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150th Annual Oregon Grange Convention. Group photo is available to purchase. See page 3 for order information.

Celebrating 150 Years of the Oregon State Grange



Right: OSG President Jay Sexton welcoming everyone.



Above: Allen Naylor, Clarkes Grange #261 and Pam Furlan, Beavercreek Grange #276, look at some of the bound books of OSG Bulletins.



Above: Members of the Oregon State Grange met on Sunday evening September 24th at the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Oregon State Grange. Grangers from around the state gathered for fun and fellowship and to learn a little more about the history of the OSG.



Above: One of two anniversary cakes that were cut and served for dessert. The other was chocolate.

Left: A cake with the candles purchased by Grangers and Granges to help pay for a Veterans monument to be placed at the State Capital in Salem. (See page 3 for more details.)



Above: Peggy Jillson, Irving Grange #377 and Leila Dumolt, Beavercreek Grange #276 getting their dinner.



Left: Author Marilyn Reiher shared anecdotes from the Oregon state Grange history book she wrote and quizzed all on their Oregon Grange knowledge. (See page 3 for information on the book.)

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The President's Column

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All our Granges run on volunteers, and there are different layers of engagement. At each Community Grange we have the President, Secretary, and Treasurer who volunteer to lead and organize the operation of the Grange. Supporting them are the members who step up to plan events, handle rentals, clean, maintain, and repair the building and its contents. Behind them are the Grange members who show up to help cook, and serve meals, attend meetings, put up posters, and tell their friends about Grange events. Beyond them are the Grangers who pay their dues and support the events by attending.

All these levels of cooperation and support keep the local Grange strong and successful. To maintain this strength, we must constantly encourage and recruit membership, at all opportunities: Grange events, conversations with friends and strangers, and in every place that Grange touches the community.

Beyond the local Grange we have volunteers at other levels. Pomona (County) level Grange activities are active in several areas of the state, where the individual Granges interact and cooperate for mutual benefit.

At the Oregon State Grange level, we have volunteers as the 17 State Officers, the 11 Committee Directors, and 5 District chairs in each of the committees. Many of the committees still need district chairs to fill empty "seats" – right now there are 20 empty district seats out of 55. Each edition of the OSG Bulletin has articles from most of these committees – If you would like to help the Oregon State Grange succeed in its varied efforts please think about volunteering as a district committee chair or talk to the committee director in the area of your interest.

The OSG Committees are Agriculture, Community Service, Deaf Awareness and Family Health, Ed-

ucation, Grange Workers Activities, Juniors, Lecturers, Legislative, Membership, Youth, and Veterans. I would REALLY like an energetic and imaginative Membership Director to step forward and encourage our Granges to get out there and GROW! If you have had success with growing your Grange and want to help others grow theirs, give me a call at the OSG Office.

Lastly, we have a pressing need for "County Deputies". A County Deputy acts within their County as an encouraging problem solver. They are not an enforcer or an inspector. Their role is to visit other Granges and offer encouragement and answer questions. My number one desire is that County Deputies visits are friendly and welcomed. We will have resources that the county deputy can have delivered to a Grange that needs them. The Deputy can explain how to fill out the Quarterly Report to a new secretary, or how the officer election can be run efficiently and fairly, or explain the OSG Loan and Matching Grant Programs. It is best if the deputy has a good grasp on normal Grange operation, but they need not know everything. If they have not got the answer, they will get the answer from the State Grange Office. Presently we have deputies in only 5 of the 28 Counties that have Granges, and there are several counties where the number of Granges should require two or three county deputies, such as Lane, Clackamas, Columbia, Douglas, and Jackson.

Bonding

The National Grange provides an opportunity for Granges to purchase Bonding Insurance which protects the Community Grange from loss of assets from officer impropriety. Coverage of up to \$5000 of loss is available for \$53, and higher levels of protection are available as well. The Oregon State Grange By-Laws section 4.12.11 states "Every Subordinate/Community Grange shall bond its Treasurer and Secretary." This inexpensive protection is

available until a **HARD DEADLINE of December 15th**, mailed to the Oregon State Grange Office with payment, so that we can get it to the National Office before their HARD end-of-the-year deadline. A mailing with the Bonding information went out to every Community Grange Secretary in late September.

CONTEST NEWS

Win the Big Bucks this month!

Two Bulletin issues ago we tried the "Treasure Word Contest" and got 17 entries. This last issue we had four questions to answer from the articles in the Bulletin – but we had only 6 entries for this contest. The winner was chosen by a random number generator from the internet.

The winner of the August/September contest is.....Nancy Taniguchi from Willamette Grange #52 in Corvallis, and she will win a \$25 gift card for her effort. I had no role in picking the winner, other than pressing a computer key, so it was a big surprise that a member of my own Grange won. At least we will save on postage as I can hand deliver it.

I cannot say I have been impressed with the participation generated by the contests. **Let's try one more time!** I will compress the prize escalation: If less than 10 entries arrive before **the deadline of November 30th** the prize will be \$25, if between 10 and 25 entries arrive the prize will be \$50, and if 25 to 50 entries come in the prize will be \$75, and if over 50 entries come in the prize will reach the princely sum of \$100.

Now the contest: Answer these 6 questions; the answers may be known to you or it may require some reading and research.

- 1) What is the top piece of the Grange Gatekeeper's Staff?
- 2) What month does the Oregon State Grange Convention take place?
- 3) The Grange officer called Ceres represents the goddess of what class of agricultural products?
- 4) How many original founders of the Grange were there, including the founder with the initials C.H. who was officially added in 1915?
- 5) What year was the first Oregon Grange organized?
- 6) What color are the sashes of the Oregon State Grange Officers?

Bonus Question:

What kind of "luck" is likely to bring in the most people to a Grange meeting?

Send your answers by mail to the Oregon State Grange Office in Salem, or email them to president@orgrange.org. Good Luck!

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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.

Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Nov 4	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange
Benton #36	Oct 21	10:30 AM	Marys River Grange
Clackamas #1	Oct 28	9:30 AM	Garfield Grange
Columbia #18	Nov 4	10:00 AM	Vernonia Grange
Deschutes #25	Nov 12	1:00 PM	TBA
Douglas #13	Oct 28	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange
Josephine #20	Dec 30	10:00 AM	Deer Creek Grange
Lane #14	Oct 14	10:00 AM	Golden Grange
Lincoln #10	Aug 19	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Oct 14	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	Jan 14	11:00 AM	TBA
Tillamook #9			TBA
Wallowa #22	Oct 25	5:30 PM	South Fork Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 21	10:00 AM	Tigard Grange

Oregon State Grange History Book Now Has Cover and Publication Date

The new *Oregon State Grange: Serving Communities for 150 Years* book has a cover, but the publisher is still formatting the text for Kindle, paperback, and hardcover formats. Everything takes longer than expected. Publication is now scheduled for November 1.

To be notified when the book can be ordered from Amazon, email Marilyn at m_reiher@comcast.net. If you filled out a card during State Session or at the Celebration Banquet, you are already on the list.

If you don't have a computer or an Amazon account, call Marilyn Reiher at 503-430-8582. She will get you a copy of the book when it is published.

What does this book cover?

Chapter 1 lists multiple reasons the Oregon State Grange has survived 150 years when many other organizations have not. Early chapters describe how the Grange caught on so quickly and what happened during the organizing Session in 1873.

The following chapters trace the challenges and accomplishments over two or three decades, detailing the successes and sometimes failures in membership recruitment, influence, and finances. Profiles of the twenty-eight Brothers and two Sisters who have served as State

150th Anniversary of the Oregon State Grange Fundraiser and Monument

We have accomplished the 150th Oregon State Grange Anniversary observances at our Convention and the Anniversary Banquet on September 24th, but we have one remaining goal for this special year: the approval and placement of a Memorial to all Oregon veterans who have been harmed in any way through their service to our country.

We are moving through the approval process for a granite and bronze monument about 4 feet wide, to be placed in the Rose Garden of the Capital Mall, immediately north of the State Capital Building.



A draft of the monument to be placed at the Oregon State Capital Mall.



Master/President are integrated.

President Jay Sexton read the entire manuscript and wrote these comments about the second half, "Wonderful work, Marilyn! I really enjoyed the *Grange Bulletin* and GWA histories. The lists of names and Granges of the officers and directors are a great resource. The timelines of the committees, contests, changes, and innovations are fascinating.

"This will be a wonderful chronicle up to this point in time, valuable to Grangers, but also to the citizenry at large. Thank you so much for your labor and the benefit of your insight and interpretations."

This Candle Fundraiser continues with the goal of funding this monument. Each "Candle" can be purchased for the price of that candle number. The remaining "Candles" are listed below. To donate please email president@orgrange.org or phone the OSG Office 503-316-0106 Tues.-Thurs. 8am - 4:30pm to see what numbers remain.

Help us achieve this final effort of our 150th year. Candles still available: 86, 92, 95, 97, 109, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, 119, 121, 122, 126, 127, 128, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, 143



The Lecturer's Column

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The origin of the Grange came about in the year 1866 when Mr. Oliver Hudson Kelley was authorized by the Commissioner of Agriculture to make a survey of farm conditions in the South following the Civil War. Oliver Kelley conceived the idea that a fraternal organization, composed of farmers from all sections of the country, would help to heal scars caused by war, as well as to improve the economic and social position of the farm population. Oliver Kelley and six of his friends, having framed a ritual and a constitution, formally organized the National Grange.

When the founders of the Grange chose names for the Grange Officers, they had in mind the old-time, large English estate which was quite a complete little world in itself. There you found a teacher, or Lecturer, which was necessary in the old baronial setting for there were no schools. Faced with a similar but temporary situation today, the majority of education is being given at home including entertainment and recreation. As Lecturers, we are to continue the teaching and arranging of balanced programs which takes in the needs of those belonging to the Grange.

The office of Lecturer is really one of the most rewarding positions you can have in a Grange. You not only touch people's lives, but also their minds.

150th Annual Oregon State Convention Panorama Photo Available to Order

The Panorama Photo on the front page of this issue of the Bulletin was taken at the Oregon State Grange Convention on June 19th, 2023 in Rickreall, Oregon. Orders are now being taken for the prints.

The prints are 36" wide by 8" tall; similar in size to those taken in years past. There are two options avail-

Do Your Best and You Will Succeed!

Fraternity

Fraternity is a golden chain, that holds the Grange together. Each link is so securely clasped that they are hard to sever.

The first is Faith in God, who holds us in His wondrous love that will not let us go, although our careless, selfish ways must often grieve Him so.

The next is Hope, when days are dark and dreary. When winds are wild and hearts grow sad and weary. Hope that tomorrow's dawn will find the bright sun shining, and that today's dark somber clouds will show their silver lining.

