

2010

Looking Forward

Here Are Our Goals And
Needs For This Year.

New sign and continued
maintenance of Meserve Park.

Improve parking, disabled
access and maintenance of
Grange hall.

Continue maintenance of
Grays River Cemetery.

Keep supporting community
efforts.

Continue engaging nextdoor
neighbors regarding the upkeep
of their property.

**Please consider making a
financial contribution.**

We're a 501 c8 fraternal group
with very low overhead costs.
Make your donation count locally!

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Grays River Grange #124

Newsletter Winter 2010



Happy New Year To
Our Members &
Supporters!

The GRAYS RIVER
GRANGE wants you to
know what we've been
up to and where we're
going.

Tradition of Community Leadership

GRAYS RIVER GRANGE has been serving Western Wahkiakum County since 1903 and 2010 finds us going strong. We currently have 109 members and are bringing new people in.

The venerable Grange Hall itself is doing well. In 2000, the building was raised to keep us out of the river during high water. In 2004 the kitchen was completely remodeled. Last year we renovated the bathrooms. Currently, the tiles from the false ceiling were removed revealing the original tall interior walls in the grand hall and dining room. We're working toward restoring the original and historic appearance.

COUNTY FAIR - GRAYS RIVER GRANGERS partnered with their brothers & sisters from Skamokawa #425 for another successful food booth. Both Granges split the proceeds. Local Granges also assembled exhibition booths. We're planning for 2010's fair.

MESERVE PARK – It was the second year of our Grays River Farmers Market. The location is excellent – right on SR 4 and the banks of the river. Both locals and travelers stopped in to buy fresh local produce, flowers and wares. We also set up a rest stop with free coffee and refreshments. The market was held twice a month with both vendors and customers deeming it a success. As stewards of the park, GRAYS RIVER GRANGE is happy the property serves the community while creating economic opportunities – with *zero* costs to taxpayers!

GRAYS RIVER CEMETERY – GRAYS RIVER GRANGE keeps maintaining and managing this sacred ground.

WE'RE DIGITAL! – Visit our website and keep up with what's going on. Check out our community photos, local music and issues. Bookmark graysriver.grange.wahkiakum.info or word search Grays River Grange #124.

LOCAL ADVOCACY – We are a *non-partisan* organization that hosts many candidate and community forums. Members approved a resolution in support of Naselle Youth Camp that passed at the State Grange Convention.

This year's Christmas party began a new tradition of donating to local charities, groups, or individuals.

We want to give back to the community for their continual support of the Grange.

This year's donation was \$1500 divided between:
Wahkiakum County Fair (\$500) 4H (\$500)
Wahkiakum County Food Bank (\$100)
Helping Hands Food Bank (\$100)
Wednesday Senior Citizens Lunch (\$100)
Johnson Park Kitchen (\$100) Local student,
Cody Cooley (\$100).

Come To A Meeting!

WE MEET TWICE A MONTH ON THE 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY – 7:30

6:30 IS DINNER FEATURING LOCAL FOOD when available **PREPARED IN OUR KITCHEN. THERE'S POTLUCK SIDES, SALADS & DESERTS.**

OUR HALL IS LOCATED ON THE WEST END OF GRAYS RIVER:

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