



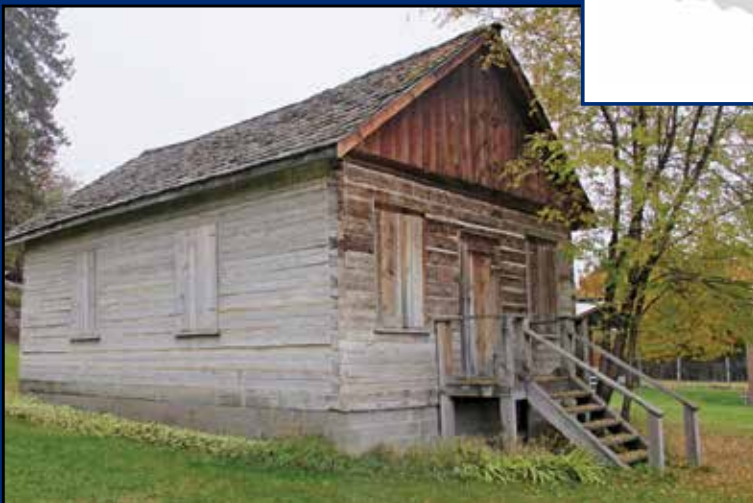
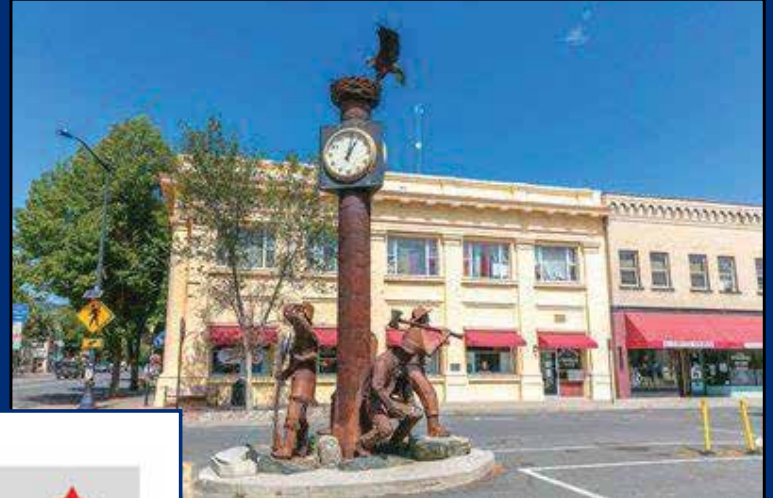
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Grange News

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Washington Grangers Gather In Colville For Annual Convention

Grange members from across Washington State will be meeting at the Northeast Washington Fairgrounds in Colville for their state organization's 135th annual convention, June 26-30. The

convention returns to Colville for the first time since 2008.

The majority of those gathering at the convention site – the Northeast Washington Fairgrounds – are delegates elected to represent their local

Granges. The bulk of their time will be spent in meetings, making decisions that will set the course of the organization for the coming year. Besides delegates, there are scores of volunteers who will have

other responsibilities during the week, and many other members drive in to participate in special events, listen to guest speakers or simply to get together with old friends. It is anticipated that more than 500 people will either participate all week long or join in for at least a day or two.

Officiating at the business

meetings will be State Grange President Tom Gwin of Humptulips Grange in Grays Harbor County.

Preparations for this year's event have been under the direction of a district convention steering committee led by Michael Schwartz and Matt Harbin, both of Stevens

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AUGUST 2024 issue deadline – JULY 20th
Submissions can be sent to grangenews@wa-grange.org

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June 26-30, 2024
Northeast Washington Fairgrounds, Colville, WA

SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming State Grange Events

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

- JUNE 3**Grange Activities Session Committee
Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- JUNE 4**Taxation & Fiscal Policy Session Committee
Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- JUNE 6**State Legislative Session Committee
Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- JUNE 10**Transportation Session Committee
Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- JUNE 11**Auditing Session Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.
- JUNE 11**Fish & Wildlife Session Committee
Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- JUNE 26-30**WA State Grange 135th Annual Session at
Northeast WA Fairgrounds, Colville
- JULY 6-11**Morehead Junior Grange Camp @ Nahcotta
on the Long Beach Peninsula
- JULY 14-20**Mayfield Junior Grange Camp @ Mossyrock
- JULY 22-26**Wooten Junior Grange Camp @ Dayton
- JULY 28-AUGUST 2**Clallam County Junior Grange Camp
@ Camp David on Lake Crescent,
Port Angeles
- NOVEMBER 12-16**158th Annual National Grange Convention,
Isle Casino Hotel
1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, Iowa



We are excited to launch registration for the 158th Annual National Grange Convention in Bettendorf, Iowa, hosted by the Midwest Region. Early Bird Registration (save \$5!) opens today for all. Learn about some of the exciting changes and events at this year's Convention by visiting <https://www.nationalgrange.org/158thconvention> and register today!

Lecturer's Department

2024 Convention Notes



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

Creative Writing Contest

The Creative Writing entries are in the process of being judged. I plan to bring the entries to convention so you can pick them up. The results will be in the next issue of Grange News.

Convention Auction Items

Silent Auctions: Open at 8 AM, Thursday Close at 1 PM, Sunday

Live Auction: Will be held Friday evening at the picnic BBQ.

If you are donating items for the department fund raising auctions that are in a basket, box, bucket or some such container, you need to attach a list of what is included. Having a list will allow us to let bidders know what all they are bidding on. This would also be helpful for these type of donations for the silent auctions. Please bring your auction items to the display areas that are located in the Exhibits Building. These auctions bring in the funds that help with departmental activities. We thank you for your support.

Convention Contest Entries

If you are bringing Arts & Crafts and Photography Purple Ribbon entries, you may bring them to the display area on Tuesday afternoon between 2 and 6 PM, or on Wednesday from 8 AM until 1 PM. The display area will then be closed for Judging and "ribboning" until Thursday afternoon at about 1 PM. The checkout time to pick up your entries to take home is on Sunday at 2 PM.

Prior Years Fair Booth Contest and Creative Writing Contest Entries

Please check with the Lecturer area to see if there are prior years entries to be picked up for your Grange.

We in the Lecturer Department are looking forward to seeing you at Convention and hope you make the time to visit the Display Area in the Exhibits Building to see the creative work of your fellow Grangers.

Heirloom Project Readings June, July and August 2024

JUNE 2024: "Grangers are likened to Shepherds. Our flock is our Grange and our neighbors. We are taught to keep 'those within the fold, and to reclaim the wandering... Be patient with the wayward, carefully instruct the erring, diligently seek and bring back the straying and those that are cast out.'" *(Second Degree; Chaplain)*

JULY 2024: "Changes and transformations are constantly passing before us." *(Second Degree; Ceres)*

AUGUST 2024: "Grangers are likened to Shepherds. Our flock is our Grange and our neighbors. We are taught to keep 'those within the fold, and to reclaim the wandering... Be patient with the wayward, carefully instruct the erring, diligently seek and bring back the straying and those that are cast out.'" *(Second Degree; Chaplain)*

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Your Name _____

Grange Name & Number _____

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President's Message

IRS Requirements Leads The WA State Grange Into Entering Into Agreement With American Income Life

By Tom Gwin
WA State Grange
Master/President

The Internal Revenue Service classifies the Grange as a 501c8 organization. Organizations in this classification are considered "Fraternal Benefit Societies". These organizations, the Grange included, are considered nonprofit, however there are requirements to remain a nonprofit 501c8 organization. The following are the requirements as determined by IRS code as approved by Congress:

- It must have a fraternal purpose.
- It must operate under the lodge system.
- It must provide for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits.

An exception applies to separately organized insurance branches of fraternal societies. These need not operate under the lodge system but must provide permissible benefits exclusively to members of a lodge system.

Fraternal Purpose

A fraternal beneficiary society ... would be one whose members have adopted the same, or a very similar calling, avocation, or profession, or who are working in union to accomplish some worthy object, and who for that reason have banded themselves together as an association or society to aid and assist one another, and to promote the common cause.

Items of note:

- "Common Tie" Requires More Than Just Engaging in Social Activities.
- Fraternal Activities Must Be Substantial.
- Fraternal Activities and Benefits Must Be Primary.
- Political Activity is Not Fraternal

Our Granges easily satisfy this requirement. Our common ties can be found in our Grange manuals, with the opening and closing of our meetings. The order of business is printed in our manuals as well. As a community-based national organization, the Grange provides its members with the opportunity to lead,

the opportunity to learn, and the ability to make a difference through community service, grassroots legislative advocacy and educational programs.

Operating Under the Lodge System

Reg. 1.501(c)(8)-1 provides that a fraternal beneficiary society is exempt from tax only if it is operated under the "lodge system" or for the exclusive benefit of the members so operating. An organization is "operating under the lodge system" if it is carrying out its activities under a form of organization that comprises local branches called lodges, chapters, and

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-- Tom Gwin

the like. The local branches must be chartered by a parent organization and largely self-governing. The term "operating under the lodge system" implies, at a minimum, two active entities: a Parent and a Subordinate.

Again, this requirement is an easy check off for our Granges. With four levels, the Grange operates under the "lodge" system. Our four levels, Community/Subordinate, County or District, State, and National, ensure that the membership's voice is heard at the appropriate place. Our membership sets the direction and activities for their Community Grange in true grassroots fashion, and those decisions seep up to the national level. Nonpartisan legislative advocacy, educational programs, service projects, and social interaction and networking are just a few of the ways local Granges serve their communities and members.



Tom Gwin

Payment of Benefits

To be described in IRC 501(c)(8), an organization must have an established system for the payment to its members, or their dependents, of life, sick, accident, or other benefits. Rev. Rul. 76-457, 1976-2 C.B. 155, holds that an arrangement with independent insurers whereby members, on an individual application to the insurers and not automatically by virtue of membership in the organization, may obtain insurance at reduced cost does not qualify as an established system for the payment of benefits to members. However, the organization need not itself provide for insurance benefits if a parent entity or separately organized insurance branch provides the benefits.

This requirement is the one item we have difficulty in meeting. To assist in meeting the benefits requirement, the National Grange and the Washington State Grange have both entered into an agreement with American Income Life Insurance Company to provide an Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy for all Grange members. Subordinate Grange members are covered by this policy beginning when their membership is reported to the State Grange Office on the New Member Report Form.

Every Subordinate Grange member in our state will receive a letter from the State Grange explaining the program. The letter will include a card to name a beneficiary for your policy. Please note that naming a beneficiary is optional. If you don't name a beneficiary, the benefit will simply be paid to your state. If you do return the beneficiary card, you will be contacted by a representative of American Income Life asking you to consider the option of purchasing additional insurance services from them.

We hope our decision to enter into the agreement with American Income Life Insurance will assist our Granges in meeting the IRS requirements to remain nonprofit 501c8 organizations by providing the required benefit to our members. Additional information on 501c8 organizations can be found on the IRS website by doing an online search.

Legislative

See You In Colville

By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist



Jesse Taylor

We have turned the page into June and with that comes the Washington State Grange Convention which is held June 26th-30th at the Northeast Washington Fairgrounds in Colville. But before we get ahead of ourselves, I want to mention that the WA State Grange is always proud to honor our fallen service men and women. Memorial Day was a great time to reflect on that and I always appreciate all of the Veterans I meet at Grange events who inevitably served with fallen soldiers. My Grandad stormed a beach in France in June of 1944 and currently rests at the Tahoma National Cemetery with many of his fallen comrades. That being said, this Holiday is important to my family as well as many of yours. I hope you got to celebrate it with friends and family.