The third is Charity, not merely in word and deed, but Charity of thought, toward all mankind whatever race and creed.

The last link is Fidelity, that holds us strong and true to all the other links in what we say and do.

This is the chain that stretches out of sight to Prairie States where cattle graze and quietly rest at night. To states where giant trees tower to reach the sky and sing in grandeur as the winds pass by.

able, framed and unframed. In both cases they will be printed on high quality photo paper. Unframed are \$75.00 each. Framed ones come in a simple black frame for \$175 each.

The prints will not be shipped; prints must be picked up at the Oregon State Grange Office in Salem.

Panorama Print ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Unframed \$75 ☐ Framed \$175 ☐

Order Deadline - November 15th, 2023

Mail Order and Payment to:
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The Agricultural Report

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I hope that all of us attended our county fairs this year. My fair was extra special. This is because two young ladies that I mentored in sheep care, and provided stock or pasture for, stepped into the show rings and took home Best in Showmanship, Best of Breed and Best of Fleece awards! This excellence all took place inside a dusty show barn, and around newly painted white livestock stalls decorated with 4-H or FFA club banners which housed very clean and sometimes blanket-ed show lambs.

Parents, club leaders, grandparents and community members surrounded the fence paneled show ring. There, the judge stood in charge, ordering the eager and somewhat terrified kids in various maneuvers with their lambs. Each child locked their eyes on the judge, one hand cradling the supposedly docile animal's head in firm determination, the other re-positioning the feet and neck of their charge.

Their destination was the show ring, but it was months of diligent attention to their livestock's weight and hours spent endlessly leading the lamb around the pen or up and down my driveway and lawns first on a lead, then by the collar and fi-



L-r: Lydia Hawkins with her mentor June Colony and her champion lamb.

nally, just by their firm grip under the lamb's chin.

All fair kids hate the livestock auction, seeing their special friends led away to grace someone's dinner table. Of course, our community is generous, and their money can wipe away some of the child's unhappiness. But the lamb is missed.

Indeed, I saw the bond formed between my 4-H kids and their lambs, and it is that connection which will ensure that any livestock that comes under their care in the future, will be seen as worthy of loving and humane care.



L-r: Grange girls, Chenoa Brockmen and Lydia Hawkins, are mentored by June Colony.

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, Wickiup, Buell, Illinois Valley, Irving, Marys River, Morning Star, Redland, Thurston and Siletz Valley Granges are taking advantage of this plan. It is significantly less expensive to have them mailed from the printer than from the office.
- **Option two** is copies for individual events like an open house or your county fair. Let the office know by the deadline for the issue you want and numbers needed and they will be added to the count being printed. Once they arrive back from the printer they can be picked up or shipped to you.

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

Lacomb Hosts Nitrate Testing

Lacomb Grange #903, Linn County hosted a nitrate testing event with OSU Cooperative Extension Tuesday August 8. Well water was tested for nitrate levels with an explanation of the effects of nitrate and possible sources of contamination. The event was well attended with Ava Cordle and Chrissy Lucas-Woodruff of the OSU Extension Groundwater Protection Team reporting that it was one of their best clinics.

In addition to nitrate testing, a table with information on Wildfire Preparedness was available thanks to Marie Heuberger and the South

Santiam Watershed Council.

Topics presented included:

- Creating defensible space around the home
- Creating an evacuation plan for people & animals
- Firewise home renovations and Firewise USA communities
- Potential fuels reduction opportunities for small forest-land owners

Feedback from the public was very favorable and Lacomb Grange plans to reprise the event next year.

2022 Oregon Honor Grange Awards

Honor Grange Awards were presented during the Kick-off Banquet of the Oregon State Grange Convention, Saturday evening June 17.



Above: Gold Awards - l-r: Redland #796 Clackamas County, Creswell #496 Lane County, Hurricane Creek #608 Wallowa County and Marys River #685 Benton County.



Left: Silver Award - Ada #570 Lane County.



Below: Bronze Awards - l-r: Harding #122 Clackamas County, Beavercreek #276 Clackamas County, Springwater #263 Clackamas County, Morning Star #311 Linn County, Lacomb #907 Linn County and Molalla #310 Clackamas County.

Community Granges Notice of Vote to Change Bylaws

Columbia Grange #867, Umatilla County, in accordance with its By-Laws hereby publishes the required 30-day notice of the below proposed amendment to its By-Laws.

Columbia Grange #867 will vote to raise the annual dues to \$50.00 a year at their regular meeting on November 21, 2023. The dues will take effect on January 1, 2024.

Doris Reid, Secretary

Eagle Point Grange #664, Jackson County, in accordance with its By-Laws hereby publishes the required 30-day notice of the below proposed amendment to its By-Laws.

Eagle Point Grange #664, will vote to raise the annual membership dues to \$60 for individuals, \$110 for families and \$510 for Lifetime membership at the regular meeting on November 14, 2023. The dues will take effect on January 1, 2024.

Donna Cox, Secretary

Redmond Grange #812, Deschutes County, in accordance with its By-Laws hereby publishes the required 30-day notice of the below proposed amendment to its By-Laws.

Redmond Grange #812, will vote to raise the annual membership dues from \$45.04 to \$50.00 for individuals per year at the regular meeting on November 2, 2023. The dues will take effect on January 1, 2024.

Diane May, Secretary



Upcoming Community Grange Action

The **Nomination Form for Oregon State Grange Officer Elections** will be mailed out in late October.

In even years the Oregon State Grange holds elections for our State Officers and the first step in this process is nominations from each Grange for these positions. At any regular meeting in November, December or January the Subordinate Grange members may nominate one person for each state Grange office. This form must arrive at the Oregon State Grange office in Salem no later than 5:00 PM January 25th, 2024.

After this deadline those nominated are listed in the February edition of the Bulletin. In February each person nominated will be asked if they accept the nomination, and a person may not be a candidate for more than one office. Those that accept are listed on the Preferential Ballot which goes out to every Grange for the vote of the membership, and the ballot report is returned to the State Office. The results of this election will be counted by the Elections Board, and those candidates who receive 50% or greater shall be the only name on the Final Ballot used by the Delegates at the State Convention. If no candidate receives at

least 50% the top two candidates shall appear on the Final Ballot for this office.

The Final Delegate Election occurs at the State Convention where the delegates from the Community Granges and Pomona Granges cast the Final Votes for the State Officers. Offices with no nominees are open for nomination on the convention floor. The newly elected Oregon State Grange officers are installed on the last day of the Convention and take office immediately for a two-year term.

The **Oregon State Grange Roster Update Form** will be mailed out to the Community and Pomona Granges in late October. This form is **Absolutely Necessary** for the Oregon State Grange staff to update and correct the contact information for all the Granges in Oregon. We will be calling Granges to track down missing forms. Please help us get this job done by filling out this form, in clear legible writing, the information requested no later than December 1st. Earlier is always better.

One Million Thanks!!

Vickie High Appointed to Fill Vacant Ex. Committee #3 Position

Saturday, July 10th the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee met via Zoom. Discussion was held on the replacement for OSG Executive Committee Position 3 after the passing of Louise Holst. After consideration of those living in the counties represented by Position 3, Vickie High of Midland Grange #781 in Klamath County was appointed to fill the position for the remainder of the term which ends June 2024. She was installed by State President Jay Sexton on August 6th, before the State Executive Committee meeting. Sister Vickie said "she would be honored to fill the seat of her friend Louise, and she understood the travel and obligations of the position."

Vickie High joined Poe Valley Grange #710 shortly before her marriage to Dean High in 1977. His grandmother told her, part of the

vows to marry Dean was she had to join the Grange. The family has been members of Midland Grange since 1998. Both their children are also members there.



In 1986 Vickie and Dean were selected as Oregon's Young Couple and were recipients of the Potomac Award when competing at the National convention in 1987. In November 2017 the family was recognized as a Grange Legacy Family in the inaugural class by the National Grange.

This is Vickie's second State officer position. She previously served as Pomona from 1990 to 1994 and again from 1996 to 1998.

Fidelity Bonding Insurance Q&A

The National Grange provides an opportunity for Granges to purchase Fidelity Bonding Insurance which protects the Subordinate/Community Grange from loss of assets from officer impropriety. The Oregon State Grange By-Laws section 4.12.11 states "Every Subordinate/Community Grange shall bond its Treasurer and Secretary." This inexpensive protection can be purchased until **December 15th**. A mailing with the Bonding information went out to every Community Grange Secretary in late September.

Q: What is Fidelity Bonding?

A: Fidelity Bonding is a type of insurance coverage to protect the financial assets of your Community, Pomona, or State Grange. Section 4.10.9 of the Digest of Laws of the National Grange stipulates that all Granges, at their own expense, are to be bonded or insured for volunteer dishonesty with coverage to include at least the Secretary and Treasurer of each organization.

Q: How Does Fidelity Bonding Work?

A: The Fidelity Bond protects the Grange by covering financial losses due to dishonest or fraudulent acts of an individual or group. Should any unfortunate loss or theft of your Grange's funds occur, due to the dishonest acts of covered positions, you would file a claim for review. The bond would help to cover the Grange's financial loss up to the policy limit.

Q: What Does the Bond Cover?

A: The Fidelity Bond available through The National Grange provides coverage for all officers and member positions, not just the Secretary and Treasurer who are required to be bonded by the Digest of Laws. The Bond coverage is for one calendar year beginning Jan. 1.

Granges who elect not to renew coverage will be removed from the policy. Once removed coverage cannot be elected to be added for two policy terms.

In Memoriam

Joan Benfield
McMinnville #31

Darrell Dickson
Winona #271

Lucille Crandall-Coughlin
Deer Island #947

Chuck Fliming
Sutherlin Community #724

Sally Timm
Lacomb #907



*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.*



Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Hello Grangers!

As this issue goes to press, we on the DAFH committee have been hard at work, organizing and implementing a community conversation with the Oregon Humanities Project and the residents of Brookings and surrounding areas on homelessness on the Oregon Coast. We are also in the planning stages of preparing a Pomona level mental health fair, *Brighter Days*, and investigating the need for traveling diabetes nurses in some of the more remote parts of the state. In addition to these activities, I wanted to take some time to discuss some new developments in cancer research and detection that are currently being discussed and decided upon in the US Senate Health Subcommittee.

