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News About the Grange

Proclamation



WHEREAS, The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness; and

GRANGE MONTH 2023

WHEREAS, for 155 years The Grange has played an essential and lasting role in building rural and small-town America and ensuring its resiliency through advocacy and direct service; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active, empowering, and effective organization in thousands of communities around the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has a unique position in connecting rural America to urban America through agricultural appreciation and education and by creating strong community leaders; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process, cultivating connections between citizens and their government; and

WHEREAS, The Grange offers opportunities for civil discussions among people of all viewpoints and opinions, serving as a safe haven for exploring important social and legislative issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, even through a worldwide pandemic, The Grange continued to promote service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and residents across rural America; and

WHEREAS, The Grange is proud to be "Raised Right Here," and encourages Grange and community members to come together in celebrating hometown pride and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere desire and deserve to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly-respected organization;

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as Grange Month, and further, I encourage the participation of every Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange past and future by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in every American community.

Belan Huber

PRESIDENT National Grange

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Resolutions Deadline

This year's deadline for submission of resolutions by Community/Subordinate Granges is April 19, 2023: 60 days before State Convention.



Help: Volunteers Needed for Ag Fest



EMERGENCY: we have less than 10 volunteers signed up, and need at least 54 shifts filled – your help is needed. Sign up a car full of your Grange members for a shift and a stroll through Ag Fest before or after.

The 36th annual Oregon Ag Fest will be held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, April 29-30 and the Oregon State Grange is excited to again be a part of it. Hours are Saturday, April 29, from 8:30am – 5pm and Sunday, April 30, from 10am – 5pm. Admission is \$9 for those 13 and over; children 12 and under are admitted for free; parking is also free.

Grangers can get in free by volunteering to help in the Oregon State Grange Activity center in AG Country. The Oregon State Grange needs volunteers. Check out page 5 in this issue of the In past years over 20,000 people Bulletin to see how you can help attended Ag Fest to touch, taste including shift information and a n d contact information for the volunexpeteer coordinator. And remember rience volunteers to wear your Grange the inattire. credible

Country are over 25 hands-on activities and an agricultural scavenger hunt that will have attendees looking for clues in all the exhib-Watch chicks hatch, shuck its. corn, dig for potatoes and so much more! They will have the opportunity to plant seedlings, sample Oregon-made products, make a dirt baby or choose from an array of other activities that make learning about life on the farm fun. All activities are free of charge and aim to gain a better understanding of where our food, fiber and flora come from.

That means they must be at the office in Salem by then, not postmarked, so make sure they are mailed in plenty of time or email for speed as long as they are signed and the seal can be seen.

Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the **Oregon State Grange**

September 24 Willamette Heritage Center Salem

Watch future issues of the Bulletin for more information. Ag Country is the heart and soul of Or-Oregon Ag Fest is where the Oreegon gon State Grange's activity center agriculand display is located. Within Ag ture.



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The President's Column

Jay Sexton president@orgrange.org President - Oregon State Grange



April already? Obviously my first concern in April is getting volunteers for Ag Fest at the State Fairgrounds in Salem on April 29th and 30th. Every year a crowd of giddy Grangers help kids and families visiting Ag Fest to transplant free marigolds and tomato seedlings into little peat pots to take home and grow. It is a wonderful opportunity to have a minute of interaction with many children, helping plant, but also talking about where food comes from, what plants need to thrive, and giving a welcoming impression of Grange. The planting stations allow volunteers to sit while they plant.

About 20,000 people visit this large exposition of vendors, commodity commissions (Think Blueberry Growers Group), and lots of big tractors. It is a celebration of commercial agriculture, with a generous helping of fair-type booths. Most of the visitors are family groups with young children and there are many, many free items for the families to gather.

The shifts are three hours of easy but constant interaction, and you get free admission and parking, and you can visit the huge display areas before and after your shift. Come and help out, spreading a smiling impression of Grange. **Volunteer details are in a box on page #5 of this Bulletin.**

This last weekend was a busy one for me. A visit to Midland Grange #781 in Klamath Falls to celebrate the 50 year and 60 year membership of two members, followed by an Open House promoting membership at Oak Grove Grange #198 in Polk County the next day. After the open house I continued to Seattle to attend the Grange Insurance Association annual meeting.

Insurance

Insurance Association Grange (GIA) has a long relationship with the Granges of Oregon, Washington, California, Colorado, and Idaho. In years past Grange membership was required to purchase very reasonable insurance policies from this company and many Grange halls were insured by GIA. In the last ten years GIA made the business decision to stop insuring halls, and this resulted in a scramble for new coverage and a lot of "sticker shock" at the cost of new policies. GIA continues to support Grange in the western states with an annual contribution to the western State Granges and to National Grange based on the number of insuance policies as well as paying to the states \$1 per member.

The State Presidents of Oregon and California attended the GIA meeting in person, and the presidents of Idaho, Washington, and Colorado attended virtually. I specifically requested that GIA advise the Oregon State Grange, with their experience and expertise, as to strategies we could use to improve the ability of Grange halls to secure affordable insurance.

Insurance is often on my mind, as different Granges reach out to the State Grange office asking for referrals for insurance agents who have worked with Granges. We know a couple of agents, representing different companies, who work statewide. If you are shopping for insurance call or send an email to me for these contacts.

State Convention

Switching gears, our Annual Convention is coming up June 17th -

Does your Grange have an Open House event planned?

"Open House events promoting new membership have been successful around the state with Oregon Granges.

Posters, newspaper announcements, and roadside signs promote support of the community event and strengthen the membership to preserve the community hall. We emphasize continuation of the Grange, not the threat of closure. State Grange officers can attend and help. The State Office can help with poster design or proofing.

Strengthen your Grange with new membership and treat their ideas with respect and support. Granges evolve as we hand the keys of the Grange hall on to the next generation."

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22nd, at the Polk County Fairgrounds about 15 miles west of Salem. This is the 150th Annual Convention of the Oregon State Grange – a tremendous achievement in our efforts to better our communities. I really encourage Granges to send delegates to the Convention, this 150th year. We intend to provide some more learning, social, and interesting opportunities at this year's convention. Come enjoy District 2 as they host our annual session.

If you cannot travel to the Convention you can virtually attend via Zoom. Call the office if you have questions about virtual attendance. See you in Rickreall ! June 17 - 22. Oregon State Grange Bulletin Official publication of the Oregon State Grange since 1900

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Community & Pomona Granges, Send Delegates to the 150th Convention of the Oregon State Grange

When: June 17 – 22

- Where: Polk County Fairgrounds near Salem
- What: Workshops, ceremonies, friends, policy discussion, food, fun and fellowship

Who: All Oregon Grangers

Each Grange can have two voting delegates to represent them. Non-delegate attendees are welcome and encouraged including Youth and Juniors. Registration materials have been sent to each Grange and are available online at: organge.org//news-and-events/conventions/

If you have never been – This is the year to come! Virtual attendance by ZOOM is also offered. Call or email the State Office if you have questions.



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B-I-N-G-O Held at Mohawk Valley

Mohawk Valley Community Grange #922, Lane County, has been busy. They hosted a very successful and fun Bingo event, on February 11th with 47 happy smiling and some-very-lucky people showing up. It was great fun. The Grange plans to do another Bingo event on May 20th.

April is always a fun time as their annual Open House will be on April 15th from 3-7pm. Members and guests will be eating well; bring your favorite soups, salads, or bread. Plants will be for sale including their annual gorgeous flower baskets. Music, door prizes, and a dessert contest will be a



part of the event.

Sunnyside Welcomes New Members

Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County have been adding to their membership with two new

members in December and four members in January. Great work Sunnyside Grange.



L-r: Sunnyside welcoming new members at their December meeting, Bob Ludi, new members John and Carol Bernhard, Celia Fox and Sandi Ludi.

Buy a Candle for the 150th Cake

In June will be the 150th annual convention of the Oregon State Grange and on September 24th we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its organization. In honor of our anniversary the Oregon State Grange will be placing a monument on the Oregon State Capitol site that honors disabled veterans and funding for this will come from the sale of the birthday candles. A place for the monument has been selected on the north side of the capital building near the rose garden.

on the candle (the 1st candle costs \$1. the 150th candle costs \$150. with each denomination in-between). Candles may be purchased in any order until all 150 candles have been sold. So far better than 2/3 of the candles have been purchased with 43 remaining to be claimed.



The Lecturer's Column

Cookie Trupp truppcookie@aol.com Lecturer - Oregon State Grange

In conversation with the person installing my generator she mentioned her co-worker had read a recent article in the Grange paper about our family heritage. I was excited to find out that her co-worker belonged to a local Grange! I thought how great that was and how we don't realize how many people we meet belong to the Grange.

Since we are celebrating Grange Month in April and want more people to know about our great organization, I am including a little bit of history and tidbits that can be shared at your Open House. We are often asked "why join the Grange?" which is usually followed by "what is the Grange?" We tend to talk about its history and how it has evolved. With that in mind, here is some information that can be used as reference for your Grange Month Open House.

The Grange was founded in 1867 for social and economic reasons and benefited the farmer back when farming was a common occupation and lifestyle. The Grange has accomplished many things to improve rural life. This includes rural electrification, rural free delivery and is at present advocating for rural internet.

Some other interesting facts and tidbits are:

- Since its founding, women a. were allowed a vote and had equal status in the Grange.
- b. In Oregon, the Grange pioneered initiative petition process.
- C. There are over 160 local subordinate-community Granges in Oregon. The

Lane

It is play time again in Lane County. refreshments after the completion Seven Subordinate Granges have of all three plays. Each play lasts been busy practicing their one-act about 20 minutes. While the perplays and show time is almost here. formances are free, donations are Each night there are three plays staged, one from the host Grange and two from visiting Granges. Each Grange hosts once and visits twice. All performances start at 7pm with short breaks between the plays. The host Grange provides

county level is called Pomona and our State Grange headquarters is in Salem.

- d. The Grange was founded for the farmer and family and continues to carry the heritage of farm life. Lessons based on agriculture, interesting ritual, rich with symbolism and meaning continues to connect us with our roots and a unique source of identity in the world today.
- The Grange is political but e. not partisan. We can and do discuss and take positions on issues but never on candidates. We are active participants but not campaign workers.
- When you become a Grangf. er, you join the community of its members wherever they live. Though our homes may not be side by side, we share a desire to be a part of a community and to work to improve our communities. Grangers are found working in (or operating) soup kitchens, food banks, buying and donating medical supplies and equipment, helping 4-H scouts, FFA, and giving their time and efforts to a host of good causes.

Your community expands as you yourself expand your own horizons. An ideal to strive for is to be a useful member of your Grange, your local community, your county, state, and country. For if we are not involved in our own lives, someone else will be making the decisions that affect our lives. Grange helps us make a difference.

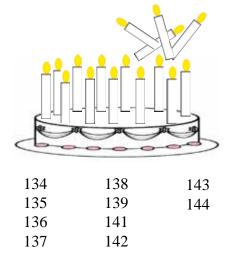
County "Plays" Again

The cake will have 150 candles and each candle costs the amount listed

Available Candles

71	103	118
73	104	119
80	106	121
82	107	122
83	109	124
85	110	126
86	111	127
88	113	128
92	114	131
95	115	132
97	116	133

If you are interested in purchasing a candle, please let State President Jay Sexton know and the candle of your choice will be reserved for you. If two or more Granges want to go together and purchase a candle that can be accommodated as well.



always welcome.

