady Assistant Steward. She served as the State Grange Youth Director. Mary has worked as the Banquet Committee Chair for at least the last five state sessions held in her area.

The Hunt's are long time

wheat farmers in the Coulee City area of Douglas County

In announcing the award, State President Tom Gwin stated. "Both Terry and Mary are to be commended for the mentoring they have provided to Grangers from the local up through the state and national level is unparalleled. They

are truly deserving of this honor."

The State Grange Leadership Award, presented annually since 1957, is the highest honor accorded by the Washington State Grange.



State Grange Deputies

Convention Memories



Convention Memories



Hall Improvement Winners



The Ogdens

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Installation of Officers



Quilts of Valor Recipients



2023 Scholarship Winners

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Home & Family

2023 Grange State Convention Wrap-Up

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

First of all I would like to send a huge thank-you to my team for the awesome job they did. Vicky Loomer, Florence Ogden, Dianne Cook and Jim and Eileen Moebius. Without your help I would not have been able to spend time on the convention floor. Your reports from each department left me with no questions when I submitted the final report to State Headquarters. Thank-you from the bottom of my heart.

Another thank-you goes to Lonnie Scott for marching for me and Scott Lyle for being our bake

sale auctioneer.

This year we were able to present 8 quilts in a very moving Quilts of Valor Ceremony. The following people received their quilts: Larry Auwill from East Wenatchee #1012, David Bryant from Elk Plain #782, Tom Bryant from Waller Road #1111, Jack Lee from Goldendale #49, James Lyle from Pine Grove #115, Steven Hoffner from Five Mile Prairie #905, Michael Garneau from Moses Lake #1151, and Jim Moebius from Elk Plain #782. David Johnson from Clark County will receive his quilt this fall as he was unable to be with us do to illness. David is a member of Mt. Valley Grange #79.

It is not too early to begin

nominating recipients for next year. Any person who served in the military and was honorably discharged is eligible. Send the names and a short bio to me. It would be great to honor those who live in the Northeast District of our state. I have a good start on quilts, however quilt donations are always welcome. Just go to the QOV website for all the details.

Lastly, I would like to thank-you for my re-election. I will strive to meet your expectations throughout this coming year and look forward to meeting many of you at the leadership conferences.

Have a great rest of your summer and stay cool.



Helen Berg



Flavorful grape recipe to take to your next summer gathering

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Summertime celebrations with friends, family and neighbors are a perfect way to enjoy the sunshine, warm weather and camaraderie. To satisfy a hungry crowd, though, you'll need recipes fit for the occasion.

Turn to a versatile signature ingredient like Grapes, which can be used in dishes of all kinds from refreshing salads and entrees to flavorful condiments and sweet desserts. Grapes are crisp, juicy and sweet, making them a fantastic addition of flavor and texture for a wide range of recipes. Whether fresh, sautéed, roasted, grilled or even pickled, grapes make it easy to take meals to the next level.

Honey-Lime Quinoa and Grape Salad

Prep time: 15 minutes, plus at least 1 hour chill time
Cook time: 22 minutes **Servings:** 6 (1 1/3 cups per serving)

Ingredients:

Lime Vinaigrette:

- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 3/4 teaspoon sea salt
- freshly ground pepper, to taste

Salad:

- 1 1/2 cups quinoa
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 2 cups halved Grapes from California
- 1/2 cup minced red onion
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons minced jalapeno pepper
- 1 large firm, ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and cut into bite-size pieces
- 1/2 cup chopped peanuts (optional)

To make lime vinaigrette: In medium bowl, whisk olive oil, lime juice, honey, sea salt and pepper, to taste.

To make salad: In fine mesh strainer, rinse quinoa; drain well. In medium saucepan, bring broth and quinoa to boil; reduce heat and simmer, covered, 12 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 10 minutes then fluff with fork and let cool. Transfer to large bowl.

Pour vinaigrette over quinoa; stir well to coat. Add grapes, onion, cilantro and jalapeno pepper; cover and chill at least 1 hour.

Lightly stir in avocado and transfer to decorative bowl. Sprinkle with nuts, if desired.

Notes: Salad may be prepared and refrigerated up to 2 days ahead without avocado and peanuts. Add avocado and peanuts just before serving.

Community Service

Grange Community Service Winners Announced

By Heather Ferguson
Community Service Director

Thank you to those Granges who submitted entries in the Community Service Contest and the Community Recognition Program. Awards were presented as follows:

Community Service Contest

Class 1 – 40 or less members

- First Place – North River #946
- Second Place – Greenwood Park #590
- Third Place – Malo #679
- Fourth Place – Mountain Valley #79

Class 2 – 41 or more members

- First Place – Goldendale #49
- Second Place – Humptulips #730
- Third Place – Mossyrock #355
- Fourth Place – Sequim Prairie #1108

Goldendale Grange was selected as the Best of Show winner and will represent our state in the National Community Service Contest.

Community Recognition Program

Firefighter of the Year – Morgan Browning,

nominated by Mossyrock Grange #355

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – Island County Deputy Sheriff Lance Campbell, nominated by Deer Lagoon Grange #846

Volunteer Group of the Year – Sort 4 the Cause, nominated by Terrace Heights Grange #586

I would like to share a Thank you note we received from the Executive Director of Serve Moses Lake. They were very excited to receive the personal hygiene products, some of the Keep Washington Warm items and Children's books collected by our local Granges and collected at State convention.

"Hello Grangers,

Thank you so very much for your generous donations from the combined efforts of the Washington State Grange! We have been very blessed and looking forward to sharing your generosity with those in need.

Already two boxes of books have been passed to the women's Chaplin at the Grant County jail. Other distributions will be coming soon to our local homeless shelter, emergency housing and domestic abuse services. God bless you and the Grange!

