



April is Grange Month

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

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America during three centuries, advocating for legislative protection for farmers through the Granger Laws in the 1800s; promoting research and education to improve agriculture through the Cooperative Extension Service and Land Grant Colleges and working to expand mail delivery and electricity to rural areas in the 1900s; and encouraging the expansion of broadband internet service and improvement of rural healthcare in the 2000s; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active force in thousands of communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange provides leadership, motivation, and education to bring together rural and urban families and offers them opportunities for personal growth and individual expression; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, The Grange promotes service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and friends; and

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

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, Master of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as Grange Month, and further I do encourage the participation of each Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange past and future by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in their respective communities.

Betsy E. Huber

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National Master



Fernwood Grange #770 Re-Organized

On January 24, Fernwood Grange #770 in Newberg was reorganized with seventeen new Grange brothers and sisters, the majority of them members of the VFW. That night they elected Hubert Mardock, Master; Richard "Rick" Wright Overseer, Michael Speer, Secretary and Spencer Jones, Treasurer. They were then installed by State Deputy Carol Everman.

Also, in attendance were State Master Susan Noah, Washington-Yamhill Pomona Master Kiri Schnetzky and Secretary Marilyn Reiher, State

GWA Director Margaret Clute, State Veterans Director Jim Clute, McMinnville Master Wayne Clemmer and Overseer Ed Thurston, and Bulletin Editor Suzy Ramm. Special guest was National Grange Communications Director Amanda Brozana-Rios

Fernwood was originally organized in 1930. It was declared dormant in 2016. It is great to see a Grange established again in Newberg and McMinnville Grange is pleased that there is now a second Grange in Yamhill County.



Many of the new members of the re-organized Fernhill Grange #770 in Newberg gathered for a picture.

"Grange Heroes In Our Hometowns"

Both in our Granges and our communities there are many people who qualify as heroes. There are several opportunities within our Grange programs to recognize these heroes. Each State Master has been given a "super G" cape. So, at this year's State Grange Convention, one Grange Hero will be honored each day, and get to wear the cape. Each day nominations will be taken for the next days' hero. This should be a member who is a Hero in your Grange, or a Grange Hero in your

community. Nominees must be present at the convention and their nomination needs a short paragraph on the reasons why this member deserves to wear the cape!

Additionally, check out the Awards, Contests and Scholarships booklet for details on the Grange Volunteer of the Year, the Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer and Teacher of the Year Awards and the Youth Community Service Award. Honor Heroes in your Community.

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The Master's Column

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Grange Up! Grange Connections! and now Come Together at the Grange. This is the third year of our membership program. The first year we had a net gain, and although last year was a small loss, it was smaller than in the past, so we may have stepped back a bit, but we are still ahead of the end of 2016. Now as we enter into the third year, we need to strive to increase our numbers. Last year 55 Granges ended the year with a net gain. That is about one third of all the Granges in the state. This year I hope we see increases in those numbers. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have each Grange in the state show even a small net gain? I know we all can if we actively work toward that goal. Just putting out brochures and hoping someone comes along who wants to join is not enough, we must be active in our halls and in our communities. Tillamook County must be doing something great because all three of its Granges showed a net gain; maybe it's the water, or perhaps the milk!

Fernwood Reorganized!

I also want to welcome back Fernwood Grange #770! Fernwood Grange in Yamhill County was reorganized in late January with seventeen new members. Along with several members from other Granges in the area I was pleased to be there the night they were reorganized and have the chance to meet all the new members. I know they are already reaching out to the Newberg community and I think they will continue to grow and spread the Grange name. Please join me in welcoming all of them to our fraternity.

Grange Month

April is Grange Month. Has your Grange planned any events? This is a great time to invite your friends and neighbors to come to the Grange. Have a meal, have an

awards event or just have a party because it's April and flowers are blooming! Whatever you do to celebrate Grange Month, reach out to your friends and neighbors, and don't forget to reach out to your members who may not always come to the meetings. Make it a real celebration! Grange Month has long been a time when we recognized our members with years of service awards and when we choose to recognize community members for all they do.

Ag Fest

Fittingly at the end of Grange Month comes AgFest in Salem. This two-day event is attended by thousands of individuals from all over, but especially the Salem area. The State Grange hosts a booth in the Children's area where we allow all ages to choose and plant a seedling tomato or marigold. Kids and adults alike are ready to get their hands dirty when they come by and are eager to plant something they can take home and watch grow and develop. Herrick Farms has been supplying us with over 5,000 plants for many years. When we pack up on Sunday, all of those plants are gone! With that many people coming through the booth we need lots of volunteers. Jay Sexton, our State Overseer is in charge of the volunteer schedule, so if you have not signed up please reach out to him. It is a lot of fun, and there are many other booths with interesting ideas: lots of samples of agriculture, including blueberries, pears, cherries, as well as tree seedlings and other plants and you can even make a dirt baby! So if you want to know what that is - come to Ag Fest and get in free by volunteering with the Oregon State Grange!

Grange Adventures at the State Convention

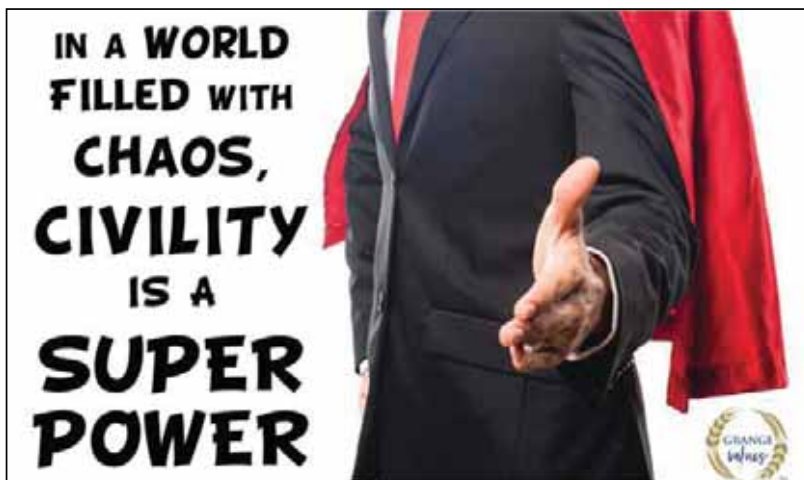
It is not too early to be thinking

about our annual State Convention. In fact, by the time you receive this paper it will only be about two months away. The packets of information will be mailed early in April. They include registration forms, meals forms, and committee preference forms for the delegates. Each Grange is allowed two delegates, their Master/President and one elected delegate. While the delegates are the only ones who can vote, everyone is invited to come and be included in the discussion on our policy, the ceremonies, and of course the fun events. Our Ag Committee will be having their usual tour and the Veterans will be doing another tour as well. Youth and Junior programs are running all week, and while the Youth are generally involved as delegates the Juniors will have their own session where they will work on their projects for the year. Of course, we will all join together to celebrate on Monday night as we engage in the Come Together at the Grange program.

Another Call for Grange Heroes

In my last column I wrote about the National theme, *Grange Heroes in our Hometowns*, a theme that can always be used as we talk about the service our members do for the Grange and our communities. I would like to honor a member each day at our session who has exemplified what it means to be a *Grange Hero*, but I can't do it without your help. Bring your nominations to State Grange for your Grange Heroes. I just need a short paragraph about why they are a Grange Hero and why they deserve to wear a Grange Hero cape! I know lots of our members put in many hours serving their community and their Grange. Please take the time to nominate them to show them how much you value what they do. Your nominee will need to be at the State Grange convention.

Norman Vaughn said, "*Dream big and dare to fail*", so when planning for your Grange's growth this year set the bar high!



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Dessert served at intermission
Springwater Grange #263
24591 S. Springwater Rd. Estacada, OR 97023
Info: 503-637-3659

Lane County "Plays" Again

It is play time again in Lane County. Eight Subordinate Granges have been busy practicing their one-act plays and show time is almost here. Each night there are three plays staged, one from the host Grange and two from visiting Granges. Each Grange hosts once and visits twice. All performances start at 7pm with short breaks between the plays.

The host Grange provides refreshments after the completion of all three plays. Each play lasts 20-30 minutes. While the performances are free, donations are always welcome. Questions? Email lanepomona14@gmail.com

Schedule

DATE	HOST	TRAVELING
Friday, April 19	Crow	Goldson & Goshen
Tuesday, April 23	Creswell	Walterville & Irving
Friday, April 26	Goldson	Creswell & Dorena
Monday, April 29	Goshen	Walterville & Crow
Wednesday, May 1	Walterville	Creswell & Dorena
Friday, May 3	Mohawk-Mckenzie	Irving & Goldson
Thursday, May 9	Dorena	Crow & Mohawk-Mckenzie
Friday, May 10	Irving	Mohawk-Mckenzie & Goshen

For addresses of Grange halls, look online at www.orgrange.org or in the Oregon State Grange Roster.




GRANGE FOUNDATION
QUILT RAFFLE

Queen-size quilt (70" x 85") made from Tender Heart quilt blocks submitted to the 2018 National Grange Lecturer's Quilt Block Contest including the top three entries in the adult and Junior categories

DONATION \$5

Winner will be drawn at the 2019 National Grange Evening of Excellence on Friday, November 8

Oregon Has 250 tickets to sell.
Contact OSG Master Susan Noah
503-316-0106 or master@orgrange.org

The Lecturer's Column

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Greetings,

There are several State and National Contests sponsored by the Lecturer's Department that I am highlighting this month.

2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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 Public Relations Contest is to recognize the public relations work being done by our Granges across the country and to share this work with other Granges with the intent of fostering more public relations efforts. The more Grange public relations occurring within our communities, the better!

This program allows Grange members to create quilts and present them to veterans in their communities or in the organization, and teach the art of quilting to novices and young people while completing this meaningful community service.

All quilts awarded should be reported to the National Lecturer so the information can be made official with the Quilts of Valor® Foundation. Labels are available through the National Lecturer to be sewn onto the quilt indicating the name of the recipient and Grange/member who made the quilt.

For more information, contact National Lecturer Christine Hamp at 509.953.3533 or lecturer@nationalgrange.org or send mail to 16418 N. Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.

Lecturer's Guide

The response to the 2019-2020 Lecturer's Guide has been amazing! Thank you all for looking it over. I hope as you use it, you will choose to share some of your own material with me to use in a future Lecturer's Guide edition.

State Talent Contest.

The Lecturer's Committee is hoping to have a lot of entries in the State Talent Contest. Please become a "Talent Scout" for us. Check the rules on page 20 of the OSG Awards, Contests and Scholarships Booklet regarding Talent participants.

Partners in the Mission

The National Grange has become a recognized partner in the mission of the Quilts of Valor® Foundation as an official Under Our Wings® pro-

Make your plans now for what YOU plan to enter in the Lecturer's Contests.

Welcome to Oregon

*It is best to come to some poor peace with this land
Before the rain comes, and the rain will surely come.
All the certitude the human spirit can gather
Will not delay the rain. It is a fool's deceit
To look into the clouds and not know the sun is done.*

*In the rain's shadow there is a bending of the light
Until the world is a thousand shades of gray
And the landscape grows so lush it terrorizes
Those who are left damp and so insignificant.
In the scheme of things, you do not grow in rain,*

*Nor do your buildings, or your cars; you are something
To be bumped against, of no consequence to rain.
So make your peace and become silent as the first.
Your noisy humanness means nothing to the rain.*

D. E. Stone, Albany, Oregon





The Chaplain's Corner

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What a winter/spring this has been. There has been an unexpected turn or twist in the weather when you least expect it. At our house we had between 12-18 inches of snow the end of February. It took out power lines, internet communications and closed roads including a 100 mile stretch of I-5. Douglas and Lane Counties received the greatest amount of snow with lots of damage to homes, barns and livestock.

Our Grange friends in Kellogg are still without power. It is not expected to be restored until April. The point is, the storm was expected to hit in the Seattle area; few were prepared for a storm to hit our area with this much power and strength. Unlike our friends in Central and Eastern Oregon, we didn't expect this. It is really the way life is. We are always shocked to receive a terrible health diagnosis, the call about an accident that took a friend's life, the abduction of a child. Even the news that a dear friend has gone to heaven (expected but still so hard) is a difficult storm to bear.