For addresses of Grange halls, look online at www.orgrange.org or in the Roster of Oregon State Granges which was mailed to Granges the end of February.

		AP	RIL/May 2	023		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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16	17	18	19	20	21 <u>IRVING</u> Walterville Goldson	22
23	24	25 GOSHEN Irving Goldson	26	27 <u>Mohawk:</u> <u>McKenzie</u> Dorena Irving	28 WALTERVILLE Goshen M-McKenzie	29
30	1	2	3	4	5 Dorena Goshen Crow	6
7	8 GOLDSON Crow Dorema	9	10	11	12	13



The Chaplain's Corner

Paula Herrick vpbears@q.com Chaplain - Oregon State Grange

Spring Greetings

Spring reminds us that God makes everything new. Tulips and daffodils are peeking out of the ground. The birds are returning with their cheerful singing. We should be happy to see spring and summer return; we should also enjoy the winter. We should remember every day,

every hour, every moment is a gift from God. Enjoy the moment! "As long as the earth endures seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" Genesis 8:22. God's word guarantees there will be seasons and with each new season we see God's words and promises. Have a blessed day!

In Memoriam

Martin Brandenfels Yankton #301

Calvin Clack Myrtle Creek #442

> *Ted Daggett Liberty* #613

Scottie Dickson Clarkes #261

Mary Foix McMinnville #31

Gerald Freeman Oak Grove #198 Marcy Hamm Mohawk McKenzie #747

> Joe Meissner McMinnville #31

> > Lola Partney Dorena #835

Vonda Porter Santiam Valley #828

> Jeanne Taylor Columbia #267

Paul Von Der Mehden Mohawk McKenzie #747

Jan Wiemer McMinnville #31



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.



Bellview Grange Sees Common Cause In Common Ground

The current food system is changing - because it has to. Food and water are gifts from Nature on which all life depends. This is the common ground and Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County, is trying to build common cause to help bring the living systems back in balance.

First, it's important to understand why the food system has to change and why the focus is on food waste.

When food is thrown in the trash and taken to landfills, it gets buried and is without air, and as it decomposes, it gives off methane gas, which is one of the greenhouse gases (ghg) that is contributing to global warming. In order to prevent those emissions, landfills have to construct elaborate infrastructures to capture the gas and use it more constructively. Though they try, they are only able to capture maybe 75%. So, food waste not only wastes the food, it wastes the labor, water and soil that grew the food, the transportation and storage to make the food accessible and the energy put out by landfills to prevent the ghg emissions from escaping.

Each year, 119 billion pounds of food are wasted in this country. Up to 35% of all food that is here gets thrown away. This is safe and nutritious food that could feed hungry people. So, the food system has to work harder and produce more to get food to hungry people just so that this level of waste can continue. And it impacts family budgets too. The average family can save \$1,800 a year by changing a few practices to prevent waste. While diverting food waste away from landfills to compost does help, preventing food from getting to end of life compost level is six times more effective at helping the planet.

Now California and Vermont have

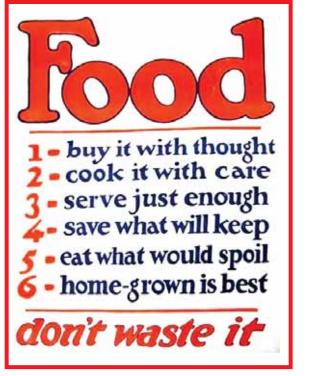
enacted legislation to achieve significant food waste reducton goals. And the U.S. EPA has the stated place at their Grange. These workshops were derived from the book by Paul Hawken. People grouped around some of the top ranked solutions in Project Drawdown and the #3 solution which was reducing food waste was one group's focus. The Grange helped with production of educational brochures and hosted the group's meetings. With this help, the group was able to secure a grant from Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality to conduct workshops on food waste reduction.

Since then, Bellview Grange has provided further support by:

- Permitting weekly food scrap collection into bins on their grounds so that they can be transported to nearby farms and composted.
- Hosting a neighborhood group that will be focusing on food waste and other sustainability issues.
- Offering their neighbor -Bellview Elementary School some volunteer teaching time on the issues of food waste and growing food sustainably, because they understand the special role that education plays in helping the next generation start with good habits of reduce, recover and recycle food for compost.

And Bellview Grange is also supporting National Food Waste Prevention Week, which is April 10 - 16, 2023. And it is encouraging other Granges in the state to become a partner to help raise awareness on this issue. More information is available at https://www. foodwastepreventionweek.com/

By supporting its members on this issue, Bellview Grange is helping their community to gather around a common cause and work towards a wiser use of Nature's gifts.



goal that food waste in the landfills must be reduced by half by 2030.

Bellview Grange began its engagement on this issue back in 2018, when several of their members participated in Project Drawdown workshops that took

Left: JC Junkman and Jade Naylor look on as Sue Dumolt leads a prayer during the Draping of the Charter for Jade's great-grandfather Scottie Dickson at Clarkes Grange # 261, Clackamas County. Oregon State Grange - www.orgrange.org





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.



Above: June Colony, Oregon State Grange Agriculture Director with Nate Johnson, a member of Marys River Grange and co-owner of Sunbow Pro-



Up here in the mountains, March came in like a lion. Snow upon snow, followed by clear blue skies and dripping eaves, to be followed by even more snow! In response to this, I spent hours in my hoop greenhouse.

I tucked my 20 by 50 ft. greenhouse against the south side of my barn. Large stock tanks are positioned below the barn's eaves; where they catch the clean rain and snow melt to be used on my growing beds inside the greenhouse. Every morning, I go up in the farm truck to get my sheep's hay, and then walk into the warmth of my greenhouse for a couple hours before heading the truck back down the driveway to feed the sheep. My gloves, coat, and hat are shed as I close the door behind me. Once inside, I nudge the lingering snow off the plastic with a push broom against the inside of the hoops and pull out the tin cookie cans full of older seeds.

Last fall, the sheep shed was cleaned of manure and hay bits to be spread out on the large gardens and upon the growing beds inside the greenhouse. I then saturated the greenhouse beds with tank water, and covered them with leaves and clear plastic. My spring reward is unfrozen planting beds full of worms that are easy to turn and rake out for March planting.

Winona Grange Hosts **Seeds** and **Bees Fair April** 29

come pollinators will highlight an ing) bee houses to take home afternoon of family fun Saturday, April 29 at Winona Grange # #271, Washington County, from 1-4 pm. Winona Grange distributes locally

The Agricultural Report

June Colony grassjune@hotmail.com Agriculture Director - Oregon State Grange

> To plant these beds, I make short, cross-bed rows just a few inches apart, pull the lids of metal cookie tins and spread the 2018-2021 garden seeds thickly into these rows, marking the rows with labels. I call this, "transplant bed planting". Yes, the seeds are old and so low germination occurs, but after the viable seeds sprout, I have more than enough plants to transplant out into wider spacing in the remaining greenhouse beds. I also move these hardy plants into pots to be ready for our Granges' seed swap and plant sale event in late May. As gardeners, we always have older seed packets that would not be viable enough to plant out in a main garden row, but these intensive planting rows give even a 20% germination rate seeds a good platform to grow.

> When my final greenhouse plantings of tomatoes, peppers, cukes and eggplants are in place, I tuck in transplants of lettuce, kale, onions and additional short rows of future transplanting seeds around those plants...all to be harvested or moved before those large plants start producing their bounty.

So, don't throw out your older seed packets, just plant them in short rows, or scattered thickly over pots and use those emerging plants as transplants placed out for their summer growth and harvest!



Free seeds and takeaways to wel- free Mason (native, non-stingalong with vegetable and pollinator-friendly flower seeds which Free ice cream sundaes will top off and statewide thanks to donations from Bi Mart and Wilco. In January and February Winona Grange volunteers shipped over 100 boxes around the NW region. Various gardening organizations will also be offering resources at the April 29 open house.

duce worked the Grange table at the at the OSU Small Farms conference. the event.

Oregon Small Farms Conference

The 2023 Oregon Small Farms Conference was held on February 18th on the Oregon State University Campus in Corvallis. 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.

Representing the Oregon State Grange at the conference included June Colony, Oregon State Grange Agriculture Director and Nate Johnson, a member of Marys River Grange and co-owner of Sunbow Produce. Both have small farms. June is a sheep rancher, Nate and his partner Yadira own Sunbow Produce, growers of USDA certified organic produce and provide year round products directly to customers in Corvallis and Philomath, Oregon.

This year Nate has taken on the task of growing the tomato and marigold starts that will be used in the Oregon State Grange activity center at Ag Fest.

Adults will gather for two presentations upstairs on plants that attract pollinators and a third on how to use data from the "Oregon Bee Atlas" to improve garden productivity. It is estimated there are more than 500 species of bees in our state.

Children will be treated downstairs to stories about bees with the Winona Grange's "Bee Lady" in appropriate costume. Kids will also participate in a 4H Junior Beekeeping Activity with Alice Phillips from the Oregon State University Extension Service. They can also take seedlings home to plant.

All ages can assemble their own lillyinemeraldcity@gmail.com.

Guest experts that day include Adrianna Lovell with Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District; Brian Allen, Oregon State University Melittologist; and Jack Schorr and Eric Butler, OSU Master Gardeners. Melittology is the scientific study of bees (www.oregonbeeproject.org).

Winona Grange is located at 8340 SW Seneca in Tualatin. For more details, contact Lily Anderson at

Oregon State Grange - www.orgrange.org

Community Service Involvement

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Earlier this year Oregon Granges were sent a new Community Service Project Tracking Report form to help Granges keep track of the hours, people, etc. involved in a project. Since then, there have been lots of questions and confusion on how to use it.

Your Grange should have recently received a letter with an example of the form. This form is to help you gather information on your commu-

<u>Remember</u> **State Community** Service Reports must be postmaked by April 15. Mail to: **Oregon State Grange** 643 Union St NE ~ **Salem OR 97301**

nity service projects as they happen in preparation for completing the Annual Community Service Report and the Community Service Yearbook. It does not replace the Annual Community Service report which is due April 15 this year. 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. It is for your Grange's use only. It does not get sent into the Oregon State Grange office or the State Community Service Director.

Both the Annual Community Service Report and the Community Service Project Tracking Report form are available on the Oregon State Grange website http://orgrange.org/the-oregon-stategrange/committees/community-service/ at the bottom of the page.



L-r: Martin McClure, Stanley Garboden, Sue Montgomery, Georgann Squire, Patti Scott, and Patrick Dearth. Carolin Pettit and Louise Mc-Clure also helped with the project.

Creswell Helps Meals-on-Wheels

The members of Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, prepared 44 Valentine's Day gift bags for their local Meals-on-Wheels program. The bags had cookies, candy, fruit

Valentine themed craft item. Additional gift bags were given to the Chamber of Commerce, City of Creswell staff, South Lane County Fire Department and the Lane chews, hot chocolate mix, tanger- County Sheriff's office based in



Sunnyside Makes Food Bank Donation

the donations from their Jazzercise tions filled up the car.

In early March Sunnyside Grange members and Grange members for #842, Clackamas County, loaded up their local Food Bank. The dona-



Above: The Highway Home Band tunes up prior to the event.

Springwater Grange and Church Holds Food Bank Fundraiser

and Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, next door neighbors in the heart of Springwater, held a successful fundraiser for the Estacada Area Food Bank on February 11th at the Springwater Grange hall. The community was invited to partake of a soup and sandwich bar while enjoying the music of the Highway Home Band, an old-time bluegrass and gospel band.