-- Lynn Logan"



Heather Ferguson



Home & Family

2023 Family Living Contest Results

FOOD PRESERVATION - ADULT

1st BEST OF SHOW:	Sue Rothfus	Catlin #199
2nd BEST OF SHOW:	Ann Millard	Fords Prairie #33
CLASS A: Fruits	1st Place:	Sue Rothfus Catlin #199
CLASS B: Vegetables	1st Place:	Sue Rothfus Catlin #199
CLASS C: Preserves	1st Place:	Diane Williams South Union #860
CLASS D: Meats	1st Place:	Catherine Beltrami Crescent #1123
CLASS E:		
Tomato Products	1st Place:	Jeffrey Prowse Cedar Valley #306
CLASS F: Salsa	1st Place:	Catherine Beltrami Crecent #1123
CLASS G: Pickles	1st Place:	Ann Millard Fords Prairie #33
CLASS H: Vinegars	1st Place:	Catherine Beltrami Crescent #1123
CLASS I: Juices	1st Place:	Barbara Wilburn Catlin #199
Class J: Pie Filling	1st Place:	Tom Gwin Humptulips #730
CLASS K: Soups	1st Place:	Jeffrey Prowse Cedar Valley #306
CLASS L: Dried Products		
Lot 1: Vegetables	1st Place:	Tom Gwin Humptulips #730
Lot 2: Fruits	1st Place:	Tom Gwin Hunptulips #730
Lot 4: Herbs	1st Place:	Tom Gwin Humptulips #730
Lot 6: Jerky	1st Place:	Tom Gwin Humptulips #730
Lot7: Other	1st Place:	Jeffrey Prowse Cedar Valley #306

FOOD PRESERVATION - YOUTH

1st BEST OF SHOW:	Jaelyn Johnson	Humptulips #730
2nd BEST OF SHOW:	Jaelyn Johnson	Humptulips #730
CLASS C: Preserves	1st Place:	Jaelyn Johnson Humptulips #730
CLASS E:		
Tomato Products	1st Place:	Jaelyn Johnson Humptulips #730
CLASS G: Pickles	1st Place:	Jaelyn Johnson Humptulips #730
CLASS H: Vinegars	1st Place:	Jaelyn Johnson Humptulips #730

FOOD PRESERVATION - JUNIORS

1st BEST OF SHOW:	Maylea Prowse	Cedar Valley #306
2nd BEST OF SHOW:	Lilianna Brownrigg	Humptulips Jr. #376
CLASS A: Fruits	1st Place:	Malea Prowse Cedar Valley #360
CLASS E:		
Tomato Products	1st Place:	Lillianna Brownrigg Humptulips Jr. #376
CLASS F: Salsa	1st Place:	Jevin Morris Humptulips Jr. #376
CLASS G: Pickles	1st Place:	Lillianna Brownrigg Humptulips Jr. #376
CLASS H: Vinegars	1st Place:	Hunter Brownrigg Humptulips Jr.#376
CLASS I: Juices	1st Place:	Jamir Prowse Cedar Valley #306

BAKING - ADULT

1st BEST OF SHOW:	Victor Stevens	Roy #702
2nd BEST OF SHOW:	Marge Ohlsen	Tualco #284
CLASS 1: BREADS AND ROLLS		
Lot A: Yeast Breads:	1st Place:	Arin Hinman Waller Road #1111
Lot B: Sweet Yeast:	1st Place:	Marge Ohlsen Tualco #284
Lot C: Quick, etc.:	1st Place:	Marge Ohlsen Tualco #284
Lot D: Bread		
Machine Bread:	1st Place:	Chris Hamp Five Mile Prairie #905
Lot E:		
Diabetic Quick	1st Place:	Diane Williams South Union #860
Lot F: Gluten Free	1st Place:	Pricilla Davis Green Bluff #300
Lot G: Other	1st Place:	Dawn Yearout Moses Lake #1151

CLASS 2: DESSERTS		
Lot C: Cake-mix Cake	1st Place:	Diane Williams South Union #860
Lot D-1: Cupcake		
from Scratch	1st Place:	Carol Brent Rose Valley #953
Lot E-1: Decorated	1st Place:	Victor Stevens Roy #702
Lot F: Fruit Pies	1st Place:	Marge Ohlsen Tualco #284
Lot G-1: Baked Cookie	1st Place:	Jennifer Oliver Collins #893
Lot G-2: Non-Baked	1st Place:	Theresa Flores East Hill #786
Lot G-4: Gluten Free	1st Place:	Diane Williams South Union #860
Lot G-5: Cake-mix		
Cookie	1st Place:	Lonnie Scott Catlin #199
Lot G-6: Decorated	1st Place:	Carol Brent Rose Valley #953

Lot H: Other	1st Place:	Lillie Savage Olympic View #774
Lot I-1: Brownies	1st Place:	Tom Gwin Humptulips #730
Lot I-4: Other	1st Place:	Jean Constantine Meridian #265

BAKING - YOUTH

1st BEST OF SHOW:	Melissa Kudsk	Haynie # 169
2nd BEST OF SHOW:	Trevor Kudsk	Haynie # 169
ClassII Lot 1-c:		
Quick Breads Etc.	1st Place:	Trevor Kudsk Haynie #169
Class 2 Lot G-2:		
Non-Baked	1st Place:	Melissa Kudsk Haynie #169

BAKING - JUNIORS

1st BEST OF SHOW:	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips Jr. #376
2nd BEST OF SHOW:	Blaine Baker	Greenwood Park #590
CLASS 1 Lot C		
Quick Breads:	1st Place:	Morgan Arthur Humptulips Jr. #376
CLASS 2 Lot G-1:		
Baked Cookie:	1st Place:	Thael Lane East Hill Jr. #236

