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Phyllis Wilson, Past State President

Moves to the Great Grange Above

Grant Opportunities Increase

Sister Phyllis Wilson, past President of the Oregon State Grange and former Chaplain of the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry passed away on December 18, 2020, at her home in Myrtle Point, Oregon. Sister Phyllis was the first woman to hold the position of President of the Oregon State Grange. She was elected in 2006 and served until 2010. Sister Phyllis was elected National Grange Chaplain in 2008 and served until 2011.



Sister Phyllis had a long and enthusiastic Grange career, receiving her 50-year pin in 2019. In addition to state President (Master) she served as OSG Vice President (Overseer) from 2002 to 2006 and state Secretary from 2010 to 2014. She and her family joined Sumner Grange #865 outside of Coos Bay, Oregon in 1969 after buying a 110 acre cattle ranch in the area. Like many farmers, they turned to the Grange for insurance and found so much more.

Sister Phyllis said of the first Grange meeting she attended: “I will never forget the first time we attended a Grange meeting because it was a joint meeting that involved the Grange and 4-H and there were 200 people in the hall. Our two children were immediately interested and it didn’t take them long to join 4-H.” It was after Sumner Grange closed and she joined Greenacres Grange in 1988 that she really began “taking Grange seriously and was totally involved” after that.

Besides serving in many offices in her local Grange and Pomona, Sister Phyllis brought many skills garnered from her various positions in her work life to the Grange offices she held. In 2006 she retired from the Coos-Curry Housing Authorities (HUD) where she had worked since 1988 and was serving as Assistant to the Director when she retired..

Recently, Sister Phyllis had suffered a stroke and was on her way to recovering when she lost her son David. She enjoyed a close friend-

ship with her neighbors Ed and Carol Short and still visited frequently on the telephone with her Grange “home away from home” Nadine and Ken Telschow.

Phyllis Adell Booth Wilson was born July 31, 1942 in Nebraska to Arthur and Freda Booth. In addition to her son David, Sister Phyllis was preceded in death by her daughter Kelli, brother Charles Leroy Booth, sister Janice Rae Booth-Crawford and her parents. She is survived by a sister-in-law and a niece, who live in Washington State.

Known as the “heart and soul” of Greenacres Grange #834, she was serving as their Secretary at the time she passed. Remembrances may be sent to:

Green Acres Grange #834
President, Cathy Mann
93945 Greenacres Ln
Coos Bay OR 97420

Chaplain, Colleen Evans
60421 Fox Glove Ln
Coos Bay OR 97420

Each year Granges around the state are encouraged to apply for a matching grant of up to \$5000 to make improvements to their real property. The program is designed to help improve the standing of a Grange in its neighborhood, address external appearance and functionality of the hall and property and to encourage members to work for the betterment of their Grange halls. The objective is to improve the exterior “curb appeal” of Subordinate Grange halls, which will make the Granges more attractive to the public, including potential members.

Funds for these grants come from the ‘reverted trusts’ fund of inactive Granges and their halls that have become the property of the Oregon State Grange following the seven-year trust period. Use of these

funds are limited to: organizing new Subordinate/ Community Granges and Junior Granges; improvements to real property; making loans to Subordinate/ Community Granges; providing training to Grange leaders; and to pay the utilities, maintenance, and property taxes of inactive Grange halls that have become the property of the Oregon State Grange.

Starting in 2021 the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee made the decision to open a window for grant applications twice during the year, once with a March 1st deadline and once with a September 1st deadline. They have also increased the amount of dollars to be awarded to \$70,000 for the year. \$35,000 will be set aside for each grant cycle,

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Scott Jacobson Succumbs to COVID-19

Scott Allen Jacobson, former Gatekeeper of the Oregon State Grange, passed away on December 30, 2020 due to underlying conditions complicated by COVID-19.



He was born April 18, 1964 in Kodiak, Alaska, to Robert and Nancy Jacobson. He grew up in Astoria and graduated from Astoria High School in 1982. He went on to study Geriatrics at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

Scott’s passion was serving others, both in his career and in his community. His career centered around managing volunteers for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). RSVP volunteers provide services throughout Umatilla County, including volunteering at community senior centers and providing medical transportation and financial services to those in need.

After Scott left RSVP, he continued to set up programs to provide medical transportation and other services to those in need. With that goal in mind, he was owner and general manager of Safe T Transport LLC, a passenger transport company with the main office located in

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The President's Column

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a peaceful and happy holiday season and new year. Instead of the normal Noah family Christmas Eve we all toasted each other via Zoom and then each settled down with their own family to celebrate the season. For Mark, Bailey and I, New Years was pretty much the same as any other evening, with Bailey and I staking out the couch as we all watched the ball drop at midnight. Fireworks were going off in our neighborhood so Mark and I stood on the porch for a while just after midnight to watch the neighborhood celebrations. Bailey of course was happy to have me give up the whole couch to her!

Now that the holidays are over, I guess it's time to get back to reality in our personal lives as well as our Grange lives. I truly believe that 2021 will be better for our organization, but we still need to get past the (hopefully) last days of the COVID-19 crisis. I hope that by the time this article comes out in the February Bulletin we are seeing a reduction in new cases, rather than the increase that has been happening since Thanksgiving. That will mean a reopening of our halls for meetings and for rentals, which will allow us to start getting back to a more normal routine with the face-to-face meetings that are the cornerstone of the Grange. Zoom has been helpful for keeping us involved and close to each other, but nothing can compare to a Grange potluck and meeting. I really miss the chatter, the hugs, and even the good-natured arguments when members disagree. Getting back to meetings like that may still take a while, but I know we will get there if we work together to beat this virus.

Until we can meet in person however I really want to encourage each Grange to continue, or start, to meet virtually. The State Grange has a Zoom account that we can make available for use by individual Granges. It is very important that we continue to stay in touch with each other and continue to meet as a Grange even if it is virtual. Every day I hear stories of how isolated we are all feeling due to the pandemic, so again I encourage each of our members to reach out to each other. As the State Grange President, I want to know that our Granges have found a way to hold meetings to conduct business, but as a person I simply want to know that we are connecting with each other and helping each other through these difficult times. We consider ourselves family, so please continue to reach out to each other. Make sure that everyone in your Grange has someone to talk to, someone that can offer help as it is needed. This is a time when service begins at home, a time

when we do come together to support each other. One of the cornerstones of our organization is the personal connection we make with each other. That connection is needed now more than ever.

Matching Grant, now twice per year!

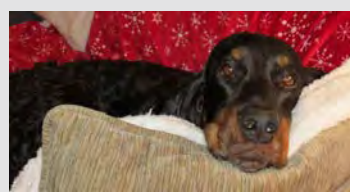
On a better note, the Executive Committee agreed to open up the Matching Grant process to twice a year, rather than once, and they agreed to up the total amount to be distributed to \$70,000 annually. This means that we will be able to fund several more Granges as they work to improve the appearance and functionality of their hall. The first deadline for submissions will be March 1st, and those grants will be awarded prior to May 31st. The second deadline will still be September 1st with an award date of 12/31. Up to \$35,000 will be available for the March deadline, and any remaining funds will roll over to the September deadline, assuring that the entire \$70,000 will be available at some point during the year. Over the last six years it has become apparent that emergencies were coming up but the grant was too far off to be able to help the Grange. We believe having a spring and fall application process will allow the help to be more evenly spread throughout the year. Applications were mailed the first week in January and are due by March 1st.

150th Anniversary

The 150th anniversary of the Oregon State Grange will be here before we know it! We were chartered on September 27th 1873. At our State Session last year there was a resolution to appoint a committee to work on activities for our 150th year, so if you are interested in being a part of this committee please let me know. By the beginning of 2023 we should have a slate of activities ready to go that promotes the Grange and celebrates our history. Even if you do not want to participate on a committee but have ideas for our celebration please feel free to share them with me.

