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## Abernethy Granger National FFA American Farmer Degree Recipient

Mary Mitchelldyer, a member of Abernethy Grange #346, Clackamas County, received her FFA American Farmer Degree at the 2019 National FFA Convention this past fall in Indianapolis. Mary joined the Grange in 2017 at the encouragement of her grandparents, Louise and Don Jenks, who are also members at Abernethy Grange. Since then she has reported about the FFA at her Grange and represented the North

Clackamas FFA Chapter at several other Granges in the area. When contacted for this article Mary said "I really appreciate how dedicated the state Grange is to FFA and its members."

Mary was a 2017 graduate of Rex Putman High School and an active FFA member with North Clackamas FFA. While there she represented Oregon in the National FFA Agriscience Fair where she placed 8<sup>th</sup> for her research on using antioxidants as an alternative to antibiotics in broiler feed. She also served on her chapter's Parli Pro team which placed third at state. Additionally, Mary served on the nominating committee to select State FFA officers and as an Oregon FFA Foundation Ambassador advocated for agriculture across the state. In spring of 2019 she testified in front of an Oregon legislature subcommittee in support of funding for FFA. This past summer she was the Oregon FFA summer intern during which she was a part of the Oregon State Fair and had the opportunity to give back to the state association.

Her primary Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) was her poultry project in which she raised laying hens and sold the eggs in her local community. She also raised and sold broilers at the Clackamas County Fair where in 2016 she won Grand Champion Pen of Broilers. Another of her SAEs was working on the school's Land Lab. In this role, she was part of the daily operations by feeding and caring for cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, turkeys, and rabbits.

Mary is currently a student at Oregon State University majoring in Animal Science. She originally was minoring in Chemistry with plans to attend Veterinary school, specializing in poultry medicine but recently chose a different career path. This summer she filled out the application, submitted it, and even received an interview at Oregon State for the Vet school but after a lot of thought, she has decided to pursue a master's in Agriculture Education with the goal to become an agriculture teacher and FFA adviser. Towards that goal she just completed



Above: Mary Mitchelldyer with her FFA American Farmer Degree certificate.

ed the first step, Early Field Experience, at Perrydale School where she got to teach her first lesson and experience a program that is completely different than her own.

When asked about her decision to change her career path, Mary mentioned she had wanted to become a veterinarian since first grade so

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Above: Mary Mitchelldyer with her Grand Champion Pen of Broilers at the 2016 Clackamas County Fair.



Patrick Dearth, District 2 Chair - Community Service committee presented the "Come together at the Grange - Chapter 2" program to Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County. Pictured with Riversdale Master John Fine.

## Come Together at the Grange, Chapter Two!

The kickoff of "Come Together at the Grange, Chapter Two" was held on Saturday, January 18 at Sunnyside Grange and already the program is being delivered to the Subordinate/Community Granges. If you haven't had a visitor at your Grange meeting yet, expect one soon and be ready to discuss your needs as a Grange, items your Grange wants help with and what is on your Grange's wish-list.

## Past State Master Rea Passes Away

Larry Dean Rea, Past Master of the Oregon State Grange passed away suddenly on January 21, 2020 at home in Gresham of a heart attack. Born July 29, 1939 and raised in Rainier, Oregon, He was 80 years old at the time of his death.

He married Margo Ann Hudkins October 16, 1960 in Salem Oregon. She preceded him, passing away in 2006. He is survived by sons, Chris and Tim, , grandson Cole, granddaughter Ashley and great granddaughter Chloe.

Larry attended Oregon State University and later graduated with a Master's



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## The Master's Column

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### Come Together at the Grange, Chapter Two!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are jumping into 2020 with enthusiasm! We have already started on the new Grange year and soon you should be seeing some smiling faces at your meeting with some resource material and an invite to discuss your needs as a Grange.

The State Officers, State Program Directors and our District Chairs will be visiting each Grange within the next few months. This year the decision was made to send out some resource material, a notebook and flash drive, filled with items on Grange meetings, officer resources, monetary resources available from the State Grange, Grange awards, publicity and many other items.

Your visitors are also there to find out what your Grange needs or wants help with. This is every Granges chance to tell us where we should be putting our resources. What do you need help with, is it training, is it money, is it new members? If your Grange had a wish-list, what would be on it? Nothing is off the table, let us know what you want or need. The only way the State Grange will be able to help is if we know the challenges, you are facing. Of course, like any wish list, not everything will come true, but nothing can happen if we do not even know what is needed.

Your information will be sent to the State Master, the Executive Committee and the Directors. By working together hopefully we can come up with some new ideas to benefit our Community Granges. By State Session in June this year we should have answers cataloged and be able to move forward with a strategic plan. I am very hopeful that this exercise

will result in better programs and better communication between the State Grange and the Community Granges.

We will also be providing each Grange with a pledge card for their 2020 membership goals. It is often said that it is easier to realize your goals if you write them down and refer to them frequently. Complete your pledge card and put it up in your hall, each time you bring in a new member note it on your pledge card and celebrate your accomplishment!

### Looking Forward

As we start the third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we should be reminded of our wonderful history of the Grange, but we should not live in it. We should be looking forward, planning new events, trying out new ideas. Not relating "We used to...." or "We never have...." or "We always have....". We need to turn our language around and be saying "Let's try this...." or "We can work around that problem..." or "That is a great idea, lets do it!"

We don't have to change our organization to be positive and looking forward, we only need to change our attitudes. If we think that the only way to accomplish our goals is by doing the same thing year after year whether it works or not, we have not been paying attention to those lessons taught us in the ritualistic work.

In the Installation of Officers, in the charge to the Master, the Installing Officer says "*Encourage improvement, remember that Nature's motto is onward; She never goes backward.*" This should encourage us to build on what we have done in the past, not just duplicate it. It should remind us that we need to look forward, not backward if we are to achieve our goals.

### GRIT Conferences

This year I want to build on some previous trainings and will be doing a series of conferences that will include some tips for officers and committees. These conferences are open to everyone. Training is not something that happens once and then is finished. As we have turn over in offices, new members, new chairs, and new information from the State Grange we all need refreshers. If you have questions this is a great time to come and ask them.

### State Convention

It is not too early to start planning to attend the State Convention in Klamath Falls. It has been many years since we were in Klamath Falls, in fact 45 years ago. I was not quite a seven-year member at that convention!

The convention this year will be at the Klamath County fairgrounds and will start with the opening activities on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, with the session officially opening on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> and closing Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our Directors are already setting up tours and the host district is working full time to put together a fun and productive week for us.

There are many hotels very close to the fairgrounds as well as a very close RV park and I believe there are some spaces actually on the fair-ground's property.

Our annual convention is where we set policy for the year, and as you all know next year will be the full session of our State Legislature so now is the time to get your resolutions written and in for consideration. Besides the work on resolutions we have various events throughout the week, including our talent contest, the youth and junior presentations, our memorial service, awards, banquets, and time to catch up with your friends from around the state. If you have attended the convention before you know how important and enriching it can be, if you have never attended, won't you make this the year you say "Let's do it!"

## OSG 2020 GRIT Conferences

| County                        | Conference Date/Day | Time     | Host Grange      |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------------|
| Clackamas/Multnomah           | February 23rd Sun   | 2:00 PM  | Abernethy        |
| Lane                          | February 26th Wed   | 6:00 PM  | Creswell         |
| Josephine/Douglas             | March 7th Sat       | 10:00 AM | Fruitdale        |
| Jackson                       | March 8th Sun       | 1:00 PM  | Phoenix          |
| Tillamook/Lincoln/Clatsop     | March 12th Thur     | 3:00 PM  | White Clover     |
| Linn/Benton/Marion/Polk       | March 14th Sat      | 10:00 AM | Morningstar      |
| Baker/Malheur                 | April 3rd Fri       | 3:00 PM  | Missouri Flat    |
| Malheur/Grant                 | April 4th Sat       | 10:00 AM | Mt. Vernon       |
| Deschutes/Jefferson           | April 4th Sat       | 6:00 PM  | Terrebonne       |
| Deschutes/Klamath/Lake        | April 5th Sun       | 1:00 PM  | Little Deschutes |
| Washington/Yamhill            | April 7th Tue       | 5:30 PM  | Forest Grove     |
| Wallowa/Union                 | April 17th Fri      | 3:00 PM  | Hurricane Creek  |
| Umatilla/Union/Morrow/Wheeler | April 18th Sat      | 10:00 AM | Columbia #867    |
| Hood River/Wasco              | April 19th Sun      | 2:00 PM  | Rockford         |
| Columbia                      | April 28th Tue      | 5:00 PM  | Fernhill         |

I have tried to note all of the counties with Granges and have "assigned" them to a particular date and place, but if that does not work for you feel free to attend any of the sessions.

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## \*New National Grange Member Savings Benefit

The National Grange is pleased to announce a new partnership with TicketsatWork. Now you will have access to exclusive savings on movie tickets, theme parks, hotels, tours, and more - all great stocking stuffers for those special people in your life.



Log on at [www.ticketsatwork.com/tickets/](http://www.ticketsatwork.com/tickets/)  
Company Code for Grange members is: TNGFUN

Items available include:

- Hotels
- Theme Parks
- attractions
- Movie tickets
- Concerts
- Shows



## The Lecturer's Column

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With the New Year come some new ideas and a few changes.

### Quarterly Lecturer Newsletter

An electronic quarterly Lecturer Newsletter is being developed. The Newsletter information will be aimed at Lecturers at all levels. The plan is for State Lecturers to submit content to National Lecturer Chris Hamp that we would like to see shared around the country. Chris will put together the newsletter and send it back out to all the State Lecturers. As State Lecturer, I will compile a list of

emails of the Pomonas and Subordinate/Community Granges in Oregon who I will in turn send the newsletter to. The newsletter will include information on National Grange Programs, program tips, ideas for programs and resource guides along with other items of interest. This newsletter will be another source for all Lecturers to refer to for material to share at their Grange meetings. The target date for the Newsletter to be ready to send out is February 10, so I will begin compiling my email list soon.

### Changes in National contests for 2020:

- **Evening of Excellence**
  1. This event will be held on Saturday night, instead of Friday night.
  2. The 2020 Evening of Excellence will be held in the host hotel.
- **Photography Showcase**
  - \* No changes.
- **Quilt Block Contest**
  1. The 2020 pattern is Shoo-Fly or Choice (any block the maker chooses) using teal/turquoise.
  2. As in 2019, anyone can enter any number of quilt blocks, but only one (1) block per person will be judged.
  3. In Oregon the quilt contest is part of the GWA committee program. See page 14 for flyer.
- **Publicity Item Contest**
  1. In 2019 this was called the PR Contest. The National Lecturer believe Publicity better identifies the intent of the contest.
  2. There is no Entry Form document as all submissions are to be made by completing the electronic form at the link on the attached document.

### Change in contests in Oregon

- **Scenic Photography**  
This category has been divided into two divisions.
  - 1) Landscape
  - 2) Seascape

*Plan ahead. Select at least one Lecturers contest to enter in June.*



**2020 PUBLICITY ITEM CONTEST**

Eligible items include anything you create to promote Grange  
All entries must be received by Oct. 31, 2020.  
ALL DETAILS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:  
[nationalgrange.org/lecturers-programming/](http://nationalgrange.org/lecturers-programming/)



## The Chaplain's Corner

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It is February, and most people are looking forward to the rest of the year. That's good but we should also look at the past. What did you accomplish? Did you meet your goals? It is hard to move forward if you haven't reconciled the past. If you failed, what should you have done differently? If it were a great success, maybe you should build on it.

I often think about what Jesus did in the thirty-four years of his life which encompasses approximately four years of his ministry. He changed the world, not only in his time but thousands of years later. He gave us the way to live our lives and make this world a better place. His most important commandment is: "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37. He said that this is the greatest commandment. And the second greatest commandment is: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" Matthew 22:39. What powerful commandments.

I think these should be everyone's resolution. What a great place this world would be. I challenge you to make this your resolution and your goal and see if it doesn't spread. I can guarantee when you look back, you will see great success, not only in your own family, but your Grange family and beyond.

If you are a Christian, the first commandment to love the Lord your God completely and wholly is not hard. All you have to do is think about all the things he has done for you, for mankind and for all living things and you can't help but praise Him, adore Him and love Him.

The second command is much harder. He is not talking about your neighbor that lives across the street and is a great guy, kind and friendly. He is talking about the one next

door who is not a nice guy. It's the fellow (or gal) who works beside you in the cubicle at work and would like to do anything he/she could do to discredit you, to make you transfer, to look bad in front of your boss. Know the type? It could also be the "negative Nelly" who is against anything new or wants to close the Grange down. It is a very difficult command.

He is not telling you to adopt their religion, their philosophies or their beliefs. He is telling you to love the individual despite their religion, their philosophy or their beliefs.

How do you deal with those people, let alone love them? The commandment isn't impossible but it is very hard. I have a few suggestions:

- 1) Be friendly and kind despite their attempts to ruin your day
- 2) Don't respond with like actions or words and most important
- 3) PRAY. Ask God to give you the strength and tools; not only to get through this time but perhaps the right thing to say to turn their hearts and attitude around.

Don't expect things to change overnight. People need to see the change in you first. If you love the Lord wholly, it will show. If you treat everyone with kindness and love it will also show. It may take a while to see any results but eventually most people will respond positively. If they don't, remember that God is their judge, not you. Remind yourself that these people have very sad lives, they have no joy in their lives and delight in putting others down. What a miserable existence.

