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# Grange News

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## Washington Hosts Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference

The Washington State Grange, assisted by the members of the Yakima Valley Pomona Grange #11, hosted the Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference on April 25-28 at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall in Yakima. Nearly 170 Grange members from California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington attended all or a

portion of the conference.

Special guests for the weekend included Nation Grange Membership Director Amanda Brozana Rios of Pennsylvania and National Grange Youth Ambassador Garrett Phelps of New York.

Participants gathered on Thursday, April 25 at the Grange Hall to begin the conference with a get

acquainted session. Jonny and Brittney Pittman and Heather Ferguson led the group through a series of exercises intended to learn about each other and our Grange experiences.

Friday morning began with a workshop, "Preserving Your Granges Archives," presented by Heather Ferguson, WA State Junior Grange Director. She discussed appropriate

methods of preserving Grange documents, relaying information from her years as a museum curator and education director.

The group broke into two groups for the remainder of the day. One group stayed at the Grange Hall to learn about making sourdough bread, homemade butter, and strawberry freezer jam. These activities were led by Scott Nicholson, Lecturer of the Montana State Grange, and Christine Hamp, National Grange President.

The second group boarded buses for a tour of the Treveri Cellars and the Bale Breaker Brewery. The two facilities utilize locally grown grapes and hops, two major agricultural industries in the Yakima Valley.

Finding their way back to the Grange Hall, participants had two additional workshops to complete their busy day. Amanda Brozana Rios presented a workshop on "Finding the Gaps: How

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**JUNE 2024 issue deadline – MAY 20th**  
Submissions can be sent to [grangenews@wa-grange.org](mailto:grangenews@wa-grange.org)

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135th Washington State Grange Convention  
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.

- MAY 8** .....State Grange Executive Committee Zoom Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- MAY 11** .....Resolutions Due for consideration at 2024 State Grange Session
- MAY 8** .....State Grange Executive Committee Zoom Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- MAY 21** .....Agriculture Session Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- MAY 22** .....Education Session Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- MAY 23** .....Conservation & Ecology Session Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- MAY 28** .....National Legislative Session Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- MAY 29** .....Grange Law Session Committee Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.
- MAY 29** .....Q&A with the State Grange President Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- MAY 30** .....Health, Healthcare & Safety Session Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- MAY 31-JUNE 2** .....Grange Camper Association Fun Rally in Ocean Shores
- 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

## Terrace Heights Grange Presents Awards



(Left) Terrace Heights Grange celebrated two of our members receiving Longevity Awards at our April 3rd meeting: Ben Hauck for 50 Years, presented by Connie Hauver and Connie Hauver receiving hers for 40 Years from her sister Pam Bright. (Right) Terrace Heights Grange was proud to recognize East Valley Senior, Julianne Hinkle, for receiving her State FFA Degree! Retired E.V. AG teacher, Steve Tjarnberg, presented her with a bouquet of flowers and explained that this degree is not easy to get and requires many hours and years of commitment in many different things to achieve it.

## Stranger Creek Grange Mad Hatter Tea Party



Stranger Creek Grange hosted a Mad Hatter tea party on April 6th. There was a good turn out with a wide span of local adults and kids. There were lots of different teas and pastries provided by the grange. In addition, Alice in Wonderland trivia, bean bag toss, and musical chairs were played. Sloane Dunn coordinated the tea party in hopes to make it an annual event.

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New Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

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## President's Message

# Use Smart Goals To Revitalize Your Grange

By Tom Gwin  
State Grange  
Master/President

Oftentimes, I see Granges struggling to complete tasks. The Granges are repeating the same activities, year after year. Those activities don't seem to attract new members and we are finding the leaders and the few remaining active members are experiencing burnout. Some of our leaders are in their position as our Granges had no one else to turn to. They assumed the office basically by default.

The leaders are ineffective in managing their organizational chapter. While the leader may be a nice person that everyone loves, they may not have the skills required to successfully lead an active Grange. A Grange that will grow and prosper with an abundance of activities for multiple generations.

One of the tools that would benefit not only the Grange leader, but the Grange itself, is the introduction of **SMART Goals** into our Granges.

### What Are SMART Goals?

SMART is an acronym that you can use to guide your goal setting. To make sure your goals are clear and reachable, each one should be:

- **Specific**  
(simple, sensible, significant)
  - o What will you achieve?
  - o What will you do?
- **Measurable**  
(meaningful, motivating)
  - o What data will you use to determine whether you've met the goal?
- **Achievable**  
(agreed, attainable)
  - o Are you sure you can do this?
  - o Do you have appropriate skills and resources?
- **Relevant**  
(reasonable, realistic and resourced, results-based)
  - o Does the goal align with those of your team or organization?
  - o How will the results matter?
- **Time bound**  
(time-based, time limited, time/cost limited, timely, time-sensitive)
  - o What is the deadline for accomplishing the goal?

### Tips for Writing SMART Goals

Granges can implement the process of writing SMART Goals, using the following tips to guide them through the process:

#### 1. Specific

Your goal should be clear and specific, otherwise you won't be able to focus your efforts or feel truly motivated to achieve it. When drafting your goal, try to answer the five "W" questions:

- **What** do I want to accomplish? **Why** is this goal

important? **Who** is involved? **Where** is it located? **Which** resources or limits are involved?

**Example:** Imagine that you are currently a marketing executive, and you'd like to become head of marketing. A specific goal could be, "I want to gain the skills and experience necessary to become head of marketing within my organization, so that I can build my career and lead a successful team."

#### 2. Measurable

It's important to have measurable goals, so that you can track your progress and stay motivated. Assessing progress helps you to stay focused, meet your deadlines, and feel the excitement of getting closer to achieving your goal.

A measurable goal should address questions such as:

- How much?
- How many?
- How will I know when it is accomplished?

**Example:** You might measure your goal of acquiring the skills to become head of marketing by

*SMART Goals will allow us to remain consistent in our programs and activities and to provide direction for new leaders step forward to assume the reigns of our great organization.*

-- Tom Gwin

determining that you will have completed the necessary training courses and gained the relevant experience within five years' time.

#### 3. Achievable

Your goal also needs to be realistic and attainable to be successful. In other words, it should stretch your abilities but still remain possible. When you set an achievable goal, you may be able to identify previously overlooked opportunities or resources that can bring you closer to it. An achievable goal will usually answer questions such as:

- How can I accomplish this goal?
- How realistic is the goal, based on other constraints, such as financial factors?

**Example:** You might need to ask yourself whether developing the skills required to become head of marketing is realistic, based on your existing experience and qualifications. For example, do you have the time to complete the required training effectively? Are the necessary resources available to you? Can you afford to do it? Beware of setting goals that someone else



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has power over. For example, "Get that promotion!" depends on who else applies, and on the recruiter's decision. But "Get the experience and training that I need to be considered for that promotion" is entirely down to you.

#### 4. Relevant

This step is about ensuring that your goal matters to you, and that it also aligns with other relevant goals. We all need support and assistance in achieving our goals, but it's important to retain control over them. So, make sure that your plans drive everyone forward, but that you're still responsible for achieving your own goal.

A relevant goal can answer "yes" to these questions:

- Does this seem worthwhile?
- Is this the right time?
- Does this match our other efforts/needs?
- Am I the right person to reach this goal?
- Is it applicable in the current socio-economic environment?

**Example:** You might want to gain the skills to become head of marketing within your organization, but is it the right time to undertake the required training, or work toward additional qualifications? Are you sure that you're the right person for the head of marketing role? Have you considered your partner's goals? For example, if you want to start a family, would completing training in your free time make this more difficult?

#### 5. Time-bound

Every goal needs a target date, so that you have a deadline to focus on and something to work toward. This part of the SMART goal criteria helps to prevent everyday tasks from taking priority over your longer-term goals.

A time-bound goal will usually answer these questions:

- When?
- What can I do six months from now?
- What can I do six weeks from now?
- What can I do today?

