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Celebrate Grange Month Any Month

This is normally the biggest Grange month of the year with great open house events, spectacular service and community events and, major fundraisers. But Grange Month will look different this year. For many Granges, events scheduled for this month will be pushed to summer or fall, celebrating Grange month activities when face-to-face activities resume.

But we don't have to forget April is Grange Month altogether. Use this opportunity to Cultivate Connections in your community through social media. If your Grange has a

social network (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) or a media sharing site (Instagram and YouTube), increase your posts. Go from just using it to announce events to sharing stories about your Grange and members. Go to the Grange hall and film a talk about an artifact in the hall or even the hall itself. Introduce your community to individual members, their jobs, interests, and hobbies.

Whatever your Grange decides to do, cultivate those connections in your community and plan to invite these folks to join us when we can again celebrate and have fun!



State Master Susan Noah, 2nd from left, along with Rep. Kurt Schrader, 4th from left and members of the Oregon Association of Nurseries at the Wilsonville event.

Oregon State Grange Helps Bring RALI Education Trailer to Oregon

During President's Weekend in February the Oregon State Grange partnered with Canby High School, the Oregon Association of Nurseries and Code 3 to bring the RALI CARES education trailer to Oregon. The RALI CARES exhibit is a hands-on tour of a teenage bedroom to educate parents about possible warning signs of drug use and/or abuse. Experts travel with the trailer and guide visitors through the trailer, educating participants about warning signs, potential areas of concern, and answering questions.

On Saturday, February 15, the trailer was at Canby High School during the district Wrestling Tournament, then on Monday, February 17, the trailer was at the Oregon Association of Nurseries office in Wilsonville.

The Grange was represented at both stops with Clackamas Grangers Don Kingsborough, John DeHaas, Ken Humberston, Jim Bernard and Suzy Ramm attending the Canby

event and State Master Susan Noah and Legislative Director Mark Noah at the Wilsonville location.



Clackamas County Grangers L-r: County Commissioner Ken Humberston; Oregon State Grange Lobbyist, John DeHaas; County Commissioner Jim Bernard; RALI CARES tour guide and District 4 Legislative Chairman Don Kingsborough at Canby High School.



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2020 GRANGE MONTH

Brothers and Sisters,

April is Grange Month, and we are thrilled to celebrate our 153rd year of National Grange. Once again it's time for us to applaud the greatest organization, The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

We have a proud history of supporting, educating, advocating, and sometimes fighting for rural Americans. I hope that you have made plans to celebrate our 153rd year and our continued efforts to improve-- increasing the skills, talents, and knowledge of our members, making our communities better places to live, providing common sense solutions to our State and Nation. In this time of extreme partisanship, incivility, and lack of respect for our fellow men and women, the Grange is needed more than ever.

Our traditions of civic involvement, open discussions of difficult issues, civil discourse and respect for all, make Grange a valuable contributor to every community across America. We need to let our neighbors know that by making a special effort to open the doors of your hall and welcoming interested residents of your community to an activity. Or step outside your hall and share the benefits of our Order with the good citizens that live nearby. We have often been the best kept secret but we need to change that now!

Our theme this year is "Cultivating Connections" and Grange Month is the perfect time to do just that. As I talk with Grangers and others throughout our country, I find people who are interested and enthused about our organization. Youth and young adults seek opportunities to learn and improve themselves for better careers and better lives. Parents tell me of the challenges that society often places in the way of teaching their children American values. The newly retired are looking for places to give back or develop interests that they postponed during their careers. To all of these, the Grange is the solution-- all they need is an invitation to be a part of our family.

Please cultivate those connections in your community and invite some of these folks to join our organization this month. Share with them what your community Grange does and give them the opportunity to be part of our national organization. And most of all, celebrate and have fun!

Fraternally,



Betsy E. Huber
National Master

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The Master's Column

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I hope that everyone is doing what they can to stay healthy and to keep those around you healthy as well. I know it is hard for Grangers to not be social, so please use this time to reach out to each other in a variety of ways. Pick up the phone and make an old-fashioned phone call, or text or even write a letter. The point is to stay in touch with each other. We especially need to remember our members who are very isolated and alone, especially those members who may be in assisted living facilities. Take the time to send them notes or letters. In today's fast paced world, it is all too easy to limit our communications to Facebook or Twitter rather than personal communications, so perhaps we should use this crisis to make a commitment to reaching out to each other on a personal level no matter what is facing us.

I have to admit that I have been looking at Facebook more frequently this last week, and I have to say that I am disappointed in the mis-information and political rhetoric I see posted there. This is a time when we need to come together as a nation to help each other. There is plenty of information on the COVID 19 virus available through well researched news outlets, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO) without relying on misinformation posted on Facebook, even by well-meaning individuals.

As I write this, non-essential businesses have been asked to shut down or work remotely in order to allow employees to shelter at home. Meaning that the Oregon State Grange office has been shut down with a couple of us working remotely, and it means that most late March early April Grange meetings have been cancelled as well. I want to let everyone know that the state office is very aware of all the cancellations and aware that the first quarter reports will be coming in late. We want to reassure everyone that we understand and want for all of our members to be safe and to follow the rules put out by the Governor. Along with the mailing of the quarterly reports your secretary received the Oregon State Grange election ballots. Please note that the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee met and voted to allow our Subordinate Granges an extra month to vote for State officers. Each Grange now has until the end of May to vote. Ballots must be in our office by June 5th at 5:00 pm.

This also brings up our state convention scheduled for June 21st in Klamath Falls. While we hope that it can go on uninterrupted, the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee will be working on a back-up plan just in case the Coronavirus continues to disrupt our lives. Again, our goal is to be safe and to comply with state and national rules. I know many of you have already made arrangements to stay in Klamath Falls for the week, but be assured that we will make a decision as soon as possible. If at all possible, we want to stay with our current commitments, and go forward on June 21st. Our members in Klamath Falls have put a good deal of work into getting ready for the convention and it would be a shame to not allow them the opportunity to host.

Some of the disappointments this season include the cancellation of the FFA convention and Ag-Fest. In the case of the FFA their activities went on in a virtual sense, including the farewell of the current officers, some of which can be viewed on YouTube videos.

Ag Fest was also cancelled, but they have used the donations they received from their sponsors, including the Oregon State Grange to fund some deserving organizations for their outstanding ag education outreach efforts, creating an online essay for grades K-12, creating an agricultural education video from prior Ag Fests as a learning tool for students and finally creating vibrant new vinyl backdrops for all Ag Country exhibitors, including the Grange booth! Talk about making lemonade out of lemons! I was excited to hear what the Ag Fest board has committed to and grateful that they are making good use of the donated funds, and I am looking forward to 2021 when Ag Fest will come back better than ever.

Come Together Program

As with many other things our Come Together program has been put on hold. Probably about one half of the Granges have been visited by someone on the Grange leadership team. I can't promise that the rest of Granges will be visited in May and June but I hope that is the case. Again, all will depend on the Coronavirus. I do want to comment on the pledge cards that have been coming back to the office. Everyone is so positive and ready to grow their membership! The pledge cards and the listening session reports show that our



members are very engaged and are looking for ways to grow and to serve their community. We ended 2019 with a small net gain of 63 state wide, but if these pledges are accomplished that net gain will be surpassed several times over, and that is with only half of the Granges responding. So, I am excited to see our Granges ready and willing to bring in new members and new ideas. As spring comes, and we are finally allowed out of quarantine I know our members will be working hard to make their goals come to fruition.

No doubt that this has been a difficult month. Members who are normally out helping others are suddenly told to stay home for their own safety. Other members have lost jobs, or have reduced hours due to businesses shutting their doors. Still others are struggling to blend their home and work lives while dealing with the new normal of working from home. As we all work through the daily challenges remember that we are all in this together. Stay positive and be supportive of those who are alone, and please be safe!

Willamette Receives \$5000 Grant for Roof

Willamette Grange #52, Benton County, received a \$5000 grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contributions Fund to help pay for the engineer's evaluation and permits for the roof structure and repairs on their almost 100-year old building.



Pictured with the oversized check are Master Jim Gray and Treasurer Toni Hoyman.

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From the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee - March 29, 2020

Members and friends, as we all navigate these uncharted waters of the COVID 19 outbreak we want to assure our community Granges that the State Grange Executive Committee is working to try and mitigate some of the financial losses that are hitting our Granges with the closure of our halls.

Knowing that hall rentals and Grange fundraising events are necessary to pay ongoing bills, we have voted to establish an emergency grant program. Letters and applications will be coming to each Grange within a couple of weeks, but the program is designed to reimburse lost fundraising revenue up to \$500 while your Grange hall is shut down. This will include rentals or fundraising events that had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus response mandated by the Governor. Of course, some Granges are in a better position to weather a closure than others and if your Grange is financially solid, please consider leaving the money for Granges who have more need of the reimbursement. The money for this program is coming from the Oregon State Grange Emergency Fund.

We appreciate our members and their willingness to help others and to be there for each other during this difficult time. As a social organization whose members believe in face to face meetings, staying separated from friends and family is the opposite of what we generally practice but we believe our members are doing so with grace and humor. Soon we will be back together, enjoying potlucks and fellowship! Thank you for everything you are doing to help your communities cope with these trying times.

Susan Noah, Master
Jay Sexton, Overseer
Sarah Kingsborough, Secretary

John Fine, Ex Com. #1
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COVID-19 Information from Johns Hopkins University

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland released this detailed memo March 27, 2020 on the Coronavirus.

- * The virus is not a living organism, but a protein molecule (RNA) covered by a protective layer of lipid (fat), which, when absorbed by the cells of the ocular, nasal or buccal mucosa, changes their genetic code, (mutation) and convert them into aggressor and multiplier cells.
- * Since the virus is not a living organism but a protein molecule, it is not killed, but decays on its own. The disintegration time depends on the temperature, humidity and type of material where it lies.
- * The virus is very fragile; the only thing that protects it is a thin outer layer of fat. That is why any soap or detergent is the best remedy, because the foam cuts the fat. By dissolving the fat layer, the protein molecule disperses and breaks down on its own.
- * Heat melts fat; this is why it is so good to use water above 25 degrees Celsius (77 degrees Fahrenheit) for washing hands and clothes. In addition, hot water makes more foam and that makes it even more useful.
- * Alcohol or any mixture with alcohol over 65% dissolves any fat, especially the external lipid layer of the virus.
- * Any mix with 1-part bleach and 5-parts water directly dissolves the protein, breaking it down

from the inside.