Springwater Presbyterian Church happy with the results of the event as was the band and plans are in the works to do it again at some future date.



ines, and a small stuffed animal or Creswell.



Martin McClure delivered 44 gift bags prepared by Creswell Grange members for Meals on Wheels recipients to MOW coordinator Kate Cross.

Attendees were asked to bring non-perishable food to donate. Cash donations were also accepted. Both the church and Grange were

R: Don Kingsborough, Kathleen Souder and Joyce Parker prepping the sandwich bar.



Representatives of the Estacada Area Food Bank were on hand to accept donations of food and money.

Chetco Grange Collaborates With Food Bank

Chetco Grange #765, Curry County, on the southern Oregon coast has partnered with Brookings Harbor Community Helpers, Inc. to help local seniors.

The Senior Fresh Foods Project, which began in October 2022, helps low-income seniors gain access to fresh foods. Food is available weekly on Thursdays at the Chetco Grange hall. Chetco members report that the collaboration has been very successful.



Morning Star Collects For Food **Pantry**

On February 9th Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County gathered to sort and weigh the non-perishable foodstuffs the Grange had collected in the Grange food bank from July 1 through December 31, 2022. There was a total of 409 pounds of nonperishable foodstuffs.

Then on February 16th, Connie Lambert of the Jefferson Food Pantry arranged for volunteers to come to the Grange hall and pick up the food donation.

150th **Anniversary Totes**



Does your Grange want to order any **Tote bags?**

The Oregon State Grange is ordering durable tote bags commemorating the 150th year of Oregon Grange. They are 14 oz cotton canvas measuring 11 1/2" H x 14" W x 5 1/2" D with 26" long web handles, with navy sides and handles and beige sides, and a gold and navy logo print of the 150th year logo. Pre-registered State Grange Convention attendees will receive one bag each.

If your Grange wishes to order additional bags, for your members or for sale, we will order extras for \$10 each. Please email president@orgrange.org with the number your Grange would like to add to our order. The order **DEADLINE** is May 15th.

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.

Lacomb Holds Swiss Steak Dinner

Lacomb Grange #907, Linn County homemade pies for dessert. held their annual Swiss Steak Dinner on Saturday, February 18. Friends, neighbors and visitors Approximately 55 to 60 people were present. Raffle prizes were given out while everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner including project and mintainence of the hall.

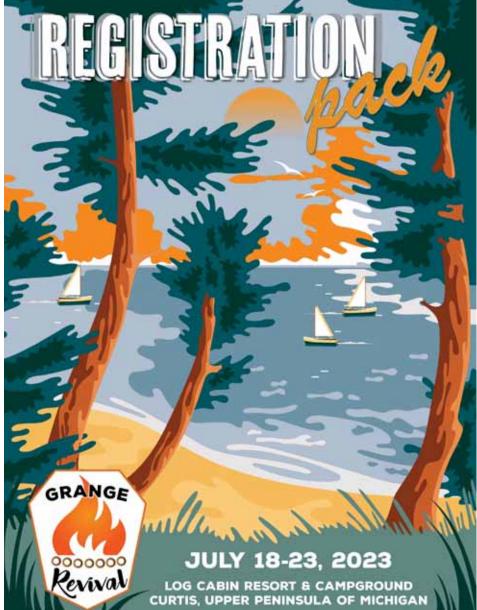
enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship. Funds raised help the Grange with community service

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.

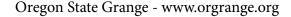
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Pomona	Da	te	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Aug	12	10:30 AM	Missouri Flat Grange
Benton #36	Apr	15	10:30 AM	Hope Grange
Clackamas #1	Apr	22	9:30 AM	The Sandy Grange
Columbia #18	May	6	10:00 AM	Natal Grange
Deschutes #25	May	14	1:00 PM	TBA
Douglas #13	Apr	22	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange
Josephine #20	Apr	29	10:00 AM	Redwood Grange
Lane #14	Jul	8	10:00 AM	Goshen Grange
Lincoln #10	May	20	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Jul	8	10:00 AM	Santiam Valley Grange
Polk #3	Jul	9	11:00 AM	TBA
Tillamook #9				TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26				TBA
Wallowa #22	Jul	11	10:00 AM	Hurricane Creek Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Apr	15	10:00 AM	McMinnville Grange

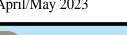
For more information on Grange Revival and to register go to: http://grangerevival.com/



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

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April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22
Grange Friendship Day	Raised Right Here Day	Grange Apparel or Pin Day	Grange Hero Day	Grange Project Day	Community Service Day	Grange Recipe Day
Share on Social Media with #grangemonth23						





Deaf Awareness and Family Health

Lilly Anderson lillyinemeraldcity@gmail.com OSG Deaf Awareness and Family Health Director

The Hidden Homeless in Rural Areas

Hello Grangers!

Today I'd like to start by talking a little about our Deaf Awareness and Family Health Committee. Theresa Thorud, from District 3, has a long history of serving as a DAFH chair and is co-chairing our upcoming Rural Mental Health Fair for the Washington Yamhill Pomona. Theresa has written scores of articles for her Grange and Pomona newsletters on DAFH topics and will be guest writing an article here soon. Tim Dehne serves from District 2, and Tim's interests are as varied as he is. Tim has been championing our investigations of Blue Zones, and will soon be visiting some of the Granges that are in the five designated Blue Zone Project Areas in Oregon. Lastly, I'd like to welcome our newest member, Jim Newman from District 1. Jim is the Master of Chetco Grange, in Curry County, on the Southern Oregon Coast.

When I asked Jim what problems his community faced, he told me homelessness has become a very big problem in his area. The stereotypical view of rural life is healthy rural families, getting plenty of exercise and fresh foods. Thoughts of the Oregon coast don't typically include homeless individuals and families. I want to thank Jim for suggesting we investigate this as an issue affecting our membership and communities, and we are going to do just that. First, we'll learn more about homelessness in general and how the characteristics of homelessness differ in rural areas compared to urban centers. Next, we'll research what other communities and Granges have done to combat it, and finally, we'll investigate where and how we can act here at home and to make our voices heard nationally.

Understanding rural homelessness requires a more flexible definition of homelessness. In rural areas, there are far fewer shelters and warming stations so people experiencing homelessness don't tend to gather near these services where they are easily seen and counted. In rural areas, those experiencing homelessness are more likely to live in cars, campers or live doubled up with family or friends. The restrictive, and urban, view of homelessness does not provide a good fit for evaluating the homeless situation in rural areas, and may very well have been excluding these areas from accessing federal funds to help.⁴

It is not surprising that rural homelessness has been difficult to define. In fact, the term rural has proven very difficult to define, with the most common definition simply being not urban. Urban is defined as a metropolitan community with a population of 50,000 or more and the economically tied surrounding areas. Urban clusters are defined as having a population of more than 5,000 but fewer than 50,000 people. Rural areas are then defined as all territory, population and housing that does not classify as urban or urban clusters.⁴ The McKinney-Vento Act defines a person as homeless if (1) they lack a fixed, regular income and adequate nighttime residence, or (2) they have a primary nighttime that is supervised, or (3) they are staying in an institutional setting, or (4) they are staying in locations that are not usually used for sleeping accommodations, such as lobbies or hallways. This has created an atmosphere in which most rural communities don't count those living in substandard structures, such as barns and other outbuildings.

While the patterns of homelessness differ from urban to rural, the root causes remain the same. Rural homelessness is the result of poverty and a lack of affordable housing, and research shows the odds of being poor are 1.2 to 2.3 times higher for people living in rural areas. In fact, one out of five rural counties is considered high poverty, compared to only one out of twenty high poverty urban counties.⁴ Rural homelessness is most pronounced in rural regions that are primarily agricultural, or regions that are reliant on extraction industries such as mining, timber and fishing. Additionally, it has been shown that fewer job opportunities, lower wages and longer periods of unemploy ment are experienced in rural areas than in urban areas.

Redland Grange Hosts COVID-19 Clinic

County has been hosting LOVE-ONE's free food distribution for several years now in their lower level. Through their collaboration with Clackamas County, Redland

Redland Grange #796, Clackamas Grange is now hosting Clackamas County Public Health twice a month upstairs in the main hall now thru June. The clinic is offering free Covid-19 and flu vaccine shots for adults and children.



A lack of decent affordable housing underlies both rural and urban homelessness, but additionally, the problem of housing quality also contributes to rural homelessness. In rural areas, 30% of households (6.2 million households) have at least one major housing quality problem. In fact, rural homelessness is often precipitated by a structural or physical housing problem that jeopardizes health or safety.⁴ Another trend that has affected rural homelessness are insecure tenancy situations that have occurred due to changes in the local real estate markets, such as the displacement of trailer park residents as that land becomes more valuable for expensive housing development.

Experts have also noted there are the higher numbers of families, rather than individuals, experiencing homelessness in rural communities.5 Families with children often become hypermobile due to economic insecurity and inadequate housing, leading to social isolation. Due to a desire to remain in their rural communities or having few options to leave, many often settle for substandard living conditions. In her address before the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance, Ann Oliva, the Vice President of Housing Policy for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities stated, "Living on the streets is a brutal existence for the individuals and families experiencing it and it negatively impacts the surrounding communities. The Nation is experiencing a homelessness crisis that predates the pandemic and will continue to worsen without continued intervention. In January 2020, before the pandemic, 30 states across the nation experienced a rise in rural homelessness, and unsheltered homelessness has increased every year since 2015."

steps are being taken across the country by other rural communities, other Granges and other state agencies and non-profit organizations. Thank you for your time and may you and yours remain safe in your homes.

- ¹Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Poll: Rural Americans Report Problems. Retrieved 2/17/23 from: https://www.rwjf.org/en/ about-rwjf/newsroom/2019/05/ four-in-ten-rural-americans-report-problems-paying-for-medical-bills-housing-or-food.html
- ²Hart, K. (2020). Homelessness isn't just a big city problem. AXIOS, Economy and Business. Retrieved 2/17/23 from: https:// www.axios.com/2020/02/05/ homelessness-rural-america-cities
- ³HUD 2022 Annual Homelessness Report. Retrieved 2/17/23 from: https://www.hud.gov/press/ press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_22_253#:~:text = Homelessness% 20among%20single%20individuals%20increased,16%25%20 between%202020%20and%20 2022.

Homelessness isn't just a big city problem anymore. According to a recent poll by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, one-third of rural Americans say homelessness has become a big problem in their communities¹ In fact, it has become pervasive in rural communities due to high rates of poverty, unemployment or under-employment, lack of affordable housing, and geographic isolation.² Often called the hidden homeless, rural homelessness has been a growing problem for some time, but rural landscapes camouflage homelessness with expansive geography and low population density. Because of this, the situation goes unnoticed and unaddressed by many policy makers and forms of federal aid.³

⁶ Next time, we will look at what

⁴National Coalition for the Homeless, Fact Sheet #11, August 2007. Retrieved 3/1/2023 from: www.nationalhomeless.org ⁵RHIhub: Module 5: Evaluation Considerations for Services Integration Programs. Retrieved 2/17/23 from: https://www. ruralhealthinfo.org/toolkits/ services-integration/5/evaluation-considerations

⁶Ending Homelessness: Addressing Local Challenges in Housing the Most Vulnerable. Testimony of Ann Oliva, Vice President of Housing Policy, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Before the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance. February 2, 2022.



