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Oregon Grangers Recognized as National Grange Legacy Families

Two Oregon families, the Trupp family of Spencer Creek Grange #855 in Lane County with six generations of Grange membership and the Clack family of Myrtle Creek Grange #442 in Douglas County with five generations of Grange membership were recognized as Grange Legacy Families during the National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada.

As part of the National Grange’s

150th birthday, the National Grange started the Grange Legacy Family Recognition program to honor those families whom have five or more generations involved as Grange members.

With the addition of the Trupp and Clack families, ten Oregon families have been recognized since 2016.



Above L-r: Michelle Croy, a member of the Oregon State Grange Lecturer’s committee, National Grange President Betsy Huber, Oregon State Lecturer Cookie Trupp and Oregon Youth President Courtney Gordon, all members of Spencer Creek Grange #855, received their famiy’s Grange Legacy Family award during the Night of Honors at the 156th National Grange convention in November. (See their family story on page 3)

Right l-r: National Grange President Betsy Huber presented Myrtle Creek Grange #442 Master Vickie Thorp and her granddaughter, a 1+ Junior member RaeyLynn Thorp, with the Clack Grange Legacy Family award during the Night of Honors at the 156th National Grange convention in November. Both were part of the Rosebud team which participated in the 6th degree both at the 2022 State and National Grange conventions. (See their family story on page 4)



Getting ready for “A Big To-Do In District 2!” June 17 to 22, 2023

It is time to think about where you might stay while attending this year’s 150th Oregon State Convention. This year it will be at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. W in Rickreall.

Host Committee manage the campers and pay at the end of the event with a single check.



On Site

If you have a camper or travel home there will be plenty of available hookups. Spots go for \$25 a night and include electricity (30 or 50 amp) and water. There is a septic dump on site, free to campers. There is no need for reservations as there are more hookups than will ever be needed by the OSG. The Fairgrounds would prefer that OSG

If you plan to get there early and would like free camping, consider stepping up to be the “Wagon Master”. Your job would be to keep track of the number of Grange campers and the number of nights each stays and collect the money. The host committee would report the use and pay the fairgrounds at

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The President's Column

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I was recently reading an article in the "Morning Ag Clips" discussing employment trends, the aging workforce, and employee training. They detailed the results of a survey of retiring employees and what progress each had made in training their replacement, passing on the invaluable knowledge and insights acquired through years of effort.

Only 18% have shared all of their knowledge. 57% had shared half or less of the knowledge needed to perform their job responsibilities, and 21% had shared none of their knowledge.

I bring this up as I help gather the contact information of the 163 Granges in Oregon, and see many new names as President, Secretary, and Treasurer in our halls.

First, I want to truly thank everyone who has shouldered these responsibilities in their Granges. Your membership has relied on your willingness, wisdom, effort, and yes, patience. I also applaud the transition from experienced leaders to new members, bravely taking on new responsibilities. A Grange is strongest when more than one member knows the ropes of the various officer positions. This allows graceful help if an officer is unable to attend a meeting, has a family emergency, or is away on vacation – we do all have lives.

There is one important task which does not get the attention it deserves. It is one of the most important responsibilities which a Grange officer assumes when "put-

ting on the sash". It is helping your successor learn the details of their role, letting them benefit from your experience, and, at the same time, gracefully giving them the space to chart their own course.

I have recently interacted with a new officer who asked me "what is this "annual word" thing?". The prior leadership had never communicated the annual word to the membership in the preceding years, and they were ignorant of its meaning and existence. Many Grangers would be surprised by this. I know I was, but in recent years, for a Granger who did not visit other Granges or the State Convention, there might not be a consequence.

Now, however, the annual word has a new purpose, beyond its historical purpose of allowing a Granger to prove their membership, to Grangers they do not know, by speaking the secret password.

Now the annual word is also the key on the NEW and IMPROVED Oregon State Grange website, to enter the "Members" section. This section contains various resources including the form to submit events for the Oregon State Grange Calendar, recommendations for contractors in your Grange district, personal contact information for the various officers, committee members and deputies of the Oregon State Grange, and nearer convention, proposed policy resolutions. These features are new and will gain value as more events and recommendations are submitted.

To get to the Members Area go to

orgrange.org and click on the login in the upper right. Choose "Register" and fill out the form with your information, which will be reviewed by the OSG webmaster and approved. Approval may take a day or two depending on the OSG webmaster's availability. After approval you will be able to enter the Members Only section by entering your email and the password you choose in the registration form.

OK, so now I know several of you will be thinking "what is that annual word again?" Ask the President of your Grange. If he or she does not recall it have them call the State Grange Office and speak to me. The annual word should be communicated verbally.

Each Grange receives the annual word in a mailing to the Grange President after they have returned their 4th Quarterly Report of the year. The President then verbally communicates the word to the membership at the next meeting. During the 1st quarter of the year the website will accept both the last year's and the coming year's annual word.

The highest ceremonial level of the Grange is the Assembly of Demeter, made up of all 7th degree members, and the annual word is communicated from the High Priest of Demeter to the National Grange President. Each year, at the National Grange Convention in November the State Grange Presidents are individually told the annual word. The word is then communicated throughout the organization. There are also annual words for the Pomona and Junior Grange levels.

Now you know about the annual word! I hope you take some time to visit the NEW and IMPROVED Oregon State Grange Website – it is a good resource for our Grangers, at every level.



Above: Each of the State Presidents of the Western Region had an opportunity during the Host Region reception on Monday night of National Grange Convention to say welcome. Brother Jay kept it short as directed sharing a little about the Grange in Oregon and some of Oregon's top Agricultural crops.

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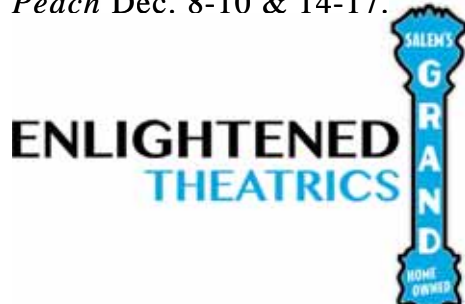
In mid-November Enlightened Theatrics moved into the vacant back office of the Oregon State Grange headquarters building in Salem. The office had been vacant since August of 2020 when the accounting firm that had been previously leasing it moved out as part of an overall change in their business.

The theater group is a good match for the state Grange as they usually only have a couple of people at their office during the day with more in evenings and some weekends, so sharing parking spaces works for all.

Enlightened Theatrics was founded in 2013 by theatre professional Vincenzo Meduri, produces professional and educational theatre opportunities featuring tal-

ent from New York to Salem and industry leaders in theatre arts training. They put their productions on at Salem's Historic Grand Theatre, located on High Street, just half a dozen blocks from the state Grange office.

Their next performance will be *Dear Elizabeth* March 10-19. Other performances this year include: *Could You Hug A Cactus?* May 5-7, *Xanadu* Aug. 11-13 & 17-20, and *James and the Giant Peach* Dec. 8-10 & 14-17.



Trupp Family Grange Legacy

The Trupp family of Spencer Creek Grange #855, Lane County, were recognized as a six-generation Grange Legacy Family.

Generation 1

Hans Andreassen Svarverud was born in 1865, in Hønefoss, Buskerud, Norway and immigrated with his family to the United State in 1868.

He married Christine Bergitta Strand and they had several children including a daughter Ella Sophia Svarverud. Hans and Christine joined Spencer Creek Grange in April 1938 shortly after it was organized.

Generation 2

Ella Sophia Svarverud married Jesse Linton Furrow and after his death, she joined Spencer Creek Grange during the second quarter of 1971.

Henry Heinrich Trupp was born in 1879, in Frank, Russia. He joined Odessa Grange #931 in 1935 in Odessa, Lincoln County, Washington.

Generation 3

Daniel Trupp was born in 1913, in Odessa, Washington. He joined Odessa Grange #931 in 1935. Then in 1940, he reinstated Spencer Creek Grange #855 in Lane County. Daniel Trupp married Helen Kathrine Furrow in 1941 and she too joined Spencer Creek Grange in 1944.

Generation 4

Daniel and Helen had three sons all of which joined Spencer Creek Grange; Lynn in 1958, Malcolm in 1959 and James in 1962 as did their wives either before or after getting

married. In 1970 Lynn demitted to Sauvies Island Grange #840 in Multnomah County. His wife Mary also joined Sauvies Island at that time and her parents were already members there. He has served in several offices including Master.

Malcolm married LaMora “Cookie” Stayner in 1966. She had joined Spencer Creek Grange in 1964 where her parents had been members since 1949.

Both Malcolm and Cookie have served in many officers’ positions in their local, Pomona and State Grange. They have both been Oregon State Grange officers and were the 1978 Oregon Outstanding Young Couple

Generation 5

Includes Lynn’s son, Mark Trupp, who is a member of Sauvies Island Grange since 1989.

Malcolm and Cookie’ children, Douglas Trupp and Michele Trupp Croy both joined Spencer Creek in 1991. Michelle’s husband John Croy joined Spencer Creek in 1988. They were married in 1992.

Jim’s daughter, Jami Trupp Jacobsen joined Spencer Creek in 1995.

Generation 6

Courtney Croy Gordon, daughter of Michelle and John Croy joined Spencer Creek in 2009. In 2022 she married Tyler Gordon who had joined Spencer Creek in 2021. She is the current Oregon State Grange Youth President and serves on the State Grange Lecturer’s committee.



The Lecturer’s Column

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April is Grange Month: Are You Making Plans?

Plan now how your Grange will celebrate National Grange Month in April. Our organization began as the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry in 1867 by Oliver Hudson Kelley and six others. They envisioned a secret fraternal order that would serve a social purpose in order to relieve the dreary life of farm families, as well as offering better farming techniques.

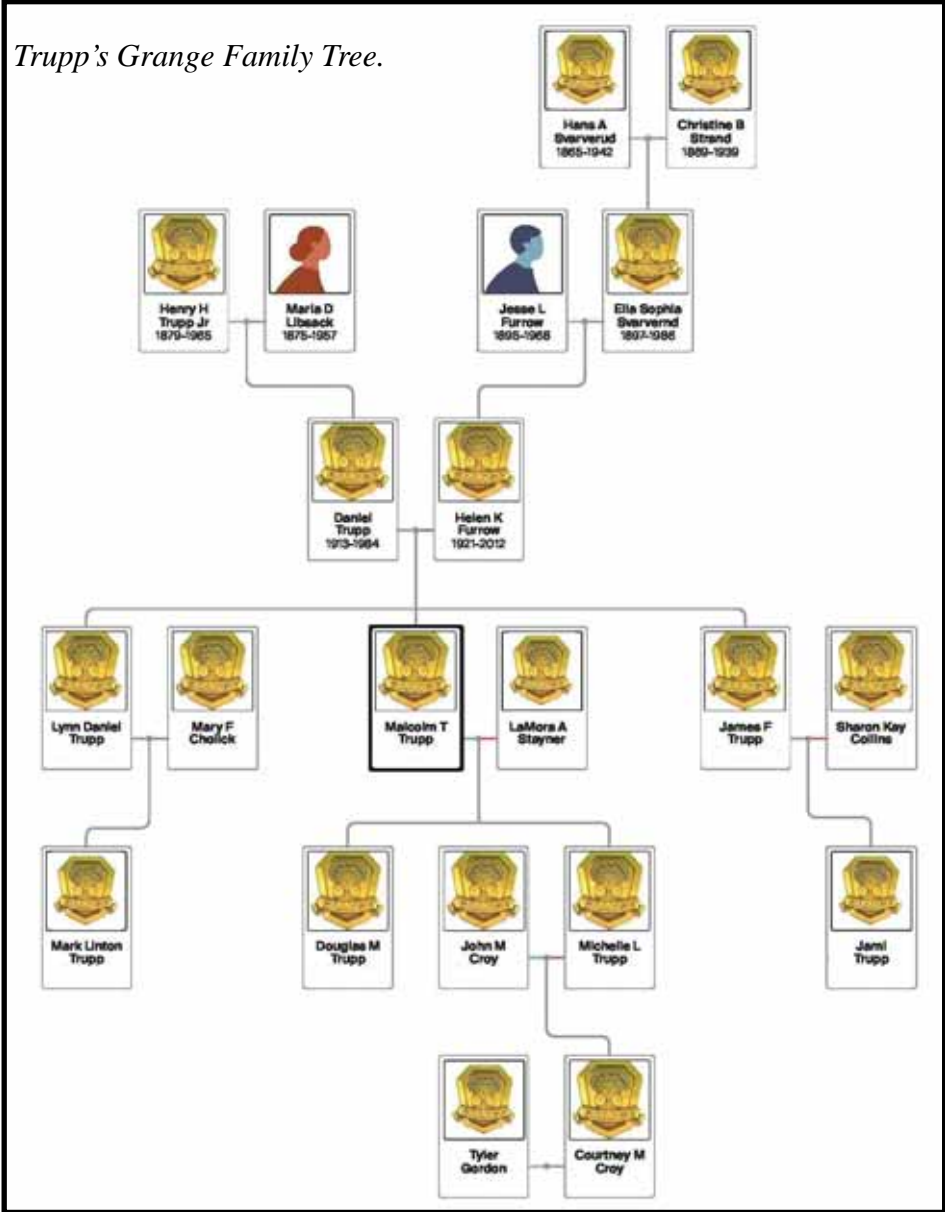
William Saunders, one of the founders, suggested that the meeting house of the Patrons be called a “Grange,” a name given to estates belonging to feudal lords in medieval England. It is one of the few organizations that from the beginning admitted women to membership on the basis of equality with men.

