

April is Grange Month Oregon State Grange

April/May 2022

News About the Grange

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NATIONAL GRANGE

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

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America and passage of important legislation during three centuries; and

WHEREAS, The Grange of the 21st century continues to be an active force in thousands of neighborhoods across the country, creating connections between people, communities, and organizations even through periods of social unrest and disruption;

WHEREAS, The Grange is committed to the development of the potential in families children, youth and adults of all ages through dynamic programs and exper educate, engage and enrich lives; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process, cultivating connections between citizens and their government; and

WHEREAS, The Grange offers opportunities for civil discussions among people of all viewpoints and opinions, serving as a safe haven for exploring important social and legislative issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, The Grange strengthens hometowns through volunteerism, community support and legislative action, building up rural America for the benefit of all who live

WHEREAS, The Grange motto "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity" has guided the Grange mission through advocacy, community service and openness to all: and

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

THEREFORE I. Betsy E. Huber, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Grange Month; and further, I encourage the participation of each Junior Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange past and future by planning and executing dynamic programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in every American community.

BetsyEHaber National President

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Oregon Ag Fest Returns to Salem

attended Ag Fest to touch, taste and experience the incredible world of Oregon agriculture, in a fun-filled, festive environment. The two-day event, aimed to help families better understand where their food, fiber and flora come from, is a unique learning experience, where handson exhibits make learning about Oregon's vast agricultural industry educational and entertaining.

The event strives to bridge the gap between urban and rural life, and to share the wonder and abundance of Oregon's bountiful and diverse harvest. Most importantly, it does this in a family friendly way, where kids 12 and under receive free admission, and virtually all activities at the event are free of charge. Thanks to our sponsors, kids ride ponies, plant seedlings, watch sheep get sheared, pet farm animals and much, much more!

The 33rd annual Oregon Ag Fest will be held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, OR April 23-24 and the Oregon State Grange is excited to again be a part of it. Hours are Saturday, April 23, from 8:30am – 5pm and Sunday, April 24, from 10am – 5pm. Admission is \$9 for those 13 and over; children 12 and under are admitted for free; parking is also free. To Avoid lines, purchase advanced tickets at: http://oragfest.com/ attend/ or go to your local Wilco to buy discounted tickets. Credit card, cash and personal checks accepted.

There will be plenty to do and see at this year's event for all ages. All activities center around locally grown products, which allows families to celebrate the wonderful and diverse world of Oregon

In past years over 20,000 people agriculture. "Some 98 percent of the U.S. population now lives in an urban world. More and more, families and children live their lives totally separated from the source of their food and fiber. Oregon Ag Fest is a creative, family friendly, fun way to help bridge the gap and share the wonder and importance of Oregon's bountiful and diverse harvest," said Sherry Kudna, Oregon Ag Fest Chair. "We are really proud that a large part of Ag Fest's family appeal is that it is very inexpensive to attend and almost everything inside the event is completely free!"

> AG Country - the heart and soul of Oregon Ag Fest is where the Oregon State Grange's activity center and display is located. Within Ag Country are over 25 hands-on activities and an agricultural scavenger hunt that will have attendees looking for clues in all the exhibits. Watch chicks hatch, shuck corn, dig for potatoes and so much more! They will have the opportunity to plant seedlings, sample Oregonmade products, make a dirt baby or choose from an array of other activities that make learning about life on the farm fun. All activities are free of charge and aim to gain a better understanding of where our food, fiber and flora come from.

> The Oregon State Grange needs volunteers. Check out page 5 to see how you can help including shift information and contact

information for volunteer coordinator. And remember volunteers to wear your Grange attire.



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The President's Column

Susan Noah master@orgrange.org President - Oregon State Grange

I want to start my column with a big thank you to our National Membership Director, Amanda Brozana-Rios for the wonderful Grange Growth Summit she provided for the Oregon State Grange! I heard nothing but praise for the weekend, and for the worth Amanda provided to the Grangers who were in attendance. As Amanda worked through the weekend, she also complimented the Grangers in Oregon for our membership growth over the last five years. Our net gain may be small but our members have proved that even a pandemic will not keep us down.

Sunnyside Grange once again proved to be an exceptional host, keeping everyone well fed and ready to work, and I very much appreciate their efforts and all of their members who made the weekend so pleasant for our group. Events like the Growth Summit help our State continue to grow and thrive and keep our members aware of what is available to them from both the State and National Grange. If your Grange did not send someone you missed a great opportunity, but hopefully an opportunity that may be offered again.