**Example:** Gaining the skills to become head of marketing may require additional training or experience, as we mentioned earlier. How long will it take you to acquire these skills? Do you need further training, so that you're eligible for certain exams or qualifications? It's important to give yourself a realistic time frame

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## Legislative

# Legislative News & Election Calendar

By Jesse Taylor  
Legislative Lobbyist



Jesse Taylor

Growing up I had a seasonal springtime job working at a Nursery in Sumner, WA. The hustle and bustle of the greenhouses, watering lines, laughing kids and eager shoppers always told me it was a time of change. Springtime is the season of hope for agriculturists and rural dwellers alike. This year will be a good one as an early spring has resulted in robust growth all over the PNW. With Mother's Day approaching I want to wish all the Mother's out there a very special day and state that I believe Mother's deserve the entire month; but this year on May 12th I hope all of your hearts are full and your fingernails are dirty.

### Drought

The Department of Ecology issued a drought emergency declaration on April 16th after metrics were realized to trigger the declaration. In Washington, drought is declared when there is less than 75% of normal water supply and there is the risk of undue hardship. Declaring a drought emergency allows Ecology to distribute drought response grants and to process emergency water right permits. Another advantage of declaring the emergency is it makes up to \$4.5 million available in drought response grants to public entities for drought condition mitigation. As of this writing, no restrictions have been put into place by Ecology or the Governor's office. Areas guided by water management plans have been excluded from the new drought declaration including the Seattle, Tacoma and Everett corridor. The 2024 drought declaration is seen by Ecology as a continuation of the 2023 declaration. The 2023 drought declaration was scheduled to end June 30 this year. The new, statewide declaration will continue into next year as the previous year's did. All up-to-date information about the declaration is being publicly updated at this link <https://www.drought.gov/states/washington>.

### Japanese Beetle

Japanese beetle treatments began in April around parts of central Washington. The WSDA is conducting Japanese beetle treatments in part of the Yakima Valley including Mabton, Sunnyside, Wapato, Prosser, Grandview, and Pasco as part of a multiyear eradication effort. Applications on public properties began in early April followed by property owners who have land in the treatment area being encouraged to provide consent as soon as possible. WSDA is hoping to treat over 10,000 parcels in southeastern Washington. A certified pesticide applicator contractor is conducting the treatments on behalf of WSDA. The treatment is an insecticide called Acelepryn, which is a low-harm pesticide that offers low risk to humans pets and wildlife.

### Greenhouse Bill SB 5508 - Promoting local agriculture through greenhouses.

After a long journey through the 2023 and 2024 session this Greenhouse permit bill ultimately made it across the finish line and was signed into law by Governor Inslee in April. The law will take effect on June 6th, 2024. The new law states that the State Building Code does not apply to any temporary growing structures used solely for the production of horticultural plants and goes further to establish that a temporary growing structure is NOT considered a permitted structure under the State Building Code. The effect of the bill reads as follow: State Building Code does not apply to temporary growing structures used solely for the production of horticultural plants, rather than the commercial production of horticultural plants. A temporary growing structure is not considered a structure under the State Building Code. Temporary growing structure is defined as a structure that has the roof covered, rather than the sides and the roof, with polyethylene, polyvinyl, or a similar flexible synthetic material, and is used to provide plants with either frost protection or increased heat retention.

### Election Year

Being a presidential election year, this summer and fall will be full of primary and general election dates and events. Please see the upcoming election calendar below.

#### Primary Election

**July 19** - Start of 18-day voting period (through Election Day). Ballots are mailed out and Accessible Voting Units (AVUs) are available at voting centers.

**July 29** - Online and mail registrations must be received 8 days before Election Day.

**August 6** - Deadline for Washington State voter registration or updates (in person only).

**August 6** - Primary - Deposit your ballot in an official drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

#### General Election

**October 18** - Start of 18-day voting period (through Election Day). Ballots are mailed out.

**October 28** - Online and mail registrations must be received 8 days before Election Day.

**November 5** - Deadline for Washington State voter registration or updates (in person only).

**November 5** - General Election - Deposit your ballot in an official drop box.

You can register to vote by going to <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/voters/voter-registration/register-vote-washington-state>.

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. @ \$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.  
Family Living Luncheon should choose this option. @ \$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](mailto: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 am Set Up
- 6 pm Rose Drill Practice – closed event

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 -- Theme – “Western Day”**

- 8 am-5pm Registration Open
- 8 am-6pm Fifth & Sixth Degree Ticket Sales
- 8 am-1pm Contest Entry Check In – Lecturer, Family Living, Youth, and Juniors
- 9 am-12 pm State Officer Practice – closed event
- 10 am Tour to Douglas Falls Park – meet in the Ag/Trade Center then carpool to the park
- 10 am Credentials Committee Meeting
- 10:30 am Election Committee Meeting
- 11 am Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting
- 1 pm Deputies Meeting
- 1:30 pm Delegate Orientation
- 2 pm Workshops – session 1
- 3 pm Workshops – session 2
- 4 pm Workshops – session 3
- 7 pm Session Opens in the 6th Degree
  - credential report
  - adoption of program
  - welcome from local dignitaries
- 8:30 pm Close Session in the 4th degree
  - refreshments

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27 -- Theme – “Team Day”**

- 8 am-5 pm Registration Open
- 8:30 am Session Opens in the Fourth Degree
  - credential report
  - president’s address
  - committee reports and action
- 12 pm Session Recess
- 12 pm Family Living Picnic Luncheon (catered/tickets available)
- 1-5:30 pm Department Displays Open
- 2 pm Session Reconvenes
  - committee reports and action
- 5:45 pm Session Closes in the 4th Degree
- 6 pm Convention Group Photo
- Evening County/Group Dinners

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28**

- Theme – “Junior Grange Red Tennis Shoe Day”**
- 8 am-8 pm Registration (non-delegate) Open
- 8:30 am Session Opens
  - credential report
  - election of officers
  - committee reports and action
- 9 am-5:30 pm Department Displays Open
- 11:30 am Junior Grange Ice Cream Social (will last until the ice cream is gone)
- 12 pm Session Recesses – lunch
- 2 pm Session Reconvenes
- 5 pm Session Closes in the 4th Degree
- 5:30 pm Grange Picnic BBQ, Live Auction, and Social Activities (BBQ is ticketed)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29 -- Theme – “Tropical Saturday”**

- 8 am Grange Livestock Judging Contest
- 9 am-5 pm Department Displays Open
- 10 am Session Opens
  - committee reports and action
- 11 am Quilts of Valor Presentation
- 12 pm Session Recesses – lunch
- 1 pm Youth/Junior Public Speaking Contest
- 2 pm Exemplification of the Fifth Degree
- 3 pm Exemplification of the Sixth Degree, followed by the Rose Drill
- 5 pm Session Closes in the 4th Degree
- 6 pm Celebration Banquet, followed by awards program (dinner is ticketed)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30 -- Theme – “Grange Shirt Day”**

- 9 am Memorial Service/Worship Service
- 10:30 am Session Opens in the 4th Degree
  - committee reports and action
- 11:30 am Session Recesses – Lunch
- 1 pm Youth and Junior Awards Program
- 2 pm Check Out Department Contest Entries
- 3 pm Installation of Officers
- 3:30 pm Session Reconvenes
  - any unfinished business
- 5 pm Closing of the 135th Annual Session in the Fourth Degree

## 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 isPet 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.
- **Chwelan 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>