I challenge you to keep God's two greatest commandments this year and you will surely be able to look back on this year feeling great success in your life.



## In Memoriam

*Gladys Biggerstaff*  
 Columbia Grange #867

*Ken Casper*  
 Siletz Valley Grange #558

*Kenneth Chamberlin*  
 Santiam Valley Grange #828

*Mable Dudley*  
 Sawvie Island Grange #840

*Joanne Gray*  
 The Sandy Grange #392

*Grace Gray*  
 Hurricane Creek Grange #608

*Russell Johnson*  
 Siletz Valley Grange #558

*Linda Kallas*  
 Mapleton Grange #584

*Gertrude (Trudy) Lachnite*  
 Redland Grange #796

*Dora Mack*  
 Scotts Mills Grange #938

*Donna Moore*  
 Lorane Grange #54

*Bernice Peterson*  
 Ada Grange #570

*Julie Pierrepont*  
 Chetco Grange #765

*Arlene Requilman*  
 North Bayside Grange #691

*Betty Wittrock*  
 Camas Valley Grange #521



*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.*

## Past State Master Rea continued from page 1

from Portland State University. At Oregon State, he enrolled in ROTC and trained to become a pilot in the US Air Force. He flew for NW Airlines before joining the Oregon Air National Guard to fly the F101, F102 and F4. He also crewed on Portland's C131 and became their flight instructor, flight evaluator and Chief of Safety Officer.

Brother Larry joined Fern Hill Grange #592 in the spring of 1998 and was a life member of the Oregon State Grange, serving in several capacities on the state level. Including State Deputy, a member of the state Grange Executive Committee and Assistant to the State Master. He was elected State Master in June 2010 and served until resigning effective December 31, 2011.

Larry was a reader, a writer, a photographer, a naturalist and a

historian with a strong interest in genealogy. He served as Chairman of the Board of the Malheur Field Station, and never lost his love of the woods. At the time of his death he and his son Chris were restoring matching Rubicon Jeeps and taking them on camping trips. You can find his stories and photos on his website [www.taxaflora.com](http://www.taxaflora.com).

Services will be held on Saturday, February 22 at 11:30am at the Rainier United Methodist Church with a light lunch following the service.

Condolences may be sent to his son:  
 Chris Rea  
 30515 SE Pipeline Rd  
 Gresham, OR 97080

or added online at [www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/gresham-or/larry-rea-9009788?utm\\_](http://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/gresham-or/larry-rea-9009788?utm_)



## Creswell Grange Visits

On December ten members of Creswell Grange #496, Lane County visited Waltherville Grange #416. A great time was had by the Creswell members.

L-r: back, Martin McClure, Louise McClure and Linda Wetzell; front, Stan Garboden and Patrick Dearth.





## Meet Us in Klamath Falls - 2020 Did You Know??

1. At 1,932 feet deep, Crater Lake is the deepest lake in the United States. It fills the caldera created by the volcanic eruption of Mt. Mazama.
2. On May 5, 1945 the only WWII casualties to occur on the continental U.S. soil as a result of enemy action. Killed were 5 children and 1 adult.
3. Golf at the Running Y Ranch Resort, the only Arnold Palmer signature Course in Oregon.
4. September 20, 1993, a series of earthquakes struck near Klamath Falls. There were 2 death attributed to the earthquake.
5. Klamath Falls airport is also the location of the Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base. It is the only training center in the United States For F-15s. The Veterans tour in June will be at this training center. Make sure you are on the tour.

## Meet Us In Klamath Falls



## Oregon State Grange Convention June 20-25

**Klamath County Fairgrounds  
531 South 6th Street  
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603**

### Motels

Three miles or closer to the fairgrounds

|                     |              |  |
|---------------------|--------------|--|
| Motel 6             | 541-884-2110 | Black Bear Restaurant in parking lot   |
| Quality Inn         | 541-882-1200 |  |
| Comfort Inn         | 541-882-1111 | Sizzler in parking lot (banquet room)  |
| Holiday Inn Express | 541-884-9999 | Sizzler in parking lot   |
| Best Western Plus   | 541 882-9665 |  |
| Cimarron Motel      | 541-882-4601 |  |
| Days Inn            | 541-882-8864 | Red Rooster in parking lot (banquet room) straight across from fair grounds. <i>You MUST walk to a cross walk to cross the street.</i> |
| Microtel Inn        | 541-273-0206 |  |
| Fifteen miles away  |              |  |
| Running Y resort    | 541-205-6950 |  |

Many more motels are more than 5 miles away.  
There are several motels downtown.  
Just ask District 5

### Camping

KOA 541-884-4644 ½ mile from fairgrounds  
Klamath County Fairgrounds has full hook up with a shared sewer.  
Dogs allowed see RVers information

### QUESTIONS:

Louise Holst 541-883-8490 cell 541-591-3498  
Vickie High cell 541-591-1019

## Notes from the Office

*Office Hours:*  
Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday  
8am - 4:30pm  
503-316-0106



### Dues

2020 dues were due at the end of 2018. By now Subordinate/Community Granges should have sent the second dues reminder to those members with unpaid dues.

### February

The 3rd Dues notice is the "Intent to Suspend" and should be sent out prior to the March meeting. Members with unpaid dues at the end of March can be listed on the 1st Quarter Membership Report as being dropped for Non Payment of Dues (NPD) but please make every effort to contact these members before the end of March so you are sure they don't want to continue being a Grange member.

then nominate them too for the state award. Deadline is June 1.

Grange Month is an outstanding time to honor members for their commitment to the Grange. Membership recognition certificates and pins are available. Supply order forms that include these awards are available on the OSG website in the Secretary's section on the form page. This includes 25-year Silver Certificate, 50 and 75-year Certificates and 80 and 85-Year Letters of Congratulations. There are also seals for 40, 55, 60, 65, and 70 years. Pins may be ordered from the Oregon State Grange office. Prices are listed on the Supply order form available on the website.

The Grange by-laws state that "In cases of absolute distress, the Grange may carry a member for a period of six months by the payment of Oregon State Grange dues". This means that a Grange would be paying the quarterly dues to Oregon State Grange, while waiting for the member to pay dues to their Grange. If the member ends up not paying any dues, the local Grange is out the \$22.50 it has paid for the two quarters.

### April is Grange Month

This year's theme is "Cultivating Connections". The 2020 Grange Month logo is available on the Oregon State Grange website. Additional items will be added as it becomes available.

Grange Month is an excellent time to honor community members in your community. Check out the Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer and Teacher of the Year Awards available through the Community Service Department. Honor them at your Grange then nominate them for the state award. Deadline is June 1.

Your Grange can also select a Volunteer of the Year. This award recognizes a Grange member who is a dedicated volunteer in their Grange and in their community. Honor them at your Grange

Get your orders in early as it can take several weeks for the certificates and letters that come from National Grange.

### April is State Office Election Time

The Oregon State Grange elects officers on even years. On page \_\_ are those members receiving nominations for specific offices. All those receiving at least one nomination are eligible to accept a nomination for the Preferential Election ballot. Not later than 5:00 p.m., March 1, the member must file with the State Grange office a written acceptance of the nomination to the office of his/her choice in order to have his/her name placed on the Preferential Election Ballot. Ballots will be mailed to Subordinate/Community Granges. They shall vote at any regularly held meeting in April and send in their results to the state office by May 5th with results being published in the June Bulletin.

### Quarterly Report

Read and adopt the Quarterly Report for the 1st quarter and send to the state office by April 30th. All members dropped on the first quarter report need to be notified with a "Notice of Suspension" that informs the person that they have officially been removed from the membership rolls.



## Attention Convention RVers

Klamath Falls here we come. The 2020 Oregon State Grange Convention will be held at the Klamath County Fairgrounds June 20-25th. Information on hotels was available at this year's convention and will be available on the State Grange website. District #5 now has information about onsite camping, costs and availability. Contact camp host Dean High. Call or Text: 541.591.3300



## The Agricultural Report

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I hardly spend any money at the grocery store. Flour, sugar, butter, yeast, milk, cheese, yogurt and eggs dominate my list. Although a good deal on chicken can broaden my purchases.

I live alone, and so my monthly food bill is under \$100.00.

None the less, my meals can always have fresh carrots, beets, squash, potatoes, onions, garlic, apples, cabbage or parsnips. My home has squash under the bed. Buckets of dried corn ears in the laundry room. Garbage cans of carrots and beets in the garage, and onions on the top shelf in my closet.

Out in the freezer are corn, tomatoes, green beans, strawberries, peaches, plums, peas, my farm raised lamb, (wild) venison, and trout, store bought chicken, peaches and applesauce.

And then there are the home-canned goods on the shelves in my pantry: salsa, tomato sauces, pickled

veggies, relishes, jellies and jams, peaches, applesauce and venison.

Pair all that up with the home-grown Indian flint corn for my cornbread and the soft white wheat that was also homegrown which are then all ground into flour on my countertop manual grain grinder, then mixed and baked. Mmmmmmm!!! Cornbread and chili made from the dried beans that I grew in my garden, then dried on the vine and shelled for my winter's meals.

- I farm and I eat from the bounty of my thirteen acres.
- I haven't worked too hard to have such food security.
- The work is my pleasure, my hobby, my avocation.

Nothing tastes better than cornbread from the oven with buttered green beans and crispy carrot sticks followed by a bowl of peaches.

So, get out those seed catalogues and dream big!



## Winona Grange Distributes Seeds

Since 2009, Winona Grange #271, Washington County, has distributed seed packets donated by Lake Valley Seed of Boulder, Colorado to Granges, community gardens, and schools. Last year they shipped 53 boxes of assorted vegetable and herb seeds to eleven Granges and at least sixteen community gardens. However, the latter number is undoubtedly much higher because the two boxes sent to Outgrowing Hunger in Sandy were likely shared by twelve community gardens in Gresham and East Portland.

The seeds Winona receives from Lake Valley did not sell last year. The company cannot sell them this year. Winona does not charge for the seeds but does recoup shipping charges.

Assortment boxes come in two sizes: single and double. A single contains as many packets as can be fit into a Priority Mail Regional Rate "A" box. The double is a Priority Mail Regional Rate "B" box that contains almost exactly double the amount in an "A" box.

According to Lake Valley's web-

site, all their seeds are non-GMO and untreated, including no treatment with neonicotinoid pesticides. Since they sell seeds throughout the United States, some may not be suitable for your climate.

On January 4, Winona sorted and boxed five of the eight cartons of seed packets received from Lake Valley Seed. Eight Winona members were joined by six volunteers from Sherwood's Community Garden and the new Washington County Ag in the Classroom coordinator. The group boxed 28 double and three single assortments. Each sorter tried hard to make sure that each box contained an assortment of seed packets rather than mostly herbs or greens or pumpkins.

When the USPS updates its parcel post rates for 2020, Winona's website <http://winonagrang271.org/> will be ready to receive orders. When you place your order, you can pay the shipping charge with PayPal or a credit card. However, many Granges send their order and check for shipping to Winona's mailing address: PO Box 3484, Tualatin 97062.



## Volunteers Needed

**2020 Ag Fest  
April 25 & 26**

**Saturday April 25 & Sunday April 26  
Oregon State Fairgrounds**

Volunteers needed to work in the State Grange Activity Booth.  
Help visitors transplant vegetable and flower starts.  
Talk Grange.

### Saturday Shifts:

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

### Sunday Shifts:

10am to 12:30pm  
12:30 to 3pm  
3:00pm- 5:30pm\*

(\*includes help with cleanup).

### To Volunteer

8 or more people needed per shift

Contact: Jay Sexton

hexagon@exchangenet.net ~ 541-929-5452

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

## Hemp Expos Bring Farmers Together

for another season and this year there is some new insight coming from the lineage of Agriculture. A series of Hemp Expos will take place in 2020 in Grants Pass, Salem and Cottage Grove.

This Hemp Expo series is a platform to bring together the collection of generational farmers to evaluate the state of the hemp industry and to mentor the new farmer to better sustainable practices. To educate the land owners on land leases and proper partnerships based on realistic expectations. To educate all participants on the variation of the hemp crop production, outcome and options for the bi-products. Attendees will see the tangible building process with hemp, have an opportunity to hear the viability discussion and to feel hemp fiber.

Since the Farm Bill there has been an unprecedented influx of agricultural motion including land transfers, crop production, regulation and industry woes based on unrealistic expectations. Generational farmers that have observed the variation in practice and production have now come to offer advice, options and to share their insights that they have taught for generations. Together all can evaluate the viability and the realistic expectation for land use, lease, production, agreement, transportation and many other vital agricultural considerations.

Get involved and get informed! Start holding USDA Crop Talks on hemp in your Grange. For more information contact Misty Burris 541-530-3613.



Above: Winona Grange members were joined by volunteers from the Sherwood Community Garden to create and box assorted seed packets.





Above: a special sock drive was held by Ada Grange during the fourth quarter of 2019 for the Siuslaw Outreach Services.

## Ada Makes Quarterly Donation

At their December meeting Ada Grange #570, Lane County, collected food and non-food items including many pairs of socks to be donated to the Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS). This is one of Ada's ongoing

community service projects. SOS is a non-profit organization located in Florence serving Western Lane County since 1986. SOS provides a variety of services for the homeless, individuals and families in need.



Above: Ada Grange collects food and non-food items every quarter for the Siuslaw Outreach Services located in Florence.