Moving Forward

2020 was not a nice, or kind, year and 2021 is not starting out any better. While we are still in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, our nation's capital has suffered damage, and as a people we are more divided than ever. As an individual I have frequently felt depressed these last few months but as a member of the Grange I am drawn to the words from our Declaration of Purposes: *We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that "progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion,"*



Bailey Barks

Well, I am back to being in charge! I'm not going to let one silly operation slow me down, well maybe it did just a little, but not for long. After being at the vet's for almost a week, it took me no time at all to move mom off the couch and take over my rightful place. So, for now, back to normal, just missing a lot of hair where they shaved my tummy.

I guess I got a glimpse of what many of you humans have been going through during this pandemic. For once I was alone and away from my people, they couldn't come to visit me, and no one let me use the phone to call them. For a week I didn't know when I would see them, or if they were ok and all they had was a cheery voice from a doctor or nurse telling them I had a good night, or that I ate, or that I ate everything in site after getting my appetite back! It was scary for me, and I bet it's been scary for some of you as well. I guess the lesson is that we should enjoy each other's company while we can, because you never know when something might happen to interrupt our lives.

Reach out to each other, I use my paw to let mom know where to scratch (she calls me Miss Bossy Paw) but humans can use the phone, or that Zoom thing, or you can send cards or letters. Get cards with dogs on them though, because those are the best kind. But do what you have to, to keep your pack together. And don't forget that Valentines Day is coming, so get your dog a treat!

Woof, Bailey

while *"the fault lies in bitterness of controversy"*. It goes on to say: *We desire a proper equality, and fairness; protection for the weak, restraint upon the strong; in short, justly distributed power. These are American ideals, the very essence of American Independence, and to advocate the contrary is unworthy of the sons and daughters of our republic.* Our organization is needed so much right now, and we have so much to offer. When I speak of the Grange to non-members our ideals are what comes to my mind. I have grown up in the Grange watching us put into practice the words from our Declaration of Purposes, *"Progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion."* We may not always agree with each other, but we should always be mindful of our ideals and be respectful of everyone's opinion.

In closing I want to remind you of our motto:

*"In essentials, unity;
in non-essentials liberty;
in all things, charity"*

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2021 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

Sponsored by the National Lecturer

ADULT, JUNIOR AND MEN'S DIVISIONS
OCTOBER 31, 2021 DEADLINE

Go to nationalgrange.org for all details and entry sheet

Pinwheel pattern

Block may be any color on white background, finished at 14" x 14"

National Quilt Block Contest

- Rules**
 - A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
 - B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2021**. Send entries to:

Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
16418 N Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026
 - C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 155th National Grange convention in Wichita, Kansas.
 - D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
 - E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.
 - F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
 - G. A 2021 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.
- Groups**
 - Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
 - Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)
 - Group III – Men (Age 14+)
- Prizes**
 - Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group.
 - Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.
- Pattern:**

Pinwheel
- Color:**

Blocks can be of any 2 colors on white background.
- Fabric:**

All fabric used should be cotton.
- Finished:**

Should measure 14" x 14".
- Visit www.nationalgrange.org/national-grange-quilt-block-contest/ for complete rules, directions and entry forms.



Above: Forest Grove members enjoy a sunny day for leaf raking.

Forest Grove Prepares for Leaf Pickup

On Sunday December 27th, Forest Grove Grange #282, Washington County, members turned out to do cleanup of all the leaves around the hall and put them out in the street for pick up the following week. The city, as part of their Street Leaf Pickup Program comes around and picks the leaves up if they are in the street by a certain date.

The Lecturer's Column

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- 2021 Publicity Item Contest**

The ability of our Granges at every level, to successfully promote specific events or the Grange as a whole is necessary and important. The goal of the National Grange Publicity Item Contest is to recognize the publicity work being done by our Granges across the country and to share this work with other Granges with the intent of fostering even more and improved publicity efforts. The more Grange publicity occurring within our communities, the better!
- Rules**
 - A. The National Grange Publicity Item Contest is open to all Granges (*State, Pomona, Community, Junior*), *Grange committees or Grange groups (i.e. auxiliary, youth, Junior 1+)*.
 - B. A Publicity Item may be a flyer, poster or advertisement; a short video; a radio commercial or announcement; a social media post; a press kit or media release; a shirt, button or other wearable item; or anything else you create to promote Grange.
 - C. All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 1GB via Google Forms at: <http://tiny.cc/grange-21pubitem> by **October 31, 2021**.
 - D. There are two (2) divisions:
 - Created by a professional (*paid or in-kind*).
 - Created in-house (*without professional assistance*).
 - E. There is no limit on the number of publicity items that can be submitted by any Grange, Grange committee or Grange group.
 - F. Entries should be no more than one (1) year old.
 - G. If your publicity item is wearable please take a photo of the item and submit the photo.
 - H. Any entries received after the **October 31, 2021** deadline will not be judged.
- Prizes**

Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st – \$200, 2nd – \$100, 3rd – \$50 and 4th – \$25 in each division.





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NATIONAL GRANGE 2021 VIRTUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Get all details at bit.ly/ng21fotocon
Submit entries at bit.ly/grange21photo

2021 National Grange Virtual Photo Contest

- The 2021 National Grange Virtual Photo Contest is to encourage members and friends of the Grange to submit photos that can be used in National Grange publications and virtual media. All photos entered will become the property of the National Grange.
- Rules:**
 - A. The National Grange virtual contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Granger.
 - B. All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 1GB via Google Forms at <http://tiny.cc/grange-21photo> by October 31, 2021.
 - C. There are three divisions
 - a. Selfie
 - b. Close-up/Macro
 - c. Barns
 - E. Each individual is limited to entering a total of three (3) photos.
 - F. Entries should be no more than one (1) year old.
 - G. Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be judged or exhibited in the National Grange Virtual Photo contest.]
 - H. Any entries received after the October 31, 2021 deadline will not be judged.
- Prizes:**

Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$30 and 3rd - \$20.



The Chaplain's Corner

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Chaplain - Oregon State Grange

January has been a rough month for the Embree family. Randi's granddaughter, who lives with them part-time was sick and tested positive for COVID-19 and she shared with the rest of the household. Randi left the office as soon as she found out on January 7th and has not been back in the office since. We send healing thoughts to the family.

In Memoriam

Marilyn Harris
Boulevard #389

Robert Smith
Woodburn #79

Don Jenks
Abernethy #346

Phyllis Wilson
Greenacres #834

Doris Wallens
Warren #536

Scott Jacobson
Columbia #867

Milton L. Cooley
Morning Star #311

William (Bill) Nielsen
Junction City #744



*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.*

Community Decorates Christmas Tree in Granger's Memory

Redland Grange #796, Clackamas County's long time Secretary, Gertrude Thompson, passed away on March 22, 2020. And while her family held a Memorial Service on Zoom, the Grange and community have not been able to celebrate her life and tell her good-bye. And because of COVID-19 the Grange has been unable to hold an indoor meeting and drape their charter for her.

Enter her neighbor and best friend, Rozanna Myers Burroughs, who a week before Christmas started decorating a tree at the Grange in memory and tribute to Gertrude. It quickly became a neighborhood project with Grange members and neighbors adding personal ornaments to the tree. Each ornament was something special in memory of a great lady who loved the Christmas season and loved the Grange. One of the decorations was a pic-



ture of Gertrude sitting on Santa's lap from 2019, her last Christmas.

Redland Grange misses her dearly and as one member said, somehow we know that she is probably busy starting a Grange up in heaven.

Grant Opportunities Increase

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with the covenant of any money remaining from the March cycle will be added to the September cycle.