Meet the District 2 Granges that are our hosts for the 2023 Oregon State Grange Conventuion.



Fairmont #252 **Benton County Organized March 1891**

grange.org/fairmountor252

Location:	835 North Albany Rd NW Albany
Meets:	2 nd Sunday
Contact:	Kegan Williams 541-
	224-6931
Email:	fairmountevents@
	gmail.com

Grange hall was built 1930 and has always been a Grange.

Best known for: Free rental for School related events, and Bingo twice a month. We have active Youth/Young Adult members.



Summit #432 Benton County Reorganized 192

A Big To-Do in District 2! 2023 Oregon State Grange **Convention Meal Tickets**

Polk County Fairgrounds ~ Rickreall, Oregon

Name:

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Grange Name & No.:	

Phone:_____Email:_____

Address: _____

Saturday dinner and Sunday through Wednesday lunches are available Location: 24707 Grange Hall Rd., for purchase. Saturday's and Monday's banquets, the luncheons and Tuesday's Benefit Breakfast are all on site at the Polk County Fairgrounds. In the boxes below, write in the total number of meal tickets per meal. Total the daily meal costs on the right and enter the grand total at the bottom. Mail completed order form and total amount by **June 1st**. Meal tickets will not be available for purchase after June 1st. All meal tickets will be picked up at State Convention. Meal questions contact Toni at 541-609-8335.

Mail to: Dist. 2 Host Committee, Willamette Grange, PO Box 1923, **Corvallis OR 97339**

Please return order form with check payable to "District 2" by June 1st.

Day	Meal	Menu		# of tickets		Price per ticket	Daily \$ Total
Sat	Kickoff Banguet	Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	Adult		x	\$20.00	
6/17		Salad Roll Dessert	10 & under		x	\$10.00	
Sun	Foundation	Ham Scalloped Potates Green Beans	Adult		x	\$15.00	
6/18	Luncheon	Salad 30th Anniversary Cake for dessert	10 & under		x	\$8.00	
	Membership	Baked Potato Bar with Chili	Adult		х	\$15.00	
	Luncheon	Salad Dessert	10 & under		х	\$8.00	
Mon 6/19	Hard and the second sec	Chicken Pasta Casserole Vegetable, Salad & Dessert	Adult		x	Free	\$0.
	Celebration Banquet	150th Panoramic Photo to be taken before or after dinner weather Plan to stay in place for up to 30 minutes for photo to be taken.	10 & under		x	Free	\$0.
Tues	Benefits Breakfast	Pancakes Eggs Sausage			x	Free	\$0.
6/20	20 GWA Bre Luncheon Sal	Lasagna Bread	Adult		х	\$15.00	
		Salad Dessert	10 & under			\$8.00	
Wed	Youth/Young Adults	Spahetti Bread	Adult		х	\$15.00	
6/21	/21 Luncheon	Salad Dessert	10 & under		х	\$8.00	

Tickets are required for the Monday evening's dinner.



Marys River #685 **Benton County** Organized March 16, 1927

marysrivergrange.org

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Philomath Meets: 1st Wednesday 6:30 PM potluck, 7PM meeting Contact: Grange Cell 541.829.2907 marysrivergrange@ gmail.com

Hall built in 1934. Handicap accessible.

Best known for community service supporting Philomath Community Services, low cost medical clinic for farmworkers, Yoga at the Grange, Bluegrass Workshops/Jams, Line Dancing, Conversation Projects, roadside cleanup.

After nearly closing in 2009, Marys River has rebounded to become the second largest Grange in Oregon. It is active in the community, recognized as a Gold Level State Honor Grange and National Distinguished Grange for five consecutive years.

Annual events include Harvest Fest, Plant Sale and Seed Swap. Amazing Grange Day. Ongoing projects include Yoga, concerts and theater, Windy Hill Farm Aid.





Location: 19854 Summit Hwy, Blodgett Meets: 2nd Wed, 7 PM Contact: Evelyn Idzerda 541.456.4567 eveid@peak.org

Best known for: Hosting community events, Annual Talent Show, various dances, weddings. There was a recent rental to a musician who recorded music there.

Our community likes to gather and to host community sales, holiday markets, dances, etc. We are trying to finance the replacement of old windows with double pane windows.

Any dietary needs such as diabetic, vegetarian, gluten-free or allergies, please contact Toni 541.609.8335

Orders must be received by June 1st. No ticket sales on site.



Willamette #52 **Benton County** Chartered November 17, 1873

willamettegrange.org

Location: 27555 Greenberry Rd, Corvallis

2nd Sun, snack potluck Meets: at 2:30, meeting at 3PM Contact: Toni Hoyman

Willamette Grange is best known for being the 2nd oldest continuously chartered Grange in Oregon. The hall was first occupied by the Grange in 1923 and is of Georgian Revival Architecture.

Our goal is to make the hall presentable, usable, and rentable for Grange and public use. We have annual family friendly events and this year we will be celebrating our Hall's 100th year Aug 19!



alseahopegrange.wixsite.com

Location: 27373 Alsea Deadwood Hwy Alsea Meets: 1st Thurs 6 pm Contact: Julie Hendrix 541-486-4125

Hope Grange met in four other sites, two of which burned, before building their present hall in 1948. Hall is handicap accessible.

Best known for: Being a nice Community Hall for events, memorials, celebrations, reunions dances, and more in Alsea.

Oregon State Grange - www.orgrange.org

A Big To-Do in District 2!



Pine Forest #632 Deschutes County Reorganized Mar. 19, 1974

Location: 63214 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend Meets: 4th Monday of the month Contact: Judy Torkelson, Sec.

They have a Hootenanny Jam and Dance on the 2nd Tuesday, A spring plant sale in April and Herb festival in May. Home for Central Baptist Church and Bend square and round dances.

Hall first occupied Oct. 15, 1994 Handicap accessible: yes



Redmond #812 Deschutes County Reorganized Dec. 26, 1933

Location: 707 SW Kalama Ave. Redmond Meets: 1st Thursday Contact: Cathy Shores

Redmondgrange.org

Original Hall was built 1933, burnt down, rebuilt 2002. Handicap accessible.

Known for their support for traditional American dance.





Ada # 570 Lane County Organized March 18, 1918

Location: 82457 S. Canary Rd. Westlake Meets: 2nd Sat. 6:00pm meeting, 5pm potluck Contact: Linda Pugh, Secretary

Hall built or occupied August 1918 Handicap accessible: yes

Best known for: Bingo, Holiday parties, scholarships, quarterly donations to Siuslaw Outreach Services. We have a good group of active members who work well together toward a common goal much like other Granges.

Other projects: Fair Grove Cemetery Partner, Lane County Fair booth display, Newspapers in Education program.



Creswell #496 Lane County Organized 1937

Location: 274 W. Oregon Ave. Creswell Meets: 2nd Mon Contact: Patrick Dearth 541-520-5383 soudad21@gmail.com

Hall occupied as a Grange August 1937. Handicap accessible: 1st floor – yes, 2nd floor – not accessible. Best known for: A great blend of members from all walks of life. Their biggest event is the July 4th Celebration.



Crow #450 Lane County Organized February 1911 – Reorganized March 1921

Location: 85994 Territorial Hwy Meets: 2nd Wed. 7:30pm/ potluck 6:30pm Contact: Connie Suing

Hall built or occupied Nov 1951 Handicap accessible: 1st floor – yes

Best known for: Annual "Joe's Chicken BBQ", Bingo 1st and 3rd Saturdays during the school year, Annual Community Potluck open house, Folkdance and Line dance every month.

Other projects: Senior meals twice monthly, weekly release-time Bible Club, for Applegate Elementary.



Dorena 835 Lane County Organized 1935

Location: 34360 Row River Rd. Cottage Grove Meets: 4nd Mon at 5:30pm Contact: Corrinne Kaleese 541-914-9975

Hall built in 1995 and is handicap accessible.

Best known for: We host fabulous Subordi monthly potlucks and Quarterly events. Other projects: Seasonal seed exchange, and Deep Roots Service. Coffee Hour for outreach.



Goldson #868 Lane County Organize December 8, 1936

Location:23479 Hwy 36, CheshireMeets:1st Thurs 6 pmContact:Mary Beckman

This building 1995-ish and is handicap accessible.

Best known for: Community Service and Food Pantry. We have a ball field and a barrel roof.

Other projects: Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, Hwy 36 Sale and Lamb Burgers, Car Show.



Goshen #561 Lane County Organize February 19, 1917

Location:	85628 Dillard Access Rd
	Eugene,
Meets:	1st Mon. of the month, 6
	pm potluck, 7pm meeting
Contact:	Linda Wetzell
	541-579-6182
	Priscilla Phillips
	(Rentals) 541-232-9669

Hall occupied on current site - 1964 Handicap accessible: yes

Best known for: Members who are active in all levels of Grange, Subordinate, Pomona (county), State and National. Well known for supporting veterans and Community Service

Fort Rock # 756 Lake County (North) Organized 1930

Location: 64651 Fort Rock Rd, Fort Rock Meets: 2nd Wednesday 6:30pm Contact: Mike House

Hall built in 1938. Handicap accessible: yes

Best known for: Annual Beef Dinner and community service projects. Other projects: General maintenance and upkeep (wheel chair ramp rehabilitation). Other projects: Ice-cream Social, seasonal goodie bags for Meals on Wheels, Community Meals, Words for Thirds, Bingo, food Drives, Stand Down for Vets, Missing Man Table.



The site of our Grange is nestled at the edge of the Row River and bordered by old growth Oak.



Elmira #523 Lane County Organized: 1915

www.grange.org/elmiraor523/

Members are lifetime members and longstanding membership of 25 years to 58 years consecutively.

Other projects: Valentines for Veterans ongoing for 20+ years, pie auction, summer picnic, Harvest Dinner and Christmas Party

Location: 88764 Sprague St. Elmira Meets: 1st Tuesday 6pm Contact: Heather Blake 541-285-4376

Hall built or occupied: 1908 Handicap accessible: yes

Best known for: Community Plastic Collection, Music Jam, Marketplace, Rental Venue.





Jasper #532 Lane County Re-organized April 1, 1932

Location:	36785 Jasper-Lowell Rd
	Springfield
Meets:	1st Tues at 7pm
Contact:	Nadine Reed
	Anna Massingham

Handicap accessible: yes



Junction City #744 Lane County Organized April 1, 1930

Junctioncitygrange.com

Location:	1420 Kalmia St
	Junction City
Meets:	2nd Tues, 7:30 pm
Contact:	Anita Starns
	541-913-6854

Hall been occupied at current site since 1930. Not currently handicap accessible but working on ramp.

Best known for: Having American Legion Post 81 meetings, Zumba classes and JC Little Opry.





London #937 Lane County Organize March 15, 1954

Location: 72746 London Rd, Cottage Grove Meets: 3rd Thurs. 6:00 pm Contact: Alice Nowicki, 541-228-8451

www.grange.ore/londonor937/ london937@grange.org

First building burned December 1965, moved to new building in 1969. Is handicap accessible.

Best known for: Quilting and Food Boxes. Other projects: Members support the local Western Oregon Expo Fair and Lane County Fair.

We are located in a popular destination spot with mineral springs, rodeo grounds, racetrack, hotel, swimming pool, dove hunting, and camping.