Remember  
**State Community Service Reports  
must be postmarked by March 31.**

## Redland Continues Serving Homeless and Veterans

Members of Redland Grange #796, Clackamas County, continues to prepare warm meals for the homeless in Oregon City every Monday and recently prepared fifty packages of personal care supplies includ-

ing toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, etc. for the homeless. They have also collected bedding, socks and personal care supplies for the Clackamas County Veterans Transitional Housing project.



Working on the project were l-r: Shirley Gilman, Howard Miller, Cora Lynn Congdon, Violet Lockwood, Dick Wanker, Courtney Rae, Sandra Foley, Cathy Assad, Gertie Thompson, and Berna Williams. Not pictured Annette Wanker.

## Community Service Involvement

Elizabeth "Liz" Dehne  
dehneej@msn.com

OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



Happy New Year.

It is that time of the year that we take stock of what we have accomplished in 2019. Grangers are busy taking pride in the activities and community service they did in the Grange and their surrounding community. I hope that all those activities and community services were well recorded and ready to add in to the Community Service Report to be postmarked and sent to the Oregon State Grange office no later than March 31, 2020.

Forms and instructions are available on the Oregon State Website. One of the many benefits of doing Community Service is it gets you

out and involved in your neighborhood. This allows you to discover what is needed and how you can fill that need by living the Grange mission. You will meet new friends as well as gaining new members.


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

What does not count: Grange Hall maintenance and meetings.

Looking forward to getting your Annual Community Service report.

**American Red Cross**

*Give blood. Help save lives.*




**Blood Drive**  
**Pacific Grange - Warrenton**

Pacific Grange Hall  
90475 Hwy 101  
Warrenton, OR

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020**  
**12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: PacificGrange  
or call Tracy Fairless at (503) 791-3286  
to schedule an appointment.



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-735-2787 | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App.

## Springwater Collects Pill Bottles

"Caring for a needy world with the things we throw away" says Rev. Wen-

dell Mettey, founder of Matthew 25: Ministries. In developing countries, medicines, when actually obtainable, are often dispensed into hands, pockets or leaves, or often the pills are wrapped in paper scraps. They have no protection from moisture or the elements. And they certainly are not safely out of the reach of small children; you can't really safety-proof a piece of paper. Those orange pill bottles that are taken for granted in the US are gratefully received in many parts of the world.



Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County voted at their December meeting to start collecting used prescription and over the counter bottles for this program and bottles are arriving.

## Communications Team

[communications@orgrange.org](mailto:communications@orgrange.org)

### Grange Where Home and Heart Meet

As we enter the winter season and the cold keeps many of us indoors, it's easy to feel a sense of loneliness. Instead, think of what the Steward tells us as we enter the Fourth Degree: "In winter, the season of rest from active toil, we sit down with our families, our neighbors and friends, and enjoy together the good things our labors in the lower degrees have brought us."

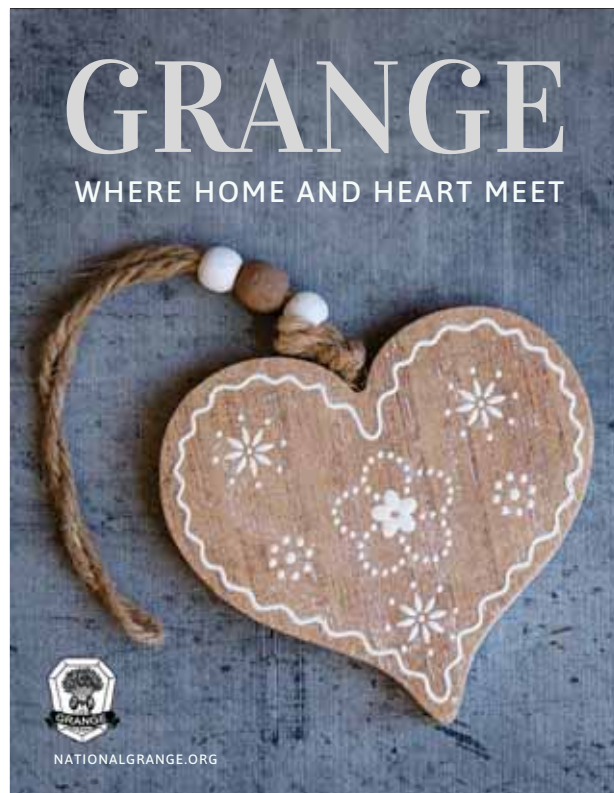
Throughout the degree we learn about the importance of having a home, filled with love and adorned with pride. Indeed, it is in Grange where the home and heart meet, especially during the winter season, as the bonds of friendship - our fidelity - brings us all together in a circle of family. We encourage each of you to take the time to make this season special - visit with one another and make sure that each member, even those who may not often join you for your meetings, knows they are still a cherished member of

our fraternity.

The National Grange is happy to share with you this poster. You can download a pdf from the OSG website and print. You may also request a personalized version of this image to use with:

- Your Grange's Facebook cover photo (820 pixels x 312 pixels PNG)
- Your grange.org website header image (740 pixels x 192 pixels PNG)
- A Flyer with your Grange's name and website (8.5" x 11" as PDF)

To request an image personalized for your Grange, send an email to [communications@nationalgrange.org](mailto:communications@nationalgrange.org) and provide your GRANGE NAME and the LINK to your Grange website or Facebook page. If you do not have a link, [nationalgrange.org](http://nationalgrange.org) will automatically be included in the design.



Malcolm Trupp, President

The Foundation trustees have been debating the Foundation's role in the acquisition of grants for the Granges. Several trustees have attended seminars given by representatives of the IRS and lawyers representing non-profit organization. We have also been given advice from the OSG attorney. From information received, the Foundation decided to stop taking monies from individuals and passing them onto Granges. We still want to help the Granges in acquiring Grants; however, the funds from the Grants must be dedicated to the purpose listed in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

From this background we have developed the following Grant Procedure:

1. If your grant application requires a 501c3 tax number, contact the Grant Coordinator for the Foundation Board for approval to use the Foundation's name and tax number. Be prepared to give a brief overview of how you will use the funds. The funds must be dedicated to the purpose listed in section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. These may include funding for Amateur Sports, education, charity, public safety, religious, scientific, literary, prevention of cruelty, and other funding purposes.
2. When you have that approval, fill out your grant

application, submit it to the granting agency and send a copy to the Foundation Board of your submission.

3. When your application is approved, the money will be sent to the Foundation, to be forwarded to your Grange. Remember that the Foundation will keep 2% of the grant for administration fees. Be sure to take that fee into account when you establish your budget.
4. When the funds have been expended, you will be required by the granting agency to file a report of how the moneys were used. The Foundation Board requires a copy of that report. It can be a copy of what you send to the grantor.

The Foundation wants to protect itself from any difficulties that may develop with the IRS.

This procedure may cause some grants not to be granted, but the Foundation was formed to help individual Granges when it can and help the Grange community as a whole through the different funds from donations receive from individuals, Granges, and others.

We would like to thank everyone for their donations over the years and encourage them to continue to donate to the Foundation.

### Shopping Rewards Benefit the Oregon State Grange Foundation

amazon smile



You shop. Amazon gives.

#### AmazonSmile

Start your shopping on the Foundation page of the OSG website so your purchases benefit the foundation.

### Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

[www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/](http://www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/)

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





## Oregon Farm to School and School Garden Conference

The Oregon Farm to School and School Garden Conference will be held on Wednesday, February 12 and Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the Oregon Garden in Silverton.

This two-day conference will provide attendees with garden-based workshops and resources to use in a variety of different educational settings. Wednesday's topics will focus on farm and garden-based education and Thursday will explore local food in school meals. Registration for non-members is \$85 for one day and \$150 for both days and for members one day cost \$70 and both days costs \$120.

The purpose of the conference is to support members of Oregon's farm to school and school garden community in their work to provide farm and garden-based education and incorporate healthy, local food into school meals for students, grades PreK-12.



The conference is targeted at food service directors and staff, farmers/producers, distributors, enrichment instructors, OSU Extension staff and volunteers, classroom teachers, school administrators, government agency staff, non-profit staff, and parents and community volunteers and others working to support Oregon's farm to school and school garden programs. For more information check out their website: [www.ofsgnconference.org/](http://www.ofsgnconference.org/)

## Warren Elementary Third Graders Receives Dictionaries

Warren Grange #536, Columbia County, presented Warren Elementary third grades with free dictionaries on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Grangers said it is very rewarding to see the smiles on the children's faces when they are presented

with their very own dictionary. Within moments of receiving their dictionary, they were reading and sharing the "Longest Word", the meaning of the word "Grange" and the wonder of words. Even in this age of computers and iPads, this book seems to excite these third graders.



Above: Third graders at Warren Elementary school show off their new dictionaries.



**Brownsmead Grange**

# Spaghetti Feed

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2020  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

42280 Fish Ln, Astoria, OR, 97103 - At the corner of Fish Ln, and Rudat Rd.

Cost: \$10 Each, Kids 12 and under \$5 each

All you can EAT Spaghetti dinner! Spaghetti and Meatballs (vegetarian option also available)  
Garlic bread, Salad, coffee and lemonade, and dessert!



## The Education Committee

Paula Herrick  
vpbears@q.com  
OSG Education Director

Greetings,

Happy New Year to all of you! The busy holiday season is over and time to think of the year ahead. How about a new project for your Grange? A very easy project is the literacy project through Ag in the Classroom. Here's what you need to know and how to get involved.

- Oregon Ag in the Classroom is all over the state.
- What it involves? Read a supplied book to a K-4th grade class and do a short lesson. This year's book is **"The Girl who Thought in Pictures"** the story of animal scientist Dr. Temple Grandin.
- How to get started. Go to [OregonAITC.org](http://OregonAITC.org). Select Literacy Project from the drop down of programs and go to volunteer participation form or call Jessica Jansen @ 541-737-8629. Please tell her you are with the Oregon State Grange and she will be glad to get you started. After you are signed up remember to contact your local school and make arrangements to do this project.

In closing I like the quote from Steve Irwin *"I believe that education is all about being excited about something. Seeing passion and enthusiasm helps push an educational message."* The Literacy Project through Ag in the Classroom has this passion. As Grangers let's get excited to participate in this project! Please call me if you have any questions @541-741-1046 or email [vpjbears@q.com](mailto:vpjbears@q.com). If you decide to do this project please email me pictures.



## Grange Insurance Association Scholarship Applications Available

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2020 - 2021 school year, totaling \$33,500.

Applicants may apply for either an academic or a vocational scholarship. Three of the awards will be for students wishing to pursue vocational studies and 22 awards will be for academic studies. The top winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 award and the remaining winners will receive \$1,000 - \$2,000 each.

Application form, eligibility requirements and basis for awarding scholarships can be obtained by completing the following request

form for an application or downloading from their website - [www.grange.com](http://www.grange.com)

These scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or a degree in a recognized profession or vocation, including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes. Vocational scholarships are aimed specifically for those students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional colleges or universities.

Application deadline is **March 1, 2020**. (Postmarked) Funds awarded for the 2020-2021 school year.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION  
Attn: Scholarship Coordinator  
P.O. Box 21089 Seattle, WA 98111-3089

Please send a GIA Scholarship Application to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2010-2022 Oregon State Grange Officer Nominations

The Oregon State Grange elects officers in even years. Below are the names of the members who were nominated for offices by Subordinate/Community Granges followed by their primary Grange and number and the Granges who nominated them. To accept a nomination for an office, nominees must file a written statement (and optionally a current photograph) with the State Grange office no later than 5 pm on March 1. No member may be a candidate for more than one office. Statements and pictures will be published in a special election issue of the Grange Bulletin that will be mailed in mid-March. Subordinate/Community Granges shall vote on State Officers at any regular meeting in April and send their results to the State Grange office no later than May 5. An Election Committee will tabulate the votes, and the results will be published in the June Bulletin.