Grange Visits and Promotional Items

By now most of our Granges should have received a visit from one of the State Officers, a Director or one of our District Chairs with some new materials to promote your Grange. The tri-fold displays were set up to allow your Grange plenty of room to advertise your projects and events and I hope that each Grange is taking advantage of them, especially during Grange month. The National Grange has a selection of materials that can be accessed for use during Grange month including posters and some ideas for social media posts. Keep your Grange

engaged with the community!

State Convention

Now is also the time to start thinking about the Oregon State Grange convention, being held this year at the Talent Middle School in Talent, Oregon. The week will kick off on Saturday the 18th with an Ag tour in the morning and the kick-off banquet in the early evening, followed by an evening of talent presented by the State Lecturer Sunday is the official opening and Sunday late afternoon District #1 will exemplify the Fifth Degree. Following the dinner break the Oregon State Grange officers will present the Sixth Degree. Our memorial tribute to past delegates is Monday, and the Juniors will be presented on Tuesday as well as a tribute to Veterans. Wednesday the Youth officers will open and finally Thursday will be the installation of new State Grange officers for the 2022-2024 term. Our work on resolutions will start on Monday and go as long as it takes. Remember the deadline for submitting resolutions is April 20th. Resolutions will be considered by the committees via Zoom prior to the session the same

I always look forward to our convention, especially for the time to reconnect with all my friends from around the state. I hope that all of our members know that everyone is welcome to attend. I can't say enough about the uplift I get from being around other Grangers as we take care of the business of the Oregon State Grange. Each day of the convention brings new work and new excitement. This is our chance to set policy, to bring changes to our Order, or to reaffirm what we already have. Come for the whole week or any part of the week. I guarantee you will find good friends, good fellowship and of course great food!



150th Birthday Cake Candles Still Available

As of the end of March more than half of the candles for the 150th birthday cake for the Oregon State Grange have been sold. Below is a list of still available candles. Price for each candle is its number i.e. 43 is \$43. Individuals or Granges can combine to buy a candle.

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Santiam Valley Receives 2022 Promotional Material

District 3 Youth Chairman, Riley Reynolds was in a midst of doing mid-terms so his mom Tina Reynolds presented this year's new Grange promotional information to Santiam Valley Grange #828 in Linn County, at their March 4th meeting, which was also Linn County Grange,s scheduled visitation to their Grange.

Santiam Valley is slowly recovering from Covid, when the closures of all activities hurt their income as they are dependent on their fundraisers. They were grateful for the Grants the State Grange gave out because without them their Grange probably would of been forced to shut down.

L-r: Pictured with the new display board are Jadala Coyle and Alma Beaumont- Lacomb #907; Judy McCormick- Santiam Valley, Roberta O'Dell-Santiam Valley, Beaneita Hunt-Santiam Valley, Cecil Hernandez- Santiam Valley, Clark Griffith- Lacomb and Josephine Hernandez- Santiam Valley, Missing from the picture is Maxine Smith from Lacomb and Linn Pomona Master Jesse O'Dell of Santiam Valley who took the picture.

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Celebrate Grange Month With Ice Cream

Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, is hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, April 24 from noon to 3 pm in celebration of Grange Month. All are welcome to attend and there is no charge.

Redland Holds Holiday Markets

Redland Grange #796, Clackamas holiday pop-up markets for St. Pat-County, kicked off the year with the rick's Day, Sunday March 13th and first of many pop-up holiday markets. The Valentine's Day pop-up 8th. Events will begin at 10 am and held on February 5th and 6th was a huge success with all vendor tables rented (a total of 44 vendors) and a waiting list for the next event. The Redland Grange supports the Redland community by prioritizing vendors to local craftsmen and artisans. The market committee also put together a photo opportunity for couples and families to have their Valentine pictures taken with a local photographer.

The Redland Grange will also have



run until 3 pm.

a two-day Mother's Day May 7th &

Above: The photo booth proved popular for couples and families.

L: The Valentine's Day pop-up with a total of 44 vendors.

Creek Has Busy Winter

Wolf Creek Grange # 596, Union and the Warming Station for Teen-County, had a busy winter season. December started out with the Santa Sale on December 13 with 160 children from the local Charter School arriving to shop for parents, grandparents and siblings. Grangers and other community helpers were there with wrapping paper and help. Treats were available when done.