Lowell #745 Lane County Organized February 1930

www.sites.google.com/view/ lowellgrange

Location: 51 E 2nd St, Lowell Meets: 2nd Thurs 7 pm Contact: Lonna Bennette 541-937-2312

1941 Grange purchased the old grade school for \$450 and it is handicap accessible.

Best known for: The Breakfasts and Easter Egg Hunt. We provide a free breakfast on the first Sunday every month and serve around 130 or more. We host the Ashland Rowers in our homes when the Regatta comes in April.

Other projects: We help run the Blackberry Jam Festival. Our President, Don Bennett, is the Mayor of Lowell and we have Grange members on the City Council and all committees.



Mohawk Valley #922 Lane County Charted as #147 in 1874. Re-charted as #411 in 1910. Re-charted as Mohawk Valley Community Grange #922 in 1948



Mohawk-McKenzie #747 Lane County Organized: March 10, 1930

grange.org/mohawkmckenzieOR747

Location:	3055	Willakenzie	Rd,
	Euger	ne	
Meets:	1st &	3rd Wed 7:30	pm
Contact:	Mark	Noah, Sec.	
	541-9	53-4155	

Hall built: 1913 formally home to Willakenzie Grange. Downstairs is handicap accessible.

Known for our welcoming community of Grange members.

Other projects: Open House each year for National Night Out; longtime supporter of Dogs For Better Lives and Hope and Safety Alliance (formerly Women's Space).



Walterville #416 Lane County Organized: July 1932

www.grange.org/waltervilleor416/

Location: 39259 Camp Creek Rd, Springfield Meets: 1st and 3rd Tues. potluck 6:30pm, meeting 7:30pm Contact: Galen Momb 541-747-9297



Lorane #54 Lane County Organized 1873

Location:	80342 Old Lorane Rd.
	Eugene
Meets:	1st Thurs 7 pm (except
	3rd Thurs in Jan & July)
Contact:	Lil Thompson
	lilyhillthopson@gmail.com
	Randy Eshleman

Hall built in 1909 and is handicap accessible.

Best known for: Dessert & Bingo

evenings, RAC/Lorane Grange

Talent Show, Open House, Lorane

Christmas dinner and Open House,

RAC Movie Nights, 3 CAL School

We lend a helping hand to the

Cemetery clean-up, working to

help all in our community – not just

Other projects: Working with other

organizations, give dictionaries

to 3rs Graders, "Wreath Across

America", Red Cross Designated

Road

Board meetings each year.

Community

community,

Grangers.

Emergency Shelter.

Potluck,

Lorane

clean-up,

Mapleton #584 Lane County Organized: Jan 1920

Location: 10880 E Mapleton Road Meets: 2nd Tues. 5PM Contact: Barbara Reeder 541-268-1061

Hall built in January 1920

Best known for: Rummage sales and Santa at Christmas. Our Grange members are a good group of volunteers.

We are small but known for helping and community and service events.

MohawkGrange.org

Location: 93715 Marcola Rd, Marcola Meets: 3rd Wed. (except Dec) Contact: Linda Mooney 541-913-3799

Hall built as a school house and moved to its current site in 1925. It is handicap accessible.

Best known for: Great Bingo, Open House and Harvest Festival Potlucks. Other projects: Possible classes, Mohawk Fire District Emergency Preparedness.

We have Mohawk River access; and great potlucks.

Hall built in 1951 and is handicap accessible.

Best known for: Mother's and Father's Day Breakfasts, Community Fair, Waddle 5k, Chili and Spaghetti Feeds, Holiday Dinner, Easter Egg, Play Festival.

They are a very active Grange.

Other projects: Used clothing shed, backpacks for students, food donations for upriver food bank, scholarship fund, Boy Scouts.





Thurston #853 Lane County **Organized: July 1936**

Location:	6596 Thurston Rd.,
	Springfield
Meets:	1st Thurs
Contact:	Mary Lambert
	541-221-2449

Handicap accessible: yes

Best known for: having sales and Bingo on the first and third Friday of each month at 7pm, potluck on the third Thursday at 6:30pm each month.



Siletz Valley #558 Lincoln County **Organized: Feb. 19, 1917**

Location:	224 NW Gaither St.
	Siletz
Meets:	2nd Mon. meeting at
	5:30pm, potluck 5pm
Contact:	Michelle Schaffer
	541-270-2864

Hall built in August 1917 and is handicap accessible.

Best known for: Farmers markets June to September. A place for Baby Showers, Weddings, and funerals. The citizens of Siletz know we are here for everyone.

Other projects: Annual St Paddies Dinner and Silent auction, Holiday Meets: Bazaar, Saturday Sales, VFW, Ouilters for Veterans, pinochle club, and Bingo.

A Big To-Do in District 2!

Tenative Convention Schedule

Polk County Fairgrounds @ Rickreall, June 17th – 22rd

The convention this year will again be a hybrid of in-person and via Zoom. Our National Grange Representative will be Phil Vonada, Communications Director. Committee meetings about resolutions will be held prior to the session via Zoom in the first couple of weeks in June.

	Saturday June 17 th
8:00	Facility Set Up – Come
	Help!
0.20	A Town from the Events

- 8:30 Ag-Tour – f rom the Events Center
- Registration materials will 2:00 be available
- 5:30 Kick-Off Banquet, Talent Contest & Honor Grange Awards

Sunday June 18th

- 7:30 Morning Workshops
- 9:00 Opening in the 6th Degree, lowered to 4th @ 9:15
- 11:00 State President's Annual Address 12:00 Foundation Luncheon, fol-
- lowed by annual meeting
- 2:15 Orientation for delegates
- 4:00 5th Degree
- 7:30 6th Degree

Monday June 19th

- 7:30 Morning Workshops
- 9:00 Memorial Program
- 10:30 Opening in 4th Degree
- 12:00 Membership Luncheon
- 4:30 Panorama Photo of All Attendees for 150th Year



Lacomb #907 **Linn County Organized: 1945**

Location: 34100 E Lacomb Dr. Lebanon OR 97355 2nd Fri. of each month Contact: Clark Griffith, Master

150th Celebration Dinner 5:00 no charge, ticket req'd

Tuesday June 20st

- 6:30 **Benefits Breakfast** @ fairgrounds - no charge
- 7:30 Morning Workshops
- 10:00 Opening in 4th Degree
- 10:30 Presentation by State Junior Grange
- 12:00 GWA luncheon
- 1:30 Tribute to Grange Veterans 2:00 **Resolution Work**

- Wednesday June 21nd Morning Workshops 7:30
- 9:00 Opening in 4th Degree by State Youth Officers
- **Resolution Work** 9:30
- 12:00 Youth Luncheon Goodie Basket drawing
- 2:00 Recognition of Past State Officers

Thursday June 22rd

- 9:00 Opening in 4th Degree
- 10:30 Thank you to District #2 Invitation for 2024
- 1:00 **Resolution Work Closing Session**



Morning Star #898 Linn County **Organized: 1902**

Location: 38794 Morning Star Road NE, Albany 1st Tues. at 7pm, potluck Meets: at 6pm Contact: Heather Decker, Master, hd97322@gmail.com Robert P. Richardson, Jr. 541-926-2266



Buell #637 Polk County Organized in 1924

Location:	5970 Mill Creek Rd,
	Sheridan
Meets:	3rd Tuesday, 1 pm,
	noon Potluck
Contact:	Terisa Hibdon

www.grange.org/buellor637/

Hall was built in 1900 and is handicapped assessable.

Best known for: live music and dancing and available for various rentals. Just increased their membership from 3 to 26 in one year.



Oak Grove #198 **Polk County** Organized 1889

Location:	2760	Oak	Grove	Rd,
	Rickr	eall		
Meets:	2nd S	unday	, 10 am.	
Contact:	Jency	Rosas	sco	

Existing building was built after a fire destoyed the first one in 1926 and is handicap accessible.

Best known for a place to hold events. Home of the Community annual picnic and the Community's Little Library.







Sunnyridge #898 **Lincoln County Organized:** April 1941

Location: Toledo VFW hall Pioneer Mt Lp, Toledo 3rd Friday Meets: Contact: Judy Brown, Master

Handicap accessible: yes

Best known for: Potlucks

Our members are invaluable in community social activities.

Hall occupied as a Grange in 1945 and is handicap accessible. Best known for: Swiss Steak Dinner in February and Lacomb Elementary Third Grade dictionary Project, Local area hall rental and community maintenance and decorating of corner flower bed monthly.

Originally a Methodist church building, the Grange bought with local family Grangers and has consistently used it since 1945.

Other projects: We help with local cemetery maintenance and cleanup annually.

Hall built in 1926.

Best known for: Haunted House, Jefferson Jammers, Baked Potato-Meatloaf Dinner, and Bi-annual Meets: Millersburg Flea Market/Garage Sales.

They host Hand-In-Hand, Inc. – a Hall was built in 1905 and is handinon-profit located near Lebanon that provides mule rides for kids at the Grange May Flea Market for a modest price. Also, a portion of the monies collected at their Haunted House is donated to local non-profits.

Rickreall #671 Polk County Organized 1926

Location: 280 N. Pacific Hwy. W, Rickreall 1st Thursday 5:30pm Contact: Tara VanNette 850-630-9758

cap accessible.

Best known for: Bazaars and Bingo. They are also known for their members. Their current project involves remodeling the downstairs.



AreYouFeelingDisconnectedFromNationalGrangeNews?

Each Friday morning, an email arrives – your computer dings, your phone buzzes, a notification pops up on your computer screen. The email is from the National Grange – either the Patrons Chain or the once-a-month View from the Hill. Without fail, that email has come to you for years, and then you notice... it's not coming anymore. It's not in your junk or spam folders, you didn't change your email address... where is it?

Scrolling emails on your phone, it's really easy to accidentally unsubscribe, mark the email as spam, or remove yourself from our mailing list. Unfortunately, it's not so easy for the National Grange staff to *re*-subscribe you. Because of the software used to send these emails, the only way to get back on the weekly email list is to sign up again – staff are unable to do it for you.

That's why we tried to make it simple for you to get back on our email list! Visit www.nationalgrange.org/ comeback_to be added back to our mailing list through Constant Contact. On the form, check "Newsletter" to start getting our weekly Patrons Chain and View from the Hill emails again. Checking "General Interest" will also subscribe you to other communications through the National Grange emails. Don't worry, we promise not to clutter your inbox.

If you haven't subscribed to the newsletter before, this form will still work for you!

- Here's what you can expect by signing up:Each week includes columns from National Grange President Betsy Huber, one of our Department Directors, and information about what's happening at the National Grange.
- The Legislative Department includes two columns a month – one is the "Advocacy Playbook," which picks a specific issue and helps Grange members know how to get involved; and the last Friday of the month is the "View from the Hill," which gives a rundown on what's happening on Capitol Hill and how it affects Grange policy.

So, if you're feeling a little disconnected from National Grange news and information, be sure to update your subscription to the National Grange's newsletters! It is FREE!

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are being determined. You must reserve your spot by June 1 st . Limit- ed to 40 people on a first come basis.	
OSG AG Tour Saturday, June 17 Leave the Polk County Fairgrounds at 8:30 a.m. Return 12:30 p.m. Lunch provided. The tour will visit several interesting local agricultural locations which	Name of donor



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Oregon State Grange Foundation Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Grange Foundation will be held on Sunday June 18th, 2023 at 12 noon at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, Oregon.