A good time to plan to have your Grange Open House is in April, National Grange month. Here are some pointers to keep in mind while making plans for your open house.

- Open house demonstrates the role the Grange is playing, and is capable of playing in the community with increased effort and support.
- Make effective use of dis-

plays around the room showing projects worked on by your members. Include past entries in State GWA, Lecturer, and Community Service contests.

- Use your open house to tell what the Grange stands for, especially your Grange in your community.
- If your Grange is planning to invite a representative from a local organization to also speak, and you plan to give them a donation, do so at the open house. This not only enables non-Grangers to learn about the Grange but shows the Community Service aspects.
- Send out invitations to non-members, also follow up with personal contact.
- Get as much media support as possible, newspapers, radio, public service announcements.
- Ask several members to take pictures so you will be able to capture the magic of your Grange Open House, then sit back and enjoy the fruits of your labor!



FEBRUARY NATIONAL GRANGE EVENT

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

FEBRUARY 2023

ALL TIMES EASTERN

28: LECTURER'S FORUM (ZOOM)

8:30 P.M.

National Grange Lecturer Ann Bercher will lead a discussion on contests, programming, and more in the Lecturer's Department. Contact lecturer@nationalgrange.org for more information.



A Zoom link will be shared on Facebook as date gets closer or contact the National Lecturer to receive it.

GRANGE MEMBERSHIP MAY CAUSE PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND COMMUNITY PRIDE





The Chaplain's Corner

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Happy New Year Grangers! Hope all of you enjoyed the holiday season. *add to jar.*

Now is a new year - try something new even something small-start a blessing jar. *Each day write down something your thankful for and* Almighty Father thank you for the new year. May this year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. Take care and God Bless.

In Memoriam

Darlene Amos Redland #796	Kathy Force Central #360
Neal Baldwin Midland #781	Mysti Kahler Sunnyridge #898
Albion (Russ) Bean Pacific #413	Loren Klepper Warren #536
Betty Bunker Fruitdale #379	Pam Low Hurricane Creek #608
Dennis Campbell Sandlake #546	Beverly Pratt Lowell #745
Wayne Cook Hurricane Creek #608	Margy Rebmann Lacomb #907
Beverly Flint Kinton #562	Douglas Rowell Scholls #338



*Seen through the eyes of Faith,
we remember our Brothers and Sisters
not as ones dead,
they have only gone on before us through
the gates of the Grange above,
where dwells the Great Master of us all.*

The Clacks – A Grange Legacy Family

The Clack family of Myrtle Creek Grange #442, Douglas County, were recognized as a five-generation Grange Legacy Family.

Generation 1

The original family Grangers were James (Jim) and Inde Clack who became members of Myrtle Creek Grange #442 in March 1946

Over the years, Jim was Overseer, Lecturer, Master and served on the Ex. Committee. For many years, Jim was in charge of directing the tableaux presented during Installation and Degree work for MC and Pomona Grange. He was instrumental in the construction and completion of the current Myrtle Creek Grange hall. Inde held several positions in the Grange during her lifetime including Secretary and being Chairwoman of the MC Grange Dart Throw Booth during Myrtle Creek's Fall Festival.

In the 1940's, Inde, her sister, Erica, along with others, began serving sandwiches, fruits and beverages to their children and members of the local 4-H club that were showing their horses and livestock at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Their endeavor would eventually lead to the Myrtle Creek Grange having a food booth at the County Fair for more than fifty years.

Generation 2

Jim and Inde Clack had three sons, Raynor, Calvin and Ronald; all joined the Grange when they became old enough to do so.

Calvin and his wife, Lavina became Co-Chairmen of the Grange Food Booth in 1965 and remained as Co-Chairs 1998. The Food Booth was a substantial fund raiser that has enabled their Grange to build a really impressive hall for Grange activities and community events.

Calvin and Lavina were the Oregon State Grange Outstanding Young Couple in 1966 and represented Oregon at the National Grange Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Lavina held several offices: she was the Junior Grange Matron for Myrtle Creek for many years, and was in charge of hall rentals. She was Oregon State Youth Director. She and Calvin enjoyed being Lady Assistant and Assistant Steward. They led/or participated in many Degree and Installation teams. They were co-captains of three Rosebud Drill teams over the years.

Calvin and Lavina loved playing pinochle and very seldom missed a chance to play. Myrtle Creek Grange held card parties the first Saturday of each month for many years. Each year also included a special New Year's Eve card party, so it isn't too surprising that on

December 31, 1960, when Lavina went into labor, their firstborn child, Vickie, was almost literally born into Grange.

Generation Three

Vickie was joined a couple years later by her sister, Connie and then three years later by her brother, Bruce. All three children have been a part of the Grange since their births and have been very active members since they could join Junior Grange at age 5 moving on to become Subordinate Grange members.

Vickie attended several State Grange sessions with her parents and in 1971, at age 10, memorized and performed the Installation Ceremony for the Oregon State Grange Junior Officers.

In 1986, Vickie became Matron of the MC Junior Grange. She remained Matron until her own boys moved up to the Subordinate level. She has been LAS, Secretary, and Lecturer of MC Grange. This year she is serving as Master.

Vickie's husband., Frank Thorp, joined the Grange in 1979 and is also an active member. Many of Frank's contributions are behind the scenes as he is an electrician and also helps with repairs and improvements of the hall.

Generation Four

Frank and Vickie's two sons, Ryland and Jaymes (Alex) Thorp helped support Grandma and Grandpa and now their parents, Vickie and Frank, with Grange happenings and improvements and have been Grange Officers as well.

Generation Five

In 2020, Alex's daughter, Emily, joined Myrtle Creek Grange. Then 2021 saw Ryland's children, Annabelle, RaeyLynn and Roen become 1+ Junior members. When Vickie was asked to captain the Rosebud Drill Team for Oregon State Grange in 2021. It became a 3-generation family event. Vickie, Annabelle and RaeyLynn marched in the drill with Frank and Ryland as the ushers.

Calvin Clack served as Master of Myrtle Creek Grange #442 for 50 years. At the MC Grange's "Raised Right Here" Open House on April 1, 2022, Calvin was honored for 73 years of service as a MC Grange member. It was especially poignant for the family, to receive the Legacy Family Award for five generations this year at National Grange Convention as Calvin passed away on August 24, 2022. Jim, Inde, Calvin, Lavina, Vickie, Frank, Ryland and Alex have all received the Seventh Degree and when combined with the 1+ Junior members have over 350 years of Subordinate Grange service.

Does Your Grange Want Copies of the Bulletin?

Now that Granges are opening back up, requests for copies of the paper are also increasing. We have come up with a couple options for Granges to get copies of the papers.

- **Option one** is 5-10 copies of every issue which will be mailed in the name of the Grange for the Grange to use at their monthly events, i.e., breakfasts, dinners, Bingo or the like. The Grange name will be added to the mailing list and the Bulletin will arrive like clockwork every two months. So far Hurricane Creek, Warren and Brownsmead Granges are taking advantage of this plan. It is significantly less expensive to have them mailed from the printer than from the office.
- **Option two** is copies for individual events like an open house or your county fair. Let the office know by the deadline for the issue you want and numbers needed and they will be added to the count being printed. Once they arrive back from the printer they can be picked up or shipped to you.

Please let the Bulletin Editor know if you want to take advantage of either of these options.





Volunteers Needed

2023 Ag Fest April 29 & 30

Saturday April 29 - Sunday April 30 Oregon State Fairgrounds

Volunteers needed to work in the State Grange Activity Booth.
Help families transplant vegetable and flower starts.
Smile, talk Grange and have fun.

Saturday Shifts:
8:30am to 11:30am
11:30am to 2:30pm
2:30 to 5:00pm.

Sunday Shifts:
10am to 12:30pm
12:30 to 3pm
3:00pm- 5:30pm*
*(*includes help with cleanup).*

To Volunteer

8 or more people needed per shift
Contact: Jay Sexton
president@orgrange.org ~ 503-316-0106

This is a family affair. Juniors, Youth and Young Adults are encouraged to volunteer and bring your family.

Oregon Small Farms Conference

The 2023 Oregon Small Farms Conference will be held on February 18th on the Oregon State University Campus in Corvallis. The Oregon Small Farms Conference will be back to an in-person day for the 2023 event after being cancelled in 2021 and held virtually in 2022. The conference is geared toward farmers, agricultural professionals, food policy advocates, students and managers of farmers markets. Educational sessions are offered on a variety of topics relevant to Oregon small farmers. Speakers include farmers, OSU Extension faculty, agribusiness, and more.

Registration is currently open until all 800 spaces are filled. At the door registration may NOT be available due to space restrictions. Before registering review the sessions available and have a 1st and 2nd choice ready. Sessions will fill up quickly. The early bird registration

deadline has passed but general registration is open at \$85 per person. Partial scholarships are available for veterans and farmers of color. Please email smallfarmsprogram@oregonstate.edu to request the code. For conference information: <https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms-conference/>. As a Silver Level sponsor the Oregon State Grange will have a display at the conference.

One of the sessions at the conference is Oregon Olives 101 with Logan Bennett and Heather Stoven, OSU Small Farms Program. Olives are a relatively new crop to Oregon, first planted in the early 2000's. Interest in olives as a local niche crop has increased recently as concerns over climate change and drought intensify. This class will discuss the current Oregon olive industry, required growing conditions, including climate and new pest challenges for growing olives in western Oregon.

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The Agricultural Report

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!!! Attention All Ye Gardeners !!!

New this year: The 2023 Oregon State Grange Garden Design Contest is open to everyone!

Entries must include: A written description that includes the gardener's name, the Division, and the Category. The Grange's name, number and location, and gardeners' contact information including mailing address, email address, and phone number. The purpose of the garden; such as herbs, produce for fresh use, produce for preserving, gifting, cut flowers, pollinators, etc. A list of all plant varieties in the garden: (ex. Early Girl Tomato, Malabar Spinach). Three photographs: one at the completion of planting, one mid-season and one in June.