It is not the storms that come in our life but rather what is going to happen to us in the midst of the storm. In Matthew 7:24-27 Jesus said: "Everyone then who hears these words

of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." It is easy to define the rock. The rock is Jesus Christ. It is far harder to define the sand. For most people the sand is me, my own understanding, my own ability. If the storm is bad enough, that just won't be enough.

Spring will soon be here but the lessons learned in the past few months will stay in our minds for a very long time. Many people are returning to wood heat for their houses, others are purchasing generators, putting on roofs that can withstand far greater amounts of snow, storing up non-perishable foods and water. They are going to make sure they are ready for the next storm.

The question is are you ready for the next storm in your life? I urge you to be prepared. Build your life on the rock.

In Memoriam

*Kathy Anderson
Suavies Island Grange #840*

*Rose D'Ambrose
Dixie Mountain Grange #860*

*Janet Drescher
Fruitdale Grange #379*

*Burton Griffin
Fruitdale Grange #379*

*Jane Herman
Mosier Grange #234*

*Lola Pfaff
Fern Hill Grange #592*

*Paul Taylor
Dixie Mountain Grange #860*



*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.*

Ben Boswell, Past State Grange Overseer Succumbs to Parkinson's

On February 23, 2019, Ben Boswell, past Overseer and past Legislative Director of the Oregon State Grange passed on to the great Grange above. Benjamin Mack Boswell was born Jan. 24, 1947, in Boise, Idaho, the only child of Gene Corwin and Mary Elizabeth (Dawson) Boswell. He passed away in Spokane, Wash.

He was raised in Joseph, Oregon where he earned his Eagle Scout Award and graduated from Joseph High School as valedictorian of the class of 1965. He attended Willamette University and graduated from the University of Oregon with a BA in 1970. He married his life-long friend and college sweetheart Claudia Lynn Wilson on Aug. 2, 1969.

Ben taught Junior High and High School Math and Science in Long Creek, Madras, and Joseph, all in Oregon, for a total of 20 years. In 1992 he began the first of four terms as Walla Walla County Commissioner, serving until 2009. During his third term, Ben served as President of the Oregon Association of Counties.

Ben was raised in a musical family and, with Claudia, played in school and community bands and sang in school, church and community choirs wherever they lived. He also participated in school and community theater productions.

Ben and Claudia joined Imnaha Grange in 1981 followed later by their children Cory and Candy. In 1983 and 1984 the family won the OSG Family Musical Talent Contest.

Brother Ben was elected Overseer of the Oregon State Grange in June 1992 in North Bend and served through June 1998. In addition, he served as OSG Legislative Director from 1996-1998 and again in 2009 after serving on the state Membership Committee from 1983-1988 and the state Legislative Committee from 1988-1989.

The "I'm A Little Teapot" song will

"The Little Book of Benisms"

In 2006 the Association of Oregon Counties compiled a series of Ben's pithy sayings and observations in "The Little Book of Benisms." Copies of the book were given out for donations to Parkinson's Resources of Oregon. Quotes include:

- "When you've seen one county, you've seen one county." On the individualism of the 3,143 counties (or equivalent units of local government) in the United States.
- On public speakers: "You need to be done speaking before I'm done listening."
- About lobbying: "Keep it simple, it's easier on the legislators."
- Speaking about legal opinions: "I don't have any as I am unencumbered by a law degree."
- About local freeway access: "We do have freeway access; it is just that our on-ramp is 75 miles long."



always be connected with Brother Ben. Before the 1994 state convention in McMinnville the State officers were doing mic checks. Having just arrived after a long day on the road, and not know what to say Ben sang the little teapot song, actions included.

A few years ago, Ben and Claudia moved to Spokane to be closer to their daughter and joined Five Mile Prairie Grange #905.

Always active in the community, Ben rose to local and state leadership roles in the United Methodist Church, the Grange, and the Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Walla Walla County Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and the Order of Eastern Star.

Ben is survived by Claudia, his wife of 49 years, son Cory Boswell and wife Kelly of Bozeman, MT, daughter Candy Casteal and husband David of Spokane, Washington and three grandchildren, Ava (14), Carson (12) and Brady (9).

Condolences may be sent to the family at: 7318 W Rutter Parkway, Spokane WA 99208. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Ben Boswell Memorial Fund at wallaware-sources.org.



The Great Grange Above Welcomes Another Grange Brother

Don Johnson, past Master and current Treasurer of the Idaho State Grange, passed away March 2, 2019.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, and three sons: Chuck Johnson (Sarah) of Kuna, Idaho, Norm Johnson (Jamie) of Adrian, Oregon and Greg Johnson (Kelli) of Cascade, Idaho. He had eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Don's name to Kuna FFA: Don and Mary Scholarship Foundation, C/O Kuna High School, 637 E. Deer Flat Rd. Kuna, ID 83634

The funeral service was held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Kuna High Performing Arts Center. Remembrances may be left for Don's family at www.AccentFuneral.com

or condolences can be sent to Sister Mary and family at: 853 W Sand-box, Kuna, Idaho 83634.



Above: Don and Mary Johnson visited the Oregon State Grange Convention many times and have made lots of Oregon Grange friends.



Left: Then Overseer Ben Boswell leading the crowd in "I'm A Little Teapot," a perennial request after he first used it for a mic check in 1994. Next to him is then LAS and now State Master, Susan Noah.

What's Wrong with my Grange Hall?

Would you like to have your Grange Hall inspected by a Professional Home Inspector – at a discount?

Oregon State Grange is in conversation with a home inspector based in the Corvallis area who would be willing to discount his services, if we can provide him with ten jobs in a year. The advantage to the inspector is that these inspections could be done when he does not have other work, since many of his contracts with home buyers are ASAP. Also, few of his normal clients would be able to provide ten jobs in a year.

The advantage to your Grange is that this assessment is provided by a professional who does not have an interest in providing future work – like an estimating contractor might. The inspector works for you, at a reasonable rate, giving you information to prioritize future work on your hall.

The goal of a hall inspection is to identify the majority (if not all) of the parts of a hall that are not performing correctly as well as identifying potentially dangerous situations that could endanger the hall's users. Typically, structural and

foundation, electrical, and plumbing elements are evaluated. It is not a code inspection or a valuation.

This inspector's website is:
www.sdinspectionsllc.com/

His standard rates are based on square footage and he has experience with older community structures and churches. If we have sufficient interest a discount would be applied to these rates.

Hall inspection including wood destroying organisms assessment pricing:

< 800 sq. feet	\$350.
801-1750 sq. feet	\$400.
1751-3000 sq. feet	\$450.
3001-5000 sq. feet	\$550.

If you are interested in possibly employing this inspector, please contact Jay Sexton, OSG Overseer, by phone or email so we can assess the interest in this service. Please do not delay in contacting me.

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541-829-2907 (Grange Hall cell)

Notes from the Office

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



The following is a check list of items that need to be completed in the next few months:

1st Quarterly Report

The Quarterly Report for the first quarter of 2019 is due by the end of April. Be sure to review the information carefully and submit any changes in your membership on the backside of the report. You can download the backside of the quarterly report from the OSG website, type in the names and addresses, print it and mail it with the front section of the report. Be sure to make a copy for your records.

If you discover that you have made an error on your Quarterly Report after you have mailed it, call the OSG office as soon as possible. If you report the error before the OSG Office does our Quarterly Report to the National Grange the error can be fixed.

IRS 990 ePostcard

The 990 ePostcard filing is due May 1–Sept 15 for most of our Granges. Do not attempt to do it ahead of time. You will receive detailed instruction on how to complete this important filing from the OSG Office. If you have any concerns or need further information about the 990 filing, please contact Suzy Ramm at the office (503) 316-0106.

State Grange Convention

The clock is ticking, the excitement is building for this year's State Grange Convention in Molalla. Soon you will receive a packet from the OSG Office containing forms for state convention. This packet includes the Registration form, Credentials for delegates, Committee preference form, meal order form and hotel information for the area. Please double check the due dates on this information and submit the form to the Oregon State Grange office unless otherwise noted. Encourage your Grange to do the following to get ready for this year's convention:

- Submit resolutions by May 25th.
- Select a second delegate (other than your Master who is your first delegate). Each Grange is entitled to two Delegates. Also select alternates in case your delegates cannot attend. Fill out the form and send to the State Grange Office.

Upcoming Deadlines

Our Grange world has many deadlines in the spring. Be sure to check the Oregon State Grange event Calendar on the OSG website for these deadlines. Scrolling down the calendar will give you the deadlines for scholarships, Community Service Report and Yearbook, Agriculturalist of the Year, etc.

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 4	10:30 AM	New Bridge Grange
Benton #36	April 20	10:30 AM	Fairmount Grange
Clackamas #1	April 27	10:00 AM	Clarks Grange
Columbia #18	May 4	10:00 AM	Vernonia Grange
Deschutes #25	May 11	11:30 AM	Pine Forest Grange
Douglas #13	April 27	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange
Jackson #27	April 27	2:00 PM	Rosy Ann Grange
Josephine #20	June 29	10:00 AM	Deer Creek Grange
Lane #14	April 13	10:00 AM	Walterville Grange
Lincoln #10	May 18	10:30 AM	Siletz Valley Grange
Linn #12	April 13	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	April 11	10:00 AM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9	April 6	10:00 AM	Fairview Grange
Umatilla-Morrow #26	April 27	10:30 AM	White Eagle Grange
Wallowa #22	April 13	10:00 AM	Liberty Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	April 27	10:00 AM	Leedy Grange

McMinnville Gets New Sidewalk

No more walking in the muddy gravel and on the unsafe sidewalk with your dancing shoes on! Four Grange members and volunteers from a nearby apartment complex on Old Sheridan Road got to work and repaired the walkway at McMinnville Grange #31, Yamhill County. They took out the old troubled sidewalk around the parking lot to the right side of the Grange hall, hence putting in a new one with better drainage. This area provides entrance to the kitchen and potluck seating, as well as to the dance floor. It now allows band members and guests a much cleaner and safer entry. Grange members working on the project were: Ed Thurston, Gene Restorff, Phil Thurston, and Master Wayne Clemmer.





The Agricultural Report

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The Oregon State Grange once again had a table at the Oregon Small Farms Conference at the O.S.U. campus. We set up pictures of our Grange halls, parties and potlucks and brought the State listing of Subordinate Granges so we could direct interested folks to the closest Grange in their areas. We shared our pamphlets and our newspaper as well.

And it was all very impressive.

If we thought farming was a "lost" career path, we thought wrong. Hundreds of young men and women and dozens of older farming "mentors" (like me) were streaming by our table on their way to presentations like: "Growing Successful Vegetable Starts" - "Learning From Failure" -

"Ranching with Wildlife" - "Food Hubs in Oregon."

I found plenty of opportunity to sit aside the table with an earnest young person, telling them all about the Grange's history and how a local Grange would be a great support for their hopes and dreams in Agriculture.

So, I have this message for all Grange members reading this. If one of these young folks show up at your hall and wants to be a new "brother or sister" in your Grange, WELCOME THEM and be open to their ideas and dreams.

Our willingness to embrace "NEW IDEAS and CHANGE" is how we have made it past our 150th year and it is how we will get to the 200th year.



Got a pond? Large Pond and Wildlife Workshop at Sauvie Island

Whether it's for irrigation or fire suppression, whether it's neglected and weedy or a nicely manicured landscape amenity, you'll find lots of important information packed into this workshop. "Caring for Your Large Pond and the Wildlife that Use It." will be 8:30am - 3:45pm on April 6 at Sauvie Island Grange #840, Multnomah County. The intended audience is people with existing ponds or small lakes, not people with small backyard ponds or people who want to build ponds.

An all-star team of presenters from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon State University Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service, City of Portland and the Sauvie Island Habitat Partnership will be on hand. Topics to be covered include:

- Vegetation control
- Mosquito control
- Sedimentation
- Water quality
- Creating habitat
- Attracting songbirds, turtles and other wildlife

In addition to the Grange, the workshop is sponsored by West Multnomah Soil and Water Conserva-

tion District, the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council and the Sauvie Island Habitat Partnership.

Pre-registration by April 3 is required. The \$30 registration cost includes lunch, coffee, tea and snacks.