Applications must be postmarked by the date the cycle ends (March 1st or September 1st) or they may be emailed to the state President at the State Grange office (master@orgrange.org) but must arrive by the

deadline in order to be considered on time

The Grant Committee will meet following the deadline to make their selections, which are reported to the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee for final approval. The first cycle of grants for 2021 will be awarded by May 31st.

Gloria Thurston, Former State Grange Staff Member Passes Away

On Monday, January 11th, 2021, Gloria Thurston passed away in Portland, Oregon at the age of 72.

Gloria Arlene Thurston was born to Le Roy and Shirley Ann (Score) Ramse on July 28, 1948 in Breckenridge, Minnesota. She graduated from Minot High School in North Dakota before moving to Oregon. She built a career working in the lumber industry doing billing and lading. Later in her life, she did administrative work for the Oregon State Grange first as a volunteer and then as paid staff.

Gloria joined Springwater Grange #263 in 2000 and demitted to Colton-Foothills Grange #831 in 2008 both in Clackamas County. She was also an affiliate member at Woodburn Grange #79 in Marion County. She served as Secretary during her time at both Colton-Foothills and Woodburn.

Gloria was an accomplished china painter and a member of the Oregon China Painter's Society. She was an avid Texas Hold'em player and the President of the Resident Council at Brookdale Assisted Living where



she was living at the time of her death. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and could always be found at their sporting events cheering them on.

Gloria is survived by her daughter, Tori Carlson (Kevin) and grandchildren: Jordan, Makaila and Harper. Along with sisters: Velda Schooler and Carol Peterson, as well as several nieces, nephews, and her significant other, Jeff Groener.

No services are scheduled at this time.



Scott Jacobson Succumbs *continued from page 1*

Pendleton, Oregon. The company offered a variety of transportation services including: Medical Dial-A-Ride, Charter Bus Service, Limousine Service & Car Service.

Scott joined White Eagle Grange #683 in 1989. In 1992 he demitted to Fort Union Grange #953 as a charter member and was their first Master. At the time of his death, he was a member of Columbia Grange #867 in Umatilla County where he served as Secretary.

In addition to holding the office of State Gatekeeper from 1994-98, he had served on the state Youth committee in 1991, was OSG Junior Director 1992-1994, OSG Junior Camp Director 2001-2004, served on the OSG Legislative Committee 2012-2014 and 2017-2020, was OSG Youth/Young Adult Co-Director with his wife Clare 2014-16 and served on the Oregon GROW Club board since 2016. In 1991 Scott was selected as the National Grange Outstanding Young Adult and had opportunities the next year to represent the Youth and Young Adults program at events nationwide.

In addition to Grange, Scott was a member of the Pendleton Lions Club and a devoted Christian, a member of the First Christian Church of Pendleton, for over 30 years. He

had a love for camping and enjoyed God's country. Scott had many talents including, a phenomenal voice, quick wit, a knack for words, and that sense of humor those that knew him loved. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Scott is survived by his wife, of 27 years, Clare Jacobson of Pendleton; his brother Kevin Jacobson of Astoria; his son Christopher Ely and wife Marie of Pendleton; his daughter Kimberly Boone and husband Devin of Eugene; his son Timothy Jacobson of Kennewick, Washington; his daughter Jacquie Galvez and husband Brian of Meridian, Idaho; his daughter Sarah Bowen and husband Damian of Pendleton; his sons Nathan, Ryan and Austin Tate of Pendleton; his grandchildren Joshua, Cameron, Zachery, Bailey and Oliver; and his great-granddaughter Amara Kipp-Jacobson.

Donations to assist Scott's family may be made in his memory to:

Pendleton Pioneer Chapel
131 S.E. Byers Ave
Pendleton, OR 97801

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneer-chapel.com or sent to Clare at:

1717 Southgate Pl
Pendleton, OR 97801

“Enabling Regenerative Agriculture” Symposium a Success

On the 10th and 17th of November 2020 an international virtual symposium was held entitled, “Enabling Regenerative Agriculture: Getting Paid for Improving Soil Health.” This symposium was financially supported by numerous individuals and various nonprofits including substantial funding from the local Bellview Grange #547, the Oregon State Grange and the Oregon Grange Foundation. Thank you all for making this event possible and for helping to make it a roaring success and free to the public.

The basic goals of the symposium were to examine:

- The science behind regenerative agriculture (making soil healthy.)
- Public and private options available and anticipated that encourage carbon farming practices (returning atmospheric CO2 to the soil as plant residues.)
- Current and emerging policies and rules on carbon farming/ carbon sequestration
- Front line accomplishments from successful carbon farmers around the globe.
- Prepare farmers to participate in these future carbon credit programs.

Eleven speakers from the United States and Australia presented their perspectives to nearly 300 attendees over the two event days. Soil carbon as measured by content of soil organic matter is now a functional, sellable commodity on world markets for those wishing to reduce or eliminate their carbon footprint. Such a concept is increasingly appealing to industries and to individuals concerned with global warming. The good news is that conservation agricultural practices that lead to carbon farming and carbon sequestration are being practiced on some 12.5% of the total global cropland. If this was increased to 50% of the twelve billion acres total land used for food including arable, pasture, and permanent crop acres, at a minimal level of carbon sequestration (0.5 ton C/ac/year) it could offset about 25-30% of the world’s annual 37 billion tons of fossil fuel emissions. At current world prices, this amount of soil carbon would have a gross value of \$45-60 billion per year of sequestration.

Further great news is that a recording of the symposium is available to listen to in component parts for each individual speaker as well as Q&A sessions. Access these by going to cultivateoregon.org, click on Projects, then recap. Key topics and issues were learned from the symposium:

- Society is living in a climate

emergency

- Land stewards can become climate action heroes by adopting conservation/regenerative agriculture practices
- Distinguished professor of Soil Science at Ohio State University and 2020 World Food Prize Laureate Rattan Lal announced it is time to put science into action; respect and restore the health of soil through sequestering organic carbon by adopting conservation-effective measures
- The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has many existing programs available in Oregon to support healthy soil projects
- California has and Washington State is developing healthy soils programs that currently fund or are anticipated to be funding soil health conservation projects
- How to purchase a farmer/rancher’s soil carbon and erase your carbon footprint can be accessed through nori.com

What’s next for Cultivate Oregon? Their unique history-making projects for 2021 are developing rapidly. Call it the Carbon Sequestration Recognition and Incentive Program (Phase 1 & 2). More can be learned about this by going to www.cultivateoregon.org, click on projects, then carbon sequestration recognition.

Phase 1 involves recognizing and providing financial awards to a select group of Oregon farmers and ranchers who have been practicing regenerative agriculture and sequestering carbon. They are excited to say Cultivate Oregon is partnering with Friends of Family Farmers on this Phase 1 project.

Phase 2 is designed to assist and incentivize Oregon farmers and ranchers to enter the carbon marketplace. In early 2021 will be the launch of the “Resource Guide to Enabling Regenerative Agriculture and the Carbon Marketplace” that will provide a synopsis of the five-hour symposium, questions and answers from the symposium, survey results, and clips of information and data presented during the symposium.

Thank you again Oregon Grange friends for your continued support of Oregon’s agricultural future.

Information about the Symposium provided by Dr. Ray Seidler, retired Senior Research Scientist, US Environmental Protection Agency and a member Bellview Grange #759 who serves on the steering committee for Cultivate Oregon.

The Agricultural Report

Farmers - Families Food Box Program

By Betsy E. Huber, National Grange President

Since May 2020, 132 million food boxes have been delivered to struggling Americans thanks to the USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box Program. As of midnight December 31, that program was scheduled to end--in fact, funding in many regions had already run out weeks before because the need was so great.

Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act combined with another COVID aid bill on December 21st, but it did not specifically fund the Food Box Program. The Grange sent out a statement calling on legislators and the incoming administration to prioritize this crucial program.