Nationwide, cancer deaths in rural areas are 14% higher than urban areas and the urban-rural disparity in cancer death rates is getting worse.¹ Additionally, the 5-year cancer survival rate for all cancers was 8% lower in rural areas compared to urban areas.¹ There are multiple factors involved in higher rural cancer rates, including greater distances from quality cancer care, and an aging population. The risk of developing cancer increases with age, with 57 percent of people diagnosed with cancer being 65 years or older. Without system changes to current diagnosis care procedures, these numbers are destined to increase. Overwhelming evidence supports that early cancer detection can be the difference between life and death. When cancer is detected at earlier stages it is easier and less costly to treat, and patients are more likely to survive.^{1,2}

Research previously released by the National Grange, also shed light on the disproportionate cancer impact on communities of color and rural populations.¹ Our DAFH committee has reported on numerous health-related topics, in which rural residents face serious health disadvantages related to socio-economic deprivation, limited access to health care and lower rates of health insurance coverage, compared to their urban and suburban counterparts. Fortunately, there may be some good news on the horizon for the rural landscape.

This year, the US House of Representatives reintroduced the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act. This act creates a pathway for Medicare and Medicaid to provide coverage of these new tools to provide early de-

tection and save lives, once the tests have been approved by the Food & Drug Administration.

For over two years now, the Prevent Cancer Foundation has collaborated with over 400 organizations and led the movement to create system changes that drive us forward in cancer prevention efforts.⁴ Currently, the Oregon State Grange supports efforts to develop and establish a healthcare system that provides comprehensive health care to all individuals (EH1.19), and in June of 2023, the Oregon State Grange passed a resolution which states, **“Resolved, that the Oregon State Grange shall support, by lobbying efforts to pass legislation such as HR2407 that would include multi-cancer screening in Medicare coverage.”**

This action has the potential to be a game-changer for many rural residents. Innovative blood-based multi-cancer early detection (MCED) tests can screen for many cancers simultaneously and will complement existing screenings. These tests are able to detect anywhere from two to over 50 tumor types in a single test. Some of the cancers the tests can detect include pancreatic, prostate, kidney, lung, breast, skin, ovarian and liver cancer.⁵

At this time the bill has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee, the Energy & Commerce Committee and the Health Subcommittee. I will be following the life of this bill and you can too, by visiting: <https://fastdemocracy.com/bill-search/us/118/bills/US-B00074146/#actions>

Our sincere thanks to Mowhawk-McKenzie Grange #747, for drafting the resolution (EH #5) that supports and informs our membership and our congressional membership of this very important advancement in cancer detection and early treatment. It is my sincere hope that this bill passes and gets the financial and administrative support it needs to put the use of these tests into practice.

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L-r: Maryssa Petersen, Warner Grange #117, Laura Correia and Kristen Correia-Herrera, family of baby Gio, Don Kingsborough and Terry Mize, Warner Grange #117, and Suzy Ramm, Springwater Grange #263 at the dedication of the CuddleCot at Adventist Health Columbia Gorge placed in memory of Giovanni Herrera-Correia.

Warner Grange #117 Donates CuddleCot to Adventist Health Columbia Gorge in The Dalles

On September 8th, members of Warner Grange #117, Clackamas County, presented Adventist Health Columbia Gorge in The Dalles with the twelfth CuddleCot purchased and placed with funds raised just before COVID-19 struck.

This CuddleCot was placed in The Dalles at the request of Mosier Grange #234, Wasco County, who donated funds to help with the purchase and placement of CuddleCots and in memory of Giovanni Herrera-Correia, the first grandchild of Laura Correia, a cousin of Suzy Ramm and Joyce Parker of Springwater Grange #263.

On the hospital's Facebook page, they acknowledged the gift from the Grange. "Preserving memories and providing comfort, we are deeply touched by the generosity of the Oregon Granges for their donation of a CuddleCot, the 12th they have donated to Oregon Hospitals. Despite advances in medical science, many parents will experience a stillbirth or the death of a newborn. A cooling bassinet knows as a CuddleCot uses a quiet cooling unit to preserve the baby at an ideal temperature giving families the gift of time with their precious baby."

"Nominated by family member Suzy Ramm, supporters and members of the Warner Grange #117 and Mosier Grange #234 donated the CuddleCot in loving memory of Giovanni Herrera Correia (b/d June 8, 2018). Giovanni was the first born of Kristen Correia-Herrera and grandson of Laura Correia. The loss of a child leaves a void that can never be filled, but grief can be a force for good, and the willingness of Kristen to share her story and this compassionate and generous donation will make a difference to other families that experience the loss of a child here at Adventist Health Columbia Gorge."

As of now placements of CuddleCots have taken place at: St. Vincent's Hospital, Oregon Health Sciences University, Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland; Legacy Salmon Creek in Vancouver, Washington, Legacy Mt. Hood Hospital in Gresham, St. Charles Hospital in Bend, Legacy Meridian Park Hospital in Tualatin, Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria, Adventist Health in Tillamook, Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln City and now Adventist Health Columbia Gorge in The Dalles. By the time this article is read an additional one will have been delivered to a hospital in Medford.



Grangers, family and staff of Adventist Health Columbia Gorge.

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By the time you get this, K-12 schools have been in session for at least a month. Colleges and Universities vary; some just started, others have been going for a month. Remember to watch for kids, stop for school buses, and if possible, volunteer at your local school. I hope your Grange helps support local schools in some way: school supplies, scholarships, or other ways. One way I thought of is, go into the office of your local K-12 school and pay money on someone's lunch account anonymously.

I hope the coming year is going well for you and your Grange.

This month District 3 Education Chairman, Stacy Brown has written the column.

Teachers Get Summers Off

Often as a teacher I hear, "Wow it must be great to get the whole summer off!"; this is true in some ways. As a teacher we do not have to show up at the building or teach our classes, but our job is far from done. Many teachers must tear down their classroom within a week of the students leaving to deep clean rooms for the following year. These teachers are

often not allowed back in the building until two weeks before school starts again to reset their room.

Regardless of whether you are a teacher that can or cannot go in the building during summer most teachers are still busy with their work during this "break". This time is used for:

- Attending Continuing Education courses.
- Look over and plan out new curriculums.
- Reflect and refine what happened in the prior year.
- Preparing new classroom posters, materials, and bulletin boards.

I find that teachers tend to be people that have a growth mindset that continually reflects and works towards improvement and efficiency. So although as teachers we often get a break from the noise, busyness, and daily tasks of the classroom our job is not over during the summer months.



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Words of the Day: Mantel and Mantle

mantel
noun

1. the decorative facing around a fireplace; also called a mantel-piece
2. the shelf above a fireplace

mantle
noun

1. a loose, usually sleeveless, outer garment; a cloak
2. something that covers or hides; a covering
3. the appearance of one who is powerful or authoritative
4. alternative, less used spelling of the noun "mantel", primarily found in American English
5. the area of the earth between the crust and the core which is approximately 1,800 miles thick
6. in mollusks and brachiopods, a fold or lobe or pair of lobes

in the body wall, which lines the shell's inner surface and secretes a substance which forms the shell

7. the back and shoulder feathers of a bird
8. the cerebral cortex
9. a fireproof hood in a gas lamp that gives off a bright light when heated by the flame

verb

1. to cover with or as with a cloak; to envelope or conceal; to disguise
2. to spread out over
3. to be covered with a coating
4. to blush; to cause to become red

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The Oregon State Grange Foundation wishes to congratulate past scholarship recipients on their 2023 graduation.

2022 Muzzy Mandel and Mary Sauter Ramm scholarships recipient, Laura Coen, a member of Marys River Grange #685, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts from the College of Design at the University of Oregon. She is a mom, a farm owner, and artist.



Center: Laura Coen with family

versity Wisconsin. Sarah works in the banking industry.



Sarah Jenkins

2021 Mary Sauter Ramm scholarship recipient, Sarah Jenkins, a member of Warner Grange #117 and Mohawk-Mckenzie Grange #747 and Secretary of the Oregon State Grange, graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management from Concordia Uni-

2021 Muzzy Mandel Scholarship recipient, Brianna Herrick, a member of Walthville Grange

#416, graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sciences. She spent the summer between her junior and senior year serving as an intern with the Oregon State University Extension Service in the Extension's groundwater protection and education program.



Brianna Herrick

FFA Fundraiser Breakfast

Clarkes Grange #261, Clackamas County, held a 'by donation' breakfast fundraiser for the Molalla FFA Chapter. The Molalla Ag Issues team won the state competition this past spring. They are headed to the National FFA convention November 1-4 in Indianapolis with the help of a proud and supportive community. All money collected went to the team to help cover expenses.



Our apologies to Draevun Buchanan, recipient of the Oregon State Grange GWA scholarship and an Oregon State Grange Foundation Muzzy Mandel scholarships, for misspelling his name in the last issue of the Bulletin.

Back In Time As movie camera rolls, McMinnville Grange stand in for 1930's dance hall

By Rachel Thompson and Kirby Neumann-Rea
Of the News-Register

The historic McMinnville Grange and many of its members enjoyed their moment in the floodlights when a film crew used the hall for a scene in the film "Golden Cornucopia."

A town dance tragedy is depicted in what was the final scene shot for the documentary film, according to director Jared Brandon-Flande and producer John Webb.

Grange members came dressed on Aug. 19 for the part of residents of a 1935 mining town, and after checking costumes and a short rehearsal, the filming began. As the oldest Grange in Oregon, it was suited for the part.

"It fit in well with their story, and we were happy to oblige. It's a good opportunity for the Grange," Grange Master Wayne Clemmer said, adding that the Grange donated use of the space. The Grange and its grounds are home to a list of regularly scheduled programs and events including dances and dinners, Bible study groups, and classes for line dancing and other activities, as well as host to meetings by FFA, 4H and the weekly farmer's market.

The film title refers to Cornucopia, designated a ghost town, which had a post office from 1885 to 1942, the year it was abandoned. It is the fifth largest gold mining town in the country and still the largest in Oregon, located east of Baker City, at the edge of the Wallow National Forest. Brandon-Flande noted that Cornucopia has become something of a tourist attraction, and has a lodge with cabins there now.

The filmmakers interviewed Cornucopia locals, and have added reenactments to give it some "flavor," Brandon-Flande said. "Some fun," stuff like that - that's what we're doing today."

Noting that the dancers in the scene "do all the events and what-not, I guess you; could kind of call them method actors; they already know what they're doing," he added. (During filming, dancers went shoeless, to reduce noise.)

The scene is set in the early 1930s, in a remote town with little to do.

"They're 6,000 feet up in the air; 15 to 20 miles away from the nearest town, so they really stayed there and entertained themselves. Every Saturday night, a big dance is there," Webb said. "Well, one night, everybody was just hootin' it up a big

storm, havin' fun, spinnin' around, and some poor gentleman passed away on the floor, just had a heart attack right there.

But dances were such a rare thing there, just someone dying wouldn't stop a dance. In the middle of winter, they took him outside and they started dancing again. And I thought "that's gotta just thought, that's gotta be in the film," Webb said.

Clemmer was chosen to be the actor who had the heart attack in the film.