# 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)  
**Meeting ID:** 980 3697 1581

## 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
2024-01	Increase Distribution of the Salmon Runs	Manor #1101	Fish & Wildlife
2024-02	Supporting All Veterans Returning to Civilian Life	Manor #1011	Health, Healthcare & Safety
2024-03	Washington State Grange Elections	Manor #1011	Grange Law
2404-04	State Grange Officers Election Reform	Pierce Co. Pomona #16	Grange Law
2024-05	Drug Offender Sentencing	Klickitat Co. Pomona #5	Health, Healthcare & Safety
2024-06	Small Gas Engines	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Conservation & Ecology
2024-07	Small Gas Engines	Cowlitz Co. Pomona #7	Conservation & Ecology
2024-08	Restaurant Swipe Fees	Issaquah Valley #581	State Legislative
2024-09	Chickens	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Agriculture
2024-10	Electric Vehicles	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Transportation
2024-11	Foreign Ownership of Real Property	Issaquah Valley #581	State Legislative
2024-12	Higher Speed Railroad in WA	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Transportation
2024-13	Land Line Maintenance	North River #946	National Legislative
2024-14	Increased Fundraising Limit	Stillaguamish #1058	Taxation & Fiscal Policy
2024-15	Gluten in Food Labeling	Five Mile Prairie #905	Health, Healthcare & Safety
2024-16	U.S. Dietary Guidelines Classification of Potatoes	Humtulsips #730	Agriculture
2024-17	Opposition to the Collection of National Dues for Junior Grange Members	Humtulsips #730	Grange Law
2024-18	The Effect of Junior Grange Dies on Family Memberships	Humtulsips #730	Grange Law
2024-19	Washington State Grange Officer Residency	Thurston Co. Pomona #8	Grange Law
2024-20	Support for Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for Beef	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Agriculture
2024-21	Amend the Washington State Grange Bylaws Regarding State Office Elections	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Grange Law
2024-22	Labeling of Naturally Produced Meat	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Agriculture
2024-23	Halt Ongoing Injury to the U.S. Sheep Industry	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Abgiculture
2024-24	Opt In or Opt Out	Clallam Co. Pomona #31	National Legislative
2024-25	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Cowlitz Co. Pomona #7	Transportation
2024-26	Manual Switches and Controls	Cowlitz Co. Pomona #7	Transportation
2024-27	Registration of Electric Bikes	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	Transportation
2024-28	First Class Mail Postage Rates	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	National Legislative
2024-29	State Grange Proceedings in Electronic Format	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	Grange Activities
2024-30	Resolution to be Submitted from Pomona	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	Grange Law
2024-31	Keep Zoning Local	Moses Lake #1151	State Legislative

The above resolutions have been emailed out in draft form. Additional resolutions received after the April 25 State Executive Committee Meeting will be reviewed at their meeting on May 8 and emailed out following that meeting. If you wish to receive a copy of the proposed resolutions, please contact the State Grange Office at 360-943-9911.

## The Grange Exchange

Let us help you buy or sell with a classified ad!

<b>Cost per word</b>	<b>one month</b>	<b>4 or more</b>
Regular	\$ .50	\$ .40
Boxed	1.00	.75
<b>Centered or reversed text</b>	\$2.50/line	
<b>Minimum for one month</b>	\$5.00	

**Word count:** hyphens, spaces and X's separate words. Phone numbers count as one word. **We do not print ads for 900 number services.**

**Deadline:** 5th of each month (for the following month's paper). Classified ads must be paid in advance. (Tear sheets not sent for classified.)

**Ad copy (or attach copy):** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

No. words \_\_\_\_\_ @ rate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x # months \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (enclosed)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# 2024 Convention Info

## Convention Committee Assignments

Additional Committee Members may be assigned at the discretion of the State Grange President/Master

**Committee appointments for this year's session are:**

### AGRICULTURE

Carolyn Hojem – Newaukum #198– Chair  
 Alexis Kudsk – Haynie #169– Vice Chair  
 Larry Auvil – East Wenatchee #1012  
 Karen Derrey – Buena #836  
 Larry Farr – Pine Grove #115  
 Rex Ogden – Cowlitz Pomona #7  
 Michael Schwartz – Excelsior Pomona #37  
 Marcus Dingman – St. Andrews #832  
 Walt Radmer – Espanola #698  
 Robert Hutchison – Selah Heights #608  
 Tom Hann – Clark Pomona #1

### AUDIT

Terry Ferguson – Columbia Pomona #56- Chair  
 David George – Kellogg Marsh #136 – Vice Chair  
 Betty Garrison – Pierce Pomona #16  
 Laurel Jacobs – Fredonia #545  
 Ruth Anne Lance – Washington #82

### CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY

Jacob Gwin – Humptulips #730- Chair  
 Bernard Ogden – Sunnyside #129– Vice Chair  
 Sara Nan Riordan – Williams Valley #452  
 Cathy Stordeur – Crescent #1123  
 Lynn Wells – Gardenspot #278  
 Chad Sweitzer – Matlock #357

### CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Shavanna May – Thurston Pomona #8- Chair  
 Phyllis Ogden – Cowlitz Pomona #7 – Vice Chair  
 Mary Bryant – Elk Plain #782  
 Ricardo Barrientes – Fords Prairie #33  
 Steve Dalton – Garden City #280  
 Russ Celia – Rexville #815

### CREDENTIALS

Cindy Kudsk – Haynie #169 – Chair  
 Lucy Vest – Olympic View #774 – Vice Chair  
 Helen Gardner – McMillin #848  
 Marvin Oliver – Pierce Pomona #16  
 Mel Knott – King Pomona #13  
 Helen Berg – St Andrews #832  
 Ed Armit – Lewis Pomona #3  
 Jordanne Webb – Rimrock #941

### EDUCATION

Isabella Lierman – Snohomish Pomona #12 - Chair  
 Sara Wade – Columbia #87– Vice Chair  
 Ann Fackenthall – Gardenspot #278  
 Janice Lahde – Green Bluff #300  
 Kent Hojem – Newaukum #198  
 Aaron Brand – North Bellingham #201  
 Shirley Auvil – East Wenatchee #1012

Lauren Rohde – Waitsburg #1  
 Marilyn Armit – Lewis Pomona #3  
 Mary Celia – Rexville #815  
 Laura Rookstool – Island Pomona #50

### ELECTION

Kendal Harner – Olympic View #774 – Chair  
 Jennifer Webb – Rimrock #941- Vice Chair  
 Lois Cummins – Inland #780  
 Paulette James – Mossyrock #355  
 Scott Lyle – Pine Grove #115  
 Jeff Prowse – Cedar Valley #306

### FISH & WILDLIFE

Claudine Lefever – Columbia #87- Chair  
 Darell Meyers – Mossyrock #355– Vice Chair  
 Peter Hauck – Ten Mile #399  
 Steve Ricarte – Stillaguamish #1058  
 Alison Longley – San Juan Island #966  
 Duane Hamp – Five Mile Prairie #905  
 Tony Gill – Deer Lagoon #846  
 Jim Lahde – Greenbluff #300  
 David Stiles – Mt. Valley #79  
 James Loomer – South Lake Stevens #690  
 Steve Yates – Skagit Pomona #10  
 Jane Hutchinson – Selah Heights #608

### GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Debbie Riegel-Yates – Skagit Pomona #10– Chair  
 Janice Anderson – Clark Pomona #1- Vice Chair  
 Vicky Loomer – South Lake Stevens #690  
 Cecelia Hamilton – Okanogan Pomona #53  
 Juanita Curnutt – Greenwood Park #590  
 Thelma Weiland – Pend Oreille Pomona #29  
 Janice Radmer – Espanola #698  
 Wilma Penner – Molson #1069  
 Georgene Neal – Mt.mar Valley #79  
 Melissa Johnston – Addy #603

### GRANGE LAW

Tom Cullen – Yakima Valley Pomona #11- Chair  
 Annie Scott – Catlin #199– Vice Chair  
 David Bryant – Elk Plain #782  
 Bernie Games – Matlock #357  
 Davona Gwin – Grays Harbor/ Pacific Pomona #28  
 Debbie Fisch – Bee Hive #385  
 Cheryl Saiz – Fruitland #999

### HEALTH, HEALTH CARE & SAFETY

Victor Stevens – Roy #702- Chair  
 JoAnn Anderson – Issaquah Valley #581 – Vice Chair  
 Ralph Allen – Williams Valley #452  
 Dianne George – Kellogg Marsh #136  
 Jerry Gwin – Humptulips #730  
 Mary Schwartz – Excelsior Pomona #37  
 Chris Hamp – Five Mile Prairie #905

Jacque Hunt – Douglas Pomona #49  
 Judy Moilanen – Crescent #1123  
 Linda Morse Gill – Deer Lagoon #846  
 James Ogden – Goldendale #49  
 Linda Somerlott – Greenwood Park #590  
 Ann VanAntwerp – Manor #1101

### NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE

Susan Hegney – Spokane Pomona #4 - Chair  
 Alan Anderson – Issaquah Valley #581– Vice Chair  
 Rusty Hunt – Douglas Pomona #49  
 Sheyenne Koen – Snohomish Pomona #12  
 Jonathan Pittman – Moses Lake #1151  
 George Penner – Molson #1069  
 Karen Castello – Skagit Valley #620  
 Paul Gray – Chelan Pomona #23  
 Robert Reichle – Cedar Valley #306