Regional Leaders Conference

At the end of April many of us gathered in Yakima at the Regional Leaders Conference and I was able to give the group a legislative overview as well as talk about sponsorship and fundraising for our Granges. The event was well attended and I was able to talk one-on-one with many of you and I always appreciate those moments. I look forward to talking about sponsorship more at the Colville convention this month as I will be doing a similar talk at state convention as the reception to the Yakima presentation was well received.

Capital Budget

As most of you know we were able to secure just under one million dollars in capital budget grants in the 2024 supplemental budget year for local grange projects. Several Granges will be hearing from the department of commerce about how to access these funds. To supplement that, the Washington State Department of Commerce will be holding an informational webinar for Capital Budget Grant recipients and interested parties for next year. The webinar will take place on June 18th at 1:00PM and you can register for free at https://wastatecommerce.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2INSr1nYQ3SrrxyZdk8f1A#/registration.

If you received a grant this year or are interested in applying for a Capital Budget Grant next year, please attend this webinar by the department of commerce. Also, if you were a 2024 recipient be on the look out for an email from me with an FAQ sheet and other important information.

H2-A Labor

On Thursday, June 6 the Department of Labor will host a public webinar to educate employers, agricultural associations, farm labor contractors, farmworkers, advocates, and other interested members of the public on the changes to the H-2A program. Participants in this webinar will learn from the Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC), the Office of Workforce Investment, and the Wage and Hour Division about key aspects of this rule. You can find the registration information register for free here <https://usdolevents.webex.com/webappng/sites/usdolevents/>

National Agritourism Survey

The 2024 National Agritourism Survey is still collecting responses. Agricultural operations who have visitors for on-farm direct sales, educational programs, entertainment, farm stays, recreation, special events are encouraged to complete the survey. Please find information and a link to the survey here <https://srcd.msstate.edu/news/2024/05/national-agritourism-survey-seeking-input-farms-welcome-visitors>

I can't wait to see you all in Colville!

Have you read the most recent
VIEW FROM THE HILL™
the National Grange's monthly legislative update?

Be the first to read news and updates from the National Grange by subscribing to our email distribution list here:
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2024 Convention Info



JUNE 26 - 30, 2024
135th Annual Washington State Grange Convention
at the
Northeast Washington Fairgrounds
317 W. Astor Ave, Colville, WA 99114

2024 State Convention RV Information

RV Parking will be available for this year's State Grange Convention at the Northeast Washington Fairgrounds in Colville. The rate will be \$35 per night for water and electricity. There will be septic service available if desired or needed. You may call 509-680-6300 to be on a waiting list for full hook up if one becomes available.

Fort Colville Grange will have dry camping (no hook ups) available as well. The Grange Hall is approximately two miles from the fairgrounds.

RV RESERVATION FORM
2024 STATE GRANGE SESSION
NORTHEAST WASHINGTON FAIRGROUNDS - COLVILLE

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Grange Name _____

Telephone (____) _____ Email _____

Date of Arrival _____ # of Nights _____

Please circle your RV Hook Up Choice: Water and 30-amp Service (\$35 per night)

Length of RV _____ License # _____

Total Amount Paid _____

Make checks payable to Washington State Grange Northeast Convention
Mail by June 10 to: Bonnie Lyle, 307 E Cooper Street, Colfax WA 99111

State Convention Meal Tickets Order Form - 2024

Name _____

Grange Name & Number _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Wednesday, June 26

_____ Lunch - Philly Cheese Steak on hoagie OR chicken bacon ranch
on a hoagie, potato salad, cake and beverage.
Gluten free bread and dessert if ordered in advance.
Prepared by Greenwood Park Grange @ \$15 each _____

Thursday, June 27

_____ Lunch - Taco bar with beef and/or chicken, beverage, and choice of pie.
Prepared by Quillisascut and Stranger Creek Granges.
Family Living Luncheon should choose this option. @ \$15 each _____

Friday, June 28

_____ Lunch - "Cowbelle" BBQ on a bun, coleslaw, dill pickles,
cookies, beverages. Gluten free buns and cookies offered when
requested in advance. Prepared by Fort Colville Grange. @ \$15 each _____

_____ Dinner - Picnic BBQ with hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, salad,
and watermelon. Prepared by the WA State Grange Officers.
@ \$15 each _____

Saturday, June 29

_____ Lunch - Lasagna, salad, green beans, garlic bread, dessert, beverage.
If requested, vegetarian and gluten-free if ordered in advance.
Prepared by Addy Grange. @ \$15 each _____

_____ Celebration Banquet - Chicken and/or cheese enchiladas,
Spanish rice, refried beans, churros, and beverage and water.
Gluten free if ordered in advance. Prepared by
Five Mile Prairie Grange. @ \$25 each _____

Sunday, June 30

_____ Lunch - Vegetable pasta soup and chicken salad croissant,
Gluten free option for soup and sandwich if ordered
in advance. Prepared by Clayton Grange. @ \$15 each _____

TOTAL _____

Please make checks payable to Eastern District Grange Convention Committee.
Mail order and payment to: Matt Harbin, Addy Grange #603, PO Box 255, Addy WA 99101. Order forms must be received no later than June 10.

Tickets will be packaged and may be picked up in the convention registration area.

Resolution E-Mail Sign-Ups



Send us your email at skeller@wa-grange.org
to receive the resolutions that have been approved by
the state Executive Committee
and ready to be presented at the
2024 State Grange Convention in Colville, WA.



2024 Convention Info

TENTATIVE

Washington State Grange 135th Annual Session Schedule Of Events

**Northeast Washington Fairgrounds, 317 W. Astor Ave, Colville, WA 99114
JUNE 26-30, 2024**

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

10:00 am	Set Up	
2:00pm-4:00 pm	Registration Open	Ag Center Foyer
2:00pm-6:00 pm	Contest Entry Check In – Lecturer, Family Living, and Junior Departments	Exhibit Bldg
	Contest Entry Check In – Youth Educational Posters	Zoo Barn
2:00pm-6:00pm	Display Set Up	Zoo Barn
6:00 pm	Rose Drill Practice – closed event	Ag/Trade Center

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Western Theme Day – Dress to Impress

8:00 am-5:00 pm	Registration Open	Ag Center Foyer
8:00 am-7:00 pm	Non-Delegate Registration -Fifth & Sixth-Degree Ticket Sales	Ag Center Foyer
8:00 am-1:00 pm	Contest Entry Check In – Lecturer, Family Living, and Junior Departments	Exhibit Bldg
8:00am-1:00pm	Contest Entry Check In – Youth Educational Posters	Zoo Barn
9:00 am-12:00 pm	State Officer Practice – closed event	Ag Center
9:00 am	Youth Group Meeting	Dog/Cat Barn
10:00 am	Tour – Douglas Falls Grange Park (carpool)	Ag Center Foyer
10:00 am	Credentials Committee Meeting	Ag Center Patio
10:30 am	Election Committee Meeting	Ag Center Patio
11:00 am	Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting	Ag Center Patio
1:00 pm	Youth Meeting -get acquainted activities -election of youth officers -installation of Youth Officers	Dog/Cat Barn
2:00 pm	Deputies Meeting	Ag/Trade Center
2:30 pm	Delegate Orientation	Ag/Trade Center
3:00 pm	Workshop – Session 1 -Making the Grange Legislative Process Work for You, Jesse Taylor	Ag/Trade Center
3:45 pm	Workshop – Session 2 - Generational Differences, Kent Hojem	Ag/Trade Center
4:30 pm	Workshop – Session 3 - Sponsorships for Your Grange – Jesse Taylor	Ag/Trade Center
7:00 pm	6th Degree Opening -credential report -adoption of program -welcome for local dignitaries	Ag/Trade Center
8:00 pm	Close Session in the 4th degree	
8:15 pm	Welcome Reception	Ag/Trade Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Team Day – Support Your Favorite Team

7:30 am-5:00 pm	Delegate/Non-Delegate Registration Open	Ag Center Foyer
8:30 am	Session Opens -credential report -Master/President Address -committee reports and action	Ag/Trade Center
8:30 am	Youth Group Meeting	Dog/Cat Barn
12:00 pm	Session Recess – lunch	
12:00 pm	Family Living Picnic Luncheon -Family Living Department Award Presentations	Center Stage
1:00 pm-5:30 pm	Department Displays Open	Exhibit Bldg
1:00 pm-3:30pm	Junior Activity	Extra Barn
2:00 pm	Session Reconvenes -committee reports	Ag/Trade Center
3:00 pm	National Grange Representative Martha Stefanoni, Priestess Annalist for the Assembly of Demeter	
5:00 pm	Session Closes in the 4th Degree	
5:05 pm	Convention Group Photo Dinner and Evening on Your Own	

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Junior Grange Red Tennis Shoe Day

8:00 am-6:00 pm	Non-Delegate Registration Open	Ag Center Foyer
8:30 am	Session Opens -credential report -election of officers -committee reports and action	Ag/Trade Center
8:30 am	Youth Group Meeting	Dog/Cat Barn
9:00 am	Department Displays Open (until 6 pm)	Exhibit Bldg
10:00 am	Junior Activity	Extra Barn
11:30 am	Junior Grange Ice Cream Social (until gone)	Food Court
12:00 pm	Session Recesses – lunch	
2:00 pm	Session Reconvenes -committee reports and action	Ag/Trade Center
2:00 pm-4:00 pm	Youth and Junior Bowling Activity	Copper Bowl
5:00 pm	Session Closes in the 4th Degree	
6:00 pm	Grange BBQ Dinner (tickets required), followed by Live Auction to Benefit Grange Departments	Food Court

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Tropical Day – Fun in the Sun

8:00 am-6:00 pm	Registration (non-delegate) Open	Ag Center Foyer
8:00 am	Youth Livestock Judging Contest (register at the Spencer Stage)	Zoo and Pig Barns
8:45 am	Workshop – Session 4 -Quilts of Valor: Implementing the Program in Your Subordinate Grange - Bonnie Mitson, National Grange Community Service Team	Ag/Trade Center
9:00 am	Department Displays Open (until 5:30 pm)	Exhibit Bldg
10:00 am	Session Opens in the 4th Degree -final credential report -committee reports and action	Ag/Trade Center
10:00 am	Youth Group Meeting	Dog/Cat Barn
11:00 am	Quilts of Valor Presentation	Ag/Trade Center
11:45 a.m.	Presentation of State Grange Leadership Award	Ag Trade Center
12:00 p.m.	Session Recesses – Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Youth Department Public Speaking contest	Center Stage
1:00 pm-3:30pm	Junior Activity	Extra Barn
2:00 p.m.	Exemplification of the Fifth Degree	Ag/Trade Center
3:00 p.m.	Exemplification of the Sixth Degree	Ag/Trade Center
5:00 p.m.	Session Closes in the 4th Degree	
6:00 p.m.	Celebration Banquet (tickets required), followed by Award Presentations -Hall Improvement Contest Awards -State Grange Foundation Scholarship Awards -Community Service Awards -Livestock Judging Contest Awards -Lecturer Awards -Membership Awards	Ag/Trade Center

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Grange Shirt Day

8:30 am-1:00 pm	Registration (non-delegate) Open	Ag Center Foyer
9:00 a.m.	Memorial Service/Worship Service	Ag/Trade Center
10:00 a.m.	Junior Activity	Extra Barn
10:30 a.m.	Session Opens in the 4th Degree -committee reports and action	Ag/Trade Center
11:00 am	Youth Group Meeting	Dog/Cat Barn
11:30 a.m.	Session Recesses for Lunch	
12:00 p.m.	Silent Auctions Close	
1:00 p.m.	Session Reconvenes -Youth Program -Junior Grange Program	Ag/Trade Center
2:00 p.m.	Check Out Department Contest Entries	Exhibit Bldg
3:00 p.m.	Installation of Officers	Ag/Trade Center
3:30 p.m.	Session Reconvenes -any unfinished business -host committee recognition -invitation for 2025 State Grange Session	Ag/Trade Center
5:00 p.m.	Closing of the 135th Annual Session in the Fourth Degree	

2024 Convention Info

State Session Committees To Meet Prior To Session

The 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange is quickly approaching. The session committees will meet prior to the session via Zoom to review the standing committee reports and resolutions submitted for consideration.