"I told them I'd be willing to do it if they couldn't find somebody else said Clemmer, who retired from military and academic careers and now owns a tree farm near McMinnville. (Mattresses were provided for Clemmer to fall onto.)

"You just think about the isolation and tragedy, and lots of death there," Webb said. "And the mines - people would die. And ... avalanches, and ... I mean, all for gold."

Most filming for "Golden Cornucopia" happened on location, but since the filmmakers are from this area, they figured filming things in the "studio" would be a little easier. Brandon-Flande lives in Lafayette and knew about the Grange, so he contacted Clemmer.

"We were trying to figure out where to do the dance hall scene," Brandon-Flande said. In his first visit there, he saw it truly did "look period!"

The filmmakers also worked with the Yamhill County Historical Society. "We've used some of their displays. They were basically just movie sets that were ready to go, so we didn't even have to 'build them,'" Brandon-Flande said.

"We brought some miner's hats in from the area, we got some people with beards, and we just said, everybody dress up like it's 1935. The more you're dressed up, the more you'll be in the foreground."

The production would not be possible without the local Grange's cooperation and the local community's efforts to make our signature scene happen," Webb said.

"With all the folks dressing up like it was the '30s, I believe everyone had fun. Thanks to McMinnville and the Grange for supporting independent media production," Webb said.

The project will eventually be

Molalla Recognizes Three Members



Above: Pomona Master Joyce Parker shows the members where future seals will go in Howard Miller's Silver Star certificate booklet.



Above: Shirley Goodrich received her 45-year seal from Clackamas County Pomona Master Joyce Parker.

On August 23rd Molalla Grange #310, Clackamas County, recognized three of their members for their long-time commitment to the organization. Molalla Grange asked if Clackamas County Pomona Master Joyce Parker would come presents the awards, especially since one of the awards was going to their Grange Master, Don Sether.

Receiving his Silver Star Certificate and pin recognizing 25 years of Grange membership was Howard Miller. Don Sether received his 35-year seal and Shirley Goodrich received her 45-year seal.



Above: Don Sether received his 35-year seal from Pomona Master Joyce Parker

Willamette Grange Celebrates 100th Birthday of Their Hall



available on video on demand (as so many docs are today). Details at copafilm.com.

The filmmakers are planning screenings of the film, probably at the Grange, as well as in Baker and other communities near Cornucopia, as a way to help the museums and historical societies in the communities in both Yamhill and Baker counties, according to Webb.

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August 19th Willamette Grange #52, Benton County, invited the community to celebrate the 100th birthday of their hall and many people came out to celebrate this great historic Hall. The community has supported the restoration of this iconic building.

State President Jay Sexton cut the ribbon and invited those in attendance to come inside and see the progress of the hall restoration.



McMinnville Grange members listed in the credits included dancers:

Wayne Clemmer
Theresa Cheslock Clemmer
Patsy Johnson
Mark Johnson
Kit McPeters
Frances Myers
Paula Nelsen
Kenneth Payne
Leslie Payne
Thomas Rector

Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers

Oregon State Fair ~ Aug. 25 – Sep. 4 Log Cabin Makes A Good Impression



Above: Visitors trying to find their local Grange hall.

Below: L-r: Hosts at the Log cabin during the first weekend included Josh Jenkins, Sarah Jenkins, Alissa Jenkins, Mayumi Jenkins, Susan Noah, Teresa Cernac, Lyle Utt, Mark Noah, Toni Hoyman and Jay Sexton.



The Oregon State Fair Grange Log Cabin was staffed with smiling volunteers, in three daily shifts, for all eleven days of the Fair. The purpose is to demonstrate the welcoming nature of Grangers and inform people of our community minded purposes, our membership being open to all, and the breadth of our activities and the communities we serve.

This year we had volunteers from these Granges, in no particular order: Irving #377, Creswell #496, Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Beaver Valley #306, Springwater #263, Crow #450, Santiam Valley #263, Waltherville #416, Oak Grove #198, Morning Star #311, Maplewood #662, Willamette #52, Rickreall #671, Marys River #685, Winona #271, Lacombe #907, Fairmount #252, Woodburn #79, Forest Grove #282, Fern Hill #592, Silverton #748, and anyone that may have been forgotten.

Thank you all so much for spend-

Below: Lexie Suing looks on as a visitor plays Jenga.



ing a few hours showing visitors the friendly face of Grange. If you haven't spent time at the Log Cabin – come give it a try in August of 2024!



Above: Corn Hole, Jenga and Disc Golf were all popular with visitors at the Log Cabin.

Clackamas County Fair August 15-19

Clackamas Pomona Grange Cookie Booth

R: Pomona Master Joyce Parker and JC Junkman, Clarkes Grange, check the cooling cookies before packaging.



L-r: Cookie Booth chairman, Pam Furlan, Beavercreek Grange, Don Furlan, Beavercreek Grange, JC Junkman, Clarkes Grange and Breanna Hays-McKay, Abernethy Grange working an evening shift in the cookie booth. 10, 000 cookies were made for the event.

Western Oregon Exposition August 18-20

Lane Pomona Grange BBQ Fundraiser

Pomona President, Peggy Jillson, with a dinner ready to sell at the BBQ chicken dinner. Funds raised went to the Pomona Grange membership program. 150 dinners were sold.



Mark Noah, Mohawk-McKenzie Grange, grill master and Dan Suing, Crow Grange, overseeing the chicken on the BBQ the pit.

Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers



Above: Tillamook County Pomona Grange booth was an information booth about Grange in general.

Tillamook County Fair August 9-12

Theme: "Let Freedom Ring"

All three community Granges and the Tillamook County Pomona Grange had booths at their county fair. Grange exhibits are to consist of farm and household products, decorations, etc., produced by members of the Grange or by residents of the community. Booths may use the fair theme or be a General Exhibit, with displays of farm and household products. Products also may be used in depicting the theme of a single theme booth.

R: Members of Sandlake Grange in front of their booth.

Below: Sandlake Grange #546

Lower R: Fairview Grange #273



Below: White Clover Grange #784



Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

October 31	3rd Quarter Reports due to the State Grange office
November-January	Nomination of Oregon State Grange officers
November 11	Albany Veterans Day Parade – Albany 11am
November 14-18	National Grange Convention Niagara Falls, New York
December 1	Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officers' information due to the State Grange office
December 9	Oregon State Grange Holiday Open House – Salem 2-4pm
December 15	Deadline to apply for Bonding Insurance through the National Grange. Send to state Grange office.
December 22 - January 2	Oregon State Grange office closed
December 31	Oregon State Grange Foundation - "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbursement" request deadline. Send to the state office.
January 25, 2024	Nominations for Oregon State Grange Officers must arrive at the State Grange office by 5pm.
January 31, 2024	4th Quarter Reports due to the State Grange office.
March 1, 2024	Deadline for first 2024 Matching Grange applications. Must be post marked by March 1 or if emailing, completed application must arrive by March 1 at the State Grange office.
June 15-20, 2024	Oregon State Grange Convention District 3 - Tillamook County Fairgrounds

101st Annual Springwater Grange Fair September 16

Theme: "Celebrate the BEE"



L-r: Margie and Ron Smith winners of the People's Choice award in the first ever Springwater Grange Community Fair car and iron/tractor show. There were 20 entries.



There were over 200 entries in the main hall including flowers, fruit, vegetables, art-work, photos, handi-crafts, baked goods, food preservation, hobbies, and the Honey Nut Bread Challenge.

Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers

Lane County Fair July 19-23

The 2023 Lane County Fair was very successful. There were fourteen Large Community Collective Displays and fifteen Agricultural Focus Displays. Lane Pomona Grange served 528 cookies on Grange Day and Senior Day.

People's Choice Awards: the daily voting totals were 2,450 people. The winners for the large display booths were as follows:

- 1st Creswell Grange #496
- 2nd Lane County Beekeepers
- 3rd Ada Grange #570
- 4th Walterville Grange #416

A couple other interesting facts:

- There were 176 Dress up Veggie and Fruit entries.
- They had seventeen Barn Quilt entries. Very creative entries!



First place - Creswell Grange #496



Third place - Ada Grange #570



Fourth place - Walterville Grange #416

Clackamas County Fair August 15-19

Theme: The Place to Bee in 2023

The Grange was well represented by Clackamas County Granges at the Clackamas County Fair. Judging results were:

- 1st - Maplewood Grange #662
- 2nd - Clarkes Grange #261
- 3rd - Redland Grange #796
- 4th - Springwater Grange #263

Theme Award - Sunnyside Grange #842

People's Choice Award - Maplewood Grange #662

Other county Granges with booths included: Abernethy #346, Beavercreek #276, Eagle Creek #297, Garfield #317, Milwaukie #268, Molalla #310 and an informational booth by the Pomona Grange.



First place - Maplewood Grange #662



Second place - Clarkes Grange #261



Left: Theme Award - Sunnyside Grange #842



Third place - Redland Grange #796



Fourth place - Springwater Grange #263

Left: Clackamas Pomona Grange #1





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Fall is in the air, and while most people talk about "spring cleaning" I seem to be on a different schedule and am always ready to do my work at the end of the summer. In the spring I am too excited by the promise of longer days and better weather to want to clean carpets and reorganize drawers, but give me cooler weather and, I think, the promise of decorating for the fall and winter holidays and I am ready to roll!

Not only does my home benefit from this energy, but I see fall as a great time to take on the Grange hall work that gets put off by most of us as we take advantage of all that summer has to offer. Taking care of these elderly treasures involves a lot of upkeep. Cleaning, restoring or rebuilding can be a full-time job for members. Breaking it down into smaller pieces is definitely the way to go as we work together to keep our buildings looking their best.

I realize some Granges are lucky enough to have the ability to pay for normal cleaning, but others are relying on members to fulfill this role. Probably none of us would say that cleaning the Grange hall is at the top of our bucket list, but we can make it a little more enticing than it sounds.

Schedule a Garage sale for a month down the road and then gather the members to clean out the kitchen. Put on some good music, and clean all those cabinets and drawers.

Place any items that the members don't want into the garage sale pile, and when the time comes, either sell them or donate them to one of the local charities. Your kitchen is cleaner, less clutter, and the members had a fun day making the improvements. The Grange may have even made a little money, or has an item for their community service report. The key here is to involve as many members as you can. The hall upkeep isn't just the responsibility of the president or the GWA, but of all of us. As they say, many hands make light work!

Having a clean hall will help with rentals and of course membership recruitment. No one wants to rent a building that looks like it needs a good cleaning, and how many of us want to join a group that doesn't keep a clean and well ordered meeting place. The installing officers charge to the Lecturer mentions that a "well ordered household is essential to a happy home and without a happy home no farm is fully a success". I think the same could be said a well-ordered Grange. Success goes hand in hand with the pride we take in all our work, whether it's keeping a clean hall or serving the community.