### STATE LEGISLATIVE

Oren Gaskill – Ten Mile #399 - Chair  
 Bob Shea – Spokane Pomona #4 – Vice Chair  
 Pam Mathews – South Union #860  
 Margaret Ohlsen – Tualco #284  
 Jean Swift – Skagit Valley #620  
 Rick Ferguson – Prospect Point #1067  
 Clarene Ricarte – Stillaguamish #1058  
 Joyce Meeker – Buena #836  
 Sheryl Reynolds – Long Beach #667  
 Carol Johnstone – Fords Prairie #33  
 Tharin Ward – Roy #702

### TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY

Marcy Belles – Oakview #311- Chair  
 Scott Hackett – Whatcom Pomona #6 - Vice Chair  
 Lucille Bevis – Klickitat Pomona #5  
 Jill Michels – Fredonia #545  
 Rebecca Meats – Fargher Lake #853  
 Mark Fisch – Bee Hive #385  
 Fritz Flottman – Addy #603  
 Sue Branch – Terrace Heights #586  
 Keenan Berry – Long Beach #667  
 Warren Lewis – Garden City #280

### TRANSPORTATION

Christie Vintilo – South Union #860 - Chair  
 Bekki Weston – North Bellingham #201– Vice Chair  
 Rodger Lance – Washington #82  
 Lawrence Meeker – Yakima Valley Pomona #11  
 Dustin Ogden – Sunnyside #129  
 Brittney Pittman – Moses Lake #1151  
 John Hamilton – Okanogan Pomona #53  
 Steve Hall – McMillin #848  
 Larry Goble – Fargher Lake #853  
 Margaret Bradly – Meridian #265  
 Jeremy Bosworth – Tyler #610

# Washington State Grange Foundation Announces Scholarship Awards

The Washington State Grange announces the following scholarship awards for the 2024-2025 academic year. Biographies and photos of the scholarship recipients will be printed in the next issue of the Grange News.

Name	Grange	Award
BAILEY, MARGUERITE	MCINTOSH 1001	ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
BOWDISH, NICKOLAS	CENTERVILLE 81	MARTIN & GRACE FERRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
CLYBURN, CHLOE	MENASTASH 1054	FOX ISLAND GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
COMPTON, KADINCE	BEE HIVE 385	KEGLEY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP
EADES, OLIVER	BAW FAW 34	LONE YEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
GWIN, TESSA	HUMPTULIPS 730	MCCLEARY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
KLEIN, JUSTIN	PROSPECT POINT 1067	BEAR CREEK/HORSESHOE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
KLEIN, SOPHIA	PROSEPECT POINT 1067	DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
KUDSK, MELISSA	HAYNIE 169	FIDELITY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
MEATS, MEREDITH	FARGHER LAKE 853	ROCK CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
NELSON, REGINA	PROSPECT POINT 1067	POMONA VILLA GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP
POLAND, HANNAH	EAST WENATCHEE 1012	KITTLESON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ROIBAL, JACOB	MCINTOSH 1001	POMONA VILLA GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP
SACKMANN, MOLLY	MOSES LAKE 1151	NOB HILL GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
SCARLETT, LINSEY	GREEN BLUFF 300	DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
SHERLEY, BAILEY	MENASTASH 1054	NORMAN BUCCHOLZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
STEVENS, VICTOREE	ROY 702	POMONA VILLA PIERCE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP
STOECKLER, MADISON	FORDS PRAIRIE 33	DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
STOLLER, ALLYSON	FARGHER LAKE 853	RIVERVIEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP

## Grange Camper Assc.

### Grange Camper Assc. Annual Rally & Meeting

May 31-June 2 • 787 Chenois Ave NE, Ocean Shores, Washington

**Friday:** Arrival anytime

**Saturday:** 8am Hosted pancake breakfast  
10am Annual meeting  
5pm Hosted spaghetti dinner (Guest bring Dessert)

**Sunday:** Breakfast on your own, then visiting

**Monday:** You are welcome to stay longer

**Cost:** \$25 per rig for the weekend \$5 for drive ins

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by text to Verne with your name, size, and type of RV for planning parking arrangements. • Verne Figg 206-650-4054

One door prize per Club!

## President's Message

### Use Smart Goals To Revitalize Your Grange

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for accomplishing the smaller goals that are necessary to achieving your final objective.

#### The Pros and Cons of SMART Goals

SMART is an effective tool that provides the clarity, focus and motivation you need to achieve your goals. It can also improve your ability to reach them by encouraging you to define your objectives and set a completion date. SMART goals are also easy to use by anyone, anywhere, without the need for specialist tools or training.

Various interpretations of SMART have meant that it can lose its effectiveness or be misunderstood. Some people believe that SMART doesn't work well for long-term goals because it lacks flexibility, while others suggest that it might stifle creativity.

#### Conclusions

I encourage Grange members to utilize the SMART Goal process to assist in revitalizing their Granges. This process will engage your current members by moving our Granges forward in a positive direction. SMART Goals will allow us to remain consistent in our programs and activities and to provide direction for new leaders step forward to assume the reigns of our great organization. We have all gained so much from our involvement in the Grange. We now have the opportunity to ensure the future as we build on our storied past to create a bright future for generations to come.

## Calispel Grange Hosts Grange Sewing Day



The spring dances are soon here. During a sewing day at Calispel Grange, Mom guides daughters in making dresses for the special occasion. Donated fabric was used for the project. Calispel Grange meets once a week for sewing, eating and fellowship. Business is also taken care of at this time.

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_



# Lecturer's Department

## Convention Help Needed

By Leslie Jo Wells  
State Grange Lecturer



Leslie Jo Wells

### Help Wanted

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

### Pomona Contest Results

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

### Contest Entry Check-In

Contest entries from your Pomona contest can be brought to the Lecturer Display area on Tuesday, June 25th from 2 – 6 PM and on Wednesday, June 26th 8 AM – 12 Noon. When you bring your item(s) to check-in, the only thing that should be attached is the entry tag from the Pomona contest. We will remove that and attach our own tag for the state contest and give you the claim check. Items may be picked up on Sunday, June 30th from 12 Noon. Be sure to bring your claim check when you are ready to check out.

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



### 2021 Poetry Topic (Metered): Constitution or Virus

Author: Rex B. Valentine, Satsop Grange #183

#### Two Constitutions

There's many a teacher in my old school,  
who, down underneath felt a fervent tool.  
That feeling slipped out when kids argued, loud,  
but once she flipped out in an earlier crowd.

So easy it is to let tempers fly,  
so hard to take back, your words when you're shy.  
There are two constitutions involved in a tif.  
One is your mind, the other quite stiff;

It pertains to the way the constitution is set,  
Have you learned enough today so you won't seem "all wet?"

The second is stout like a law on the books.  
That constitution is meant to withstand would-be crooks.  
So follow your thoughts, your planned heart and mind  
to marry together a problem you find.

Behold, do not wither, both constitutions will stand,  
your mind and your heart and directions you planned.  
Remember, each constitution is there,  
the one in your mind, and the government's share.

## Heirloom Project Readings May, June and July 2024

**MAY 2024:** "For in our fraternity there is work for all, and the idler has no place among Patrons of Husbandry."

*(First Degree; Vice President)*

**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)*



## Prospect Point Grange Supports Grange Youth Fairs Program With Dinner



Prospect Point Grange in Walla Walla County held a Tri-Tip Dinner to support their Grange Youth Fairs Program. Pictured are Prospect Point Youth and Junior members preparing to serve at their Tri Tip Dinner fundraising event.

## Community Service

### Community Service Reports Due Soon



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson  
Community Service Director

It is May and you only have a few weeks until those Community Service Reports are due. I would love to see what your Grange has been up to for the last year. It is not necessary to create a large scrapbook, just filling out the report form is appreciated and gives you a chance to win award money for your Grange.

If you do not have exact statistics for volunteer hours, number of volunteer, number of items, etc., please just guesstimate. All we need is a basic overview of your contributions. Remember to include personal hygiene products donations collected and brought to convention.

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

### Here's how you can help:

#### Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?