- * Bactericides serve no purpose. The virus is not a living organism; they cannot kill what is not alive with antibiotics.
- * Never shake used or unused clothing, sheets or cloth. While the virus is glued to a porous surface, it is very inert but if you shake it or use a feather duster, the virus molecules float in the air for up to three hours and can lodge in your nose.
- * The virus molecules remain very stable in external cold, or air from air conditioners in houses and cars. They also need moisture to stay stable, and especially darkness. Therefore, dehumidified, dry, warm and bright environments will degrade it faster.
- * Vinegar is **not** useful because it does not break down the protective layer of fat.
- * Listerine will work. It is 65% alcohol.
- * The more confined the space, the more concentration of the virus there can be. The more open or naturally ventilated, the less concentrated the virus molecules are.
- * But especially important: you must wash your hands before and after touching mucosa, food, locks, knobs, switches, remote control, cell phone, watches, computers, desks, TV, etc.
- * You must humidify dry hands from so much washing of them, because the molecules can hide in the micro cracks. The thicker the moisturizer, the better.

Office of the Governor
State of Oregon



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-12

STAY HOME, SAVE LIVES: ORDERING OREGONIANS TO STAY AT HOME, CLOSING SPECIFIED RETAIL BUSINESSES, REQUIRING SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES FOR OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES, AND IMPOSING REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR AREAS AND LICENSED CHILDCARE FACILITIES.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED THAT:

(Starting on page four) Closure of Certain Businesses

2. Pursuant to ORS 433.44(3)(a), (b), (d) and (f), ORS 401.168(1), and ORS 401.188(1) to (3), and effective 12:01 a.m. on March 24, 2020. I prohibit the operation of the following businesses for which close personal contact is difficult or impossible to avoid:

Amusement parks; aquariums; arcades; art galleries (to the extent they are open without appointment); barber shops and hair salons; bowling alleys; cosmetic stores; dance studios; esthetician practices; **fraternal organization facilities**; furniture stores; gyms and fitness studios (including climbing gyms); hookah bars; indoor and outdoor malls (i.e., all portions of a retail complex containing stores and restaurants in a single area); indoor party places (including jumping gyms and laser tag); jewelry shops and boutiques; medical spas, facial spas, day spas, and non-medical massage therapy services; museums; nail and tanning salons; non-tribal card rooms; skating rinks; senior activity centers; ski resorts; social and private clubs; tattoo/piercing parlors; tennis clubs; theaters; yoga studios; and youth clubs.

This is the portion of the Governor's order that directly affects Oregon Granges. To read the full Executive Order No. 20-12 go to: www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/executive_orders/eo_20-12.pdf

SURFACE	EXAMPLES	DAYS OR HOURS
Metal	Doorknobs, Jewelry, Silverware	5 Days
Glass	Drinking glasses, Mirrors, Windows	UP TO 5 Days
Ceramics	Dishes, Pottery, Mugs	5 Days
Paper	Newspaper, Magazines	UP TO 5 Days
Wood	Furniture, Decking	4 Days
Plastics	Milk bottles, Bus seats, Elevator buttons	2-3 Days
Stainless Steel	Refrigerators, Pots/pans, Sinks, Water bottles	2-3 Days
Cardboard	Shipping boxes	1 Day
Aluminum	Soda cans, Tinfoil, Water bottles	2-8 Hours
Copper	Pennies, Teakettles, Cookware	4 Hours
Food/Water	Doesn't seem to spread through food, and has not been found in water.	

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Disinfect all surfaces and objects in your home daily with a household cleaning spray or wipe. Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water, especially after visiting the supermarket or bringing in packages.

*Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that includes the SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. This information is for your reference only and is changing constantly.

Sources: CDC, FDA, Medical Review: Brunka Nazario, MD, 03/24/2020.

- * Also keep your **nails short** so that the virus does not hide there.
- For more information, visit the John Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center at <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu>

The Lecturer's Column

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April is National Grange Month. Our organization began as the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry in 1867 by Oliver Hudson Kelley and six others. They envisioned a secret fraternal order that would serve a social purpose in order to relieve the dreary life of farm families, as well as offering better farming techniques. William Saunders, one of the founders, suggested that the meeting house of the patrons be called a "Grange," a name given to estates belonging to feudal lords in medieval England. It is one of the few organizations that admitted women to membership on the basis of equality with men.

A good time to plan to have your Grange Open House is in April, National Grange month. Here are some pointers to keep in mind while making plans for your open house.

- Open house demonstrates the role the Grange is playing, and is capable of playing in the community with increased effort and support.
- Make effective use of displays around the room showing projects worked on by your members. Include past entries

in State GWA, Lecturer, and Community Service contests.

- Use your open house to tell what the Grange stands for, especially your Grange in your community.
- If your Grange is planning to invite a representative from a local organization to also speak, and you plan to give them a donation, do so at the open house. This not only enables wider community to learn about the Grange but shows the community service aspects.
- Send out invitations to non-members also follow up with personal contact.
- Get as much media support as possible, newspapers, radio, public service announcements.

Ask several members to take pictures so you will be able to capture the magic of your Grange Open House, then sit back and enjoy the fruits of your labor!

In my next Bulletin article I plan to address the question "WHY RITUALISM?"



Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

April 15	Community Service Report Deadline Extended - send to State Director
May 1	State Grange, GWA & Foundation Scholarships applications must be postmarked
May 15	Determination if going ahead with State Convention in June
May 22	Resolutions must be received at the State Grange office to be considered at the 2020 convention.
May 31	1st Quarter Reports Due
June 5	Community/Subordinate Grange Ballots for State Officers must arrive at state office by 5pm
June 20-25, 2020	Oregon State Grange Convention - Klamath County Fairgrounds, Klamath Falls
August 7-9, 2020	Western Regional Leadership & Youth Conference - Boise, Idaho
November 17-21	154 th National Grange Convention - Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

The Chaplain's Corner

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It has been a long difficult winter for me and I am sure for many of you too. Even with the approach of my favorite season - spring with the rebirth of the earth around us, we are still surrounded with the edges of the dark winter. The Coronavirus is spreading rapidly and for many of us that means self-imposed isolation. Because of my compromised immune system, I am avoiding church, grocery shopping, banking and large events where my grandchildren may be participating in. But I know that this too will pass. It doesn't get me down because I have joy in my heart.

Each morning I pray and the first thing I pray is thankfulness. Boy do I have a lot to be thankful for - I have a wonderful husband, a house, great kids, wonderful grandkids and the list goes on and on. I always remember to thank God for this wonderful earth - regardless of the season or day, the heavens in the sky and how marvelously he created everything to work together.

I believe if you start your day with an attitude of gratitude, it puts you in a whole new frame of mind. I know many of you are ill, you are in pain maybe have financial stresses but just start putting an attitude of gratitude at the beginning of each day and you will be blessed all day.

Twenty-one times in my Bible joy is mentioned in a prominent way. David writes in Psalm 30 that regardless of the night - weeping and anger - joy comes in the morning. He was praising God for all the things God had given him and he was filled with joy. What a lesson we all need to practice. Regardless of your situation you can always find a way to count your blessings.

As we approach Easter, we have a special reason to be joyous. Easter is the celebration of Christ rising from the dead after he was crucified for our sins. There is no greater reason to be joyous.

We all listen to the news of the Coronavirus, the stock market, shootings, the election and it is really easy to get depressed. I challenge each and everyone of you to get up and spend quiet times in prayer thanking the Lord for all you have and I can guarantee you will develop an attitude of gratitude which will carry you through your day and beyond.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13.

Happy Easter to all of you.



Bailey Barks



What is going on in the world? Generally, I'm home all day laying on the couch, resting up for a big evening of napping, but all of a sudden I have company! Mom and Dad are both home all the time! Mom says it's because of a virus, whatever that is. And whatever it really is, I don't think a dog caused it, so that is a relief. In fact, I hear that right now shelters are suggesting that humans who are at home alone should consider being a foster home for a dog in need. Having a dog around would surely be helpful to you humans, give you someone to talk to, and it would be beneficial to shelters as well.

I also heard that dogs cannot get this virus, so social distancing doesn't apply to your dog, good news for humans and dogs. Remember, you

can still go out for walks as long as you stay at least six feet away from other people, that's about one dog leash length away. So, walking with your dog becomes a great way to keep the right distance from each other, just another way that dogs are helpful. We could try to help with the handwashing, but no one seems to think that dog licks are as good as soap and water, so I guess you are on your own there. But you could sing "How much is that Doggie in the Window", that's at least the 20 seconds recommended for scrubbing your hands.

Take care of yourselves through this virus thing, and remember that sharing the couch with your dog is totally allowed, and actually encouraged!

Woof,
Bailey

Votes on Bylaw Changes Scheduled

Benton Pomona

Benton Pomona Grange #36 will vote at the April 18th Pomona meeting at Hope Grange at 10:30 AM to change its meeting times from third Saturday at 10:30 AM to third Sunday at 3:00 PM.

If the Pomona is unable to meet in person, they will hold a teleconference or other virtual meeting. Contact Pomona Secretary Jay Sexton at marysrivergrange@gmail.com or 541-829-2907 for more information.

Jay Sexton, Secretary

Warner Grange

Warner Grange #117, Clackamas County, referred a bylaws change at their March meeting to allow tenants to serve alcohol at their private events provided they meet terms of the rental agreement and insurance.

Vote to take place at their May 21 meeting.

Eileen Dale, Secretary



2020 officers of McMinnville Grange. Back row l-r: Joe Zarate, John Alberson, Lynn Gadberry, Dan Bonfield, Eugene Restorff, Joan Bonfield and Wayne Clemmer. Front row l-r: Ralph Bowdle, Marsha Restorff, Stephen Cone, Frances Myers and Theresa Cheslock-Clemmer.

McMinnville Officers Installed

On December 19th, Past National Mast Ed Luttrell installed the officers of McMinnville Grange #1, Yamhill County. The Grange is very appreciative of his efforts.

Goshen Grange Honored Member at Christmas Potluck

Goshen Grange #561, Lane County, celebrated with a Christmas potluck in early December. Gary Prichard, a Grange member for now more than 53 years, was the Guest of Honor. He is living in the Lebanon Veterans Home. He made the trip

to Goshen and back at the age of 83 with a little help of two Goshen members. He received many nice Christmas gifts while he was there as part of the Lecturer's program.

Since early March Gary has been battling the Coronavirus. Grangers have been sending him cards and prayers for his recovery. On March 28th National Junior Grange Ambassador Bryce Danko of Pennsylvania made a one minute video for the National Junior Grange Facebook page reminding us all to come together to support one another during this time. He highlighted Brother Gary and challenged all Junior Grangers across the nation to send cards and prayers to Gary.

You too can join the challenge by sending Gary a card at:

Lebanon Veterans Home
Resident Mail
Gary Prichard
Bravo #214
600 North 5th Street
Lebanon, Oregon 97355



Right: Gary checking out the presents he received as part of the Goshen Grange Lecturer's program.

