

Penny-a-Day Top Donors Named

GRANDVIEW, WA (March 30, 2020) – Grandview’s Annual Penny-a-Day campaign was again a success this year according to organizers and they have named the top community and school donors.

The campaign is conducted annually in February by Grandview’s Fred E. Hayes Post of The American Legion to help raise funds to support local, regional and national programs. It was originally started to meet a national need to support wounded troops but has since evolved into a campaign supporting a wide variety of programs and needs.

“Last year, we supported over 25 different programs, not counting the programs we deliver in our schools,’ said Post Commander Robert Gates. “Of course, this is not at all possible without the strong community support we have. People seem to understand we are not wasting precious donations but doing good,” he added.

Each year, the Post encourages a little competition among the schools and community donors. The top donors in those categories are presented with a special award

“Our top community donor this year is Eli & Kathy’s Family Restaurant,” Gates said. They have been great supports since the campaigns began but had been edged out of the top spot the last two years. “They even overcame some thefts from the donation can this year, so we are grateful for their achievement,” he noted.

“Our top school donor was not a surprise,” Gates said. “McClure School again captured top honors, as they have done every year since the campaigns started.” All schools except Smith School participated this year, including the Contract Learning Center.

Awards will be presented to the top donors at a later date. “All of our awards are in limbo right now since the Legion’s distribution center is not staffed due to COVID-19 restrictions,” Gates said.