For more information, registration and a complete schedule for the day, go to <https://wmswcd.org/event/caring-for-your-large-pond/>



2018 National Grange Agriculture Policy Statement

Agriculture is, as always, a foundation of America's economy, providing directly, or indirectly through value-added processing, currently approximately 5.5% (992 Billion \$\$) of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP). For over 150 years the National Grange has been working to improve agriculture in America, and the welfare of those who work the soil or care for the creatures of the field. Our roots are in agriculture and our future is tied to our faith in the perennial cycle of planting and harvest.

Conservation of our soil, water and air quality remains a priority for the Grange, keeping in mind that all pertinent regulations should reflect local conditions. A key component of the future security of our water supply for both domestic and agricultural uses is the ability to store it. Challenges from environmental groups and climate change have brought progress in that area to a standstill. The National Grange will continue to promote water storage projects that benefit agricultural and domestic needs while appropriately safeguarding fish and wildlife safety concerns.

Agricultural producers have been leaders in protecting the environment. The National Grange urges Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) agencies to implement Nutrient Management Plans (NMPs). Good soil health, including proper nutrient management is a priority and we encourage all farmers to develop and follow a Nutrient Management Plan to ensure that no more nutrients are applied than are needed to grow the crop.

The National Grange recognizes that other additional challenges facing producers are the precipitous drop in commodity prices coupled with ever-rising cost of inputs and the yearly increases in property taxes. We will continue to work on solutions to help minimize their impact on the agriculture sector. The National Grange continues to monitor issues concerning GMO-related food production and labeling. The National Grange supports voluntary labeling of Genetically Modified products. We further request that the National Grange Legislative Director share the latest reliable research on this subject with State Granges on a continual basis. As consumers become more concerned about where and how their food is produced, the National Organic Program (NOP) has become more popular. The National Grange supports the continued growth and federal support for the NOP, in order to meet the increasing consumer demand for organic food products.

Support for Country of Origin La-

beling (COOL) is a long-standing position of the National Grange and is favored by consumers. We support voluntary labeling programs that provide clear information about country of origin and processing so that consumers can make informed choices about the food they feed their families.

Food safety continues to be a significant issue for Americans in light of the ever-increasing amount of our food that is imported. We believe the responsibility for all food safety inspection should fall under one federal agency, preferably the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Healthy pollinators populations are critical to food production in the US. We are pleased that the USDA has information available to assist first-time beekeepers in learning how to begin production. The National Grange supports ongoing efforts to preserve proven pollinators health practices, while identifying new pesticide crop treatments that are not harmful to pollinators populations. Although neonics are a critical component of seed treatments, their misuse via over-the-counter products has resulted in their increasing presence in water and wetlands. Their toxic effect on pollinators populations has reached the point where we feel it is time to consider designating Neonics as a restricted use pesticide. We support additional education efforts designed to inform producers as to the toxic nature of Neonics that are present in treated seeds, and the positive aspects of having untreated seeds available for planting.

The use of drone or UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) technology is rapidly becoming an important tool for agricultural production. However, privacy concerns have arisen as drones have become more popular. The National Grange supports the implementation of developed FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) regulations governing the use of drones, and will continue to work with USDA, FAA and other agricultural organizations to address issues related to drone use as they pertain to agriculture.

The National Grange continues to support extensive research by our Land Grant Colleges and Universities into both short-term and long-term effects on the environment and on human nutrition, of all new crops, whether Genetically-Modified or traditionally bred. One of the major issues facing animal agriculture in our country is the effort for certain "Animal Rights" groups to define "Humane Treatment" of animals.

The National Grange should work
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together with other like-minded groups, to ensure that sound science is used in determining humane treatment of animals. The National Grange strongly supports agriculture education at all levels including agriculture science as well as Cooperative Extension Service and encourages the partnership between 4-H, FFA and Cooperative Extension Service to draw on and develop leadership abilities. Adequate funding of Extension must be continued and increased if we wish to ensure the availability of innovative practices and new tools beneficial to agriculture and society. We support educational programs, such as Farm to Table or Farm to School, that teach the importance of proper diet and nutrition. It is more critical now than ever to help consumers understand the basic food system, where their food comes from, and what, if any genetic alteration was integral to its development. It is vital that we encourage the younger generation to enter into farming. We support programs or policies that will enhance the ability of young farmers to be successful as they pursue production agriculture as an occupation. Opportunities exist to expand agricultural tourism as an additional source of income for farm families. The National Grange urges government at all levels to remove unnecessary laws and regulations that hamper agricultural tourism expansion.

As production agriculture becomes more dependent on computer technology, access to high speed internet has become critical to farming and marketing activities. The National Grange strongly supports expanded funding efforts necessary to develop high-speed internet access in rural areas that are currently under-served.

The National Grange recommends that the 2018 Farm Bill address several issues. Among them is the USDA Margin Protection Program (MPP), which has not been an adequate safety net for dairy farmers. The 2018 omnibus spending bill updated and overhauled the MPP. It provided additional funding to help close the existing gap between feed costs and average milk prices. This, along with restructured premium rates, benefitted small-to-medium sized dairy producers. These improvements, and other provisions designed to provide equitable treatment for all commodities, on all farm sizes in all regions of the

country need to continue to be addressed in the 2018 Farm Bill. The National Grange also strongly supports retaining adequate levels of financial support for the USDA Risk Management Division and the Federal Crop Insurance Program (FCI) so that coverages accurately reflect cost of production, provide adequate price protection, yet insure that premiums remain affordable. Disaster Relief programs are also a critical component of farm income safety nets and must be addressed in the 2018 farm bill. We also strongly urge that provisions are made to adequately address the needs for a reliable source of seasonal as well as year-round farm labor.

The National Grange continues to support the principle that only those foods from mammalian sources should be allowed to use the term "milk". The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) should not allow the labelling of nutritionally-inferior plant or artificial substitutes as "milk", "yogurt" or "cheese". The USDA must retain the authority to regulate the emergence of the efforts to grow "meat" in a laboratory setting. The Grange supports the principle that the term "meat" can only be used to describe animal protein derived from harvested production livestock, poultry, seafood or wildlife, wild or domestic.

Milk prices to the farmer have dropped 5.4% over the past 20 years, while production costs have continued to climb. The Grange must continue to work to educate consumers on the positive qualities of whole milk and lowering the unacceptable level of waste of our food that currently occurs on a daily basis in this country. Education efforts, such as these will lead to more demand for our domestically-produced milk, thus leading to higher prices for our producers, and less waste of food will make more available for government-assistance food programs.

Individual incomes in developing countries are rising, leading to changes in diet that will increase demands on the world's food supply even as population growth adds its inevitable impact. Cooperative nonpartisan effort is the "Grange way," and an understanding of the direct relationship between science and the natural world will be required, to answer the question "How will we feed them all?" It is a well-known fact that a strong agriculture makes a strong country.

Community Service Involvement

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OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



Hello fellow Grangers,

As of to date I have received twenty six 2018 Annual Community Service/Involvement Reports. Please don't wait for June 1 to submit your report. Thank you.

Your Grange will be receiving the Judging criteria for the Annual Community Service/Involvement Yearbook in the mail from the Oregon State office.

Please follow the criteria carefully.

The Community Service Department would like to see as many Yearbooks as possible and if that is not possible at least fill out and send in the report. There is no such thing as a small community service project. Big or small they are all much appreciated. I see on social media events and projects that your Granges are doing. We would like

those included in your Yearbooks, not just for us to share but also as a way for you to record the events for your history.

Hope to see a lot of Yearbooks at State Convention on in Molalla.



Oregon State Grange AG Tour Saturday, June 22

Leave the Molalla High School at 9am.

Return around 12:30pm in time for the conferral of first four degrees
Lunch provided.

The tour will visit several agricultural locations in the Molalla area.

You must reserve your spot by June 1st
Limited to 40 people on a first come basis

For reservations contact: June Colony
Email grassjune@hotmail.com
Phone - 541.569.2388

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____



Volunteers Needed

2019 Ag Fest
April 27 & 28

Saturday April 27 & Sunday April 28
Oregon State Fairgrounds

Volunteers needed to work in the State Grange Activity Booth to help transplant vegetable and flowers starts and 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.

National Grange Adopted Policy Statements

This is the fourth of several Policy Statements adopted at the 152nd Annual Convention of the National Grange held in Stowe, Vermont. Several statements were published in the December/January and February/March issues. The last of the statements appears on pages 18 and 19 of this issue.



The Education Committee

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OSG Education Director

Greetings,

By now your Grange has received information through your Grange Secretary about Oregon Ag in the Classroom. The Oregon State Grange is a proud sponsor of this program. There are several ways to sign up for the Literacy Project.

1. Website: oregonaitc.org/programs/literacy/project/
2. Call: 541-737-8629
3. Email: aite@oregonstate.edu

Please give your time to this project. It's as easy as reading a book "John Deere, That's Who" and doing a small project with children. Let's get behind this project and show what Grangers can do!

Winona Grange has already reached out to Ag in the Classroom by hosting a teacher's training for fifteen teachers on March 4th. I encourage other Granges to host training sessions for this program. They are always looking for locations. Contact

Jessica Jansen at 541-737-8629. All you have to do is open your hall, set up, make coffee and cleanup afterwards. Pretty easy way to help this worthy program.

Lost River Junior-Senior High School in Klamath County produces beef, eggs and produce for the student body. With the help of FFA students, advisors, and the community a barn has been built and corals will be completed this month. They are also growing vegetables and have a greenhouse. The students are learning where their foods come from and what it takes to get the end product to market. I commend Meghan Miller the agriculture science teacher and FFA advisor and the students at Lost River Junior Senior High. Great job!

Thank you for your support of the Ag in the Classroom Literacy Project! If you have any questions please call me: 541-751-1046 or email: vpjbears@q.com

Sandy High School FFA Ag Issues Team Visited OSG Headquarters

The Sandy High School FFA Chapter visited the Oregon State Grange office Thursday afternoon March 14th and presented their Ag Issues skit on the topic "How Pesticides Are Used and Applied" and how county specific rules affect the agriculture and forest industry. It contained seven characters representing many different viewpoints on the issue.

The skit was set on "Critey! It's The Irwins," an Australian-based American reality television series shown on the Animal Planet network. The show follows the family of the late Australian conservationist and zookeeper Steve Irwin as they live and work at the family's Australia Zoo as well as their travels reporting on animal and environmental issues.

This year's skit focused on the responsible use of pesticides in managing Oregon timberlands, a hot topic in some parts of Oregon, where counties have tried to impose county specific laws governing the use of pesticides.

The skit features students as naturalists Robert and Bindi Irwin and offered the perspectives of such diverse

groups as the Vice President of Timberlands for Weyerhaeuser, a representative of Oregonians for Food and Shelter, an FFA representative, a spokesperson for Lincoln County Community Rights and a representative for Oregon Wild. Each part had been previously researched and then played by one of the students.

In addition to the Oregon State Grange, the FFA members visited the Oregon State Legislature, the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, the Capital Press, Representative Kurt Schrader's office and ended their day with the Clackamas County Farm Bureau.

It was then off to the state FFA convention, March 22-25 at the Deschutes Fair & Expo Center in Redmond where the group was the defending state champion.



L-r: Taking part in this year's production were juniors Wyatt Carey as the Vice President of Timberlands for Weyerhaeuser and Sydney Schwenk as a representative of Oregonians for Food and Shelter; freshman Brekkan Richardson representing the FFA; sophomore Alejandra Ortega, as a spokesperson for Lincoln County Community Rights; and senior Yolanda Sanchez as a representative for Oregon Wild. Sophomore Nick Blessinger; and senior Savannah Schloesser played the rolls of Robert and Bindi Irwin.

Lane Pomona Presents Scholarship Check

On January 12, 2019 Lane Pomona Grange presented Shawn Traub a Scholarship check for \$1000. Shawn is a sixth-year student at the University of Oregon and is majoring in Music. He will be graduating in June of 2019.

Shawn is a member of the Goshen Grange where he serves as Education Chairman. Linda Wetzell, Oregon State Grange Musician, is his mother. She is proud of his commitment to music and education.

The Lane Pomona Grange scholarships are offered to Grange family members who are second year or beyond students at college or following other educational pursuits, and to 4-H participants in Lane County.



Shawn Traub of Goshen Grange was presented with the Lane Pomona Grange Scholarship by Iva May Van Noy, Lane Pomona Grange Education and Scholarship Committee.