Then on December 17 the Sock Drive was completed and delivered to five local charities: MayDay, Shelter from the Storm, the Veterans crisis center. Ricky's Room at the North Powder charter school,

agers. 689 socks and 121 gloves and hats were donated with the help of the community and Grang-

The new year kicked off with a New Year's Day community potluck. It was a very cold day but the main course of brisket meat was greatly appreciated. January continued with a Chili feed on the 23rd with music from the community.

February 14 was the annual Valentine dinner; a five-course romantic dinner with flowers, music and servers with an excellent turnout.





The Lecturer's Column

Cookie Trupp truppcookie@aol.com Lecturer - Oregon State Grange

April is National Grange Month! There is a lot to celebrate with next year being the 150th anniversary of the Oregon State Grange. The organization began as the Order of Patrons of Husbandry in 1867 by Oliver Hudson Kelly and six others. They envisioned a secret fraternal order that would serve a social purpose 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.

The Grange is one of the few organizations that admitted women to membership on the basis of equality with men. There was a westward movement following the Civil War. The government offered free homesteads while railroads promoted the sale of vast amounts of land. Sodbusters found that the land didn't produce as easily as they were led to believe. Public property and mines were tax exempt, so the heavy bur-

Lane County "Plays" Again

It is play time again in Lane County. Seven Community Granges have been busy practicing their one-act plays and show time is almost here. Each night there are three plays staged, one from the host Grange and two from visiting Granges. Each Grange hosts once and visits For addresses of Grange halls, look twice. All performances start at

Wednesday April 13 @ Lowell

den of taxation fell upon property owners. Because of the community service that Granges perform, most of the Granges remain tax exempt.

Your Grange's Open House can be a "Window of the Grange". Where we can strive to ensure that the image reflected by your Grange into the community is one of excellence and accomplishment so that both Grange and non-Grange citizens of your community are proud of what the Grange represents. We encourage you to take a lot of pictures of your Open House, of Grange buildings, and the wildlife emerging for the Spring. Each Grange should have received the 2022 Oregon State Grange Awards, Contests and Scholarship booklet. If you did not, reach out to the State President. Now is a great time to review the categories for the Lecturers Contests on pages 20-23 and see if any of the pictures you took fall into one of the categories. We look forward to seeing all your Open House pictures in the next bulletin. Happy Grange Month!

plays. The host Granges provide refreshments after the completion of all three plays. Each play lasts about 20 minutes. While the performances are free, donations are always welcome.

online at www.orgrange.org or in 7pm with short breaks between the the Oregon State Grange Roster.

Play Schedule DATE HOST TRAVELING

Tuesday April 18 @ Friday April 21 @ Monday April 25 @ Wednesday April 26 Friday April 29 @ Thursday May 5 @

Mohawk-Mckenzie Irving Goldson Goshen Walterville Crow

Mohawk-Mckenzie Walterville Lowell, Goldson Lowell, Crow Irving, Crow Walterville, Goldson Goshen, Irving Mohawk-Mckenzie Goshen



The Chaplain's Corner

Paula Herrick vpbears@q.com Chaplain - Oregon State Grange



Greetings,

Sister Randi Embree made the decision to step down as the State Grange Chaplain, and when the ti State President asked if I would sl consider taking over the last few

consider taking over the last few months of her term, I agreed to step up and take over as the Oregon State Grange Chaplain. I was officially installed on March 15th.

Please feel free to call me or text me if there's anything I can assist you with including cards, help with Grange services, etc. I want to do what I can to help. Call me at 541-741-1046. E-mail me at

vpjbears@q.com

Priscilla Phillips from Goshen Grange posted this beautiful sentiment and I thought it was worth sharing.

"Always remember that in some way or another you're some-body's angel, even if you don't know it. They love you and think of you even if you don't hear it every day. Trust that there is love all around you even if you cannot feel it. You are not alone."

Remember to find something to be grateful for each day.

Fundraiser for Your Grange!

St. Pauly Textile Inc. partners with over 1,300 non-profit organizations (including 6 Granges in Northwest Oregon!), collecting used clothing for international redistribution. The company provides an attractive, wood-framed shed with a donation chute that community members can use to donate clothing, shoes, and other textiles. St. Pauly is hoping to build partnerships with more Granges in Northwest Oregon.

If your Grange chooses to host a clothing shed, you'll receive 4 cents per pound of clothing donated, which typically averages anywhere from \$25-\$100 a month (sometimes more!). This program will help draw attention to your Grange, as well as making a meaningful global impact. St. Pauly Textile currently collects over 200,000 pounds of clothing every day, all of which is shipped across the US and world, through government agencies, relief organizations, and private companies. As long as donations are gently-used and in wearable condition, they are ultimately re-worn by people worldwide!