All entries must be received electronically by the State Agriculture Director by June 10 in time for the Oregon State convention as a single PDF file sent to grassjune@hotmail.com. Additional entry information is available online at the Oregon State Grange webpage.

Winners will receive a cash award for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all divisions, and with the addition of an August garden photograph, their entries will be forwarded to compete in the National Grange Garden Design contest.

So many versions of a garden can be a winner. Try a native plants for birds garden, a pollinator garden, a Japanese garden, a kitchen salad garden outside your back door, or a tomato/pepper salsa garden...the ideas are limitless!

Groups and Divisions:

- Individual Jr Granger (age 5-14)
 - Container Garden
 - Raised Bed Garden
 - Ground Space Garden
- Individual Adult (age 14 +)
 - Container Garden
 - Raised Bed Garden
 - Ground Space Garden
- Group (all ages)
 - Container Garden
 - Raised Bed Garden
 - Ground Space Garden



USDA Expands Eligibility, Enhances Benefits for Key Disaster Programs

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Policy changes will help more producers recover from natural disasters

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) made updates to several conservation, livestock and crop disaster assistance programs to give more farmers, ranchers, and tribes the opportunity to apply for and access programs that support recovery following natural disasters. Specifically, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) expanded eligibility and enhanced available benefits for a suite of its programs. These updates will provide critical assistance to producers who need to rebuild and recover after suffering catastrophic losses of production and infrastructure due to natural disasters.

FSA has updated the following programs: The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP), the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and

the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

"As I meet with producers across the country, I have gained a better understanding of the ways in which our programs work—and the ways in which they can be improved to better support all producers, especially those who are working to rebuild their operations after a disaster," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "This set of updates to our disaster assistance programs reflects FSA's commitment to listening to producers and responding to their needs wherever we have the authorities to do so. We are confident that these changes will increase both the accessibility and efficacy of our disaster assistance programs, consistent with our goal to build equity into the fabric of our work at the FSA."

https://www.fsa.usda.gov/newsroom/news-releases/2023/usda-expands-eligibility-enhances-benefits-for-key-disaster-programs?utm_campaign=0110-benefits&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Community Service Involvement

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Happy New Year,

It is that time of the year that we take stock of what we have accomplished the previous year. Grangers are busy taking pride in the activities and community service they did in the Grange and their surrounding community. I hope that all those activities and community services were well recorded and ready to add in to the Community Service Report to be submitted to the Oregon State Office no later than **March 31, 2023**.

One of the many benefits of doing Community Service is it gets you out and involved in your neighborhood. This allows you to discover what is needed and how you can fill that need by living the Grange mission. You will meet new friends as well as gain new members.

Forms and instructions are available on the Oregon State Website.
http://orgrange.org/res/forms/comm/cs_Comm-Service-Annual-Report.pdf

New Community Service Project Tracking Form

This new Community Service Project Report Form will help you track your service project as you do them. There is a fillable version on the Oregon State Grange Website. The main purpose of the new form is to give you a tool to help you record the information while it is still fresh. Then when the time comes for the report or notebook you will be ready.

Remember:

Everything counts as volunteer hours when a Grange member works with another group for a common cause in partnership with the Grange and hours count when two or more Granges work together on a community service project.

What does not count:

Grange Hall maintenance and meetings.

I am looking forward to getting your Annual Community Service report.



Above: Eight of the Creswell members that assembled Christmas Stockings.

Creswell Prepares Christmas Stockings

Creswell Meals on Wheels was the recipient of 42 Christmas stocking assembled by Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, on December 20th. 11 Creswell Grange members, including two Junior members, worked on the project.

The stockings contained apples, tangerines, cookies, peppermint candies, instant cocoa, tea, a knit

cap (made by Creswell Grange member Alicia Nilsen), and a small stuffed animal either a penguin, unicorn, or puppy.

A stocking was also taken to the Creswell Chamber of Commerce staff person and Christmas baskets with fruit and cookies were delivered to the Creswell Sheriff's Deputies, Fire Department, and city staff.

Lorane Grange Honors Veterans

On December 17 ten members of Lorane Grange #54, Lane County, joined in Wreaths Across America to put wreaths on gravesites of Veterans at Springfield Memorial Gardens in Springfield. A brief ceremony which included prayers and the presentation of the colors was held before the volunteers spread out over the cemetery to lay wreaths on the graves of veterans and first responders.

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the organization coordinates the laying of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,700 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

One Grange member remarked "it was a very moving experience."



Shoes 4 Kids Meets a Need

Fruitdale Grange #379, Josephine County, took 80 children shopping for shoes and socks just before the New Year as part of their Shoes 4 Kids community service project.

Registration for the project is open several times a year and the number of children served continues to grow.



Above L-r: Connie Suing, Master of Crow Grange, (center) presented a check to head of Cougar Mat Club Troy Jentzsch along with Mat Club wrestlers Sam Betts, Carmynn Fisher and coach Kat Jentzsch.

Crow Grange Holds Annual Benefit Breakfast

On November 27th Crow Grange #450, Lane County, held their 3rd annual Steve Boehringer Memorial Breakfast. Steve Boehringer was a very active member at Crow Grange starting as a Junior in 1967 at age five until his untimely passing at age 23. He was a 4th generation Granger and held many offices including Oregon State Junior Master and Master of Crow Grange. Active in the Youth and Young Adults program, he served on many drill and degree teams from Lane County.

Wrestling became his passion and after high school, while attending

the University of Oregon, he became the wrestling coach at Crow High School. One of his wrestlers, Troy Jentzsch, is the current wrestling coach at Crow High and attributes a lot of his drive and commitment for the sport to the values he learned from Steve. Steve instilled proud, positive, respectful, and hard-working values in Troy which Troy in turn instills in kids today.

For many years there has been a "Steve Boehringer Memorial Wrestling Tournament" held at Crow High School. The newest wrestling mat the school has was bought in

Steve's honor after many fundraisers.

Three years ago, Crow members asked Troy if they could hold a breakfast to help out the Wrestling club. They said "Yes" and that they'd like to help. This 3rd breakfast raised \$600.00 and the amount is still rising. All the proceeds from this fun event go to the Cougar Mat Club.

Fun fact – one of the wrestlers in the Cougar Mat Club is 5th generation Junior 1+ Granger Beau Strasheim. This year the money Crow Grange donated helped purchase wrestling singlets and shoes for club.



Above: Dan Suing flipping pancakes at the breakfast.

Midland Donates to Food Bank

Midland Grange #781, Klamath County, wanted to help and support their community so the members decided to buy a ton of food for the Klamath-Lake Counties Food Bank. A three-hundred-dollar donation will buy two thousand pounds of food helping those less fortunate have food for the holidays.

Klamath-Lake Counties Food

Bank distributed a grand total of 2.5 million pounds of food in 2021 including 700,000 pounds of produce, provided food boxes to 9,500 households in Klamath and Lake Counties and 135 Thanksgiving dinners. 2022 numbers were expected to be similar.

Midland Grange would like to wish all the best for the New Year.



Above: L-r: Midland President Louise Holst and Bonnie Sims, Secretary/Treasurer of Midland Grange presented a check to Nikki Sampson, Director of the Klamath-Lake Counties Food Bank.

Creswell Grange Honors Three as 2023 Members of the Year

At their January 2023 meeting, Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, recognized three of their hardest working volunteers. Priscilla Phillips was honored as the 2022 Volunteer of the Year. She volunteers at almost every event, manages the kitchen with ease and is always smiling.

Also recognized were Martin and Louise McClure as Creswell's 2022 Grangers of the Year for all the work they do around the Grange.

Right- l-r: Priscilla Phillips with Creswell Master Patrick Dearth.



L-r: Creswell Master Patrick Dearth with Grangers of the Year - Louise and Martin McClure.

Crow Grange Mans Food Drop Site

A holiday community service project for Crow Grange #450, Lane County, is to serve as a drop site for the Crow Applegate Lorane school district holiday helper food baskets. Donations of food, essentials (toiletries, paper goods, etc..) or monetary donations were collected on December 11 to help the Crow Booster Club put baskets together for families who can use some extra help around the holidays.



Above: the food drop site trailer at Crow Grange.

Left: At the Crow Grange site folks are greeted by Santa (Patrick Dearth) and Mrs. Clause (Connie Suing).

Springwater Plans For Blood Drive

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, Estacada 97023 has scheduled a American Red Cross blood drive for Monday March 13th from 12:30 to 6pm at their hall at the corner of Springwater and Wallens Road.

Sign up for an appointment is available at www.redcross-blood.org.






Remember
State Community Service Reports must be postmarked by March 31.
Mail to:
Oregon State Grange
643 Union St NE ~
Salem OR 97301

DAY OF GIVING

APRIL 22, 2023

Join us for the Day of Giving!
Amplify the Grange message by donating to the Grange Foundation Youth & Junior Funds. This ONE DAY of excitement will highlight the future of the Grange and your donations make it all possible!





Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Challenges to Healthy Aging in Place Part 4: Access to Healthcare

Hello Grangers and welcome back to our discussion on what it takes to age in place in a healthy way. The factors that we have examined so far are: (1) housing; (2) income; and (3) social connectedness. Our fourth and final area in this series, is **access to health care**.

All across America, access to healthcare providers, even family physicians, is a huge problem. According to experts at the North Dakota School of Medicine, if you want to go to an OB/GYN, depending on where you live in the country, you may have to travel as much as 200 miles.¹ In 2014, researchers at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health determined that 54% of the rural counties in this country did not have a hospital with obstetric services.¹

One component of health care is preventative care. Regular use of preventative health care is critical for:

- Avoiding exposure to disease
- Timely diagnosis
- Effective disease management
- Reducing the need for aggressive treatment
- Lowering health care costs
- Improving health overall

Due to the multiple layers of barriers to access, rural residents use preventative care far less often than urban populations.² Barriers to accessing rural health care exist across the board, at the system, provider and individual basis. **System level barriers** to health care access include financial barriers, distance needed to travel to health care facilities, lack of health care facilities (clinics, hospitals and assisted living facilities) and the lack of physicians and other medical professionals in rural practice. According to *Rural Health Inequities by the Numbers*, there are 55 primary care physicians per 100,000 rural residents vs. 79 physicians per 100,000 urban residents, and there are only 30 specialists per 100,000 people in rural areas, as compared to 263 specialists per 100,000 people in urban areas.³

At the **provider level**, barriers include low satisfaction with and lack of confidence or trust in over-worked providers and/or the health-care system, and concerns about confidentiality in close rural communities. Additionally, rural health care should be a specialty in itself.

Factors involved with rural health disparities are not something that all new physicians have traditionally been trained to deal with. New medical programs are deliberately preparing medical students to meet the needs of rural populations, by developing curriculums that build students' cultural sensitivity to rural patients. For example, when a rural patient presents with gastrointestinal pain, doctors are trained to ask if the patient uses well water, and if the well is drilled or hand dug (greater risk of contamination).

Individual level barriers include concerns about the stigma associated with certain health care needs, resistance to medical interventions, conflicts with child or older adult care, general confusion about where to go and what is covered by various insurance policies, and/or what action to take if they are under or uninsured. Rural residents are also more likely to be uninsured or underinsured for longer periods of time due to a lack of steady local employment.¹ All of these barriers are associated with a greater likelihood of delaying or going without care.²

So, what methods are available for us to leverage into a better umbrella of care? Telehealth is an appointment with a doctor, nurse, or other health professional by video or phone. Telehealth is a way for health care providers to deliver clinical health care to patients remotely and has demonstrated benefits including improved access to care, convenience, and slowing spread of infectious disease. In 2021, 37.0% of adults used telemedicine at least once.⁴ During the COVID-19 pandemic, legislation expanded coverage for telemedicine health care services, and reimbursements for telehealth have continued to evolve with the federal government, state Medicaid programs, and private insurers expanding coverage for virtual health care services⁴. This was a game changer and has the potential to significantly increase rural exposure to health care physicians and specialists.