### Master

**Susan Noah - Mohawk-McKenzie #747**, Abernethy, Central, Central Point, Creswell, Crow, Frogpond, Goshen, Maplewood, Marys River, Midland, Mohawk-McKenzie, Molalla, Spencer Creek, Sunnyside, Thurston, Waltherville, Warren  
**Jay Sexton - Marys River #685**, Forest Grove, Beaver Creek, Clarkes, Hurricane Creek, Phoenix, Springwater  
**Malcolm Trupp - Spencer Creek #855**, Winona, Riversdale,  
**David McBride - Hurricane Creek #608**, White Eagle

### Overseer

**Jay Sexton - Marys River #685**, Abernethy, Goshen, Maplewood, Marys River, Midland, Mohawk-McKenzie, Spencer Creek, Sunnyside, Thurston, Waltherville, Warren  
**Mark Noah - Mohawk-McKenzie #747**, Beaver Creek, Hurricane Creek,  
**Jesse O'Dell - Santiam Valley #828**, Riversdale, Winona  
**Kim Schettig - Beaver Creek #276**, Frogpond  
**Jeanie Force - Sunnyside #842**, Springwater  
**Celia Fox - Sunnyside #842**, Crow  
**John Fine - Riversdale #731**, Phoenix  
**Ed Luttrell - Molalla #310**, Molalla  
**Brandon Anglin - White Eagle #683**, White Eagle  
**Phil Van Buren - Midland #781**, Creswell

### Lecturer

**Cookie Trupp - Spencer Creek #855**, Abernethy, Ada, Beaver Creek, Creswell, Crow, Forest Grove, Goshen, Hurricane Creek, Maplewood, Midland, Mohawk-McKenzie, Phoenix, Riversdale, Santiam Valley, Spencer Creek, Sunnyside, Thurston, Waltherville, Warren, White Eagle, Winona  
**Jeanie Force - Sunnyside #842**, Frogpond

### Steward

**Phil Van Buren - Midland #781**, Abernethy, Beaver Creek, Central Point, Goshen, Maplewood, Midland, Mohawk-McKenzie, Molalla, Phoenix, Riversdale, Santiam Valley, Spencer Creek, Thurston, Waltherville, Warren, White Eagle, Winona  
**Christy Dumolt - Clarkes #261**, Clarkes, Crow, Marys River, Springwater, Sunnyside,  
**Celia Fox - Sunnyside #842**,

### Frogpond

**Malcolm Trupp - Spencer Creek #855**, Hurricane Creek

### Assistant Steward

**Tim Dehne - Wilamette #52**, Beaver Creek, Creswell, Crow, Frogpond, Goshen, Lacombe, Maplewood, Marys River, Mohawk-McKenzie, Molalla, Thurston, Waltherville, White Eagle  
**Jim J (Jimmy) Dumolt - Clarkes #261**, Abernethy, Midland, Spencer Creek, Warren, Winona  
**Sean Burris - Creswell #496**, Phoenix  
**Brandon Anglin - White Eagle #683**, Hurricane Creek

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**Maggie Swartzendruber - Riversdale #731**, Beaver Creek, Frogpond, Goshen, Maplewood, Molalla, Riversdale, Thurston, Waltherville, White Eagle,  
**Christy Dumolt - Clarkes #261**, Abernethy, Forest Grove, Midland, Mohawk-McKenzie, Spencer Creek, Warren, Winona,  
**Connie Suing - Crow #450**, Central, Creswell, Crow  
**Misty Burris - Riversdale #731**, Phoenix  
**Liz Dehne - Waltherville #416**, Hurricane Creek  
**Jessie Jo Guttridge - Springwater #263**, Springwater

### Chaplain

**Dan LeBrun - Eagle Creek #297**, Ada, Creswell, Eagle Creek, Frogpond, Goshen, Spencer Creek, Thurston  
**Randi Embree - Macleay #293**, Abernethy, Mohawk-McKenzie, Springwater, Waltherville  
**Maggie Swartzendruber - Riversdale #731**, Central Point, Crow, Hurricane Creek, Phoenix  
**Claudia Boswell - Hurricane Creek #608**, Forest Grove, Winona, Riversdale  
**Joanne McBride - Hurricane Creek #608**, White Eagle  
**Gail Wilson - White Eagle #683**, Warren  
**Jessie Jo Guttridge - Springwater #263**, Molalla  
**Jeanie Force - Sunnyside #842**, Midland  
**Peggy Fine - Riversdale #731**, Sunnyside  
**Don Furlan - Beaver Creek #276**, Beaver Creek  
**Suzi Ramm - Springwater #263**, Maplewood

### Treasurer

**Paula Herrick - Waltherville #416**, Beaver Creek, Forest Grove, Goshen, Hurricane Creek, Maplewood, Riversdale,

Sunnyside, Thurston, Warren, White Eagle, Winona

**Sonny Hays-Eberts - Marys River #685**, Abernethy, Marys River, Midland, Mohawk-McKenzie, Spencer Creek, Springwater, Waltherville

**Wayne Cabler - Central Point #698**, Central Point, Phoenix

**Joyce Parker - Springwater #263**, Molalla, Frogpond

**Dan Suing - Crow #450**, Crow, Creswell

### Secretary

**Sarah Kingsborough - Warner #117**, Abernethy, Beaver Creek, Creswell, Crow, Forest Grove, Frogpond, Goshen, Hurricane Creek, Maplewood, Midland, Mohawk-McKenzie, Molalla, Riversdale, Sandlake, Spencer Creek, Springwater, Sunnyside, Thurston, Waltherville, Warren, White Eagle, Winona

### Gatekeeper

**Patrick Dearth - Creswell #496**, Abernethy, Ada, Creswell, Crow, Goshen, Thurston  
**Jim Clute - Forest Grove #282**, Hurricane Creek, Maplewood, Riversdale, White Eagle,  
**Don Kingsborough - Warner #117**, Frogpond, Beaver Creek  
**David McBride - Hurricane Creek #608**, Midland, Spencer Creek  
**Martin McClure - Lorane #54**, Winona  
**Mikela Heimuller - Warren #536**, Warren  
**Orrin Schnetzky - Tigard #148**, Mohawk-McKenzie  
**Christy Dumolt - Clarkes #261**, Phoenix  
**Brandon Anglin - White Eagle #683**, Molalla  
**Mark Noah - Mohawk-McKenzie #747**, Waltherville

### Ceres

**Linda Pugh - Ada #570**, Abernethy, Ada, Central, Creswell, Goshen, Mohawk-McKenzie, Thurston, Waltherville  
**Liz Dehne - Waltherville #416**, Beaver Creek, White Eagle, Winona  
**Jessie Jo Guttridge - Springwater #263**, Phoenix, Sunnyside  
**Roberta O'Dell - Santiam Valley #828**, Santiam Valley, Spencer Creek  
**Veronica Ford - Terrebonne #663**, Crow  
**Breanna McKay - Abernethy #346**, Springwater  
**Cat Thomas - Milwaukie #268**, Hurricane Creek  
**Maggie Swartzendruber - Riversdale #731**, Midland

**Joyce Parker - Springwater #263**, Maplewood

**Christy Dumolt - Clarkes #261**, Frogpond

**Mikela Heimuller - Warren #536**, Molalla

### Pomona

**Mikela Heimuller - Warren #536**, Abernethy, Beaver Creek, Creswell, Crow, Goshen, Maplewood, Mohawk-McKenzie, Sunnyside, Thurston, Waltherville, White Eagle, Winona

**Linda Helm - Phoenix #779**, Central Point, Phoenix

**Jan Oleson - Abernethy #346**, Frogpond

**Christy Dumolt - Clarkes #261**, Molalla

**Kiri Schnetzky - Tigard #148**, Warren

**Margaret Clute - Forest Grove #282**, Hurricane Creek

**Carmel Valencia - Phoenix #779**, Midland

**Linda Pugh - Ada #57**, Spencer Creek

### Flora

**Eva Frost - Warren #536**, Beaver Creek, Goshen, Hurricane Creek, Maplewood, Santiam Valley, Sunnyside, Thurston, Waltherville, White Eagle, Winona,  
**Carmel Valencia - Phoenix #779**, Central Point, Mohawk-McKenzie, Phoenix, Warren  
**Sandi Ludi - Sunnyside #842**, Midland, Spencer Creek,  
**JC Junkman - Clarkes #261**, Molalla  
**Mikela Heimuller - Warren #536**, Frogpond  
**Kiri Schnetzky - Tigard #148**, Abernethy  
**Lexie Suing - Crow #450**, Crow  
**Louise Holst - Midland #781**, Forest Grove  
**Joan Kent - Irving #377**, Creswell

### EC - Position #1

**John Fine - Riversdale #731**, Beaver Creek, Frogpond, Hurricane Creek, Maplewood, Midland, Riversdale, Santiam Valley, Spencer Creek, Warren, White Eagle, Winona  
**Martin McClure - Lorane #54**, Abernethy, Ada, Central, Creswell, Crow, Goshen, Mohawk-McKenzie, Thurston  
**Mark Noah - Mohawk-McKenzie #747**, Marys River,  
**Wayne Cabler - Central Point #698**, Springwater  
**Chuck Cook - Long Tom #866**, Waltherville  
**Jeff Dehne - Waltherville #416**, Sunnyside

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## National Grange Quilt Block Contest

In Oregon the National Grange Quilt Block Contest falls under the jurisdiction of the GWA. It is open to both members and prospective members. At the state level entries received in the GWA exhibit area at state Grange convention at the Klamath County Fairgrounds no later than noon Sunday June 21 will be judged to determine Oregon's winners.

The 1st place winner in each group will be sent to National Grange for judging. Second and third place winners will receive ribbons. All quilt blocks not sent to National will be retained and used to make an item for the state Grange oral auction to benefit the Oregon GWA Committee.

Anyone may send entries directly to the National Grange Contest. All contest submissions must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2020. Send your blocks with submission forms to:

Christine Hamp  
National Lecturer  
16418 N. Birdie Road  
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

At National only one quilt block per person will be judged but all will be accepted. A 2020 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for each block. Download the form from [www.orgrange.org/grange-workers-activities](http://www.orgrange.org/grange-workers-activities).

| 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   | May 2       | 10:30 AM | New Bridge Grange     |  |
| Benton #36  | April 18    | 10:30 AM | TBA                   |  |
| Clackamas #1  | February 22 | 6:00 PM  | Warner Grange         |  |
| Columbia #18  | May 2       | 10:00 AM | Beaver Homes Grange   |  |
| Deschutes #25   | February 8  | 11:30 AM | Terrebonne Grange     |  |
| Douglas #13   | April 25    | 6:00 PM  | Riversdale Grange     |  |
| Jackson #27   | April 25    | 2:00 PM  | Roxy Ann Grange       |  |
| Josephine #20   | February 29 | 9:00 AM  | TBA                   |  |
| Lane #14  | April 11    | 10:00 AM | Crow Grange           |  |
| Lincoln #10   | February 15 | 10:30 AM | Salmon River Grange   |  |
| Linn #12  | April 11    | 10:00 AM | Morning Star Grange   |  |
| Polk #3   | April 9     | 6:30 PM  | Oak Grove Grange      |  |
| Tillamook #9  |             |          | TBA                   |  |
| Umatilla-Morrow #26   | February 22 | 10:30 AM | White Eagle Grange    |  |
| Wallowa #22   | April 11    | 10:00 AM | Liberty Grange        |  |
| Washington-Yamhill #2   | April 25    | 10:00 AM | Dixie Mountain Grange |  |

## State Officer Nominations *continued*

### EC - Position #2

Sam Keator - Winona #271, Abernethy, Creswell, Forest Grove, Frogpond, Goshen, Hurricane Creek, Maplewood, Molalla, Riversdale, Spencer Creek, Springwater, Thurston, Watterville, Warren, Washington, White Eagle, Winona

Jeanie Force - Sunnyside #842, Crow, Mohawk-McKenzie

Bob Ludi - Sunnyside #842, Midland

Don Kingsborough - Warner #117, Sunnyside

Jim Dumolt - Clarkes #261, Beaver Creek

### EC - Position #3

Louise Holst, Midland #781, Central Point, Creswell, Crow, Frogpond, Goshen, Hurricane Creek, Maplewood, Midland, Mohawk-McKenzie, Phoenix, Riversdale, Santiam Valley, Spencer Creek, Thurston, Watterville, Warren, White Eagle, Winona

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## GWA

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Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with your families, friends and Grange family. Our family had a very nice holiday. As we start a new decade and year, we also start a new year of Grange Workers Activities. The 2020 Awards, Contests and Scholarship booklet should have been in your mail by now. Be sure to read all areas carefully. Again, this year there are new contests and some have been deleted in the GWA section of this booklet so please read the booklet carefully.

The first new contest is a **Fidget Sleeve** for people with Dementia or Alzheimer's. Tina Reynolds is the sponsor of this contest. A Fidget Sleeve is a hand muff with bits and bobs attached inside and out. It is designed to provide a stimulation activity for restless hands and also to help prevent those with very thin skin from scratching themselves and causing a wound. These sleeves will be donated to a memory care facility in the area where the State Grange convention is held.

The second new contest is a **Presentation Case (large pillow case) for Quilts of Valor**. You will not find this contest in the Awards Contest and Scholarship booklet as I did not get all the information before December 1st. You can find information on making a Presentation Case by going to Quilt of Valor Foundation website, [www.govf.org](http://www.govf.org), then

click on Quilters Questions, then on Presentation Case you can read more about them. There is an excellent video on how to make one. I looked for a pattern but only found videos on how to make. These pillow cases sometimes are called Sausage Roll Pillowcases.

Each Quilt of Valor should include a case. The Presentation case can be made from any combination of red, white, blue or patriotic fabric. These cases will be donated to Quilt of Valor Foundation. Gail Wilson is the sponsor for this contest and the prize money is 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$15 and 3rd place \$10.

This year the GWA Scholarship will be a single \$1000 scholarship with the same rules as last year.

I received my Good Day magazine that National Grange publishes once a quarter. This issue has ways of reducing food waste:

1. Plan your menu and make a store list.
2. Check your recipes and your cupboards.
3. Be selective in the store.
4. Start with small helpings.
5. Share, repurpose or store.
6. Stick to your menu plan.
7. Talk to your household to be sure you are buying what they will eat.

These are good ideas for all of us to use whether at home or Grange.



## IT'S IN YOUR POWER. HELP REDUCE FOOD WASTE.

### PLAN YOUR MENU & MAKE A STORE LIST

Take a minute to think through your week - will you cook each day? Will there be a night for leftovers? What will be served with each meal? Planning helps to curb purchasing excess items that just become waste. With a list, you are less likely to impulse buy (saving money and the potential for items that will end up in your trash).

### CHECK YOUR RECIPES & YOUR CUPBOARDS

Know how much of each item your recipes call for and see if you have something already on hand that you can use or substitute (you never know what a little tweak of ingredients may add to your beloved dishes). If you can, cross unnecessary items off your grocery list. You may also be able to avoid the dreaded half-used container by choosing a second recipe for the week that will allow you to use the rest of the product or buy a more appropriate size.