Please note: cleanliness is critical to the success of this program. In addition to St. Pauly Textile emptying the shed frequently, they also ask that a member of your Grange go inside the shed once or twice per week, using the keys provided, to move donations away from the donation chute. This keeps the donation chute free and clear for people to continuously donate throughout the week, minimizing the chance that anything will be left outside.

The Experience of Willamette Grange #52 with our St. Pauly Donation Shed

Two years ago, Willamette decided to host a Donation Shed at their hall, along a major State Highway. This was not a burden – members

inspected the shed once per week, making sure items were bagged in the plastic bags St. Pauly supplies. When they noticed non-textile items St. Pauly does not accept, they set them aside and St. Pauly workers dispose of them. Typically, checking the shed takes five minutes.

St. Pauly Textile provides signs, promotional materials and social media advertising to call attention to the donation shed. Willamette Grange used Facebook and their roadside marquee sign to encourage people to donate at the shed, stating that the donations helped the Grange. At first, donations were modest, with ten to fifteen bags per week. Later the Grange was contacted by a thrift store that offered to donate the clothing they were discarding if the Grange would pick them up. This arrangement massively increased their donations, and so the income increased. Two Grangers with a van and trailer would spend two hours, once a week, picking up bags of clothes from the thrift store and bringing them to the Grange's donation shed. Granted, this is a significant amount of labor, but in 2021 the shed yielded 68,000 lbs, of donations which paid their Grange more than \$2500; enough to pay the electricity and a good chunk of the building insurance.

Not every Grange has a situation where this would work, but if you would like to hear more contact Jennifer Chase at St. Pauly Textiles either by phone 508-944-4722 or email jenniferchase409@gmail.com.

Also – if you mention Willamette Grange, and decide to host a shed at your Grange, St. Pauly Textiles said they would make a donation toward the Willamette Grange Hall Restoration Efforts.

In Memoriam

Raymond Bisel Taylor High Siletz Valley #558 Midland #781

Eldeen Caylor Robert Kovach Bridge #730 Walterville #416

Marie Corrie Jean Snook Bridge #730 Dorena #835

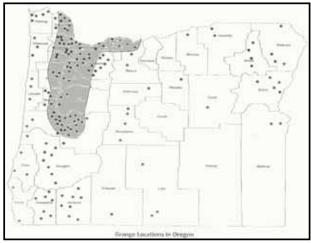
Pearl DuMars Joe Snook Eagle Valley #565 Dorena #835

Rena Gowing Helma Vanderwilt Walterville #416 Terrebonne #663

Charlotta Gray Marlene White Willamette #52 Springwater #263

Seen through the eyes of Faith,
we remember our Brothers and Sisters
not as ones dead,
they have only gone on before us through
the gates of the Grange above,
where dwells the Great Master of us all.





The gray area is the current area in Oregon with St. Pauly sheds.



A St. Pauly shed.

GRUBBY CARDENING

Saturday, May 7 10 AM to 2 PM

A Free, Family Friendly Event

Garden informational presentations: 11AM and 1PM

Kids plant a free "Salad Bowl" planter to take home

Learn about Container Gardening:

Veggies and flower starts available, Mother's Day flowers, free seeds, family friendly activities, music, treats, craft tables Willamette Grange Hall 27555 Greenberry Rd Corvallis OR Info: 541-609-8335



The seed trading table at SIlverton Grange's Seedy Saturday

Silverton Grange Celebrates Another Successful Seedy Saturday

County, held another successful Seedy Saturday on March 12, with around 300 community members turning out on a sunny afternoon. It's especially important that families have the resources to feed themselves and live healthy lives. Seed and plants are just the tool to provide abundance and to build community and culture through food and gardening. With lots of seeds to trade, plants to buy, educational materials, children's activities and refreshments, there was plenty to do.

Some of the participating groups were the Oregon Garden, Harpole's Produce, GeerCrest Farm selling fruit trees, and the Community Roots School Recharge Cafe. This

Silverton Grange #748, Marion event was sponsored by Al's Garden Center, the Oregon Garden and the companies that donated seed: One Green World, Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, and Kitazawa Seed Company. There was also a display of invasive and noxious plants that was done in partnership with the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

> Silverton Grange President, Cayla Catino, noted that "We think this is the biggest turnout we have had yet for a seed exchange (200-300 folks). Local middle schoolers served beverages from the kitchen and kids and adults got to make their own seed envelopes. This is a favorite family event for people of all ages. So many people came up to me and told me how much they loved Seedy Saturday.'