The annual meeting will include reports on the operation of the foundation for 2022, announcement of scholarship winners and the election of the Region 2 and Region 4 Trustees. All fourth degree members in Good Standing of Oregon Granges are invited to attend the luncheon and and help celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Oregon State Grange Foundation.

Tickets for the luncheon need to be purchased in advance although meal purchase is not required to attend the meeting. See page 9 for meal ticket order form.

\$30 for 30 Fund

Donations

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STATE GRANC

Each year the Granges in the Oregon State Grange Convention host district are asked to provide a brief summary of their activities and items unique to them. Those that responded with the exception of Marion County Granges, which will be published in the June/July issue of the Bulletin, appear in this issue.

If your Grange isn't here and you are from one of the host counties, please fill out the previous sent form and return it to Toni by April 30th. If you cannot find your form, contact the state office for another one.

District 2 is made up of the Granges in Benton, Deschutes, Jefferson, northern Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion and Polk counties.

Enjoy learning a little about the host Granges and come enjoy a Big To-Do in District 2 in June!



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Oregon State Grange - www.orgrange.org



Government Affairs

John DeHaas lobbyist@orgrange.org Lobbyist for the Oregon State Grange

Hello Grangers,

We have had a lot of interest in the homelessness situation. So this is what's going on in Salem to try and help folks in need.

Lawmakers have proposed spending more than \$200 million to pay for Gov. Tina Kotek's plans to help unhoused people and avert further homelessness.

In addition to the \$130 million Kotek specified in a January 26th request, their plan adds \$27 million for communities outside Oregon's five urban areas that Kotek designated in an executive order January 10th, and more spending to increase some types of housing and aid homeless youths.

The spending will be in the form of House Bill 5019, which the Legislature's joint budget committee will consider as the housing committees in both chambers continue to work on related legislation (House Bill 2001) to set housing policies. The Oregon constitution bars policy legislation from being attached to budgets.

Rep. David Gomberg, from the central coast, said the added \$27 million responds to the concerns of rural and coastal communities. The League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Mayors Association proposed per-capita state assistance at \$40 per resident, with a minimum of \$50,000 per city, but Kotek said that formula still would favor larger cities.

Gomberg is the House co-chair of the budget subcommittee that will take up the money measure. "As a legislator representing parts of rural and coastal Oregon, it was important to me that our response to homelessness reach the entire state," he said in a statement. "I'm proud to say we were able to secure funding that ensures our rural and coastal regions will be taken care of."

placement housing. Marine Terminal 2 at the Port of Portland is being converted into a modular-housing production plant using mass timber, which will reduce the cost of and construction time for housing.

- \$5 million for improvements in on-site housing for farmworkers. The housing must be in camps registered with the Department of Consumer and **Business Services**.
- \$3 million for a revolving loan fund to help communities and developers jump-start construction for worker housing. The fund is aimed at helping developers get advance help for such pre-construction expenses as permit fees and systems development charges.

The plan also will contain provisions in House Bill 2001 to enable the state land use planning agency to help cities and counties - Metro in the three Portland area counties - set housing production goals and identify ways to make development easier. (The Land Conservation and Development Commission, the agency's policy-making arm, also would be empowered to issue enforcement orders if local governments do not comply.)

The plan also proposes compromise language that would lengthen the notice for evictions from 72 hours (three days) to 10 days, and allow more time for tenants to obtain rental assistance or other help to avert evictions based on nonpayment of rent. The debate between tenant advocates and housing providers occurred January 30th in a Senate committee considering Senate Bill 799.

Leaders react

The leaders of the Legislature's housing committees said in statements that the plan responds to immediate needs as lawmakers continue other work toward advancing Kotek's stated goal of increasing annual state housing production to 36,000, up from an annual average of 20,000 during the past five years. Kotek said her goal covers a decade-old housing backlog -half of which is needed by people making less than the area median income and future population growth in the next two decades.



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Where:

Contact:

Wednesday, April 26 @ 7 pm PDT Wednesday, May 24 @ 7 pm PDT Zoom

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

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



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 or email them in. As long as signitures and seal are readable and arrive by the 5pm deadline they will be accepted..

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

Housing and Homelessness Committee. "We have answered this moment of intense need with a swift and collaborative response."

Sen. Kayse Jama, from Southeast Portland, said the plan deals with the most pressing needs. "Oregonians need relief now, and they need stability in the long term," he said. "This bill accomplishes both."

Governor's request

The specifics of Kotek's January 26th request, \$40 million of which would come from the current twoyear budget and \$90 million from the next two-year budget that starts July 1, are below:

• Eviction prevention: \$33.6 mil-

600 vacant homes, guarantees and incentives for landlords, and other actions.

- Tribal assistance: \$5 million for state help for the nine federal recognized tribes in Oregon.
- Culturally responsive organizations: \$5 million to help such groups ensure equitable outcomes under Kotek's declared state of emergency, so that no community is disproportionately affected.
- Sanitation: \$2 million for local sanitation efforts.
- Coordination: \$1.8 million for the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Housing and Community Services to coordinate their

More housing spending

Beyond the \$27 million, the plan adds these other items to Kotek's proposed spending, which is listed separately:

- \$25 million for aid to homeless youths, such as shelters, rental assistance, outreach, and connections with mental health and addiction treatment services and programs for specific cultural needs.
- \$20 million for production of modular homes, priority going to areas where wildfires or other disasters prompt the need for re-

"Each of my colleagues, no matter their party affiliation or elected office, understands our communities need to see change and that we must work together to make it happen," said Rep. Maxine Dexter, from Northwest-Portland, who leads the

- lion to help 8,750 households stay put through rental assistance and other services.
- Shelter beds and housing navigators: \$23.8 million to add 600 low-barrier shelter beds and staff for navigation centers to connect people with housing and other services. While she was Oregon House speaker in 2021, Kotek helped steer state money for navigation centers outside the Portland metro area, among them Salem, Eugene, Bend, Medford, Roseburg and McMinnville.
- Re-housing services: \$54.4 • million to help at least 1,200 households obtain new housing through prepaid rental assistance, block leasing of at least Happy Trails

efforts under one of Kotek's executive orders, which call for state emergency management officials to oversee efforts in four of five designated regions (Marion and Polk counties; Eugene/Springfield; Medford/Ashland, and Central Oregon). In the Portland metro area, Kotek or her designee will oversee the effort.

Kotek activated the regional coordination on Friday, February 23, when she convened the first meeting of the group consisting of the three Portland metro counties. Because of weather, the meeting was conducted via video link.

Legislative Update

Mark Noah marknoah00@gmail.com OSG Legislative Director



Grange staff, advocacy partners, and legislative leaders to learn about what the Grange is doing for YOU in Washington, DC. Register: http://bit.ly/grangeflyin23

National Grange Legislative Fly-In

Every Grange member is invited to attend the 2023 National Grange Legislative Fly-In on Wednesday April 26 virtually on Zoom. The National Grange is excited to be able to bring the work of the National Grange in Washington, DC into your homes, offices, and Grange Halls this year!

Here's your chance to get the latest scoop on what's happening in Washington and hear the latest about the public policy issues that affect rural and small-town residents.

Outstanding speakers will address these areas of interest and more:

- Updates from Congress
- Emerging agendas on Capitol Hill
- The upcoming Farm Bill
- Climate change and environ-



mental initiatives

- Rural Broadband expansion rollout
- **Rural** infrastructure

The National Grange Legislative Department is looking forward to seeing you on April 26th. The event will begin the day around 1pm Eastern Time (10 am PDT), and wrap by 4:30 pm Eastern (1:30 pm PDT).

Even if you cannot attend, please register so the National Grange Legislative Department can share videos and information from speakers on this day with you after the Fly-In is completed.

Register for the 2023 Nation-Virtual Legislative al Grange https://form.jotform. Fly-In at com/230596256667165

The Education Committee

Lyle Utt Lyle.Utt@gmail.com **OSG Education Director**

The most wonderful job that you don't get paid for has been for me as a school board member. The job for me was about 44 hours a month. It is the one place that I can do the most to support education for young people and therefore the community because a well-educated community is a happier and healthier community.

If you want to know what goes on in a school board meeting, attend the school district board meeting in your area. That will give you an idea of what goes on. Just realize a school board meeting is a meeting in the public not a meeting with the public. That means that other than the public comments section of the meeting (if they have that as an agenda item) you must sit and listen.

One of the fun things that most



school board members get to do is participate in graduation.

I started small with the district budget committee; it gave me a feeling of what it would be like and then I decided to run for school board. School board members in Oregon are as a group the largest elected group; there are around 1400 school board members in the state of Oregon in 197 districts.

Reasons most people run for the school board are:

- 1) They care about children and want to ensure the best educational outcomes for all students.
- 2) They have students in a district.
- 3) They are grandparents.
- 4) It is rewarding to give back to the community.



Veterans

Joanne and David McBride joannemcbride8@gmail.com davidmcbride8@gmail.com Oregon State Grange Veterans Directors

The Veterans Has A

We just have a short column for this Our Veterans Committee Chairs are Bulletin, but we do have a special request. The Oregon State Grange Veterans committee would like to gather names of Grangers in Oregon who are United States veterans. If someone from each Grange in Oregon could make a list of veterans in their Grange and provide them to the district chair in your district, it would be greatly appreciated and help the committee.

We are planning to have special recognition of veterans at this year's State Grange Convention and wish to know of veterans able to attend. Please gather names and contact information and provide it to your Veterans Committee District Chair. (If you are in District 3, please contact David or Joanne McBride as we do not yet have a Chair in that District).



Committee **Request – Please Read**

as follows:

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District 5	Roger Wilson
	(541) 310-9641

L-r: Installing Marshall Jay Sexton. Washington-Yamhill Pomona Master Sam Keator, Springwater Master John DeHaas, Tigard Master Kiri Schnetzky, Clackamas Pomona Master Joyce Parker, Kinton President Joe Peter, and McMinnville Master Wayne Clemmer. In front is Installing officer Carol Everman.

2023-24 Pomona Officers Installed

On January 21 Washington-Yamhill Pomona #2 and Clackamas County Pomona #1 met at Kinton Grange in Washington County for a joint officer installation. Installing officer was State Deputy Carol Everman

and Installing Marshall was State President Jay Sexton. Following Installation most of the Clackamas County officers stayed to attend the Washington-Yamhill Pomona meeting.

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If possible please let us know of your veterans by the end of April but if you cannot make this deadline get them to us as soon as possible before State Convention.





GWA

Susan Noah susannoah6@gmail.com OSG Grange Workers Activities Director

Since I have become the new GWA Director, I have spent a lot of time wondering just what this committee is doing for our Community Granges. As many of you know I grew up in the Grange and have memories of our GWA (or HEC, Home Economics Committee) at my own Grange and in my home county. At that time, the HEC had their own club, where they elected officers, and met each month at one of the ladies homes. I still remember my mother purchasing a luncheon set of dishes to serve the women with, in fact I still have some of them! These ladies, and in those days the committee was only made up of women, made sure that the Grange was cleaned each month, that it was ready for whatever events the Grange as a whole had planned, and that someone was in charge of each month's potluck dinner. While I did not attend the luncheons as a child, I gleaned enough to know that they discussed issues from their daily lives, and they helped each other.

But that was many years ago, and I'm not sure that any "clubs" are still in existance today. However, the need for this type of support for our members and our Granges is still very much needed. As membership has changed the GWA committee has changed as well. Several years ago, the name was changed to read "Grange Workers Activities Committee", in the effort to acknowledge the contribution that men were making. But amid the name changes this committee seems to have lost focus and it seems that fewer and fewer Granges see this committee as one they need to appoint.