So, whether your members are spring or fall cleaners, work together to keep up your hall and take pride in all that you do! For me, I'm back to cleaning the carpets and making room in the closet for those new fall clothes!



Above: Grange Members from Little Deschutes Grange helping with sale.

Little Deschutes Sale For Scholarships

Little Deschutes Grange #939, Deschutes County, held a "Make An Offer" sale August 23rd thru September 4th. The last day of the sale was Labor Day and everything was

free. The sale helped raise money for High School Students Scholarships. Three Scholarships are given out each year, supporting students in the local La Pine area.



Ada Holds Annual Picnic

Fifteen members of Ada Grange #570, Lane County, enjoyed their annual July Grange picnic. The Schofield family and Nancy Flatley hosted the event.



Goldson Barbeques At Fundraising

Barbeque is a tradition at Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, next event with food will be the fundraising events. Members lit up the barbeque for their car show on June 10th, and again at the 52-mile Garage sale (the length of HWY 36) on June 23rd and 24th. Their next event with food will be the annual Veteran's Day Breakfast on November 11th, where veterans are treated to a hearty breakfast for free.

Crow Grange Holds 15th Annual Chicken And Pickin "Joe's" BBQ

When you hear "Best chicken ever" and "Oh, this corn is so good" you know your event was a success. Crow Grange #450, Lane County, members heard this quite a few times at their annual Chicken and Pickin BBQ, held on August 5th. Many people came and join them for their yummy BBQ (1/2 a BBQ chicken, fresh corn on the cob, baked beans, roll, ice cream, and lemonade or coffee) and then they were treated to wonderful music by the Poodle Creek pickers. Crow Grange appreciates the support of the Crow community and neighbors from all around. No one went away hungry and a great time was had by all.



L-r: Corn, corn, everywhere corn. Busy shucking corn picked fresh the morning of the BBQ were Patrick Dearth, Steve Kroeker, and Penny Suing.



L-r: Going into wildlife Safari Front row: Skylar Farson, Beau Strasheim, Jax Thorp, OSU Junior Director Peggy Jillson and Roen Thorp. Middle row: RaeyLynn Thorp, Kayden Farson, Vickie Thorp. Back row: Jen Thorp, Noah Strasheim, Alex Thorp.

Below: L-r: Juniors with the bear statue at Wildlife Safari: Kayden Farson, Skylar Farson, Noah Strasheim, Beau Strasheim and Jax Thorp.



Below: Bumper boats were great fun on the very hot day.



R: Noah Strasheim taking pictures at Wildlife Safari.



Above: Kayden Farson with a bird in the aviary at Wildlife Safari.

L: Juniors lined up for the train at Wildlife Safari

R: L-r - The group and instructors in front of Dogs for Better Lives. Front row: Skylar Farson, Roen Thorp, Jax Thorp, Kayden Farson and Beau Strasheim. Middle row: Dogs for Better Lives tour helper, RaeyLynn Thorp, Alex Thorp, Dogs For Better Lives Host Frank Marksman, with Elouise, the dog and Noah Strasheim. Back row: Dogs for Better Lives tour helper, Vickie Thorp, Peggy Jillson, Jen Thorp and Lexie Suing.

Oregon Junior Grangers



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Junior Weekend August 2023

Probably the most gratifying thing about this column is that I have proof somebody is reading it! Vickie Thorp of Myrtle Creek Grange #442 responded to my plea for more local Junior program by organizing a weekend of fun and learning August 12-13. In Central Point we toured the Dogs For Better Lives campus and spent an active few hours at the Family Fun Center. Then we returned to Myrtle Creek for dinner and a sleepover at the Grange hall. Sunday morning, we went to Wildlife Safari to enjoy free activities in the Safari Village, then a round of bowling before everyone headed back home. This was all organized and carried out in less than a month, due to summertime schedules that really limited our choice of dates. I hope future weekends can be publicized longer and more Juniors can attend.

The weekend was a great mix of big ticket and budget activities. Vickie's membership in Wildlife Safari gave us a deal on the train ride there, and our tour at Dogs for Better Lives was free. That offset the spendy amusement park, which was a highlight of the weekend for kids and the chaperones who had to partner with them on the bumper boats and go-karts. You can't beat the cost and convenience of a Grange hall to prepare meals and have lots

of space to sleep. Bowling is fairly inexpensive, especially if you can get a group or party rate.

Our biggest struggle was probably hot weather and smokey conditions, which limited outdoor time a bit and made us pay special attention to keeping those Juniors hydrated. Myrtle Creek Grange had recently installed air conditioning units, much appreciated when the temperature is pushing triple digits.

Junior Grange is for families. In this case all the Juniors in attendance had parents or grandparents present, so we didn't ask for permission slips or proof of insurance for drivers. That makes the Junior Director's life easier, but it means families are responsible to have vital information in their possession in case of accident or illness.

What really sparked this weekend was knowledge of nearby places that families enjoy visiting. We can certainly plan more weekends around places and festivals or other events that showcase our state's unique history and help us connect with our Grange friends and their communities. I thank Vickie Thorp for scouting our agenda and presenting it "tied up with a bow." It made for a fine trial run. Let's do it again!



Legislative Update

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You Say You Want A Resolution

A Grange resolution is just a document stating an issue and calling for an action. It should have a title, a call for some sort of action (the Resolve) and some arguments and explanations in support (the Whereas statements). If presented as part of a committee report no motion to adopt is required; if submitted by an individual, a motion and second are in order. So, isn't a resolution just a motion that has been reduced to writing, then? Why all the fuss and bother with a resolution process, why not just make a motion and be done with it?

Well first, not many of us invoke the right to call for the maker to present their motion in writing. That means our Grange secretary must interpret what the maker of the motion is saying. How many times has that led to a lengthy discussion about what was said versus what was heard?

Also, we've all been in Grange meetings when a motion on the floor generates so many questions that we spend too much time adjusting language or working out details or we ask questions that nobody including the maker can properly answer.

To express our idea clearly in our Grange meeting and to others beyond our immediate personal contacts, to gain support and have impact, we need a way to present it accurately, complete with arguments and conclusions, in a manner that won't become distorted by compounded errors of verbal repetition. We need to write a resolution.

Reducing a question to writing requires the writer to be precise in their choice of words so their meaning is clear. The supporting arguments (the 'whereas' statements) provide information that facilitates informed and efficient deliberation. Well, they should do so.

But why do resolutions seem to use such archaic goofy language (Whereas, therefore be it Resolved)? Turns out, those are statements of precision that are commonly used in formal legislative settings. One could say 'Because of this' or 'And not only that, but this too' but 'Whereas' says the same thing in only 2 syllables. 'Therefore, be it Resolved' flows nicely and is a specific reference to your conclusion, much better than 'Because of all of the previous arguments and statements, here's what we propose.' You want people to debate your issue, not your use of

language.

So how do we go about writing our resolution?

- Write your conclusion. What do you want? This is your 'Resolved' section. Be specific! Do you want letters written to legislators or others? If you want your resolution forwarded to others, list them. If you want a specific Grange policy or bylaw changed, quote it or cite it specifically by section, page number, line number if possible.
- Create your title. It should summarize what you are trying to accomplish but keep it short and to the point.
- Add some explanation of the issue, some factual arguments in favor. These are your 'Whereas' sections. Don't be too long-winded or you'll lose your audience. Refrain from personal opinions. Quote facts, refer to supporting websites and other evidence in support of your conclusion.
- Submit your resolution to your Grange for consideration. You can probably hand the secretary a typed copy, or email it to them prior to the meeting. Provide supporting documentation if possible.

Some errors show up regularly in resolutions. Your conclusion, the Resolve, should 'stand on its own' as we always hear at state and national conventions—it needs to be a complete sentence that states your action clearly and specifically.

Your Whereas statements should be factual and supportable. 'Because I say so' isn't enough. Referring to the publicly stated opinions of others might help, but is their opinion factual and supportable? Try to include references for your data or quotes.

Don't re-state your arguments in the Resolve. The word Therefore is saying 'for that reason; consequently' and refers to your Whereas arguments with concision. I know, when all is said and done Whereas statements are dropped and only the Resolve is printed, but at that point the argument has been won and the supporting statements aren't needed.

If you are supporting a specific piece of state or national legislation, be aware that bills die at the end of the session and numbers are reused in the next session so the point of your resolution will be lost. Refer

Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers

At the Oregon State Capital for the past couple of months there has been an ongoing conflict between the two parties and now they are going to court.

Senators who abandoned their legislative duties this year will face a ban on running for reelection next year, according to Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade. However, those lawmakers are planning to challenge this decision in court, arguing that the wording of Measure 113 allows them to serve another term before facing consequences for their walkout.

Measure 113 was introduced to address the issue of legislative walkouts by imposing penalties on lawmakers with ten or more unexcused absences in a single session. It was passed with strong voter support, but some politicians claim that a flaw in the wording slipped past voters and government attorneys. They contend that the language inserted into the state constitution allows them to serve another term before facing any penalties.

On the other hand, many argue that the intent of the voters is more important than the wording. They point to an explanatory statement

from the Oregon Department of Justice that clarified the purpose of the measure. Secretary of State Griffin-Valade agrees with this interpretation and has directed her elections officials to implement an administrative rule to clarify how Measure 113 should be enforced.

Lawmakers who staged a lengthy walkout earlier this year are planning to challenge Griffin-Valade's decision in the Oregon Court of Appeals. They have received permission from elections officials to raise funds for their legal fight through a political action committee.

While those Senators have suggested that the penalties in Measure 113 could be challenged on First Amendment grounds, their immediate focus is on seeking clarity from the courts regarding the meaning of the measure. Governor Tina Kotek supports Griffin-Valade's decision and believes that the court will ultimately have the final say on the matter.

It can only be hoped that this will be settled soon. This new law going into effect, if upheld, will at least ensure that neither side will be able to use the walk out rule to stop them from performing their duties to the people of the State of Oregon.

Happy Trails

to the action called for in the legislation, not just the bill number.

It is not enough to simply construct your resolution, set its sails and launch it out on the great Grange seas to seek its fortune. You should be there as much as possible to guide your idea along, offer explanations and show support. National Grange delegates are expected to consider a lot of resolutions in a shorter and shorter period of time, so you want yours to claim some of that delegate time and attention that can be so scarce.

If you want to create, or change, state or national Grange policy you will need to send your resolution for consideration at those levels. Any subordinate/community Grange or Pomona Grange can send a resolution directly to their state Grange to address state or national Grange policy, but only state Granges can send resolutions to the National Grange. If your resolution would change National Grange policy, your state Grange delegates must adopt it and send it to the National Grange for consideration.