2019 Grange Scholarships

OSG Foundation Scholarships

Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Memorial Scholarship

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

Mary Helen Sauter Ramm Memorial

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

Oregon State Grange Scholarships

Charles E. Spence Memorial

An applicant must have been a Grange member in Oregon for at least two years. Scholarships can be used at applicant's choice of school. Value \$500.

Grange Workers Activities (GWA)

Goes to an Oregon Grange member, who by September 1 will have completed at least one year of college, business school, nurses training, or vocational education. Check will be mailed to the school. You must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours fall term. Two \$400 scholarships.

For all of the above scholarships: The application forms were mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from www.orgrange.org/scholarships/. The completed application must be sent to the Oregon State Grange office, 643 Union St NE, Salem, OR 97301 postmarked no later than **May 1**.





Oregon State Grange Foundation

Malcolm Trupp, President

batteries.

At the December meeting, the Foundation voted to assist Thurston Grange of Lane County to gain title to the land beneath their Grange building. The Foundation was able to acquire title to the property which had been foreclosed on by Lane County because of non-payment of property tax. The Foundation signed an agreement with Thurston Grange for a use/buy arrangement. The Foundation will relinquish title to the property to Thurston Grange after the terms of the agreement are satisfied. This is just one way the Foundation has helped many Granges in Oregon.

There are two programs the Foundation is part of that helps the Foundation to raise funds for its programs. When you purchase anything from Amazon, go through the Foundation on the OSG website. A percentage of the purchase is donated back to the Foundation. Last quarter the Foundation received \$11.98. Also when you purchase anything from Fred Meyer through their Community Rewards program, a percentage of your purchase is also given back to the Foundation. Last quarter the Foundation received \$36.48. We plan to have a trustee at the Foundation table at the OSG Annual Convention to assist you on how to participate in these programs.

Remember, the Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund of the Foundation will reimburse you up to \$500 per year for hearing issues such as

The GASS Fund (Grangers Attending State Session) was set up to recognize Grangers who have passed away. Remember this Fund when you are commemorating your past Grange members.

The Foundation administers the Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Memorial Scholarship and the Mary Helen Sauter Ramm Memorial Scholarship. The applications for both of these are due May 1 and you will find them on the Grange website.

The Mission of the Oregon State Grange Foundation is to promote the ideals of the Grange within and without the boundaries of the State of Oregon. Please donate to the Foundation. For more information go to: <http://orgrange.org/oregon-state-grange-foundation/>



Signing the use/buy arrangement agreement for the land that Thurston's hall sits on are Kent Le-manquais, the Master of Thurston Grange and Malcolm Trupp, the President of the OSG Foundation.



About twenty members attended the Lane Pomona GWA meeting.

Lane Pomona Holds GWA Meeting

Lane Pomona Grange held their GWA meeting on Wednesday, March 13th at Goshen Grange. A good discussion was held on the calendar of activities for this coming year. This was a rescheduled event that had been snowed out in February. Plans were gone over for the high tea to be held at Creswell Grange on May 5 as well as the Cookie Day at the Lane County Fair in July.

GWA

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OSG Grange Workers Activities Director



Julie Schnetzky
District 3 GWA Chairman

or go online <http://orgrange.org/grange-workers-activities/>

Spring is in the air and before we know it summer will be here and that means State Grange Convention time. We had an interesting winter with snow late in February and early March so I'm sure warmer weather is ahead.

We would like to welcome Tammie Phillips from Illinois Valley Grange #370 in District 1 to our GWA Team. She has volunteered to be our District 1 Chairman. Thank you, Tammie for stepping up for your District.

A reminder to all our wonderful GWA Contest sponsors; please send in your payments by May 1, to the Oregon State Grange office.

All contests are open to members and non-members. Each contestant can have only one entry per category. All entries must be received in the GWA exhibit area at the Molalla High School no later than noon on Sunday June 23.

You can contact your GWA District Director for more details

Get your Grange Worker Activities Scholarship application in soon. It must be postmarked by May 1. Send it to the Oregon State Grange office.

Aluminum pull tabs will be accepted, so be sure to collect them and bring to the GWA area at the June 22-27 Convention.

The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members. The National Grange has become a recognized partner in the mission of the Quilts of Valor® Foundation as an official Under Our Wings® program.

We look forward to seeing you at the Oregon State Convention June 22-27 with your wonderful items for contests and donations. As Grange members you never cease to amaze us with your talent and resourcefulness. We want to thank you ahead of time for all your time and effort volunteering at Convention. We couldn't do this without all of you.



The Kinton Grange

Invites you to our

Spring Celebration

Ham Dinner and Bazaar

Dinner includes Ham, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Coleslaw and Pie!

Sunday, April 28, 2019 - Noon - 4:00 pm

This event is one of our major fundraisers of the year, providing the basic support needed to keep this community building operational.

Adults	\$13.00 each or 2 for \$25.00
Children	\$ 5.00 each (ages 4-12)
Toddlers	FREE (under age 4)

Quilt Raffle - Proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research at OSHU's Knight Foundation ticket will be drawn on Oct 6

Handmade items for sale

Bake Sale

To register for the Bazaar, to purchase dinner tickets in advance or for more information, please visit:



www.KintonGrange.org or the Kinton Grange's Facebook page or call Linda Curtis at 503-661-4366

Kinton Grange is located at 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Rd, Beaverton. 5 miles southwest of Washington Square



2019 Oregon State Grange Convention June 22-27 ~ Molalla, Oregon “Grange Adventures - Molalla 2019”

2019 OSG Convention Meal Tickets

Molalla High School

Name: _____
Grange Name & No.: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____

Saturday dinner and Sunday through Wednesday lunches are available for purchase. All banquets and luncheons are on site at the Molalla High School. Tuesday's Benefit Breakfast is at the Molalla Grange. In the boxes below, write in the total number of meal tickets per meal. Total the daily meal costs on the right and enter the grand total at the bottom. Mail completed order form and total amount by June 1st. Meal tickets will not be available for purchase after June 1st. **Only limited salad bar plus protein cup tickets will be available for purchase on site.** All meal tickets will be picked up at State Convention.

**Mail to: Parkdale Grange
c/o The Parrotts**

5140 Crusher Dr. ~ Parkdale OR 97041

**Please return order form with check payable to:
“District 4 Hosting Committee” by June 1st.**

Day	Meal	Menu		# of tickets	Price per ticket	Daily \$ Total
Sat 6/22	Kickoff Banquet	Tri-tip, garlic dill potatoes, zippy green beans, special corn, tossed salad, roll, carrot cake	Adult	X	\$18.50	
			10 & under	X	\$10.00	
Sun 6/23	Foundation Luncheon	Pork loin w/ sautéed apples, roasted veggies, rice pilaf, spinach salad, roll, blackberry cobbler	Adult	X	\$15.00	
			10 & under	X	\$7.50	
		Salad bar plus protein cup		X	\$8.00	
Mon 6/24	Membership Luncheon	Ribs, chuckwagon beans, cole slaw, roll, strawberry shortcake	Adult	X	\$15.00	
			10 & under	X	\$7.50	
		Salad bar plus protein cup		X	\$8.00	
	Benefits Breakfast				Free	\$0.00
Tues 6/25	GWA Luncheon	Turkey, dressing, potatoes/gravy, broccoli salad, glazed carrots, lemon layered dessert	Adult	X	\$15.00	
			10 & under	X	\$7.50	
		Salad bar plus protein cup		X	\$8.00	
Wed 6/26	Youth/Young Adults Luncheon	Baked macaroni and cheese, Caesar salad, garlic bread, cookies	Adult	X	\$15.00	
			10 & under	X	\$7.50	
		Salad bar plus protein cup		X	\$8.00	
All meals and salad bar include beverages Protein for salad bar: ham, turkey, chicken, hard boiled eggs				Grand Total		

Orders must be received by June 1st. Only limited salad bar tickets will be available for purchase on site.

Meals at the OSG Convention

This year the Kickoff Banquet and luncheons will be catered by Clarkes Grange. As in the past, there is a deadline for hot meal sales (June 1) and additional meal tickets will not be available at convention, so that the cooks will know how much to prepare.



Molalla Grange hall
ets by June 1st.

In an effort to encourage last-minute spontaneous attendance, a salad bar plus protein cup will be offered at each of the luncheons, Sunday through Wednesday. This will consist of standard green salad fixing and a protein cup consisting of ham, turkey, chicken and/or hard-boiled eggs.

What happens at a banquet or luncheon? It is more than a meal. Depending on the officer or committee hosting the event there maybe a speaker, awards given, scholarship recipients recognized, reports on activities and almost always door prizes. These are things you don't want to miss so plan to attend and if you want the meal, order your tick-

This year's Benefits Breakfast will be held at the Molalla Grange hall, 127 Grange Ave, Molalla, just half a dozen or so blocks from the high school. This is a free breakfast. There are no tickets for this meal but the cooks would like to have a ballpark count of those planning to attend so make sure you mark the box on your meal order form.

There will be no meals served on Thursday so take advantage of visiting one of the local restaurants. You will find a list of those in your attendance bag when you check in at convention.



L-r: Don MacKinnon auctions off a dessert as Don Guttridge and Jessie Jo Guttridge serve as spotters.

Social Honors the MacKinnons

Clackamas Pomona Grange #1 held a social night on Saturday evening February 23 at Springwater Grange. Done in the past in September it was flipfopped with the conferring the Fifth Degree which will now be done in September.

The evening started off with a dessert potluck followed by a roast of Don and Barbara MacKinnon, long time active Grangers in Clackamas County, who are moving back to Alaska to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Both Grangers and non-Grangers from the camping club, including State Master Susan

Noah, shared stories and memories and wished the MacKinnons well. They responded with an invitation to visit them in Alaska once they are settled.

Then Don was put to work one more time as auctioneer for the

Pomona's annual dessert auction, a fundraiser for the Charlie Bowser Memorial Scholarship Fund. \$667 was raised for the 2019 scholarship which will be awarded at the July Pomona meeting.

District 4: "Grange Adventures - Molalla 2019"



Abernethy #346
Clackamas County
Organized 1904



Location: 15745 S Harley Ave, Oregon City
Meets: 1st Mon 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm
Master: Howard Huey
Website: abernethygrange.webs.com

Best known for: venue for square dancing.

Other projects: venue for vintage radio that has met there every month for many, many years and vintage auto group.



Boring-Damascus #260
Clackamas County
Organized 1893



Location: 27861 SE Grange St, Boring
Meets: 3rd Tues 7 pm; potluck 6 pm March, June, September and December
Master: Kelly Lazenby
Website: www.boringgrange.org

Best known for: Strawberry Waffle Breakfast, Anything Goes Sale, Holiday Craft Sale, Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Hall Meetings and Candidate Forums. Home of Nutz-n-Boltz Theater Group and Park Committee for Boring Station Trailhead Park.

Other projects include: Adopt-the-Road, Hwy 212 Damascus and the BBQ for Boring-Dull Day Park Social.



Clarkes #261
Clackamas County
Organized: 1893 (Re-organized 1926)



Location: 19396 S Unger Rd, Beavercreek
Meets: 2nd Sat 7:30 pm; potluck Sept-May 6:30 pm
Master: Christy Dumolt

Best known for: catering for small private events and Grange breakfasts and dinners

Uniqueness: We excel at finding good causes to support and have a cell tower.

Other projects include: bought Cuddle Cot for local hospital; supports "Share the Love" at Molalla High School, new playground at the local elementary school; dinners to homeless vets at Veterans Village.



Beavercreek #276
Clackamas County
Organized 1895

Location: 22041 S Kamrath Rd, Beavercreek
Meets: 1st Sat 1 pm; potluck noon
Master: Don Furlan
Website: www.beavercreekgrange.org

Best known for: Feeding the community. 1st Saturday Breakfasts, St. Patrick's dinner, Mother's Day Breakfast, Christmas Dinners and Tree Lighting.

Uniqueness: partnership with Scouts, Lions, Welch Church, Hamlet of Beavercreek, and Oregon City Children's Theater.

Other projects: Home to Clackamas Pomona's trailer, a community gathering place and are replacing the storage shed with storage containers.