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

AGRICULTURE	TUES, MAY 21	6:30 P.M.
AUDITING	TUES, JUNE 11	2:00 P.M.
CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY	THURS, MAY 23	6:30 P.M.
EDUCATION	WED, MAY 22	6:30 P.M.
FISH & WILDLIFE	TUES, JUNE 11	6:30 P.M.
GRANGE ACTIVITIES	MON, JUNE 3	6:30 P.M.
GRANGE LAW	WED, MAY 29	2:00 P.M.
HEALTH, HEALTH CARE & SAFETY	THURS, MAY 30	6:30 P.M.
NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE	TUES, MAY 28	6:30 P.M.
STATE LEGISLATIVE	THURS, JUNE 6	6:30 P.M.
TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY	TUES, JUNE 4	6:30 P.M.
TRANSPORTATION	MON, JUNE 10	6:30 P.M.

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

CREDENTIALS	WED, JUNE 26	10:00 A.M.
ELECTION	WED, JUNE 26	10:30 A.M.
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS	WED, JUNE 26	11:00 A.M.

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

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

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

One tap mobile: +12532158782,,98036971581# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
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Resolutions For Consideration At The 2024 State Convention

The following resolutions have been received and will be considered at this year's State Grange Session. The resolution topics and committee referrals include:

RES. #	TITLE	SPONSORING GRANGE	COMMITTEE REFERRAL
2024-32	Tire Chains in All Vehicles	Sunnyside #129	Transportation
2024-33	Bicycle Safety	Sunnyside #129	Transportation
2024-34	Term Limits	Kellogg Marsh #136	National Legislative
2024-35	Public Lands	Kellogg Marsh #136	Conservation & Ecology
2024-36	Tires	Kellogg Marsh #136	Transportation
2024-37	Competency Testing	Kellogg Marsh #136	National Legislative
2024-38	Anti-Regionalization	Kellogg Marsh #136	State Legislative
2024-39	Fundamental Parent Rights to Direct the Upbring and Education of their Children	Deer Lagoon #846	National Legislative
2024-40	Fundamental Parental Rights to Director the Upbringing and Education of their Children	Deer Lagoon #846	State Legislative
2024-41	Provide School Choice Through Property Tax to Follow the Student in the State of WA	Deer Lagoon #846	Education
2024-42	Support Food Sovereignty Through Local Control	Deer Lagoon #846	Agriculture
2024-43	Office Titles	San Juan Island #966	Grange Law
2024-44	Restoring a Free-Flowing Snake River to Save Money, Salmon, Orca and More	San Juan Island #966	Conservation & Ecology

The above resolutions were emailed to interested persons in draft form. The first set of resolutions (1-31) were sent earlier. If you wish to receive a copy of the proposed resolutions, please contact the State Grange Office at 360-943-9911.

The Grange Exchange

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2024 Convention Info

Convention Room Assignments 2024

Celebration Banquet and Department Auction	Ag/Trade Center
Community Service Displays	Exhibit Building
Delegate Orientation	Ag/Trade Center
Delegate Sessions	Ag/Trade Center
Department Silent Auction	Exhibit Building
Deputy Meeting	Ag/Trade Center
Displays	Zoo Barn
Family Living Lunch	Center Stage
Hospitality	Ag Center Patio
Installation of Officers	Ag/Trade Center
Junior Grange Contest Displays	Exhibit Building
Junior Grange Ice Cream Social	Food Court
Junior Grange Meeting Room	Fiber Building
Lecturer and Family Living Contest displays	Exhibit Building
Live Auction (Friday night)	Center Stage
Lunches	Food Court
Memorial/Worship Service	Ag/Trade Center
Progress Room	Ag Center Conf Room
Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contests	Center Stage or Dog/Cat Barn
Registration	Ag Center Foyer
Youth Educational Posters	Zoo Barn
Youth Group Meeting Room	Dog/Cat Barn
Youth Livestock Judging Contest	Zoo Barn, Pig Barn

Martha Stefenoni to Represent National Grange at State Session

Martha Stefenoni became a Grange member in 1983 joining Sebastopol Grange #306 and from there the Grange journey began. Currently she is an member of Bennett Valley Grange #16 and an affiliate of Rincon Valley Grange #710 and is currently President of Sonoma County Pomona Grange. In 1984 she and husband Tom received their 7th Degree in Portland, Maine as Martha was representing California in the Talent competition. In 1987 Tom and Martha were selected as California State Grange's Young Couple and 1988 they were the runner-up National Grange Young Couple serving with the National Grange Young Couple, Bob and Theresa Joy. Martha has served the California State Grange in numerous positions, currently serving as a member of the Executive Committee and Membership Director. In 2019 Martha was elected by the Assembly of Demeter to service as the Priestess Annalist and record the



annual of history. She considered this to be the highlight of her Grange career until in 2022, she was given the honor as Priestess Annalist to install her son, Joseph Stefenoni as President of the California State Grange. Tom and Martha became Grange Insurance Agents in 1984 and enjoyed working with Granges and Grangers on their insurance needs. Currently Martha works with Clouse Insurance in helping Granges with their insurance needs. Currently Martha resides in Santa Rosa, CA.

WA State Grange Convention 2024 Hotel/Motel Listing

Housing options for this year's State Grange Session in Colville are limited. With that in mind, the Convention Steering Committee submitted housing information early. Grangers are encouraged to make their reservations now for the best options.

- **Comfort Inn** – 166 NE Canning Drive, Colville – 509-684-2010; 0.5 mile from convention site- Features pool and ispPet friendly – Free hot breakfast
- **Benny's Colville Inn** – 915 S. Main, Colville – 800-680-2517 or 509-684-2517; 0.5 miles from convention site, range from economy to spacious suites, complimentary breakfast bar. Pets allowed, 65% of rooms are designated non-smoking.
- **Selkirk Motel** – 369 S. Main Street, Colville – 509-684-2565; 0.5 miles from conventions site -pet friendly, refrigerators and coffee maker, free WiFi, kitchens in some rooms, microwaves in some ooms.
- **Columbia Point Resort** – 978 US Hwy 395, Kettle Falls – 509-690-4208; 10 miles from the convention site. free WiFi, pet friendly, air conditioning, smoke free property.
- **Chewelah Hotel and RV Park** – 301 S. Park Street, Chewelah – 509-935-4763; 22 miles from conventions site – free WiFi, air conditioning, pet friendly, smoke free property
- **Nordlig Motel** – 101 W. Grant Avenue, Chewelah – 509-935-6704; 22 miles to convention site -Pet Friendly, free breakfast, free WiFi, air conditioning in some rooms
- **Mistequa Hotel at the Chewelah Casino (COMING SOON)** – 2555 Smith Road, Chewelah – 800-322-2788; 25 miles to the convention site – daily housekeeping, indoor pool, hot tub, and sauna

You may also want to try the following:

Airbnb – <https://airbnb.com/>

VRBO – <https://www.vrbo.com/vacation-rentals/houses/usa/Washington/colville>



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Register today as a Non-Delegate, Guest, Youth or Junior member. You will also have the opportunity to purchase your 6th Degree tickets and meal tickets at the same time. Delegates can also use this form to purchase their 6th Degree tickets and meal tickets. Credential forms will still need to be mailed in for Delegates. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/241337806468160>

2024 Convention Info

Washington Grangers Gather In Colville For Annual Convention

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County. They have been assisted by a host of volunteer sub-committee chairmen and committee members.

This year's session is being hosted by Granges in the Eastern District that includes Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, and Whitman Counties

Prior to the official opening session on Wednesday evening, June 26, several activities will occupy delegates and others. All committees will meet prior to the session via Zoom to consider reports and resolutions submitted for delegate consideration. The committees will closely examine all resolutions referred to the convention by local community Granges. In some instances, the committees could draft additional resolutions. All those reports will be referred – with committee recommendations – to the delegate body for further debate during the session. The resolutions cover

a wide variety of topics from internal organization matters to policy issues that will occupy the organization's Olympia and Washington, DC, lobbyists in coming years.

On Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Grangers will carpool to Douglas Falls Grange Park for a tour and history of the park. Stevens County Pomona Grange President Tom McKern will lead the tour and share the history and development of the park.

Young people (teens and above) will begin their convention activities on Wednesday morning, electing and installing their own slate of officers.

Following the opening session on Wednesday evening, the Grangers will host local dignitaries for words of welcome, followed by a welcome reception.

The work of the convention will begin in earnest at 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning when Gwin opens the session. Immediately after opening, he will deliver his annual report to the delegates. Following a short break, the delegates will

begin their business session with reports from the various delegate committees. After a lunch break, the session will continue through the afternoon. Thursday evening is reserved for Grangers to enjoy dinner out, build fellowship, and to explore the area surrounding Colville.

The business session will continue Friday morning. The delegates will consider additional committee reports. The afternoon will feature the Junior Grange Ice Cream Social. Youth and Junior Members will also compete in their public speaking contests, with the winners receiving the honor of representing our state at the regional level. The delegates will continue their work through Friday afternoon.

Friday evening will feature a new activity. State Grange officers will host a "Barbecue Picnic". The picnic is a ticketed event and will be followed by the live action, which financially supports Grange departments in their work.

Youth and Junior Grangers will gather at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning for their 2nd Annual Grange Livestock Judging Contest. Awards will be presented later that day at the Celebration Banquet recognizing the top individuals and Grange teams in the contest. Youth and Junior Members will also compete in their public speaking contests, with the winners receiving the honor of representing our state at the National Grange Convention in November in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Business sessions will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday. At 11 a.m. the Grange will recognize a group of military veterans at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Each veteran will be recognized with their own Quilt of Valor. The



Grange and the QOV program will make the presentations. The Grange Leadership Award, the highest honor bestowed by the State Grange, will be presented at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday.

The Grange's Fifth Degree will be exemplified on Saturday at 2:00 p.m., followed by the conferral of the Grange's Sixth Degree at 3:00 p.m. That evening, the Grange Celebration Banquet will be held. The banquet will include the presentation of several membership awards and the recognition of the 2024 State Grange Scholarship winners. Awards for community service and membership development will be presented.

Sunday morning will begin with the Grange Memorial and Worship Service. The event, under the direction of State Grange Chaplain Carolyn Hojem, will honor departed Grange members and serve as a worship service for all members. Following the service, the Grange will go back into regular session, completing the business of the organization.

The Sunday afternoon session will be filled with presentations by the Grange youth and junior members. The young people will be recognized. Awards presented for their Grange work over the past year.

Following their program, the Grange will install their newly elected State Grange Officers, followed by the completion of final business. The session is scheduled to adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. on Sunday.