Notes from the Office

Office Hours:
Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday
8am - 4:30pm
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The following is a check list of items that normally need to be completed in the next few months:

The Quarterly Report for the first quarter of 2020 would normally be due by the end of April but because on the Coronavirus more time is being allowed. We hope every Grange will be able to meet in May and send in their reports by the end of the month. 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 e-Postcard 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 (503) 316-0106.

State Office Elections

Another casualty of the COVID-19 Virus is our State Grange officer election process. Ballots were mailed to Subordinate/Community Granges in mid-March. The state Executive Committee has extended the voting period until the end of May. All Granges shall vote at any regularly held meeting in April or May and send in their results to the state office by June 5th with counting happening shortly thereafter.

Results will be announced through several means but publishing of the June Bulletin will not be held waiting for the results.

State Grange Convention

The clock is ticking, the excitement is building for this year's State Grange Convention in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Soon you will receive a packet from the state office containing forms for state convention. This packet includes the Registration form, Credentials for delegates, Committee preference form, Memorial form, meal order form and hotel information for Klamath Falls. Please double check the due dates on this information and submit it 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 a Resolution by May 22nd.
- 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 web page for these deadlines. Scrolling down the calendar will give you the deadlines for scholarships, Community Service Yearbook, Agriculturalist of the Year, etc. The scholarship forms were mailed out along with the quarterly reports. Please share with those eligible in your Grange. Don't wait until your next meeting as they have May 1 submittal deadlines.



Above: Goshen members with Gary Prichard at the Christmas potluck.



The Agricultural Report

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Agriculture Director - Oregon State Grange

Our Founding Patrons emphasized the importance of education in the rural portions of our country. They called for the establishment of libraries in all Grange Halls, and created a position of Lecturer to educate and encourage the members.

Patrons were especially encouraged to set aside farming customs and practices that were not based on the sciences relating to agriculture: botany, animal husbandry, soil fertility and water management. By placing libraries in a common hall, the Patrons could utilize the scientific information found in the books that were to fill the library shelves, and to cooperate with other Patrons for their agricultural successes.

New ideas, new technologies still await our discovery. We Patrons of the modern age

should revisit our Founders' call to this particular community service. In Lostine, the South Fork Grange #605 has heeded this mission call. We now have new and old shelves filled with wonderful books. Agriculture, building construction and repair, cooking, canning, sewing, knitting, philosophy, history, fiction, literature; our shelves hold a world of knowledge.

We are re-building our membership by looking for relevance in this community. We have begun our service days of hot lunches and library days, which also include art activities using our library as a resource. We plan on a book club, and children's book reading and activity days.

Come together at our Grange, and you'll get a good book to read for free!



Above: a large group of people during one of the recent gardening class offered by Little Deschutes Grange.



Above: Sutton Ludi touches a soft lamb.

Sunnyside Grange Visits FFA Baby Day

At the invitation of the North Clackamas FFA, members of Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County, visited the Red Barn Baby Day on Monday, February 17th. The event was held at the FFA Land Lab which is located about a mile south of the Grange hall. Attending was Sunnyside Master, Sandi Ludi and her grandsons Sage and Sutton along with Lecturer, Mary Anne Hanks and her son Colin.

out some farm equipment and pretended to drive tractors.

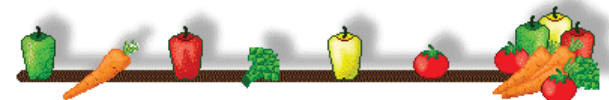
More than 30 FFA members shared their ag stories to over 2,200 visitors at the Land Lab while celebrating National FFA Week.



While there the children had the opportunity to meet and have their pictures taken with many baby farm animals including lambs, goats, pigs and chickens. They also checked

Right: The tractors attracted Sage Ludi.


Below: Colin Hanks checks out the ducks.



Little Deschutes Offers Garden Classes

The Little Deschutes Grange #939, Deschutes County, offered their annual free Gardening classes starting in February. The classes are held every Sunday afternoon with plans to continue through the beginning of May although the COVID-19 virus might interfere with that.

The Grange also held their annual Seed Give-Away on March 1st. Heirloom vegetable and herb seeds were handed out to a large number of residents from the surrounding areas.



Blood Shortage—Give Now

Healthy donors who are feeling well needed now.
Schedule your appointment today!

Abernethy Grange #346
15745 Harley Ave
Oregon City, OR 97045

April 17th, 2020
11am-4pm

Please make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS so we can manage the donor flow. Thank you for your lifesaving blood donation.

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED-CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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Morning Star Collects Food for Veterans

Food collected by the Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County, food bank from July 1 through December 31, 2019 was sorted and weighted on Saturday January 11th by Grange members Heather Decker and Sonja Neal along with non-member Josephine Leibrant.

The total weight of food collected was 421 lbs. It was then picked up by Glenn and Linda Baker from the Albany VFW. The VFW purchased perishable foods and all was combined in food boxes that were given to needy veterans, especially the elderly.



Picture: The "Chunky Dunkers" of Warren Grange, Payton Schindele, Ruby Pingel, Bennie Bitz (Team Captain, not a Grange member), Kim Kuiper Bitz, Aleshia Lacy York, Bonnie & Terry Moss (not Grange members), Eva Frost and Olympian Kris Kuiper.

Warren Grange Takes the Plunge

On February 22, Warren Grange #536, Columbia County, took the Polar Plunge, jumping into the Columbia River as part of a fundraiser for Special Olympics.

Yes, it was cold but they all said they had fun. The Special Olympics provide special needs athletes, of all ages, with training, equipment and uniforms for a wide variety of

sports. Six out of eight of their team, the "Chunky Dunkers" are Warren Grange members. The team collected over \$2,000.00 in support of the Special Olympics program. Their Grange member Kris Kuiper is a Special Olympics athlete. Five other Grange members; Marissa Shindele, Mike and Breanna Pingel, and Blake and Silas York attended the event but were not jumpers.

Community Service Involvement

Elizabeth "Liz" Dehne
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OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



Hello fellow Grangers,

Looking forward to seeing some of my fellow Grangers at the State Sessions this year.

This year's theme of **Coming Together** is a natural lead-in for working on a project to help your community. When you reach out to the local area and ask what you can do to help it automatically opens the door for them to come into your Grange and then you can give them more information about the benefits of being a Granger. So, what new project can you do for your neighbors this year?

The Community Service Department would like to see as many Community Service Books as possible. 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. This also helps you maintain your non-profit status.

Here are the guidelines to organized your Community Service Book.

Community service yearbook organization guidelines:

- All pages in page protectors (annual report in individual page protector for easier judging)
- Name of grange and number is on the cover
- Most current annual report, in front of yearbook binder
- Include table of contents summary of projects
- Include visible tabs for each section that match the content page
- Include pictures and /or newspaper clips with brief verbal description
- List of continuing projects, new projects, large projects, small projects and donations

Definitions:

- Service project – volunteering or donating to an organization or group within your community, as representatives of your

grange (grange activity).

- Fundraising – volunteering to raise money for your grange or for non-grange organizations within your community.
- = some fundraising can/will be for maintaining the grange hall. **This is not community service.**
- Community service – volunteering or donating to an organization or group within your community, as a non-grange activity.

Do's and Don'ts Per National Grange

Do:

- Include a copy of your annual community service report in the front of yearbook.
- Be sure the name of your grange and number is on the cover of the book.
- Include a one-paper description of your grange and community.
- Have a summary sheet of projects be the table of contents. For example, list continuing projects, new projects, large projects, small projects, and donations. Organize your book to match.
- Have a tab for each project with a short summary, flyer, and newspaper article.
- Large books a/e not always better. Have no more than four pages (front and back) for large projects and two pages for smaller projects.
- Include two or three photos that show participation, and if appropriate, before and after shots
- Include one or two thank you notes, not one from everchild in the classroom

Don'ts:

- Your yearbook is not a history so don't include everything your grange did during the year
- Omit officer and member lists meeting minutes, and obituaries for those who used the hall after a funeral
- Hall and grounds maintenance and fundraisers for all improvements are not community service. If you have a fundraiser, be sure to include where you donate the money raised

Deadline Extended
**State Community Service Reports
must be postmarked by April 15th.**

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Springfield, OR 97478
541-746-9974 ~ dehneej@msn.com

Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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 OSG Deaf Awareness and Family Health Director

Suicide Awareness – A Greater Risk for Veterans and Farmers

Talking about suicide can be difficult and is a cause for anxiety, but ignorance of these signs and strategies is even scarier. An important part of family mental health is knowing these facts from the National Institute of Mental Health.

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in America. Recent studies have shown that throughout America there are 14 suicides per 100,000 people. And while veterans' suicide rate is twice that, farmers, fishers, and foresters have a suicide rate three times that of veterans. Financial and physical stress, isolation, and rural settings with less support services in these professions contributes to this epidemic.

Signs and Symptoms:

- Talking about wanting to die or wanting to kill themselves
- Talking about feeling empty, hopeless, or having no reason to live
- Making a plan or looking for a way to kill themselves, such as searching for lethal methods online, stockpiling pills, or buying a gun
- Talking about great guilt or shame
- Talking about feeling trapped or feeling that there are no solutions
- Feeling unbearable pain (emotional pain or physical pain)
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Using alcohol or drugs more often
- Acting anxious or agitated
- Withdrawing from family and friends
- Changing eating and/or sleeping habits
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Taking great risks that could lead to death, such as driving extremely fast
- Talking or thinking about death often
- Displaying extreme mood swings, suddenly changing

from very sad to very calm or happy

- Giving away important possessions
- Saying goodbye to friends and family
- Putting affairs in order, making a will

Strategies:

1. **Ask:** "Are you thinking about killing yourself?" It's not an easy question, but studies show that asking at-risk individuals if they are suicidal does not increase suicides or suicidal thoughts.
2. **Keep Them Safe:** Reducing a suicidal person's access to highly lethal items or places is an important part of suicide prevention. While this is not always easy, asking if the at-risk person has a plan and removing or disabling the lethal means can make a difference.
3. **Be There:** Listen carefully and learn what the individual is thinking and feeling. Research suggests acknowledging and talking about suicide may reduce rather than increase suicidal thoughts.
4. **Help Them Connect:** Save the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's (1-800-273-TALK (8255)) and the Crisis Text Line's number (741741) in your phone, so it's there when you need it. You can also help make a connection with a trusted individual like a family member, friend, spiritual advisor, or mental health professional.
5. **Stay Connected:** Staying in touch after a crisis or after being discharged from care can make a difference. Studies have shown the number of suicide deaths goes down when someone follows up with the at-risk person.

More information and links are available at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). www.nimh.nih.gov

Winona Hosts Alzheimer's Classes

Alzheimer's touches most families. An estimated 5.8 million Americans are living with the disease. But only one in four who have Alzheimer's have been diagnosed.