Above: Making seed envelopes before approaching the seed trading table.



The Agricultural Report

June Colony ~ grassjune@hotmail.com Agriculture Director - Oregon State Grange

It is 5 degrees outside. A cold and clear morning. It's very hard to get the motivation to go outside and feed the sheep.

So instead, let us enjoy a bit of country musing from a poem/song I wrote last summer!

Blue Twine

When your fence is down, and money is low.

Grab a hank of twine, and down the line you go.

It'll look real pretty, like flower in

It's cheap, and it'll fix anything!

Blue twine, blue twine, blue twine.... I wish you'd last a longer time.

When your gate won't shut, blue twine is what you need. When your pants are slipping, their

It will impede. Tie a knot or two, it'll stick like glue.

descent

It's easy to get, fill up your pockets!

With blue...blue...blue twine, I wish you'd last a longer time.

It'll give your farm a certain zing! And your neighbors should do the same thing!

So heed my word, Take my advice.... There's just one problem You'll fix it twice!

With blue...blue...blue twine, I wish you'd last a longer time.

Blue twine, It'll fix any thing! Blue twine, Its' praises I will sing.

It'll look real pretty like a flower in spring,

It's cheap and it'll fix anything!

Oh, blue...blue...blue twine, I wish you'd last a longer time.

Ag Fest Booth Needs Volunteers

The Oregon State Grange needs volunteers to help kids of all ages plant seedlings in little peat pots to take home. In pre-pandemic years over 15,000 people came through this family-friendly celebration of Oregon Agriculture. After a cancelation in 2020 and a drive through version in 2021, Ag Fest is Back!

It's Really Fun! At least six volunteers per shift are needed for the 6 shifts during Ag Fest, which is

April 23 and 24 at the State Fairgrounds in Salem. Volunteers get free admission, so before and after the shift they are free to wander Ag Fest and get a fill of the variety of exhibits and giveaways that Oregon Ag Fest offers.

Phone Jay Sexton at 541-829-2907 (Marys River Grange message) or email willamettegrange@gmail. com to volunteer for a shift (or more).



Volunteers Needed

2022 Ag Fest **April 23 & 24**

Saturday April 23 - Sunday April 24 Oregon State Fairgrounds

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

Saturday Shifts:

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

Sunday Shifts:

10am to 12:30pm 12:30 to 3pm 3:00pm-5:30pm* (*includes help with cleanup).

To Volunteer

6 or more people needed per shift Contact: Jay Sexton willamettegrange@gmail.com ~ 541-829-2907

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

Community Service Involvement

Elizabeth "Liz" Dehne dehneej@msn.com OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



Hello Grangers,

Happy Spring to all my Sisters and Brothers. We hope this finds you all well and doing good Grange things in your community.

After these past couple years, we are all looking forward to getting on with meeting face to face with family and friends. We want to thank all the Granges that have sent in the Community Service Report and greatly appreciate the time and talent that you all have been able to give to your communities even during tough times. That is what Grangers do. Please continue reaching out and helping.

As you plan ahead for the State Session take the time to put together your Community Service Book. This is a great way to display all your efforts and provide a document for your future Grangers to review and be inspired to continue the good work of the Grange. This Take care and have a successful is very important for all of us so we Community Service filled year.

maintain our non-profit status. It is also a good thing for us to share all that we do with our fellow Granges and with the community at events.

Don't forget to nominate a fellow Granger for "Volunteer of the Year." Entries will not be judged unless the form is properly signed and sealed. Please follow the instructions carefully on the form.

This is the time to plan your activities for the year. This gives the Event Chair time to do the planning, get their committee together and send out the publicity. It is also very helpful when putting together the annual budget.

The State and National Grange have great information to help with events and programs. Make sure your Grange members are getting the Bulletin and know how to sign up for National Grange Newsletters.

Breakfast for Senior Scholarships

#310, Clackamas County, is having treasures. All proceeds go towards a breakfast April 16, 2022 from 8 the Grange's am to 11 am. Pancakes, sausage and Molalla eggs or biscuits & gravy are on the High School menu for both dine in and take out. Meals are by donations only. Come arships.

Come one and all. Molalla Grange eat and bid on their silent auction

senior schol-



Annual Millersburg **Community Garage Sales**

May 20th & 21st 9am to 4pm Hosted by Morningstar Grange

Maps available at City Hall, Morningstar Grange & various garage sales.

Hand in Hand Farm, Inc will be on site offering Mule rides for \$2.