There are many opportunities for fun and recreation at the convention. There is an ice cream social on Friday, youth tours and activities, banquets, workshops and, of course, the impressive Grange displays. Most members attending the convention for the first time are amazed at the large quantity and wide variety of handiwork submitted by Grangers and others across Washington state. Tables will be filled with samples of needlework, quilts, sewing, craft creations, works of art and photography. These displays are open to the public beginning Thursday afternoon. The displays are under the supervision of the state lecturer and the directors of family living, youth, junior Grange, and community service activities.

State Master Gwin urges all Grangers to consider spending at least one day at their state session. Members who live in the area are encouraged to attend any or all the events. They may also bring along their prospective member friends to the open sessions.

Fifth and Sixth Degrees To Be Conferred; Tickets Available

The Washington State Grange Officers will be conferring the Sixth Degree at the Annual State Grange Session on Saturday, June 29. The conferral will begin at 3 p.m. and will be held in the Ag/Trade Center, the same location as the delegate meetings.

All Sixth Degree candidates must have received the Fifth Degree of the Order, which will be exemplified at 2:00 p.m. by a team from the Eastern District. Candidates should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the degrees to get seated in the designated areas.

Tickets for the Fifth Degree are \$1 each. Tickets for the Sixth Degree are \$10 each. Tickets will be available in the registration area of the convention.



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Home & Family

Quilting Tips

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

As I have been putting together our quilt blocks from last year some things have come to mind that will help all of us when piecing quilt blocks.

First of all, use good quality 100% cotton fabric. Many older fabrics contain polyester which takes away the body of the fabric. You do not need to go to expensive quilt stores to find good fabric. Many of the chain fabric stores have improved their line of fabrics. Look for a tight weave that will hold up to washing. It is your choice to pre-wash or not. Just be sure to complete your project with pre-washed or not.

Use a fabric conditioner or

spray starch before cutting to give stability to fabric. This will especially help with Pre-washed and bias seams.

Use like fabrics for your project. Twill does not mix well with cotton fabric making it hard to press seams flat.

Press to the dark is a standard rule, however sometimes the fabric dictates which way to press. Pressing seams open will take away bulk especially when many seams are intersecting.

Lastly be sure to measure the finished block. It should be 12 ½ inches square. When constructing our Jacobs Ladder Block be sure to measure each unit and square up to 4 ½ inches. If the unit is too small check your seam allowance. It should be ¼ inch which is standard for quilting. Have fun.



Helen Berg

Now some housekeeping.

I hope at this publishing I have received your contest reports. I am missing quite a few.

State contest entries may be checked in on Tuesday, June 25, 1-6 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 26, 8 am to 1 p.m. Bring your entries to the Exhibit Building at the southwest corner of the fairgrounds in Colville.

Our Family Living Picnic is Thursday in the Pavilion. The Grange News was a bit confusing as to what lunch to order. We will be having Tacos. Look forward to seeing you in Colville.

A Luscious Dessert



(Courtesy of Family Features)

As a beloved staple in American households for generations, pie provides a sweet, delicious way to bring family and friends to the table.

By bringing some of the most popular pie flavors together, the Tart Cherry Unity Pie offers the familiar, distinct sweet-tart flavor of Montmorency tart cherries that pair well with pecans, apple and pumpkin pie spice for a sense of nostalgia representative of family, tradition and celebration.

In this unique recipe, the bold and vibrant flavors of tart cherries take center stage, complemented by the subtle sweetness of apples and crunch of pecans. With their burst of brightness and acidity, tart cherries perfectly balance the other flavors to create a pie fit for any occasion.

Slow down your fast-paced world and savor a slice of this timeless dessert. With its sweet and tangy filling, flaky crust and tart cherry topping, you can indulge in life's simple pleasures for a sense of coziness and comfort.

Visit ChooseCherries.com to find more celebration-worthy tart cherry desserts.

Tart Cherry Unity Pie

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 55 minutes Servings: 8

Ingredients: Pie:

- 1 pie crust (9 inches)
- 2 cups canned tart cherry pie filling
- 2 cups canned apple pie filling
- 1 egg, beaten (for egg wash)

Streusel:

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup pecans, roughly chopped
- 1 pinch salt
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted

Pumpkin Spice Whipped Cream:

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin spice

Preheat oven to 400° F. Fit pie crust to 9-inch pie dish. Crimp edges and use fork to poke holes in bottom. Place pie crust in freezer to chill. In large bowl, combine tart cherry pie filling and apple pie filling. Set aside.

To make streusel: In bowl, use fork to mix flour, brown sugar, granulated sugar, pecans and salt. Pour butter over dry ingredients and mix until ingredients come together in clumps.

To assemble pie: Pour cherry-apple filling into prepared pie crust and sprinkle streusel on top. Brush beaten egg onto exposed pie crust edges. Bake 25 minutes. At 10-minute mark, cover pie dish with foil to prevent crust from over-browning. After 25 minutes, lower oven temperature to 375 F and bake 30 minutes.

To make pumpkin spice whipped cream: In large bowl or bowl of stand mixer, add heavy cream, powdered sugar and pumpkin spice. Use hand mixer or beater attachment on stand mixer to beat on medium-high speed 3-5 minutes until stiff peaks form. Refrigerate whipped cream until ready to serve.

Let pie cool 2-3 hours then dollop pumpkin spice whipped cream on top, slice and serve.

Substitution: Storebought whipped cream topped with pumpkin spice can be used in place of homemade pumpkin spice whipped cream.

SOURCE:
Cherry Industry Administrative Board



SpoKampers

SpoKampers #19, Chief Timothy Campout May 2-7

SpoKampers opened the 2024 camping season with an outing to Chief Timothy State Park along the Snake River near Clarkston. Participants included Jim and Bonnie Lyle, Mike and Cheryl Britton, Larry and Cheryl Neil, and Rich Krenkel. Forrest and Marlene Diehl had planned to attend but were unable due to physical rehabilitation of Forrest's knee. We carried on as if they were there anyway.

The full-service campground is located on an island about 5 miles west of Clarkston. It is a good place to fish, sit under the trees, and enjoy the ospreys and owls.

We went out to dinner at Appleby's, and breakfast at Waffles and More, had Pot-Luck Friday night, and visited the Jack O'Connor Heritage Center along the river in Lewiston.

Later we visited an antique consignment facility in a Hanger near the river in Clarkston. Some "precious junk" was purchased at inexpensive costs, including a Marble vase bought by the Neils, and objects for Cheryl Britton to Tole Paint.

We will be attending the Grange Fun-Rally at Verne and Pam Figg's from May 31 through June 4.

If anyone wants to camp with us, contact me; Mike Britton at 509-922-1494.



Washington State Grange Awards \$22,000 In Scholarships

The Washington State Grange is awarding \$22,000 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors and current college students. The scholarships are offered through the Washington State Grange Foundation to assist Grange members and children of Grange members in attending college. The scholarships range from \$750 to \$1500 each.



MARGUERITE "MAGGIE" BAILEY

McINTOSH GRANGE #1001 ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Marguerite "Maggie" Bailey is the daughter of Samuel and Anne Bailey. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with a minor in Sociology from Carroll College in Helena, Montana. She is a first-year graduate student working toward her doctorate degree in Biochemistry at Montana State University. Her studies are emphasized in agricultural crop genetics. She hopes to use her degree to test the genetics of various agricultural crops. Maggie and her parents are members of McIntosh Grange. She is also involved in the National Camp Fire Youth Advisory Cabinet.



NICKOLAS BOWDISH

CENTERVILLE GRANGE #81 MARTIN & GRACE FORRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Nickolas Bowdish, a 2023 graduate of Goldendale High School, will be entering his second year at Walla Walla Community College, where he is studying Diesel Technology and Crop & Soil Sciences. The son of Dean and Susan Bowdish, Nickolas is an officer at both Centerville Grange and Klickitat County Pomona. Nickolas was involved with the Goldendale FFA and Technology Student Association. He lives and works on a third-generation family farm raising cattle and producing hay and grain crops. Following college, he plans to return to the family farm, where he will maintain and work on diesel engines. Nickolas has been awarded the Martin & Grace Forry Memorial Scholarship.



CHLOE CLYBURN

MENASTASH GRANGE #1054 FOX ISLAND GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP

Chloe Clyburn is a member of Menastash Grange in Kittitas County. The daughter of Christopher and Pauline Clyburn, Chloe is a 2023 graduate of Ellensburg High School. She just completed her first year at Montana State University where she is studying Animal Sciences, with a concentration in Equine Science. Her long-term goal is to attend Colorado State University and earn a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree for large Animals. Chloe is active in the Grange Youth Fairs Program, where she shows Breeding Goats. She also shows horses and dogs in 4-H, along with livestock and dairy in FFA. Chloe is the recipient of the Martin & Grace Forry Memorial Scholarship.



KADINCE COMPTON

BEEHIVE GRANGE #385 KEGLEY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kadince Compton, the daughter of Jason and DeAnn Compton, is a 2021 graduate of Wenatchee High School. She attends Washington State University, where she majored in Agricultural Food and Business Economics. In June, she began pursuing a bachelor's degree in agriculture education. Kadi and her parents are members of BeeHive Grange. She was an active member of FFA, where she has been awarded the FFA State Degree. Kadi raised market hogs, first starting in the 4-H program and later moving to the FFA program. Upon her college completion, Kadi hopes to work in Agricultural Sales. Kadi was awarded the Kegley Agricultural Scholarship.



OLIVER EADES

**BAW FAW GRANGE #34
LONE YEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Oliver Eades, the son of Richard and Lori Eades, is a 2023 graduate of W.F. West High School in Chehalis. He completed his first year at Washington State University, studying Materials Science and Engineering with a focus on Nuclear Engineering.

At WSU, he has been a member of the WSU Gun Club and the WSU Crew Team. While in high school, he was involved with the FIRST Robotics Team for four years, the rifle team for two years, and the Track and Field Team. Oliver is employed as a Subway Sandwich Artist and works mowing lawns and landscaping. He and his parents are members of Baw Faw Grange in Lewis County.



TESSA GWIN

**HUMPTULIPS GRANGE #730
McCLEARY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Tessa Gwin, the spouse of State Grange Steward Jacob Gwin, was awarded the McCleary Grange Scholarship. Originally a member of Lamson Grange in New York State, she is also a member of Humptulips Grange. After receiving her degree in

Inclusive Childhood Education in 2020 from Nazareth College in Rochester, NY, Tessa moved to Washington. She has been a first-grade teacher for three years in the Hoquiam School District. In May, she started studying for her master's degree in special education through Eastern Washington University. Tessa was the 2018 National Grange Youth Ambassador and was the President of the 2023 National Grange Youth Officer Team.

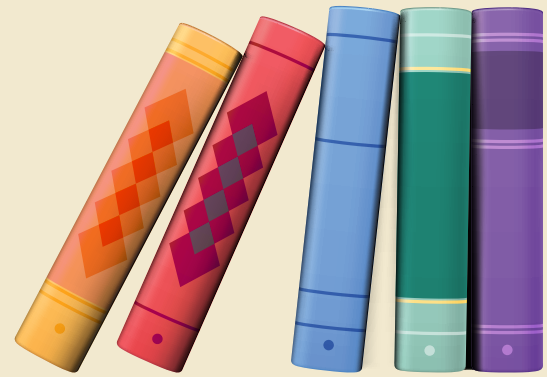


JUSTIN KLEIN

**PROSPET POINT GRANGE #1067
BEAR CREEK/HORSESHOE
GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Justin Klein, the third oldest of eight children of George and Karina Klein, is a member of Prospect Point Grange where he serves as the Lecturer. Justin

is a 2023 Homeschool graduate and attends Walla Walla Community College. He is enrolled in the Diesel Technology Program. Justin shows Market Goats in the Grange Youth Fairs Program and participates in Tractor Driving competitions. He works on the family farm where he operates a wheat combine, haw swather, and hay baler. He drives tractor for several farms tasks and sells hay for the family farm. He has been a volunteer with the Northwest Wild Horse Rescue. Justin was awarded the Bear Creek/Horseshoe Grange Scholarship.