Tualatin's Winona Grange #271, Washington County, partnered with the Alzheimer's Association Oregon & Southwest Washington Chapter to present two free classes: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's on March 10 and Effective Communication Strategies on March 17. Eagle Point Grange in Jackson County also offered the Effective Communication Strategies class on March 23.

The Alzheimer's Association is interested in scheduling one or more classes in other Grange halls. The Association provides an instructor and class materials at no charge. The Grange's responsibility is to make the space available, supply equipment, and get community members to attend.

Winona's Master Marilyn Reiher met Kendall Ekerson, Development Director for the Oregon and Southwest Washington Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, at a Tualatin Chamber of Commerce meeting. At Kendall's suggestion Marilyn took several online courses at <https://training.alz.org/>. Other topics were Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, Healthy Living for your Brain and Body, and Living with Alzheimer's, both for people with Alzheimer's and for caregivers. Each class takes 45 minutes to one hour. She decided that the 10 Warning Signs and Effective Communication Strategies classes had broad appeal and the best content.

Marilyn then contacted Megan Melady at mmelady@alz.org to schedule classes. Megan outlined requirements that the host site have a projector and speakers and/or a SmartTV with cords for a laptop (which the presenter brings). Winona has a built-in projector upstairs, but since the second floor is not handicapped accessible, they borrowed a projector from another non-profit. Their Master has a portable Bluetooth speaker that they were able to use.

Another requirement was an audience minimum of 15, but there is flexibility there. They Grange wrote an article for *Tualatin Life*, a monthly newspaper that is delivered free to all households in the Tualatin city limits. The Alzheimer's Association provided them with flyers for each class, which were posted on Facebook and Nextdoor. They were able to edit the flyer for Effective Communication Strategies to add that a speaker from the Washington County Sheriff's department who spoke after the class on two programs they have for those Alzheimer patients that wander: a GPS ankle or wrist bracelet and a database.

The flyers are eye catching, but purple uses lots of ink and they had problems printing them on an inkjet printer. Megan offered to print flyers and mail them to us. However, a Winona member, who has a better printer, had already printed copies. They posted flyers at the Tualatin Library, Juanita Pohl Center, Whole Foods, Fred Meyer, Wilco, and multiple Starbucks. The Chamber of Commerce included the flyer in their weekly email to members.

The Alzheimer's Association requires those who plan to attend to register by calling 800-272-3900. A person answers the call and asks for your name and zip code. Registering through their website is also possible but likely takes more time. Registration gives them a count of how many handouts the presenter should bring and lets the host site know how many chairs to set up. The count also gives them an opportunity to urge the host to make more of an effort to fill the chairs.

Cooperation between Granges and the Alzheimer's Association fulfills Grange's missions of family health and community service. It also brings community members into the halls who have no idea what the Grange does or what the building is for. This program is a win-win for both organizations, but the real winners are those who know or fear that their relative, friend, or neighbor has the disease. Please call or email Megan Melady to schedule a class at your Grange. mmelady@alz.org (503) 416-0207



Community members donated much needed blood.

Sunnyside Held Blood Drive

Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County, took advantage of the extra day this year, choosing to host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, February 29. Twenty-one units of blood were collected. This will help up to 63 hospital patients receive life-saving care.

Grange members talked to the donors before and after they gave blood. Many donors inquired about the Grange (which were gladly welcomed) and gave members a chance to let them know all about Sunnyside Grange. It was a very successful day!



The Education Committee

Paula Herrick
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OSG Education Director

Hello and Happy Spring!

As we gear up for the spring planting season it's also time to gear up for Ag in the Classroom Literacy Project. It's time to sign up for this great program. Remember it's as easy as reading a book to children. Call Ag in the Classroom at 541-737-8629 or go the website oregonaitc.org. They will be glad to help you get started.



Check with your school if they will allow you to come do this program. The majority of schools are more than happy to introduce this program to their children. Make sure when you call that they know you are from the Grange and please take pictures and send them to me.

88088 Millican Road
Springfield, Oregon 97478
or email me. Remember this would be a great new project for your Grange.

This past week I have been helping our 100-year-old neighbor lady. Guess you could say I'm getting my education on healthcare. Ambulances, hospital stay, pacemakers, rehab centers and what to do for long term care, WOW lots to take in for me not to mention my little friend but we are making progress. Remember you never are too old to learn!

2020 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. Scholarship can be used at applicant's choice of school. Value \$1000.

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. One \$1000 scholarship.

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

Deer Island Grange Offering Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship

Deer Island Grange #947, Columbia County, is now accepting applications for the Don Coin Walrod Scholarship. This \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a Columbia County High School Senior.

Applicants may attend a trade school, community college, or

university of their choice but must major in agriculture, education, forestry, or animal science.

The scholarship winner will be announced at their school's graduation award ceremony. The money will be sent to the recipient's college upon verification of enrollment.



Malcolm Trupp, President

There are two programs the Foundation participates in that help 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. Also when you purchase anything from Fred Meyers through their Community Rewards program, a percentage of your purchase is also given back to the Foundation. Thanks to board Treasurer, Carmel Valencia who helped members sign up during the 2019 Annual Grange Convention, last quarter we had eight households participate in the program; the Foundation received \$39.66.

Remember, the Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired fund of the Foundation will reimburse you up to \$500 annually for hearing issues such as batteries, etc. We review these request at each quarterly meeting and approve the request.

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. Last year we were able to award \$25 to four members to cover their Grange convention registration fee.

The State Master Award fund was set up for the State Master to recognize Subordinate Granges who gain the largest number of new members and maintain a net gain. This is based on a calendar year.

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. They were mailed to the local Granges along with the 1st Quarter reports and you will find them on the Grange website. Encourage your members attending college to apply for these scholarships.

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: www.orsgrange.org/members/OSG_Foundation

Shopping Rewards Benefit the Oregon State Grange Foundation



AmazonSmile

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

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/

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



High School Counselor offices and is posted on the Oregon State Grange website. must be post marked by May 1st, 2020.

They should be mailed to:

Don Coin Walrod Scholarship
64556 Columbia River Highway
Deer Island, Oregon 97054

A complete scholarship packet must contain the following parts:

- Scholarship application
- Essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- High school transcript

Applications are available from each of the Columbia County

District 5: "City of Sunshine - Klamath Falls 2020"



Ash Butte Grange #802

Jefferson County
Organized: 1932

Location: 6803 NE Ash Street, Ashwood
Meets: 3rd Wed 6 pm
Contact Annette Thornton 541-489-3431

Best known of hosting community events and dances including the annual Easter Egg Hunt. A small Grange but totally supported by the community. Their hall burned to the ground in 2012 and has since been rebuilt.



Little Deschutes Grange #939

Deschutes County
Organized: 1954

Location: 51518 Morson St, La Pine
Meets: 3rd Tues 7 pm; potluck 6 pm
Contact: Ann 503-680-9321

The top supplier for the Oregon State Grange Youth and Young Adult's "Keeping Oregon Warm" project. Free classes are given in Beginning Crochet and from February through early May, a weekly free Gardening Class is held. Weekend Markets are held the first Friday and Saturday in April, May, June and October.



Fort Rock Grange #758

Lake County
Organized: 1930

Location: 64651 Fort Rock Rd, Fort Rock
Meets: 2nd Wed 6:30 pm
Contact: Robert 541-576-2289

Best known for serving the Easter Breakfast after the sunrise services at the Fort for more than 70 years. Annually has a beef dinner and pie auction. For the last 40 years hosted the Fort Rock Homesteaders Reunion. Supports lots of community activities as the only meeting and rental venue in the area.



Westside Grange #854

Lake County
Organized: 1936

Location: 15598 Westside Rd, Lakeview
Meets: 3rd Sat 6:30 pm
Contact: Florence 541-947-2822

Collects refundable cans and bottles in a trailer outside the hall to help pay for hall upkeep expenses.



Midland Grange #781

Klamath County
Organized 1924

Location: 6601 Tingley Ln, Klamath Falls
Meets: 1st Wed 7 pm
Contact: Bonnie 541-884-9684

Active in the Farm Expo for 4th graders in Klamath County with a booth at the Klamath County Fair. Their hall burned down in 1931 and was rebuilt. Grange has a legacy family and a 80 year member.

District 5: "City of Sunshine - Klamath Falls 2020"



Pine Forest Grange #632
Deschutes County
Organized 1924

Location: 63214 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend
Meets: 4th Mon 5:30 pm; potluck following
Contact: Marial 541-385-8904

Best known for supporting the community square dance and round dance clubs. Current hall was first used in the mid 1990's. An urban Grange that supports small local organization needing an affordable place to meet.

Claim to Fame: Les Schaub and his wife often danced at their old hall.



Redmond Grange #812
Deschutes County
Organized: 1933

Location: 707 SW Kalama Ave, Redmond
Meets: 1st Thurs 7 pm, potluck 6:30 pm
Contact: Cathy or Debbie 541-480-4495

Hall was completely destroyed by fire in December 2001. Their new hall was rebuilt in 2003 and hosts Weight Watchers, now known as WW meetings. Also hosts quarterly Blood Drives, promotes community engagements and lessons for dance.



Thomas Creek Grange #581
Lake County
Re-organized: 1927

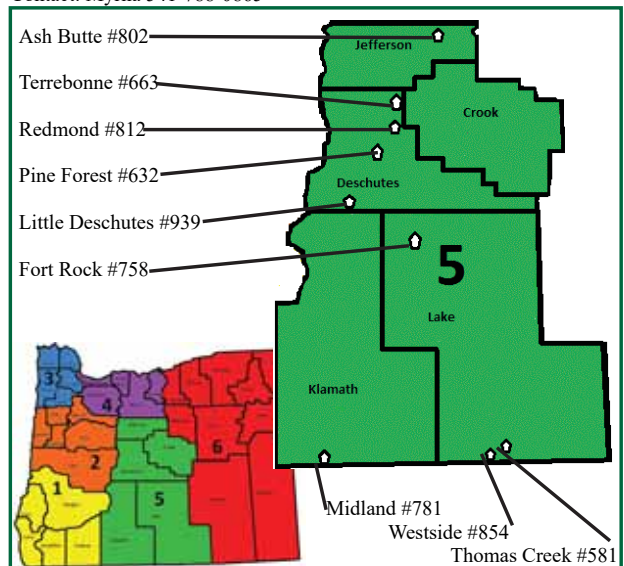
Location: 20197 New Idaho Rd, Lakeview
Meets: 2nd Sat 7 pm
Contact: Juanita 541-947-4923

Best known as a place for the community to meet.



Terrebonne Grange #663
Deschutes County
Organized: 1925

Location: 8286 11th St, Terrebonne
Meets: 2nd Thurs 7 pm; potluck 6 pm
Contact: Myrna 541-788-0865





County of the Klamath County Historical Society

2020 Oregon State Grange Convention Meal Tickets

Klamath County Fairgrounds

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 Klamath County Fairgrounds as well as Tuesday's Benefit Breakfast. In the boxes below, write in the total number of meal tickets per meal. Total the daily meal costs on the right and enter the grand total at the bottom. Mail completed order form and total amount by **June 1st**. Meal tickets will not be available for purchase after June 1st. All meal tickets will be picked up at State Convention.