Support the Washington State Grange Foundation just by shopping at Fred Meyer with your Rewards Card. You are now able to link your Rewards Card to your favorite nonprofit by visiting customer service desk at your local Fred Meyer or by creating an account online and linking your rewards card to the Washington State Grange Foundation (account # DI486). Whenever you use your Rewards Card when shopping at Freddy's, you will be helping our organization earn a donation from Fred Meyer. They are donating \$2.6 million each year - up to \$650,000 each quarter - to the local schools, community organizations and nonprofits of your choice. All you have to do is link your Rewards Card and scan it every time you shop at Fred Meyer.



2024 National Grange Convention - 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!

# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## Youth

### Congratulations Western Regional Winners; Convention Reminders

By Jerry Gwin  
Youth Grange Director



Jerry Gwin

Thank you to those who attended the Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference in Yakima. The State Grange Youth Department sponsored the awards in the Impromptu Speaking Contest. Congratulations to the following place winners in the contest:

**Juniors, ages 6-13:** First - Lily Loudon, Washington (Broadway Grange); Second - Christopher Crawford, Idaho; Third - Jacob Smith, Washington (Humptulips).

**Youth, ages 14-20:** First - Garrett Phelps, New York; Second - Melissa Kudsk, Washington (Haynie).

**Young Adult, ages 21-30:** First - Jacob Gwin, Washington (Humptulips); Second - Alexis Kudsk, Washington (Haynie); Third - Brittney Gordon, Washington (Rimrock).

**Adult, age 31 and over:** First - Katie Squire, California; Second - Jamie Sackman, Washington (Moses Lake); Third - Susan Hegney, Washington (McIntosh).

**As we prepare for the upcoming State Grange Convention in Colville, please keep in mind the following:**

- **Education Poster Entries** - Tues, June 25, 1-5 pm and Wed, June 26, 8am-12 pm
- **Youth Group Meetings** - start on Wed, June 26, 9 a.m.
- **Bowling Activity** - Friday, June 28 (afternoon time slot)
- **Benefit Live Auction** - Friday, June 29, following the BBQ Picnic
- **Livestock Judging Contest** - Saturday, June 29, 8 a.m.
- **Public Speaking Contest** - Saturday, June 29, 1 p.m.
- **Celebration Banquet** - Saturday, June 29, 6 p.m. - will include livestock judging awards
- **Youth Awards Program** - Sunday, June 30, 1 p.m. - will include the raffle drawing

Raffle tickets have gone out to all Granges. Please sell the raffle tickets and return the stubs with payment. My address is on the cover letter with the tickets. If you mail them, I must receive them no later than June 20. You may also bring them to the convention on drop them off in the youth department.

Congratulations al all Grange scholarship winners and our best wishes to the 2024 graduates, from elementary school up through college!

## Juniors

### Big Changes for Juniors at 2024 Convention



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson  
Junior Grange Director

At the recent Western Regional Leadership Conference in Yakima, we learned that you must compromise and understand each generation's communication and activity style. If either generation does not make a few accommodations, there will be stress, frustrations, and misunderstandings. This has been the case over the last few years with the Junior Department, at Convention. So, in the hopes of making this department more fun and with less frustrations, there will be some BIG changes.

Instead of the Junior Room being available all day, there will be scheduled activities. Next month's article will have a schedule for the Juniors but it will look something like what follows each day, with the exception of Saturday Morning and Sunday afternoon.

10:00-11:30 am- Morning craft/activity

11:30- Parent/Guardian Pickup (Lunch on own, Not provided)

1:00- 3:00- Afternoon program practice, craft/activity and snack

3:00- Parent/Guardian Pickup, Junior Room closed for the day

All of these changes have been made with the advice of the Executive Board of Directors, including our discipline policy. Previously, it states that each child in the Junior Room would receive three warnings before they were sent back to their parent or guardian for the day. That policy has changed to one warning. If that child is sent back to their parent or guardian two days during convention, they will no longer be welcomed in the Junior Room. We are not equipped, nor are we able, to accommodate behavioral and/or disruptive behavior.

We are hopeful that all of these changes will make for a more enjoyable environment for everyone. It is only a few short weeks till Convention. Can't wait to see you there.

## Rose Valley Grange Juniors Win Awards



Rose Valley Grange Juniors took home purple ribbons on their baking and crafts. We have some very talented kids.

## Junior Connection

### HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange members held their Annual Food Preservation activity during spring break. Junior Granges made and canned Salsa, Mixed Berry Jam, Pickled Carrots, and Pickled Bell Peppers. Several Junior Granges have entries ready for the Pomona Grange contests. The Junior Grange donated two baskets for the Pomona Grange Basket Bingo in April. The next activity will be the placement of flags for Memorial Day. We will meet at the Grange Hall at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 25 then proceed to the Humptulips Cemetery and the Lake Quinault Cemetery for the placement of flags on veteran's graves for Memorial Day.

### SPEAK LIKE A "CHAMP"

Speak like a "CHAMP" will be a monthly word or phrase designed to get everyone speaking the same language to build a positive message as we Grange.

### "TRUST THE PROCESS"

*Trust the Process* is a motivational and mindset-oriented expression that encourages individuals to have faith in a step-by-step approach, particularly during a journey of personal or professional development. This phrase emphasizes the importance of staying committed, patient, and resilient while working towards a goal, even when the outcome may not be immediately apparent, or the path seems challenging.

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

Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/WashingtonStateGrange](http://www.facebook.com/WashingtonStateGrange)

# Western Regional Conference

## Memories of the Western Regional Grange Youth And Leaders Conference

Held April 25-28, 2024 at Terrace Heights Grange Hall in Yakima, WA



# Membership Corner

## Welcome New Members

### GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS April 2024

	# Joined	Jr. +1
603 <b>Addy</b> ..... 5 Annabelle Massenbill, Keisha Keith, Kirsten Williams Jasmine Keith, Tucker Syjut	5	4
836 <b>Buena</b> ..... 1 Martha Matthews	1	
500 <b>Calispel</b> ..... 4 Korey Hedrick, Brittany Hedrick, Justin Whitmire Kammie Whitmire	4	6
306 <b>Cedar Valley</b> ..... 1 Annie Wright	1	
938 <b>Columbia Valley</b> ..... 2 Jacob Lyle, Marchelle Burnham	2	
1123 <b>Crescent</b> ..... 1 India K. Burke	1	
148 <b>East Spokane</b> ..... 1 Shareena Parks	1	
782 <b>Elk Plain</b> ..... 2 Anthony Barbera, Cohen Chinneth	2	
1014 <b>Entiat</b> ..... 5 Erika Ward, Mark Ward, Bailey Ward, Kevin Arnold Michelle Arnold	5	4
33 <b>Fords Prairie</b> ..... 1 Rhonda "Bonnie" Evans	1	
590 <b>Greenwood Park</b> ..... 1 Rylie McQuire	1	
322 <b>Happy Valley</b> ..... 1 Anna Ritzhaupt	1	
1086 <b>Logan Hill</b> ..... 1 Karen Von Seggern	1	
667 <b>Long Beach</b> ..... 3 Rudolph Guercia, Joan Guercia, Michael Dubois	3	
1101 <b>Manor</b> ..... 1 Bianca Angelo	1	
357 <b>Matlock</b> ..... 5 Vince Simoneau, Derek Anderson, Kellsie Geoff Preston Vogland, Kristyn Krumland	5	17
265 <b>Meridian</b> ..... 1 Guyla Fitch	1	
946 <b>North River</b> ..... 1 Ginger Carter	1	
1067 <b>Prospect Point</b> ..... 4 Phyllis Owens, Savanna Greenhaigh, Dalton Owens Spencer Kelty	4	5
315 <b>Prosperity</b> ..... 1 Shelby King	1	
941 <b>Rimrock</b> ..... 2 Arthur Blauert, Christina "Tina" Wells	2	
226 <b>Rome</b> ..... 1 Bruce Maurier	1	
702 <b>Roy</b> ..... 1 Daneille Carter	1	
832 <b>St. Andrews</b> ..... 2 Seth Walker, Ruth Walker	2	2
966 <b>San Juan Island</b> ..... 10 John Woods, Lynnette Cabrera – Equinox Productions Kristina Fisher, Lincoln Bormann, Cynthia Brast Elliot Burch, Charlene Amsden, Beth Spadafora Adam Rogowski, Biz Daniels	10	
1108 <b>Sequim Prairie</b> ..... 1 Judy Garling	1	
800 <b>Sharon</b> ..... 2 Janet Krack, Viki Applegarth	2	
909 <b>Spring Hill</b> ..... 2 Doug Foster, Karen Foster	2	
114 <b>Whelan-Ewartsville</b> ..... 1 Sarah Hamilton	1	
1143 <b>White Trail</b> ..... 7 Melissa Swanson, Rebecca Shay, Michael Shay Bowen Summers, Alexis Lerma, Alyssa Lerma Madalyn Deale	7	1
<b>TOTALS</b> ..... 72	72	38

## Finding Your Future Leaders

Finding and cultivating future leaders is one of the most important and rewarding tasks for any organization. The Grange is no different. Finding our future leaders will help us continue to be relevant for another 100+ years. Future leaders are the ones who will drive innovation, growth, and impact in the long run. But how do you identify and develop them? Here are some tips to help you with this challenge.