Weather permitting

Lunch will be served from 11am to 2pm Hamburgers, hot dogs, soup & sandwiches. Plus snacks & sides.



Dine in or to go. Info:541-730-1955





Midland Donates to Food Bank

Midland Grange #781, Klamath County, started their winter holiday celebrating by giving a \$250 donation to the Klamath Lake County Food Bank. Always in need, the Food Bank accepted the donation with great gratitude.

L-r: Nikki Sampson, Director of the Food Bank accepting the check from Midland Treasurer, Bonnie



Kellogg Food Drive **Facilitates**



The Kellogg Grange #811 in Douglas County collected food in October and November to donate to the Elkton Charter Schools. Through Grange members and Bingo Night attendees, 300 pounds of food was gathered to fill food

The food was then delivered by Grange members to the Elkton Grade school on December 8, 2021 where Grade School Principal Amy Rose accepted the food. The food baskets were formed before Christmas and delivered to school families that could use assistance.

Above L-r: Amy Rose, Elkton Grade School Principal; with Grange members Connie Field and her great granddaughter, Amiyah, Bill Calvert, Donna Kobbe, Beverly Headrick, and David Madison.

Grange Holds Drive-Creswell Food **Pantry** By for Local

Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, held a "Drive-By" food drive for the Creswell Food Pantry on November 20th in Creswell. The event was very successful, gathering 246 pounds of non-perishable food.

The Creswell Food Pantry is a non-profit, under Community Food for Creswell. They provide a free 3-5-day food supply (up to 16 boxes per year) to local low-income families. They also provide free produce and bread every week.

R: A pickup drives by and hands off a couple bags of food.





Creswell members with the food collected before delivering to the food pantry



Father's Day boutonnieres being made by Goshen Grange members.

Goshen Remembers Community Home Residents Nursing

Leading up to different holidays Patrick's Day pins, Mother's Day throughout the year, Goshen headbands, Father's Day bouton-Grange #561, Lane County, mades nieres, pumpkins for Halloween, gifts for residents of local nurs- and turkeys for Thanksgiving. ing homes. Projects included St.

Come join us for a Meat Loaf & Baked Potato Bar

Sunday April 24th 1 to 4pm

Rafflet rs will be pulled at 4pm \$1 ea. or \$5 for 6 tickets

Morningstar Grange 38794 Morningstar RD NE Albany (Millersburg), OR 97321

Info: 541-730-1955

Raffle items are donated from Grany members & friends of the Grange.

Whole Meal -\$10 Potato, Meat Loaf, salad, roll, drink & dessert

Meatioaf Meal - \$7 Meatioaf, salad, roll, drink & dessert

Potato Only - \$5 Choose your toppings!

List of toppings to choose from:

Butter, sour cream, brown gravy, shredded cheese, bacon bits.

broccoli, chives, black olives & tomatoes.

Extras:

Salad S1 Green salad (ranch, 1k island or Italian) or Combread salad

Dessert S1 Chaose from Cookies or Brownies

Drink \$1 Choose Pop /water, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mt Dew, Sierra Mist, Root Beer & Dr. Pepper

Dine in and To Go available.

To call or Text ahead & place your order: 541-666-0410

Cash or Card accepted

Creswell Helps Meals-on-Whee

The members of Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, put together 44 baskets for their local Mealson-Wheels program. Additional baskets were given to city hall, the Chamber of Commerce, South Lane County Fire Department and the Lane County Sheriff's office based in Creswell. A Merry Christmas was wished to all!



R: Creswell Master, Patrick Dearth delivered a basket to South Lane Fire Department - Creswell Station.



L-r: Stanley Garboden, Patrick Dearth, Martin McClure, Loreen Huffman, Nita Lose, and Louise McClure show off the baskets made for Meals-

Beavercreek Changes Meetings June-September

Beavercreek Grange #276, Clackamas County, will be changing times and dates for several upcoming meetings.

- June 4th to 11 am with business meeting only, no lunch.
- July they will be holding their annual picnic on July 9th, location to be determined, at 1
- pm followed by their business meeting.
- September, they will be meeting on September 10th at 1pm with dessert only.

For more information contact: Kim Schettig, Secretary

Midland Hosts Family and Friends

land Grange #781, Klamath County held a Christmas party for members and their families and friends. As always, a lot of food was consumed

On Saturday, December 18th, Mid- and great fellowship was enjoyed. And of course, a visit by Santa brought a smile to everyone especially the little ones.