CANDY - ADULT

1st BEST OF SHOW:	Barbara Hoffman	Skagit Valley #620
2nd BEST OF SHOW:	Priscilla Davis	Green Bluff #300
CLASS A: Cooked	1st Place:	Barbara Hoffman Skagit Valley #620
CLASS B: Uncooked	1st Place:	Sharon Gerrad Olympic View #774

NEEDLEWORK - ADULT

1st BEST OF SHOW:	Dawn Yearout	Moses Lake #1151
2nd BEST OF SHOW:	Jan Schmidt	Waller Road #1111
CLASS A-1: Crochet		
Large for House:	1st Place:	Teresa Flores East Hill #786
CLASS B-1: Crochet		
Small for House:	1st Place:	Shereyl Hemp Kellogg Marsh #136
CLASS C-1: Crochet		
Item to Wear:	1st Place:	Robyn West Long Beach #667
CLASS C-2: Knit		
Item to Wear:	1st Place:	Denise Chapman Fredonia #545
CLASS D-1: Crochet		
Afghan:	1st Place:	Dawn Yearout Moses Lake #1151
CLASS E-1: Baby		
Afghan Crochet:	1st Place:	Jan Schmidt Waller Road #1111
CLASS G-1:	1st Place:	Lois Cummins Inland #780
CLASS G-4:	1st Place:	Steve Yates Rexville # 815
CLASS G-6		
Plastic Canvas :	1st Place:	Sherry Cummins Greenwood Park #590
CLASS G-7 Other:	1st Place:	Pat Wells Elk Plain #782

NEEDLEWORK - YOUTH

1st BEST OF SHOW:	Molly Sackman	Moses Lake #1151
	Hand Embroidered Picture	\$25.00
2nd BEST OF SHOW:	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905
	Hand Embroidered Picture	\$15.00

QUILTING - ADULT

1st BEST OF SHOW:	Joanie Raymond	Molson #1069
2nd BEST OF SHOW:	David Watson	South Union #860

Class A: Traditional Quilts		
Lot 1: Large:	1st Place:	Denise Chapman Fredonia #545
Lot 2: Small:	1st Place:	Laurel Jacobs Fredonia #545
Lot 3: Lap	1st Place:	David Watson South Union #860
Lot 4: Baby	1st Place:	Wanda Kinion South Union #860
Lot 5: Wall Hanging	1st Place:	Kim Jorgensen St.Andrews #832
Lot 6: Sm. quilted		
item:	1st Place:	Diane Williams South Union #860

CLASS B: Non-Traditional Quilts		
Lot 1: Large	1st Place:	Wanda Kinion South Union #860
Lot 2: Small:	1st Place:	Laurel Jacobs Fredonia #545

Lot 3: Lap:	1st Place:	Cindy Hoover South Union #860
Lot 4: Baby:	1st Place:	Mackenzi Knott East Hill #786
Lot 5: Wall Hanging:	1st Place:	Mackenzi Knott East Hill #786
Lot 7: Other:	1st Place:	Linda Myrick Rexville #815

CLASS D: Comforters		
Lot 4: Baby	1st Place:	Diane Williams South Union #860

CLASS E: Quilt made by an Organization		
	1st Place:	Olympia Quiltmakers South Union #860

SEWING - ADULT

1st BEST OF SHOW:	Shereyl Hemp	Kellogg Marsh #136
2nd BEST OF SHOW:	Sherry Crespo	Elk Plain #782

CLASS A: Adult		
Clothing :	1st Place:	Shereyl Hemp Kellogg Marsh #136
CLASS B: Children's		
Clothing:	1st Place:	Janette Cejka Washington #82
CLASS D: Lingerie:		
Lot 2 :	1st Place:	Diane Williams South Union #860
CLASS E: Household Item:		
Lot 1:	1st Place:	Debbie Riegel-Yates Rexville #815
Lot 2:	1st Place:	Mary Celia Rexville #815
Lot 3:	1st Place:	Nancy Hastings Molson #1069
CLASS H: Other:	1st Place:	Sherry Crespo Elk Plain #782

SEWING - JUNIORS

1st BEST OF SHOW:	Garrett Thorson	Prospect Point #1067
2nd BEST OF SHOW:	Kamryn Cable	Humptulips Jr. #376
CLASS E: Lot 3:	Small household Item	
	1st Place:	Garrett Thorson Prospect Point #1067
CLASS H:	1st Place:	Andrenna Puller Prospect Point #1067

QUILT BLOCK CONTEST

1st BEST OF SHOW	Wilma Pittman	Moses Lake #1151
2nd BEST OF SHOW	Wilma Pittman	Moses Lake #1151

COMFORT TOY CONTEST

1st BEST OF SHOW	Sherry Crespo	Elk Plain #782
2nd BEST OF SHOW	Sherry Crespo	Elk Plain #782



Manson Grange Hosts Digital Navigator Training

Nineteen members from our community, including ten members of the Manson Grange attended a “Digital Navigator” training session on June 12 at the Manson Grange Hall. The Digital Navigator Program is a project of the Department of Commerce’s Washington State Broadband Office, our session was facilitated by the Community Health Plan of Washington. Digital Navigators are trusted guides who assist community members to understand the internet, locate affordable internet service and help with the use of computing devices. Digital Navigators can help people navigate the internet, sign up for the Affordable Connectivity Program (federal low-income internet assistance), and connect with government and community services that help people acquire digital literacy skills, and more.

Leading the training were Vicki Ward, Digital Navigation Training Facilitator, Gerardo (Jerry) Perez, Regional Manager for NCW, Rebecca Mundschenk, Training Facilitator and Sarah Koca-Manager of Telehealth, all with Community Health Plan of Washington. Jerry Perez stated, “Our training team started developing the training in December 2022 and our first test run of the training was in February 2023 and a second test March 2023. Training available to the public didn’t begin until May 2023 with the bulk scheduled for the month of June. So far, we have trained about 40 people and we are on track to train about 140 before June 30.”