Look for potential, not performance; performance is important, but it is not the only indicator of leadership potential. Sometimes, the best performers are not the best leaders, and vice versa. To find future leaders, you need to look beyond the current results and focus on the potential for growth, learning, and influence. Look for people who have a vision, a passion, and a curiosity for the

Grange. Look for people who are willing to take risks, learn from failures, and seek feedback. Look for people who can inspire, motivate, and collaborate with others.

Provide opportunities, not assignments; future leaders need opportunities to stretch themselves, to take on new challenges, and to demonstrate their skills and abilities. Instead of giving them assignments, give them opportunities.

Opportunities are projects, tasks, or roles that have a clear goal, a high level of autonomy, and a significant

impact. Opportunities allow future leaders to experiment, innovate, and create value. Opportunities also expose them to different situations and perspectives, which broaden their horizons and enhance their adaptability.

Coach, not direct; future leaders need coaching, not direction. Coaching is a process of facilitating learning and development through questioning, listening, and

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feedback. Coaching helps future leaders to discover their strengths, weaknesses, and goals. Coaching also helps them to find their own solutions, to overcome obstacles, and to achieve results. Coaching is not telling them what to do but helping them to figure out what to do. Coaching is not evaluating them but empowering them.

Support, don't protect; future leaders need support, not protection. Support is providing the resources, guidance, and

encouragement that future leaders need to succeed. Support is also recognizing and rewarding their achievements, celebrating their successes, and acknowledging their contributions. Support is not protecting them from challenges, difficulties, or failures. Support is not shielding them from feedback, criticism, or consequences. Support is not rescuing them from problems but helping them to learn from them.

Connect, not isolate; future leaders need connection, not isolation. Connection is building relationships, networks, and communities that future leaders can leverage for learning, collaboration, and support. Connection is also exposing them to diverse ideas, experiences, and cultures that enrich their worldview and perspective. Connection is not isolating them from others, creating silos, or fostering competition. Connection is not limiting their exposure, restricting their access, or reducing their diversity.

Finding and cultivating future leaders is not a one-time event, but a continuous process. It requires a strategic vision, a supportive culture, and a coaching mindset. It also requires a commitment, a patience, and a passion. By following these tips, you can find and cultivate future leaders who will make a difference in your Grange and the Grange as a whole.

## 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.**

- Patti Monk – Calispel #500
- Lori Buher – Rexville #815
- Bruce Robinson – San Juan Island #966
- Roger Ellison – San Juan Island #966
- Chad Sweitzer – Matlock #357
- Bernie Games – Matlock #357

**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.**

**No Gift Card 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!

## "Welcome To The Hall":

### National Grange Launches The Grange Hall Podcast

Join hosts Meagan McDonald (WA) and Philip Vonada (PA) as they interview Grange members from around the country about their Grange history, their Grange's history, and where they see the Grange going in the future – and anywhere in between.

The Grange Hall aims to welcome diverse voices within the Grange, highlighting local members who are "movers and shakers" within the Grange.

This podcast is not just for current Grangers! We encourage you to share this podcast with friends, family, and others who may be interested in or curious about the Grange.

Check out our profile on Podbean to access the podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon, and iHeartRadio. <https://grangehallpodcast.podbean.com/>

New episodes will be released biweekly on Wednesdays.

Do you have a member you think should be featured on the podcast? Email us at [grangehallpod@gmail.com](mailto:grangehallpod@gmail.com) to let us know.



# Agricultural Fairs Attract Grange Participation

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

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

The remaining schedule for this year's fairs is:

Date	Fair	Location	Grange Youth Participation
April 28-May 1	Central Washington Junior Livestock Show	Toppenish	
May 1-4	Junior Livestock Show of Spokane	Spokane	
May 3-5	Southwest WA Spring Youth Fair	Chehalis	Yes
May 9-12	Milton-Freewater Junior Livestock Show	Milton-Freewater, OR	Yes
May 30-June 1	Puget Sound Junior Livestock Show	Lynden	
June 1-2	Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show	Waitsburg	Yes
June 21-23	WA State Junior Horse Show	Yakima	
July 11-14	King County Fair	Enumclaw	
July 17-21	West Valley Community Fair	Wiley City	
July 18-20	Castle Rock Fair	Castle Rock	
July 19-20	Northwest Junior Sheep Expo	Moses Lake	
July 19-21	Kalama Community Fair	Kalama	
July 24-27	Cowlitz County Fair	Longview	
July 24-28	Thurston County Fair	Lacey	
July 25-28	Whidbey Island Fair	Langley	
July 27	Silvana Community Fair	Silvana	
July 31-August 3	Grays Harbor County Fair	Elma	Yes
August 2-4	Stanwood-Camano Community Fair	Stanwood	
August 2-11	Clark County Fair	Ridgefield	Yes
August 7-10	Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo	Grandview	
August 8-11	Skagit County Fair	Mount Vernon	
August 8-11	Pierce County Fair	Graham	
August 8-17	Northwest Washington Fair	Lynden	
August 9-11	Valley Community Fair	Valley	
August 9-11	Jefferson County Fair	Port Townsend	
August 13-17	Grant County Fair	Moses Lake	Yes
August 13-18	Southwest Washington Fair	Chehalis	
August 14-17	Skamania County Fair & Timber Carnival	Stevenson	
August 14-18	Klickitat County Fair	Goldendale	
August 15-17	Wahkiakum County Fair	Skamokawa	
August 15-18	San Juan County Fair	Friday Harbor	
August 15-18	Clallam County Fair	Port Angeles	
August 15-18	Pend Oreille County Fair	Cusick	Yes
August 17	Hunters Community & 4-H Fair	Hunters	
August 20-24	Benton Franklin Fair	Kennewick	Yes
August 21-24	Pacific County Fair	Menlo	
August 21-25	Kitsap County Fair & Stampede	Bremerton	
August 22-24	Lincoln County Fair	Davenport	
August 22-25	North Central Washington Fair	Waterville	Yes
August 22-25	Northeast Washington Fair	Colville	Yes
August 22-27 and August 29-September 2	Evergreen State Fair	Monroe	
August 23-26	Clayton Community Fair	Clayton	
August 24-25	Lacamas Community Fair	Roy	
August 28-September 1	Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days	Walla Walla	Yes
August 29-September 1	Wheat Land Communities Fair	Ritzville	
August 29-September 2	Kittitas County Fair	Ellensburg	Yes
August 30-September 1	Ferry County Fair	Republic	Yes
August 30-Sept 22	Washington State Fair	Puyallup	
August 30-Sept 22	Washington State 4-H Fair	Puyallup	
August 30-Sept 22	Washington State FFA Exhibition	Puyallup	
August 30-Sept 22	Washington Junior Poultry Exposition	Puyallup	
September 5-8	Chelan County Fair	Cashmere	Yes
September 5-8	Okanogan County Fair	Okanogan	
September 5-8	Palouse Empire Fair	Colfax	
September 6-8	Columbia County Fair	Dayton	
September 6-15	Spokane Interstate Fair	Spokane Valley	
September 11-14	Othello Fair	Othello	Yes
September 12-14	Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show	Connell	Yes
September 13-15	Garfield County Fair	Pomeroy	
September 20-22	Southeast Spokane County Fair	Rockford	
September 20-29	Central Washington State Fair	Yakima	

# 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**

Humtulsips Grange held their last bingo event of the season on May 4. Bingo is now on hiatus until October. Grange members have been discussing the possibility of a new Grange sign for the front of the hall. The Grange food bank served 64 families in April. The next food bank is scheduled for May 22. We are starting work parties to prepare our displays for the Grays Harbor County Fair and the Washington State Fair.