We frequently just think of resolutions as the way we set legislative policies for state or national Grange lobbying efforts or change Grange bylaws or manage Grange operations, but they don't always need to be aimed at State or National levels—our community/subordinate Granges can send resolutions to local entities about matters that affect their members, their neighborhood and their communities. It helps to include some explanation of why your Grange is taking this approach along with the resolution. Sometimes you also might need to explain what a Grange is, so your resolutions can also be a form of outreach to spread the word about our most excellent organization!

Resolutions are useful. Your Grange can write one about a streetlight or pothole or anything else you want to focus on, and send it directly to people you think can help. Your idea is now the opinion of a group of constituents, and (to paraphrase Margaret Mead) small groups of thoughtful, committed, organized citizens can change the world.

Two Oregonians Selected For National Youth Officer Team

Two Oregon Young Adults are returning to as National Youth officers. Alex Coe, a member of Phoenix Grange #779 in Jackson County, has been selected as Vice President/Overseer. He previously served as National Youth Chaplain in 2022 in Nevada. He is currently Oregon's Youth President/Master.

Alex says he has been a member of



the Grange for as long as he can remember and started as a Junior Granger. He says the Grange is a "second family" where he enjoys seeing old friends. Alex says that if he is not at work where he tries to be the best leader he can be for his team, then he can be found in the gym.

The 2023 National Youth Pomona

Oregonians Serve As Senior National Communications Fellows

Returning for the tenth year at the National Grange Convention, the Communications Fellows under the leadership of National Grange Communications Director Phil Vonada work hard to bring convention news to the delegates and Grange members at home.

Over the eight days they are at the National Convention they learn the ins and outs of effectively communicating a clear message and apply that to interviewing, writing press releases to send to media outlets around the country and to produce several issues of the Patrons Chain during convention.

Returning as a Senior Communication Fellow is Jim J. Dumolt of Clarkes Grange #261, in Clackamas County. He was a fellow at last year's convention in Nevada. Jim is a fourth generation Granger and has been part of the Grange his entire life, attending his first state session at nine months old and joining the Junior Grange when he was five. Jim is now the President/Master of Clarkes Grange and Assistant Steward of the Oregon State Grange.



When not working or being involved with Grange events, he enjoys camping, backpacking, and hiking. If he isn't enjoying the out-

is JC Junkman, a member of Clarkes Grange #261 in Clackamas County and the co-director of the Oregon State Grange Youth committee. She previously served as National Youth President/Master in 2022 in Nevada and LAS in 2019 in Minneapolis.



JC lives in Beaverton with her husband, David, and son Alex. She is a fourth-generation Grange member, who loves attending Grange events because she is able to see people she wouldn't see otherwise, and because of the feeling of community at Grange events.

The National Youth officers will be opening the Friday morning session of National convention and is likely available to view through Facebook.

doors, he can be found working on woodworking projects or reading with a nice cup of hot apple cider.

Also returning as a Senior Fellow is Lexie Suining of Crow Grange #450, in Lane County. She was previously a fellow in 2019 and is currently Lecturer of Crow Grange.



Lexie is a fourth generation Granger and is part of a Grange Legacy Family

Grange Youth & Young Adults



Christy Dumolt & JC Junkman
OSG.youth@gmail.com
OSG Youth/Young Adult Co-Directors



It Was a Clean Sweep for Oregon Contestants At Regionals

Learn, Do, Grow was the theme for this year's Western Regional Grange Leadership conference hosted by the California State Grange July 27, 28, and 29 in Woodland, California.

The conference kicked off Thursday evening with a gather and greet. On Friday several workshops were available including Storming, Forming, Norming, and Performing, a leadership development workshop to develop skills for working for within teams, to create a group presentation.

Saturday included an iSmart workshop by Sacramento County Supervising DDA Sonia Martinez Satchell on social media smart in today's world and Reduce, Reuse, Recycle by Nettie Hartley, National Junior Grange Ambassador.

Other workshops were given on food safety by Katie Squire, California State Grange Expo director and Hemp and Cannabis: Just the facts by Vince Scholten, chairman, National Grange Hemp and Cannabis education committee.

Saturday evening was the public speaking contest, sign-a-song contest and Grange Baseball where Oregon swept the awards.

First in Youth Prepare Public Speaking and the overall Public Speaking winner was Solana Sonnier of The Sandy Grange. In the Young Adults Impromptu speaking first place went to JC Junkman of Clarkes Grange. In Youth Impromptu speaking first place winner was So-

lana Sonnier of the Sandy Grange and second place went to Jade Naylor of Clarkes Grange.

In Junior Impromptu Sky Sonnier, a 1+ member of The Sandy Grange placed first.

Named Silver Sluggers in Grange Baseball were: JC Junkman, Jade Naylor and Jim J Dumolt, all of Clarkes Grange.

Solana Sonnier and all the Silver Sluggers are eligible to compete at the National Grange competition in November in New York.

Next year Washington state will be hosting the Western Regional conference but the time of year is likely to be different. Beyond that the future of the regional conference is up in the air.



Above Solana Sonnier placed first in the Youth Public Speaking contest, the Youth impromptu contest and was the overall Best of Show in Public speaking. Her younger sister, Sky Sonnier, placed first in Junior Impromptu speaking.



Above: Grange Baseball Silver Sluggers: JC Junkman and Jade Naylor along with Jim J Dumolt (not pictured) will have the opportunity to travel to New York to compete at the National level.



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 25 @ 7 pm PDT
Wednesday, November 29 @ 7 pm PDT
Where: Zoom

The OSG Legislative Committee will lead a discussion on current legislative issues, ballot measures and Grange resolution developing.

Contact: Legislative Director Mark Noah for login information
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Veterans

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Oregon State Grange Veterans Directors

The last Sunday in September

On June 23, 1936, a joint congressional resolution designated the **last Sunday in September** as Gold Star Mother's Day and is proclaimed annually by each president.

During World War I, families displayed small banners with a blue star for every immediate family member in active service. If their service member died in service, the family replaced the blue star with a gold star. According to the Blue Star Mothers of America Organization, the service flag was designed and patented by Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry, who had two sons serving in the war.

Service flags were an indoor, wartime flag, generally about a foot in length and usually suspended vertically in a window or front door for public viewing. Many of these flags were handmade from cotton or wool by mothers or spouses. Businesses and churches would sometimes display larger flags in order to recognize the service of employees or members.

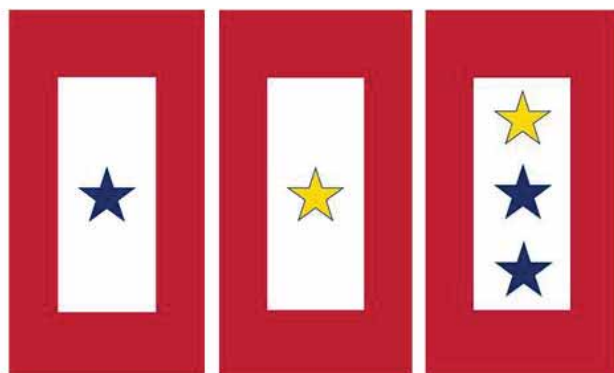
One of the most well-known service flags served as a striking backdrop for a patriotic poster honoring the

Sullivan brothers, all five of whom perished at sea with the sinking of the U.S.S. Juneau. Though the popularity of the service flag waned in the post-World War II years, it regained some of its popularity in the wake of 9/11 and the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

Today, the Department of Defense has specific regulations for manufacturing, selling, and displaying the service flag. For example, vendors must obtain a license to manufacture the flag; its ratio of length to width must be the same as the national flag, and display of the service flag at a residence is restricted to immediate family members and only during wartime.

The Gold Star allowed members of the community to know the price that the family has paid for the cause of freedom. Hence the term "Gold Star Family." Individual military family members who lost a loved one also started to be referred to as "Gold Star Wives," "Gold Star Mothers," etc. For additional information, go to bluestarfam.org.

References: Hope for the warriors; America's gold star families; teaching history



Above: Blue Star Service Flag and Gold Star Service Flag. The third flag represents a household with more than one Service Member in the family; one star for each member.



VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Linn County Veterans Day Parade Saturday November 11th at 11am

Please plan on joining us in the parade. Patrick Dearth and Jim Clute, members of the State Grange Veterans Committee are in charge of the Oregon State Grange's entry in this year's Veterans Day Parade in Albany.

They would like to encourage as many Grangers as possible to join in saying thank you to Veterans everywhere for their service. Since this year Veterans Day falls on Saturday, we want to encourage Grangers to make this a family outing and include your Youth and Juniors to participate.

The committee is also looking for one or more Veterans or current service personnel to ride with their branch's flag. This includes Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Space Force and Coast Guard.

This is not just about Veterans marching down a street. It is about remembering why there are Veterans in the first place. Remembering Veterans that can no longer march anywhere or have passed on. Remembering Veterans still in harm's way. Teaching the following generations, the difference between sacrificing and just making a choice.

We have to register vehicles in advance, but anyone wanting to walk along is able to decide at the

last moment. Plans are for a pick-up, with a trailer that acts as a float for Grangers to ride on. As this all comes together it would be great if we had 40 to 50 Grangers and non-Grangers to participate in the Grange entry. Fun activities and participation are a proven formula for increasing membership. We will also need a couple of people to carry the Oregon State Grange banner.

For Veterans wear your hat or your Veterans organization hat. For everyone else something red/white/blue, Grange apparel or just what you wear every day. Remember warm layers might be the prudent dress for the day. Hope to see many of you there. Parade assembles on Jackson Street, enter via Queen Avenue off of 99E in Albany. Anybody who can get there by 10am to help decorate, will be appreciated.



Parade route - participants assemble on 13th Ave and Jackson.

VETERANS DAY

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Grangers You Are Needed!

72nd Annual
Linn County Veterans Day Parade
Saturday ~ November 11th at 11am

The Oregon State Grange will again have a presence in the parade. We need members and friends to step up to the plate in implementing this event.

There will be opportunities for both riders and walkers. If you would like to be involved, contact:

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District 3 Veteran Committee Chair:
Jim Clute
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Can We Count on You?



Go Right On Working. That is the meaning of G.R.O.W.

As I mentioned in the December 2021/January 2022 issue of the Bulletin, members of this 'club' have earned the right to membership through the honor of representing Oregon as Ambassadors of the Grange through different programs throughout the decades. Although the programs have changed over the years, the privilege and honor is only achieved by earning it.

In this issue I ask Susan Noah to write the column.

As a long, long-time member of the GROW club, our chair, Teresa Cernac asked me to write a short piece on my GROW club story, and of course I said the only thing possible – "I'd be delighted", the unofficial motto of the GROW club!