Increasing Telehealth usage has the most immediate potential to quickly ramp up access to health care for rural residents and that can be accomplished by supporting broadband expansion. Broadband access remains a challenge for rural residents in large part due to geography. Additionally, housing in rural areas



Above: A classroom of 3rd graders in Creslane Elementary School learn about the dictionary.

Creswell Provides Dictionaries

Members of Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, handed out 97 dictionaries to the 3rd graders in Creslane Elementary School the second week of January as part of the "Words for Thirds" program.

L-r: Handing out the dictionaries are Creswell Grange members Georgann Squire, Patti Scott and Patrick Dearth.



is often spread out across great distances and this increases the cost of building out the infrastructure needed to provide internet access.⁶ Internet service providers don't see a favorable return on investment and often require federal or state subsidies to begin development.

Unfortunately, broadband access is only one part of the equation, many rural residents report financial difficulties as well. According to a recent survey conducted by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the majority of rural households said the most they could afford to pay for internet services was \$10 per month, while most internet companies charge between \$50 and \$80 per month. Without subsidies, such as those offered by the *Connect America* fund, internet access could still remain out of reach for many rural households.

As we close this discussion, I am reminded of what I know about our humble beginnings. One of the primary reasons for forming the Grange was to decrease rural isolation and increase education and communication to rural areas. In 1867, Grange founder Oliver Kelley, on an official fact-finding mission for the Secretary of Agriculture, described the rural South as a land devastated by war and a people burdened with distrust, debt and depression.⁵ In particular, he was struck by the farmer's lack of social life. It was his hope that the Grange's fraternal focus would lay a foundation of education and social well-being for rural residents. Expanding broadband access to all rural homes does exactly that.

As Grangers, we can take steps to further those initial hopes and goals of Oliver Kelley. One step we can take to help increase rural access to health care, is to make this need heard. I ask you to join me now and visit the American Farm Bureau Federation website and ask members of Congress to support broadband expansion: <https://www.fb.org/advocacy/action-alerts/rural-broadband/>

I wish you and your loved ones the opportunity for healthy aging in place!

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Could Your Grange Use a Grant For a Deaf Awareness Project?

There are approximately 10,000,000 persons who are hard of hearing and 1,000,000 persons who are functionally hard of hearing or deaf.¹ Deafness is often thought of as a one size fits all with all Deaf people sharing a single problem. In truth, there is great diversity within deafness and the needs of these people also very different. Some might be born with a hearing impairment or might develop hearing loss later in life. There are also a variety of communication methods favored by the deaf or hard of hearing, including sign language, lip-reading, hearing aids or other types of technology.

Most hearing people don't come into contact with Deaf people unless they have Deaf family members, or as adults in the workplace. As a result, many hearing people have misconceptions about Deaf people. Most Deaf people have hearing parents and don't come into contact with Deaf adults or Sign Language before starting school. This lack of contact and knowledge marginalizes Deaf people and their culture.²

Helping to develop healthy, realistic expectations for the Deaf, positive reactions to deafness, and exposure to Deaf Role Models will help young Deaf people develop a bicultural identity and form healthy relationships with Deaf and hearing people alike.

At the National Grange Foundation, a fund was developed some time ago for the support of deaf activities within the Grange. These funds are still available, and a grant program is being offered to assist states to fund various deaf awareness activities. In the past these grants helped Granges in Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington.

Grants up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 will be awarded to each approved application and will be awarded to the State Grange. The State Grange can then transfer those funds to the Community or Pomona Grange conducting the deaf activity included in the grant application. A maximum of two grants will be awarded per year.

Grants may be awarded for any project that enhances deaf education. Creativity and uniqueness of the projects will be factored into the selection process. The Grange Foundation is looking for projects with not only an impact on deaf education but plans that involve members working with deaf community in some way. The Foundation will give preference to Granges who are doing more than fundraising.

Past projects include:
• **Idaho Grange – Project Vote** -

intends to increase accessibility to the electoral process by increasing awareness of city clerks and poll workers to issues encountered by individuals who are deaf or have a hearing impairment.

- **New Jersey – SmartBoard for Petway Elementary School** – Vineland, NJ they are interactive white boards.
- **Michigan – Ear Plugs for Ashley Trading Days** - for the tractor pull contests.

If your Grange is interested in promoting a Deaf Awareness project please submit your idea to Lilly Anderson, Deaf Awareness and Family Health Director, Oregon State Grange at: office@orgrange.org with Deaf Awareness Grant in the subject line.

Application deadline for the state is April 15, 2023. Please provide the following information:

- Name and Address of Contact Person
- Date of Submission
- Name of the Project
- Description of the Project
- Anticipated number of people involved
- Anticipated impact on the Grange (State and/or Local)
- Anticipated impact on the Community

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The Education Committee

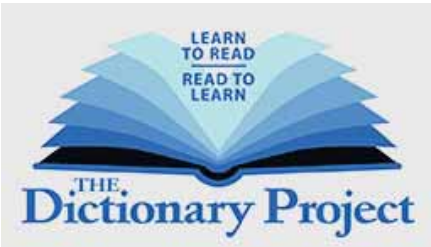


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In 2022 Oregon Governor Kate Brown sign HB 4114, one of the new laws that went into effect January 1, 2023 which requires school board candidates to file the same ethics filing as other candidates. Elected city, county and state officials as well as the members of many boards and commissions and school districts' chief administrative officer and financial officer already must file the statements.

HB 4114 requires school board members to file a verified Statement of Economic Interest. Oregon law prohibits using public office for personal gain and so requires a disclosure of economic interests and potential conflicts.

It evens the field and is not burdensome. I don't think it will affect the number of available candidates that run for local school board.

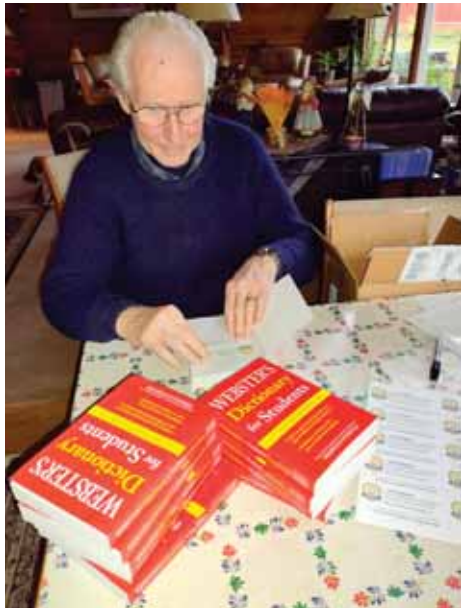


Springwater Grange Delivers Dictionaries to Three Schools

Clackamas River Elementary School and Riversmill Elementary School in Estacada along with Colton Elementary School in Colton received dictionaries in November from Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County as part of the "Words for Thirds" program.

A total of 206 dictionaries were delivered to the schools to be given to the third graders; 91 dictionaries to Clackamas River, 82 for Riversmill and 33 went to Colton.

All dictionaries were dropped off at the school offices. The hope is next year the Grange will be able to give the dictionaries directly to the children in the classrooms.



Above: Springwater member Hans Middlehoven labels the dictionaries in preparation for delivery to the schools.

2023 Grange Scholarships

OSG Foundation Scholarships

Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Memorial Scholarship

For an Oregon Grange member or the child or grandchild of an Oregon Grange member who has graduated from high school or completed a GED. For undergraduate work while attending any institute for post-high school education. Amount is variable. Paid to the recipient with proof of enrollment.

Mary Helen Sauter Ramm Memorial Scholarship

For a female Oregon Grange member undergraduate or graduate student who is returning or has returned to college after a break. Use at the school of your choice; priority will be given to students majoring in Education, History or Family History/ Genealogy. A minimum of \$250 will be paid directly to the winner.

Oregon State Grange Scholarships

Charles E. Spence Memorial

An applicant must have been a Grange member in Oregon for at least two years. Scholarship can be used at applicant's choice of school. Value \$1000.

Grange Workers Activities (GWA)

Goes to an Oregon Grange member, who by September 1 will have completed at least one year of college, business school, nurses training, or vocational education. Check will be mailed to the school. You must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours fall term. One \$1000 scholarship.

For all of the above scholarships:

The application forms will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from www.orgrange.org/scholarships/. The completed

application must be sent to the Oregon State Grange office, 643 Union St NE, Salem, OR 97301 postmarked no later than May 1.

Grange Insurance Association Scholarship

Applicants must meet **one** of the following:

- A current GIA policyholder or the dependent of a GIA policyholder living in Oregon, California, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, or Wyoming.
- The dependent of current a GIA company employee, but not the child or legal ward of officers, directors or agents of GIA.
- The previous recipient of a GIA scholarship.

Deadline is March 1st. For more information and application www.orgrange.org/scholarships/ Value of scholarships range \$1000 to \$2500.



GWA

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OSG Grange Workers Activities Director

Happy New Year!

The new year has brought a change to the GWA committee. Unfortunately Rose Jacobs had to step down at the end of last year due to job and family commitments, so I offered to help Jay out as an interim Director since the GWA has so many contests and so much going on at State convention. I know Rose had some great ideas about taking this committee in some new directions and I hope to explore some new things as well.

For so long the GWA has administered many, many contests that bring out the creativity in our members, but like Rose I believe that we can open this up to bring more benefit to our members and to our Granges. Several years ago, our delegate body adopted a resolution that called for the GWA to embrace programming that focuses on the family and the home, and I am excited to explore some new programming with that in mind.

I know most of our members have some experience with the OSU

Extension, but do you really know everything they offer? Any GWA committee looking for new ways to engage their members should take a look at their website. Just one glance at the OSU Extension website and we see how closely aligned their programs are to what the Grange represents. “Healthy Communities and Economies”, “Sustainable agriculture, food systems and gardening” and “Thriving Youth, individuals and families”. Just like the Grange they are committed to creating positive change through programs. Check them out and find ways that your local GWA can bring new information to your Grange.

While I hope to highlight some new programming, remember that we will still have all the contests that you are used to seeing, including the quilt block contest sponsored by the National Grange, and Suzy has included the information in this issue of the paper. Look for the Contest Guide coming out soon and plan on bringing your tasty, beautiful and wonderful projects to state convention this June!

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

March 1	Deadline for first 2023 Matching Grant applications. Must be post marked by March 1 or if emailing, completed application must arrive by March 1 at the State Grange office.
	Deadline for the GIA Scholarship.
March 31	State Community Service Reports due. Send to the State Grange office, post marked by March 31.
March 31	2022 Honor Grange Applications must be postmarked and sent to the State Grange Office
	Applications for OSG Youth officers due
April 1-30	Grange Month – theme: Raised Right Here
April 15	Deadline to email Deaf Awareness Project Grant application to the State office - office@orgrange.org
April 19	Resolutions for this year’s state convention from Subordinate/Community Granges <u>must arrive</u> in the State Grange office no later than April 19.
April 29-30	Oregon Ag Fest – Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem – watch for details in the April/May paper and Facebook for this year’s event. Volunteers needed
April 30	1 st Quarter Report due to the state Grange office
May 1	Oregon State Grange and Foundation Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than May 1
June 18-22, 2023	Oregon State Grange Convention - The Big To-Do In District 2! Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall
June 30	2 nd Quarter Report due to the State Grange office



The Quilt Block Contest provides an opportunity for Grange members and friends to collaborate in creating quilted items that can be donated or auctioned for funds to provide additional services to community members in a nationwide effort.

This year’s quilt square is a “Nine Patch with a Half Square Corners” making a 6 ½ inch unfinished square.