MELISSA KUDSK

**HAYNIE GRANGE #169
FIDELITY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Melissa Kudsk, a member of Haynie Grange, will graduate in June from Ferndale High School. She is planning to study Agriculture Education at Washington State University. Melissa is the daughter of Lauren and Cindy Kudsk. She serves as the Lady

Assistant Steward at Haynie Grange and the Flora for Whatcom County Pomona Grange. Melissa shows goats, lambs and alpacas at the Northwest Washington Fair. She is Vice President of her FFA chapter and received her State FFA Degree in 2023. She has served as a Teen Counselor at Cornet Bay Junior Grange camp. Melissa was awarded the Fidelity Grange Scholarship.



SOPHIA KLEIN

**PROSPECT POINT GRANGE #1067
DELPHA GOUDE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Sophia Klein, a member of Prospect Point Grange in Walla Walla County, is a 2022 graduate of St. Anne Homeschool A. The daughter of George and

Karina Klein, Sophia is working toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Illustration, with a minor in Digital Marketing, at John Paul the Great Catholic University in Escondido, California. Sophia has worked at 10K Harvesting Family Farm as an equipment operator and irrigation manager. She serves as the Graphic Communications Leader for her Grange, designing and creating event flyers. Sophia was awarded the Delpha Goude Memorial Scholarship.

**Meet the 2024 Scholarship
Award Recipients**

Washington State Grange Awards \$22,000 In Scholarships



MEREDITH MEATS

FARGHER LAKE GRANGE #853 ROCK CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP

Meredith Meats, a member of Fargher Lake Grange, is a 2023 graduate of Columbia River High School. She is completing her first year of studies at the University of New Hampshire, where she double majoring in Neuroscience/Behavior and Linguistics. Upon receiving her bachelor's degree, she will pursue a Juris Doctor degree and become an attorney. Meredith, the daughter of Justin and Rebecca Meats, was the 2023 Clark County Dairy Princess. She shows dairy cattle in the Grange Youth Fairs Program and assists at the Fargher Lake Grange activities. Meredith was awarded the Rock Creek Grange Scholarship.



REGINA NELSON

PROSPECT POINT GRANGE #1067 POMONA VILLA GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

Regina Nelson, the daughter of Mike and Mary Nelson, is the recipient of the Pomona Villa General Scholarship. Regina, a member of Prospect Point Grange, will graduate in June from DeSales High School in Walla Walla. She is planning to study Exercise Physiology at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, Florida. She then plans to transfer to University of Mary to pursue a higher degree in Physical Therapy. Regina is active in the Grange Youth Fairs Program and shows dairy cattle, market goats and a market lamb. She has been employed by Klickers Strawberry Acres as a picker, field boss, and plant manager. She also works at Covello Cellars as a water truck and bankout wagon driver.



HANNAH POLAND

EAST WENATCHEE GRANGE #1012 KITTLESON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Hannah Poland, the daughter of Shayne and Darcy Poland, is a 2022 graduate of Eastmont High School. She is a member of Douglas County's East Wenatchee Grange and has been awarded the Kittleson Memorial Scholarship. Hannah is studying Agricultural Economics, with a minor in Crop Sciences, at the University of Idaho. She has participated in the FFA and 4-H programs, serving as an officer and showing rabbits, goats, sheep, and swine. She served as a Summer Day Camp Counselor at Eastmont Community Park. Hannah works as a photographer and personal assistant. She has also been a trainee as a Rain and Hail Crop Adjuster.



JACOB ROIBAL

McINTOSH GRANGE #1001 POMONA VILLA GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jacob Roibal, a member of McIntosh Grange, is the son of James and Alyssa Roibal. Jacob was awarded the Pomona Villa General Scholarship. A 2019 graduate of Freeman High School, Jacob is completing his bachelor's degree in architecture, with a minor in Construction Management at Washington State University. He will start working toward a Master's Degree this fall, with the goal of opening his own architecture firm. Jacob has worked during the summers for Flynn BEC in the Spokane area and at Blend Outdoor Design, a landscape architecture business. During the school year, he is a Research Assistant at the WSU Integrated Design and Construction Laboratory.



MOLLY SACKMANN

MOSES LAKE GRANGE #1151 NOB HILL GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP

Molly Sackmann, a member of Grant County's Moses Lake Grange, is the recipient of the Nob Hill Grange Scholarship. The daughter of Jeff and Jaime Sackmann, Molly will graduate in June from Warden High School. She is planning to study Agricultural Communications at the University of Wyoming. A previous 4-H member, Molly has been an active member of the Warden FFA for several years. She has participated in volleyball, cross country, and basketball at her high school. Molly works on the family farm, a registered Angus operation.

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LINSEY SCARLETT

**GREEN BLUFF GRANGE #300
DELPHA GOUDE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Linsey Scarlett, a member of Spokane County's Green Bluff Grange, graduated from Mount Spokane High School in 2021. Linsey received a BA degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Eastern Washington University. This fall, she will enter the Graduate School Program at EWU. Her goal is to become a Speech Language Pathologist. Linsey is the daughter of Robin Scarlett. Linsey is the proprietor of Saddle n' Scoop Ice Cream, LLC, a mobile ice cream stand/trailer that operates at local farms, markets, and at private events. She also volunteers at the Maxillofacial Clinic in the Memory Work Program at Providence Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. Linsey was awarded the Delpha Goude Memorial Scholarship.



BAILEY SHERLEY

**MENASTASH GRANGE #1054
NORMAN BUCCHOLZ
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Bailey Sherley, a 2021 graduate of Ellensburg High School, graduated from WSU this year with a degree in International Agriculture. She will be entering a Master's Program at Oklahoma State University in the fall. The daughter of Dan and Becky Sherley, she was awarded the Norman Buccholdz Memorial Scholarship. Bailey is a member of Kittitas County's Menastash Grange. She served as a Student Ambassador for the WSU College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Resources. Bailey has been a member of both 4-H and FFA, showing swine and beef, and excelling in the livestock judging program. She has previously served as the Kittitas County Fair Ambassador. Bailey has been involved with restarting the Young Farmers & Ranchers Club at WSU.



VICTOREE STEVENS

**ROY GRANGE #702
POMONA VILLA PIERCE
COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP**

Victoree Stevens, the current President of Pierce County's Roy Grange, is the recipient of the Pomona Villa Pierce County Scholarship. Victor is completing his Bachelor's Degree in Operations Management at Clover Park Technical College. He will be enrolling at the Evergreen State College to work toward a degree in Agricultural and Food Systems. Victor is a member of the National Grange Diversity Task Force and serves as the Assistant Steward for Pierce County Pomona Grange. He is a Teaching Assistant with the Construction Department at Clover Park Tech. Victor has also been the cook for Camp Mayfield Junior Grange Camp.



MADISON STOECKLER

**FORDS PRAIRIE GRANGE #33
DELPHA GOUDE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Madison Stoeckler has been awarded the Delpha Goude Memorial Scholarship. She and her parents, Pete and Amy Stoeckler, are members of Fords Prairie Grange in Lewis County. The family lived in the Centralia area before moving to Florida in 2021. She is a graduate of Indian Rocks Christian School. Madison is currently attending Whitworth University in Spokane and is studying accounting. In high school, she was active on the volleyball team and as a yearbook photographer. Maddy started her own business, Maddy's Pet Sitting, where she provides care for pets while their owners are away from home.



ALLYSON STOLLER

**FARGHER LAKE GRANGE #853
RIVERVIEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Allyson Stoller, a 2022 graduate of Camas High School, is a member of Clark County's Fargher Lake Grange. Allyson attends Utah Technical University in St. George, Utah, where she is studying Biology, with a medical emphasis. The daughter of Elijah and Michelle Stoller, Allyson has participated in student government, volleyball, basketball, and softball. While in college, Allyson volunteers at the local hospital in the NICU. She plans to use her college degree become a Physician Assistant in a rural setting. Allyson has been awarded the Riverview Grange Scholarship.

**Meet the 2024 Scholarship
Award Recipients**

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

2024 WA State Grange Convention Youth Activities Scheduled

By Jerry Gwin
Youth Grange Director



Jerry Gwin

The Annual State Grange Convention is rapidly approaching. The youth group will have their own schedule of activities which includes:

Tuesday, June 25

2-5 pm – Turn in Educational Posters for Judging

Wednesday, June 26

9 am – 1 pm – Turn in of Raffle Tickets, Keep Washington Warm Donations and Auction Items
9 am – 1 pm – Turn in Educational Posters for Judging
10 am – carpool tour of Douglas Falls Grange Park – meet in the lobby of the Ag/Trade Center
1 pm – Youth Group Meeting – get acquainted activities and election of youth officers
1:30 am – Installation of Youth Officers, followed by officer practice
7 pm – Attend Opening of the state Grange Session

Thursday, June 27

8:30 am – Youth Group meeting and drill practice
12 pm – Educational Posters on Display
1:30 pm – Youth Drill Practice

Friday, June 28

8:30 am – Youth Group meeting and drill practice
11:30 am – Junior Grange Ice Cream Social
2 pm – Bowling at Copper Bowl
6 pm – Barbecue Picnic, followed by the Live Auction

Saturday, June 29

8 am – Livestock Judging Contest at the Moses Lake Grange Hall
10 am – Youth Group Meeting
11 am – Quilts of Valor Presentation
1 pm – Youth Public Speaking Contest
2 pm – Attend Fifth Degree
3 pm – Attend Sixth Degree
6 p.m. – Celebration Banquet, followed by awards

Sunday, June 30

9 am – attend Memorial/Worship Service
11 am – Youth Group Meeting and Drill Practice
2 pm – Youth Officers Open Session in Fourth Degree – youth awards program and raffle drawing, followed by Junior Grange Program
3:30 pm – Installation of State Officers – conducted by the GROW Club
5 pm – Closing of State Session

We are hoping for a large youth group at the convention.

Junior Connection

Camp Morehead Junior Grange

Camp Morehead Junior Grange will be creating displays for the Cowlitz County Fair and the Grays Harbor County Fair. Camp is schedule for July 6-11 at Morehead Park, near Nahcotta on the Long Beach Peninsula.

Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grange completed their annual Memorial Day flag project. The Junior Grange purchased 48 new flags to place on veteran's graves at the Humptulips and Lake Quinault Cemeteries. Junior Grangers also planted their deck planters. They will care for the planters and then enter them in the county fair in August. Some of the kids did flower planters, while others did herb planters. Junior Granges are working on their tri-board for the State Grange Convention and looking at ideas for their display at the Grays Harbor County Fair.

Juniors

Juniors Schedule Announced For 2024 Convention



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director

The Junior Department will be a little different than the last few years. We will be having morning and afternoon activities and we will not be providing lunch. Please look over this schedule carefully as times outside of the listed activities are the guardian's responsibility. Here is a tentative Junior schedule for the week.