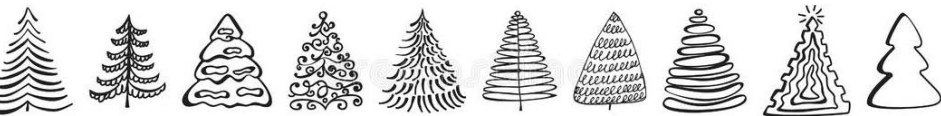
We stated that we hope Congress will act, but also urged President-elect Biden and Secretary of Agriculture nominee Vilsack "to prioritize and restore the Farmers to Families Food Box Program with funds Congress just authorized in the coronavirus relief package and omnibus spending bill." Measures must be taken to ensure the citizens of one of the most food-rich countries in the world do not needlessly go hungry.

The Farmers to Families Food Box Program is critical because it not only aids the hungry, but also supports our farmers who

work every day to produce the great food we have available. Because of distribution problems in the pandemic, many farmers lost access to large portions of their markets. American farmers are extraordinarily productive, and it's important that farmers are able to fulfill their calling - to provide sustenance to their families, their neighbors and the world. Hunger should be unnecessary in America. Government intervention through programs like the Farmers to Families Food Box Program are critical to personal health and civil stability, and we urged its immediate restoration.

USDA Secretary Perdue announced on Monday, January 6th, that the program will be funded with the purchase of another \$1.5 billion of food for nationwide distribution. Since the program began on May 15th, more than 132 million boxes of food in support of American farmers have been distributed to families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This totals more than 3.3 billion meals!

We all hope and pray for the day to come soon when this aid will no longer be needed and families can return to work to provide for their families. Meanwhile, we thank Congress and Secretary Perdue for continuing to fund this essential program.



Clackamas County Grangers Lead Farm Forestry Association

For the last several years, Gary Bush, owner of Cedar Creek Tree Farm and a member of Clarkes Grange #261 has been serving a President of the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association (CCFFA). At the association’s November 12th Zoom meeting he stepped down to the Past President position and Rob Guttridge of Springwater Grange #263 was elected president.

Gary and Beverly Bush grow Christmas trees. It is a great farm to get Douglas, Grand, Nordmann and Noble fir trees with both U-cut and ready cut trees available. They also have a gift shop, sell wreaths and offer fun trailer rides to and from the field.

Rob Guttridge is one of five broth-

ers that make up Guttridge Brothers of Estacada. Rob along with brothers Alan, Don, Gary and Tim started Guttridge Brothers tree farm in 1985 with 20 acres. They have since grown to 100 acres of forest land that is managed for commercial trees; maintaining diverse wildlife habitats: protecting water quality, reduction of fuels and fire hazards and maintaining and improving forest health and diversity.

The CCFFA was formed in 1957 and is a non-profit organization of woodland owners and Christmas tree growers. They work to promote sound forest management; educating forest landowners, the public, and policy makers and promoting legislation.

Community Service Involvement

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OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



Sisters and Brothers, we find ourselves in a time reminiscent of events from the early 20th century: plague, depression, war. Nationally we are called upon to work together and make sacrifices. At home our State is in a sad situation. Covid-19 is crippling the economy and presenting us with huge challenges. Granges are doing their best to do what Grangers do: help the community. Due to Covid-19, the Community Service Report should be submitted to the Oregon State Office no later than **APRIL 30, 2021**. This is later than normal due to not being able to get together as we would like.

Please send in your report and let me know how and what your Grange did during this tough times. You might be able to help inspire some Granges with your report and ideas.

We will still be judging Community Service Yearbooks and awarding prizes, so after you have sent in your report then put together your book to illustrate what you did last year. Community Service Yearbooks must be entered for judging at the State Grange Convention by **noon on Sunday of convention, assuming we have an in-person**

convention. If no one from your Grange is attending the convention, you may mail your book to the Community Service Director postmarked no later than **June 1. Forms and instructions are available on the Oregon State Grange 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 2 or more Granges work together on a community service project.

April is Grange Month. Plan a Community Service Project during the month to help connect with your neighborhood. Have a virtual Open House, a lecturer's program or service event. Remember to keep promoting your Granges by getting involved with your community.

Wolf Creek Grange Remembers Community Members with Cards

On December 16th several members of Wolf Creek Grange #596, Union County, gathered socially distanced at the Grange hall to write in 300 Christmas cards. Added to the cards was a Christmas poem and an ornament. Then the next day the cards were delivered to the doors of all the assisted living homes, rehabs centers and adult foster homes for the residence and staff members in both Baker City and La Grande. The deliveries were warmly greeted with



thanks. The Grange hoped the cards would brighten the days of each person during the Holiday Season.

Morning Star Provided Support to Groups During the Holiday Season

Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County, provided both financial and in-kind support to several groups over the holiday season.

In November the Haunted House Profit was shared with six local food banks and charities, each receiving \$500 for a total of \$3000. Those receiving funds were: FISH of Albany, the American Legion, Jefferson Food Pantry, Salvation Army, Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund and the United Way: Linn-Benton-Lincoln Counties Branch.

The Grange also sent \$250 to the Oregon State Grange Foundation

Fraternal Concerns Fund - Fire Relief to assist Grange members who had property casualty losses during this past fall's fires.

In December \$100 was sent to the Albany ABC House to support its work with abused children. A matching grant program equaled this amount to bring the total donated to \$200. Then on December 23rd twenty bags of Christmas treats were delivered to Sanders, Scheller and Mitchell Place group homes in Albany along with cookies. Grange President Heather Decker had prepared the bags and Pomona Sonja Neal added the cookies.

A Most Wonderful Time of the Year

As per their Benevolence Policy, Columbia Grange #267, Multnomah County "fostered" two families in the Corbett community who are a bit down on their luck. This year, they started the process before Thanksgiving and finished in time to deliver the gifts the week before Christmas.

The Grange began by identifying two families to assist and proceeded to compile their wish lists. Three Grange families donated \$1,400 cash and five other families looked at the wish lists and offered to buy and donate numerous items. For the first time they had an English as a Second Language family and gave many thanks to community member, Eliza Miller, for volunteering as a much needed translator.

One family does a lot of outside work and each family member needed a warm heavy-duty coat and a pair of boots. Done. The youngest daughter really wanted a bicycle. Since so much funding went into acquiring the coats and boots, Grange members Steve and Lori Moening helped find a used bike, cleaned and repaired it, and fulfilled

her dream. She was totally beaming when she saw it! The mother of this family admitted she had told her children that there would be no Christmas this year. What a turnaround the Grange provided.

Then just when the Grange was about done with the planning and shopping for both families, they received a call about a third family who was really suffering. Within three days the Grange heard about two more families troubled with lack of employment, and children hoping for visits from Santa. For these families they collaborated with Corbett COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disasters) who had received a \$1,000 donation and all five families received enough cash, gifts, and food to make their holidays bright.

This never could have been accomplished without the Grange's annual program, the CCOAD, the team of wrappers and the generous families who gave from their hearts to help their neighbors. It truly was the most wonderful time of the year!



Howard Miller, Redland Grange member, volunteered as Santa for the Molalla Fire Department Operation Santa Parades.

Redland Santa Rides the Fire Truck

Howard Miller, a member of the Redland Grange #796, Clackamas County, volunteered as Santa to ride in the Molalla Fire Department Operation Santa Parades on December 4th, 5th and 6th. Howard normally is the elf at Redland's annual Christmas party. But this year when there was no party at the Grange, he was happy to accept when asked to be the Santa for the Molalla Fire Department parade.

While the parade is normally an area food drive, this year, because of COVID-19, no food was collected but bags were passed out to be filled and dropped off at the fire station.

Thank you, Howard, for reminding all that even with the bad year of 2020, Santa was still a tradition to be enjoyed by everyone. You made a lot of people very happy.