**LEWIS COUNTY**

Hope Grange will celebrate their 120th Anniversary on Saturday, May 18 at the Hope Grange Hall. The celebration will begin with an Open House of Historical Memorabilia at 2 p.m. Acoustic music will be provided by the Washington Acoustic Music Association. Introductions and Recognitions will be at 2:45 p.m., followed by refreshments and conversation at 3:30 p.m. The event will celebrate Hope Grange's history, which began with our community leaders and family

members over 120 years ago; and to share the vision of Hope Grange's community and innovative future.

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

Garden City Grange is holding a garage sale at it's hall on Saturday, June 1, from 10 am to 5 pm. The hall is located at 800 Second Street in Snohomish.

**SPOKANE COUNTY**

Green Bluff Grange celebrated Grange Month by having Grange info on Facebook, Next Door media, wearing our Grange apparel/pins/hats at our April 16 meeting, and having a display all month at the North Spokane County Library. April was a busy rental month. Our Junior Grangers led the volunteers for the 11th Annual "Keep Green Bluff Clean Trash Pick Up." May 26 is the next "All you can eat Pancake Breakfast." Spokane County Grange Contests judging will be May 17. Congratulations to our scholarship recipients: Taylor Jackson, \$1800; Owen Halbig, \$1200; Linsey Scarlett, \$1200; and Amelia Melton, \$500. Our Grange community event on May 7 was a pie auction and June 4 is the Flag Retirement Ceremony by the Boy Scouts with a hot dog feed this year. May 21 is our business meeting. Our Grange will be sponsoring the famous "Cherry Pickers Trot" for 2024 on July 18.

**STEVENS COUNTY**

Camas Valley Grange had 17 members present at the informal monthly meeting on April 15. Several items were discussed. Property insurance is always a fun topic, especially when a building may or may not be classified as being in a wildfire zone. The Snow Cone Booth will be getting a much-needed update before the start of Rodeo season. Groups have booked the first Saturday of several upcoming months for Bingo, except for July. Work on the Haunted House is already underway. There's been a lot of progress, and volunteers are always welcome.

**THURSTON COUNTY**

South Union Grange held their regular monthly meeting on April 15. Planning for the upcoming garage sale was the major topic of the night. The next meeting will be Monday May 20 at 7 pm. 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.

**WALLA WALLA COUNTY**

Prospect Point Grange held their Annual Tri-Tip Dinner to raise funds for their Youth Fairs Program. The Grange also held a Bingo Fundraising event to support local youths seeking treatment at the Ronald McDonald House in Spokane.

## Pomonas Confer Degrees



(TOP) Pictured is the Snohomish County Pomona Grange 5th Degree Team. On Sunday, April 14th, we welcomed six new members to our Pomona Grange after the exemplification of the Degree of Pomona at South Lake Stevens Grange Hall. (Bottom) Klickitat County Pomona Grange exemplified the first Four Degrees on Saturday, April 6th, at the Centerville Grange Hall. Klickitat County has seven Granges showing they are continuing to be #GrangeStrong!

## Pomona Connection

**CLARK COUNTY POMONA**

Clark County Pomona held their monthly meeting at Manor Grange. The Family Living Bake Contest was held earlier in the day and the auction of the baked goods served as the program that night. It was a huge success. Purple ribbon winners will be going to the State Grange Convention. Resolutions regarding the US Sheep Industry, Labeling of Beef and Labeling of Naturally Produced Meat were read and voted on. Master Janice Anderson obligated David Stilts to the 5th degree. Beth Goble was obligated in March. Clark County Pomona meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

**COWLITZ/WAHKIAKUM POMONA**

Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona will meet on Saturday, May 18 at the Grays River Grange Hall, 11 Holl Creek Road, Grays River. There will be a Memorial Service for the program. We will begin with a 1 p.m. potluck lunch, with the business meeting to follow. The Pomona contests were held on April 10. There were 63 entries in the CFL Contests and 76 entries in the Lecturer Contests.

**EXCELSIOR POMONA GRANGE**

Excelsior Pomona Grange will hold their Lecturer and Family Living Contests on May 18 at the Greenwood Park Grange Hall in Hunters.

**GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA**

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona held Basket Bingo on April 20 at Humtulsips. All Pomona Grange Contests, other than baking and candy, will be held in conjunction with our next Pomona Grange meeting. Entries will be due on Friday, May 10 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to the Olympic View Grange Hall. The Pomona meeting will be on Saturday, May 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. We are making plans for the Grange Building at the Grays Harbor County Fair, scheduled for July 31-August 3, in Elma.

**PIERCE COUNTY POMONA**

Pierce County Pomona exemplified the first Five Degree of our Order April 6, 2024. Six new members received the Fifth Degree. New members include: Pierce County April Smith (Collins Grange), Danice Feller (Waller Road Grange) and Mike Feller (Waller Road Grange).

King County Tricia Garboden (Meridian Grange), Bob Mahoney (Meridian Grange) and Rod Alex (Meridian Grange).

**SPOKANE COUNTY POMONA**

Spokane County Pomona will meet on May 18 at the Five Mile Prairie Grange Hall. Entries for the Lecturer and CFL Contests are due on Friday, May 17.

**THURSTON COUNTY POMONA**

Thurston Pomona met on April 4 at South Union Grange. The meeting was preceded by a potluck meal. The annual baking and candy contests, under the leadership of Ginny Nelson (CFL), were held at the meeting with the entries auctioned off during the Lecturer's program. Family Living and Lecturer's contests were held on April 20 at Brighton Park Grange. The next meeting will be held on June 6 at McLane Grange at 7 pm. The meeting will include the floral arranging contest.

**WHATCOM COUNTY POMONA**

Whitman County Pomona Grange will meet on May 18 at 10 a.m. at the North and South Palouse Grange Hall. We will hold the Lecturer and CFL contests at the meeting.

## Pomona Calendar

Please submit your 2024 Pomona Meeting Dates.

<b>CHELAN</b>	May 16 at Smitty's Restaurant, 12 p.m. social luncheon. The next business meeting is May 18 at Chumstick, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
<b>CLALLAM</b>	September 19 at Fairview, 5 p.m.
<b>COWLITZ/WAHKIAKUM</b>	May 18 at Grays River, 1 p.m. potluck, business meeting to follow.
<b>DOUGLAS</b>	September 19 at St. Andrews, 6 p.m.
<b>EXCELSIOR</b>	May 18 at Greenwood Park. 10:30 a.m. Will include the Lecturer and Family Living Contests.
<b>FERRY</b>	October 14 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
<b>GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC</b>	May 11 at Olympic View, 10:30 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and Family Living Contest entries due on May 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
<b>KING</b>	August 17 at Meridian (hosted by East Hill), 10 a.m.
<b>LEWIS</b>	May 4 at Forest, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting. The next meeting will be August 3 at Lincoln Creek.
<b>MASON</b>	May 18 at Matlock, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. lunch.
<b>PEND OREILLE</b>	May 4 at Camden, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. The next meeting will be October 5 at the Golden China in Newport.
<b>PIERCE</b>	May 4 at McMillin, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Craft and photo contests to be held. The next meeting will be June 1 at Elk Plain.
<b>SKAGIT</b>	June 5 at Summit Park, 6:30 p.m.
<b>SNOHOMISH</b>	May 18 at Kellogg Marsh, 10 a.m. Will include Lecturer and CFL Contests.
<b>SPOKANE</b>	May 18 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m. Lecturer and CFL Contest entries due on May 17.
<b>STEVENS</b>	July meeting date and location to be determined.
<b>THURSTON</b>	June 6 at McLane, 7 p.m. Social hour at 6 p.m. Will hold Flower Arranging Contest.
<b>WHATCOM</b>	June 18 at Laurel, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Will include Flower Show/Contest.
<b>WHITMAN</b>	May 18 at North & South Palouse, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Contest entries due.
<b>YAKIMA VALLEY</b>	July 8 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

# Western Regional Conference

## Washington Hosts Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference

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to Conduct and Create and Community Needs Assessment." Following dinner, Kent Hojem, retired CEO of the Washington State Fair in Puyallup, gave an interesting presentation on "Generational Differences," relaying information from his 50 plus years of Grange membership and his experience in the fair industry.