Eagle Creek #297
Clackamas County
Organized 1901



Location: 24491 Old Eagle Creek Rd, Eagle Creek
Meets: 3rd Sat 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm
Master: Cody Dunsmuir

Best known for: flea markets

Other projects: Easter egg hunt and Valentine's Day Dinner



Frogpond #111
Clackamas County
Organized 1874



Location: 27350 SW Stafford Rd, Wilsonville
Meets: 4th Thurs 7:30 pm except June 21, November 8 and December 6; potluck 6:30 pm
Master: Trevor Daly
Website: www.frogpond.i8.com

Best known for: having one of the first female Grange Masters in the nation.



Garfield #317
Clackamas County
Organized 1902

Location: 33460 SE Divers Rd, Estacada
Meets: 4th Wed 8:30 am
Master: Martha Bachler
www.Garfield-Grange.com

Best known for: quilting: hosts the oldest hand quilt club in USA dedicating quilts to veterans, Ronald McDonald House, Doernbecher Hospital, fire departments, women's crisis centers, senior centers, veterans and more. The majority of the Grange members are quilters.

Other projects: repainting the exterior of the Grange hall.



Harding #122
Clackamas County
Re-organized 1886



Location: 21552 S Fischers Mill Rd, Estacada
Meets: 2nd Sat 10 am, potluck 9 am
Secretary: Chris Bento

Best known for: 30 years of turkey dinners

Other projects: community flea market for 25+ years; Easter egg hunt, old time fiddler's gig for the community.

District 4: "Grange Adventures - Molalla 2019"



Maplewood #662
Clackamas County
Organized 1925



Location: 25480 S Hwy 99E, Aurora
Meets: 4th Sun 4:30 pm; potluck 3:30 pm
Master: Dan Keeley
www.maplewoodgrange.org

Best known for: the dance floor for square dancing, folk dancing and Zumba.

Other projects: Wild Hog Dinner & Dance; Christmas field trip, donations to school & homeless causes. Used by Boy Scouts & team dancing.



Sunnyside #842
Clackamas County
Organized 1936



Location: 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd, Clackamas
Meets: 2nd Thurs 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm
Master: Sandi Ludi
Website: www.sunnysidegrange@org

Best known for: A very well-maintained hall available to serve the community as well as for Grange member activities. Free events and supportive programs for the local school and activity clubs like Girl Scouts and FFA chapter, and music programs.

Uniqueness: They are an urban Grange with no clearly defined community. They serve a wide variety of interests through support for local Robotics club for school children and always willing for new ideas.

Other projects: Community service outreach is the main goal. They have a year-round food drive for the Oregon Food Bank, free services like Shred-It services, blood drives, painting and sewing activities.



Molalla #310
Clackamas County
Organized 1902

Location: 127 Grange Ave, Molalla
Meets: 3rd Wed 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm
Master: Don Sether

Best known for: being a great rental venue in the middle of town raising revenue for charitable giving.

Other projects: two scholarships yearly to high school seniors, free use of the hall to the food bank, the Gleaners Association, and to the Red Cross.



Redland #796
Clackamas County
Organized 1931



Location: 18131 S Fischers Mill Rd, Oregon City
Meets: 2nd Thurs 7 pm; potluck 6 pm
Master: Dick Wanker
Website: www.redlandgrange796.org

Best known for: community service

Projects: Zumba and yoga classes, road clean-ups, farmers market, grant for AED unit; donations to Redland School Library, 4-H, weekly lunches for homeless, building repairs.



Multnomah #71
Multnomah County
Re-organized 2013



Location: 30639 SE Bluff Rd, Gresham
Meets: 3rd Mon 7 pm; potluck 6 pm
Secretary: Jan Eck
Website: www.multnomahgrange.com

Best known for: blue grass music
Other projects: donations to causes, such as Peace Tree Vietnam for land mine removal.



Springwater #263
Clackamas County
Organized 1893



Location: 24591 S Wallens Springwater Rd, Estacada
Meets: 4th Mon 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm, except 3rd Mon May & Dec, June 2019
Master: Tami Guttridge
Website: www.grange.org/springwateror263/

Hall occupied since approximately 1950 when the school play shed was converted to a Grange hall, and a county road was built thru the middle of the old hall.

Best known for our Strawberry Social in June where we serve a jumbo shortcake and a pulled pork sandwich dinner. The Grange also holds a yearly community fair in the fall, and has done so since 1923.

Uniqueness: The suggestion to hold a pie auction and give the funds away as a scholarship has turned into an over 20-year commitment with over 120 scholarships given. They have pictures of nearly every person who served as Master posted in the hall.

Other projects: Springwater Grange supports the "Words for Thirds" program in three local schools, and has provided supplies to the Clackamas Veterans Transitional Housing.



Milwaukie #268
Clackamas County
Organized 1894



Location: 12015 SE 22nd St, Milwaukie
Meets: 3rd Sat 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm
Master: Leonee Akers

Uniqueness: unusual renters besides square dance group, has Academy of European Arms (medieval martial arts), Gold Digger and Canary clubs.

Other projects: community dance; thank you party for renters.

District 4: "Grange Adventures - Molalla 2019"



The Sandy #392

Clackamas County
Organized 1909



Location: 34705 SE Kelso Rd, Sandy
Meets: 2nd Sat 7:30 pm except 3rd Sat September; potluck 6:30 pm
Master: Jake Cansler

Best known for: bingo games and the food collected for the Community Action Center.

Uniqueness: don't rent out the hall

Other projects: Use of hall donated to community organizations as well as for family funerals or memorials; hold monthly breakfasts; hold flea markets.



Warner #117

Clackamas County
Re-organized 1882



Location: 10100 S New Era Rd, Canby
Meets: 3rd Thurs 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm
Master: Terry Mize
Website: www.grange.org/warneror117

Best known for: a free venue to Scouts, dance troop, theater group, and other local organizations.

Other project: raising large funds to supply many hospitals with Cuddle Cots, a refrigerated device that allows grieving parents more time with their stillborn child.



Parkdale #500

Hood River County
Organized 1913

Location: 7375 Clear Creek Rd, Parkdale
Meets: 1st Mon 6:30 pm; Potluck 3rd Mon 6:30 pm
Master: Terry Honn

Best known for: opens its doors to the community and many groups, like OSU Extension and garden clubs

Other projects: making berry pies- a lot!



Pine Grove #356

Hood River County
Organized 1905

Location: 2900 Van Horn Dr, Hood River
Meets: 1st Tues 7 pm
Master: Beth Peters

Best known for: our first ever Blossom Day Smorgasbord in 1953. Since the start of that one-day event, Hood River County now celebrates with food, fair and exhibits throughout the county for an entire week. In later years the Grange changed focus to an Antique Show and Sale.

Uniqueness: In 2018 two of their active members were awarded their 70-year and two members received their 50-year membership awards. Pine Grove Grange shares their like-name with Pine Grove Granges in New Hampshire as well as Washington State.



Rockford #501

Hood River County
Organized 1913



Location: 4262 Barrett Dr, Hood River
Meets: 1st Wed 6 pm; potluck 5:30 pm
Master: Aurora del Val

Best known for: being a dancing Grange! folk and square dances and classes in both.

Other projects: participates in Seed Share, a plant sale, Fill Your Pantry Market, a Filmfest and Lecture series, and other community events. Affordable rent. Hosting food co-ops and competitive square dancing.



Columbia #267

Multnomah County
Organized 1893



Location: 37493 Grange Hall Rd, Corbett
Meets: 2nd Tues 7 pm
Master: Carlyn Mitas
Website: www.columbiagrang267.org

Best known for: Helping Hands Food Salvage Program – currently leasing bottom half of building but originally founded by Columbia Grange #267.

Uniqueness: They have vibrant programming that originates with member/community ideas. They include: Oregon Humanities Conversation Project, annual pie baking/Variety Show, Holiday Craft Fair, They are the largest Grange, in membership, in Oregon

Other projects: rural skills workshops, weekly classes like dancing, yoga, NIA, New to this year-storytelling workshop, ukulele concert, jug band concert.



Russellville #353

Multnomah County
Organized 1905



Location: 12105 NE Prescott, Portland
Meets: 2nd Sat 10:30 am; potluck noon
Master: Patrick Boyd

Best known for: breakfast before meetings

Other projects: Ecological replacement of pavement with a swale; free rent for community groups.



District 4: "Grange Adventures - Molalla 2019"



Gresham #270
Multnomah County
Organized 1894



Location: 875 NE Division, Gresham
Meets: 3rd Sun 2 pm
Master: Doug Carpenter

Best known for: flea markets

Other projects: building maintenance, including new water heater, kitchen repainted. Donate to Gresham Senior Center and support members in need.



Mosier #234
Wasco County
Organized 1889, Re-organized 1930

Location: 900 4th Ave, Mosier
Meets: 1st Tues 7 pm; potluck 3rd Tues 6:30 pm
Master: Lois Root

Best known for: Blossom Day Buffet and cherry sales

Other projects: support community farm-related meetings, dinners for funerals, birthdays and weddings, HS scholarships, Mosier Community School Garden, local family shelter, and provide goody boxes for local servicemen and for Mosier School.



Barlow Gate #157
Wasco County
Re-organized 1928



Location: 56960 Market Rd, Wamic Valley
Meets: 1st Thurs 6:30 pm
Master: John Herlocker
Website: www.barlowgategrange.com



Sauvie Island #840
Multnomah County
Organized 1935



Location: 14443 NW Charlton Rd, Portland
Meets: 2nd Mon 7 pm
Master: Pam Vetsch
Website: www.grange.org/sauvieislandor840

Best known for: strawberry shortcake to participants for the July 4 Half Marathon run; Pie Auction; commitment to their island community.

What is unique: They are the 2nd largest, in membership, in Oregon



Rockwood #323
Multnomah County
Organized 1902

Location: 18303 SE Stark St, Portland
Meets: 1st Fri 7 pm; potluck 6 pm
Master: Lee Putman

Best known for: friendliness, unity among the members and tasty potlucks!

Uniqueness: We are an urban Grange

Other projects: annual Christmas dinner for needy families. Providing an affordable location for three churches and two 12-step programs.



Cherry Park #667
Wasco County
Re-organized: 2004

Location: 1002 Lambert Rd, The Dalles
Meets: 4th Wed 7 pm
Secretary: Rosalie McCabe Gibbs



Skyline #894
Multnomah County
Organized



Location: 11275 NW Skyline Blvd, Portland
Meets: 2nd Mon 7:30 pm
Master: Sen Speroff
Website: www.srnpx.org/grange.html

Best known for: hard-working members committed to community and strong educational component

Projects: Community Brunches and Soup Suppers; Garage Sales; Tree and Native Plant Sales; free Skyline Living Series of workshops and presentations; hosts townhalls, public meetings by governmental agencies; upgrading the hall to make it more welcoming; affordable rent.



Pleasant Valley #348
Multnomah County
Organized 1904

Location: 17115 SE Foster Rd, Gresham
Meets: 2nd Thurs 6 pm & potluck
Master: Ismael Garcia

Best known for: craft bazaars

Other projects: constantly fixing the building. New stairs as Eagle Scout project; installed new fence; finally fixed leak; exploring funding for new roof.



Ramsey Park #352
Wasco County
Organized: 1905

Location: 81184 Dufur Valley Rd, Dufur
Meets: 4th Sun 2 pm, potluck dessert
Master: Duane Powell

“Come Together at the Grange”



Above: Lake Creek Grange, Jackson County, got the banner up on their Grange hall in time for the filming of a Subaru commercial.



Below: Ada Grange, Lane County, with members from many age groups show off their banner.



Above: Elmira Grange, one of the smallest membership Granges in Lane County, received the pProgram of “Come together at the Grange.” They were encouraged to bring in new members and they talked about fundraising and community programs that would benefit them.

Like the previous two years the goal of “Come Together at the Grange” is to have a net gain in membership in 2019 and work towards sustainability of the organization.

In February and March many Granges received their new banner and box of goodies to help with gaining new members but the weather wasn't helpful so there are still some to be delivered in April. If your Grange hasn't received yours yet someone from the State Grange leadership will be visiting you soon.

So, Grangers let's get out there and make “Come Together at the Grange” a success bringing growth to the Grange in 2019!

Below: Russellville Grange, Multnomah County, loved the banner and got it hung up right away.



Above: Jasper Grange, Lane County, received the Oregon State Grange membership program, “Come together at the Grange.” It was well received and everyone enjoyed the gifts presented.