### BE SELECTIVE AT THE STORE

If you're going to use produce right away, a bump or ding may be OK, and you may be the only one to see the product's value and save it from becoming waste. But, if it is for use later in the week, that bruise may lead to rot and you'll end up throwing it away. If you think you may not use all of the product or may not get to make the meal you're planning, choose a product with an expiration date farther in the future.

### START WITH SMALL HELPPINGS

You can always add more to your plate, but scraping uneaten food back to the communal bowl is definitely frowned upon and often finds its way to the garbage instead. You may even see an added benefit: If you have to choose to get more food, you'll also have to assess if you are still hungry, and it could reduce overeating.

### SHARE, REPURPOSE OR STORE

Have food left over after preparing lunch leftovers for your family? Consider packaging it as a dinner for an elderly neighbor or asking a coworker if they'd like a homecooked leftover option for lunch the next day. If you have an item left over from a meal already prepared, add it as another side option or find a way to incorporate it into a snack or other dish you're making. Freeze or store food that won't be eaten before it may spoil. Find ways to make the food you prepare find its way to where it should be - into someone's diet, not someone's trash.

### STICK TO YOUR MEAL PLAN

If you purchased food for six dinners but decide to skip one, you may start down a slippery slope of letting food spoil.

### TALK TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Don't stock up on items that no one will eat. Know what people in your household want and avoid purchasing perishable items at times when they won't be used before they go bad.





## Oregon Granges Celebrate the Holidays



Above: **Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County** - Grange members, friends, and family gathered on December 14th for the annual Solstice breakfast and celebration. By acknowledging this time of darkness and reflection they grow in appreciation of the return of the light! In the spirit of the season great fun and food was had by all.



Above and right: **Ada Grange #570, Lane County** - Over 70 children and adults attended their Annual Christmas Party on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>. Highlights of the afternoon were the hayrides and of course, a visit with Santa.



Left & below: **Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County** - The Grange held a special holiday breakfast on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>, setting up in the main hall instead of the dining room. Santa and Mrs. Clause greeted the children and families were encourage to take holiday photos.

**Lane Pomona Grange #14** - Lane County Grangers again participated in the Springfield Christmas parade on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>, with their "Let it Snow" decorated float. Some members chose to ride on the float while others walked on the street passing out candy. And as usual Bailey had a good time, too.



Below: **Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County** - Members and their guests attended the annual Christmas Party on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Grange Social Chairman, Heather Decker, was sent by Santa to deliver gifts to the children attending. During the adult gift exchange, much excitement was had as gifts were "stolen." Special guests were Benton Pomona Master and his family from Fairmount Grange.



Right: Grange Secretary Robert Richardson "steals" a Christmas gift from Ceres Esther Harrison.



**Goshen Grange #561, Lane County** - Goshen held their first annual "Christmas Carol Hootenanny" on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Stanley Garboden took the lead in singing carols while playing his ukulele. Grange members and kids enjoyed a variety of cookies, candy canes, Wassail, and hot chocolate with lots and lots of marshmallows. Santa and his trusty elf, made a surprise visit to the Grange to the delight of everyone, especially the kids.





## Oregon Granges Celebrate the Holidays

Right & below: **Terrebonne Grange #663, Deschutes County** – Grange members held their Christmas dinner and party on December 14th. Activities included having a snowball fight in the hall with Youth and Junior members taking part. Santa and his elves made a stop to greet one and all with gifts and candy canes for everyone.



Right: **Midland Grange #781, Klamath County** - On December 14th, the Grange held their Christmas Party. A great time was had by all with great food, a program and yes, a surprise visit by Santa. The youngest in attendance was Avianna Lukens, 6 weeks old with her mother Ellen Lukens and the oldest in attendance was 94-year-old Taylor High. Taylor has been a Granger for 80 years. All enjoyed a visit with Santa (Phil Van Buren).



Above and left: **Mohawk-Mckenzie Grange #747, Lane County** – Their Christmas Party and Open House was held on December 18th. Rather than a gift exchange within the Grange, \$5 and \$6 gift cards to eating establishments near to the Grange hall were donated. Twenty-two certificates were given to the SAIL

Housing, who has residents living in the complex next door to the Grange. SAIL stands for Supporting Access to Independent Living. The Sharps and Flats sang lots of Christmas carols and Santa made an appearance.



Above: **McMinnville Grange #31, Yamhill County** - Rang in the New Year with close to 70 members and guests with a dinner/dance on New Year's Eve. The crowd dined on cream sauce pork, turkey and dressing, "out of this world potatoes", beans/carrots/deviled eggs/salad and raspberry filled white cake. Homemade jars of organic applesauce were given out to all the guests. The Grange hall was decorated in gold/black/white, with candles and lace trimmings seen throughout. Honored Veterans who were present received pictures taken by Monika. Executive Committee member Steve Cone, and Steward John Albertson, were recognized as the oldest Grange members. After dancing the night away, glasses were raised toasting with sparkling cider to the words "May we have a more productive 2020"! A great evening was had by all, with guests complimenting the celebration because of the family style venue, "pure, clean and fun."



**Walterville Grange #416, Lane County** - held their annual Holiday Dinner and open house on December 10th. The Grange provided the main courses while members and guests brought side dishes and desserts. Christmas Music was provided by a local band for listening pleasure. Community Service and Granger of the Year Awards were presented and Santa, (Vernon Herrick), made an appearance for all the children. Canned food was collected for the Upriver Foodbank.



Above: **Azalea Grange #786, Douglas County** – The Grange celebrated the season with their neighbors with a Christmas Potluck dinner on December 8th. The Grange gathered school supplies for Glendale students and the Glendale Valley Singers entertained while the young ones waited for Santa.



## Oregon Granges Celebrate the Holidays



*Above: Creswell Grange #496, Lane County - This year the Grange spread their Christmas events over two weekends. They partnered with the Creswell Tree Festival committee to host the tree festival on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The public was invited to the Grange hall to write letters to Santa, decorate cookies, and bid on their favorite Christmas tree or wreath. The event was very successful.*

*Below: The following Saturday, on December 14<sup>th</sup>, the Grange had a Christmas meal with all the trimmings and an open house. The community was invited to join them.*

*There were about 65 people in attendance, mostly citizens of Creswell. In addition to a great meal, there were door prizes, Christmas music and many joined in the singing of Christmas carols before the arrival of Santa Claus.*



*Below: Lorane Grange #54, Lane County - There really was a white elephant for the gift exchange at the Lorane Grange Christmas dinner and open house on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The public was invited and about half of those attending were non-members. There was a good turnout and lots of fun was had by all.*



*Below: Oregon State Grange - Grangers from many areas of the state enjoyed good food and fellowship during the open house at the Oregon State Grange office in Salem on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>.*



## Columbia's Season of Giving

**Columbia Grange #267, Multnomah County** - Columbia continued their tradition of fostering two families for the holidays. They reached out to the local schools to locate families who needed a bit of extra help providing holiday gifts for their children. The Grange interviewed each family to determine wants, needs, clothing sizes and what they like to read.

Once "Santa's" list was made, the Grange "elves" got busy. They put on their smart shopper hats and searched for the best buys available. The next step was organizing and wrapping.

The Grange had a veritable wrapping party! The "Moms" then arranged to pick up the wrapped packages while the kids were not around, so they could come home to a wondrous surprise!

In addition to the normal categories, Grangers were very pleased to be able to provide much needed medical items to each family this year. The families were so appreciative. One mom commented "we were overjoyed with heart-warming moments of thankfulness and surprise...we will never forget how our family was gifted such an abundance of kindness and thoughtfulness."



*Above: Thurston Grange #853, Lane County - Thurston Grange held their Christmas dinner and open house on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Ham and turkey and all the trimmings were enjoyed by those in attendance. Santa (Patrick Dearth) and his trusty elf (Stan Garboden) visited with the children, took their gift requests and handed out candy canes.*



## Junior Passport Program

### Reducing Food Waste Discovery Network #12



#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this passport is to educate Junior Grangers about food waste with a specific look at ideas about conservation and stewardship.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion, Junior Grangers will be able to

- define the term "food waste"
- explain how food waste is bad for the planet
- identify several steps they can take to reduce food waste
- provide a basic explanation of composting
- prepare at least one dish using a food in a less common way to avoid it becoming waste

#### Step 1

Define food waste

#### Step 2

Create a grocery list with your parent or guardian and go shopping with them. Talk about when and how each item will be used, its expiration date and how to make good choices and limit your household food waste.

#### Step 3

Take part in a meal with your Subordinate/Community Grange in which you weigh the food remaining on each plate after people are finished. Report back to the Grange and help lead a discussion about food waste. Encourage Grangers to work to reduce food waste in their daily lives.

#### Step 4

Using the Reducing Food Waste materials from the National Grange (found on the Oregon State Grange Website), ask each of your Subordinate Grange members and each of the parents of Junior members which of the ten types of food identified most frequently become food waste in their homes, then provide them the corresponding info sheet.

#### Step 5

Along with the rest of your Junior members, work with your Junior leader to complete the

Preventing Food Waste Worksheet at Home from the National Grange (*below*) and put a copy on your refrigerator at home.

#### Step 6

Learn about composting and give a presentation to your Grange (individually or as a group) about the process, how to create a composting bin and the benefits of composting.

#### Step 7

Using the food waste prevention recipes provided by the National Grange or any Grange cookbook, make a potluck item for your Grange from food that may otherwise go to waste.

#### Step 8

Come up with your own recipe to use a food in your home that may otherwise go bad and make it for your family to try. Turn in the recipe to your Junior leader with a note from one other family member about their opinion of the dish.

#### Step 9

Create a large 11"x17" or larger poster and a tri-fold (8.5"x11") brochure to give to people who come to your Grange or to provide to your school that introduces other kids to food waste and encourages them to do their part to reduce food waste. Send a copy of each to the National Junior Grange director.



## Oregon Junior Grangers

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Looking for June-Yers!

the split screen TV.

Check your calendars: June 20 to June 25 are the dates of our annual convention, this year coming to Klamath Falls. We hope Grange families can take advantage of a closer location and bring children to Junior Grange. We welcome new Juniors every year. Many of them have never been to a Grange meeting before they arrive at the convention. After their week with us, however, be ready to welcome an enthusiastic sidekick at your home Grange.

Junior Grange at the convention is offered at no cost to participants. Some activities you can expect: We rehearse and present Junior Grange ritual on the convention floor. We learn to conduct a Junior Grange meeting. Field trips and visitors expand knowledge of our state, agriculture and Grange history.

Since the Junior room is open whenever the convention is in session, there is some downtime with movies, reading, and quiet play on long days. Back by popular request, Minecraft creative competitions on

The Oregon State Grange talent show, public speaking, and Sign-a-song contests happen on Saturday, the first convention day. Bear in mind that Grangers of any age can compete in the talent contests even if they don't attend the rest of the convention. The Junior Department will do everything we can to support contestants, whether or not they're staying beyond the weekend. Details about Junior contests will appear in the Awards, Contests and Scholarships booklet.

We are usually guests on the convention floor on Tuesday morning, and our big field trip is often on Tuesday afternoon. The full schedule will be in the convention issue of the *June Bulletin*. It's a huge help to know ahead of time how many, what ages, and what days Juniors will attend so watch for a convention Junior attendee interest form which will appear in the April issue of the Bulletin as well as be sent to Granges and Junior Grangers.

Looking forward to seeing many of our Juniors in June.

## Junior's Winter Activity Sheet



## Oregon State Grange Cookbooks

### 2019 Tastes for All Seasons Cookbook

|                |               |           |  |
|----------------|---------------|-----------|--|
| # of Cookbooks |               | x \$15    |  |
| Postage        | 1-2 cookbooks | \$2.75 or |  |
|                | 3-4 cookbooks | \$3.50    |  |
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## Legislative Update

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With the 35-day short session upon us, it is worthwhile to review Grange policies to determine if we have any that might apply to some of the issues expected to be considered in the legislature this year. You can check this yourself by looking up OSG legislative policies on the orgrange.org website (under the 'Departments' heading, in the Legislative section) and using the 'Find' function to search for keywords related to your question.

There is always something new to learn, and I have learned something new this week. Randi Embree emailed her concern about a piece of legislation related to Wildfire Response that would impact landowners, and referenced a bill numbered LC-83. Maybe everyone else already knew this, but I didn't. I researched online and found that LC refers to Legislative Concept or Counsel. The Legislative Counsel is a "...permanent, nonpartisan legislative service agency" that drafts measures and amendments for legislators and legislative committees, among other duties. About half of all proposed pieces of legislation (4000/2 = 2000, in a typical full session) are drafted by the Office of the Legislative Counsel. Preliminary bill ideas are written up and identified with LC. These bills are discussed in committee work sessions. When the session actually begins and a legislator decides to introduce the bill, it then receives its House (HB) or Senate (SB) number. For a really in-depth lesson on all of this, just go to the following link: [www.oregonlegislature.gov/lc/PDFs/lr\\_article\\_body.pdf](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lc/PDFs/lr_article_body.pdf)

A search for 'Oregon Legislature 2020 lc83' shows that LC83 is the Omnibus Wildfire Response Bill, currently assigned to the Senate Interim Committee on Wildfire Prevention and Recovery. There was an informational meeting on January 14, 2020 for Invited Testimony Only. Since the short session does not start till February 3 there is no scheduled hearing, but the mem-

bership of this committee is listed and if you've had a chance to review LC83 (*I still have not found any text*) it might be worthwhile to register your opinion with these legislators. The text of this 'Legislative Concept' might not actually be public yet, but it may be revealing to know that those invited to provide testimony at the committee work session included the chair of the Governor's Council on Wildfire Response, the Governor's Natural Resources Policy Advisor and a member of the Wildfire Council.