Participants again boarded buses on Saturday morning for the Agriculture Tour. The buses headed down through the Yakima Valley to the Kinsey Family Farm. Owner Greg Kinsey met us and discussed his asparagus farm. The group was then led out to the asparagus fields to observe asparagus harvesters. After explaining the harvest process, everyone then had the opportunity to pick asparagus for their own use. We were then taken through the asparagus processing plant. Grange members truly enjoyed learning about growing,

harvesting, and processing the labor-intensive crop.

It was then off to the Central Washington Agriculture Museum, where we enjoyed a tour. We were also greeted at the Grange Library. Past Grange Deputy Liz Wade welcomed us to the library, which had been spruced up for our arrival. Wade was one of the founding members of the Grange Library.

Afternoon workshops included "Creating Sponsorship Opportunities for Your Subordinate Grange" by Jesse Taylor, Executive Director of the WA FFA Foundation; "Agricultural Careers - Your Future is Great" by Jamie Sackman, a member of Moses Lake Grange and instructor at Big Bend Community College; "Effective Communication Styles in a Digital World" by the National Grange Communications Fellows (Katie Squire of CA, Jim Dumolt of OR, Carolyn Chamlee of NV, and Lexie Suing of OR); and a Youth Fairs

Program Panel Discussion by Joe Stefenoni (CA State President), Tom Gwin (WA State Grange President), and Brittney Pittman and Rick Ferguson (both WA State Grange Executive Committee).

Following a delicious dinner, the WA State Grange Youth Department conducted an Impromptu Speaking Contest. A live auction was held to support the Western Regional Fund for Hosting the National Grange Convention. The evening ended with Yakima's Broadway Grange members demonstrating contra dancing and group participation by all present.

State Grange Chaplain Carolyn Hojem presented a worship service on Sunday morning, followed by the final workshop of the weekend, "Making the Grange Legislative Process Work for You" with Jesse Taylor, the Legislative Lobbyist for the WA State Grange. The conference closed with thank yous and announcements.

Be sure to check out the Photo Memories from the Western Regional Conference on Page 11.



The members of the Yakima Valley Pomona Grange #11 are to be commended for their excellent work in preparing and conducting activities for the conference. Pomona members coordinated all the food for the weekend, including a wonderful hospitality area. They made arrangements for the tours and lined up event sponsors. They collected items for the goody bags and items for the silent auction. A huge thank you to them and the four members of their

host steering committee: Tom Cullen, Pam Bright, Connie Hauver, and Glenda Tjarnberg. Their work in coordinating the efforts of more than 70 Grange members in Yakima County is appreciated by Grange members across the western region.

The five State Presidents in the Western Regional met to discuss the 2025 conference. The conference will be held May 15-18, 2025, and will be hosted by the Montana State Grange.

## Home & Family

### The Grange Auxiliary

By Helen Berg  
Family Living Director

Whether you call your group the Grange Auxiliary, the Grange Home Economics Club, or Family Living Club, it has a definite place in the Grange, provided it is conducted with the proper attitude. In no instance should the auxiliary act without the sanction of the Grange, for your group is in reality a committee of the Grange and to be of the most value to our Grange, it should act as such.

The Grange Auxiliary should take the same place in the Grange as the member does in the home, assuming the responsibility of social contact and directing details such as serving food and making the Grange meeting place clean, cheerful and home-like.

The work has little change to lag where the group meets regularly

and has the interest of the Grange at heart. These regular meetings tend to stimulate interest in Grange work and so increase membership.

Often in these meetings, problems are discussed and investigated which will expedite Grange work later on in regular meetings. The problem of raising money is more easily handled by an organized group of members.

For the Auxiliary to be of greater value to your Grange, some attention should be given to organization. The Grange Auxiliary should always act with the interest of the Grange in mind.

An Auxiliary or Grange Club can be of the most value to your Grange if it is kept in mind that the interest of the Grange comes first and you let that govern your every act.

Before an Auxiliary is organized, it should be authorized by vote of the Grange.



Helen Berg

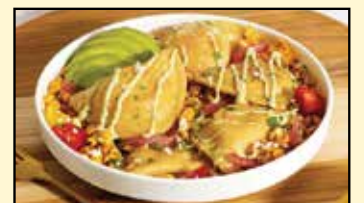
#### Opening Prayer

*Almighty Father, Maker and ruler of the Universe, and Giver of every good and perfect gift, we beseech Thee to be with us on this occasion. Bless those who assemble here for this Grange Auxiliary meeting, and endow them with prudence and wisdom. Be with all of the officers of the National and State Granges, and aid all connected with the Order in extending its benefits to all parts of our land. Prosper all orders and associations having as their object and advancement of education, and the moral welfare and happiness of mankind. Extend Thy hands over the Auxiliary. We ask this in Thy Holy Name.*

### Fun Family Mealtime Solution

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Between work, after-school activities and homework, planning memorable and fun family time is nearly impossible. A quick and easy mealtime solution uses Mrs. T's Pierogies filled with the stuff you love like creamy mashed potatoes, cheesy goodness and other big, bold flavors.



Source: Mrs. T's Pierogies

#### Fun Pierogy Burrito Bowls

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes Servings: 4

##### Ingredients: Burrito Bowls:

1 tablespoon avocado oil  
1 bag (2 pounds) Mrs. T's 4 Cheese Medley Pierogies  
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved  
1 cup fresh or frozen corn, lightly roasted  
1 ripe avocado, pitted and thinly sliced  
1 cup pickled red onions  
3/4 cup Cotija cheese  
fresh chopped cilantro, for garnish

##### Avocado Mayo Crema:

1/2 cup mayo  
1 ripe avocado, pitted and roughly chopped  
Juice of 1/2 lime

In a medium skillet over medium heat, add 1 tablespoon of avocado oil. Sauté pierogies in batches, for approximately 8 minutes on both sides until golden brown. Remove from heat and set aside.

Assemble bowls: Add pierogies, cherry tomatoes, corn, avocado, pickled red onions, Cotija cheese and chopped cilantro. and add evenly to serving bowls.

Prepare avocado mayo crema: Add mayo, avocado and lime juice to a food processor. Process until smooth. Drizzle avocado mayo crema over bowl, if desired.

# Grange Month Displays

## Washington Granges Celebrate Grange Month



As a Grange month activity, six members of Washington Grange No. 82 met at the Cascade branch of the FVRL (Fort Vancouver Regional Library) to dedicate a second seed cabinet to a local library in our community. Our Grange purchased the cabinet and multiple vegetable and flower seed packages for the library so they could be divided into smaller amounts of seeds free to the public. Earlier on March 18th nine of our member's gathered at our hall to open up the vegetable and flower seed packages we purchased for the event. Next, we divided the contents into smaller seed packets: The smaller packets were then labeled with their contents to be delivered to the two libraries where our seed cabinets are located. Each envelope is stamped on the back with the name of our Grange and the words "donated by" along with our Grange website address: WAGR82.ORG.



Grange Month Display at the Deer Park Library by Gardenspot #278 and Williams Valley #452 Granges. Plus 1 member Captain O'Riordan is pictured helping.

Issaquah Valley Grange welcomed Mike Mahovich, Fish Biologist for the Mucleshoot Tribe to their Grange Month public program on April 8. He shared his wisdom and research after thirty years working with the salmon runs in the Lake Washington watershed. Issaquah is looking forward to becoming a Salmon Sanctuary City.



Green Bluff Grange Display for Grange Month at the Spokane Library.



Pictured is the Grange Month Display by Fargher Lake Grange in Clark County.



To celebrate Grange Month, Rose Valley Grange had a spaghetti feed dinner during their Grange Night. We set up table explaining the history of our Grange. Community members supported us for dinner while reminiscing of the history of the Grange.