Manson Grange Secretary, Christine Olson said, “Besides the resources we received during our training, one of the highlights of the day was learning more about the 19 community members who came to the training. These people have diverse backgrounds and they are passionate about helping our community with their technology needs.”

The group was made aware of the “digital divide”, a term signifying the gulf between those who have ready access to computers and the internet, and those who do



not. In Washington State, 12% of the households do not own a smartphone. In Chelan County 6.7% of households do not have a computer and 13.9% are without broadband internet.

Skills required to be a Digital Navigator include, comfortable with technology, have a desire to learn and teach technology, willingness to communicate across cultures and age ranges, the ability to build trust, patient, compassionate and supportive and be approachable.

The Grange is hoping to offer open tech nights once or twice a month. The tech night would either have an area of focus or be open to help community members with a variety of tech needs. <https://www.linktocarewa.org/>

If you would like to get involved in helping the Grange reach these goals you can contact Norm Manly at 509-293-0225 or normmanly@yahoo.com



Agriculture Is Integral To Washington’s Identity

By Judy Hossner
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WOW!
It was great to see so many of you at the State Convention in Moses Lake!
It was so exciting to share ideas with you and to share the information about Washington Ag in the Classroom!
(Okay, my first three comments ended with exclamation marks. I’ll try to not use them so often.)

- At the State Convention- -
- some members had heard about Washington Ag in the Classroom (WAIC).
 - some members remembered that I have spoken about Ag in the Classroom at previous meetings.
 - other members expressed excitement because they knew of classrooms that used our 4th grade magazine.
 - one brother listened patiently to my “spiel” at the display and then came back the next day to get some magazines for his Grange.
 - one brother and sister asked for some magazines for their Fair. They left with 100 Ag @School magazines and 25 magazines with Teacher Editions to give out to students and educators during Student Days at their Fair. (That could have been you too!)

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QUESTION
6 F’s of Agriculture
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- So what are the 6 F’s of Agriculture?
- Can you list all 6?
 - Can your Members give the 6 answers at a Grange meeting?
 - Can your Junior and/or Youth Members list all six?
- I would really love to hear from you and from your Grange about this question and your answers.
Answer in the next Grange News issue along with more details about our Programs.
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National Grange News

A View From The Hill - July 2023 Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**
National Grange
Legislative Director

WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

Lawmakers in Washington are heading home (and abroad) for their traditional August recess and will return to the nation’s capital on September 12. They leave with most of the heavy legislative lifting waiting for action. The majority of the annual appropriations bills are still in committee. The President has threatened to veto the House USDA/FDA appropriations bill if it cuts domestic spending to levels below those agreed upon with Speaker McCarthy in earlier budget negotiations. Xochiti Tores Small, a former congresswoman from New Mexico and the granddaughter of farm workers, has been sworn in as USDA’s new deputy secretary. USDA plans to begin hearings in August on the conflicting proposals from milk producers and dairy processors for modifying pricing formulas under the federal milk marketing order system. The New Hampshire “first in the nation” presidential primary season has begun. Former Vice President Mike Pence held a town hall style meeting at the WicWas Lake Grange in Meredith, N.H. Look for President Biden and Vice President Harris to shift into campaign mode focusing on race, rights and the economy while Congress is on recess leaving the press looking for political news. Former President Trump’s legal issues and the Biden family’s influence peddling allegations are fueling speculation of third-party candidates entering the fray.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

USDA Targets

Anticompetitive Acts

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has joined 31 states to target price-fixing and other anticompetitive behavior in the food and agriculture sectors. USDA’s partnership with the bipartisan group of states attorneys general will focus on antitrust enforcement and concerns about price fixing and gouging.

Foreign Land Ownership Targeted

Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) have introduced the Farmland Security Act of 2023 to further boost transparency in foreign ownership of U.S. farmland. The bill would require greater transparency for foreign

purchases of U.S. ag land, impose stronger penalties for reporting non-compliance, and mandate USDA to audit a minimum of 10% of foreign land ownership reports annually. Then, just before adjourning for their August recess, the Senate overwhelmingly voted 91-7 to bar investors from China, Russia, North Korea and Iran from buying more than small amounts of U.S. farmland. The measure also adds USDA as an ex officio member of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U. S.

CONSERVATION / ENVIRONMENT

USDA to Improve Greenhouse Gas Emissions Accounting

The agriculture community is applauding USDA’s plan to improve greenhouse gas emissions accounting and reporting, including the launch of a national soil carbon monitoring network and updated conservation practice standards. The goal is to improve measurement, monitoring, reporting, and verification of greenhouse gas emissions. Producers support climate policies that are voluntary, market-based, and scientifically sound.

HEALTH CARE

Mental Health and Addiction Top the List of Rural Health Concerns

For the last 20 years, health care access has been the biggest concern of rural stakeholders, according to surveys conducted by the Southwest Rural Health Resource Center. But the latest polling puts mental health as the top rural health issue and addiction ranks number two. Survey participants included health care workers, public administrators, educators and more. Surprisingly, the rankings were the same across all ages, races, occupations and regions of the country. Rounding out the top ten rural health care concerns are access to and quality of health care, weight and obesity, drug and alcohol abuse, nutrition and healthy eating, older adults, preventive care, diabetes, and economic stability. As Grange members have noted, the National Grange has partnered with Jeff Winton’s Rural Minds to elevate the rural mental health movement, provide the platform to spotlight personal stories, raise awareness, share best practices, and engage participation and support. Grange members and guests can hear Jeff Winton and his staff at the

National Grange convention this November in Niagara Falls, New York. In addition, the National Grange, Rural Minds and New York Farm Net will co-present a moderated panel featuring cross-generational participants from the Silent Generation to GenZ. The three organizations will also present a workshop about rural mental health first aid and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s “Talk Saves Lives” program.