Cap and Trade will be a major topic in the 2020. In the 2019 session a walk-out by the minority party effectively halted action on this issue. The Oregon State Grange does have policy that seems to apply here. In 2011 the delegates adopted ENR 2.11, opposing the use of tax credits and incentives to encourage energy conservation (Environment & Natural Resources #2, from 2011) and that same year we adopted EE1.11 which says 'We urge the National Grange to take such action as necessary to remove Carbon dioxide emissions from the list of gaseous pollutants.' As of 2018 the National Grange had specific policy in opposition to Cap and Trade legislation; I do not know if this changed last year but I suspect not.

It also appears that legislation may again be introduced that would impact the owners of firearms. The Oregon State Grange has clear policy in support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and we will watch for further developments here.

The Oregon State Grange office is working on developing functional email lists through the Mailchimp application, and the Legislative Committee plans to take advantage of this tool to improve communication with members. If you would like to get in on the ground floor of this effort, please send your email address to me or to another member of the OSG Legislative Committee.



## Bailey Barks

Have you noticed your dog when you are talking to him? I can't always understand what Mom or Dad is saying to me, but I notice they seem happier when I sit and listen to them. They seem to appreciate my attention but dislike it when I offer my opinion at the top of my lungs. So, I guess that you humans sometimes just want someone to listen to you, not offering advice, not judging, not ignoring you to scratch their ear, just listening.

I've been told that good listening means being curious and patient. The first one I am good at, the second not so much. I have also heard that you can listen well by practicing the L-O-V-E system. That means Listen, Observe, Verify, and Empathize. The book I gave my

mom a few years back called "Life's A Bark" suggests to practice better listening skills you pretend you are a Dog who has no words and no place to go, but who is simply a master of patience, curiosity and L-O-V-E. Listen to someone without giving any advice or barking back, be patient, but curious, helpful and empathetic. I think you will find that listening like a Dog frees you. You don't have to worry about what you will say in return, because Dogs can't speak, and who can look more empathetic than a dog? Just think of puppy eyes! Am I right?

I know the State Grange leadership will be coming to your Grange for a "listening session" this year, see if they practice L-O-V-E, and watch for puppy eyes!

Woof, Bailey



## NATIONAL GRANGE View from The Hill Spending Bills Clear Congress

A couple days before heading home for their Christmas break, Congress cleared spending packages to fund the federal government for fiscal 2020. The legislation includes several new appropriations for agriculture:

- An additional \$1.5 billion for disaster relief (including quality loss) for farmers and ranchers.
- Reinstatement of the \$1-a-gallon biodiesel tax credit.
- Increased staffing to relieve shortages at Farm Service Agency offices.
- Kick-starts new farm bill-authorized programs including dairy business innovation initiatives, healthy fluid milk incentives projects, and micro-grants for food security.
- Boosting rural broadband deployment by providing an additional \$550 million for USDA's ReConnect program.
- Hiring an additional 240 agricultural customs inspectors to protect domestic agriculture from importation of foreign diseases and pests.

### Spending Bills Include Health Care

Significant health care policy changes include several National Grange priorities:

- Repeal of the "Cadillac" tax on high-end employer-funded health insurance
- Repeal of the medical device tax
- Repeal of the individual mandate health insurance tax

Several National Grange priority health care issues were left unsolved including prescription drug pricing and surprise medical bills. These will be back on the table for 2020.

### Clear the Path for Mixed-Technology Broadband

The National Grange and the Connect Americans Now Coalition are urging the Federal Communications Commission to remove regulatory barriers to TV white space technology. The integration of unused TV white spaces with other broadband technologies will help extend connectivity to the "last mile" in rural areas.

## Oregon Fallen Firefighters Roadside Memorial Signs Become Law

On Tuesday January 13 Oregon Governor Brown held the Ceremonial Bill Signing of SB 528 Oregon Fallen Fire Fighters Roadside Memorial Signs. The bill instructs the Oregon Department of Transportation erect and maintain a roadside memorial in honor of Oregon fallen firefighters in the same manner as is done for police officers and members of the armed services.

The bill was sponsored by Senator Betsey Johnson, a member of Warren and Brownsmead Granges and Representative Brad Witt at the request of Mary and Sandra Hales, Evelyn Hudson and Eva Frost, family of Firefight Robert Hales. Brother Hales was a member of Warren Grange at the time of his death. He had been involved with the Grange starting as a Junior member.



L-r: Heather Hales, Mary Hales, Representative Brad Witt, Governor Brown, Senator Betsy Johnson, Eva Frost and Evelyn Hudson attended the ceremonial signing of the Oregon Fallen Firefighters Roadside Memorial bill.



## Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers

I hope your Holidays were Blessed and Happy.

Here's a little about what been going on around the State just as we are going in to the Short Session. It is starting to heat up with some of these bills from last session are taking effect. As well as bringing new ones to start their process through the system.

This first one is still a big issue if you're on the PER's system.

S.B. 1049 cut retirement benefits in an effort to reduce costs to the state, angering unions who represent those workers. The Association of Oregon Corrections Employees has joined the chorus of public sector unions who say they won't support lawmakers in next year's elections in light of efforts by the legislature to reduce public employee pensions.

Senate Bill 1049 cut retirement benefits in an effort to reduce costs to the state, angering unions who represent those workers and who often contribute money and organizing prowess to liberal candidates. Many Republicans voted against the measure earlier this year, in a move that observers posited was designed to back progressive Democrats into a corner, trapping them between two political realities: union support, and the need to pass PERS reform to get moderate Democrats on board to raise business taxes to fund schools.

"Legislators who profess support for labor on the campaign trail need to put their votes where their values are once they are in office," said Dan Weber, president of the Association of Oregon Corrections Employees, in an announcement last week. "To do otherwise is hypocritical, and unacceptable and unsupportable." AOCE represents nearly 800 workers.

This looks to be an upcoming battle either way no matter which side you fall on. Stay tuned and I'll keep you informed.

On an interesting note, the kids from the Beaverton School District are getting into the political arena with their fight to help dogs from being euthanized after their use at testing facilities is complete. The students took the basic framework of the bill Beagle Freedom Project was able to pass in nine other states and applied it to Oregon law. The result was Senate Bill 638.

Kelly Peterson, Oregon Humane Society state affairs director, said federal law only regulates the care and use

of research animals while they're in a lab. It doesn't provide protection to animals once the research is finished, other than mandating euthanasia. The law is critical because it creates a relationship between labs and non-profit animal shelters. Cats and dogs used in research must be evaluated and if they're found healthy enough, they're given to local shelters to be put up for adoption. The new law also requires labs throughout Oregon to report the number of animals they have to the Secretary of State's office at the end of each year.

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture numbers, for 2017 (*the most recent year data is available*) 27 cats and 26 dogs were used in research at Oregon labs. To aid in their effort, the Beaverton students reached out to state Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, a Beaverton Democrat, who was just as excited as the young activists about the prospect of the proposed legislation.

Steiner Hayward's relationship with Elmonica Elementary goes back a few years when she helped a fourth-grade class scoop ice cream at a local Baskin-Robbins to raise money in support of homeless students. She's returned to the school to give speeches at assemblies and talk to students about topics they're passionate about. When Steiner Hayward got a call from Yeager's class about an extra-curricular project to protect animal rights, she was all in.

"Every person in elected office, it's our dream to see young people engaged in this way. There's nothing that makes me happier than seeing motivated young people engage in the political process one way or another," Steiner Hayward said.

Many people were supportive of the bill including those in the statehouse and local organizations that agreed with its message including the Oregon Humane Society. Despite the support, she said, it still required a good effort to get it passed.

"It took a lot of work to negotiate some parts of it, but we got to a good place and the kids were terrific. Everybody really loved the bill," she said.

By everybody, Steiner Hayward really means everybody. After hearing public testimony from Yeager and a few of her students in March, the bill was carried unanimously in both chambers. The law took effect January 1, and the students involved were a part of a January 13 ceremonial signing of the bill at the State Capitol in Salem.

## Call for Interested Parties to Create Grange Motorcycle Club

By: Troy Behnke, Membership Director, State Grange of Minnesota

The announcement of the dates and location of the next Grange Revival in 2021 followed by a conversation I had during the Salute to Agriculture luncheon here at the 153rd Annual National Grange convention has brought to the front of my mind something that has been stirring around only semi-formed in the back of it for quite some time.

The next Grange Revival will be from July 20 – 25, 2021 in Sturgis, South Dakota. This means the Grange Revival will be ending a little less than two weeks before the Sturgis motorcycle rally begins that year. I've learned that several Grange members enjoy riding motorcycles and may be interested in attending Grange Revival and/or the Sturgis rally. In my own home state of Minnesota, I know a few a members from Lake Hubert Grange #735 who also ride.

For this reason, I think it may be time to form a Grange riding club. It seems to me the formation of such a club at this time would be both timely in preparation for the next Revival and would create a new form of fellowship opportunity. The Freemasons formed a Motorcycle Club more than 35 years ago. You can learn more about it at: [bit.ly/2pxswQi](http://bit.ly/2pxswQi) (*link is case sensitive*).

I'd like to gauge interest level, and, if there's enough, begin a discussion regarding what the interested Grangers think what such an organization should look like – something I've initially dubbed the "Iron Sheaves."

Let me know if this interests you. I can be reached by email at: [bwiatino@gmail.com](mailto:bwiatino@gmail.com)



Two of those that gave testimony were Ethan Park and Dakota Wright, now sixth graders in Beaverton schools. Park and Wright stood in front of a legislative body that wasn't particularly affable and were able to persuade them to act. "Like us, animals only have one life, and it shouldn't be spent in a cage," Wright told lawmakers. "Every dog deserves the chance to meet their best friend." "If you were in their shoes," Park asked, "would you want to be used and then discarded? Or have a chance at your life?"

Sharon Harmon, Oregon Humane Society president and chief executive officer, said she's proud of the work done by these young activists to push for something they're passionate about, effectively allowing these animals to retire with new families once they've done their service. "We all win when we look at animals as sentient beings. This certainly is a bright

spot in the world today to know these kids are looking outside themselves and looking to those who don't have a voice to make sure they're safe and protected," Harmon said.

Steiner Hayward agreed with Harmon and hopes that is a lesson seen by Oregonians, both young and old, searching for a way to take something they're passionate about and turn into action. "People in policymaking positions really do listen to (your) voices and want to hear what's important to them and how they can make a difference in the world around them because they see things we don't, and they have the opportunity to dig in on issues we don't," she said.

As we get into the Short Session 2020, I will keep you informed as to what's coming and I wish all you a great day. Until next time.

Happy Trails



## Membership Matters

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After waiting through a mild November and December, winter has finally arrived to northeastern Oregon. The snow has been accumulating steadily for days here at our mountainside home. The driveway was barely passable yesterday. I know it is time to get some snow removal equipment operating. It would be easier to just sit in the warmth of the fireplace and B.Y.O.B. – not Bring Your Own Beverage, but Bring Your Own Boot socks. You know those warm, thick socks that are soft, warm, and comfortable. We can be very content in our safe, insulated home, but also can be isolated.

This feeling is similar to how we feel sometimes in our Community Grange. We feel safe, content, and supported by Brothers and Sisters in the Grange. We can gather together to work on local community needs and projects. The Grange is built upon this base of grassroots activities. However, there is the danger of becoming isolated from other Granges throughout the State and Nation.

Just as we are strengthened by coming together at our local Grange, able to support each other and to accomplish much more as a group; so are we stronger when we work

together as Grangers in our larger organization. Much can be gained clearing out the roadways, moving away from our comfortable hearth, and reaching out to other Granges.

As Membership Director, I have learned of the great value that members and Community Granges gain by participating in statewide activities. If a Grange has not been enjoying the benefits of becoming involved in Oregon State Grange activities, that Grange has become isolated and is not realizing its full potential. I encourage each Community Grange and Pomona Grange to send their elected delegates to the annual state convention. It can be difficult financially to travel and attend; so, local Granges should support those willing to go. But there is much to be gained by participating beyond our comfort zones, and your entire Grange will be enhanced by the experience.

In the next few months, State Grange representatives, officers, committee directors and district chairs will be visiting local Granges throughout Oregon to learn more about your local needs, and provide support to your Grange. These visits will be a good opportunity to ask about how you can become more involved.



State Master Susan Noah presented Honor Grange letters to Clackamas County Granges during their January Pomona meeting. Pictured l-r back row: Ed Luttrell, Molalla Grange #310 with a net gain of three; Cody Dunsmuir, Eagle Creek Grange #297 with a net gain of three; Christy Dumolt, Clarkes Grange #261 with a net gain of four. Front row: OSG Master Susan Noah, Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater Grange #263 with a net gain of two and Gertrude Thompson, Redland Grange #796 with a net gain of nine.

## Nationally 351 Granges Record Net Gains, Named Honor Granges

By Amanda Brozana Rios  
National Grange Communications & Development Director

National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director Joe Stefanoni reported 351 Granges had received the title of Honor Granges in 2019.