First of all, as I'm sure others have explained, a Grange member gains admission to the club by representing your state at a national convention in various ways while you are a youth. The initials GROW, stand for "Go Right On Working", and most of the GROW club members in Oregon have really taken this to heart.

I was made a member of the club after representing Oregon at the 1973 National Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, as what we called at the time, Oregon's Outstanding Young Lady, and at the National convention I was considered the Oregon Princess (some say that title has not changed!). Nowadays these applicants are Youth Ambassadors and are under the Horizon Leadership program. Some of the requirements are the same though, the applicant must be a single adult between 16 and 21, must have a small scrapbook and will undergo an interview at National. I was 19 when I traveled back to Nebraska to take part in the youth program, and it was my first time on an airplane. Years later I would again visit Lincoln, Nebraska as an Oregon representative but this time it was as the Oregon State Grange President, and Pomona of the National Grange.

I had just met Mark shortly before attending our State Session that year, and by 1974 he had joined our Grange and was getting involved in the youth program just as deeply as I was. By 1988 we were representing Oregon at the Redding, California convention as Oregon's Outstanding Youth Couple, and that is when Mark joined the GROW club! Youth Couples are now joined by single Young Adults with an age



Susan and Mark Noah, Oregon's 1987 Outstanding Young Couple at the 1988 National Grange convention.

group of 22-35 for either.

I can't say enough about the benefits of our youth programs, both in our state and on the National level. As a 19-year-old, attending college, and just starting to decide what I wanted to do, the time I spent traveling around Oregon, meeting new friends and talking about the program gave me confidence, taught me public speaking skills and gave me insight into the organization I was representing. The lessons I learned at this age have stuck with me all my life, and the friends I made growing up in the Grange are still here beside me.

As the State President I remember looking around the room at National and realizing how many of the other State Presidents had grown up in the same youth programs I had, attending National for their first times as a Prince or Princess. In our Young Couple class of 1988, I know of at least five or six individuals who went on to lead their states as their State Grange President.

Another benefit that I was happy to take advantage of was the travel involved. While I attended the Nebraska convention, others before and after were able to travel to Maine, Florida, Colorado, New York or Nevada. Lots of fun spots and lots of new adventures. This year the National convention will be in Niagara Falls, New York right on the U.S. and Canada Border.

As I said before, the Youth Ambassador and Young Couple/Young Adult Programs have all kinds of benefits for those who take the opportunity. Learning leadership skills, meeting new friends and the travel involved are just a few. I want to encourage our youth and young couples to give some thought to these programs,



5th degree team: Front row: Belinda Kuntz, Cathryn Paterson, Susan Noah, Elvaree Fine, Clarann Witty, Derrell Witty, Lois Ensminger and David McBride. Middle Row: Susie Kroeker, Marilyn Reiher, Teresa Cernac, Margaret Clute, Carol Everman, Claudia Boswell, Jim Clute and Mary Kay Pace. Back row: Steve Kroeker and Paula Herrick.

GROW Club Had Busy Summer

The GROW Club has been busy since state convention. On August 19 the GROW Club and friends with the help of Hurricane Creek Grange #608 members exemplified the 5th degree to five members. Then the next day they served ice cream following the barbeque celebrating Hurricane Creek's 100th Anniversary, one of the Ice Cream Socials purchased during the oral auction at this year's State Grange convention.

A second ice cream social was 'won' by State Grange President Jay Sexton, which will have been served by the time you read this paper. On October 7th the GROW

Club held the ice cream social as part of Willamette Grange #52's "Cider Saturday".



Dumolts Celebrate Sixty Years

The children of GROW Club members Francis (Bud) and Leila Dumolt request the pleasure of your presence to help celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of their parents.

The celebration will be held on October 14th, 2023 at the Beavercreek Grange hall, 22041 S Kamrath Rd, Oregon City starting with a potluck lunch. The doors will open at noon with the potluck at 12:30. The family will be providing a sandwich bar and ask that anyone who is able bring a salad or side dish. Cake will follow.

Those Grangers who can attend please RSVP to Pam Furlan at 503-320-2245 (call or text). If you are unable to attend but desire to give "Best Wishes" to Bud and Lei-

la, they can be reached by phone at 503-939-6127 and cards can be mailed to them at 8502 S. Oster Rd, Woodburn OR 97071.



and I want to encourage all of our members to extend a helping hand to any of the youth who are willing to step up to this great opportunity. Our State Grange has always stood behind our youth representatives making sure that they had the ability to take part in these activities. As a youth member, I traveled the state to help raise money for our Youth Travel Fund, and as an adult I have had the opportunity and pleasure to be able to donate to the same fund, a fund that has been there for many years to help with travel expenses for any youth/young adult who

wants to take part in our programs.

Not every youth will want to go on to become a state president, but I will guarantee that every youth who takes advantage of these programs will improve their lives by the knowledge they gain and the friends they make. My hope is that all of our youth, young adults and couples will step up to this challenge and that all of our members will work to support them! As for the rest of us has-beens, we will "Go Right On Working", and will always "Be Delighted" to help in any way we can!

OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - June 3, 2023

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Members present were Vice President Steve Kroeker, Secretary Sarah Jenkins, and Executive Committee members Susan Noah and Celia Fox. Louise Holst was absent.

Prior meeting minutes from March 25th were reviewed and approved as read.

Financial Reports

- Loan and membership reports were reviewed. A few Granges are past due on their loans, we will reach out with gentle reminders of their payments. Jay will be working with Rockwall and Fort Union Granges for an open house in a few months to help with membership growth. The GROW club may be able to help with an event for them. They already are going to Hurricane Creek in August to offer the 5th degree and help with a BBQ fundraiser. The first quarter reports reflect a loss of 30 members year to date. It's common to lose some members in the first quarter from missing dues payments. We encourage Granges to be proactive with communications to encourage members to pay dues promptly and to participate in Grange activities.
- The first quarter financial statements and custodial fund reports were reviewed.
- Scott with Barker Investments provided us with a review of our investment portfolio. Earnings through May 31st, 2023 are at 3.67% growth. Our funds are within 1-2% of our investment policy standard which is set at 45% equities, 45% bonds and cash, and 10% alternative funds. As the market responds to legislative action this week, we could see some changes. We will review again in July to determine what adjustments may be needed to remain within our investment policy. Scott also provided a thorough comparison of how the Oregon State Grange invested funds performed compared to what money market deposit rates would have been.
- Susan moved that we transfer \$40,000 from the Schwab cash account into checking to cover upcoming expenses. It was seconded and carried. The cash will be replenished when a bond comes due on June 15th.

Old Business

- State convention engagement team continues to work on ideas and activities to grow participation in the annual session. A survey was sent out to an officer of each Grange via email

and shared by some members. Nearly 70 people responded with feedback on the types of activities they enjoy most. Most would like to have information and communication earlier about planned activities and workshop topics. Cost and time is a barrier for many. The team will have a table on the first day of the session to welcome first time participants and request \$500 budget to provide Grange branded items, snacks, and an activity.

- Susan moved that the engagement team be allotted up to \$400 from the leadership membership fund for newbie welcome gifts at the 2023 state session. Celia seconded and the motion carried.

Lunch break from 11:45 to 12:15

- The squirrel proofing of the state office building is complete. The bill was \$3046, and the ceiling no longer has sounds of the pitter patter of little squirrel feet.
- The cost estimate for conversion of the state office HVAC system is still pending.
- The parking lot project at the state office building is complete, the total cost was \$24,401. The surface is safe, clean and looks fantastic. The charging station is set to be installed next week.
- The proposal of a Capital Mall memorial for disabled veterans has been turned in to the Oregon State Parks by Jay Sexton and Don Kingsborough. They hope to hear back soon and get the memorial in place by the end of this year, our 150th anniversary year.
- Jay connected with John DeHaas regarding lobbying efforts. We look forward to more transparent communications from our lobbyist to all OSG members.
- Ag Fest 2023 went very well. The event had record attendance and we had plenty of plants. Sunbow Produce did a great job growing the plants and we had enough for demand. We could use more volunteers next year.

New Business

- Union Hill Loan submitted a loan application for \$6,000. They proposed quarterly payments of approximately \$250. At the standard 5% for OSG loans, the term would be approximately 7 years.
- Susan moved that we offer Union Hill the loan of \$6,000 at 5% with quarterly payments of \$250. Steve Kroeker seconded and the motion passed.

- 2022 annual audit of Oregon State Grange financials by Moss Adams. They completed a thorough review of our financial statements and accounting practices. There were no significant findings that were new for 2022. The accountants would prefer to see a stronger division of duties for payments, but with an office staff or 2-3 people we have made our procedures to meet efficiency and flexibility requirements.
- Two applications were received for the Charles E Spence college scholarship. Pam Furlan will be the recipient of the scholarship and will be recognized at the upcoming state session. Draevun Buchanan is the alternate if Pam does not take advantage of the funds.
- The budget committee provided a proposed budget for 2024 assuming a membership of 4800.
 - Sarah moved that we accept the 2024 budget as proposed, to be presented at the 2023 state session. Celia seconded and the motion passed.

Presidents Report

- Jay provided an update on activities at several Granges including Santa Clara, Waltherville, Union Hill, Myrtle Creek, Fairview, and Mohawk-McKenzie. We've received regalia and items from Klamath Pomona and Tigard Grange. Umatilla Pomona is declared dormant as of 5/1/23. Rickreall Grange continues to negotiate with the train club that was using their hall.
- Updates were provided on special committees.
 - 150th Celebration committee is planning activities at the state session and a celebration event in Salem this September.
 - District 2 hosting committee

has finalized plans for state session this month. With the 150th anniversary we are providing tote bags, water bottles, and decals to attendees.

- District 3 has started meeting to plan for the 2024 session in Tillamook.
- OSG foundation and Directors have met.
- National Convention re-imagine committee is working to grow engagement, similar to our state committee.

Decisions made via email since our last meeting.

- April 20th Eagle Point Grange Custodial Funds request for \$5000 for down payment on siding repair
- May 9th State Officer Appointment of Stacy Brown as LAS and John Fine as AS to fill resigned positions
- May 11th Kinton Grange Custodial Fund Request for \$3023 for Hall Exterior Cleaning and Curtain Replacement
- May 19th Division of Labor for Submitted Resolutions – one amendment
- May 19th Rickreall Grange Loan Application for \$15000 for Septic drain field installation May 24th Fruitdale Grange custodial fund request of \$2500 for community library
- May 24th Springwater Grange custodial fund request of \$26,000 for new metal roof
- May 30th EC Approval of Terbonne Grange sale of slim roadside easement of land for ODOT Highway improvements
 - Steve moved to ratify decisions made via email. Susan seconded and the motion passed.