Mail to:
Midland Grange, c/o Bonnie Sims
4717 Sumac Ave, Klamath Falls OR 97603

Please return order form with check payable to the
"District 5" by June 1st.

Day	Meal	Menu		# of tickets	Price per ticket	Daily \$ Total
Sat 6/20	Kickoff Banquet	Tri-tip	Adult		X \$15.00	
		Au gratin potatoes				
		Green Salad				
		Fresh Vegetable Medley				
		French Bread	12 & under		X \$7.50	
		Pie				
		Salad bar with protein			X \$11.50	
Sun 6/21	Foundation Luncheon	Ribs	Adult		X \$14.00	
		Baked beans				
		Corn on the Cob				
		Tricolor Pasta Salad	12 & under		X \$7.00	
		Corn Bread				
		Carrot Cake				
		Salad bar with protein			X \$11.50	
Mon 6/22	Membership Luncheon	Chicken Cordon Bleu	Adult		X \$14.00	
		Green Salad				
		Santa Fe Rice				
		Bean Medley	12 & under		X \$7.00	
		Roll				
		Chocolate Pound Cake				
		Salad bar with protein			X \$11.50	
Tues 6/23	Benefits Breakfast	Pancakes, etc			Free	\$0.00
	GWA Luncheon	Taco Bar	Adult		X \$14.00	
		Cheese Cake	12 & under		X \$7.00	
Wed 6/24	Youth/Young Adults Luncheon	Pork loin	Adult		X \$14.00	
		Garlic Potatoes				
		Green Beans				
		Caesar salad	12 & under		X \$7.00	
		Berry, Peach Apple Crisp				
		Salad bar with protein			X \$11.50	
All meals and salad bar include beverage choice: Water, Tea, Lemonade and Coffee					Grand Total	

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



Attention Convention RVers

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

Meet Us In Klamath Falls



Oregon State Grange Convention June 20-25

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

Motels

Three miles or closer to the fairgrounds

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

Fifteen miles away

Running Y resort	541-205-6950
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Many more motels are more than 5 miles away.
 There are several motels downtown.
 Just ask District 5

Camping

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

QUESTIONS:

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



Doris Ashbaugh receiving her 75-Year certificate from Bud Dumolt, Overseer of Beaver Creek Grange.

Beaver Creek Presented 75th Award

Beaver Creek Grange #276, Clackamas County, presented Doris Ashbaugh her 75-Year certificate on February 9th at her residence at Gilman Park Assisted living facility in Oregon City. Doris joined Damascus Grange in Clackamas County in November 1944, demitted to Odell Grange in Hood River County in 1953; demitted to Pleasant Valley Grange in Multnomah County in 1960; then demitted to Central Grange (now known as Beaver Creek Grange) in 1964. Doris will be 93 this month and has received all seven Degrees. Five Beaver Creek members attended the presentation.



GIA Calls for Director Nominations

Oregon Position Up for Election

The position for Director in District 12 is up for election in March 2021. The Grange Insurance Association is a mutual company having special regulations lawfully applicable to its organization, membership, policies or contracts of insurance.

By virtue of this policy, the policyholder is a member of the company and is entitled to vote, in person, by mail, or by electronic means approved by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting of the members of the company shall be held on the third Monday of March at 10:00 a.m. at the Home Office of the Grange Insurance Association.

The Directors are elected by the members at the member's annual meeting each year. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article II, Section 3, (b) of the GIA Bylaws, the Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of candidates for the open positions on the Board of Directors. Additional candidates may be nominated by petition pursuant to the procedures of Article II, Section 3 (e) of the Bylaws. Such petitions must be signed by at least fifty (50) members who reside in the same district in which the candidate resides.

The qualifications for Director can be found in the GIA Bylaws Article II section 3 b. Director Eligibility. In summary a person to be eligible for nomination or election as a Director must be currently a member of this Association for five (5) consecutive years. The person and his/her spouse is not and has not been, within three (3) consecutive years, an officer (such as president, vice-president, etc.), director, manager, partner, master, overseer, member of an executive committee, or holder of a similar position with any State or National Grange or affiliate thereof; other than a Director of this Association or its affiliated insurance compa-

nies; and (iii) the person and his or her spouse (if any) is not a director, officer, manager, agent, broker, or employee of an insurance company that writes property and/or casualty insurance other than a Director who is an agent of this Association or its affiliated insurance companies at the time these Bylaws are adopted.

Candidates for nomination who attain the age of 72 years or older by the annual meeting for which they are a candidate for election may not serve as Director, unless that candidate at the time of his/her election is a serving Director of the Association. Serving Directors of the Association who attain the age of 80 years or older by the annual meeting for which they are a candidate for election are not eligible for nomination as a Director unless they are a serving Director at the time these Bylaws are adopted. Temporary vacancies resulting from death, disability or resignation of a Director shall not be deemed to reduce such total regular membership.

To be considered by the Nominating Committee, applications must be received by the Corporate Secretary no later than August 1, 2020. Applications may be found on www.Grange.com. If no application is received candidacy may also be achieved through the petition process.

Mail petitions for candidacy for Director to the Association's Home Office, attention of the:

GIA Corporate Secretary
P.O. Box 21089
Seattle, WA 98111-3089

All nominations must be received by the Corporate Secretary by December 1, 2020 for placement on the ballot.

District 12 consists of all counties in Oregon.

GWA

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OSG Grange Workers Activities Director



Spring is here! The mornings have been cool and warm sun in the afternoons. Spring flowers are blooming; what a lovely time of year. Spring brings out the desire of spring cleaning at our homes and Grange halls. April is Grange month, so now is the time to clean and spruce up our halls. Have a Grange member activity of sprucing up the inside and outside of the hall so our Grange halls are a place where our community wants to come.

I encourage you to look through the Awards Contest and Scholarship booklet and enter a contest or apply for scholarships. GWA has \$1,000 college for any student that has had one or more years of college and is enrolled in a college with twelve credit hours in the fall.

Deadline for applications is

May 1st, sent to the Oregon State Grange office. Application can be found on the Grange website and were mailed with the 1st quarter report to Grange Secretaries.

REMINDER: Those Granges or individuals that have not paid the sponsorship monies for their contests; money is DUE MAY 1st, mailed to the Oregon State Grange office. I thank those who have sent in their money.

Some fun facts:

1912--The Oreo cookie debuts
1912--Life Savers appear
1913--Fruit cocktail is created by a California canner
1913--Campbell's cans cream of celery soup
1915--Corning runs its first national Pyrex ad
1915--Frigidaire markets a "self-contained" electric refrigerator

Beavercreek Grange

22041 S Kamrath Rd, Beavercreek Oregon

The Annual

Mother's Day Breakfast



May 10, 2020 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Adults \$8.00 Kids 6 - 10 \$4.00
Kids 5 and under Free

Pancakes, French Toast, Hash Browns,
Biscuits & Gravy, Ham & Eggs, Coffee,
Tea, Milk, Cocoa & Juice

ALL YOU CAN EAT

So bring a big appetite

Kinton Grange Annual Rummage and Plant Sale

Please join us in our fund-raising event to support the Grange. We'll have thousands of treasures, all priced to sell, plus a spectacular plant sale from a local Master Gardener, and it will all go to help pay for the overhead of the historic Kinton Grange.

Saturday June 27th and Sunday June 28th
9am-3pm.

Half price everything on Sunday!

Donations Gratefully accepted!

Have things you need to get rid of? We would love to have them! Donations can be dropped off at the Grange June 20-23 from 10am-3pm each day or by appointment. Please call Lynette at 503-810-6427 for more details. We'll even come pick them up starting May 1st!

Please no large appliances, large or baby furniture or large electronics like tvs.





Oregon Junior Grangers

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OSG Junior Director



WHAT'S THE PLAN?

On this page you'll find a cutout form to send information about Juniors who will be attending all or part of the OSG Convention June 20 to June 25 in Klamath Falls. The eagle-eyed may notice we're not asking for Junior State Officer applications at this point. That's because each and every Junior Granger is welcome at the convention, whether or not they have the experience and confidence to plan on an officer role or just want to meet other Junior Grangers and have a good time. And you're more than welcome to use the form as a guide to just send an email with the same information to me at the above email address.

My goal is to be able to present the Junior Degree at our convention, and we have several Juniors who are ready to practice and memorize degree roles. Our success will depend on having a few more each time we meet, just like it does in your local Grange.

Last year we had a swimming pool right next-door to our convention site. Not quite as simple this year, but we do plan on swimming at least once during the session. We will also make the Ag tour Saturday morn-

ing a Junior Grange activity. That means Juniors will need to either be checked into the Junior room 15 minutes before the tour assembles or wait until we return, usually around lunchtime on Saturday.

Don't forget the contests for Juniors, which can provide ideas for activities in your Grange as well as at home. Many contest entries can be mailed or submitted electronically, even for the talent contests!

Your OSG Junior Department obviously spends a lot of time on the convention and its related contests. For those whose focus is more just on the Juniors in your family or Subordinate Grange, I'd love some feedback about sashes, vests, and badges. These used to be central to the Junior experience, but interest seems to have waned. Meanwhile, the Passport program has offered some wonderful but very detailed outlines that will challenge older Juniors. If you'd like more support in this type of Junior Grange programming, please contact me or the OSG office. Most badges are still available. We could be making up kits that expand on some of the Passport topics. We just want to know, what's your plan?



Above: Warren Grange #536, Columbia County, Juniors Ruby Pingel and Payton Schendele participated in the Polar Bear plunge on February 22nd.

Right: on February 2nd Ada Grange # 570, Lane County, Junior Taylor Elliott and Junior Leader Heather Elliott donated four pairs of shoes to the local shoe drive in Florence.



State Junior Grange Convention

I want to participate in Junior activities at the State Grange Convention, June 20-25 in Klamath Falls

Name of Junior _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Who they are coming to convention with if different than above? _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Phone # during convention if different than above _____

Email _____

Age _____

Days at convention:

Saturday - June 20 _____

Will arrive in time for the Ag Tour (8:45am) _____

Sunday - June 21 _____

Monday - June 22 _____

Tuesday - June 23 _____

Wednesday - June 24 _____

Thursday - June 25 _____

I want to participate in the talent Contest _____

Interests: _____

Please mail form or email information to:
Oregon State Grange Junior Director
Peggy Jillson
psjill@comcast.net
987 Tivoli
Eugene, Oregon 97404





Community members took advantage of the free crochet classes offered at Little Deschutes Grange.