Honor Granges are Subordinate/Community Granges that showed a net gain in membership from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. The second quarter membership numbers submitted from Subordinate/Community Granges to State Granges and then to the National Grange are compared to the previous year's numbers to determine the list of Honor Granges, Stefanoni said.

"These Granges should be com-

mended for all their hard work. They each serve their communities in the way that is most relevant and effective so as to remain attractive to prospective members," National Grange President Betsy Huber said.

Stefanoni said the work of these Granges, however, has just begun. "It is important to remember that bringing a new member into the Grange isn't where the work ends," Stefanoni said. "New members need to be mentored in Grange history, culture and traditions so that they can become part of the fabric of our organization and will remain a member for decades to come."

## Oregon Honor Granges Named

Fifty-seven Subordinate/Community Granges from twenty-four counties in Oregon have been recognized as Honor Granges by the National Grange and will receive a letter of Congratulation from Joe Stefanoni, National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director.

Leading Oregon Granges was Marys River #685, Benton County with a net gain of eighteen members. Others in order of gain are:

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|--|--|
| <b>Gain of 12</b><br>Rockford Grange #501  | Fairview Grange #273<br>Parkdale Grange #500<br>Coburg West. Pt Grange #535<br>Sandlake Grange #546<br>Vale Grange #696<br>Lake Creek Grange #697<br>Central Point Grange #698<br>Bandon Grange #702<br>Bridge Grange #730<br>Roxy Ann Grange #792<br>Santiam Valley Grange #828   |
| <b>Gain of 9</b><br>Columbia Grange #267<br>Redland Grange #796<br>Skyline Grange #894   |  |
| <b>Gain of 8</b><br>Live Oak Grange #655   |  |
| <b>Gain of 7</b><br>McMinnville Grange #31<br>Bellview Grange #759<br>Sixes Grange #856  | <b>Gain of 1</b><br>Fort Union Grange #953<br>Multnomah Grange #71<br>Boring-Damascus Grange #260<br>Vernonia Grange #305<br>Netel Grange #410<br>Pacific Grange #413<br>Pleasant Grove Grange #475<br>Jasper Grange #532<br>Triangle Grange #533<br>Eagle Point Grange #664<br>Rickreall Grange #671<br>Rockwall Grange #679<br>Aloha Grange #773<br>Phoenix Grange #779<br>Olney Grange #793<br>Kellogg Grange #811<br>North End Grange #820 |
| <b>Gain of 6</b><br>Harding Grange #122  |  |
| <b>Gain of 5</b><br>Macleay Grange #293<br>Siletz Valley Grange #558   |  |
| <b>Gain of 4</b><br>Clarkes Grange #261<br>Milwaukie Grange #268<br>Forest Grove Grange #282<br>Quincy Grange #321<br>Mt. Vernon Grange #659<br>Spencer Creek Grange #855  |  |
| <b>Gain of 3</b><br>Winona Grange #271<br>Eagle Creek Grange #297<br>Molalla Grange #310<br>Fruitdale Grange #379<br>Boulevard Grange #389<br>Riversdale Grange #731<br>Silverton Grange #748<br>White Clover Grange #784<br>Ash Butte Grange #802 |  |
| <b>Gain of 2</b><br>Willamette Grange #52<br>Springwater Grange #263   |  |





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## Veterans

Jim Clute  
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 Oregon State Grange Veterans Director



### Vietnam Veterans Day

Sunday March 29, 2020 - National Vietnam War Veterans Day. 2012 marked the start of a thirteen years long celebration honoring Vietnam War Veterans which will culminate on Veterans Day 2025.

### Getting ready for the Oregon State Grange Convention?

The District 5 planning committee is working hard to provide all of us with an enjoyable experience when we attend the State Session this year in Klamath Falls. The Air National Guard base for the 173rd Fighter Wing is there in Klamath Falls and current plans are to tour the base as part of the OSG Veterans Committee program this year. If you like getting up close and friendly with our national defense, please give us a heads up if you are thinking of joining us for the Veterans committee tour on Friday prior to Oregon State Session in Klamath Falls.

### New Number for suicide hotline

A new word on the street is a 3-digit hotline phone number for suicide help. As of January 1, 2020, this is still a proposal. The concept has been approved by the US congress, but now the phone companies have to make it work. So, while it is in the pipeline, it is not operational yet.

### Some Other ways to get HELP

Free Help for Veterans (1-877-424-3838) 24/7 to access VA's services for homeless and at-risk Veterans Homeless Veteran Chat Confidential, 24/7 online support for homeless Veterans and friends or <https://www.va.gov/homeless> for more information.

Are you a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one? The VA offers same day services in Primary Care and Mental Health at 172 VA Medical Centers across the coun-

try? Make the Connection Resource Locator Contact the Veterans Crisis Line (1-800-273-8255 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255.)

Another source for Veterans information that I started receiving recently is an email titled VA News. You can sign up for it by emailing [veteransaffairs@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:veteransaffairs@public.govdelivery.com)

Another options is #VetResources - for Veterans, their Families, Caregivers, and Survivors. Sign up for this weekly newsletter at [www.VA.gov/VetResources](http://www.VA.gov/VetResources)

A new VA program called "Solid Start" is being implemented in which the VA is to contact all newly separated military personnel three times during the first year to help them better transition back into civilian life. While "online resources" and the call center at 800-827-1000 are still available to all Veterans and other beneficiaries, the hope is that personal contact by people that have experienced the same difficulties, sharing how they coped and what is available will reduce some of the suicide feelings that are plaguing our Veterans.

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1; send a text to 838255; or chat online at [www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat). Representatives provide free, confidential support and crisis intervention 24/7/365.

### Pillow cases and Quilts of Valor

The program started by Gail Wilson of White Eagle Grange in the Pendleton area to provide pillowcases for our troops will be changing a little this year. Darlene Mc-

Donnell of Little Deschutes Grange # 939, Deschutes County, has a good start on pillowcases for Veterans. Our Vets are always grateful for what we do provide for them, even if they have trouble expressing it. Hopefully there will be an abundance for all. This year, any pillowcases donated by state convention (either homemade or purchased) will be given to the "Band of Brothers" (a Veterans group from LaPine) during convention in Klamath Falls. I am planning on making that presentation on the floor at this year.

In the future, plans are being made for a contest that will provide a pillowcase/protector case for the Quilts of Valor that are given along with a quilt. Watch the GWA column for more details.

### SWISS STEAK DINNER

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## Grange Youth & Young Adults

Connie Suing  
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OSG Youth Director



I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season. I hope that if you had an event at your Grange or somewhere in your community that you let the younger Grangers in your Grange help plan that event as they all have wonderful, innovative ideas.

It's hard to believe that another State Grange convention is right around the corner. There is an application on the next page for the Youth/Young Adults in your Granges to fill out for State Youth officers in June in Klamath Falls. This is truly a fun experience for the group. Besides the early morning practices, they participate in a couple workshops, do a couple community service projects, have their own picnic /BBQ and reconnect with their Grange friends. Encourage your Youth to apply and please assist them if you can. This does not interfere with them serving as delegates for your Grange.

Again in this issue of the Bulletin there is a flyer for "Keeping Oregon Warm". This has been a wonderful project and really appreciated by all the Districts that we've been to so far. Keep those hats, gloves, socks, etc coming as I'm certain that District 5 will be happy to distribute them where they are needed.

We are looking forward to getting together as a group for a fun day. We want to meet up at Smith Rock and go hiking, geo-caching, etc. See ad below for details.

I know some of you know very well, but some of you don't know how much. We appreciate you donating to and/or purchasing raffle tickets for our Goodie Baskets. The monies that come from these baskets allow our Youth and Young Adults to travel to the Western Regional Leadership conference and National Grange Convention, where otherwise they might not be able to go and represent our wonderful Oregon at those events.

The six District Youth Chairs work hard to put together fun baskets for you to ooh and aah over at State Grange convention and then possibly take home at the conclusion of our Youth luncheon. You will soon be receiving a letter from myself along with raffle tickets to purchase. Again, you can't imagine how much we truly appreciate your help.



### New Programs

I will try to introduce one new item from the National Grange Youth Program Guide each article. This time I want to summarize "GRANGE Youth Pillar Project."

The Six Pillars are;  
**GROWTH  
RITUAL  
ACTION  
NETWORKING  
GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY  
EDUCATION**

Each of these is a project that has 5 sections to it –

1. Identify Need
2. Objective
3. Planning Process
4. Action
5. Follow Up

A project portfolio needs to be created and turned into the National Youth Director by September 1st.

Detailed instruction can be found in the 2020 National Grange Youth Program Guide pages 33 and 34.

Until next time, remember to encourage your Youth and Young Adults, I know they will "Be Delighted."



## Oregon Youth and Young Adults Working In Their Granges



Left: Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County - Santa's trusty elf, Austin VanHouten, was the pancake cook for the day during the Grange's Breakfast with Santa on December 14th.



Below: Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County - Jessie Jo Guttridge busy chopping potatoes for the Sunday afternoon dinner at the Clackamas County Veterans Transitional Housing village on January 12th.



Left: Crow Grange #450, Lane County - Penny Suing helping with dishes at the Mohawk McKenzie Grange Christmas dinner on December 18th.

Below: Waltherville Grange #416, Lane County - Master Tyler Manthei welcomed members and guests to the Grange's holiday dinner and open house on December 10th.



## Youth and Young Adult Fun Day ~ April 18<sup>th</sup>

- Meet at the Terrebonne Grange parking lot @11am 8286 11th St, Terrebonne
- A day of hiking, geo-caching and other activities as well as a community service project

You don't want to miss the fun and fellowship of this event. Watch the OSG Youth and Young Adult Facebook page as well as the April/May Bulletin for more information.






**2020**  
**Keeping Oregon Warm**  
 A part of the "Keeping the West Warm"  
 a project of the Grange Youth and Young Adults  
 in the Western Region

**The Oregon State Grange Youth  
 and Young Adults are collecting stocking  
 caps, mittens, gloves, scarves,  
 socks, etc...**

**both purchased and homemade**  
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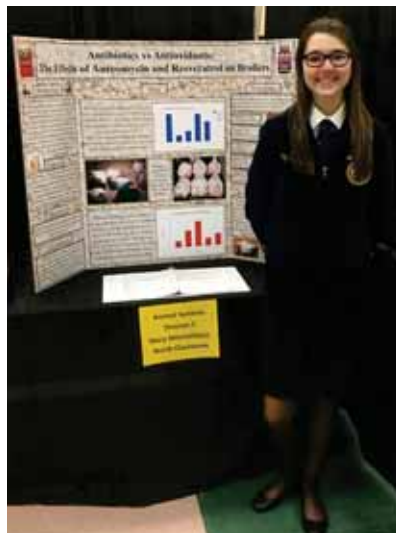
Items are to be brought to the  
**Oregon State Grange Convention in**  
 Klamath Falls June 20-25,  
 where they will be displayed  
 before being sorted for distribution

For More information contact:  
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 State Youth & Young Adult Director  
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Right: Mary Mitchelldyer with her display explaining her research on using antioxidants as an alternative to antibiotics in broiler feed at the National FFA Agriscience Fair.



## FFA American Farmer Continued from page 1

it was a hard decision to give that up. After a couple of years of college, she looked at what her life would be like as a veterinarian and more specifically in the poultry industry. She realized that she wanted a job that was more active and that changed with every day, a job where she could still be involved in FFA and get to see the impact that agriculture education has on students; a job where she could impact others and give back to the agriculture industry. Once vet school was off the table there was only one career that she considered, become an ag teacher.

In discussing this change she also said she felt "it was really important for people, especially younger members, to see that it is okay to change paths no matter how long you have wanted to do something." Mary is very excited to see where this new path will take her.

### American Farmer Degree

The American FFA Degree is awarded at the National FFA Convention and Expo each year to less than one percent of FFA members, making it one of the organization's highest honors. Requirements to earn the honor are lengthy.

To be eligible to receive the American FFA Degree, members must have received their State FFA Degree, hold active membership for the past three years in an FFA Chapter, complete secondary instruction in an agricultural education program and operate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program. Community service, leadership abilities and outstanding scholastic achievement are also required.

In addition to their degree certificate, each recipient receives a gold American FFA Degree key.

## Oregon State Grange Youth Officer Application

Postmarked to the State Office by March 31<sup>st</sup>

643 Union St NE ~ Salem OR 97301 ~ csuing@hotmail.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (on Jan. 1, 2020) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange: \_\_\_\_\_ Pomona: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Will you need banquet meal tickets? ☐ Yes ☐ No

At this time, have you been designated as a delegate by your Grange?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you available to help install the Junior Officers on Sunday?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain your first choice \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

List previous Oregon State Grange Youth Officer positions you have held

What Grange contest/activities have you or do you plan to participate in?

*I agree that if I am selected to be a Youth Officer, I will attend all scheduled practice sessions and be prepared to open State Grange Convention on Wednesday morning. I further agree that if I have a speaking part, I will have it fully committed to memory UPON ARRIVAL AT THE State Grange Convention. I will also wear the proper attire for the opening of the Oregon State Grange on Wednesday morning. Dress code for the men include: slacks, button-up shirt, jacket, tie and dress shoes. Dress code for women include: floor length dress with straps or sleeves and dress shoes. (Military dress uniform is allowed/encouraged if serving on active duty.) If you need help finding these items, please contact the Youth Director. You are expected to participate in the youth activities (delegate work is the priority) and lend a helping hand to any task requested.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm the first four degrees or welcoming ceremony had been received when this application was signed (initials) \_\_\_\_\_



# OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - October 29, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:15am by Master Susan Noah. Members present included Jay Sexton, Sarah Kingsborough, Louise Holst, John Fine, and Sam Keator.