- Begin with 2.5-inch squares of multiple fabrics:
- 6 dark colors (prefer all monochrome – all blue, all green, all red, etc., but each can be a different pattern or solid).
- 5 very light colors (white, cream, light gray; different patterns or solids)
- Create a nine-patch block.
- Keep all light colors on one side, and dark colors on the other.
- Create one half-square triangle on the top right, and one on the bottom left.
- Use a scant ¼ inch seam allowance.
- This 9-patch block should measure 6 ½ inches, unfinished on edges.
- Looking for scrappy blocks, but with similar colors in the “dark” fabrics.

These are small blocks, so the more you send in, the better!

RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2023**.
- C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 157th

National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, NY.

- D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose **one quilt block** per person to be judged. *Please consider sending four completed squares.*
- F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
- G. A 2023 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group. Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

Send entries to:

Ann Bercher, National Lecturer
777 Excelsior Blvd. Apt #310
Excelsior, MN 55331



UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS			
<i>Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.</i>			
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	May 5	10:30 AM	New Bridge Grange
Benton #36	Apr 15	10:30 AM	Hope Grange
Clackamas #1	Apr 22	9:30 AM	The Sandy Grange
Columbia #18	May 6	10:00 AM	Natal Grange
Deschutes #25	Feb 11	1:00 PM	Pine Forest Grange
Douglas #13	Apr 22	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange
Josephine #20	Apr 29	10:00 AM	Redwood Grange
Lane #14	Apr 8	10:00 AM	London Grange
Lincoln #10	Feb 18	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Apr 8	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	Apr 9	11:00 AM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26			TBA
Wallowa #22	Apr 8	10:00 AM	TBA
Washington-Yamhill #2	Apr 15	10:00 AM	McMinnville Grange



In early 1993 a group of Oregon Grangers met to form the Oregon State Grange Foundation and the foundation was formally incorporated on August 21, 1993. Application was made to the Internal Revenue Service to be classified as a non-profit foundation and approval was received on December 12, 1994.

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the OSG Foundation, the Board of Directors has created a new fund to celebrate our anniversary - the **\$30 for 30 Fund**. This fund will solicit \$30 donations from Granges and individual Grangers to fund a new vocational/trade school schol-

arship. The name of this scholarship will be the Malcom Trupp Vocational Scholarship. The plan is to collect as many donations as possible from now until December 31, 2024 (*although donation to the fund will continue to be accepted after that*) and award the scholarship starting in 2025.

All donations received to this fund by December 31, 2024 will be noted on a framed poster which will be displayed at the annual meeting of the Foundation. Like all donations to the Oregon State Grange Foundation, this special fund donation is tax deductible.



\$30 for 30 Fund Donations

Name of donor _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Dedication of Donation if desired

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Make checks payable to the Oregon State Grange Foundation

**Mail to: Oregon State Grange Foundation
643 Union Stree, NE
Salem OR 97301**

Insurance... Questions to Ask Your Homeowners Insurance Agent Every Year



By Insurance Blog January 13, 2023

Many people consider Homeowners insurance a one-and-done transaction. You buy a new house, buy Homeowners insurance, pay for it every month, and go on with your life. But meeting with your independent agent annually is a great way to make sure you're making the most of your insurance and that you're fully protected in the event of a claim. Here are some questions to ask your homeowners insurance agent every year.

What is Covered by Homeowners Insurance? What is Not Covered?

While many people know the types of things that are covered and excluded by Homeowners insurance generally, they may have less insight into what is specifically covered and excluded in their specific policy. Having a frank conversation with your independent insurance agent can help you discover some surprising things Homeowners insurance covers and coverage that may need some action on your part. While Renters and Homeowners insurance often cover dog bites up to the liability limits, for example, many providers require that the dog in question be listed on the signed application before a claim can be made. Some carriers may offer only sub limits or exclude coverage in its entirety for ineligible dog breeds. This annual insurance check-in is a great time to ask any Homeowners insurance questions you have and to make sure you've taken all the steps needed to get the coverage you need.

How Can I Save Money on Monthly Premiums?

Things can change a lot in a year. Maybe you've just gotten a raise at work, bought a new car, or installed a new alarm system. That's why one of our favorite questions to ask your Homeowners insurance agent is how you can save money on monthly premiums. With a new raise, for example, you may be able to afford a higher deductible. While this means you'll have to pay more in the event of a claim, you'll be paying a lower premium throughout the year.

Because many insurance policies offer bundling discounts, insuring a car with a company can mean big savings. Many insurance companies also offer discounts for people with certain alarm systems or home telematics that alert you (and the proper authorities) to costly emergency situations.

Does My Policy Provide Enough Coverage to Rebuild My Home Today?

Rising construction costs and inflation could mean a discrepancy in your calculated home insurance replacement cost and how much it would actually cost to replace your home in the event of a total loss. Checking in on this number every year allows you to make sure you have proper coverage so that you don't end up in trouble in the event of a catastrophe.

Do I Need Additional Coverage for My Valuables?

Because Homeowners insurance only provides coverage up to your pre-determined limits, you may want to purchase special coverage to cover the full value of your jewelry, high-tech camera or computer equipment, high-end sports equipment, valuable artwork, and other expensive items.

Now that you know what questions to ask your Homeowners insurance agent, it's time to schedule a meeting. In the meantime, check out our insurance blog where we cover everything from scheduled vs. unscheduled personal property coverage to how to create a home inventory list.

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Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/

Add/update the Community Organization on your account information page to Oregon State Grange Foundation - FM650

GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
(Seattle, Washington)

NOTICE OF 2023 ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121. While this meeting will be held in person, virtual attendance will be offered. Please consult our website (www.grange.com) as the meeting approaches for further announcements and virtual registration instructions.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 9th day of January 2023.

Brian J. Allen, CPCU, ARM, AFIS, Corporate Secretary
GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION



Government Affairs

John DeHaas
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Lobbyist for the Oregon State Grange

Hello Grangers,

Here a little of what going on in Salem as the new 2023 Legislative Session is beginning. I hope you all had a Wonderful Christmas and New Year. Look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Democrats and GOP swapped Oregon territory in 2022 election

The 2023 session of the Oregon Legislature starts Jan. 17, with a new governor and new state lawmakers. The election results were certified Thursday, December 15 by Secretary of State Shemia Fagan.

Republicans' hope for a "red wave" to significantly change the Democrats' hold on power in Salem didn't materialize. The new Legislature returns with Democratic majorities, though the Republicans picked up two seats in the House and one in the Senate. The new partisan division of 35-25 in the House and 17-13 in the Senate means that for the first time in four years, Democrats won't be able to muster the three-fifths vote required for tax and other financial legislation without Republican help.

A clutch of closely-fought legislative races saw the parties trade traditional territories, with political trends often mixed when key local races were taken into account. Democrats won a second House seat east of the Cascades, while Republicans flipped House and Senate seats in the northwest. The Ashland area remains a Democratic island in the far south of Oregon, while Republicans have taken Coos County seats held by Democrats.

Elections are decided by voters. Population matters more than acreage. But a look at the wins and losses in Oregon legislative contests shows a changing geographic footprint beyond the Willamette Valley. Some highlights of a closer look at the election results:

GOP Northwest trifecta

Republicans flipped a Senate seat and a House seat in the northwest "thumb" of the state around Astoria. Rep. Suzanne Weber, R-Tillamook, won the Senate District 16 seat previously held by Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, who resigned from the Senate and the Democratic party to make an unsuccessful unaffiliated bid for governor.

Republican Cyrus Javadi eked out an 844-vote win out of 34,889 votes cast to keep Weber's House District 32 seat in the GOP side of the aisle in the next Legislature.

Redistricting of neighboring House District 31 tilted the voting trend to the right enough that Rep. Brad Witt, D-Clatskanie, abandoned his seat to make an unusual and unsuccessful run for a Salem-area House seat. The race was won by Republican Brian Stout, who racked-up 59% of the vote. Stout's win came amid a Columbia County Circuit Court judge upholding a sexual abuse protective order against Stout. Some House Democrats have called on Stout to step aside so Republicans could choose a replacement. House leaders in both parties are also discussing how Stout's presence in the Capitol would be handled if he does take his seat.

The three northwest Oregon districts include parts of Tillamook and Columbia counties, which are among the fraction of the more than 3,000 counties in the United States that have shown a political "pivot" in recent presidential elections. The counties went for Democrat Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012, then flipped to Donald Trump in 2016 and 2020.

Democratic dominance in Deschutes slows

After Democrat Jason Kropf flipped House District 54 and Democrat Phil Chang defeated incumbent Republican Phil Henderson for county commissioner in 2020, Democrats felt that voting had finally caught up with voter registration trends in the booming Central Oregon area around Bend. Joe Biden was the first Democrat to win a majority of the county's presidential vote since Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

The story was more mixed in 2022. Under redistricting, Kropf easily won a second term in his even more heavily Democratic-leaning district. House District 53 was up for grabs after Rep. Jack Zika, R-Redmond, opted not to seek another term in a district that centered on a more Democratic-friendly area around just Redmond and Bend. Democrat Emerson Levy eked out a win of just over 500 votes against Republican Michael Sipe.

Coos County moves further right

Republicans extended their political hold on the south coastal county of nearly 65,000 residents that began with a legislative sweep in 2020.

Rep. Caddy McKeown, D-Coos Bay, and Sen. Arnie Roblan, D-Coos Bay, both opted not to seek re-election. Both seats were won by Republicans. Roblan had represented the area in the House from

2023 Convention Sunsetting Policies

At the 2022 Oregon State Convention GO #4: Procedure for Sunsetting Policies was adopted. It requires that all sunsetting policies be printed in the Oregon State Grange Bulletin at least once within twelve months before they will expire, so that any Granger wishing to argue for retention of any of these policies will have plenty of opportunity to introduce a new resolution for consideration by their Grange and if adopted be forwarded to the OSG to the delegates to the next Oregon State Grange convention. The deadline for resolutions submitted by Subordinate/Community Granges is 60 days before the start of State Convention. This year that date is April 19.

Additionally, all Oregon State Grange policies due to sunset in a given year and not addressed by resolution at that year's delegate convention shall be dropped as policy and deleted from the *Oregon State Grange Legislative Policy Handbook*.

Listed below are the policies of the Oregon State Grange that will sunset as of the end of the 2023 State Grange convention in June unless addressed by resolution at the convention.

Education

The Oregon State Grange supports education in the following ways

- Oregon Farm-To-School programs
- Scholarships

- Programs such as Future Farmers, 4-H, scouting
- Words for Thirds: Dictionaries for 3rd grade students
- Parental education programs
- Special education
- Talented and Gifted Programs
- Agriculture in the classrooms
- Funding for Head Start and pre-school programs
- Well organized community-based charter schools
- Community educational programs

School Expenses and Funding Problems

We believe that the net proceeds brought into Oregon by Lotto America should be distributed to the Oregon primary and secondary educational districts, thus lowering property taxes and assuring the schools operating costs. We will also work toward school district allotments being distributed according to attendance, in addition to the present A.D.T. money, and that said districts lower their millage rates accordingly.

Federal Affairs

Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act

The Oregon State Grange wants Oregon's Federal Legislators to co-sponsor the federal "Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act" and include its provisions in the Federal Farm bill.

Veterans

The Oregon State Grange supports making medical records available to the service members at the time of separation.

Resolution Deadlines

This year's deadline for submission of resolutions by Community/Subordinate Granges is **April 19, 2023**; 60 days before State Convention. That means they must be at the office in Salem by then, not postmarked, so make sure they are mailed in plenty of time.

Pomona Granges with a regular meeting after this deadline may file resolutions passed at that meeting, no later than **May 19th**: 30 days before State Convention.