Wednesday, June 26

8-1 Junior Contest Check-in

Thursday, June 27

1-3:30 Junior Activity in the Junior Room

Friday, June 28

(JR Day-Red Tennis Shoe Day)

10 Noon Junior Activity in the Junior Room
11:30 Ice Cream Social Fundraiser
1-3:30 Bowling and Pizza

Saturday, June 29

8-Noon- Livestock Judging (Guardian must be present, JR room not open)
1-3:30 Junior Activity in Junior Room

Sunday, June 30

10-Noon Junior Activity in Junior Room
1-3:30 Youth and Juniors Awards Ceremony

Goldendale Grange Presents Ag Days For Children



Goldendale Grange #49 (WA) spent a fun day demonstrating the use of vintage hand crank apple peelers, corers and slicers at the recent Goldendale FFA Ag Days. Ag Day was created by the local chapter to introduce children under 10 to various interactive Ag activities. Several hundred youngsters from around the county participated in the fun and educational day. We were excited to have been asked to participate.

National Grange News

A View From The Hill - May 2024 Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**
National Grange
Legislative Director

Agriculture and Food

House Passes New Farm Bill

The House Agriculture Committee passed the new farm bill May 23 by a vote of 33-21 with four Democratic committee members voting in favor of the Republican measure. This is the first step in what is expected to be a lengthy process. The package, The Farm, Food, and National Security Act, is not expected to get full house floor time until September. No action has been scheduled yet by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Here are the highlights of several key titles of the Act:

- **Title 1 Commodities** – Raises reference prices (safety net prices) for commodity production including increases to the Price Loss Coverage program and the Agriculture Risk Coverage program. Payment limits and the Adjusted Gross Income means test are adjusted for inflation. The Dairy Margin Coverage program is extended through 2029. The Act restores the “higher of” Class I mover to reinstate orderly milk marketing and require plant cost studies every two years to provide better data to inform future make allowance considerations. The Dairy Forward Pricing Program and the Dairy Indemnity Program are extended.

- **Title 2 Conservation** – Rescinds available Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) conservation funding and reallocates it to farm bill conservation programs without the IRA’s original climate change mitigation requirements.

- **Title 4 Nutrition** – Creates a new competitive food box pilot program and prioritizes organizations with experience, demonstrated partnerships, and a track record of purchasing from small local producers. It increases funding for local food initiatives like the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, the Community Food Projects Program, and the Emergency Food Assistance Program. Savings from cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will be controversial when the bill reaches the House floor.

- **Title 5 Credit** – The bill increases the limits for direct operating loans, farm ownership loans and microloans. It also authorizes USDA to restructure guaranteed loan debt and shifts the burden of proof from farmers

to USDA when appealing a denial.

- **Title 6 Rural Development** – The Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network was reauthorized.

- **Title 12 Miscellaneous** – Provides funding for grants and resources to small and medium size meat and poultry processors to expand capacity through equipment upgrades.

Prospects to enact a farm bill into law yet this year remain quite uncertain. The House farm bill is tentatively scheduled for floor action in September, but will there be enough bipartisan support to pass it? Right now, there are no plans in the Senate to move a farm bill. The best prospects for getting a farm bill to the President’s desk will be during the November-December lame duck session of Congress after the elections.

USDA Requires Electronic Animal Identification

All sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months of age or older, all dairy cattle, and all cattle and bison of any age for exhibition must now have official ear tags that are visually and electronically readable. The intent of the rule is rapid traceability in a disease outbreak that will limit how long farms and ranches are quarantined, prevent more animals from getting sick, and to keep markets open.

FDA Issues Ag Water Safety Rule

The Food and Drug Administration has released its long-awaited final rule to ensure agricultural water doesn’t contaminate fresh produce with dangerous pathogens. The regulations implement pre-harvest water requirements for covered produce required by the Food Safety Modernization Act signed into law in 2011. The new regulations require a pre-harvest assessment of the water source, type of delivery system, environmental conditions such as heavy rains, impacts from adjacent land use and other factors.

Health Care

Bird Flu Precautions

Although the risk to humans is considered slim at this point, the Department of Health and Human Services has ordered production of human bird flu vaccines as a precaution. HHS has asked CSL Seqirus to manufacture 4.8 million doses for the potential use to protect at-risk farm workers. Scientists have indicated that several mutations of the H5N1 virus are necessary before the virus can spread from human to human, risking a pandemic. USDA has begun reimbursing the cost

of personal protective equipment to dairy farmers whose farms are affected. Farms can also receive up to \$1,500 per affected premises for enhanced biosecurity for individuals that frequent the farms such as milk haulers, veterinarians, feed trucks, etc.

Timely Access to COVID Vaccine

The National Grange along with several senior, medical and patient groups are urging the FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to make COVID-19 vaccine available by early September this year to correspond with the availability of flu vaccine. For decades, consumers have been urged to get flu vaccine in the early fall to reduce the risk of illness. That guidance has been extended to the COVID-19 vaccine and earlier availability will allow patients to receive both vaccines at the same time.

Reduce Rural Cancer with Multi-Cancer Screening

The National Grange wrote 121 letters to the bipartisan leadership of several Senate committees and their staffs to urge them to consider S. 2085 as they discuss rural health disparities during their scheduled Senate Finance Committee hearing. The bipartisan bill enjoys 61 Senate cosponsors and would direct Medicare to cover multi-cancer early detection screening tests as a meaningful policy to improve rural cancer disparities.

Medicare Should Cover Obesity Treatment

National Grange president Christine Hamp sent 41 letters to members of the House Ways and Means Committee and their staffs asking them to include expanding Medicare coverage for anti-obesity medications as they plan their legislative calendar for the remainder of the year. Hamp relayed that Medicare-dependent rural America is facing an escalating and costly obesity crisis which adversely affects the health and well-being of older rural residents. The Grange also cosigned a letter to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to press for Medicare Part D coverage of obesity medications.

Don’t Restrict Diabetes Self-Management

The National Grange joined several patient and medical groups to request the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to not restrict patient access to FDA-approved

devices for self-management of Type 1 and insulin-dependent Type 2 diabetes. Diabetes is a chronic condition that requires proactive daily management of glucose levels. Self-management with approved devices such as glucose monitors and insulin pumps by people who are insulin dependent are critical to this process. These devices should not be the targets of cost-saving restrictions by Medicare.

Alzheimer’s Work Should Continue

The National Grange joined the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease to convey perspectives regarding the Food and Drug Administration’s work on treatments for Alzheimer’s disease. In a filing with the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, the groups emphasized the significant medical needs of people living with early-stage Alzheimer’s disease and commended the inclusion of community-based clinical trial sites to access a broader population of people affected. Research has found that people living in rural areas have a heightened risk for Alzheimer’s and related dementia.

Telecommunications

Can States and Localities Fill ACP Gap?

The lack of urgency at the federal level to continue the Affordable Connectivity Program has caused several states and local communities to create their own ACP-like broadband subsidy programs. There are 23 million households enrolled in ACP and another 25 million eligible for the program subsidy but have not yet enrolled.

NTIA Reviewing State Broadband Deployment Plans

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration is deep into reviewing state-level proposals for grants from the \$42.5 billion Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program (BEAD) fund aimed at deploying high-speed broadband to unserved and underserved areas across the country. States and territories initially received \$100 million each in BEAD funding but are required to submit five-year action plans to NTIA before receiving additional dollars. Unfortunately, environmental reviews, historic preservation reviews and permitting challenges are already slowing the deployment process.

Transportation

Rail “Reciprocal Switching” Rule

The Surface Transportation Board



has finalized a rule requiring railroad carriers to let competitors onto their tracks if there are service delays. The rule as adopted unanimously by the board allows the agency to authorize reciprocal switching agreements if railroads fail to meet their estimated time of arrival, if transit times for shipments deteriorate from a standard, or if railroads struggle to perform local deliveries or pick-ups of rail cars within a planned service window. STB Chairman Marty Oberman said, “The new reciprocal switching rule provides competition where was none.” The rule is a result of serious shipping delays at harvest time coming out of the COVID pandemic and has been a priority of the National Grange.

Of Interest

Survey: Immigration is Top Problem

Immigration has been the most politically polarizing issue mentioned in the past 24 years according to the Gallup polling firm. In the latest (April) Gallup poll, immigration topped the list of most important problems facing the U.S. for the third month in a row. Since 2001, the economy has been the top problem 101 times while government has held the top spot 85 times, and the Iraq war has registered 50 top appearances.

Solar Storm Knocks Out Smart Agriculture

The solar storm that brought the aurora borealis to large portions of the country also broke GPS and precision agriculture functionality in tractors and agricultural equipment during a critical point of the planting season. 404 Media reported that some dealerships warned their customers that the accuracy of some tractor systems were being extremely compromised during the solar storm. One farmer reported a tractor veering three to six feet off course from time to time because of satellite interference. The outages highlight how vulnerable modern farming equipment can be to satellite disruptions.

Membership Corner

“Explore the Grange”: What Will You Find in Grange Membership?

Once again, this year, I had the opportunity to share the Grange at the State FFA Convention in Pullman.

The State FFA Convention is an excellent place to offer Grange membership and to get them to “Explore the Grange”. What does the Grange have to offer FFA? Or maybe the question might be, what does the FFA have to offer the Grange? Our two organizations work hand in hand together and it is a perfect transition from FFA to Grange, as they exchange their blue jackets for our blue sash. Grange and FFA common themes can be found in the Presidents Charge, “Diligence in Labor, Honesty, and Fairness”. From its conception,

the Grange has advocated for agricultural education, and has been an ardent supporter of FFA.

There are so many things the Grange can offer our FFA members, leadership growth through contests, community service projects, educational scholarships, many roles in leadership, Roberts rules of order, etc. We do already have quite a few Grange members who are also FFA members. If they stopped by my table over the convention week, they were given a special gift they could choose. While non-members were also given fun trinkets from the State Grange.

Once again, this year, we had great interest in joining Grange. Many walked away from the table

with membership applications as well as contact information of the Grange they were interested in. While others filled out one of our drawing slips which gave them the opportunity to tell us if they would like to join a Grange near them or if they would like additional Grange information. We have sent all those who requested more information about the Grange, some pertinent information on Granges near them as well as an application, contact information of those Granges and some additional information about the Grange organization.

While talking to some of the FFA members, I was saddened to learn through talking with them that many kids who either volunteer at their local Granges, come for dancing at the local Grange, received scholarships from their local Granges, have NEVER been invited to become a Grange member!! Many were shocked by what the Grange has to offer for our youth and young adults ages 14-35. Some were frustrated no one had ever told them before or offered them membership. I spoke with one mom and daughter that volunteer at their



Photo: FFA State Convention, Grange membership display table.

Grange frequently, and daughter received a local Grange scholarship from that Grange but has NEVER been offered membership in the Grange. This is sad!! Everyone deserves the opportunity to look at Grange membership.

WE MUST OFFER GRANGE MEMBERSHIP TO POTENTIAL GRANGE MEMBERS.

How often do I hear, “We are all older and tired” or “We have

done this for years and just can’t do it any longer” and so on. Some of our Granges are willing to close the Grange rather than ask others to join the Grange. We have got to get better as a Grange in offering Grange membership. As of last week, we have a membership gain of just over 50 members after the second quarter. We MUST hang on tight to that gain. When we lose a member, we MUST gain a member! I challenge you to bring in one new member today!