Prior meeting minutes from June 30<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

## Financial Reports

- Financial reports for August and September were reviewed. The 2019 audit is scheduled to start May 4, 2020. We discussed several Granges which have late or incorrect quarterly report payments requiring the state office to make adjustments to the next report. Grange loans were reviewed and discussed.
- Membership numbers were reviewed based on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly reports received thus far. We have gained 406 new members in 2019, however, due to significant drops in the 1st quarter we are not yet at a net gain of membership. We are encouraged by the growth in some areas and hope to see this continue as we receive the rest of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and then 4<sup>th</sup> quarter reports.
- Investment Review with Scott Barker – Scott shared our year to date return is at 10.71% on our investments. He is encouraged by the stabilization of our investment policy which will help ride us through any volatility that could come to the market.

## Unfinished Business

- North Howell – County Commissioners voted to accept the zoning changes on October 2, 2019, and it takes approximately three weeks to sign paperwork. Our sale is pending the sale of his current home in Gresham.
- High Desert Grange – Lot line adjustment is in process. There was an inquiry about the building and a reorganization discussion was held. We hope to see more interest from the community.
- Former OSG attorney Don Willner had a storage unit.
  - John moved to notify our attorney, Nancy Murray, that we are not interested in pursuing files that Don Willner may have had in his position at the time of his death. Sam seconded. Motion passed.

## New Business

- Midland Grange wants to sell their hall. We had a good discussion around the membership, projects, income, and building needs. Louise Holst left the room for final dis-

cussion and decision process since she is a member of that Grange. Jay offered interest in supporting Midland, and shared positive ideas that have worked well with growing his Grange including improving a welcoming environment, open house, publicity, etc. Sarah proposed that our March 28<sup>th</sup> Exec Committee meeting be held at Midland Grange, and that we help host an event for the community to learn about Grange and other local organizations. Klamath Falls is the location of our 2020 Oregon State Grange Convention, and this is the perfect opportunity for us to grow the Grange in that area.

- Jay moved to respond to Midland Grange to offer the support of the Oregon State Grange for one year in effort to improve the membership of their Grange as opposed to selling their property. John seconded. Motion passed. Louise Holst abstained from the vote.
- Insurance on contents of our storage unit is \$461 annually. We deemed there is not sufficient value to warrant insurance.
  - Jay moved to cancel the insurance. Sarah seconded. Motion passed.
- Membership program for 2020 – continuation of "Come Together at the Grange" with visits to the Granges. Priorities will be on assisting the Subordinate Granges and learning how the state leadership can support them. Visitors will go in pairs and will be selected to be a good fit for the Granges.
  - Sarah moved to allot up to \$10,000 for the 2020 Come Together Membership Program. Jay seconded. Motion Passed.
- National Grange settled with California Guild; we may receive full payment on our loan early.

Lunch Break 12:45-1:30pm

- Log Cabin recap – Cookbooks did not sell as quickly as projected, but we should have the cost pretty much covered by now. Looking at next year to possibly sell branded jam or jelly.
  - Cookbooks are available for sale. A Grange inquired on a discount for purchasing in bulk to sell at their Grange events.
  - Jay moved to offer a deal to Granges of 20 cookbooks prepaid at \$13 each. Granges can pick up

or pay for their own shipping. Louise seconded. Motion passed.

- The State Grange could use one more tri-fold unit for displays at the log cabin, state session, or other events.
  - Sam moved to purchase a tri-fold unit for \$289.99. John seconded. Motion passed.
- Holiday time off – Christmas is on a Wednesday so the office will be closed, typically the office has also been closed on Christmas Eve, although it was not designated in the employee handbook as a paid holiday, but employees are used to having it off. Could the office shut down for the week and transfer the phones to Susan's cell? New Year's Day is on Wednesday as well – should the office be open on Tuesday? Thursday that week does not seem to be a problem. All employees have excess vacation coming as well.
  - Sam moved to approve vacation time for the office staff the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day. Employees who want the non-holiday days off can take them with their vacation pay. They will receive holiday pay for December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. If no employees are working on Tuesday or Thursday those weeks, then the office phones will be forwarded to Susan's cell phone. Jay seconded. Motion passed.
- Several Granges, both current and dormant, have property listed on the state's unclaimed property website. The state office will work to claim funds for dormant Granges and research GMIC property. We will make the active Granges aware of the issue.
- Sonny has completed some of the research into electronic payment of dues for the Subordinate Granges. Not completed yet, but he is working on an article for the Bulletin.
- Legislative update. With a short session coming in 2020 it is important that our lobbyist and legislative committee understand Grange priorities, as well as, our expectations for action and communications.
- State Session Housing – State Master and the National guest, likely Joe Stefanoni, will stay at the Comfort Inn. The office staff will stay at the Townhouse hotel with a kitchenette. Due to distance, we will likely need the reservation Thursday night through the following Friday.

- Old/current Grange Bulletins need to be bound into books. We haven't had a book made since 1993. One of the members at Mary's River Grange is able to do the binding and will give us a price after viewing the old books. We should be able to fit 2-3 years' worth of issues per book.
  - Sam moved to bound the past bulletins into books. Louise seconded. Motion passed.
- OSG Attorney working on information regarding the difference between Emotional Support and Service Animals, and what Granges need to know. This may be a workshop at State Convention.
- Sunnyridge may want to sell the building – will present something at the January EC meeting
- Spence Scholarship – has been \$500 possibly for as long as it has been a scholarship. With increasing education costs, we know it's important to show support to our Grange families with a sufficient scholarship.
  - Jay moved that we augment the Spence Memorial Scholarship Fund to increase the scholarship to \$1,000 annually by transferring \$10,000 from the OSG Emergency Fund to the Spence Scholarship Fund. John seconded. Motion passed.
- Grant Committee Recommendations – we received grant applications from twelve Granges and they were reviewed by the Grant Committee on Sunday October 26th. A total of \$44,119.07 in grants were recommended for approval by the grant committee.
  - Goldson #868 for roof repair
  - Lake Creek #697 for emergency exit door and stairs
  - Macleay #293 for roof repairs
  - McMinnville #31 for flooring and parking lot
  - North Bayside #691 for concrete footings and windows
  - Pacific #413 for roof repairs
  - Redland #796 for roof repairs
  - Rockwall #679 for bathroom repairs
  - Santiam Valley #828 for replacement doors and painting
  - Scholls #338 for windows
  - Union Hill # 728 for ceiling repair, paint, fans and lighting
  - Willamette #52 for roof



## Officer Installations Around the State



Lane Pomona installation team l-r: Linda Wetzell, Jeff Dehne, Pat Heard, Louise McClure, Alice Nowicki, Ken Schweiger, Mary Lambert, Martin McClure, Peggy Jillson, Connie Suing, Linda Pugh, Mark Noah, and Dick Wyant.



Officers from Abernethy, Clarkes, Eagle Creek, Maplewood, Molalla, Redland and Warner Granges were installed on December 29.



Above: Pat Heard installing officers gives the pledge to Masters from Crow, Central, London, Goshen, Thurston, and Creswell Granges.

### Lane County

The Lane Pomona Installation team installed about 30 members into offices from various Granges in Lane County on Sunday afternoon, December 8th with around 50 Grangers present. Pat Heard from Irving Grange led the team. Light refreshments were served after the Installation.



Above: Creswell Grange #496. Lane County officers gathered to be installed into their offices in early December.

### Clackamas County

Installation of Clackamas County Subordinate/Community Grange officers was held on Sunday December 29 at Warner Grange. Breanna McKay of Abernethy was the installing officer. 25 officers from seven Granges were installed. Additional installations were held at The Sandy, Redland, Clarkes and Molalla Granges.



The Sandy Grange # 392, Clackamas County installation was held on January 11 with Pomona Master Ed Luttrell as installing officer. Six new members gained in the last quarter were among the officers installed.

## OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - October 29, 2019 continued

repair, cleaning and paint upstairs  
John moved to approve the recommendations of the grant committee and fund the applications. Sarah seconded. Motion passed. Jay chose to abstain from the vote since he is a member of one of the proposed Granges.

### Decisions made via email

- Agreement to donate \$250 to National for the FFA convention
- Agreement to allow Redland Grange to go forward with a lot line adjustment
- Agreement to allow Fruitdale to withdraw \$4,810.60 from their custodial funds to remove a storage unit on the property.
- Agreement to participate as a vendor (with an information booth) in the NW Pro Rodeo Association Finals. We ended up not doing this since Susan could not be there on Saturday and was not able to find someone to staff.
- Agreement to allow South Fork to withdraw \$2,000 from custodial funds finish the hall upgrades.
- Agreement to allow Fruitdale to withdraw \$12,210.90 from custodial funds for various projects, including a complete audio/visual system, replacing some carpet, replacing exterior lights and additional lighting being added. Also, they wanted to use part of the funds to make a donation to the local Salva-

tion Army thrift store.

- Agreement to allow Williams to withdraw \$1,687.65 from their custodial funds for some painting and upgrading electrical wiring and lighting.
- Agreement to allow Terrebonne to withdraw \$2,000 in custodial funds for various repair work
- Agreement to cover travel funds for Maggie Schwarzendruber to attend National Grange as a communication fellow.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

Sarah Kingsborough  
Secretary

### Grange Reports

- Hillsboro Grange continuing to work on relations among their members and their public image.
- Williams Grange is having issues with members of their community.
- McMinnville Grange has had contact with the state deputy and Master. They are growing in membership and working on improving internal communications.

### Next Meetings

January 5, 2020 – 1:00 pm  
March 28, 2020 – 9:00 am  
\*\*In Klamath Falls  
May 30, 2020 – 9:00 am



## Granges Celebrate Thanksgiving



Above: An almost full dining room enjoyed the community potluck at Crow Grange.

### Crow Grange Thanksgiving Open House and Community Potluck

Crow Grange #450, Lane County, held its annual Thanksgiving Open House and community potluck on Thursday November 21st. They had the pleasure of having State Master Susan Noah speak to them about her fond memories spent at Crow Grange when she was a Youth. They had 80+ friends,

neighbors, and Grangers who enjoyed a great Turkey dinner with all the trimmings provided by the Crow Grange with guests who were asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Girl Scout Troop 20176 helped decorate and set up for the dinner. The evening was a great success.

### Wolf Creek Holds Community Dinner

Wolf Creek Grange #596, Union County held their community potluck dinner November 14. This gives the Grange the opportunity to

share with neighbors what they do and to make friends with food and good times enjoyed by all.

### Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>March 1</b>          | Candidate acceptance and statements for Oregon State Grange Officers must arrive at the state office by 5pm |
| <b>March 31</b>         | State Community Service Report due. Send to the state office, post marked by March 31.                      |
| <b>April 18</b>         | Youth/Young Adult Activity – Smith Rock State Park  |
| <b>April 25-26</b>      | Oregon Ag Fest – Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem  |
| <b>April 30</b>         | 1st Quarter Reports Due   |
| <b>May 1</b>            | State Grange, GWA & Foundation Scholarships applications must be postmarked                                 |
| <b>May 5</b>            | Community/Subordinate Grange Ballots for State Officers must arrive at state office by 5pm                  |
| <b>May 21</b>           | Resolutions must be received at the State Grange office to be considered at the 2020 convention.            |
| <b>June 20-25, 2020</b> | Oregon State Grange Convention – Klamath County Fairgrounds, Klamath Falls                                  |
| <b>August 7-9, 2020</b> | Western Regional Leadership & Youth Conference – Boise, Idaho   |
| <b>November 17-21</b>   | 154 <sup>th</sup> National Grange Convention - Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania    |

### Riversdale Holds Thanksgiving Weekend Craft Bazaar

Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County, had a successful holiday craft fair during the Thanksgiving weekend. This event really capitalized on the black Friday buyers looking for the handcrafted goodies and knowing their money is going back to the community.

The parking lot was filled and the hall was overflowing with happy purchasers and busy vendors both Grange members and local entre-

preneurs. Many of the vendors were return booth holders and recognized the valuable opportunity Riversdale Grange offers.

The Grange ran a concession booth that offered yummy hot foods and drinks. Overall the event was a great success and a good example of the opportunity available when the Grange piggybacks with other community events.

### Lane County Granges Host Thanksgiving Community Meals

Several Lane County Granges held Thanksgiving meals.

Thurston Grange #853 held their Thanksgiving dinners on November 15<sup>th</sup>. There were pretty decorations and plenty of food along with door prizes.

Then the following evening, November 16<sup>th</sup>, Goshen Grange #561, enjoyed a Harvest Dinner. Local

Firefighters and EMTs were welcomed to the meal. They were also encouraged to attend and join as Grange members at any time.

Then later in the month London Grange #937 provided a community Thanksgiving feast of turkey, ham, potatoes, gravy and stuffing with guests providing side dishes to share on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>.

L-r: Carol McKenzie, Ruby Jones, and Mary Lambert helped with preparing the food for Thurston Grange Thanksgiving Dinner.



Goshen Grange #561, welcomed local Firefighters and EMTs to their Harvest Dinner.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Moving? Let Us Know.

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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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