2005 to 2013, serving as co-speaker of the House during a period when Democrats and Republicans tied at 30-30. He then moved to the Senate. But the district's politics shifted, to the point where he won re-election to the Senate in 2020 by just 349 votes over Dick Anderson of Lincoln City. Roblan opted not to seek another term in 2022 and Anderson won the open seat over Melissa Cribbins. Republican Boomer Wright won McKeown's House seat in 2020 and was re-elected in 2022.

Bill Clinton was the last Democrat to take Coos County in a presidential race, winning in 1992 and 1996. Republicans have won every presidential vote since 2000. Trump won 57% of the county vote in 2016 and

increased that margin to just under 59% in 2020.

Democrats retain Ashland

On a political map of Oregon, Ashland is a blue island surrounded on all sides by Republican red districts. The GOP targeted the area as ripe for a pick-up in 2022. But Sen. Jeff Golden, D-Ashland, held the Senate District 3 seat with a 52% to 48% win over Medford Mayor Randy Sparacino. Rep. Pam Marsh, D-Ashland, whose district makes up the major Democratic-leaning areas of Golden's overlapping Senate seat, was easily re-elected with 65% of the vote over Republican Sandra Abercrombie.

Happy Trails



NATIONAL GRANGE

View from The Hill

December 2022

Look for Broadband Coverage Gaps

If you don't have high speed internet coverage at your home, farm, ranch, business or community, you need to become involved in broadband map verification. In late November, the Federal Communications Commission released updated broadband coverage maps which more precisely pinpoint gaps in broadband access. These maps are much improved compared to previous maps, but they aren't perfect.

After a month of review by the telecom industry, there are still areas misidentified on the new maps. If you do not have high speed internet, Google and contact your state broadband agency. Your agency can verify or challenge the accuracy of your area map and clear the way for internet service providers to bring service to you.

Feedback from local Granges indicates that the new broadband maps

still contain inaccuracies over the rural landscape.

Senate Hearing Raises Concern

At a December hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband, witnesses told Senators that the "once-in-a-generation" broadband expansion funding approved last year by Congress will only close the digital divide when underserved communities gain full connectivity. The witnesses voiced concerns about billions of dollars in resources failing to go to the neediest areas due in part to inadequate coordination by government agencies. Success will require disciplined execution between over 100 programs administered by a dizzying array of government agencies, according to witnesses. National Grange voiced similar challenges following passage of the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act which provided this internet funding.

Oregon State Broadband Agency
www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/oregon_broadband_office/

Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director



Another legislative session has started and it is as important now as before that we stay informed about what is going on in Salem these next six months or so. One of the best sources of information is the newsletters that our state representatives and senators send out on a regular basis. Of course they are doing a bit of grandstanding, but you should also learn what committees your legislator is serving on and what their legislative priorities might be. Every one of them is interested in hearing directly from constituents.

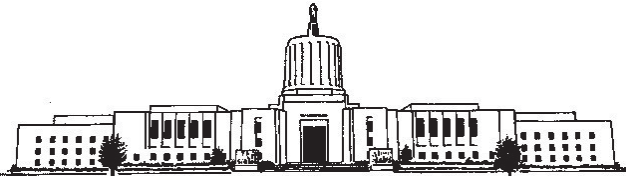
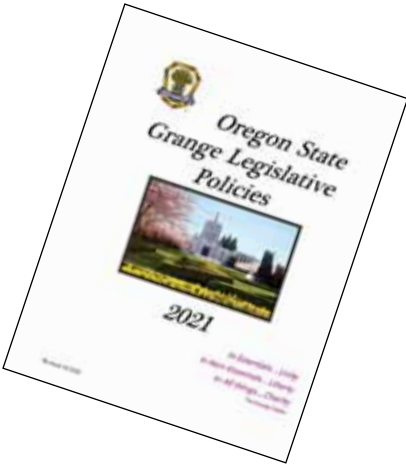
There is still construction at the capitol building and it will continue through at least 2025. As a result, there are no meeting rooms available and access is somewhat restricted, although hearing rooms will be in use. The public does still have access though, so we do intend to schedule a Grange Day sometime in the next two or three months. Most likely we will need to meet at the State Grange office first, and then walk or carpool over to the capitol. Details are sketchy and I don't know if there is a functioning café on site, but the house and senate offices are open for visitation and the observation galleries will be open if there is a session scheduled.

Like it or not, Covid has made us all a lot more familiar with Zoom and online testimony in hearings. Written testimony will continue to be accepted, but I'm not sure of the deadline so think ahead. There will be in-person hearings and some in-person testimony will be accepted, but no same-day speaker registration, so if anyone wishes to speak in person at a hearing, they will need to register prior.

We have resumed our 4th Wednesday legislative Zoom forums and the email list continues to grow.

This is a recurring meeting so if you have an invitation already, I think the same ID and passcode numbers apply each time (*check your invitation to make sure, though*). If you would like to get the Zoom invitation just email any of the OSG legislative committee. Some of our Grangers are really involved in specific issues like the Forestry Academy and water-related bills, and we've had some very informative Zoom discussions.

We have a 60-day deadline for submitting resolutions to the State Grange convention and I understand this year the date is April 191. So, it is definitely not too early to be talking about resolutions. Creating or changing Grange policy can be exciting and fulfilling, but if your resolution is unsuccessful you have still expressed your opinion in a larger forum and if you stay engaged you may change some minds (including your own!). Sending your resolution to other Granges is a good way to test the waters, generate support, discover ways to improve your arguments or even learn new facts about your issue. And remember, any Grange can send their resolution directly to the State Grange office and it will be assigned to a convention committee, as long as it is received by the deadline. So, keep writing!



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 22 @ 7 pm PST
Wednesday, March 22 @ 7 pm PST
Where: Zoom

The OSG Legislative Committee will lead a discussion the upcoming state legislative session, bills we are following and talk about other issues of interest.

Contact: Legislative Director Mark Noah for login information
marknoah00@gmail.com

Oregon Broadband Office

Setting Oregon Up for Success in Improving Broadband Access Across the State

We Need Your Help

The FCC's National Broadband Map shows addresses across the U.S. and the quality of internet access for each, derived from information provided by internet service providers. Knowing where broadband is available (and more importantly, where it is not) is critical to secure federal funding and improve broadband access for Oregon's underserved and underserved communities. We need everyone's help to make sure the FCC has the most accurate picture of what we need in Oregon.

The following information explains the process of checking your address and internet service availability. If the map shows that you have better internet access than you actually do, you can submit a "challenge" (request for correction) with the FCC to have the map corrected. **The first deadline to submit a challenge is January 13.**

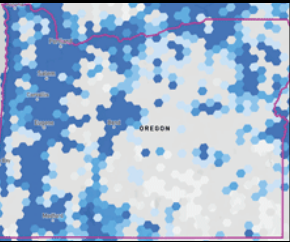
How Can I Improve The Map?

- Go to BroadbandMap.FCC.gov.
- Search for your address and review the results.
- If the information about your home or small business is inaccurate, submit a challenge. An accurate map is extremely important to identify those communities most in need of funding for high-speed broadband.

What are the types of challenges?

- Availability Challenges:** If the information about the internet services available at your home or other location is incorrect, you can dispute it by clicking on the Availability Challenge link on the right side of the map and submitting the form.
- Mobile Challenges:** If the map of mobile coverage submitted by your provider seems incorrect, you can dispute that by taking speed tests on your mobile phone with the FCC Speed Test App, available for both Android and iOS. Make sure to select the Challenge Speed Test option and to take the test while either outdoors or in a vehicle.
- Location Challenges:** If the information about the location point of your home or other location seems to be incorrect, you can submit a Location Challenge to correct the information on the location. The link to do this is to the right of the address on the map. To add a location, click on the place on the map where the location should be and then click the "Challenge Location" button.

Update the Broadband Map:



broadbandmap.fcc.gov

Oregon Broadband Office

broadband.oregon.gov

Visit our webpage to learn more and subscribe to the Oregon Broadband mailing list.

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GRANGE MEMBERSHIP MAY CAUSE
PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND
COMMUNITY PRIDE



Oregon Junior Grangers



Peggy Jillson
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OSG Junior Director



The Grange Is A Family Too

I don't think it's revealing too much about the Seventh Degree at National Grange when I say that the most important husbandry any of us do is in support of the family unit. The many lessons in our ritual about respect for work and the need for study and education at every age of life are all designed to nurture the household. Even if you don't tend livestock and crops on the land, doing your part for family life is a form of cultivation. With that in mind, let's look at opportunities not only in Grange contests but also at the fairs and displays in your own community. As we learn in the Fifth Degree, by showing off our best efforts we may "incite one another to good works" of learning and experimenting with new skills.

Long ago, my brothers and I raised 4H turkeys. We each had 25 birds, but they were all kept together. When it came time to show them, we each had to choose a best hen and tom. Sometimes we had to resort to Rock-Paper-Scissors or flip a coin to see who got first choice. Then we'd spend hours making sure our bird was clean from carefully washed feet to paper-wrapped head, with nary a stray pinfeather to be noticed by the judge.

What we didn't fully appreciate was the hours our parents also spent on this project, and the generous people in our small town who let us hold our show for free

in their meeting hall. We didn't think it at all unusual that someone who knew the finer points of turkey quality had been recruited to judge 30 or 40 birds and patiently explain his choices to us, or that a professional auctioneer would spend a December Saturday afternoon selling turkeys one by one. We did appreciate the crowd of people who paid premium prices for all those turkeys, who'd probably learned about the sale from a free ad in the local newspaper.

If you're a grownup, you know there's never time to do all the things you want to do, or even all the things you have to do. If you're a parent, it's a constant struggle to keep up with what your children need. If you're a Granger, remember that your time is being well used both when you make the space and time for children at the Grange and when you interact with them as a caring community member. Do what you can.

Volunteers For OSG Juniors Convention and/or Committee From Your District

Once again, we need adult volunteers to work in the Junior Room at the OSG convention in Rickreall June 17-22. It is hugely helpful to know in advance that someone can cover a particular day or time. We are also looking for district chairs across the state to meet and help plan and provide Junior activities. Can you help? Call or email the address at the top of the column. And thank you!

JUNIOR JIBBER-JABBER

WHEN:

Third Sunday of odd-numbered months (January/March/May... etc.)
at 9 p.m. Eastern

WHO:

Junior Directors or anyone else interested in Junior Grange programming!

WHERE:

On Zoom!

Login: 833 7712 0738

Passcode: 969128



Junior Grange Activity Sheet

WINTER



3 letters

hat
ice

4 letters

coat
cold
melt
snow

5 letters

boots
nippy
scarf
sleet
slush
snowy

6 letters

chilly
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heater
jacket
shiver

7 letters

flannel
mittens
sweater
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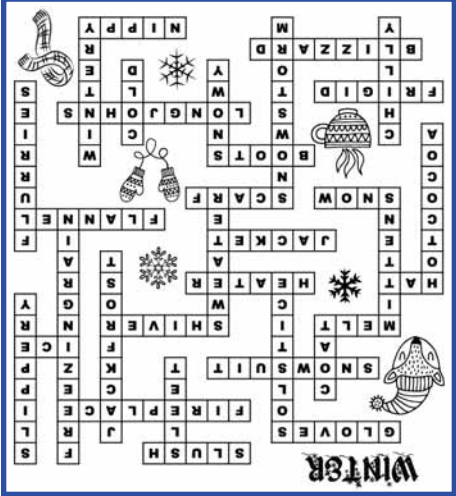
8 letters

blizzard
flurries
hot cocoa
slippery
snowsuit
solstice

9 letters

fireplace
Jack Frost
longjohns
snowstorm
12 letters
freezing rain

Answers:



Oregon Juniors in Action



Above: Junior 1+ member Noah Strasheim helped decorate the Lane County Granges float for the 70th annual Springfield Christmas Parade held on December 3rd. Noah is a member of Crow Grange #450 in Lane County.