22041 S Kamrath Rd, Beavercreek Oregon Annual Mother's Day Breakfast



May 8, 2022 8 a.m. to Noon Kids 6 - 10 \$5.00 Adults \$10.00 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



Midland President Louise Holst was trying to convince Santa (Phil Van Buren) that she's been a good girl.





Deaf Awareness and Family Health

Lilly Anderson $lilly in emer ald city @\,gmail.com$ OSG Deaf Awareness and Family Health Director

What Does Health Aging **Place** Look Like?

The U.S. population is aging. Today, there are more than 46 million older adults, 65 years and older, and by 2050 that number is expected to exceed 90 million.1 Between 2020 and 2030, as the last of the baby boomers reach the age of 65, the number of older adults is expected to increase by almost 18 million. By 2030, one in five of every Americans will be 65 years or older.1

The issue of aging is especially important in rural areas because residents tend to be older than in urban areas. In 2010, 25 percent of all adults 65 and older lived-in rural areas.1 Aging populations lead to an increased need for health care, long-term care and social services that support older adults as they age. Older adults are often burdened with multiple chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, hypertension and depression.

According to the Rural Health Information Hub, nearly 90% of seniors want to stay in their homes as they age. The term 'aging in place' refers to the ability of older adults to remain in their homes and communities as they age, rather than relocating or moving into institutional settings. Aging in place promotes life satisfaction, a positive quality of life, and improved self-esteemall of which are crucial for older adults to remain healthy. When aging in place is supported, the entire community benefits. Older adults offer wisdom and perspective that help all of us to see the long game. Additionally, older adults tend to volunteer more, giving more often to the community than any other age group.2

Aging in place in rural communities comes with its own set of unique challenges. While rural communities are home to a higher proportion of older residents, rural communities provide fewer services such as, access to health care, housing, transportation and social and nutrition services. While rural areas offer many benefits, supporting aging in place may require more planning and coordination.

There are eight identified areas of program support services that most help people remain safe and actively engaged in their communities:

- Housing
- Legal assistance
- Telehealth/Home health ser-

- Transportation programs
- Community Integration
- Community Support
- Design of Age Friendly Communities

Older adults and people with disabilities often experience physical limitations and need help with activities of daily living. This can be particularly challenging in rural areas. One of the questions we need to ask ourselves is what type of services and assistance are most needed to help older adults and those living with disabilities in rural areas.

According to Home and Community Based Alternative to Nursing Home Care Journal, there is a wide range of services that can help individuals live independently:

- Personal care services include help with bathing, dressing, eating and personal care including foot care.
- · Household support services includes activities such as housekeeping, shopping, laundry and yard care.
- · Nutrition services can include delivering meals, nutritional education, screening and coun-
- Home health services including medical services prescribed by a physician.
- · Transportation services that allow rural people to reliably get to healthcare and other services they need that allow them to buy nutritious foods and other items that promote good health.
- · Home maintenance and modification services that provide affordable maintenance, repairs and disability modifications to single family homes.
- · Care coordination services that make referrals to health and human services providers. These services often include helping individuals schedule appointments and pick up medications.
- · Respite care support provides assistance to caregivers.

The ability to provide these services will be increasingly important moving forward with both higher older adult populations and the stressors brought on by climate change. While older adults in rural areas often report larger social networks than their urban counterparts, they can also experience increased risk of social isolation and loneliness.

• Caregivers/Caregiver well be- In fact, when we look at rural pop-

FOUNDATION BOARD

Oregon State Grange Foundation Annual Meeting

Sunday June 19th 2022 at the Foundation Luncheon which is scheduled for 12 noon, at the Oregon State Grange Convention, Talent Middle School, Talent, Oregon.

All fourth-degree members in Good Standing are invited to attend the annual meeting and vote on all matters brought before the meeting including the election of the District 6 Trustee and the at-large Trustee position #2. Several GASS Awards will be presented to those in atten-

Tickets for the luncheon need to be purchased in advance although meal purchase is not required to attend the meeting. See page __ for meal ticket order form.

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www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/

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





ulations throughout the state of Oregon, we see a wide variety of services provided across the different regions. This spring and summer, I intend to begin visiting Granges in person to get a firsthand story of what services you feel are most needed in your district. So let me hear from you! Share your needs, problems and solutions. If you have a pressing issue you would like to see us explore, please feel free to contact me and let me know, as we begin our exploration of Healthy Aging Across Oregon.