Ag 24-Hour Crisis Helpline Needed

The National Grange is working with Senators Baldwin (D-WI), Ernst (R-IA) and Gillibrand (D-NY) as well as Representatives Caraveo (D-CO-8) and Finstad (R-MN-1) to establish a 24-hour crisis helpline staffed by trained and experienced professionals who come from rural communities or are familiar with Rural, farming and ranching culture. The helpline would be an expansion of the Farm and Ranch Stress Network first authorized in the last farm bill.

Support for Early Cancer Detection

A total of 1,592 letters went from the National Grange headquarters in Washington to members of Congress and their staff members in support of the Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act in both the House and Senate. The Act would require Medicare to pay for a new procedure that is capable of detecting many types of cancers with a simple blood draw in the early stages of the cancer’s development. In the letters, the Grange referenced its recent survey that found cancer deaths in rural areas are 14% higher than urban areas and late-stage diagnoses of lung and colon cancers are significantly higher in rural communities. Detecting cancer early means more treatment options and higher success rates.

Rural Health Caucus Launched

Representatives Dana Harshbarger (R-TN-1) and Jill Tokuda (D-HI-2) have announced formation of the Congressional Bipartisan Rural Health Caucus. It will provide a forum for members of Congress to advocate for legislation and action that that help increase access to quality, affordable health care and mental health services for all rural residents.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Prioritize Broadband for Rural West Virginians

The Charleston Gazette-Mail published a letter to the editor from National Grange president Betsy Huber highlighting West Virginia’s need for the Broadband Equity and Deployment (BEAD) Program and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) to finally close the rural digital divide in the state. BEAD supports broadband accessibility and ACP ensures affordability for eligible families with a monthly subsidy. However, funding for the ACP is expected to run out by March 2024 and the National Grange is urging Congress to extend the program in order to reach the 30% of the state’s rural households and businesses currently lacking adequate broadband access.

ACP Helps 21st Century Rural Communities Thrive

The Washington newsletter RealClearPolicy published an op ed by National Grange president Betsy Huber that called upon Congress to finish closing the country’s digital divide. In establishing the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), Congress recognized that millions of Americans still face financial challenges to obtaining broadband connectivity. Huber called upon Congress to extend funding for ACP in order to connect hard-to-reach high-cost rural households and businesses across the country.

OF INTEREST

Commodity Checkoff Opponents Eye Farm Bill

Commodity checkoffs are programs established by agriculture producers and operated under the supervision of USDA that are responsible for promotion and marketing the commodities they represent and for conducting research into the expanded use of those commodities. Checkoff programs can be established or dismantled through producer referendums. These programs have always been tangled in politics.



Proponents argue that the research, promotion and marketing efforts they fund are important to keeping producers competitive. Opponents say they question whether the money from mandatory fees producers pay is spent properly. New restrictions on checkoff programs have been proposed in the Opportunities for Fairness in Farming (OFF) Act introduced by Senators Mike Lee (R-UT) and Cory Booker (D-NJ) along with Representatives Nancy Mace (R-SC-1) and Dina Titus (D-NV-1). OFF would prohibit contracting research and promotion work to organizations that lobby Congress or federal agencies, require checkoff programs to publish their budgets, require contracts to describe the goods and services provided, and require periodic audits by the General Accountability Office and USDA’s inspector general. Most of the proposed requirements proposed in the OFF Act are covered by current law governing checkoff programs. The exception is the prohibition for checkoff boards to contract research and promotion work to organizations that also lobby Congress or federal agencies. ‘This provision could cause sparks to fly during the upcoming farm bill debate. The 22 current checkoff programs represent a diverse mix of products from blueberries to cotton to milk to Christmas trees and are all funded through mandatory fees paid by the producers of each commodity.



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Grange Connection

Welcome to the Newly Organized Freedom Grange



Freedom Grange at Freedom Rodeo Basin Cit, in Franklin County. They are our newest Grange, organized in May of 2022.

Goldendale Girl On Cover Of Good Day Magazine

Everly Smith, 5-year-old daughter of Cara Smith of Goldendale is featured chatting with Santa Clause (Dan Better) on the front cover of the July Good Day magazine. “Good Day” is published in Washington D.C. by the National Grange Organization. It is distributed in 35 States, potentially reaching thousands of subscribers. In early March the editor requested pictures and stories of Christmas events around the nation in a feature story called “Christmas in July,” showcasing local Grange Christmas programs. Everly’s picture was in the group sent in by Goldendale Grange.

Goldendale Grange had partnered with the Community Christmas tree lighting committee and the Candy Cane Parade committee to arrange a special visit by Santa Clause and serve hot soup to those who watched a very cold Christmas parade. When the parade ended Everly Smith was among the children that quickly migrated from the bitterly cold 25-degree outside temperature into the warm and comfortable lodge building in search of Santa. In true Santa Clause fashion, he had already discretely slipped into the building and found big chair appropriately located next to the fireplace.

Everly was already aware Santa Clause would be present at the evening event. She did her homework. She selected her favorite bright red party dress feeling Santa Clause would notice her if she was dressed in all red just like him. She memorized her Christmas list and once seated with Santa recited it to him in double time. During the evening several children needed mothers’ encouragement to sit with Santa but not Everly. When it was her turn, she pranced right up to Santa, and hopped into a seat next to him. She is a very determined young girl



and not the least bit shy.

When contacted for permission to use the picture, Everly’s mother stated, “Everly is so excited about her cover picture, she has been telling all her little friends and family about “her” special magazine.