Above: Joyce Parker, District 4 Youth Chairman presented the program at Beavercreek Grange, Clackamas County.

Midland to Honor Louise Holst

Midland Grange #781, Klamath County, invites you to join them for an Open House on Saturday May 4th from 1-4pm.

State Master Susan Noah will be present to present Oregon State Grange Executive Committee member, Louise Holst with the Golden Sheaf Certificate commemorating 50 years of continuous Grange membership.

Also receiving awards that day

will be Louise's brother Lee Sukraw with his 55-year seal and Taylor High will receive a letter from the National Master congratulating him on 80 years of Grange membership.

All are welcome to join Midland Grange at their hall at 6601 Tingley Lane, Klamath Falls, Oregon. For more information, etc. contact Vickie High vick189@aol.com 541-591-1019



Bailey Barks

When Mom and Dad returned from the National Grange, neither of them told me that Mom brought back a Grange Super Hero Cape! Now that I know, I wonder if they come in dog sizes? There is a new

IMAX film out that focuses on dogs with epic powers that you as humans probably take for granted.

Six dogs are in the film, one, named Halo, is a search and rescue dog with an elite urban search and rescue team, Florida Task Force 1. Reef, a Newfoundland, is a lifeguard with the Italian Coast Guard. Ricochet is a Golden Retriever surfing therapy dog for war veterans with PTSD and children with special needs. In the movie he can be seen riding the waves. Two Bloodhounds, Tipper and Tony, are also featured on screen as they track down poachers in Kenya. The last one is the dashing goggle wearing Border Collie, Henry who is an avalanche rescue dog in the Canadian Rockies.

I know Mom is looking for nominations for Grange Heroes. Do you think a Grange dog could be nominated? I bet she would like that. I bet some of our readers have Grange dogs that would qualify. So send her a nomination and I'll make sure she gets some dog sized capes.

If you want to be a hero to shelter dogs, enter Bailey's Good Dog contest with the GWA. Each entry is made up of things for a "Good Dog" and all the entries are taken to a local shelter following the State Grange convention. You can't see me but I'm all wagging tail and wiggle butt just thinking about those shelter dogs and what they will be receiving!

Woof, Bailey

Upcoming Dates

- April 27 & 28** Oregon Ag Fest – Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
- April 30** Junior Officer Application deadline
- April 30-May 1** National Grange Legislative Fly-in – Washington, DC
- May 1** State Grange, GWA and Foundation Scholarship Applications Due
- May 17** OSG Salute to Oregon Agriculture BBQ – State Capitol, Salem
- May 25** Deadline for resolutions to be turned in to the state office for consideration at State Convention
- June 1** Community Service Report deadline
- June 22-27** Oregon State Grange Convention – Molalla
- August 9-11** Western Regional Leadership and Youth Conference - Echo Valley Campground, Avon, Montana
- August 23 – September 2** Oregon State Fair/Log Cabin – Salem
- November 5-9** 153rd Annual National Grange Convention – Minneapolis, Minnesota
- November 11** Albany Veterans Day Parade - Albany

Send Your Juniors to Grange Camp

For many years Oregon has not had a Junior Camp during the summer. Again, this year the Washington State Grange is inviting Oregon Juniors to attend one of their camps.

There is financial assistance of up to \$200 per camper for registration available for Oregon Juniors to attend Junior Grange camp through the Oregon State Grange Foundation. Contact your district trustee for more information. The last couple years Juniors from North End Grange #820, Wallowa County, have received financial assistance from the foundation to attend Camp Wooten.

There are six Junior Grange summer camps scheduled for locations around Washington State. Prompt early registration is the best way to secure a spot at the camp of choice and to avoid late fees. Each camp will feature a week of fun activities including music, hiking, swimming, special programs, games, crafts and Junior Grange instruction. It is not necessary for children or their parents to be Grange members to register for a camp. Eligible ages are 9-14.

Although each camp is administered separately, each requires a signed medical permission slip from parents, a completed registration form and pre-payment of camp fees. Prices range from \$145-\$225 depending on camp and time of registration. Pamphlets for each camp are available from camp coordinators (contact information is listed below). They are also available on the Washington State Grange website, www.wa-grange/JuniorCamps.org.

Camp Wooten June 23-28

Camp Wooten State Park
2711 Tucannon Road
Pomeroy, WA 99347
Deena Stalling
509-521-1340
Campwooten1@gmail.com

Camp NEWA July 21-27

2580 Pend Oreille Lake Road
Colville, WA 99114
Camp Director:
Carol Evans
509-535-1165
19wazzu74@gmail.com

Camp Morehead July 14-20

Camp Morehead
27600 Sandridge Road
Ocean Park, WA
Camp Director:
Tom Gwin
360-581-0177
tgwin@techline.com

Camp Mayfield July 21-27

Mayfield Lake Youth Camp
394 Winston Creek Road
Mossyrock, WA 98564
360- 985-2972
Camp Directors:
Jennifer & Marvin Oliver
Jennifer: (253) 906-6078
Marvin: (253) 906-6075
jenandmarv@yahoo.com

Camp David Junior Grange Camp: July 7-12 and July 21- 26

Camp David Jr.
1452 Camp David Jr. Rd.
Port Angeles, WA 98363
Camp Director:
Chrissy Kelly
360 452-8028
Grandpas_twerp@hotmail.com

Camp Cornet Bay August 4-9

Cornet Bay Junior Camp
400 W. Cornet Bay Road
Oak Harbor, WA 98277
Camp Registrar:
Kathy Knott
253-350-1807
Kathyknott.wa@gmail.com
Camp Director:
Janelle Lierman
425-407-3199
jmlierman@hotmail.com



L: Juniors making ice cream at Camp Morehead.

Below: Juniors working on their drill and dance moves.







Legislative Update

Mark Noah
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OSG Legislative Director

April is Grange month and 2019 is a regular session for the Oregon legislature, so there's no better time to focus on legislative issues! For a Lecturer's program you could present information about bills the State Grange is following, or legislation of local interest. You probably attended Grange Day at the Legislature last month, so in your committee report you can tell everyone what the capitol is like, and who you were able to speak with. And, there is still plenty of time for your Grange to approve resolutions to send to the State Grange convention.

Any Grange can submit their resolution directly to State Grange for consideration, as long as it was approved at a legal meeting. As we know, minimum requirements for a legal meeting include the presence of seven members of your Grange (a quorum); the American flag, open bible and Grange implement case must also be in the room. Vote is usually by show of hands ("all in favor, show the voting sign; hands down; all opposed, the same sign") but any individual member may call for a paper ballot in which case slips of paper are used and a member's vote is held in confidence.

Some Granges pass resolutions with enough time to send them to other Granges or to their Pomona Grange for consideration. This

may help rally support or possibly inspire others to try to improve the resolution. This step is not required—the adopted resolution may be sent directly to the Oregon State Grange office. The deadline for submissions is always 30 days prior to the start of the convention each year so for 2019 that deadline is 5pm on May 25.

Resolutions are easy to write, but easy to mess up too! Best practice is to keep it simple and relatively short. The 'whereas, resolved' structure serves to clearly show your arguments (Whereas...) and the action you want taken (Resolved, that...). Make sure your arguments are brief, logical and factual. Too long or too many and you'll cloud your issue and lose the attention of the voters. Keep your resolution simple and specific—what do you want done, and by whom. The 2019 legislative session will be nearly over by the time we meet for convention so references to bill numbers are probably not helpful. Instead, address the specific issue behind the bill so we will have a policy that can carry forward.

Call your local OSG Legislative Committee District Director for advice and help with resolutions, or contact me directly, we're here to help.

See you at Convention in Molalla!

April 2019 Legislative Letter

Just a few things to keep in mind as the current Oregon Legislative Session heats up...

- **SB210** would require all non-profits to file each year for property tax exemption. This opt-in style requirement has numerous pitfalls and penalties designed to strip property tax exemption from individual chapters such as Subordinate/Community Granges for seemingly minor transgressions such as late filing. It has been sitting in the Finance/Revenue committee since January 15 with no events currently scheduled, but we should all alert our legislators to the problems this bill could cause to us and other small non-profits that are in many cases operated by volunteers.
- **SB528** would recognize fallen firefighters with roadside memorial signs similar to police officers. Grange members proposed this legislation and Senator Betsy Johnson carried it to the floor. Grange members spoke at hearings on this bill and it currently is in Veterans and Emergency Prep committee with a 'Do pass' recommendation.
- **HB2444** would provide significant funds for FFA in Oregon high schools. This bill has had hearings and carries a 'do pass' recommendation. It is in the Student Success committee but no events are currently scheduled.
- **HB3058** and **SB853** are complimentary bills, one from the house and one from the senate, calling for restrictions on the use of Neonicotinoid pesticides. These pesticides are highly toxic to bees, beneficial insects, fish and birds and these bills would limit their use to certified pesticide applicators and remove them from consumer store shelves. We passed a resolution at our 2017 OSG convention in support of restricting the use of Neonicotinoids. Hearings were scheduled for March 26, at 1pm and 3pm. Members can submit testimony via email even after those dates..

Anyone can submit testimony on a bill, but do not do so in the name of any unit of the Grange unless you have formal approval. If your opinion, or your Grange's opinion, is different from Oregon State Grange policy you need to make sure it is understood that you are speaking only for yourself or for your local Grange. You can't speak for the Oregon State Grange without the approval of the State Master.

To submit testimony in person you need to sign up as a potential speaker. To submit by email, use OLIS (Oregon Legislative Information System) to find the bill and the committee to which it is assigned, then just click on the committee name and you'll find a sub-heading that says 'To Submit Testimony' and a link.

2018 National Grange Labor, and Judiciary Policy Statement

Labor

The Grange has long fought for the rights of both employers and employees to live and thrive, understanding that worker protection and prosperity are not in conflict with company success and solvency. We believe that the hardworking men and women of America's workforce deserve the opportunity to earn a fair wage in a safe work environment and the guarantee that their pensions and subsequent benefits will be protected and preserved. We encourage businesses, municipalities, school districts, and state governments across the country to be proactive in ensuring the future growth and stability of employee pension benefits and to guard against their loss in the unfortunate event of a company merger or bankruptcy.

We support legislative efforts to streamline the H-2A process to ensure that all agricultural operations can have access to guest workers. The National Grange supports an Agriculture Guest Worker Program for the establishment of the H-2C

visa program for skilled agricultural workers to be administered by the USDA. This provides an option to both seasonal and year-round labor needs, recognizing that not all agriculture jobs are the same or require the same level of skill or experience. The H-2C visa program better understands the unique needs of the American farm and ranch operations, and the challenges of processing raw, perishable commodities. This will offer workers and employers more choices in their employment arrangements, with more flexibility and less bureaucratic red tape than the H-2A visa program.

The global economy has allowed American businesses to reach markets once inaccessible and has increased the demand for many of our goods, including our agricultural products, in far regions of the world. The Grange continues to be an advocate for the implementation of fair free trade agreements that encourage international commerce while also incentivizing domestic job growth and economic output

for American companies. We do not; however, support the bailout of any country, state, or territory that has engaged in wasteful spending and behaved in a financially irresponsible manner.

Judiciary

Since the Grange was organized in 1867, it has been a staunch defender of our Constitution and the rights and privileges it protects for each and every citizen. We are a nation of law and order and as such must work to draft, pass, and maintain legislation aimed at ensuring a peaceful society and a fair judicial system. Our first responders work hard and serve bravely on a daily basis to maintain this order. The National Grange will forever strive to grant them the support and respect they deserve.

We are saddened by the increase of gun violence caused by weapons equipped with bump stocks. We support legislation and/or regulations that would regulate:

The Grange understands that

citizens and the officials they elect are the best candidates to write the laws by which we will be governed, and that administrative agencies, commissions and other unelected governing bodies should be prohibited from drafting and implementing such regulations that dramatically impact our daily lives. We urge elected officials at all levels to periodically review and purge outdated laws and reduce burdensome and unnecessary regulations that stifle economic growth and fundamentally impede the free market system.

We vehemently oppose the use of eminent domain to confiscate such private property for commercial use or any project that does not directly benefit the general citizenry.

Identity theft continues to be a significant problem in the United States. We support legislation that would increase security of personal and credit card data to prevent fraudulent enterprises from acquiring and utilizing that data.