Next Meetings are scheduled for July 9th, 2023 10 AM and September 30th, 2023 9 AM

Sarah Jenkins, OSG Secretary

EC Zoom Meeting- July 10, 2023

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present were Vice President Steve Kroeker, and Executive Committee members Susan Noah and Celia Fox. Executive Committee member Louise Holst was absent. Secretary Sarah Jenkins joined at 6:45 PM.

Draft minutes of the Oregon State Grange Convention for Wednesday, June 23, 2023 were reviewed and amended. Motion was made to adopt, seconded, and approved.

Discussion of replacement of OSG Executive Committee Position 3 after the passing of Louise Holst. Consideration of those living in District 3. Jay related that Vickie High of

Midland Grange had volunteered to serve the remainder of the term and that she said she would be honored to fill the seat of her friend Louise, and she understood the travel and obligations of the position. Motion to appoint Vickie High to the #3 position of Oregon State Grange Executive Committee was made and seconded, and approved.

No further business was proposed.

Zoom meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Next Meeting will be Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 10 AM at Salem OSG Office.

Jay Sexton, pro tem Secretary

Granges Celebrate the Holidays ~ Now through December

October

October 18 Rickreall Grange #671 Halloween Bingo 5-8pm 270 N Pacific Hwy W ~ Rickreall. \$5/10 games Wear your costume, Costume Contest

October 19- 22, 26-31, November 1 Santiam Valley Grange #828 **Haunted House** Friday & Saturday 6-9pm, Sunday-Thursday 6-8pm 1140 5th St ~ Lyons. \$5 Appropriate for all ages. Fog machine will be in use. Info: 503.859.2161 or 503.859.3445

October 20, 21, 27, 28 & 31 Beaver Homes
Grange #518 **Haunted House** 6:30-9:30pm
31105 Beaver Homes Rd ~ Rainier. \$6 per per-
son - cash only

October 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 30 & 31 Morning
Star Grange #311 Haunted House Opens @
7pm 38794 Morning Star Rd NE ~ Albany. \$7
per person October 13 & 21 Adult only

October 21 Skyline Grange #894 Community Soup Supper 5-7pm 11275 NW Skyline Blvd ~ Portland. We cook, You enjoy. Soups, fresh salad, fresh baked breads and desserts.



October 21 Sunnyside Grange #842 Celebrate Harvest Season 1:30-6pm 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd ~ Clackamas. \$10 each or 2 cans of food for Food Bank. Healthy & Fun Choices' family event features local artists, authors and musicians.

October 21 Yankton Harvest Fest Pancake Breakfast 8-11am 33065 Pittsburg Rd ~ St Helens. Adults \$10. Kids \$5

October 28 Eagle Valley Grange #656 Trunk or Treat 12noon-2pm 42008 Moody Rd ~ Richland. Free Event for kids of all ages and some adult activities too.

October 28 Maplewood Grange #662 Harvest Fair & Pasta Dinner 3-6:30pm 25480 S. Hwy 99E ~ Aurora. Donations at the door. Games, Raffles, Pumpkin Decorating, Facepainting & Costume Contest. Proceeds benefit Local School Lunch program. fellowshipfundraisers@gmail.com

October 28 Rickreall Grange #671 Halloween Party 5-8pm 270 N Pacific Hwy W ~ Rickreall. Free Goblin Goodies. Cauldron Cold Drinks.



Frightening Face Painting, Graveyard Games, Cakewalk Photo Booth and creepy Costume Contest

October 28 Springwater Grange #263 **Halloween Party** 4-6:30pm
24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. Potluck, costumes, games & fun for all ages.

October 29 Goldson Grange #868
Halloween Trunk or Treat 2-4pm
23479 Hwy 36 ~ Cheshire. Games,
Prizes, Treats, Fun

October 31 Creswell Grange #496
Trick or Treat 3-7pm 274 W Oregon
Ave ~ Creswell. Free treats for kids

October 31 Eagle Creek Grange #297 **Halloween Carnival** 12noon-4pm 24491 Old Eagle Creek Rd. ~ Eagle Creek

October 31 Redland Grange #796
Trunk or Treat 18131 S. Fischers Mill Rd ~ Or-
 egon City. Info: redlandgrange@mail.com



November

**November 3, 4 & 5 Eagle Creek Grange #297
Early Bird Christmas Sale 10am-6pm\Sun
10am-3pm 24491 Old Eagle Creek Rd. ~ Eagle
Creek. Homemade soups & pie, chili dogs &
sandwiches. Tables available. For more infor-
mation call Barbara at 503-668-6028.**

November 3, 4 & 5 Pacific Grange #413 Craft Fair 9am-4pm 90475 Hwy 101 ~ Warrenton. Info: Cynthia 503.325.2100 or Rochelle 503.209.9069

**November 4 & 5 Kinton Grange #562 Holiday
Faire** Saturday 9am-3pm Sunday 10am-3pm
19015 Scholls Ferry Rd. ~ Beaverton. \$2 admission
Vintage Treasures, Local Crafts, Seasonal
Decor, a Bake Sale and the delicious Kinton
Cafe. Even a visit from Santa Claus 11am-1pm!
Info: penelopeshope@gmail.com or Facebook/
KintonGrange

November 4 Phoenix Grange #779 **Holiday Bazaar** 209 N Main St ~ Phoenix. Info: la-helm7251@aol.com

November 4 Springwater Grange #263 Special Veterans First Saturday Breakfast 7-11am 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. \$8, 7-12 \$5, 6 and under free. Veterans eat for \$5. Tip jar goes for supplies for the Veterans Village.



November 4 Willamette Grange #52 **Pumpkin Palooza** 10am-2pm 27555 Greenberry Rd ~ Corvallis. Info: 541-497-0499 or willamettegrange@gmail.com

November 5 Harding Grange #122 **Annual Turkey Dinner** 11am-3pm 21552 S. Fischers Mill Rd. ~ Estacada. \$15 Features roasted turkey with all the trimming at an affordable price! Info: hardinggrange@gmail.com

November 5 Rockford Grange #501 Fill Your Pantry Market 12-4pm 4262 Barrett Dr ~ Hood River. Local produce to stock your pantry for winter ahead. This lively event will fill your heart: the soup kitchen and treats, children's activities, Old Time Music and visiting

November 6 Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747 **Winter Wreath Workshop** 6pm 3055 Willakenzie R ~ Eugene. \$20 Create a wreath that carries your decor from fall to winter. Bring a finger food appetizer to share as we work.

Granges Celebrate the Holidays ~ Now through December



November 10 & 11 Springwater Grange #263 **Thanksgiving Variety Show** 7pm 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. \$10 Stories, Sings & Skits on the way to grandma's house. Dessert served at intermission.

November 11 Goldson Grange #868 **Veterans Day Breakfast** 9-11am 23479 Hwy 36 ~ Cheshire.

November 11 & 12 Silverton Grange #748 **Holiday Happiness Bazaar** 10am-3pm 201 Division St NE ~ Silverton

November 11 Sunnyside Grange #842 **Holiday Bazaar** 9am-3pm 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd, Clackamas. Food Available in the kitchen. Info: Sandi Ludi 503.310.2620

November 12 Morningstar Grange #311 **Veter-**

ans Dinner 1-4pm 38794 Morning Star Rd NE ~ Albany

November 17 & 18 Central Grange #360 **Country Holiday Bazaar** 87200 Central Road ~ Eugene. Many crafters, sewing, Jewelry, leather, Homemade soaps & lotions, jams, jellies, pickles & more.

November 18 & 19 Boring-Damascus Grange #260 **Holiday Craft Sale** 9am-4pm 27861 Grange St. ~ Boring. Tables \$20.00 each 40+ vendors. Food available for purchase. www.boringgrange.org Vendors wanted: 503.855.7460 Celia Fox

November 18 Central Point Grange #698 **Holiday Bazaar** 9:30am-3:30pm 436 E Pine St ~ Central Point. Food, Arts, Crafts and Community

November 18 & 19 Skyline Grange #894 **Artisan Holiday sale** 10am-4pm 11275 NW Skyline Blvd ~ Portland. Local artisans selling their handcrafted goods

December

December 1, 2 & 3 Eagle Creek Grange #297 **Christmas Sale** 10am-6pm/Sunday 10am-3pm 24491 Old Eagle Creek Rd. ~ Eagle Creek

December 1, 2 & 3 Pacific Grange #413 **Craft Fair** 9am-4pm 90475 Hwy 101 ~ Warrenton. Info: Cynthia 503.325.2100 or Rochelle 503.209.9069

December 1 Springwater Grange #263 **Holiday Breakfast** 7-11am 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. \$8 each, 7-12 \$5, 6 and under free. Take pictures with Santa

December 2 & 3 Willamette Grange #52 **Holiday Craft Fair** 10am-4pm 27555 Greenberry Rd ~ Corvallis. Info: 541-497-0499 or willa-

mettegrange@gmail.com

December 3 Goldson Grange #868 **Winter Open House** 2-4pm 23479 Hwy 36 ~ Cheshire.

December 9 Oregon State Grange **Open House** 2-4pm 643 Union St. NE ~ Salem. Refreshments will be served.

December 9 & 10 Redland Grange #796 **Holiday Sale** 9am-3pm 18131 S. Fischers Mill Rd ~ Oregon City. Info: redlandgrange@mail.com

December 16 Creswell Grange #496 **Community Holiday Dinner** 4:30-6:30 pm 274 W Oregon Ave ~ Creswell. Free. Traditional Holiday meal and music



100-125-150 Grange Awards Available

Will your Grange be celebrating your 100, 125 or even 150-year anniversary soon? The National Grange is pleased to send your Grange a special award. All you need to do is pay the postage. These awards are available to Granges that have been continually chartered since their inception. If you have been reorganized the number of years start from your reorganizational date.

So far this year we have celebrated the 150th Anniversary of McMinnville Grange #31 who was organized in September 1873. In November we will celebrate Willamette Grange #52 and Lorane Grange #54. Following will be Hillsboro Grange #73 and Woodburn Grange #79 organized in early 1874. Later in 1874 Frogpond Grange #111 and Tigard Grange #148 were organized. You are all encouraged to order your



150-years plaque. Then let State Grange President Jay Sexton know when you are going to present it to your members and community so we can celebrate along with you.

But what if your Grange is not quite there yet? If you are celebrating your Grange's 125-year anniversary or your Grange's 100-year anniversary there are awards available for you also. The awards are free from the National Grange. You just send in the application along with a check for \$20 to pay shipping charge.

The applications are available on both the National Grange website and the Oregon State Grange website or you can request an application from the state Grange office.

The 125th Anniversary plaque Springwater Grange received in 2018 recognizing 125 years of service to their community.



The 150th Anniversary plaque for McMinnville Grange recognizing 150 years of enduring service to their community.

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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