Cara, also shared that Everly has always dreamed of becoming famous. When she becomes a teenager she wants to work at Dairy Queen because she saw a commercial for them and wants to be in a Dairy Queen commercial.

Having your picture on the front cover of a National Magazine should make you a Goldendale Celebrity.

Stevenson Grange Hosts Rural Minds Community Resiliency Event

Stevenson Grange’s Community Resiliency program continued the Rural Suicide Awareness and Prevention* theme on July 12th with QPR training by a trained Rural Mental Health Specialist. Question, Persuade, and Refer — the three simple steps anyone can learn to become aware and save a life from suicide. People trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Attendees received a link to additional resources following the training.

The presenter, Monica Kramer McConkey, has 25 years of experience in the behavioral health field as a counselor, program supervisor and administrator. She has a Masters Degree in Counseling and is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Minnesota. The focus throughout her career has been to increase access to, and remove the stigma often attached to mental health services in rural underserved areas. Monica travels throughout the country educating and speaking through her business Eyes on the Horizon Consulting helping individuals and organizations improve resilience and mental wellness.

Community Resiliency programs are co-sponsored by Stevenson Community Library and Stevenson Grange #121. The event was open to the public and provided at no cost. For more information, please call Mary Repar at (360) 726-7052 or e-mail repar@saw.net.

*Archive is available of the September 13, 2022 Webinar on Rural Suicide Awareness and Prevention presented by Stevenson Grange #121 and [Ruralminds.org](https://www.ruralminds.org); <https://www.ruralminds.org/rural-suicide-awareness-and-prevention-webinar-archive>



Grange Connection

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humptulips Grange served 74 families at the food bank in July. The Grange fair display received first place in the produce division at the Grays Harbor County Fair, while the youth group received first place on their display. We are planning our display for the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. Grange Bingo will start up again on Saturday, October 6, beginning at 7 p.m.

Olympic View Grange members were excited with their first place award on their project display at the Grays Harbor County Fair.

Sharon Grange won the second place award on their project display at the Grays Harbor County Fair. The Grange will celebrate its 100th birthday on Saturday, September 23 starting at 11am. Music provided by The Country Four, games for kids, bbq hamburgers and hotdogs for attendees, and special centennial apparel for sale. RSVPs to Debbie Hill appreciated to help provide and plan for the event.

LEWIS COUNTY

Oakview Grange presented scholarships at their June 1 meeting. Rebekah Boyd, Adna HS senior, was introduced as one of Oakview Grange’s 2022-2023 scholarship winners. The other winner, John Beckman-Rostad, WF West (Chehalis) HS senior, was unable to attend. Congratulations to both!!! These young people are both grandchildren of members John & Martha Harjo. John is also the son of new members Isaac and Lindsay Harjo. Rebekah represents the 5th generation of the Hilpert/Townsend/Harjo family to be involved in Grange. She will be attending Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ majoring in Psychology. John will be attending Centralia College’s Technical Trades welding program. This summer John will be working for City of Centralia water dept.

MASON COUNTY

Matlock Grange started their farmer’s market in July. The market will be held once per month through October. Matlock received third place on their display at the Grays Harbor County Fair.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange is hosting a class on canning peaches on August 8. The next consignment auction will be on August 12. Kitchen music events are held every Sunday at the Grange Hall. We also hold Community Potluck with bingo. The Grange is holding a breakfast each month. Members were excited with their honorable mention award on their display at the Grays Harbor County Fair. Plans are to have the display at the Pacific County Fair in late August.

North River Grange completed their kitchen remodeling project. Plans are moving forward for the breakfast at the Saginaw Logging Day at the Grange Hall on September 16. The Grange received an honorable mention award on their display at the Grays Harbor County Fair.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange will include deciding what to do for the Grange fair booth deadline of September 8. First Tuesdays are community events, and everyone is welcome. June 25 was the 2nd annual Sherm Simpson & Mel Walker Tractor parade. This followed our Strawberry & Pancake breakfast. July 30 was a special Cherry & Pancake breakfast and August 1 is our annual National Night Out Against Crime. August 26, the Buck 99 bluegrass band will present a concert. And our August 27 special all you can eat breakfast is one of the public’s favorites—“Peaches & Pancakes.” The 43rd annual Cherry Picker’s Trot and Pit Spit was held July 20 sponsored by the Green Bluff Grange. Our Girl Scout troop will start holding meetings again

on August 11. September 7 all day the Lifeline Screening will be at the Grange. And a very special presentation will also be held on September 7 from 5:30 to 8:30—Mental Health Matters, a local non-profit Light A Lamp which the founder will provide information about its unique mental health support and kindness mission in local schools titled Project Lift Up. A special thank you to Dorothy Mitcham who donated all the materials from “Skip’s” forest and sawmill for the “Skip’s Story Bench” at our Grange. Skip was a very active member of our tractor club and a fire department volunteer on Mt. Spokane.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange had a report from Marilyn on the State Grange convention she and Frank attended. There are planning meetings set up for next year’s convention, which will be held in Colville. Lori reported that the Haunted House area is being redesigned one area at a time. The annual Springdale Parade and Showcase in the Park was a success, despite the extreme temperatures. Both the Camas Valley Grange and the Camas Valley Junior Grange were in the Parade, and the Grange booth at Showcase in the Park was well attended. The Grange Hall is already booked for Bingo on the first Saturdays in August, September, and October.

THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange #860 welcomed new +1 Junior Granger, Riley York, at their July 17 meeting. Upcoming events were discussed, including the Thurston Conservation District Harvest Fair on October 1, candidates’ forum for County Commission and Port Commission positions on October 13, and an afternoon community game time on October 22. . The next meetings will be August 21 and September 18.