Below: 1+ Junior Grange member Taylor Elliott helping her grandmother Linda Pugh cashier at the November 19th Bingo and Turkey Giveaway at Ada Grange #579 in Lane County.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

with Amanda Brozara-Rice



MONTHLY ON THE SECOND TUESDAY AT 8:30PM (ET) ON ZOOM
Use link: bit.ly/mm1867

National Grange Honor Granges

The National Grange recognized 62 Oregon Subordinate/Community Granges who had net gains in membership July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at the 156th National Grange convention and are recognized as National Honor Granges. Congratulations Granges and let's keep up the good work.

Grange Name & #	Net Gain	Grange Name & #	NetGain
Redwood #760	55	Multnomah #71	3
		Skyline #894	3
Illinois Valley #370	27	Tigard #148	3
Columbia #267	25	Boulevard #389	2
		Buell #637	2
Myrtle Creek #442	24	Elmira #523	2
		Enterprise #489	2
McMinnville #31	20	Macleay #293	2
		Mapleton #584	2
Willamette #52	19	Pine Forest #632	2
		Pine Valley #815	2
Live Oak #655	14	Quincy #321	2
		Ramsey Park #352	2
Netel #410	11	Redland #796	2
		Roxy Ann #792	2
Fernwood #770	10	Scotts Mills #938	2
		Siletz Valley #558	2
Eagle Valley #656	9	Ada #570	1
Irving #377	9	Beaver Homes #518	1
		Beavercreek #276	1
Sauvies Island #840	8	Creswell #496	1
		Crow #450	1
Fruitdale #379	7	Goldson #868	1
Rickreall #671	7	Hurricane Creek #608	1
		Little Deschutes #939	1
Azalea #786	6	Lorane #54	1
Winona #271	6	Maplewood #662	1
		North Bayside #691	1
Central Point #698	5	Olney #793	1
Goshen #561	5	Pacific #413	1
Lowell #745	5	Parkdale #500	1
Morning Star #311	5	Pleasant Valley #348	1
		Redmond #812	1
Lake Creek #697	4	Rockwood #323	1
Phoenix #779	4	Triangle #533	1
		Wickiup #722	1
Chetco #765	3	Wolf Creek #596	1
Garfield #317	3		
Liberty #613	3		

Membership Matters

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OSG Membership Director



I'm very excited to be trying my hand as Membership Director! It's a little scary taking this on, so I had to consider the best way to start. I've always found that asking questions is the best way to learn, so let's start there. I'm going to ask that each Grange send me an email to jdhamm4435@gmail.com. Some of my questions to you are how many members do you have; have you had a loss or gain in the last year; those with a gain, do you have a proven method of recruiting new members and those with loss, is there specific reason that members are not staying active and renewing membership?

I know over the years we've been given new programs and ideas to aid in recruitment. Have any of these been particularly successful for your Grange? I'd like to hear your success stories. Blending different ideas sometimes creates the perfect solution. Well, nothing is perfect, but a fresh direction let's say.

Each community has its own challenges. Granges located in more populated areas have a larger selection of people to draw from. Take my town for example. Grants Pass has a population of about 40,000, Josephine County over 88,000. Within Josephine County we have seven Granges. All located at different edges of our County but two within the city limits of Grants Pass,

Fruitdale and Redwood. Both of which I am involved in; President of Fruitdale, Secretary of Redwood. When I'm talking to interested parties and they ask which Grange do you want me to join, I just laugh and say if you're asking me to choose, I'd say you should join both! Both have their own identity and their own purpose in our community. That's extremely important. What is your purpose in your community? What do you offer your friends, neighbors, business community that would entice them to become an active member and supporter? I can't wait to see and hear your responses!

For now, know that 2023 is a new year, a new opportunity for growth. And then there are Pomonas. Another area needing change, updates, and a new direction. Cheers to greater possibilities! I'm available by email or conversation. 541-660-

Metal Grange Town Marker Signs Available



During the Oregon State Grange Convention last June several requests were made as to the availability of the Grange Town Marker Signs. Did we have them, could we get them, are they still available? The answers are no, maybe and yes.

The Oregon State Grange does not keep them in stock. We can get them but the shipping charges to have them sent to the office and then repackaged and sent out to Granges is cost prohibitive.

The best option is to order them directly from Monroe Classic, Inc.'s Grange member store www.monroeclassic.com. It is item #9343 and cost \$40.00. Currently shipping and handling is \$22.50 but could change as shipping costs are unstable at this time.

Contact Mike at:
sales@monroeclassic.com
1.800.868.2330

By-laws Change Notice

Goshen Grange #561, Lane County, will vote at their April 3, 2023 meeting to change their By-laws to read:

Goshen Grange #561, Annual Officers Elections will be held ANY-TIME AFTER AUGUST, at a regular Grange meeting as required by Oregon State Grange By-laws.

This replaces/changes specific wording which required elections to be held on the 2nd Monday of October annually to that of above as described.



Above l-r: **Ada Adds Members.** On December 10th Ada Grange #570, Lane County, welcomed two new members. Joining were Tammy Trenholm and Louis Bernhardt.




Veterans

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 Oregon State Grange Veterans Director

Every veteran has unique challenges and goals. As a result, there are a variety of veteran programs and services to help.

With this column, I will focus on three.

First is **Tunnels to Towers (t2t) Foundation**. This organization is dedicated to honoring the sacrifice of New York City Fire Department (FDNY) Firefighter Stephen Siller, who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. For 20 years, the Foundation has supported our nation's first responders, veterans, and their families by providing mortgage free homes. One goal of this organization is to eliminate veteran homelessness. Veterans who take part also receive supportive services needed by addressing any obstacle to living a more independent life. Services include mental health counseling, skills training and addictive support.

Second is **Wounded Warrior Project**. This organization is committed to helping those living with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Wounded Warrior Project began in 2003 as a small grassroots effort providing simple care and comfort items to the hospital bedsides of the first wounded service members returning home from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, services have

expanded to include mental health, career counseling and long-term rehabilitative care for veterans and their families.

The third organization in focus is **Cross the Divide** (formerly known as Divide Camp). Cross the Divide is a faith-based, non-profit service to all veterans. This is a 40-acre site located in Wallowa County, City of Joseph, Oregon. The initial vision for the camp began in 2011 with a focus on healing through nature. As of December 31, 2021, Retired Navy Chaplain Emile Moured became the executive director. The mission remains the same, helping veterans and their families by the application of God's truths in the venue of God's creation. Living life outdoors teaches us about boundaries, opportunities, risks, limitations and actions and consequences. Being in the wilderness also reveals God's beauty and His creativity. Transformation happens as we get out in God's creation as a place for reflection and conversation. Some free services provided in 2022 were five one-day Wellness Seminars, a hunting seminar, fully funded lodging and hunts for veterans and family members.

Sources:
t2t.org; woundedwarriorproject.org; *Cross the Divide 2022 Newsletter* (PO Box 98 Wallowa, OR 97885 www.crossthedivide.us)

Getting ready for "A Big To-Do In District 2!"

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the end of the Convention. If you are interested, email or call Host Committee Chair Toni at 541-609-8335 or willamettegrange@gmail.com.

Off Site

There are many options for those wishing to stay in motels. Please note that all of the places that the host committee talked to specifically stated you should book your dates as early as possible. Three months was the suggestion. This list is just the few that were visited or spoke to. There are others, especially in Salem, so you may want to do your own research.

Dallas:

Best Western Dallas Inn & Suites
 \$120, 4.1 stars, 4.7 miles
 (503) 623-6000
 Riverside Inn Dallas
 \$85, 2.8 stars, 5.1 miles
 (503) 623-8163

Independence:

Independence Hotel
 \$180, 4.7 stars, 7.1 miles
 (503) 837-0200

Monmouth:

College Inn
 \$70, 3.7 stars, 5.3 miles
 (503) 838-4438

Salem: (some of those closest to the convention site)

Grand Hotel
 \$170, 4.5 stars, 11.4miles
 (503) 540-7800
 Howard Johnsons
 \$85, 3.4 stars, 13.1 miles
 (503) 967-8461
 La Quinta
 \$121, 3.7 stars, 14.3 miles
 (503) 391-7000
 Phoenix Inn Suites
 \$125, 4.2 stars, 14.8 miles
 (503) 588-9220

There also some short-term vacations rentals available in the area through www.vrbo.com, www.airbnb.com or others.

The committee hopes you find this information helpful. Please come to District 2 to celebrate the 150th Oregon State Grange convention, its history, its future, and to see old friends and to make new ones. See you there in June!

The Sandy to Host a Drop and Swap

The Drop & Swap will be held on Saturday, March 11th from noon to five at The Sandy Grange #392, Clackamas County. The public can bring their lightly used, clean clothes of all sizes and exchange them for something different. You

can also just swing by and pick up a few things!

If you have any questions, please contact Kara Sonnier at 503 -957 -2608. The Sandy Grange hall is located at 34705 SE Kelso Rd, Sandy.



Above: Beaver Creek Master Gary Dumolt repeats the obligation.

Installation Held at Beaver Creek

Beaver Creek Grange #276, Clackamas County, invited other Granges to join them on Saturday afternoon, January 7th for a joint Installation of Officers. Jim A Dumolt of Clarkes Grange and his team did the installations. Granges attending included Abernethy, Springwater, and Warner.



R: Installing team included L-r back row: Jim A Dumolt, Christy Dumolt and Allen Naylor. Front row: Sue Dumolt, JC Junkman and Annette Naylor.

Candles Still Available

71	83	95	106	113	119	127	134	139	145
73	85	97	107	114	121	128	135	141	
80	86	102	109	115	122	131	136	142	
81	88	103	110	116	124	132	137	143	
82	92	104	111	118	126	133	138	144	

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR THE
 OREGON STATE GRANGE

150th

CELEBRATION



Many still
 available

Get yours
 NOW

You and your Grange can commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Oregon State Grange by sponsoring a candle on our cake. You will be recognized at the 2023 annual session.

Oregon State Grange Youth Officer Application
Emailed or Postmarked to the State Office by March 31
osg.youth@gmail.com
643 Union St NE ~ Salem OR 97301

Name: _____
Age (on Jan. 1, 2023) _____

Address: _____

Grange: _____ Pomona: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

What, if any, financial aid do you request from the Oregon Youth Activity Fund?? (Depends upon the availability of funds. Any financial aid acceptance implies you will participate in ALL youth activities.)

Will you accept banquet meal tickets? Yes No
At this time, have you been designated as a delegate by your Grange? Yes No

To assist the state youth team in making youth officer assignments, please share your preference for which offices you wish to be considered for
1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____

Briefly explain your first choice _____

List current Grange Office(s) or Committee(s) held. Includes Community and Pomona, please acknowledge any committee chairs. _____

List previous Grange Office(s) or Committee(s) held. Includes Community and Pomona, please acknowledge any committee chairs. _____

What Grange contests/activities have you or are you planning to participate in? _____

I agree that if I am selected to be a Youth Officer, I will attend all scheduled practice sessions and be prepared to open State Grange Convention on Wednesday morning. I further agree that if I have a speaking part, I will have it fully committed to memory UPON ARRIVAL AT THE State Grange Convention. I will also wear the proper attire for the opening of the Oregon State Grange on Wednesday morning. You are expected to participate in the youth activities (delegate work is the priority) and lend a helping hand to any task requested.

Applicant's Signature: _____
Date _____

I affirm the first 4 degrees or welcoming ceremony had been received when this application was signed. (initials) _____



Grange Youth & Young Adults

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OSG Youth/Young Adult Co-Directors





We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend time with family. With the New Year upon us it is time to start planning what you are going to do this upcoming year. We have many contests available to those that are youth age (14-35) as well as some that can be entered by the young at heart. The full list of contests is available in the contest handbook that is coming out. Here are a few that we want to highlight.