Salmon River Grange Feeds Fire Clean Up Volunteers

Recently Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County received a \$20,000 emergency response grant from Habitat for Humanity International to help expedite fire debris removal from the Echo Mountain Fire complex in Lincoln County.

Part of this money will go to Salmon River Grange #516 to help them feed the volunteer clean up crews with three meals a day.

Three months after the Echo Mountain Complex fire destroyed more than 300 homes in the town of Otis, nearly 200 people are still living in hotels. Local residents, unable to return to their home sites until FEMA is done cleaning up, possibly as late as summer 2021, have begun returning to their lots and, with the help of volunteers, have begun the clean up themselves.



A shiny new floor greeted visitors at Hurricane Creek Grange's open house.

Hurricane Creek Replaces Main Floor

Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, has completed its floor replacement project. After several years of planning, fundraising, which included chili feeds, dessert auctions, lunches during Jingle Thru Joseph and other fun events, a matching grant from the Oregon State Grange of \$5,000, great donations and time and money from members and the community, the floor in the main hall of the Grange is now beautiful.



Bob Wadsworth salvages wood from the old red fir floor, in preparation to install a new, red oak floor that was completed around Christmastime.

The Grange hall was constructed around 1927, and the original, 93-year-old red fir flooring has served well for meetings, dances, banquets, weddings, funerals, and many other functions. However, after having been repeatedly sanded and refinished the tongue-and-groove wood had become so thin that it was splintering along the



The new flooring covering half the hall over the new plywood subfloor.

board edges and becoming unsafe.

A local Wallowa County contractor, Jeff Micka, installed and surfaced the new red oak floor with the help of Grange members and others who helped by removing the old floor. The project included installing new plywood sub-floor and cost about \$24,000. The Grange hall floor is now ready for the next 100 years!

On Sunday, January 31st Hurricane Creek Grange celebrated the new floor in the main hall with an Open House. The community was invited to see the finished project and take-out lunches with homemade savory beef pie, refrigerated pickles and a dessert turnover were available.

Notes from the Office

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



April is Grange Month

This year will likely continue to look different than in years past but we can still celebrate. Think of non-contact ways to let your community know the Grange is still active and involved. Instead of an open house maybe a static display in the window of a local business talking about your Grange and how they can contact you, a banner announcing Grange Month on your hall or a short video on social media are just some ideas.

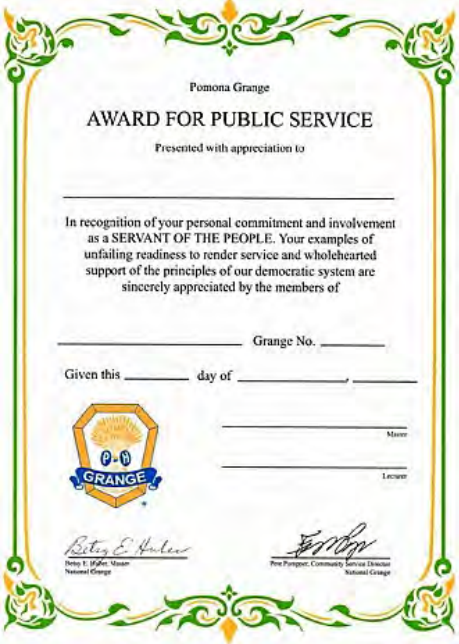
Grange Month is an excellent time to honor community members. All of our communities have had unexpected volunteers step up over the past year. Now is an excellent time to show our appreciation. Through the National Grange Supply Store there are a couple of awards that can be ordered.

The Subordinate Grange Community Citizen Award can be given to a member or group in your community. It says *"In recognition of outstanding service to this community and mankind. Your dedication and personal involvement are gratefully and sincerely acknowledged by the members of..."*

The Grange Pomona Award for Public Service is given by the Pomona Grange to a public official. It reads *"In recognition of your personal commitment and involvement as a Servant of the People. Your examples of unfailing readiness to render service and wholehearted support of the principles of our democratic system are sincerely appreciated by the members of..."*

Both are signed by the National Grange Master/President and the National Community Service Director.

And remember even if they can't be presented in person a press release to your local paper will get both your honoree and your Grange some recognition.



Check out the Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer and Teacher of the Year Awards available through the Community Service Department. Your Grange can honor them, 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 then nominate them, too, for the state award. Deadline is June 1.

Grange Month has always been 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. Get your orders in early as it can take several weeks for the certificates and letters that come from National Grange especially during this time of COVID.

Quarterly Report

Read and adopt the Quarterly Report for the 1st quarter and send to the state office by April 30th. This can be done at your April meeting if in person meetings are allowed or your Grange is meeting on Zoom, teleconference or other means. Otherwise, the Executive committee may approve it. 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.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

March 1	Deadline for first 2021 Matching Grange applications. Must be post marked by March 1 or if emailing, completed application must arrive by March 1.
April 24-24	Oregon Ag Fest – Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem – watch for details in the April/May paper and on Facebook for this year's COVID-19 compliant event
April 30	Date Changed. State Community Service Reports due. Send to the State Grange office, post marked by April 30.
April 30	1st Quarter Reports Due to the State Grange office
May 1	State Grange, GWA and Foundation Scholarships applications must be postmarked and sent to the State Grange office
May 31	Deadline for awarding first 2021 Matching Grants

Government Affairs

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Oregon Trust and Needs Good Clarity, Health

Hello Granger

I hope this information helps you in the upcoming year.

My wish for Oregon in 2021 boils down to four words: clarity, trust and good health.

Oregonians have been whipsawed not only by the pandemic but also by the state's leadership.

Gov. Kate Brown's disastrous Friday evening press conference in March of 2020 with Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler and Multnomah County Commission Chair Deborah Kafoury was a harbinger of what was to come. 2020 was such a nutty year that Brown never even delivered the annual State of the State Address.

To be fair, these are the toughest of times to be an elected leader, whether at the national, state or local levels. But these also are the times for which we elect leadership – the abilities to respond confidently, effectively and consistently to the unexpected and unpredicted.

Oregonians have been confused and frustrated by the shifting metrics and policies for evaluating the state's progress against the coronavirus.

In early January, Brown abruptly reversed course and dropped state requirements for reopening schools. Those rules were considered among the nation's most stringent. Brown, who caught many people off-guard, was following the lead of Washington state.

Some research indicates that schools, especially in the youngest grades, are not high-risk for spreading coronavirus – if students, staff and families strictly follow the health protocols.

That raises a question that continues to befuddle Oregonians: How can health officials have data indicating that schools might reopen safely but not have data on coronavirus transmission in restaurants, bars, gyms, churches and other in-door places?

I put that question to the Oregon Health Authority on the same day Brown made her school announcement, asking: "Is there specific information for specifically how much various activities contribute to the possible spread of COVID-19? For

example, what percentage of cases are attributable to indoor dining, what percentage to gyms, what percentage to churches, what percentage to family gatherings, etc.? Or, putting it another way, are there statistics for how much various activities increase the likelihood of transmitting or contracting the coronavirus?"

This was OHA's response: "We see overlap between people who report attendance at social gatherings across places – in private places and bars/restaurants. Because of this overlap, we cannot definitively pinpoint where transmission occurs, but there are associations with these social get togethers. In addition, the percentage of sporadic cases has increased, indicating broader community spread.

"Gyms and fitness centers pose risks because when exercising people breathe heavily, which produces more droplets and aerosols that are potentially infectious, and they may sweat on face coverings, which can reduce effectiveness of filtration. Restaurants and bars pose risks because people take off their masks to eat and drink, and restaurants tend to be places where people talk more, which produces more droplets and aerosols that are potentially infectious, and many restaurants and bars are smaller spaces."