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS

May 2024

	# Joined	Jr. +1
603 Addy.....	3	
Carissa Schmid, Renee Kroiss, Hallee Kroiss		
1051 Bainbridge Island.....	2	
Lee Harper, Erin Smith		
647 Broadway.....	4	
Noel Manderville, Robert Manderville, Julia Louson, Gavin Loudon		
836 Buena.....	2	
Carolynn Elliott, Adolfo Melendrez		
306 Cedar Valley.....	1	
Vicki Lieske		
893 Collins.....	1	
April Smith		
782 Elk Plain.....	1	
Aryana Cerar		
866 Fern Prairie.....	10	4
Jason Schonert, Chanel Schonert, Kallen Schonert, Jake Brooks, Emily Brooks, Evan Brooks, Jeff Hauswald, April Hauswald, Jamie Seale, Reaghan Free		
533 Fort Colville.....	5	2
Melissa Wolf, Josh Wolf, Millie Wolf, Andreas Jones, Paxton Jones		
348 Fruitvale.....	1	
Karen Derrey		
49 Goldendale.....	1	
James Ogden		
300 Green Bluff.....	1	
Annie Brown		
276 Marion.....	1	
Joanie Davey		
357 Matlock.....	2	1
Sam Luedtke, Summer Luedtke		
1151 Moses Lake.....	8	8
Amy Beliz, Kevin Calderon-Rojas, Miranda Lanning, Paxton Lanning, Kevin Larsen, Elize Larsen, Pam Lewison, Erik Neff		
702 Roy.....	5	
Janice Wharton, Mary Ellen Roy, Jeannie Dougherty, Harvey Gilchrist, Bobbie Green		
684 San Poil.....	3	2
Hannah Midkiff, Jaedren Midkiff, Kalven Midkiff		
379 Skokomish.....	2	
Kirsten Sytsma, Gary Sytsma		
984 Swauk Teanaway.....	1	
Wendy Willisie		
610 Tyler.....	2	
Cassandra Walker, Jerry Walker		
1111 Waller Road.....	3	
Jennifer Strickling, Cameron Severns, Esther Rang		
	# Joined	Jr. +1
TOTALS.....	51	17

Personally Rooted, Resilient & United

By Stephanie Johnson King
President
Marion Grange Hall #276

Growing up on a farm in rural Minnesota, I was raised knowing first hand the importance of being rooted, resilient and united. I was fourth generation on a family farm homesteaded by Swedish-American immigrants. I like to say that I had many mothers and many homes, because I never knew which kitchen table I'd be at for supper, or which farm wife - Phyllis, Hazel, Virginia, DeeDee - would be watching me or putting me to bed while my parents labored in the field til early morn. There were great times, and there were difficult times, and we all felt them together.

When Johny P's combine was down, my dad and Uncle Russ worked to finish his corn after their own, and often didn't make it home from the evening's work until 'morrow breakfast. When our barn needed a new roof, Johny, Burdell, the Blair family and every other farmer in the township was there gettin' it done.

As a child and young adult, I had the privilege of knowing an out-spoken Granger and zealous advocate of American small

farmers, Robert “Bob” Bergland, former Secretary of Agriculture. He'd been my father's roommate at college, and often visited our family farm and spoke of the great progress the Grange was making on behalf of folks like us.

I grew up and married an engineer, who worked his way up to become a Director at John Deere in Moline, Illinois. We started a family, then moved to the Pacific Northwest where we raised our children on a small farm and within the Skyline Grange #894 community in Portland. So it wasn't until I chose to retire years later in Buckley, Washington, that I learned of the fate of many Grange halls - that they had lost, or perhaps forgotten, their purpose in their rural communities.

In 2023 I joined the Marion Grange #276. Their President then, Kirby Pollard, was almost single-handedly managing this Grange hall that had been founded in 1918, and was a former lifeline of the community. Kirby had rescued the Grange building from blackberry vines that were threatening to swallow the entire structure, and he and his family, assisted by a small group of friends, had begun the process of restoring this historic monument.

I jumped in willingly, doing what I do, which is lighting the cause-candle and working to draw people to the flame. As Executive Director of a non-profit educational organization focused on teaching kids old-world skills, I organized cooking and gardening classes at the Marion Grange, and soon we had local families interested in Grange membership.

We are growing rapidly, renewing the Grange here in East Pierce County Washington under the watchful majesty of Mount Rainier. And we are so excited to be led by our new National President, Chris Hamp, also a Washingtonian. Her clear direction, vibrant personality and dedication to the mission of the Grange has given us the energy and encouragement we needed to make great strides the past few months at the Marion Grange.

Thank you Chris, thank you Amanda Brozana, State President Tom Gwin and Sophia Keller, Pomona President Jarrod Gardener and all of those amazing souls at National, Washington State & Pierce County Pomona Grange #16 who have been here cheering us on! We are Grange Strong today and for the future!

Membership Corner

Adna Grange Presents 75-Year Certificate



On March 1, 2024, Jim Lester, Treasurer of Adna Grange #417, presented Duane Olson with his 75th Year Membership Certificate. Duane resides in Chehalis, WA. Congratulations, Duane!

National Grange Offers Membership Survey

National Grange President Christine Hamp has announced the following goal for the National Grange: Increase overall member satisfaction by 20% within the next year, as measured by an annual member feedback survey, through the implementation of targeted initiatives and improvements aimed at adding value to our members' experience, addressing member needs and preferences, and preparing the Grange for 2025 and beyond.

In order to reach this goal, we are asking members of all ages to take a survey (less than 10 minutes of your time) about current feelings and attitudes toward the Grange. Please take the survey by June 30.
<https://form.jotform.com/241145501745046>

Community Service

Look For The Blue Tables At Convention

By Heather Ferguson
 Community Service Director



Heather Ferguson

As of writing this, I have not yet seen your community service entries/books. As always, I am really excited to read them. Every year I am amazed at the lengths our Granges go thru to help your neighbors and communities and the breadth of service activities Granges have.

At Convention, please look for the blue tables to leave your donations. I will get them set up ASAP so you can drop items off anytime. Thank you in advance for all of your hard work over the year. Your donations really do make a difference in people's lives.

Congratulations Winners!

New Membership Contest

January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

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.

- Shelly Jenkins - Broadway #306
- Carol Garneau - Moses Lake #1151
- Patti Eidemiller - Swauk Teanaway #984
- Chanel Schonert - Fern Prairie #866
- Betty Garrison - Roy #702

Congratulations to the Grangers who have brought in 8 or more new members into your Grange. You have each won a \$25 Amazon gift card for every 5 new members brought in.

There Were No Winners This Month

This Contest runs from January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024. 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!

Grange Honors Golden Sheaf Member

Linda Williams, long term resident of Klickitat County, was honored on May 24th at Goldendale Grange #49. She was presented with the 50-year gold sheaf award for her fifty-year longevity in the Grange. A beautiful cake was made for the occasion and shared with fellow Grangers.

Linda is the current Master of the Glenwood Grange #94. She is also Klickitat Pomona Grange Lecturer and holds a dual membership with Goldendale Grange.



National Grange Rebrands Newsletter

Since 2018, The Patrons Chain newsletter has reached your inboxes at least every other week, bringing you the latest news from the National Grange. The May 24th issue was the FINAL time it happens.

Beginning in June, you'll find a shift in how the National Grange delivers news to your email inbox. The Patrons Chain is being rebranded into a new newsletter: Grange Today!. All current subscribers to the Patrons Chain will be automatically subscribed to Grange Today!. Past issues of the Patrons Chain and new issues

of Grange Today! will remain available on the National Grange website.

The magazine-style digital newsletter will switch to twice a month - the second and fourth Fridays, each with its own focus areas. The first issue each month will focus on local and State Grange news, while the second issue will highlight what's happening in the National Grange, including the Legislative Department's View from the Hill and updates from other National Grange departments, staff, committees, teams, and Directors.

So, what does this mean for you?

We need your news! To highlight more of what's happening on the ground in our Community, Pomona, and State Granges, including Junior and Youth activities, we need you to submit articles, information, and news. As I frequently say "brag on yourselves!"

You can send articles and more to Philip Vonada or via this link: <http://grange.biz/grangetodaysubmit>.

We'll see you again in your inbox on June 14th!



Grange Connection

Sunnyside Grange Honors 65 Year Member



Recently at their booster night, Sunnyside Grange #129 Master Butch Ogden presented Sister Joan Frymire with her 65 Year Seal she has been active in different offices at Sunnyside Grange and at the Cowlitz - Wahkiakum Pomona level. Joan is also a Past State Grange Officer and Deputy Master for Cowlitz County.

Hope Grange: 120th Anniversary

On May 18th, Hope Grange #155 proudly celebrated our 120th year of service to the communities of Winlock, Evaline, and Napavine! A myriad of changes have taken place over the past 120 years and our community needs have changed as well. Hope Grange has held steadfast and evolved with the ever changing needs and our community outreach.

Hope Grange's 120th anniversary celebration was enjoyed by state and local Grange members, as well as, state and local government officials. Live music was performed by members of the Washington Acoustic Music Association, which certainly enhanced the festive atmosphere. Historic memorabilia, a video display, images of Hope Grange and other local granges working together were of great interest, along with an abundance of Grange history.

This celebration brought people of like minds, and caring hearts together. New friends and acquaintances were forged, and long time friends were reunited.

We greatly appreciate the past 120 years of our member's efforts and their accomplishments as we look forward to evolving with current changes for the generations to follow. We also greatly appreciate the support of all those who were able to attend and help us celebrate! It was a day for the history book!



Buena Grange Cans Asparagus



We had a fun meeting on May 7th. We canned 78 quarts of asparagus lead by Karen Derrey. We also gained 2 new members. Can't wait to see what is next on the canning menu.

Grange Camper Assc.

Fun Camp Rally Held At Ocean Shores

The annual Camp Rally was hosted by the Pioneers Camper Club at Ocean Shores on the Verne Figg and Tony Martin property.

Camp clubs included 18 members and State Grange President Tom Gwin was special guest. A Memorial Service was held.

The Pioneers club provided breakfast and the main dish for dinner.

The 2025 Annual Rally will be hosted by the Spokampers on Britton's property in Spokane.



Applications are due soon!



Applications due June 15



Applications due July 1

Learn more at <http://www.nationalgrange.org>

Grange Connection

GRANT COUNTY

White Trail Grange will be holding a Car Show on July 6, 2024. For more information, please contact Rita at 509-398-1639. We are holding a quilting/sewing day the first and third Tuesday's of the month from 10 am to 2 pm. its open to the public.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humtulpis Grange will be creating displays for the Grays Harbor County Fair and the Washington State Fair. The Grange Youth Group will have displays at the Cowlitz Couty Fair and the Grays Harbor County Fair. In preparation for summer events, we had a thorough cleaning of the Grange Hall. The Grange food bank served 52 families in May. Humtulpis Grange had 112 entries in the Pomona Grange contests in May. Several members will be sending entries to the state contests in June.

Sharon Grange once again led the way to clean the local Sharon Cemetery before Memorial Day. Along with grange members, 4-H members, and area family members were on hand to mow the grass, weed and trim, as well as clean moss off headstones. Long-time Sharon Grange member, Jim Beerbower was joined by two younger generations of his family with the tasks. Jim is the great-grandson and grandson of Sharon Grange charter members William and Leona Kinnaman and Maurice and Frances Boyer. Jim's mother, Mary Beerbower was also a Sharon Grange member before her passing making Jim's grandchildren 6th generation participating in a Sharon Grange activity. Added note: Jim's great-great grandparents, Abraham and Phoebe Boyer and James and Phoebe Ridings are buried at the Sharon Cemetery.