Craft Classes Offered In La Pine

The Little Deschutes Grange #939, Deschutes County, has been keeping the community busy with various on-going activities. In January a 4-week series of free beginning crochet classes began with almost a dozen students. The hope is to give the community the skills and supplies for them to create items for the Youth and Young Adults "Keeping Oregon Warm" project as well as learning a fun craft to do during their long winters and throughout the year. In March another 4-week series on beginning crocheting started up for those that missed the January classes.

In February a 3-week series of classes was offered on beginning pine needle basket making. A dozen students learned how to make pine needle baskets using the local Ponderosa pine needles that there is such an abundance of. Some of these students plan on entering their baskets in the 2020 Oregon State Convention Basketry contest to be held in Klamath Falls in June.

Additional craft classes are planned, one on how to make wire trees with Sunstones, which is Oregon's State Gem, and one on how to make your own dream catchers.



Grange Youth & Young Adults

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OSG Youth Director



Your Youth/Young Adults department is looking forward to lots of fun events coming up in the near future.

First event is the Fun Day at Smith Rock State Park on Saturday April 19th. There was a small flyer about this in the February bulletin. We'll meet at Terrebonne Grange, and then go over to the park for hiking, geo-caching, Pokenongo, etc..., have lunch there, a little more hiking etc..., then come back to Terrebonne Grange and hand tie some small blankets to go along with the other items being donated for "Keeping Oregon Warm". Times and agenda are still in the works, so please look on the Youth Facebook page for any changes.

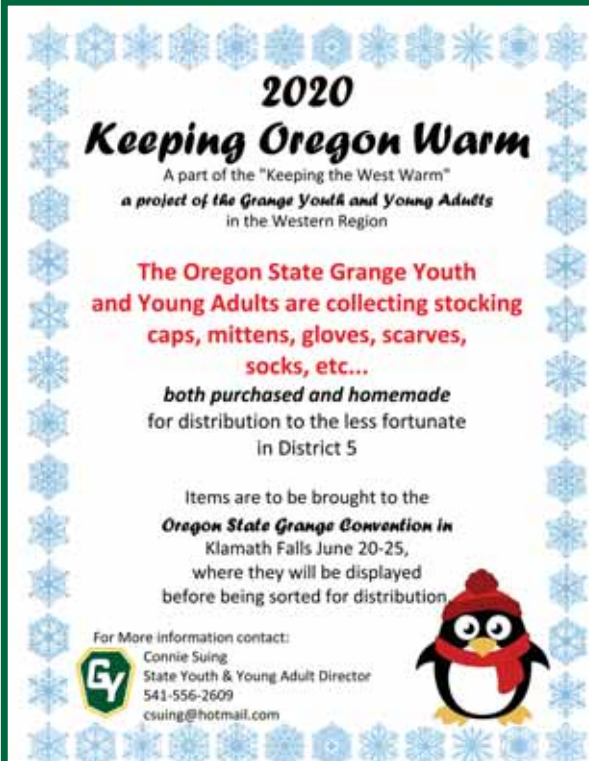
The next event is our State Grange Convention, June 20th through 25th at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. We would love to see lots of our wonderful Youth and Young Adults for as many days as you can be there. We definitely need you for the Youth officers corp, you all do

such an amazing job every year. We know many of you are chosen to be delegates from your Granges, but for non-delegates we have workshops, a BBQ, and some feel good community service projects.

I also challenge you to enter a contest. At National Grange in Minnesota I entered an impromptu speech contest. I don't do things like that. I encourage and cheer on others to do things like that. So, if I will do it, I challenge all of you to do some kind of contest too. Get creative and write or paint something, do a skit in the talent show, sing, or do a prepared speech. I know you all have talent.

Then after that we have Western Regionals coming up in August in Boise, Idaho. More on that in the June column.

As always encourage someone Youth aged or a Young Adult to be involved and an integral part of your Grange. I know they will "be Delighted".



2020

Keeping Oregon Warm


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

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

both purchased and homemade
for distribution to the less fortunate
in District 5

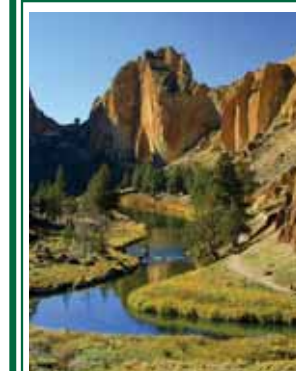
Items are to be brought to the
Oregon State Grange Convention in
Klamath Falls June 20-25,
where they will be displayed
before being sorted for distribution

For More information contact:
Connie Suing
State Youth & Young Adult Director
541-556-2609
csuing@hotmail.com






Youth Jade Naylor, Clarkes Grange #261, Clackamas County, helping serve food during the Grange's 33rd Annual Sweetheart Breakfast on February 9th.



Cancelled
Youth and Young Adult Fun Day
April 18th



Government Affairs

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Lobbyist for the Oregon State Grange



Democrats End the 2020 Session

It was an abrupt conclusion March 5th to a session trademarked by stalemate and bitter partisan divisions. And it blows apart more than \$600 million pending to pay for everything from fighting wildfires to preventing child abuse.

Republicans in the House and Senate had been boycotting the legislature to avoid voting on a proposal meant to cut the state's greenhouse gas emissions. Their absence meant the House and Senate didn't have the legal quorum to transact business, which stopped action on all legislation.

Since then, Gov. Kate Brown has declared her intention to go around the stubborn Republicans and use her executive powers to advance the climate plan without them, though as of the writing of this column she held close what specifically that would look like.

Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, and his counterpart in the House, Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, each announced the session's end on the floor of their respective chambers. No one could recall a legislative session ending with virtually nothing approved. Kotek, typically cool even when prodded by reporters, was visibly angry as she spoke from the dais. "We have been held hostage by a small group of elected representatives," Kotek said. "We have been open to compromise and negotiation from the beginning, but unfortunately, their actions turn this into a hostage situation, not a negotiation. When the only thing you want to make a deal on is the one thing the majority won't give you, you are not negotiating, you're blackmailing."

Republicans had offered to come back, with hours remaining in the session, to pass budget bills. That was met with exhortation from Kotek, who said they behaved like a team walking off the second half of a basketball game and offering to return in the last minute on the condition they could determine the final score.

Courtney, never one to hide his feelings, was characteristically blunt. "This is a failed short session," said Courtney. "I cannot believe that. It's a failed short session because eleven elected officials who are state senators would not come do their job." Courtney's remarks were part of a eulogy for what he views as the damaged institution of the Oregon

Legislature, saying that it has been harmed by repeated walkouts by Republicans.

Courtney recalled arriving in Oregon in 1969 as a young lawyer, clerking at the Oregon Court of Appeals with five dollars in his pocket. He remembered the awe he felt, half a century ago, in the Senate where he has managed to become Oregon's longest-serving Senate president. "And for some reason I was drawn to this building and I got up... And I walked across that gallery and I looked down here, all by myself," Courtney said. "I said, 'That's the most gorgeous chamber I've ever seen.' And I looked at the murals, and I said, 'What is this state?'"

The moment also prompted Kotek to look into the past, at her first opening day of a session as speaker in 2013. "I said at that time that it's a critical time for our state's democratic institutions because the people's faith in elected leaders was strained, and faith in government, even more so," Kotek said. "On that January morning seven years ago, I could never have imagined how much more our democratic institutions would be tested as Americans, as Oregonians. Big questions are looming. Can our democracy keep the people's faith? Can elected leaders respect their oaths of office and the rule of law that allows us to get things done?"

Now, Oregonians from one side of the state to the other won't receive money that would have been appropriated from the Legislature. There will be no \$120 million to provide more shelter and affordable housing for the 10,000 Oregonians struggling with homelessness, no \$78 million to cover costs at the troubled state forestry department and start new projects to mitigate wildfire. There will be no \$50 million for local parole and probation offices, centers for abused kids, and additional judges for Deschutes and Douglas counties.

Republicans agreed some of the spending was vital. House Republican Leader Christine Drazan in a video posted to Twitter noted that Courtney and Kotek identified spending that was "most critical to pass" and that Republicans reviewed that list. "We agree," Drazan said in the video.

Courtney and Kotek say they want a special session to get critical legislation done. Courtney said that wouldn't happen for at least 30

days, and if it does, legislators have \$1 billion in general fund dollars to make the adjustments they weren't able to complete during this session.

"Some bills can wait till next session," Kotek told reporters on Thursday. "Some will have to get done in a special session. And we definitely have to get back to the budgets. So, we are committed to transparency and process," which she said was not possible given the timelines that Republicans suggested by coming back on Sunday.

With the Legislature now functionally over, lawmakers have a modest pot of money to use for the state's most urgent needs - approximately \$75 million in an emergency reserve fund. The Emergency Board, a panel of legislators empowered to distribute money when the Legislature isn't in session, will distribute that money. Kotek and Courtney said they would convene the board Monday, March 9. That's how lawmakers plan to allocate \$12 million to help victims of recent flooding in the Umatilla Basin.

Under Oregon law, the legislature can call itself into special session when a majority of members in each chamber "has cause to believe an emergency exists." Governor Brown said she was open to summoning legislators back to town but only if leaders brought her "a plan for a functioning session." "I am open to calling a special session if we can ensure it will benefit Oregonians," she said in a written statement. "However, until legislative leaders bring me a plan for a functioning session, I'm not going to waste taxpayer dollars on calling them back to the State Capitol."

Brown is now exploring using executive power to enact limits on greenhouse gas emissions. "I have always been clear that a legislative solution was my preferred path to tackle the impacts of climate change for the resources it would bring to our rural communities and the flexibility it would provide for our businesses," Brown said in a written statement Thursday. "However, I will not back down. In the coming days, I will be taking executive action to lower our greenhouse gas emissions."

Republican leaders in both the House and the Senate agreed that the session was a failure and also pointed to how Democrats staged a walkout in 2001. They blamed Democrats for the dysfunctional environment and accused them of abusing their supermajorities and not compromising over the greenhouse gas reduction bill.

As Democratic leaders continued their press conference in the harshly lit pressroom in the bowels of the Capitol, Senate Republican Leader Herman Baertschiger, Jr. spoke to

reporters through video chat. He didn't say where he was, but a picture of ducks flying over a pond hung on the wall behind him. Baertschiger said Republicans called for budget adjustments to be approved earlier in the session in case of a walkout over the greenhouse gas reduction bill. He reiterated that all along that Republicans just wanted the bill referred to a vote.

"It's crazy," he said. "It's crazy. It's absolutely crazy." Baertschiger was dismissive about an executive order from the governor's office, saying such an act would prompt an immediate lawsuit.

Environment group Renew Oregon has already filed ballot measures for an initiative with even more ambitious targets than what lawmakers had proposed. Baertschiger was confident that Oregonians would reject those.