The **Parli Pro Contest** consist of teams of six youth members to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Steward, Chaplain, Secretary, & Gatekeeper. The contest includes, opening and closing the Grange as prescribed in the subordinate Grange manual. You will be judged on your parliament procedure skills using the latest Robert's Rules of Order. There will be a written examination prior to the demonstration and some oral questions once it's done. See all the rules in the state handbook or online at nationalgrangeyouth.org.

Another contest is the **Code Reading/Grange Ritual Contest**. which takes place at the Regional Conference. This year the regional conference is in California the end of July. As a novice level contestant, you will only have to learn the Use of the Gavel, Degree words (1-4), Annual Password, Voting Sign, Signs of the

1st - 4th degrees, and Patrons Grip. You can get a copy of the codebook and the cipher by contacting the Oregon State Grange President. See all the rules in the state handbook or online at nationalgrangeyouth.org.

The **Grange Display contest** is to create either a digital or folding display that could be utilized at a county fair, library, Grange open house, or other forum to promote the Grange. This contest is for Youth age members. There are two age divisions for this contest ages 14-21 and ages 22-35 as of Jan. 1. The theme must be Grange related. A Grange member may enter as an individual or as a member of a group. Group members must be in the same age division. Displays will be judged on content, organization, originality, and neatness. See all the rules in the state handbook or online at nationalgrangeyouth.org.


Whereas these are all contests for Youth age members. We also have contests available for non-youth age members such as the speech and sign a song contests. Please look at the state handbook to see a listing of all the contests available for all the different departments. You are sure to find something that appeals to you. We look forward to seeing what everyone chooses to participate in. Have a great start to your year and keep on the lookout for what youth are doing in your area.

Youth Yammerings

WHEN:
Third Sunday of even-numbered months (February/April/June... etc.)
at 9 p.m. Eastern

WHO:
Youth Directors or anyone else interested in
National Grange Youth & Young Adult programming!

WHERE:
On Zoom!
Login: 833 7712 0738
Passcode: 969128



Clackamas Pomona Plans Degree Day

Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 invites all Grangers to witness the exemplification of the first four Degrees of the order on Sunday February 26, 2022 at Clarkes Grange 21076 S Unger Rd, Beaver-creek, Oregon.

The first Four Degrees will be exemplified in the afternoon with potluck finger food refreshments during the break between the Second and Third Degrees. Candidates for the first Four Degrees are

requested to arrive between 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. with the degree work starting promptly at 2 p.m.

Clackamas Pomona Grange will exemplify the Fifth degree in September.

Questions? Contact Degree Team Captain Jim A. Dumolt 971-244-2628 jimdumolt@hotmail.com or Pomona Master Joyce Parker, 503-502-6188, jerp0323@gmail.com



GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"



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So, another year is in full swing; slow and steady! If you read the December/January issue of the Grange Bulletin, you saw many familiar faces, can you pick out GROW Club members? How many did you see? Are they carrying on their commitment to "Go Right On Working"? Looks like it to me!!! Congratulations and huge thank yous to all who supported the Western Region in getting the National Grange Session done in such a great western style.

I have been thoroughly enjoying the articles written by members of the Oregon State Grange GROW Club. Hopefully you have been reading them as well and are getting an idea of what these active grangers did to get their membership in the club. This feature will continue in future issues, but a couple of items came up that I wanted to share (before I forgot).

While attending Columbia Pomona's quarterly meeting a member of Fern Hill Grange asked me why people who are interested in being active cannot take part in the GROW club events. After thinking on it a bit, memory serves that we have often put on degrees or installation under the billing "GROW Club members and friends". If a Grange invites us to assist with ritual work, we have included, invited and recruited non GROW Club members to assist. Perhaps the best way to make our events more inclusive would be to publicize events ahead of time and call-out for others

to attend. Of course, that is assuming that our invitation gives us time to do so. The annual GROW club meeting at the State Grange Session is the only event that is specifically for members of the GROW Club (and their families).

The above referenced events leads me to another item that needs attention. Our offer to assist granges across the state is still open. At the June meeting reference was made to several southern Oregon community Granges that had mentioned that they would like to host degrees and/or installation but didn't feel they had the bodies to successfully perform the ritual. No further contact was made, or at least relayed to the board for further action. PLEASE, if you would like assistance, contact your District Board member (the list is on our "Does Your Grange Need Help" ad locate elsewhere on this page) or call/email me directly.

Lastly GROW Club members we would like to get our order in for our badges, mentioned previously in this column. If you ARE a GROW club member, please fill out the order form below and send it to me or Suzy Ramm. We want to have the pins in time for convention. We are asking members to pay \$5 towards the cost and the club's reserve will pick up the remainder. Our hope is that those who attend session this coming June in Polk County will be able to easily identify members of the Oregon State Grange GROW Club!!!

GROW Club Badge Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I want option 1 ☐

Name as you want it on badge

Year _____

I want option 2 ☐

Name as you want it on badge

There will be some without name or date ordered.

Please reply by: May 1, 2023

Send form to:

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3595 SW 101 Ct
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Suzy Ramm
643 Union St NE
Salem OR 97301
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Granges Celebrated the Holidays



Creswell Grange

Creswell Grange #496, Lane County held their annual Free Community Holiday Dinner on December 17. More than 80 people attended the event. The traditional holiday fare included turkey, ham, stuff-

ing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. In addition to good food, there was musical entertainment and a visit from Santa.



Santiam Valley Grange

Santa Clause came to the Santiam Valley Grange #828, Linn County, with the hall full of kids, Santa handed out stockings filled with goodies. Arts and crafts were available for the kids to do, desserts and hot chocolate were enjoyed by all. This was the first year of their now annual Christmas Maze.

R: Roberta O'Dell with Santa.

Goshen Grange

Goshen Grange #561, Lane County, held their annual Open House and Christmas Party on December 11th. Sandwiches and homemade cookies were served, along with hot drinks. Twenty-four Grangers, friends and family members attended. National Grange Ex. Committee member Susan Noah and her husband Mark both soke at the event. "Mugs with Gifts" were exchanged and many in attendance received door prizes and prizes from games.



DOES YOUR GRANGE NEED HELP?

Installation of Officers

Degrees (1-4 and/or 5th)

Draping the Charter

Presenting the Flag

The Oregon GROW Club offers these and more.

Contact one of the GROW Club board members to get information.

- Teresa Cernac, President 971.291.7619
- John Fine, Dist. 1 - 541.673.0369
- Susan Noah, Dist. 2 - 541.953.6724
- Stacy Brown, Dist. 3 - 971.808.6431
- Suzy Ramm, Dist. 4 - 503.502.3188
- Vickie High, Dist. 5 - 541.591.1019
- Louise Holst, Dist. 5 - 541.883.8498
- Gail Wilson, Dist. 6 - 541.310.9655
- Lexie Suing, At-large - 541.556.2674



GROW stands for Go Right On Working!!!

Oregon Granges Celebrated the Holidays



L-r: Kitchen crew Joyce Parker, Kathy – a friend, Tami Guttridge, Steve Leitz and Donna Stevens busy cooking breakfast.

Springwater Host Holiday Breakfast

Springwater Grange, #263, Clackamas County, made a special effort with their normal first Saturday of the month breakfast on December

3rd. Tables were set up in the main hall rather than the dining room and were decorated for the season. Santa (Grange President John DeHaas) greeted the children and families were encourage to take holiday photos with him. Grange Musician Kathleen Souders played several hours for seasonal music and the Girls Scouts whose troop meets in the Grange hall helped serve and clean tables.



Above: Santa (Grange President John DeHaas) gave candy canes to the children



R: Springwater's Musician Kathleen Souders at the keyboard.



Above: The community enjoyed the breakfast being served in the main hall and loved the table decorations.



Morning Star Grange

Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County held their annual Holiday Craft Bazaar on December 9 and 10th. The event gives local crafters an opportunity to display and sell their work. The Grange served lunch both days. Menu included three kinds of soup, several kinds of sandwiches including hamburger and hotdogs, salads and assorted beverages. Proceeds from the event help with Grange operating expenses.



Decorating crew: Linda Wetzell, Jeff Dehne, Liz Dehne, Lou Ellen Lambert, Mary Lambert, Mark Noah, and Priscilla Phillips. Joining the decorating crew were Marne Nelson and Londa Cooper, Connie Suing and Noah Strasheim.

Grange in 70th Springfield Parade

On December 3rd the Lane County Pomona Granges helped celebrate the 70th annual Springfield Christmas Parade with their float entry "Rockin' around the Christmas tree."

to use for the float. The tree was decorated with mini records and music symbols, very fun and the float had great rockin' Christmas music provided by Mark Noah for singing and waving.

Grangers from Thurston, Goshen, Creswell, Walterville, Mohawk McKenzie and Crow helped decorate and ride on the float pulled by Jeff and Liz Dehne's pickup. Thanks to Vernon and Paula Herrick for lending one of their trailers



R: It was really cold but a fun time was had Rockin' around the Christmas tree as the float made its way down the route.



Above: Between 40-50 people came by the Oregon State Grange office during the holiday open house.

Oregon State Grange Open House

For the first time since Covid, the Oregon State Grange held a holiday open house at the state Grange headquarters in Salem. Forty to fifty Grangers stopped by to say hi, see the headquarters building and enjoys some good food and fellowship. It was great after not being able to hold in 2020 and 2021 to invite members back to their state office.



Above: OSG First Lady Toni Hoyman visiting with Jeff Dehne and Mark Noah during the open house.



Oregon Granges Celebrated the Holidays

Beavercreek Hosts Community Dinner

The Hamlet of Beavercreek Community Dinner and Tree Lighting was held on December 3rd. Dozens of residents gathered at Beavercreek Grange #276, Clackamas County, for the annual community potluck dinner and ugly sweater contest.

Granger Pam Furlan emceed the dinner event and several local residents competed for a trophy and bragging rights for having the ugliest holiday sweater. The audience selected the winners. Santa (Granger Don Fur-

lan) arrived to greet the kids and led the Santa Parade a block over and across the street to Korner Park for the community Tree Lighting Ceremony, holiday music, stockings for the children and hot chocolate and cider for all. The park looked fantastic with more lights than ever and a beautifully lit tree.

It was wonderful event, sponsored by The Hamlet of Beavercreek, the Beavercreek Salon and Beavercreek Grange.



Above: Contestants on the Grange hall stage for the Ugly Sweater contest.

R: Santa greeting guests at the park.

Below: The community enjoying the potluck dinner before the parade and tree lighting.



Hurricane Creek Hosts Sing-a-long

Sunday afternoon. December 18th found members of Hurricane Creek Grange #806, Wallowa County, enjoying Christmas Music with

family and friends. Along with a Sing-a-long of favorite tunes, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies were enjoyed by all.



Above: Grange Master Claudia Boswell at the piano accompanied the singing.



Rockford Grange celebrating the Winter Solstice around the bonfire.

Rockford Celebrates the Shortest Day

Rockford Grange #501, Hood River County, hosted their first winter event, on the Winter Solstice with a bonfire, singing and ritual, food, bluegrass music, and a children's craft of weaving yarn and stick stars. Not knowing how many folks to expect, but nonetheless prepared with eight kettles of various soups, homemade bread and treats, the Grange hosted 140 people including a number of young families. There is still a glow from the compliments from the wider community. Well and truly, they celebrated

the icy cold night and the return of the Light.



Above: a young man eyes the treats available.



Above: Children enjoy the hay ride.

R: A young child talks with Santa.

Santa Came to Ada

Santa made a visit at Ada Grange #570's Annual Community Christmas Party. Hayrides and crafts were enjoyed by all and there were Christmas Ornaments for all the children.



Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

Please provide name of any Subordinate/Community Grange office/Committee Chairman positions currently held.

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