But have we actually lost the need for a committee that benefits the Grange and the members? I don't think so! I'm not saying that we need to duplicate what went on in the 60's or 70's, but the idea of helping in and around the Grange and helping with real life family is- Looking forward to seeing all of sues will always be needed in our you in June.

organization. So be creative in your answer to the current GWA objectives and make use of all the talents of our members to make it a committee that is as relevant now as it was in 1960!

A well balanced Grange program encourages activities in the interest of better living and better community life. Encourage your members to keep alive the traditional crafts, by participating in or teaching adult or children's sewing/quilting/needlework classes, or by working with 4-H clubs and/or Senior centers to keep alive and promote food preservation and other home economic skills. All of these activities will go a long ways towards building interest and membership within your Grange!

On another note, the State Grange convention is getting so close! You should have already received the current awards booklet that outlines all the contests that the various committees offer. The GWA has 81 different contests you can enter! They range from baked or canned goods to embroidery and quilt making. From quilling to basketry and from pillowcases for the troops to baskets for shelter dogs and cats and lots in between. These all have prize money donated by the over 40 sponsors who believe in keeping these traditional crafts alive.

It would be great to see entries from someone in each Grange. These entries can be brought to state convention, by you, by your delegates, or you may mail to the state office by June 1st and I'll make sure they make it to the convention. I believe there is an entry form in the booklet, so please make sure that it is completed and attached to each entry. I know we have lots of talented members out there who can't wait to show off their skills!



Cooks in the kitchen prepared chili for the Walterville Grange Chili Feed.

Walterville Grange Held Chili Feed

chili feed. Meal consisted of Chili, Cornbread, Salad, Dessert and Bev-

Friday, February 24 Walterville erages. Donations for the meal were Grange #416, Lane County, held a accepted. Diners were encouraged to bring canned food items for the Upriver foodbank.



Clarkes member Chris Loughridge talks with Grange President Jim Dumolt while having breakfast.

Clarkes Raises Funds in February

It was a busy weekend and Share the Love was the benefactor of the February 10th drive-up Tri Tip Dinner made by Clarkes Grange #212, Clackamas County. The meal consisted of tri tip, garlic dill potatoes, zippy green beans, corn, salad, and carrot cake. The Grange provides all of the food and all donations go to Share the Love. Dinner cost is donation.

After these two events \$5000 was donated to the Share the Love, a yearly program organized by the leadership classes at Molalla High School. They have raised money each year since 2001 to help selected families and organizations in the Molalla area. This year they topped one million dollars for the program since its inception.

Clarkes was also able to give more

Hurricane Creek Holds Chili Cook-off

Sunday, January 22nd Hurricane Creek held their 2nd annual Chili Cook-off. Prizes were awarded for Judge's Choice and People's Choice winners. Placing 1st on the judge's card was Barbara McCormack, 2nd David McBride and 3rd Tom O'Conner.

The People's Choice winners were 1st-Tom O'Conner who received a \$100 Grain Grower's gift certificate, 2nd was David McBride who got a \$50 gift certificate and 3rd went to Lisa Murphy with a \$25 gift certificate.



Then on Sunday morning February 12th the Grange held their annual Sweetheart Breakfast. This year the donations were split 50/50 to

benefit Share the Love and the Clarkes Cemetery. The Grange provides all of the food so 100% of the donations go to the causes. They served pancakes, hashbrowns, ham, egg scrambles, and toast.

Left: l-r: David Junkman and Gary Bush were kept busy washing dishes.

than \$600 to the Clarkes Cemetery.



JC Junkman takes an order from a customer.



State Junior Grange Convention

I want to participate in Junior activities at the Oregon State Grange Convention in June.

Name of Junior Parent/Guardian Who you are coming to convention with if different than above? Address Phone # _____ Phone # during convention if different than above Email Age _____ Days at convention: Saturday - June 17 _____ I plan to go on the Ag Tour _____ Sunday - June 18 Monday - June 19 _____ Tuesday - June 20 Wednesday - June 21 _____ Thursday - June 22 _____ Interests: Please mail form or email information by June 1 to: Oregon State Grange Junior Director Peggy Jillson psjill@comcast.net 643 Union St NE Salem OR 97301

Oregon Junior Grangers



Peggy Jillson psjill@comcast.net OSG Junior Director



Care? **State** Child Convention

The question of child care during the Oregon State Grange convention quickly leads to other questions. If you've ever been to a session, you know it starts early and goes late, day after day, no two days alike. Even if your child is attending Junior Grange, you are responsible for most of their meals. The Junior room is only open when the Grange is in session, so children pass back and forth from family to Junior room several times every day. Should child care pick up some of that time? Can we provide it at no charge? Can we provide a separate space for child care?

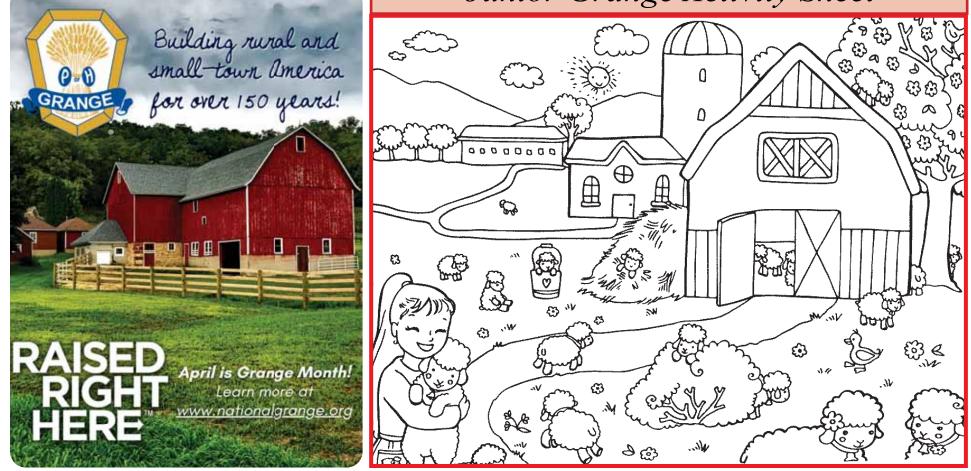
Signing in and out, names of trusted people who can pick up each child, permission slips, first aid, allergies and food preferences all have to be recorded when a child is left in our care. This is true even if the family adult is right next door at the convention site.

We never really know how many Juniors will be attending the convention, or what days they'll be there. It's not a big problem where more than half are returning participants who can and do! -- speak for themselves. But when we considered the logistics of having a "babysitter" for even limited hours, like during the degrees on Sunday evening, it simply doesn't work. Necessary paperwork takes time to fill out. The facilities are never the same one year to the next. Just having a safe space for very young children is problematic. Child safety best practices require a minimum of two adults, at least one of them trained and background-checked.

Who can participate in the state Junior Grange convention has changed over the years. Now anyone between 5 and 13 is welcome to drop in for as little or as long as their schedules allow. Activities are appropriate for active, school-age youngsters. That still leaves under-fives and children who aren't yet comfortable participating in Junior Grange with nowhere to go. The OSG solution may surprise you. Please keep children with you wherever you go at the convention. They are truly welcome. We can deal with some noises and disruption, and we hope you will too.

I hope this helps explain why we're not able to provide child care at the convention and our efforts to make attendance easier for parents with very young children. We encourage you to bring along a family member to help with child care and let them know they're welcome. Children not signed in for Junior Grange are always welcome to come into the Junior room with their accompanying adult, so both of you can take a break from the convention.

Please Volunteer for OSG Juniors at Convention and In Your District 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. I'm also recruiting 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 Grange Activity Sheet



OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - October 29, 2022

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 9:10am after installing Sarah Jenkins as Secretary. Members present include Sarah Jenkins, Steve Kroeker, Celia Fox, and Susan Noah. Louise Holst joined via zoom web conferencing.

Prior Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as corrected for July 24th and zoom meeting on October 7th.

Financial Reports

- ➤ Financial and Membership reports were reviewed. A few Granges are late on loan payments and the state office will contact those Granges. Rockwall is struggling, but in contact. Quarterly reports are coming in for the third quarter. We are currently at a net positive of 38 members for the year. Granges are coming out of the impacts of Covid and are starting to plan more activities for this holiday season. With more activities we are seeing membership growth.
- Financial Statements and Trust Funds were discussed. \$75,000 was moved from Schwab to the checking account. August reports have been completed and were reviewed.
- Scott Barker with Barker Wealth Management provided us with our quarterly update. He gave us commentary on current market conditions with inflation. Our portfolio YTD is down about 15%, but we are still up since inception nearly 5%. The diversification of the OSG investment policy helps us manage the ups and downs of the economy year after year.

Old Business

The new printer has provided two volumes now of the Grange Bulletin. Suzy is working with them to get the color tone and quality right for us. They are working well back on their feet, we will determine a repayment plan.

- National Grange 6th Degree. Checks have been sent to officers and rosebud team. Susan will verify other details, including music.
- Santa Clara Grange has been working with the state office regarding their suspension. We were not able to perform an audit since they have not had meetings in the last two years. We will continue to work with them regarding their foundation and membership difficulties.
- The electric charging station outlet investigation continues. Jay received a bid for \$1735 and plans to get another bid. This is for the 50A receptacle which is a level 2 charge.
 - Susan moved to authorize up to \$2000 for an electric charging station outlet, with funds to come from the building maintenance fund" Steve seconded, and the motion carried.
- Rental of back office is proceeding with Enlighted Theatrics. A lease contract is in the works and should be signed next week.

New Business

- 2023 State Session team is meeting regularly. Plans are coming together, and a group was able to tour the facility. We still have almost half of our 150th anniversary candles available for sale. Sarah will create a flier to go out in the next mailing.
- Upgrade OSG Conference Room for Virtual Meetings. Jay received a bid for \$1002.95.
 - Celia moved that we accept the proposal from Software Integration to improve communication technology in the conference room, with the funds coming from the building maintenance fund. Susan seconded, and the motion

Grange 2022. Toni is likely unable to attend, so Susan will be the alternate delegate.

- Sarah moved that Jay be authorized to select an alternate delegate if his spouse is unable to attend National Grange. Steve seconded, and the motion passed.
- National Grange includes an opportunity for members to support local charities. The Eddy House supports homeless and at-risk youth.
 - Sarah moved that Jay spend \$300 on gift cards to be donated to the Eddy House in Reno, to come from the National Grange convention fund. Susan seconded, and the motion passed.
- Midland Grange has received an offer from a local church to purchase their building. Once their membership has voted on the matter, they can work with the OSG attorney to draft an agreement.