KING COUNTY

Issaquah Valley Grange celebrated Mothers' Day at their May meeting with a distribution of

pink geraniums and to get the spring garden season going, new garden gloves for everyone. The program sponsored by the Family Living department emphasized protein and the increased need for it as we grow older and/or lose weight. In order to encourage protein throughout the day, samples of whey powder which can be a protein shake or stirred into pancakes were offered for family taste tests.

LEWIS COUNTY

Oakview Grange awarded three \$500 scholarships to Orion Schroeder and Annarazelle Garcia, and Byron Garcia. Orion has been accepted at WSU and will major in biology/pre-medicine. Annarazella is enrolled at Evergreen College majoring in genetic oncology. Byron is also enrolled at Evergreen College majoring in structural engineering. Congratulations to these three outstanding young people. Oakview Grange has registered for a booth at the Southwest Washington Fair - August 13-18. Each Grange has been asked to take at least one shift during the 6-day fair overseeing the booths, as well as answering questions about Grange. Lecturer Becky Escobar will have several children's activities at the fair. The cow page marker craft will be all day long all 6 days of the Fair. "Pin the Tail on the Cow" game will be from 10am -11am daily. Cow Flop Corn Hole game will be from 2pm to 3pm daily. Anyone 13 years or old can sign up to help. Students needing Community Service hours for graduation are welcome. This evening's program was presented by Becky and included handouts of the Pacific Northwest specific planting guide, WSU Lewis County Master Gardeners 2024 events and workshops, Master Gardener and Master Recycler Composter programs as well as the National Grange Garden Design Contest information. Members selected a pack of seeds to take home. The tables for the evening's potluck were decorated in a May Day theme

with flower centerpieces. Oakview Grange had a total of 60 entries in this year's contests: 13 in Family Living and 47 in Lecturer. Several entries will go on to the state contests in June. Members continue to collect items for the Operation Christmas Child project. A list of needed items is available if anyone needs one. Members also continue to bring food items for the Feed the Children on Weekends effort.

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange has been busy with the new Community Garden. Although this year, we're still wading through writing the documents about what the requirements and rules will be, Valerie Gibson has done education on Kid's Day held May 8. There were 16 children and adults who attended to learn about the garden and the unique water style that will be used for each garden box. The carrots are just starting to pop up through the ground which caused a lot of excitement. The summer Craft/Bazaar sale will be July 20th and then Junk in the Trunk on August 17. Continued work on the Grange's aging kitchen is in full swing. All of the cabinets and surrounding cabinetry were sanded by hand in order to be painted. Along with the new countertops, the kitchen is looking refreshed and new. Currently, we have a display about the Grange at our local downtown Puyallup Library.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange held their pie auction on May 7. The 20 pies brought in \$850 for our scholarship fund. Green Bluff had only 3 entries in Grange contest, and all will go to the State Convention. President Jim and wife Janice will be our delegates. June 4 the Boy Scouts did a U.S. Flag Retirement program, and a hot dog feed was available to all you attended. June 30 breakfast will be our special "all you can eat pancake breakfast"—strawberries this time. The 3rd Annual Tractor

Parade around the Bluff, in honor of Sherm Simpson and Mel Walker, will follow the June 30 breakfast (around 11:15). July 18 will be the 3rd year our Grange has sponsored the Cherry Picker's Trot and Pit Spit. Green Bluff was a favorite spot to see the Northern Lights!

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange had a short and sweet May meeting since several members weren't able to attend. One of the discussions was about how beautiful the northern lights were on May 10 and 11. KC reported that the remodel of the Haunted House area is in full swing. Darlyn and Don reported that the snow cone booth will be updated and ready for the start of the 2024 Rodeo season. The Springdale Yard Sale Day went well, even though some with booths outside got a bit sunburned. Things are starting to get rounded up for the July Showcase In The Park. Plans are already in the works for the December Community Christmas Dinner.

THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange held their regular monthly meeting on May 20. Discussions included planning their entry for the City of Tumwater's Independence Day parade. The next meetings will be held at 7:00 pm on the third Mondays, June 17 and July 15. They held a successful garage sale on April 26 and 27. Leftover clothing was donated to St. Pauly Textile. Other leftover goods are being donated to various charities. Monthly dances with live music by "The Country Four and More" are held the first Saturday of each month from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. All ages are welcome, \$6 per person. The sixtieth anniversary celebration of South Union Grange dances with The Country Four is being planned for September 7.

WHITMAN COUNTY

Whelan-Ewartsville Grange will have the annual End-of-the-Year Potluck Picnic on Saturday, June 15. Gathering at 2 pm and lunch/dinner at 3 pm on the porch. All Grangers are welcome.

Pomona Calendar

Please submit your 2024 Pomona Meeting Dates.

CHELAN	June 20 at Smitty's Restaurant, 12 p.m. social luncheon. The next business meeting is August 17 at Bee Hive, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
CLALLAM	September 19 at Fairview, 5 p.m.
CLARK	June 12 at Manor, 7 p.m.
COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM	August 17 at location to be determined, 1 p.m. potluck picnic.
DOUGLAS	September 19 at St. Andrews, 6 p.m.
EXCELSIOR	July 20 at Clayton, 10:30 a.m. Potluck picnic at lunch.
FERRY	October 14 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	July 6 at Long Beach, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and Family Living Contest entries due on May 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
KING	August 17 at Meridian (hosted by East Hill), 10 a.m.
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LEWIS	August 3 at Lincoln Creek, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
MASON	September 21 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. lunch..
PEND OREILLE	October 5 at the Golden China in Newport, 12 p.m.
PIERCE	June 1 at Elk Plain, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. The next meeting will be July 13 at Marion.
SKAGIT	– June 5 at Summit Park, 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be July 10 at Pomona Park with a 5 p.m. picnic.
SNOHOMISH	July 20 at the Scherrer Farm, 1 p.m. picnic.
SPOKANE	August 17 at Tri Community, 10 a.m.
STEVENS	July meeting date and location to be determined.
THURSTON	June 6 at McLane, 7 p.m. Social hour at 6 p.m. Pomona Potluck Picnic will be on July 14 at 2 p.m. at the Nelson Ranch.
WHATCOM	June 18 at Laurel, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Will include Flower Show/Contest.
WHITMAN	July 20 at Basset Park in Washtucna, 12 p.m. potluck picnic. If the weather is bad, will move to the Rimrock Grange Hall.
YAKIMA VALLEY	July 8 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Pomona Connection

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona held their Pomona contests on May 10. There were 79 entries in the Family Living Department and 91 in the Lecturer Department. Davona Gwin and Kendal Harner will be our delegates to the State Grange Convention. The Pomona Grange had a Memorial Service, recognizing members who passed in the last year. The list included Past Pomona Grange Master and State Deputy Master Carl Hagen. We renewed the subscriptions for Good Day! magazine for each of the subordinate Granges in the Pomona. We also approved the awarding of four partial camperships to attend Junior Grange

Camp this summer. Plans for the Grange displays at the Grays Harbor County Fair in Elma are progressing. The next Pomona meeting will be on Saturday, July 6 at 11 a.m. at the Long Beach Grange Hall.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona met on May 2 at Prosperity Grange. Chaplain Pam Mathews presented the annual Memorial program in which members of Thurston County Granges who passed away in the last year were honored. The meeting was preceded by a potluck. Thurston Pomona's delegates to the annual Washington State Grange convention will be Shavanna May and Mary Brouillard. The Washington State Fair

committee meets monthly to plan for their agricultural display. There will be no business meeting in July, but the annual Pomona picnic will be held on July 14 at the Nelson Ranch beginning at 2:00 pm. Pomona's Silver Star and Golden Sheaf celebration will be held at South Union Grange on Sunday August 18 at 2:00 pm.

WHITMAN COUNTY POMONA

Whitman County Pomona Grange met on May 18 at the Whitman County Library in Colfax. State President Tom Gwin was in attendance. The Pomona Grange arts and crat contests were held. Chaplain Kevin Kramlich presented the annual Memorial Service.

Grange Connection

McLane Grange May Sale A Success

Over 25 vendors filled inside and outside the Hall on May 11, just in time for Mother's Day. The Delphi Craft & Swap Meet is McLane's annual fundraiser and occurs the second Saturday of the month, April through November. Come shop a wide variety of local vendors selling their new and pre-owned treasures. We also collect egg cartons and paper grocery bags for our local foodbank. Mark your calendar now for the remaining 2024 Sale dates: June 8, July 13, Aug 10, Sept 14, Oct 12, & our Holdiay Bazaar Nov 9. Always 9-3PM.



Roy Grange Builds Community Garden

On May 18, 2021, Roy Grange #702 had a garden party where we showed our community that you can plant a garden on a budget. We came together, gathered things from people in our community, such as seedlings, wood, pallets, buckets, and we begin to create what is now a masterpiece in our eyes. The fruit and produce that is produced by our garden will be donated to our local food bank.



Moran Prairie Grange Spreads Joy At The Fire District 8 Open House!

On May 11, Moran Prairie Grange took part in the Fire District 8 Open House. During the event, we distributed small toys to children, discussed Grange activities, and encouraged membership applications. This marked our fifth year of participation in this event. The fire station showcased its firefighting trucks, gear, and training tools to the local youth. Additionally, Life Flight brought their helicopter to display to the kids. Participating in this event allows us to engage with the community, promote the Grange, and connect with others interested in our organization. It also provides us with valuable networking opportunities to learn about available resources and activities within the community.



JUNE 2024 NATIONAL GRANGE EVENTS

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR THESE EVENTS!

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| <p>3: REACHING RURAL SURGICAL SENIORS TRAINING SEMINAR ALL TIMES EASTERN 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/RBSSZoom
Joan Smith, program lead, and Dr. Laurie Ferguson, technical lead for the Reaching Rural Surgical Seniors program, will present information about how Granges can present the program and receive participation incentives.</p> | <p>10: THE LESSONS OF THE DEGREES ALL TIMES EASTERN 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/degreelessons
Led by Roger Bostwick, this Zoom will dive into the lessons taught in the Grange's Second Degree.</p> |
| <p>7: FELLOWSHIP FIRST FRIDAY 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/FirstFriday
Join us for this fun NEW monthly program - a time for fellowship, thought-provoking conversation, and connecting with Grange members from coast to coast. Includes a short program, activity, and time to socialize around topics of your choice.
June topic: S'mores!</p> | <p>19: MEMBERSHIP MATTERS 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/matters
Join Membership/Leadership Development Director Armanda Brozana Rios for this monthly time to learn about various membership challenges and growth opportunities.</p> |



JUNIOR GRANGE FOCUS AREA:
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WA State Grange Foundation

Washington State Grange Foundation Book Of Memories

Grange members can be memorialized in the Washington State Grange's Book of Memories. The book, started in 1953, lists thousands of Grange members who have passed on to the Great Grange Above.

To be listed in the book of Memories, a donation (suggested minimum of \$25) must be made in the name of the deceased member to the Washington State Grange Foundation for use by one of the following foundation funds:

- WA State Grange Historical Fund (to assist in the preservation of Grange archives)
- King Memorial Fund (to support the purchase of equipment for the Jr Grange camping program)
- Junior Grange Campship Fund (to financially assist youth in attending Jr Grange Camp)

The WA State Grange Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. Donations to the funds are tax deductible. Checks must be made payable to the Washington State Grange Foundation and mailed to the State Grange Office at PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION BOOK OF MEMORIES

Donation in Memory of _____

Grange Name/Number _____

Please check which fund is to be credited with the donation:

- WA State Grange Historical Fund
- King Memorial Fund
- Junior Grange Campship Fund

Amount of Donation _____

Name of Donor _____

Mailing Address of Donor _____