Stranger Creek Grange Hold Cleaning Day

Master/President, Pam Wilson and Overseer/Vice President Andre Lenz after cleaning their section of highway in front of Stranger Creek Grange #374. Another cleaning is scheduled in September after Labor Day.



Pomona Calendar

CHELAN	August 19 at Bee Hive, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck picnic.
CLALLAM	November 12 at Sequim Prairie, 6 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. meeting.
CLARK	September 13 at Manor, 7 p.m.
COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM	August 19 at Butch Ogden’s Home, 1 p.m.; September 16 at Pleasant Hill.
EXCELSIOR	September 23 at The Valley, 10:30 a.m. Includes the Harvest Auction.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	November 4 at Sharon, 10:30 a.m., potluck at 12 p.m.
ISLAND	September 9 at South Camano, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 .m. potluck.
KLICKITAT	September 9 at Glenwood.
LEWIS	August 5 at Logan Hill, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting; October 7 at Newaukum.
MASON	September 16 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
PIERCE	August 19 at Roy, 10 a.m.; October 7 at Marion.
SKAGIT	September 6 at Samish Valley, 6:30 p.m.; October 4 at Rexville.
SNAKE RIVER	September 16 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
SPOKANE	August 19 at Tri Community, 10 a.m.
STEVENS	October 21 at Stranger Creek, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
THURSTON	September 7 at Skookumchuck; October 5 at Violet Prairie.
WHATCOM	September 19 at North Bellingham, 6 p.m. potluck, meeting to follow.
WHITMAN	September 16 at Wilcox. Will include election of officers.
YAKIMA VALLEY	October 9 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Pomona Connection

COWLITZ COUNTY POMONA

Cowlitz County Pomona Grange hosted the Grange display area at the Cowlitz County Fair in July. Catlin Grange received the first place award in the produce displays. Rose Valley placed first in project displays, followed by Pleasant Hill in second, Pomona in third, and Sunnyside in fourth. Camp Morehead JG placed first for juniors, while Humptulips Youth placed first in the youth division. We received a lot of positive feedback on the displays in our new display area this year.

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange met at the Long Beach Grange Hall on July 8 with 20 members present. Two new members were obligated with the fourth degree. The Pomona Grange voted to sponsor the fit/show awards for all Youth Grange animal projects at the Grays Harbor County Fair. Five Junior Grangers were awarded partial campships to attend Morehead Junior Grange Camp. The Pomona Grange agreed to serve birthday cake on August 3

at the Grays Harbor County Fair in recognition of the 100th birthday of Sharon Grange #800. The Pomona Grange received second place on their produce display at the Grays Harbor County Fair.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona Grange #8 held their annual picnic on July 9 at the Nelson Ranch. Participants enjoyed fellowship, food, and lots of fresh air. The Silver Star and Golden Sheaf recognition event will be

Junior Connection

CAMP MOREHEAD JUNIOR GRANGE

Camp Morehead Junior Grange held a small, but successful return to the summer camping program in July. Several projects from camp were on display in our booth at the Cowlitz and Grays Harbor Fairs. We received the first place award at Cowlitz and the second place award at Grays Harbor.

HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange had 11 members attend Camp Morehead in July. Our members had 156 entries in the Junior Grange department at the Grays Harbor County Fair. We also received a first place award on our Junior Grange display.

NORTH RIVER JUNIOR GRANGE

North River Junior Grange members completed a display for the Grays Harbor County Fair, where they received the third place award.



In Memoriam



ROBERT KRAEMER
Past Lewis County Deputy Master
December 3, 1930 – July 18, 2023

Robert F. Kraemer, age 92, of Chehalis, WA passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

Bob took his first breath on December 3, 1930. He was born to Joseph and Mary Kraemer of Chehalis, WA, and was a caring brother to four siblings: Larry, Paul, Kenneth, and James. Bob married the love of his life, Carol Lee (Lamb), on November 29, 1952. Together they had three children; Eugene, Mary Ann, and Barbara.

Bob enjoyed a long career at Grange Supply/Cenex from 1947 to 1997. He worked under ten different managers in his time there. Bob worked as a bookkeeper, and in sales and service. For the majority of his years with the company he worked as a fuel delivery driver throughout Lewis County and south Thurston County.

Bob spent most of his free time giving back to his community. He was a valued member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Bob helped the church with fundraisers and volunteered through the church at coffee stops off of I-5. He spent six years serving in the Army National Guard. Bob took pride in his years of volunteer work with the Chehalis Food Bank. He was a member of the Newaukum Grange for 74 years, as well as a member of Pomona, Washington State, and National Grange associations. He served as a Washington State Grange Deputy for Lewis County.

Bob was a member of the Knights of Columbus, for over 70 years; the NRA; and the Lewis County Growth Management project. He is also known as a "Super Donor" by the Red Cross donating 108 units of blood.

Bob often commented that he had little time for hobbies with all of his volunteer work, but he somehow found time for hunting, fishing, beach camping, and clam digging while maintaining 17 and a half acres of property. Bob was a motorcycle aficionado, owning different models throughout his life. He was a member of the American Motorcyclist Association, and for years his motorcycle was his primary means of transportation.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Paul Kraemer.

Bob is survived by his wife Carol Lee; his siblings Larry Kraemer, Ken Kraemer (Louise), and Jim Kraemer (Tammy); his children Eugene Kraemer (Vickie), Mary Ann Kraemer, and Barbara Kraemer; his three granddaughters; and his three great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Bob's home caregivers and "service dog", Lulu.

On August 1 there was a visitation at 10 a.m., rosary at 10:30 a.m., and funeral mass at 11 a.m. all at St. Joseph Church in Chehalis. At 12:30 p.m. there was a graveside service at Claquato Cemetery, followed by a reception back at St. Joseph Church.

Memorial donations can be made to the Chehalis Food Bank.