He said that he had many long conversations with Courtney and they had both sought to avoid a walkout and worried that the rancor of national politics was coming to Oregon. "This denial of quorum, it scares me to death," he said. When asked if there was irony to his statement when he had participated in three walkouts, he said that Republicans had a duty to represent their constituents who opposed the greenhouse gas reduction legislation.

However, he said he hadn't given much thought to reforming quorum requirements. He also said the Democrats' wide majority, which gives them firm grip on lawmaking, had turned into "mob rule" that didn't respect differing needs of rural and urban Oregon.

Drazan posted a video earlier on March 5th, stating that with the greenhouse gas reduction bill dead, Republicans were willing to return to the Capitol to work on a list of priority bills. Drazan said that denying quorum remains an important tool to ensure that the minority party's voices are heard. She blamed Democrats for abusing their majority, pointing to the greenhouse reduction bill, [saying it] wasn't fully analyzed by staff and questions remained over its implementation and if it was legally a tax.

While she said she didn't consider the session's end a victory, she said her caucus would stand by its decision. "When it comes down to it, we are going to live with it because that's what leadership looks like," she said.

My only thoughts are they all (legislators) did not do their best to make this session work. They all need our input and emails, phone calls expressing our thoughts no matter which side you land on.

Till next time, Happy Trails.

Willamette to Hold Open House

Willamette Grange #52, Benton County, will hold an Open House on Saturday May 16th. The Grange hall is located 7 miles south of Corvallis at the corner of Hwy 99W and Greenberry Road.

The Grange will be celebrating Historic Preservation Month with this event. There will be a volunteer work party from 9 AM - 11 AM followed by the Open House from 11 AM - 4 PM with:

- snacks and drinks
- interpretative displays and activities
- grants and progress and plans
- hardhat guided small group tours of the upper hall
- information on membership, donations, and ways others can help

For more information contact Willamette Grange at 541-929-5452 and leave a message or email at: willamettegrange@gmail.com

SPENCER CREEK GRANGE

OPEN HOUSE / POTLUCK

APRIL 28TH, 6:30PM

Presentation from Habitat for Humanity
Outreach Coordinator Jamie Shalvey

Join us to celebrate
GRANGE MONTH !!

In observance of GRANGE MONTH, the Spencer Creek Grange #855 will host its quarterly potluck and open house April 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Be there or be square!
The Spencer Creek Grange Hall is located at 86013 Lorane Highway at the corner of McBeth Road in Eugene, OR. Messages may be left on our message line at (541) 485-8162
www.spencercreekgrange.org

Walterville Receives Chief's Award

Fire Chief Bucich, McKenzie Fire and Rescue, presented the 2019 Chief's award to Walterville Grange #416, Lane County, for their years of commitment, dedication, and service to the District and surrounding communities. The award was presented at the Fire Districts annual Awards banquet in February with Jeff Dehne and Pat Cane accepting the award on behalf of the Grange.

During the past year the Grange hosted a Community Open House at the newly remodeled Station #1 for its Grand Reopening. The station was initially established with the help of the Walterville Grange when the McKenzie Fire District first started. The Fire Department helps the Grange with the annual

Community Fair by sponsoring the parade.



Walterville members Jeff Dehne and Pat Cane accepted Chief's award.



Above: Ken Humberston, auctioning off pies and other miscellaneous desserts.

Below: Don MacKinnon explaining the renaming of the scholarship.



Legislative Update



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OSG Legislative Director

The Grange's process for making decisions and establishing policy reflects our national political environment, now more than ever, but the Grange does it better. We know that winner-take-all politics is ultimately a losing proposition because it disenfranchises and disillusion the minority, our brother and sister Grangers whose loss will weaken us as a whole.

Though we are non-partisan and we do not have internal political parties, significant philosophical differences do exist among our members. But in the Grange, we take great care to follow parliamentary procedure which ensures the right of the minority to be heard and to continue to have some influence in decision making even in defeat. To do otherwise is to invite our friends, our Grange brothers and sisters, in many cases family members, to just quit. Then everyone loses. Not only does the Grange lose membership and influence, but as members we lose those opposing voices that can perhaps teach us new things and possibly even change our minds. The majority must remain open to the possibility that they are not always right, and take into account the arguments offered by the minority. We see that happen in effective Granges, and we can be proud that we model better behavior, and a more effective process overall, than many governments.

Consider, as a bad example, the recent battle over cap-and-trade in this year's Oregon legislative short session. Each side of the cap-and-trade issue complains that the other has done a terrible wrong. The ma-

jority is accused of running roughshod over the objections of the minority, using their power to force a flawed bill through a short session without suitable scrutiny. The minority is accused of not doing their jobs, of failing to pass other needed legislation by walking out and denying a quorum in order to stop the cap-and-trade legislation.

Although the Oregon State Grange legislative policy opposes cap-and-trade, we also have current policies expressing concern about global warming and suggesting that some action should be taken to reduce it. I would have preferred to see the majority party make a greater effort to present the positives of the cap-and-trade bill and try to persuade voters, especially those in rural areas and those involved in timber and agriculture, by presenting evidence that the impact of the bill would be fair to all and that any potential sacrifice would be worthwhile. I didn't see any such effort, only a desire to quash the objections of the minority and 'let the majority rule.'

The prevention of such 'tyranny of the majority' is exactly why parliamentary procedure grants the power of denying quorum or filibuster or any of the 'powers of one' that are enumerated in Robert's Rules of Order to slow down business. Eventually the majority will rule, but not before the voices of the minority are heard and the question considered fully and fairly. It is a system that forces eventual compromise in the best interests of all. It should work better in our government. It does, in the Grange.

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 28th.

The event started with a potluck dinner with the auction following. This is the major fundraiser for the scholarship fund. This past year Springwater Grange renamed the fund, the Joseph Z. Guttridge Scholarship fund in honor of long time Springwater Granger, State Deputy and State Grange officer Joe Guttridge.

Brother Don and Sister Barbara MacKinnon made the trip down from Alaska to be part of the first fundraiser since the renaming of the fund and shared who Joe was

and why the Grange chose to honor him. Brother Ken Humberston, a Clackamas County Commissioner and member of Beavercreek Grange was the auctioneer.

The 2019 auction provided funds for two scholarships for students who had completed at least one year of college. A \$2000 scholarship went to Jennifer Souders who is working on her Master's degree and \$1000 was given to Sam McCoy who is studying at Clackamas Community College. Quantity and value of this year's scholarships will be determined later this summer.





Membership Matters

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OSG Membership Director

In our local Granges, we often focus our membership drive on adding new members – an effort that is very important in growing the organization. However, after experiences in my Grange, this article will discuss some other elements of a healthy membership campaign. These areas include personal support of new members, out-reach to members with little Grange involvement, and interviews with those members who have chosen to discontinue their membership.

The Grange Welcoming Ceremony assigns a sponsor to each new member to help them as they begin their journey as Granger. It could be that in addition to the sponsor, we should have a welcoming committee that visits regularly with new folks to identify ways for them to become involved in the activities of the Grange, and learn about new ideas that they have to share.

This membership development effort can be used as well with the second area I mentioned: out-reach to members with little Grange involvement – the “quiet” members. While we recognize their commitment to support of the Grange through the payment of their dues, we should be searching for ways that these “less involved” members could gain more from the organization. As with the new members, regular communication and listening to their ideas can help in developing their participation

and enjoyment of their Grange membership.

The third topic that I feel that we need to add in my Grange is a better understanding of why someone chooses to drop his membership. There are a number of reasons why a person may no longer be a member. Health issues are certainly understandable. If someone is relocating out of the local area, it is also easy to understand. We should help them make contact with a Grange near their new home and encourage a transfer of membership. If we interview people that are not renewing their membership, we can perhaps adjust our programs to better meet the needs of other groups.

In my Grange, a family has decided to discontinue their membership because they thought that the Grange would offer more activities and learning opportunities for young people. Their observation is sadly true in my local Grange, and now we are aware of it, we will be working to find activities that will encourage more young families to become involved.

So, in addition to our recruitment efforts, we need to remember that a healthy membership campaign does not end at the Welcoming Ceremony, or even the completion of Degree work. It needs to continue in continuing communication, training, and involvement to strengthen each other as we become participating Granges.



Jackson County Pomona Grange was opened in due form by Wayne Cabler, Pomona Overseer.

Jackson Pomona Came Together at Bellview Grange in Ashland

Jackson County Pomona Grange #27 was very pleased to welcome Grangers from other areas of Oregon at their first Pomona Meeting of 2020. The meeting provided the opportunity to meet with the hosts of the Oregon State Convention in Klamath Falls this coming June. Members from Jackson County Granges: Phoenix, Central Point, Eagle Point, Illinois Valley, and Roxy Anne, along with Midland in Klamath County, were in attendance. They especially appreciated everyone traveling so far in inclement weather to be there.

Folks brought a wonderful diversity of potluck dishes to share during lunch conversations and presentations. Wayne Cabler, Jackson County Pomona Overseer and Master of the Eagle Point Grange, added comments and read a speech written by Carmel Valencia, Master of the Pomona. Unfortunately, Carmel, who was instrumental in planning the Pomona Meeting, was unable to attend due to family needs. Louise

Holst, with Vickie High from Midland Grange in Klamath Falls, gave an overview of key events at the OSC and how other Grangers can help. The meeting also provided a chance to discuss and collaborate on some of the resolutions to be written this year.

Jackson County Grangers look forward to assisting with the kitchen work at the convention, especially dishwashing, as the State Grange moves towards the goal of reducing waste by using china plates and silverware. To help with the silverware washing during the convention please contact kristinabvg@gmail.com.

The Pomona Meeting was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the bonds between both Grangers, and the Granges. It was apparent that Grangers in the region have a strong love and appreciation for nature, with a great interest in preservation and conservation of the waters, lands, and farms.



Louise Holst, with Vickie High, Co-Chairs for the 2020 Oregon State Grange convention in Klamath Falls, gave an overview of events during the lunch break.



UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS				
<i>Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.</i>				
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place	
Baker #24	May 2	10:30 AM	New Bridge Grange	
Benton #36	April 18	10:30 AM	Hope Grange	
Clackamas #1	April 25	10:00 AM	Eagle Creek Grange	
Columbia #18	May 2	10:00 AM	Beaver Homes Grange	
Deschutes #25	May 9	11:30 AM	Little Deschutes Grange	
Douglas #13	April 25	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange	
Jackson #27	April 25	1:00 PM	Roxy Ann Grange	
Josephine #20	May 30	10:00 AM	TBA	
Lane #14	Cancelled	April 11 10:00 AM	Crow Grange	
Lincoln #10	May 16	10:30 AM	Siletz Valley Grange	
Linn #12	Cancelled	April 11 10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange	
Polk #3	April 9	6:30 PM	Oak Grove Grange	
Tillamook #9			TBA	
Umatilla-Morrow #26	April 25	10:00 AM	TBA	
Wallowa #22	April 11	10:00 AM	Liberty Grange	
Washington-Yamhill #2	Cancelled	April 25 10:00 AM	Dixie Mountain Grange	

As you can see several Pomonas have canceled their April meetings. Others are planning tele-conference, Zoom or other virtual meetings. Please contact the Pomona Grange for most up-to-date information and be safe.