For the most part, Oregon has taken a one-size-fits all approach based on county metrics. This creates another question: Excellent air filtration, roomy spaces and enforcement of strict health protocols are key. Though this would be more difficult for the state to implement and manage, why not allow closed businesses to reopen if they demonstrate they have those keys in place?

It is worth noting that many school buildings have poor air filtration and circulation, and many staff members are in high-risk populations.

Rep. Courtney Neron, D-Wilsonville, echoed that concern in writing about Brown's announcement on school reopenings: "While I understand and value the efforts to get children into the classroom as soon as safely possible, I have deep and persistent concerns about the lack of testing and contact tracing, inadequate ventilation in school buildings and the disproportionate health impacts of this virus on our

uninsured and underinsured families who we must consider as we discuss returning to in person learning. I will continue to advocate for teachers and underserved community members to have access to vaccinations, increases in testing and tracing, a focus on the most vulnerable among us, and a reasonable timeline that includes educator, parent, and student voice. I am surprised that this news was presented to our education community just days into the first break that many educators have had in months."

Which brings us to the issue of trust. Through the then-Chalkboard Project's CLASS program and other efforts, some Oregon school districts developed mutually respectful working relationship among administrators, teachers and other staff. But in other schools and districts, the level of mistrust is so high that staff are taking no-confidence votes on the administration and talking of striking over the district's failure to realistically follow COVID-19 protocols.

Similar mistrust exists within the Legislature and among some Oregonians toward state government. Brown and others make the valid point that the pandemic has exacerbated the existing economic, educational and social inequities in Oregon. The pandemic also deepened the fault lines of mistrust.

Rep. David Brock Smith, R-Port Orford, wrote in his constituent newsletter on Thursday: "2020 has pushed our collective selves, our communities and the businesses that support them to the brink and unfortunately, we're not in the clear yet. Thousands are unemployed, and their support system has been riddled with failures. Businesses have been closed, without data to support such mandates, while big box stores are open to the masses. The public has been relatively shut out of the public process of governing this state, which cannot continue into the '21 Legislative Session. Legislators and the third branch of government have had little to no input on the mandates and closures."

In his newsletter last week, Sen. Jeff Golden, D-Ashland, wrote: "At some point these restrictions, like others hampering all our lives, will end. What looks longer lasting is the anger, mistrust, fear and — much as I'd rather not write this — the hatred with which a sector of Americans have come to hold government, and those of us who serve in it. If I have a resolution for 2021, it's to work diligently with compassionate, patriotic people with different political viewpoints, who share an understanding of how dangerous the current moment is for representative democracy, and a commitment to find a path forward that will keep it secure."

Meanwhile, our knowledge of COVID-19 continues to change and evolve. An item as simple as face masks has gone from being discouraged early in 2020 to now being recognized as one of the most effective ways of preventing transmission of the coronavirus.

On the other hand, the nation has a vast oversupply of face shields because universities and companies took up the challenge of manufacturing personal protective equipment. But we know that face shields are an inadequate substitute for face masks. And even wearing a mask does not negate the need for physical distancing, frequent handwashing and the like.

The lack of clarity permeates national and state guidelines. The six-foot physical distancing rule is arbitrary. So is the guideline against being closer than six feet to an infected person for more than fifteen minutes during a day. Depending on the circumstances, it may be that coronavirus droplets travel farther, well over six feet of distance, or far less. A person may become infected in fewer than fifteen minutes, or not at all.

Further uncertainty surrounds the long-awaited vaccines. For the life of me (no pun intended), I can't understand why certain hospitals agreed to wait hours to begin vaccinations in an orchestrated media event with Gov. Brown, rather than starting immediately as Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Ontario did.

By the way, though the new vaccines are deemed highly effective in protecting people from developing COVID-19 symptoms, it's unknown whether they stop asymptomatic individuals from transmitting the coronavirus.

On Thursday December 31, the Oregon Health Authority finally announced who would serve on its 27-member Vaccine Advisory Committee, which will "determine the sequence in which new COVID-19 vaccines are distributed around the state."

I will get vaccinated when it's my turn. One family member, who works in federal law enforcement, already has received his first shot. Fatigue was the main side effect.

And so, as this new year begins, I wish good health to all Oregonians – physically, mentally, economically, educationally and socially. Please do your part to stop the coronavirus from spreading to anyone, including you and me.

Please be Safe and kind to all.

Happy Trails



One of many screens during the showing of the movie “The Dream We Choose” and followup discussion.

Silverton Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Hall with Virtual Film Event

On Dec 6 2020, the Silverton Grange, #748 celebrated the 50th anniversary of the signing of the deed to the Silverton Grange hall on December 7th, 1970, with a virtual film event. Almost 100 people joined the Grange in viewing, 40 of which participated in an online discussion, of the film, “The Dream We Choose”.

This documentary tells the stories of communities, rural and urban, large and small, that are gathering investors, residents and resources and showing what it takes to create sustainable communities and a local economy where people are more important than profits. It explores people-driven efforts like food, housing and mutual aid co-ops and community gardens.

Joining program moderator, Grange President Cayla Catino, were New York filmmakers Laurie Simons and Terry Sterenberg, Kyle Palmer, Mayor of Silverton, Kelly Hilton, President of Silverton Food Co-op, and Elyce Tyler with Sustainable Silverton. They joined Grange and community members on the Zoom call in a robust discussion of the film and how its ideas might be helpful for Silverton.

Several Grangers from other Oregon Granges also joined the call.

The vision for the Silverton Grange is to be a community of neighbors. They strive to be an inclusive community center promoting projects and service which engage and strengthen Silverton and their broader world. The most recent project during the pandemic was to offer their community garden space to neighbors at the farmworker apartment complex next door to have a space to grow food.

Granges and individuals can learn more about viewing or showing the film “The Dream We Choose” at <https://thedreamwechoose.com/>. To learn more about Silverton Grange programs, contact Grange President Cayla Catino at silvertongrange@gmail.com. Visit the Silverton Grange website at <http://www.silvertongrange.org/>



Several table of gift items awaited the children at the Santa Shop at Wolf Creek Grange.

Oregon State Grange June 2021 Enterprise, Oregon

Wallowa County Lodging Opportunities

Enterprise

Pondarosa Motel	(541) 426-3186
Eagle’s View Inn and Suites	(541) 426-2700
Wilderness Inn	(541) 426-4535
Country Inn	(541) 426-4986

Joseph - 6 miles to Enterprise

Indian Lodge Motel	(541) 432-2651
Mt Joseph Lodge	(541) 432-6000
Kokanee Inn	(541) 432-9765
Bronze Antler B&B	(541) 432-0230
Jennings Hotel	www.jenningshotel.com
Bell Peppers B&B	(541) 398-2758
Mt View Motel & RV	(541) 432-2982
between Enterprise & Joseph	

Wallowa Lake - 12 miles to Enterprise

Wallowa Lake Lodge	(541) 432-9821
Eagle Cap Chalets	(541) 432-4704
Wallowa Lake Resort	(541) 432-2391
Flying Arrow Resort	(541) 432-2951
Wallowa Lake Vacation Rentals	(800) 709-2029
Matterhorn Village	(541) 432-4071

Outlying in Wallowa County

Arrowhead Ranch Cabins	(541) 426-6420
Barking Mad B&B	(541) 886-0171
Mingo Motel	(541) 886-2021

RV Parks

Wallowa Lake State Park	(800) 551-6949
12 miles to Enterprise	
Log House RV Park	(541) 426-4024
1.6 miles to Enterprise	
5 Peaks RV	(541) 398-1925
6 miles to Enterprise	
Scenic Meadows RV	(541) 432-9285
12.4 miles to Enterprise	
Park at the River	(541) 432-8800
12.4 miles to Enterprise	
Wallowa River RV	(541) 886-7002
12.4 miles to Enterprise	




Wolf Creek Hosts Santa Shop

Wolf Creek Grange # 596, Union County, in conjunction with North Powder Community Partners and the City of North Powder Library, held their Annual Santa Shop the first week of December.

money to make their purchases. In a normal year, the library uses their popcorn machine and makes popcorn and hot chocolate for the kids but because of COVID that was scrapped.