L-r: Oregon State Grange Lobbyist John DeHaas, Legislative Director Mark Noah, Amy Wong, Public Affairs with Our Family Farms, OSG Master Susan Noah, Bellview Grange member Kristina Lefever and Lisa Arkin, Executive Director of Beyond Toxics met at the State Grange headquarters to discuss current pending legislation.

OSG Networks In Support of Policy

During this Legislative session not only has the Oregon State Grange Legislative team met with legislators but they have networked with other groups to discuss common policies and the bills on those subjects currently in the Oregon House and Senate.

In mid-February Legislative Director Mark Noah, OSG Lobbyist John DeHaas, State Master Susan Noah and State Overseer Jay Sexton met at the State Grange office with Ivan Maluski, Policy Director for Friends of Family Farmers.

They discussed several bills that have been introduced in Salem to address challenges faced by beginning and smaller farmers in accessing land and capital. They include:

- **HB 3085** – Creates a new Family Farmer Loan Program to offer direct state loans to family-scale farmers and beginning family farmers for land or equipment.
- **HB 3090** – Establishes a new Beginning Farmer and Rancher Incentive Program at the Oregon Department of Agriculture focused on issues of student loan and tuition assistance.
- **HB 3091** – Reduces fees and costs to borrowers using the

state's existing 'Aggie Bonds' beginning farmer loan program. Aggie Bonds was set up in 2013 to incentivize lower-interest lending by private parties to beginning farmers and ranchers for land and equipment.

- **HB 3092** – Would establish a new, statewide beginning farmer tax credit to incentivize leasing land to beginning farmers and ranchers. This bill has been sent to the House Revenue Committee but has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

Then on March 12th, Mark Noah, John DeHaas and Susan Noah met with Lisa Arkin, Executive Director and John Jordan-Cascade, Communications Manager of Beyond Toxics and Amy Wong, Public Affairs with Our Family Farms along with Bellview Grange Legislative Chairman Kristina Lefever to discuss Grange policy in relationship to several bills in the legislature this session. It was a great opportunity for us to learn about the bills and discuss how all can work together to educate our legislators about these important issues: protecting pollinators and farmworkers from pesticides, and supporting a GMO-free seed sanctuary in both Josephine and Jackson County.

2018 National Grange Citizenship and Taxation Policy Statement

The National Grange supports Broadband internet service for all areas of the United States.

The Grange also recognizes that Personal Privacy for online users is a responsibility of both the provider and the user.

We, as the National Grange, know that manipulating the caller's phone number, known as "Spoofing", is a deceptive tool used by telemarketing companies. The National

Grange opposes the unethical use of spoofing by individuals or companies.

The National Grange supports equal treatment of our Military Personnel while on active duty and after they serve our country.

We support drug testing of people applying for and receiving government monies as assistance, just as we support drug testing employees for safety reasons.

National Grange Adopted Policy Statements

This is the last of several Policy Statements adopted at the 152nd Annual Convention of the National Grange held in Stowe, Vermont. Several statements were published in the December/January and February/March issues. An additional statement appears on page 7 of this issue.

Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers,

It has been a very busy first couple of weeks in the Oregon State Legislative Session. I have been to Salem many times to discuss Senate and House Bills with several Legislators. Here are a few that I have been working on.

Senate Bill 210

Relating to exemption from taxation for property of certain charitable institutions; prescribing an effective date.

If passed as is would require certain institutions seeking property tax exemptions to file information returns that states basis for exemption claim in terms derived from Oregon case law.

It would require information return to be accompanied by institution's most recently required and timely filed Form 990 and Form CT-12. Denies exemption for noncompliance. Provides for claw back of exempt taxes upon discovery that information in return or in exemption claim was misleading or false. Requires county assessors to keep information returns as public records.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

So as the Grange is concerned, we are against this bill. It is currently in the hands of Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue, but there is no action at this time. We as the Legislative Committee will keep a close eye on this bill and sound the bell when we need your support.



National Grange Transportation 2018 Policy Statement

From the National Grange inception in 1867, the NG has been an advocate for a strong transportation infrastructure. In many ways, agriculture is the "original" business and as such has driven the establishment of a multitude of subsequent industries down the economic food chain, including infrastructure development. The need for farmers to get their products to consumers drove the establishment of our nation's railroads, highways, and waterways and today continues to drive the development of our national infrastructure.

We continue to support laws requiring drivers to slow down and move over while passing an emer-

Senate Bill 528

Relating to roadside memorial signs.

Directs Department of Transportation to erect and maintain roadside memorial signs for firefighters killed in line of duty. Requires payment of fee before department may erect sign.

The Grange is definitely in favor of this. I had a great meeting with Senator Betsy Johnson and she assured me that she would do everything in her power to make sure that this bill will pass. We will keep you updated.

House Bill 2444

Relating to agricultural education; declaring an emergency.

Directs Department of Education to coordinate with Oregon FFA Association to increase student achievement and improve college preparation and career placement for students enrolled in agricultural education courses.

Directs department to establish grant program for purpose of funding extended duty contracts to allow school district personnel to manage agricultural science and technology programs of study during summer months. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

This bill is another we are supporting at the Grange, as we believe in the FFA and the continuation of educations of our young folks and the future of upcoming farmers.

Happy Trails.

We support the designation of English as our national language and thus believe that all road and highway signage should be printed only in English. We further urge that all drivers' tests, licenses and permits be printed in English as well.



Membership Matters

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At last, April is here. Perhaps the month of April will bring spring to Northeastern Oregon. It definitely brings Grange Month, and a great opportunity for us to welcome the community into our Grange halls for an Open House.

Although slowed by winter weather, many of your Granges have received a visit presenting the Oregon State Grange 2019 Membership Campaign "Come Together at the Grange." Holding an Open House is mentioned in the campaign as a great way to better inform your neighbors about the Grange organization and your Grange's community service activities. As you speak to visitors, make sure that they know that your Grange is open to new ideas of how to meet the needs of the community. Also, have membership forms ready as you ask them to join.

As I have been visiting various Grange meetings, I have noticed that some Granges conduct their

meetings in a very informal style. I do recognize that each Grange is independent, but I am concerned that not presenting Grange traditions and at least some of the ritual to new members denies them a better understanding of Grange precepts and values.

It may seem that I am drifting into the Lecturer's realm, but membership is more than just gathering new members, it also nurturing and developing all of our members. We should be allowing our new members to participate in a "duly" opened and closed Grange meeting, and offering and encouraging the degree learning opportunities. I have noticed that Granges still practicing the traditions are generally healthy organizations.

Time for me to step down from my soapbox, and wish everyone a Happy Grange Month of April. Let us strive to make every month a Grange month.



L-r: seated are Denise Bishop and Anita, holding her 75 year pin; standing is Tyler Manthei and Vinita Bishop.

Anita Rinehart Receives 75-Year Pin

On February 21st Tyler Manthei, Master of Walterville Grange #416, Lane County, presented his great grandmother, Anita Rinehart with her 75-year pin. Present at the time were many of the Walterville Grangers, including her daughter Denise Bishop and granddaughter Vinita Bishop as they were also

celebrating her 99th birthday. Both Anita and Denise have also served as Master.

Tyler is a new Master and the fourth generation of this very Grange family to be members of Walterville Grange.

Winona Invites Everyone to Tualatin Memorial Day Event

Washington County's Winona Grange #271 invites Grangers to attend their community's Memorial Day event. Many Folks from the Portland Metro area, including Washington and Clackamas counties, enjoy Tualatin's annual Memorial Day Commemoration. This ceremony is always on the last Monday of May, which this year is May 27. Held at Tualatin's historic Winona Cemetery at 9900 SW Tualatin Road, it starts with a Missing Man Maneuver Flyover at 10:45 am. Winona Cemetery has limited seating; please bring a chair.

This event has a fast-moving program. After the flyover, Tualatin High School's Crimsonnaires choral group teams up with Tualatin Police Honor Guard for the National Anthem. The opening prayer is alternated between local churches. The Crimsonnaires then sing another patriotic song. The Winona Cemetery Board Chair gives an official welcome and then a veteran leads the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor acknowledges VIPs and then Veterans by branch of service before introducing the speakers. A senior resident presents the poem "In Flanders' Fields."

The ceremony concludes with a bugler blowing Taps while standing with the Honor Guard which is doing Present Arms. The color guard remains until noon to return the American flag to the top of the pole. Following tradition, the flag

is flown at half-mast in the morning to honor deceased servicemen and women. It is quickly raised to full mast during the National Anthem and then slowly returned to half-mast.

Tualatin's VFW Auxiliary then coordinates a free barbecue picnic lunch at Tualatin Community Park, catered by Dalton's NW Catering. Donations from local businesses pay for the food. Dalton's donates the food preparation and serving. Winona Grange's involvement includes helping clean up Winona Cemetery before the event and then two weeks after it. The Grange also provides chairs for attendees. The Commemoration is coordinated and MC'ed by Winona Grange's Veteran Committee Chair, Dale Potts.



Taps concludes Tualatin's annual Memorial Day Commemoration

Clackamas Pomona Adopts Veterans' Transitional Village

The official Community Service Project of Clackamas Pomona Grange #1 is the Veterans' Transitional Village in Clackamas. The Pomona and the Subordinate/Community Granges in Clackamas County are doing what they can to support and help the veterans.

Clarkes Grange has stepped up and is doing a family dinner with the Veterans on the third Sunday of each month. Clarkes members prepare the food at their hall, deliver it to the village and several members enjoy homemade dinner and conversation with the veterans. This is proving to be a great project. Clarkes has given Warner Grange and Springwater Grange members some training and those Granges are looking into providing a meal.

Sister Sue Dumolt of Clarkes has generously volunteered to coordinate visits by Clackamas County Granges and she has offered to coordinate smaller Granges working with Clarkes or working with each other to serve a meal.



Warner Grange recently had a blue grass concert. They voted to invite the residents of the village and provide them with transportation, the meal and the concert. The invitation was too late for this event but the resident supervisor told Clackamas Pomona Community Service Chairman, Don Kingsborough, that the veterans really loved the idea. The idea was so well received that the county is going to supply a couple cars, so transportation will not be an issue.



State Grange Convention Veterans Tour Friday, June 21

Meet at Molalla High School parking lot at 12:30pm.
Return to school around 5pm.

The Veterans Tour will visit the "Veterans' Village", a transitional housing complex for homeless veterans in Clackamas, Oregon.

In 2018 the Clackamas County Commissioners, with the help of many volunteers, organizations and volunteer money, built a complex of fifteen housing units for homeless veterans in Clackamas. This is transitional housing with the concept of moving the veterans off the street and back into traditional life roles. Services are directed through volunteer agencies to the veterans, and in the first three months two residents were successful in securing jobs and another enrolled at the community college. Several Clackamas County Granges have been involved in this marvelous venture and are looking forward to more involvement with the planned expansion of the "village".

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Veteran Honored with Quilt

Members of VFW Post 1909, Columbia River VFW Auxiliary and Beaver Valley Grange #306, Columbia County joined on March 15th to present a quilt honoring the service of John G. "Gil" Curtis, a veteran of the Korean conflict. The groups also wish to recognize the service of both Gil and his wife Harriet to the community over their many years of life in Rainier.

Gil and Harriet moved to a farm in rural Rainier 60 years ago to raise their family and grow hay and cattle. Gil made a living as a postal carrier and Harriet taught and tutored many local children through the years. They have been involved in the

Catholic church and both are life members of Beaver Valley Grange where Gil is currently Master and Harriet is Lecturer. They are no longer as active as they wish; the farm is run by their children. At 90, Gil doesn't get around well, but three years ago he and his wife were able to travel to New Orleans to attend a reunion of his unit, the California National Guard 40th Division.

The quilt, created by Kaye Smith, is a pattern called "Via Airmail." While inspired by Quilts of Valor Foundation, the organizations have presented this recognition independently.



L to r: Carol Everman and Dorothy Massey representing Beaver Valley Grange; John G. Curtis, James Owens representing VFW Post 1909; Harriet Curtis and Kaye Smith, representing VFW Auxiliary Post 1909.

Veterans

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Memorial Day Programs

Time to be planning how Granges in your area will encourage your community to remember Veterans on Memorial Day weekend. Most Veterans groups have articles in their local papers or post online. One nice way would be to support them and the function they have just by attending either as an individual or as a group. Remember, don't stomp on their parade, but support them in anyway you can. If no group is putting flags out in front of homes, businesses, or graves, try to get that started. Decorate your hall inside and out with U.S. flags. Invite Veterans to your hall for an open house and say thank you to them.