Veterans

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Oregon State Grange Veterans Director



Memorial Day

Monday May 25, 2020. Join with your local Veterans organization to honor those who have passed.

Flag Day

Sunday June 14th, 2020. Display an American Flag proudly from your home and Grange.

The National Quilts of Valor Foundation founded in 2003 by "Blue Star" mom Catherine Roberts had the idea of comforting Veterans with quilts. Since then more than 140,000 quilts have been awarded.

A Quilt of Valor is made of three layers each with a special meaning:

- The top with its many colors, shapes and fabrics representing the communities and individuals we are.
- The batting, the filler, is the center of the quilt, its warmth represents our hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace and healing to the individual who receives it.
- The backing is the strength that supports the other layers. It represents the strength of the recipient, the support of their family, our communities, and Nation. Each stitch holding the layers together represents love, gratitude, and sometimes the tears of the maker.

Thus; a three-part message:

- 1st - we HONOR you for your service
- 2nd - leaving all you hold dear to stand in harm's way in a time of crisis, thus protecting us from the effects of war
- 3rd - we know that **Freedom Is Not Free**. The cost of freedom is the dedication of lives of men and women like you, and this quilt is meant to say thank you for your sacrifice and finally, to offer comfort to you, and remind you that although your family and friends cannot be with you at all times, you are forever in our thoughts and our hearts.

Just as "Blue Star" mom Catherine Roberts had a vision for Quilts, our "Blue Star" mom Gail Wilson of White Eagle Grange has a vision for pillowcases that can also store the Quilt.

A decade-long effort to have the DVA provide service dogs to veterans with mental health issues passed the House February 5, 2020. Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers, or PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act, will have the VA

create a 5-year pilot to give grants to one or more organizations to train and provide service dogs to veterans with post-traumatic stress and other post-deployment mental health issues.

Later this year, the DVA will roll out a new program mandated by the Mission Act offering more health care choices to veterans. But lawmakers expressed skepticism how the latest option for veterans to use private care would work. Congress passed the VA Mission Act in 2018, which included the Community Care Network (CCN) a program similar to the old VA Choice program, but with "streamlined" eligibility criteria, one community care program and an urgent care benefit.

Veterans in their first year of military to civilian transition will learn about VA programs and benefits through the new "SOLID START" program. The VA will contact Veterans three times the first year, the first within 90 days after separation. This proactive outreach will allow VA to contact more than 200,000 transitioning service members each year to establish strong relationships while promoting awareness of VA benefits, services and other resources via phone, email and possibly text designed to understand a Veteran's individual needs rather than providing a laundry list of programs and benefits.

During subsequent calls, representatives will check on their transition, answer any questions about VA benefits and services and connect them with valuable resources. Veterans and their families don't need to bear the stress of transition alone and should have all the tools they need to establish healthy civilian lives. After each call, representatives send personalized emails recapping the material they covered over the phone as well as linking them to helpful resources related to the topics they discussed.

While online resources and the call center at 800-827-1000 are still available to all Veterans and other beneficiaries, Veterans appreciated efforts to personally reach out. That's why many Solid Start representatives are Veterans or dependents of Veterans themselves. They understand first-hand the complexities of transition and are eager and committed to helping Veterans bridge the transition gap to a solid start in their new lives.

One final point: transitioning service members receive free mental health resources for up to a year, re



The Fern Hill Bluegrass Band Performed at Fern Hill Grange

An appreciative audience at Fern Hill Grange #592, Columbia County, enjoyed an afternoon of excellent bluegrass on December 7, as the Fern Hill Bluegrass Band presented their tribute to veterans on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The Fern Hill Grange frequently partners with the Fern Hill Bluegrass Band. For this event, Fern

Hill Grangers opened their snack bar, prepared a large variety of baskets to raffle, and sold lovely Christmas wreaths hand-crafted by Grange members from locally sourced greenery.

The Fern Hill Bluegrass Band enjoys partnering with community Granges to bring traditional bluegrass music to rural communities in Oregon and Washington.



Leila and Bud Dumolt with the new military silhouettes at the Veteran's Village.

Silhouettes Placed at Veterans Village

Bud and Leila Dumolt of Beaver Creek Grange #276, Clackamas County, made and installed silhouettes of a soldier at attention and

a military working dog entryway at the Clackamas County Veterans Transitional housing. A second set was installed on their Grange hall

regardless of their discharge status or service history.

Suicide is a problem of national scope that has hit service members and Veterans disproportionately hard. Veterans in their first year of separation experience suicide rates approximately two times higher than the overall Veteran suicide rate.

Solid Start represents an important and significant shift in how the VA serves Veterans. If the VA is calling, please take the call. If you or someone you know is having thoughts of

suicide, contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1; send a text to 838255; or chat online at www.veteranscrisisline.net/ chat. Their representatives provide free, confidential support and crisis intervention 24/7/365.

Remember! This information I assemble for you was already a week or two old when I received it, then by the time I format another week or so, printed and mailed is another five. That is almost three months old to you. Therefore, use of web sites is important.

Grange Power: A Rural Institution from Bygone Era Still Has A Purpose in Today's Modern World

By Craig Reed - Ruralite Blachly-Lane

Granges are grassroot organizations that bring the members of rural communities together. Issues of community concerns are discussed; social events are scheduled and community service projects are planned.

The Blachly-Lane Electric Cooperative service area includes three Granges: Goldson Grange, Long Tom Grange and Triangle Grange. The Grange concept was developed in 1867 by Oliver Hudson Kelley, a Minnesota farmer and activist. He believed farmers, a scattered and independent group, needed a national organization to represent them. The Grange lobbied on behalf of rural residents, focusing on schools and education in those early years. The Extension Service, the Rural Free Delivery program for the distribution of mail, and the Farm Credit System also came about thanks to lobbying from the Grange.

Today, Granges don't have quite the memberships they had several decades ago because there are less rural residents and technology has made communicating much easier, but some Granges still exist under the leadership of the older generation. Those Granges hold monthly meetings, a wide range of programs and activities for all ages are offered, and the buildings are available to rent for gatherings such as town meetings, potlucks, reunions, dances, weddings and other special events.

TRIANGLE GRANGE

The Grange in the community of Triangle Lake was organized in 1915 with an initial membership of 38. Through the years the membership grew to 90, but is now at 20.

"Our community needs the Grange facility," says Maxine Worthylake, the Triangle Grange Master. "Other than a church, there is no other gathering place for events like weddings or funerals. Originally the Grange was focused on agriculture and a

place for farmers to gather, but now it is about helping the community," she adds.

Events that the Triangle Grange holds for the community include a Mother's Day breakfast in May and a Father's Day breakfast in June, a chicken barbecue on the Fourth of July, a Halloween party in October and bible study classes for elementary school children each Tuesday evening during the school year. The building is also used by both Grange and community members to collect, fill and distribute food boxes to those in need in the area. The Grange's monthly meeting is at 4 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

GOLDSON GRANGE

The Grange, located west of Cheshire and alongside Highway 36, was chartered in 1937. Grange Master Edie Moro leads a membership of 30.

"Our mission has changed a little bit, but it is to give rural residents a place to meet and have social events," Edie says. "With town is so far away, the Grange serves that function, giving the community a gathering place. The Grange also helps distribute information through workshops and meetings," she adds.

Grange activities that are held through the year include a car show in June, participating in the 52-Mile Garage Sale along Highway 36 in late June, an ice cream social and board games in August, a Veteran's Day breakfast on Nov. 11 and a holiday craft bazaar in November.

Every other month, Grange members plan and hold a craft making event for children. "The Grange is open to other activities," Edie says, adding the building is available for rent. "We're open to suggestions."

The Goldson Grange holds its monthly meetings at 6 p.m. on the

first Thursday of each month. The meeting includes a potluck and a guest speaker who talks about a local concern.

LONG TOM GRANGE

Established in 1936, the Grange earned international attention in 2004 when it released a spoof nude calendar featuring 12 of its male members.

That calendar was such a financial success that similar calendars were produced and sold in 2005 and 2007. The result from the three calendars was \$650,000. The money was donated to the Junction City School District and was used to purchase books and supplies and to restore the library and shop. "Initially people thought we were ruining the community," says Grange Master Chuck Cook. "But after we made \$220,000 with the first calendar, it was viewed as a success." "We became an international buzz," says Danuta Pfeiffer, a Grange member, of the reaction to the calendars. "Since then our Grange became one of the fastest growing Granges in the state."

The Long Tom Grange, located alongside Ferguson Road a few miles northwest of Junction City, has a membership of 40. "For any organization to be successful, you have to have people in there who are movers and shakers," Chuck says. "We are fortunate to have several of them who are very active. We have a number of people who put their hearts and souls into the Grange. It takes a team and we have a team."

Robin Pfeiffer, who has been a life-long member of the Grange, and his wife Danuta are two of those active members. Robin's mother, Signe Pfeiffer, was one of several women who started the Grange's annual Daffodil Festival. The 2020 festival, scheduled for March 21-22, will be the 49th year for the fundraising event.

During the last couple of years, the Long Tom Grange has emphasized emergency preparedness in order to be ready for natural disaster events



Long Tom Grange's annual Daffodil Festival.

such as snowstorms, floods or earthquakes. Grange members have put together emergency grab-and-go bags that will provide food, water, candles and first aid supplies for a couple people for a week. They sell for \$38 each and are available at the B&I Hardware and Carquest stores in Junction City and at Pfeiffer Winery, 25040 Jaeg Road.

Ten members of the Grange have taken emergency responder training and another ten will soon be taking that training. The Grange is sponsoring CPR and first aid classes in its building and is paying the fees for members to earn certification for CPR and first aid. The profit earned from selling the emergency bags will be used to buy a defibrillator for the Grange. "We're hopeful all Granges will start their own preparedness programs," says Danuta.

The Grange is planning to hold ham radio operator classes and to eventually have a ham radio station at the Grange. Mapping out a neighborhood's preparedness program is also being encouraged. "We have purpose," says Danuta. "Our meetings are purpose driven. We want to keep our community safe. If that big earthquake hits, we're not going to get any help any time soon so we need to be able to help each other. That idea is taking hold."

Danuta adds that the Grange wants to continue to provide opportunities to meet and serve the community, to beautify and showcase the community, to raise money for education and charitable projects, and to have fun while doing so.

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Goldson Grange #868, has many activities.

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Grange Name/Number: _____

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