Grant Committee Recommendations

- The grant committee met on October 12th to review matching grant applications. Members were Mike Gaber, Don Kingsborough, Don Guttridge, Marilyn Cross, Steve Kroeker. The total requests were \$64,778.01 with a total of \$35,018.40 recommended for approval.
 - Celia moved to accept the recommendations of the matching grant committee as presented. Susan seconded, and the motion passed.
 - Hurricane Creek \$5000 recommended approval
 - Enterprise \$2105.45, \$1350 recommended approval, \$755.45 recommended decline based on scope of work
 - Barlow Gate \$1000 recommended approval
 - Abernethy \$5000 rec-

- o incomplete app
- Scotts Mills \$5000 recommended decline unclear project plan
- Scholls \$5000 recommended decline incomplete app
- Sauvies Island \$1064 recommended approval
- Roxy Ann \$5000 recommended decline incomplete app
- Rickreall \$5000 recommended approval
- Redmond \$1610.40 recommended approval
- Pleasant Grove \$5000 recommended approval
- Netel \$2390 Recommended approval
- Myrtle Creek \$3604 recommended approval
- Junction City \$4000 recommended approval, \$1000 denial for incomplete app on 2nd project

Presidents Report

- Jay has visited several Granges in recent months. Santa Clara, Russellville, Camas Valley, Greenfield, Lexington, Rickreall, Scotts Mills, Triangle, and Eagle Point.
- Grange Youth Fair Program. Several members have reached out regarding a Grange class of fair participation like what other western states have used to promote fair involvement among youth community members.
- OSG Convention Schedule task force to review schedule to look at convention activities.
- Legislative Zoom Forum – Legislative committee is working on best practices for hall rentals by candidates or political activities.
- Morningstar Grange is looking into a historic registry of their hall.

Decisions made via email were reviewed. Susan moved to approve email decision, Sarah seconded and motion passed.

- together.
- Shelving for storage room no action yet
- High Desert Grange a report from the county found issues in the septic system. They are working to get bids on resolving and we will continue with sales negotiations with the church.
- Lexington, Upper Applegate, Greenacres – The realtor from Portland resigned due to distance, so we are looking for another representative. We have property valuations and are looking for new realtors in those markets.
- Redwood Loan no communication regarding the reorganized Grange. As they get

passed.

Lunch break 11:40am- 12:40pm

- 2024 Convention Site Tillamook County Fairgrounds is proposed by the district 3 hosting committee for June 15th to June 20th, 2024. Jay and the committee had a walkthrough earlier in October and received a bid from the fairgrounds.
 - Susan moved to accept the proposed rental contract for 2024 OSG Convention at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds, without the half of the main event hall. Sarah seconded, and the motion passed.
- Oregon Delegates to National kins.

ommended decline for incomplete app

- Willamette Grange \$5000 recommended approval
- The Sandy \$4754.16 recommended decline insufficient match
- Sunnyside \$3250 recommended decline for Frater Sarah

Silverton Grange Loan – email August 10th 2022 approval

Next Meetings:

January 22, 2023 Sunday at 10am March 25, 2023 Saturday at 9am

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

Fraternally Submitted, Sarah Jenkins, Secretary

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President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM via zoom teleconference. Members present included Celia Fox, Louise Holst, Steve Kroeker, and Susan Noah. Business travel prevented attendance by Secretary Sarah Jen-

Fort Union Loan for needed repair of collapsed septic tank – Susan moved that we allow the \$5000 loan to Fort Union at 5% with \$50 payments minimum, Steve seconded. Motion was carried.

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Grange Youth & Young Adults

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tests going on during State Conven- tion and we would love to have a youth presence in them. Pick some- thing that interests you and give it a try; there are lots of different cat- egories. The youth also have our	GROW Club B	adge Order Form
ritual contest open only to youth/ young adult aged members (14-35). You select your favorite passage from the manual and recite it from memory before three judges. We also ask that you explain to us why you picked that passage and what it means to you. We hope to have lots of participation in the contests!	Phone I want option 1 Name as you want it on badge Year	Email Oregon State Grang GROW CLUB Name Member since Year "Go Right On Working"
The youth are always looking for new or new to us ideas to try throughout the year. Maybe there is something you liked doing as a youth or something that you think	I want option 2 Name as you want it on badge	Oregon State Grang GROW CLUB Name "Ge Right Co Werking"

There will be some without name or date ordered.

Please reply by: May 1, 2023

Send form to:		
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treetsa@gmail.com	gbulletin@orgrange.org	

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

April 15	Deadline to email Deaf Awareness Project Grant application to the State office - office@orgrange.org
	State Community Service Reports due. Send to the state Grange office, post marked by April 15.
April 19	Resolutions for this year's state convention from Subordinate/Community Granges must arrive in the State Grange office no later than 5pm April 19.
April 29-30	Oregon Ag Fest – Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem – See pages 1 & 5 and Facebook for this year's event. Volunteers needed
April 30	1st Quarter Report due to the state Grange office
May 1	Oregon State Grange and OSG Foundation Scholarship applications must be postmarked no

As we head into spring and nicer weather, we are looking forward to the Oregon State Grange Convention. This year's convention is going to be at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, Oregon June 17th-22nd. We are keeping a lot of favorites but also changing a few things like moving our practices to nights instead of mornings, however we will have morning check-ins to make sure everyone is in convention for opening. We would love to see lots of youth and young adults participating in all the things that convention has to offer. This year we are bringing back the No-Host Pizza night on Wednesday and having a dance Monday night. Since Tie Dye was such a hit last year, we will be doing that again Saturday night.

With it being time for State Convention it is also time for the Goodie Baskets. Your Grange should have received a letter from us along with tickets to purchase. We also appreciate any donations towards the baskets. The money that comes from these baskets is what allows Oregon's Youth and Young Adults to do things like attend Western Regionals Leadership Conference and represent Oregon at National Convention. Our District chairs always do a wonderful job of making the baskets fun and easy to transport. They will be on display at convention for you to ohh and ahh over, with the drawing on Wednesday at the youth luncheon.

Remember that there are many con-

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Greenacres Grange Sale - Steve moved that we accept the Fire Departments offer of \$55,000 with the covenant that we be able to use the hall for a Grange if we are able to reorganize within the next five years. Louise Seconded. Motion carried after discussion.

throughout the year. Maybe then is something you liked doing as youth or something that you thin today's youth might enjoy. If you have an idea of something we should do reach out to us either at state convention or email us at the Youth's email above. We want the youth to get together throughout the year, not just at convention so we are looking for ideas.

Thank you for all of the support that the youth get throughout the year. We appreciate it. Remember to ask the youth in your community for their help and let us know what is going on in your Grange and your community. If your youth are doing something, take a couple pictures and send them in to the Bulletin with a short write up saying who is in the picture and what they are doing. We can't be at every event but we love to see our youth in action!

the Silver level? Silver level was

\$500. Susan moved that we attend

at the Silver level Sponsorship with

the money to come from the Lead-

ership/Membership fund, Celia sec-

GROW Club 'Go Right On Working'

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Midland Grange Sale – Church has offered \$70,000. Louise says their members have discussed having a second contract that allows the Grange use no matter who owns the building. Jay will talk to the attorney how that can be entered into a contract. The current church is willing to allow the Grange continued use of the Grange, but what if they sell? Louise moved that we sell the building after discussion with attorney regarding Midland's continued use of the building, seconded by Steve. Motion was carried.

Oregon Small Farms Conference

– We have had a Silver Sponsorship for a couple of years prior to Covid. The conference is now happening again, do we want to continue with

Presidents Updates:

onded, motion was carried.

- Tillamook fairground contract has been signed.
- New copier is on the way – same terms as the present copier, with lower per copy cost.

May 15

June 1

July 27-29

- High Desert Grange sale is • still working through the permits, etc.
- Rickreall Grange new • members have joined and been elected as officers, and are working to take care of the septic problems.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Minutes by Susan Noah/ Jay Sexton Next meeting is 10 AM Sunday January 22nd at the State Office in Salem.

later than May 1

Deadline for submitting Convention Committee preference

Deadline to order Convention meal tickets

Deadline for Convention pre-registration

June 17-22 **Oregon State Grange Convention - The Big To-Do** In District 2! **Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall**

> Western Regional Leadership & Youth Conference – California

November 14-18 National Grange Convention Niagara Falls, New York

June 15-20, 2024 Oregon State Grange Convention **District 3 - Tillamook County Fairgrounds**



Spencer Creek Does Road Clean Up

Spencer Creek Grange #855, Lane conscientious neighbors. The large County, completed their "Adopt a Road" clean-up Sunday, October 23rd. After a year of trash build-up due to COVID restrictions on performing clean-ups, Spencer Creek Grangers and non-Granger neighbors rolled up their sleeves and got to work picking up whatever was found along the adopted stretch of Lorane Highway East and West of the Grange hall.

Member Katie O'Sullivan served the grateful volunteers snacks and refreshments after the event. A iob well done

workforce not only cleaned up Lo-

rane Hwy., but adjacent McBeth and

ADOPT-A

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SPENCER CREEK

GRANGE # 855

Chezem Roads were also cleaned!

Sixteen people participated, inby all.!! cluding eleven Grangers and five



Above: Sixteen granger members and neighbors cleaned up several roads around the Spencer Creek Grange hall.

Enjoys Members' Visit Woodburn With Former Family

Woodburn Grange #79 had a delightful glimpse into the past at their February meeting with a visit from Dave and Susan Paradis. Dave's parents, Lawrence and Marilyn Paradis were long time Grange members. In 1957 they were selected as Woodburn Grange's Young Couple of the Year. A booklet was compiled for the state competition. Dave and Susan brought the booklet along with great memories of being children of Grange members.

Dave's memories included hauling wheelbarrow after wheelbarrow load of cement to pour the foundation of the "new" Grange hall. He was young and strong and just what the Grange project needed. Woodburn member Dan Hemshorn main hall will confirm that a young person sorted the boards.

Lawrence Paradis was Woodburn's Grange Master at least four times in the 1950s according to one of the news articles included in the booklet. His wife Marilyn always baked the birthday cake of the month. They were chosen as Outstanding Couple for their community and Grange activities that included collecting fruit and vegetables for a polio victim's family; putting a coat of tar on the hall roof. He organized three membership drives that brought in 22 new members, increasing Grange membership by 100% while Master.

The report goes on to say, "they are shared his memories of the same the proud parents of one lovely girl building project. Dan was a grade and three healthy boys" and raised schooler, and his job was to sort berries, pasture grass and "they are milking three cows." Grange memflooring boards that had been gotten from an old hall being torn down in bers wondered if their visitor Dave Rickreall. One look at Woodburn's was tasked with milking?

L-r: - Helping with the auction were spotter Don Guttridge, auctioneer Ken Humberston, Springwater Scholarship Chair Jessie Jo Guttridge and spotter Rob Guttridge.

Springwater Grange #263 Holds Annual Scholarship Pie Auction

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, invited the community to join them for a fun filled evening of dinner and pie at their annual Scholarship Pie Auction on February 24th. The evening started with a potluck dinner with the auction following.

A variety of pies were available. Top bids were Millionaire's Pecan Pie \$120, Apple Dumpling Pie in a cast iron skillet \$100, a Strawberry Rhubarb pie and a cherry pie went for \$80 each. In addition, the ever-popular Double Crusted Lemon pie went for \$22 & \$25 a slice.



Above: A young man was all excited when he won the pie he wanted.

Auctioneering this year was Ken Humberston, a member of Beavercreek Grange. After the auction proceeds and donations for the evening were totaled, more than \$4600 was raised for the scholarship fund.

All proceeds from the evening went to the Springwater Grange scholarship fund which annually awards the Joseph Z Guttridge scholarships for college students and the Donald and Barbara MacKinnon Elementary Education Impact grants which are awarded to elementary educators working in the Estacada and Colton School Districts.

Since 1991, 137 college scholarships have been awarded to local college scholars and last fall the first impact grant was awarded.



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Above: Dave Paradis shares his parent's Woodburn Grange Young Couple booklet they had prepared for the state competition.

<i>R:</i> An excellent selection of pies were available for the auction.	
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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