For over 20 years individuals, farmers, ranchers, and the town's small businesses sponsor the purchasing of items for the store. The purpose of the event is to allow children in their community to shop for little gifts for their family and in the process teach the art of "Giving." Community children, ages one to eleven, shop with paper

The event is not a fundraiser. It is a way to give back to the community and the children. Wolf Creek Grange was proud that this year (2020) in spite of COVID they were still able to do this for the benefit of the children. With the help of the school, they were able to have over 100 shoppers within the COVID 19 guidelines and restrictions.



Oregon Junior Grangers

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Whistling in a Dark Season

Pop Bottle Ecosystems
A 2–3-liter clear plastic bottle will hold a small ecosystem for Junior Grange families to study and enjoy. There are many versions detailed online. The most common involves a lower aquarium chamber with a wick trailing down into the aquarium water from the upper planting chamber. The popular theory is that the fish waste enriches the water that then nourishes the plants. Enough, but not too much light must be available to grow the plants. Some versions are sealed with tape, expecting water plants and algae to feed the fish and a top cover to maintain humidity at a good level for the plants.

One of the heartbreaking lessons of real agriculture is the reality of death supporting life. While most of us accept harvesting of plants and even animals for food, I hope Oregon Juniors will balk at sacrificing fish or even “lesser” animals for this experiment. Be sure that your fish can move to a comfortable, adequate aquarium home after a short time in the ecosystem. Do not release fish or plants purchased from a pet store into the outdoor environment.

That said, I’m sure many Grange grandparents remember having a terrarium “back in the day.” You might even still have that big glass carboy squirreled away in the shop, ready to set up once again with your Juniors.

The real value of the little ecosystem you build is to link it to the big ecosystem we all share. What hap-



pens when two people don’t communicate before adding water to the bottle? What about when it sits in the sun for too long? Or not long enough?

The pop bottle ecosystem is part of the Agriculture Awareness Project for 2021. I’d love to see what you make, whether or not you complete the project and whether or not there are other Junior activities at your Grange.

Safe Gatherings Training for Junior Activity Leaders
The Safe Gatherings organization is partnered with OSG to provide background checks and child abuse awareness training for those working with youngsters through Grange activities. Anyone who does Grange activities with Juniors and under-18 youth should do the Safe Gatherings background check and online training program, especially if working with any children who are not members of your immediate family. Grange members who meet those criteria are eligible for reimbursement of the cost of the Safe Gatherings course, which needs to be renewed every two years.



Valentines for Veterans



Ada Grange #570, Lane County, Junior member Taylor Elliott and Youth member Terry Elliott, who just graduated from the Junior Grange helped Ada Junior Chair, Heather Elliott with Valentines that will be distributed through the Lane County Pomona Grange’s 1st Quarter Community Service Project, giving Valentines to our Veterans.



Above: Taylor Elliott and (r) Terry Elliott make Valentines for veterans.

2021 Agricultural Awareness Project

Awareness award theme: *Ecosystems*

Complete the following tasks to receive your 2021 awareness award!

Research

- Define what an ecosystem is. Research the different types of ecosystems. Read a book or two about ecosystems. (this is a great time to check out resources from your local library.)
- What careers could you have if you studied ecology? If you can find someone in your community who works in this field and interview them.
- Learn about an ecosystem near where you live. Find out about the animals, plants, water and more that are in your ecosystem. What makes it unique?
- How have humans made an impact (positive or negative) on the ecosystem?

Stem

Create a pop (soda) bottle ecosystem. There are many different versions of this online but for most of them you will need: clear 2-3 liter soda bottle, a small plant (annual/house plants work best), 2-3 small fish, aquarium rocks, string, paper coffee filters, and water. Manage your newly created ecosystem for as long as you can and take notes on what you see happening over a period of one (1) month.

Show What You Know

- Draw and label a diagram of the ecosystem you built and

explain how the parts of the ecosystem work.

- Write a paragraph explaining how you had to care for the ecosystem you built versus how people have to care for the ecosystems around them. In this paragraph list 5 ways we can better care for our ecosystem.
- Create a poster to inform people how they can help better our ecosystem.

Test Your Knowledge

Complete the ecosystem passport

Share what you know

- Take all of the things you learned about ecosystems and make a plan on how you are going to inform your Grange/community to better care for the ecosystems around them.
- Submit the information required to the National Grange Junior Director September 1. For more information on the Award and what is required to be submitted; check out the National Junior Grange Website www.nationaljunior-grange.org

The awareness awards will be presented during the Junior Grange breakfast at national session. If you are unable to attend National Grange Convention your certificate will be sent home with your state president or another representative. Awards will be given to either individuals or Junior Granges.

Ecosystem Word Search



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LIVING	CARNIVORE	HABITAT
BALANCE	HERBEVORE	COMMUNITY
PRODUCER	OMNIVORE	PREDATOR



Grange Foundation Appeal for National Grange Youth and Junior Grange Funds

Brothers & Sisters,

For those of us who started our Grange journey wearing red tennis shoes, or for those of us who started being delighted to serve as a youth, it is undeniable what the Junior and Youth programs can do to build future leaders from Subordinate/Community Granges all the way to State and National Granges. Participation in Grange at the Junior and Youth levels provides character-building opportunities whose effects are felt for a lifetime.

Today our programs help build excitement for our organization, positively impact communities and our nation and prepare each participant for a bright and productive future – and we humbly request your support. Without the generosity of Granges and Grange members, these programs cannot provide the next generation the breadth of opportunities and memories enjoyed by generations that have come before.

We know the Grange and the legacy you build as part of it is a significant source of pride, and we thank you so much for your previous and continued support that will allow each Junior and Youth to develop to their fullest potential.

Your donation to the Junior Fund and/or Youth Fund in the Grange Foundation is tax-deductible and can be made by check, mailed to:

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Oregon Youth and Juniors Benefit from National Grange Foundation Funds

In the last ten years Oregon has had ten Youth and Young Adults participate in Youth Activity Days at the National Grange Convention. This opportunity to experience the Grange on the National level was funded in part by the Youth Leadership Fund through the Grange Foundation.

Donations to the fund are used each year to support youth participating at the National convention. The

Youth Leadership Fund provided Ambassadors, Young Patron/Young Couple, and John Trimble Legislative Experience participates with several meal tickets and youth housing while at the convention. Additionally, the Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Regional Best of Show winners also each receive a \$100 stipend for their participation at the Evening of Excellence at the National Convention.

2011-2020 Oregon Youth/Young Adult/Junior participations

Alexa Suing, Crow #450, Youth Ambassador, National Youth Officer
Brandon Parker, Colton-Foothills #831, National Youth Officer
Breanna Hays-McKay, Abernethy#346, National Youth Officer
Cole Wilson, White Eagle #784, National Youth Officer
JC Dumolt Junkman, Clarkes #261, National Youth Officer
Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater #263, Youth Ambassador, John Trimble Legislative Experience participant, National Youth Officer
Lacy Johnston, Warner #117, Youth Ambassador
Maggie Swartzendruber, Riversdale #731, National Youth Officer
Riley Reynolds, Santiam Valley # 828, National Junior Ambassador
Tina Parker, Springwater #263, National Youth Officer



Grange Youth & Young Adults

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Since we have a mostly new committee, we ask them each to introduce themselves.

District #2 (Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion and Polk counties)

Hey y'all! My name is Lexie Suing, I'm 27 years old and a member of Crow Grange #450 in Lane County. I've been involved in the Grange my entire life and have been involved not only at the State level, but at the National level as well. I'm always willing to help whenever I can and have lots of ideas for Grange activities.