GEORGE OHLSEN
Past State Gatekeeper and
Snohomish County Deputy Master
October 15, 1938 – June 28, 2023

George "Bud" Henry Ohlsen, born October 15, 1938 in Monroe, WA went to be with his Heavenly Father on June 28, 2023 in Monroe, WA at the age of 84.

George graduated from Monroe High School, Class of 1956. He married his loving wife Sally in 1962 and raised three sons. He was extremely proud of his kids and grandkids and could be heard up and down the Skykomish Valley cheering them on at sporting events.

A faithful member and attendee of Cascade Community Church, George's warm greetings at the front door became a cherished Sunday tradition. He was a long-time member of the Tualco Grange, Washington Draft Horse & Mule Association, and served on the Snohomish County Noxious Weed Board. He enjoyed helping others in the community and was a frequent blood donor. He dutifully set up flags on Main Street in Monroe on holidays, a visible reminder of his love for his town and country. George especially enjoyed working with "The Girls", Dixie and Rascal, his team of award-winning strawberry roan Belgian mares. He enjoyed competing in farm team classes at the fairgrounds, giving wagon rides and logging with his horses.

He lived his entire life on the original Ohlsen homestead on the Skykomish River. He worked as a dairy farmer, then as a carpenter and later for over 30 years as an appraiser with the Snohomish County Assessor's Office. In retirement he received a 500-hour award for his volunteer service to the Monroe Food Bank.

George is survived by his wife Sally, sons Jeff Ohlsen (Young Ae), Ron Ohlsen (Kim), and Gregg Ohlsen (Suzanne), sisters Betty Meske and Bonnie Drake, 10 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister JoAnn Frost.

A celebration of George's life was held on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 1PM at Cascade Community Church, 14377 Frylands Blvd, Monroe. Memorial donations in his name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



DAVID SCHAEFER
Past Special Deputy Master and
Past Lewis County Deputy Master
December 3, 1930 – July 18, 2023

David Harold Schaefer died peacefully in his sleep on July 10, 2023, with his children at his side. David, the third son of William Schaefer and his wife Irene (Hoffman), was born on July 12, 1928, and was raised on his parent's farm in Winlock, WA. He attended all 12 years of his education in the Winlock School District and graduated from high school in 1946. Shortly thereafter, he began working with his uncle, Richard Schaefer, at a Weyerhaeuser camp near Toutle River, WA.

In 1950, he was drafted into the Army, attending basic training at Fort Lewis near Tacoma, and additional training at the Yakima firing range. David was shipped out to Austria, via Germany, and served with the Army's 11th Battalion Artillery Division. In 1952, he returned to Fort Lewis where he was honorably discharged and began his five-year commitment with the Army National Guard.

Shortly after his return to civilian life, he met, courted and married Rosalie Lambert in January 1954. Later that year, David and Rosalie purchased the farm he was raised on and started their family.

In the mid 1950s, he started his career at Lewis County PUD as a meter reader, working for them for over 30 years and retiring in 1985. David was a unique individual in that he had been retired longer than he actually worked for the PUD. During that same time, he raised dairy cows and provided fresh milk to the Darigold plant in Chehalis for many years. In early 1965, their family was complete as they welcomed their ninth child.

David enjoyed bowling. He and his wife were active in local bowling leagues for many years and he continued to bowl even into his 90s. He was also passionate about the outdoors, raising not only his dairy cows, but prized Hereford bulls. He also loved to go hunting, and in knowing all the roads within the Weyerhaeuser lands around Mount St. Helens, he was very successful and it was a rare season in that he didn't fill his tags.

David made the involvement in the grange a family affair. He was an 82-year member of St. Urban and then Logan Hill Granges, and throughout his life served on the junior, subordinate, pomona and state levels. David and Rosalie traveled all over Washington state to attend conventions, and as their children grew older, they attended as well. The Schaefer family was recognized as the Grange Family of the Year in 2008. David was also honored at the 133rd Annual State Grange Convention with the Individual Grange Leadership Award in June of 2022, where he also received a Quilt of Valor for his service to our country so many years ago.

David was very involved in the local community. He was an elected member of the Winlock School Board and was instrumental in the construction of the new junior and high school complex in the late 1960s. He was also a longtime member of the IBEW, was active in the Southwest Washington Fair, helped with the local FFA chapter and coached at the Little League and Babe Ruth levels in baseball leagues that his own boys participated in. David and Rosalie were also avid supporters of the Mayfield Lake Youth Camp, near Mossyrock, where Mayfield Lake Junior Grange camp has been held since 1965. He was forever a passionate pinochle player and enjoyed the company of friends and neighbors, and in his later years added folks at the Winlock Community Center and at the Hope Grange Hall.

David's children surrounded him with love, support and comfort in his final years, and he passed away peacefully at home, where he truly wanted to be; in his own home, on his own farm and on his own terms. He is preceded in death by his father, William, his mother, Irene, his brothers, Elmer and Philip, and his wife, Rosalie.

He is survived by his children, Ronald Schaefer of Tacoma, Karen Jackson of Sumner, John Schaefer (Ann), of Winlock, Karl Schaefer (fiancé LeAnn) of Chehalis, Jerome Schaefer (Terry) of Auburn, Denise McCartan (Sean) of Tumwater, Donald Schaefer of Vancouver, Michael Schaefer (Kelly) of Paola KS, and Paul Schaefer (Sandra) of San Bernardino CA.

He is also survived by 19 wonderful grandchildren and 20 extraordinary great-grandchildren.

The family would like to express our sincere thanks to Assured Health Hospice, Catholic Community Services and Sunset Guardians for their care and support of our father.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Washington State Junior Grange Camping Program or to the Catholic Community Services organization, in David's name.

A celebration of life was held at 1 p.m. July 22 at Winlock High School.