VET TEC

A new pilot program from the Department of Veterans Affairs aims to help student veterans enroll in non-traditional programs that teach high-tech skills. Dubbed the Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC) program, it was announced Feb. 13 on the GI Bill website: <https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/fgib/vetec.asp>.

What Is VET TEC? It is a program focused on high-tech skills that are in demand in today's workplace. According to the VA, VET TEC will pay a housing allowance and take care of tuition costs just like the Post-9/11 GI Bill. The difference is that a veteran has to take classes in one of five areas: Information Science, Computer Programming, Data Processing, Media Applications or Computer Software. The primary difference between this program and the Post-9/11 GI Bill is that the classes are much shorter than regular college or vocational training, sometimes requiring only months or weeks to gain certification.

Who Is Eligible for VET TEC?

Anyone currently eligible to use their GI Bill - Montgomery or Post-9/11- is qualified for the program as long as they haven't passed the time limit to use their benefits and have at least one day of benefits remaining. Unlike most GI Bill programs, any training received as part of VET TEC will NOT decrease your GI Bill entitlement in any way. It is essentially free money.

How Does VET TEC Work?

VET TEC is designed to move veterans into the job force faster than a traditional college program. Acquiring essential skills in such a short time gives them the opportunity to advance their career sooner rather than later.

How to Sign Up for VET TEC. The program has just been announced and, according to the VA, an online application will be available soon. The GI Bill website will be updated with an application, as well as a listing of all approved places you can use the program. Just like any other program, applying doesn't mean you will be accepted. Schools may have certain qualifications or testing requirements you must meet before you can enroll.

Golden Age Games

Applications opened February 25 for the 2019 National Veterans Golden Age Games, scheduled to take place June 5-10 in Anchorage, Alaska. The top senior adaptive rehabilitation program in the U.S., it is also the only national multi-event sports and recreational seniors' competition program designed to improve the quality of life for all older veterans, including those with a wide range of abilities and disabilities, according to a Department of Veterans Affairs release. Veterans ages 55 and older who receive VA health care may apply. Registration will close once the cap is reached. Events include air pistol, air rifle, badminton, basketball, blind disc golf, bocce, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, nine-ball, pickleball, power walking, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, and track and field.

PREVENTS Initiative

March 5, 2019 President Trump issued a call to action to empower Veterans and end the national tragedy of veteran suicide, named the "PREVENTS Initiative". The task force includes the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, Defense, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security, to develop programs helping veterans pursue an improved quality of life, thus equipping state and local governments with the resources and tools they need to empower veteran communities and provide needed services. To prevent suicide, the Federal Government must work side-by-side with partners across all levels of government and with the private and non-profit sectors. President Trump previously signed an Executive Order directing his Administration to improve access to mental health treatment and suicide prevention resources for veterans, securing a record \$73.1 billion in funding for the VA to provide quality medical care for our veterans. This included \$8.6 billion for mental health services and \$206 million for suicide prevention.

As always Thank you for supporting Veterans.



Grange Youth & Young Adults

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I'm hoping this report finds you gearing up towards our annual State Grange convention in June at Molalla High School. Bring your talents, whether that is art, photography, woodworking, baking, writing, singing, or public speaking. We would love to see whatever you would like to share.

I know all of those who have the opportunity to come for the whole session, or even part of it, will bring back positive and fun ideas to your own Subordinate/Community Granges. I also know that many of you will be involved in the coming months with talent shows and breakfasts and fundraisers at your Grange, and county fairs where your ideas will help in putting together your Grange booths. Remember to be involved and ask to help with the fun events your Grange does.

April is Grange Month. Ask your members if you can be in charge of a fun event. Make sure you publi-

cize it so your community can read it and want to be part of the fun you are having.

I'm sorry we didn't get to get together at Smith Rock State Park in March. The snow was a bit much. We will try again in the near future, I promise you.

I hope many of you have sent in your State Grange Youth officer application. You guys always do such an amazing job and you are truly appreciated.

Did I mention Goodie Baskets are well on their way to being completed? Your District Chairs always put together wonderful raffle baskets. The money received from the sale of Goodie Basket tickets helps our Youth and Young Adults travel to Western Regionals (this year in Montana) and National Convention (this year in Minnesota). This would not be possible without this raffle and we thank you so much for your continued support of this fundraiser.

Remember to "Keep Oregon Warm". Bring your handmade or store-bought gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, and socks to state convention in Molalla where they will be distributed to shelters, warming centers, etc... in District #4.

Looking forward to hearing wonderful stories from Grange Month and seeing you in June. And as always, remember to ask a Youth. I know they will "Be Delighted"



Ada Grange #570, Lane County, youth members Alex and Jordan Williams worked on Valentines that were distributed to Oregon Coast Military Museum, Shorewood and Spruce Point Senior Living Centers and Regency Nursing Home in Florence.

Celebrating April as National Grange Month
Hurricane Creek Grange
Is Hosting
A Wallowa County 4-H Fundraiser
Our Second Annual Not-Quite Traditional Old-Time
Box Social
Saturday, April 6th, 2019
At Cloverleaf Hall
600 NW 1st Street (Highway 3), Enterprise, Oregon
Box check-in from 4:00 to 5:00 PM
Auction begins at 5:30 PM
Free coffee, tea, and punch.
Decorated Box meals to be auctioned.
Home-made Dessert Auction.
Live Entertainment.
Grange and 4-H displays.
Everyone is invited.
Enjoy a great meal and support our 4-H Program.
Please bring a Box Lunch for two, or plan to purchase your meal at auction.
Lunches must be capable of safe storage for 2½ hours at room temperature.
Box Decorations may win awards in several categories.
All proceeds will be donated to the Wallowa County 4-H Leaders' Association.
For further information: www.HurricaneCreekGrange.org/BoxSocial
Call Darlene at (541) 786-4089 or Barbann at (541) 426-8015

Irving Presents Hat

Oregon State Grange Steward, Phil Van Buren, received a special gift at the Lane Pomona Grange meeting on January 13th. Irving Grange #377 members Pat Heard, Peggy Jillson and Dick Wyant presented Phil with a special cowboy hat. He had wanted this hat for many, many years.

R: Phil receives hat from Dick Wyant.



Western Regional Leadership Conference to Be Held in Montana

The 2019 Western Regional Leadership Conference will be August 9th, 10th and 11th at Echo Valley Campground in Avon, Montana. The camp is located 30 miles west of Helena, Montana and about 17 miles east of Garrison, Montana on Highway 12 East. More information will be forthcoming.

There are cabins and RV spots for all. Those who don't want to camp can stay in hotels in Helena. It looks like the cost will be between \$75 and \$85 for the weekend. This includes camp fee, meals and workshops. T-shirts will be available for

an additional charge.

The conference is open to all who wish to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet and share information with your contemporaries from other states at all levels. In addition to workshops and activities the regional level of the Public Speaking, Sign-a-song and Jeopardy contests will be held.

Follow the Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference Facebook for the most up-to-date information.



Grange Raises Funds for New Floor

Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, has been doing fundraisers to replace their hall flooring. The average estimate for the removal and installation is \$25,000. The floor is almost a hundred years old and has seen lots of dances, meetings, civic events along with weddings and funerals.

They recently held a raffle earmarked for the flooring fund on a quilt donated by Catherine Patterson, a new member. The quilt raffle started last fall and the winner was drawn at their Sweetheart Yard sale on February 9th. The winner of the quilt was Susan Roberts, one of the County Commissioners. Susan is always supportive of all Grange functions and it was nice that she was the winner.

The Grange has raised approximately half of the funds needed and



Above: County Commissioner Susan Roberts shows off the quilt she won.

hopes to have the flooring project done by the end of the year. While the project is underway use of the hall will have to be restricted.

Redland Grange Gets AED Unit

In March, Redland Grange #796, Clackamas County, became the proud owners of an AED unit in their hall!! The Grange was able to acquire the machine with a grant from Providence Health and Services.

Providence provides funding to community partners in support of our vision: Creating healthier communities, together.

The Grange members are looking forward to receiving training on the AED unit soon.



Redland Grange members show off their new AED unit.

Meat Loaf and Baked Potato Bar at Morning Star Grange

Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County, is celebrating Grange Month and invites you join them for a Meat Loaf and Baked Potato Bar, in conjunction with an Open House on Sunday April 14th, 12 noon to 4pm at Morningstar Grange, 38794 Morningstar Rd NE, Albany, Oregon.

Over 14 different toppings for the potatoes are available to choose from as well as assorted salads, rolls, desserts and beverages. To-go meals are also available.

- Whole meal for \$8 includes potato, meatloaf, salad, roll, beverage and dessert.
- Potato only including choice of toppings \$5.

- Meatloaf meal is \$6 including meatloaf, salad, roll, beverage & dessert.
- Ala carte extras are available: salad \$1, dessert \$1, beverage \$1

Raffles and door prizes too!

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Won't You Be My Neighbor? How Relationships affect the places we live.

Facilitated by Jen Mitas

April 11, 2019 6:30 PM 24707 Grange Hall Road

Conversation Projects are intended to bring Oregonians together to discuss important topics. They are not intended to persuade, or push an agenda. They are meant for people to speak and listen to each other and engage in face to face conversation.

How do you interact with your neighbors? How do you feel about these relationships? How might you improve or change these to make a positive impact on where you live? What is our role in the community?

Jen Mitas grew up in Dallas Oregon, has lived in over forty different places and now resides in east Portland. She is a grant writer and performance producer who is passionate about socially engaged theater.

Hosted by Marys River Grange #685
in cooperation with Oregon Humanities



L-r: Tami Guttridge working as a spotter; Don Guttridge shows off a pie as Don MacKinnon asks for a bid.

Springwater Grange Holds Annual Scholarship Pie Auction

Springwater Grange #263 in Clackamas County held their annual Pie Auction to raise money for their scholarship fund on Friday, February 23.

dinner with the auction following. This is the major fundraiser for the scholarship fund. This year's auction raised \$3,353.

The event started with a potluck



Last year Springwater Grange gave four \$650 scholarships to students who had completed at least one year of college to Tobias Armas, Tina Parker, Morgan Pelker and Kennedy Gwin. Quantity and value of this year's scholarships will be determined later this summer.



Beavercreek Grange member Ken Humberston turn at the auctioneer's mic.

Beavercreek Grange

22041 S Kamrath Rd, Beavercreek Oregon

The Annual Mother's Day Breakfast



May 12, 2019 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Adults \$7.00 Kids 6 – 10 \$4.00
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Pancakes, French Toast, Hash Browns,
Biscuits & Gravy, Ham & Eggs, Coffee,
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Saturday April 20th Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast



Harding Grange

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Junction Of S. Fischers Mill Rd & S. Springwater Rd

Walterville Grange's Easter Egg Hunt

Bring the kids to the 7th annual
Walterville Easter Egg Hunt on
Saturday, April 20, at 10 AM



Age Groups:

- 2-4 years
- 5-6 years
- 7 years and up

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39259 Camp Creek Road



Be sure to bring
your own basket to
put your eggs in

Goodies in
every egg
plus some
special prizes

For more information call
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Visit us at <http://www.grange.org/walterville416>

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A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ON MENTAL HEALTH

DEPRESSION & SUICIDE

MAY 4, 2019 | 1-4 PM

TUALATIN'S WINONA GRANGE
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PROGRAM IS NOT ADA ACCESSIBLE

You are invited to a discussion of
depression, suicide prevention and
mental health.

FIND HOPE

From Depression to Hope

ASHA International Storyteller Bekah Miles will give hope by telling her story of depression, sharing on social media, and her anagram tattoo. ASHA means "hope" in Sanskrit.

Where to Find Hope

A panel of experts from Washington County Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Response Team, and Sheriff's Office, as well as Women's Health Care Associates and school district will address issues such as what to expect if a family member or friend is suffering from mental illness.

Suicide Prevention is Everyone's Business

Joe Bertagnoli, LCSW, VA Portland Health Care System, will cover warning signs, how to ask the question, and what you can do to help someone at risk.

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Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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

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Please provide name of any Subordinate/Community Grange office/
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