Especially now, being able to be part of something that gives back the community is so rewarding. I am proud to say that I am part of such a wonderful organization! I love meeting new people who have a heart for making our communities so wonderful. I hope that I will be able to help strengthen our youth program.

District #3 (Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties)

My name is Riley Reynolds, I was pleased to be asked to join the youth committee. I have been a Granger all my life. I attended my first State Grange Convention when I was a month old. I am a 3rd generation Grange member and am a member of Santiam Valley Grange #828 in Linn County. In 2018 I was the Oregon State Grange Junior Ambassador and was selected the National Grange Junior Ambassador. I am currently sixteen years old and am attending Chemeketa Community College through the Summit Learning Early College Program; I am hoping to obtain my associate degree at the same time I graduate high school. I look forward to my time on the Youth Committee.

District #4 Co-chairs (Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah, Sherman and Wasco counties)

My name is Grace Hays and I belong to Abernathy Grange #346 in Clackamas County. I grew up in the Grange but have been an active member for nine years, and have spent six years serving as a youth officer. Last year I got to be a delegate for the first time and had so much fun being a part of the discussion. I currently serve as an executive officer at my subordinate Grange. During the spring I enjoy helping our Grange host a fiber sale, and baking cookies at the Clackamas County fair during the summer. In my free time I enjoy reading, and making epoxy resin art. I am looking forward to this new adventure as co-youth district chair.

My name is Breanna Hays-McKay. I too belong to Abernethy Grange #346. I have been a part of the Grange my whole life however I have been a member for only 15 years. I have served as a State Youth Officer for most of those years. I have also served as a National Youth officer. I am a wife and a mom to a 5-year old son who is starting his first year as a Junior Granger.

I enjoy going to state convention and seeing all my Grange family from around the state. I also enjoy being a part of the potlucks and bazaars that are held at our Grange and others in the area. One of my favorite things is setting up our Grange's booth and volunteering at the Pomona cookie booth at the Clackamas County Fair. In my free time I like to help coach the Oregon City High School Wrestling Statistician team, relax with my family, and partake in many crafting hobbies.

District #6 (Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler counties)

Hello, I'm Nicole Shattuck (Nikki), I'm seventeen and a senior at Pilot Rock High School. I'm a member of White Eagle Grange #683 in Umatilla County, holding office of the Secretary. I have been a member of White Eagle Grange #683 since the beginning of 2017. I have been to State Grange twice since joining, holding the office of Youth Executive Committee. During the time I have been a member, I've enjoyed helping cook and serve breakfasts, and serving local members of our community. Putting together care packages for our Military personal, and giving a hand when I can to my community and the Grange.

I enjoy participating in my high school band and choir, and District 6 Oregon Music Education Association (OMEA) festivals, along with being a section leader for my school pep band. I also enjoy entering photos and art work for Pilot Rock Art and Photography show. I plan to attend Oregon Tech University or Treasure Valley Community College during this upcoming fall to become a paramedic/Ems personal, and minor in Music Education so I can help with the local schools around my region as a substitute music director. I'm honored to be asked to be the District 6 youth chairman.

We are still looking for committee members in District 1 and District 5 and hope to have two more people to introduce to you soon.



Membership Matters

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As I started preparing to write the Membership Matters column for the February/March Bulletin, one of the concepts of our “Come Together at the Grange” theme came to mind. That concept is that the Grange has a history uniting its members and communities through open civil conversation. Before I finished writing my thoughts, the National Grange published an issue of the “Patrons’ Chain” with an article from Joe Stefanoni, National Membership Director. In that discussion, he stated the concept very clearly; so, we are re-printing his comments.

Difference of Opinion is no Crime

By National Membership Director Joe Stefanoni

“We propose meeting together, talking together, working together and, in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement. We shall constantly strive to secure harmony, good will, and brotherhood, and to make our Order perpetual. We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal, local, sectional, and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry and all selfish ambition. Faithful adherence to these principles will ensure our mental, moral, social and material advancement.”

These words, from the Declaration of Purposes of the National Grange, penned in the aftermath of the Civil War echo today with new resound. Over the last month we have watched events in our country unfold that are simultaneously shocking, unimaginable and unlike anything most of us have ever seen. The fabric of the American experiment is being tested and it is the responsibility of us all to ensure its strength. With the uncertainty these events have created, the Grange today is a place for communities across our county to find stability, just as they were in the decade following a time where brother took up arms

against brother.

“We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that ‘progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion,’ while ‘the fault lies in bitterness of controversy.’”

These principles which create the foundation of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry can serve to create a roadmap for Granges on how they help their communities heal and move forward. Welcoming new people into our fraternal circle where they can feel the goodness and kindness of those who are their friends and neighbors is what our country needs. It is especially important to strengthen the fabric of our national life that we bring together groups of people with a variety of opinions so that we can make the “progress toward truth” hoped for by our founders over 150 years ago.

As we begin a new year, Community Granges should look at how they can work to bring their community together for good fellowship, healthy debate and positive healing that will help to ensure our mental, moral, social and material advancement.

Beavercreek Grange Presents 25, 50 and 65 Membership Awards

On November 7th, 2020 Beaver-creek Grange #276, Clackamas County presented a 65-year seal to Bud Dumolt and a Silver Star Certificate and pin, recognizing 25 years of Grange membership to his daughter Pam Furlan.v

In July the Grange also presented Kim Schettig with her Golden Sheaf Certificate and pin honoring her fifty years of Grange membership.



Above l-r: Pam Furlan and her father Bud Dumolt received their awards from Beavercreek President Don Furlan.



Left l-r: Beavercreek President Don Furlan presented Kim Schettig with her Golden Sheaf Certificate and pin.

Columbia Grange Gets Biochar Kiln

In February, 2020, the Columbia Grange #267, Multnomah County, teamed up with East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District (EMSWCD) to host a Biochar workshop taught by Wilson Biochar. When burned using Biochar methods, you can burn excess wood on your property without adding to carbon and particulate pollution. The best part is the by-product of this ‘clean burn’ is Biochar.

Biochar can then be added to the compost pile and transformed into a rich amendment for your soil, providing a turbo substrate for plants to uptake nutrients. Much like

the way air bends and contorts in the hot dessert heat, so was the air above the Biochar fire. There was very little smoke. Biochar slash piles were more enjoyable to burn, less toxic to the environment and beneficial to the soils.

The Grange reached out to EMSWCD and within months were granted the funds to purchase a Corbett community Biochar kiln. The kiln will be available to Columbia Grange members for this Spring’s wood clean-up. The Grange is grateful to EMSWCD and looks forward to burning clean and sharing the wonders of Biochar with the community.



Columbia members burn brush in their Biochar kiln.



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 1	10:30 AM	New Bridge Grange
Benton #36	Apr 17	10:30 AM	TBA
Clackamas #1	Feb 27	7:00 PM	Zoom
Columbia #18	May 1	10:00 AM	TBA
Deschutes #25	Feb 13	11:30 AM	Terrebonne Grange
Douglas #13	Apr 24	6:00 PM	TBA
Jackson #27	Apr 24	1:00 PM	TBA
Josephine #20	May 29	10:00 AM	TBA
Lane #14	Apr 10	10:00 AM	TBA
Lincoln #10	Feb 20	10:30 AM	Salmon River Grange
Linn #12	Apr 10	10:00 AM	TBA
Polk #3	Apr 8	6:30 PM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Feb 27	10:00 AM	TBA
Wallowa #22	Apr 10	10:00 AM	Liberty Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Apr 17	10:00 AM	Aloha Grange

Some Pomonas have canceled or may hold their meetings via tele-conference, Zoom or other virtual meetings. Please contact the Pomona Grange for most up-to-date information and be safe.

Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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

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Grange Name/Number: _____

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

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