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Dogs for Better Lives Opens Northeast Campus

By Elizabeth Hiner National Grange Senior Communications Fellow GOOD DAY MAGAZINE Spring 2022

In 1981, Oregon's Clackamas County Granges made a \$2,800 donation to Dogs for the Deaf, a relatively new organization that trained assistance dogs for people in the Deaf and hard of hearing communities. Later that year, Junior Granges across the country joined in on the fundraising efforts, raising nearly \$9,500 for the training and placement of several dogs.

Most notably was the dog Rascal, trained at the Dogs for the Deaf facility in Jacksonville, Oregon, who was given to Gladys Peterson. The National Grange officially partnered with Dogs for the Deaf and continues the partnership to this day.

Roy G. Kabat founded Dogs for the Deaf, a 501(c(3) nonprofit, in 1977. His experience came from working with exotic and domestic animals for movies and television, and he also had a small circus. Upon his retirement, he moved to Applegate Valley in Oregon, where the American Humane Association contacted him for advice on their new experimental program: to train dogs for the Deaf and hard of hearing.

The idea for the program sprung from the wish of a Minnesota woman who wanted to replace her dog. As she lost more of her hearing, her dog learned to alert her to sounds within her home. After the dog died, she realized how she had come to depend on her service animal and sought to replace it.

Consequently, The American Humane Association launched their experimental dog training for the Deaf. Roy accepted their invitation and went to Denver for two weeks and then returned home where Dogs for the Deaf was born in Jacksonville, Oregon.

In 1989, they moved to their 40-acre "main campus" in Central Point, Oregon. With satellite offices in California, Washington, Arizona and New Hampshire, programs include shelter dog acquisition, breeding, assistance dog training, and puppy raiser/ breeder caretaker programs.

In 2017, Dogs for Deaf rebranded to Dogs for Better Lives (DBL), with a wider mission, including:

- Hearing Dogs: Training dogs to alert their person to the household sounds that are necessary to their safety and independence.
- · Autism Dogs: Training dogs to function as an anchor for children with autism to enhance their wellbeing and safety by preventing the child from bolting.
- Facility Dogs: Training dogs to work for a living by assisting professionals such as teachers, counselors, certified professionals, and physicians
- · Career Changing Dogs: Adoptable dogs that have been mostly trained.



They make wonderful pets, but they are not suited to work for a living. Their chosen career is "pet,"

As of 2017, DBL had placed over 1,300 dogs with families and individuals in need.

On Wednesday May 19, 2021, DBL purchased two properties in Falmouth, Massachusetts. These two properties include a veterinary clinic and a thriving "doggie daycare" pet resort. This marks the fourth satellite office for the organization, known as their Northeast Campus.

DBL's four-year strategy and vision is growth and expansion critical to acquisition, professional training and placement of more assistance dogs. The existing pet resort continues to operate with facility upgrades, which will include upgrading the kennels, the outdoor exercise yards, painting and new flooring.

Sarah McCracken, a Massachusetts native, joined DBL's leadership team in February 2021 and oversaw the acquisition. She will be managing the Northeast Campus as the Executive Director. Ms. McCracken said, "Dogs for Better Lives' (DBL) expansion into the northeast region enables us to grow our volunteer and donor communities, reducing cross-country travel and resources, all while ultimately providing more assistance dogs to those in need."

McCracken brings an extensive background in assistance dog training and management, working most recently in a similar role for Canine Companions for Independence.

As of late January, the Northeast Campus has six puppies in the puppy raiser program getting ready to train in the fall of this year. Five people are already on the waitlist for those new dogs. The waitlist for the autism and facility dogs has just opened again for requests.

"Dogs for Better Lives can accomplish this thanks to the community groups like the National Grange and the Oregon State Grange, as they have and will continue to play a major partnering role through supporting DBL's critical work, with volunteerism, fundraising and educational outreach," McCracken said.

Since 1981, the Oregon State Grange has continued to support Dogs for the Deaf and then Dogs for Better Lives. Community Granges in Oregon and around the country have also supported the organization, and the National Grange has had representation at its annual convention throughout the years as well.

GWA



Joanne McBride joannemcbride8@gmail.com OSG Grange Workers Activities Director

Time for Metal Art to Steal the Spotlight

The Metal Art contest is one of my This contest is judged on: favorites! There are a few rules for the contest.

The metal can be any kind such as bronze, silver, gold, tin, copper, lead, brass and iron.

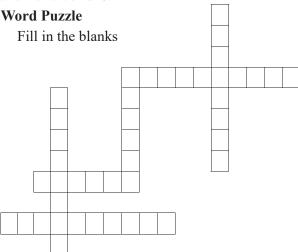
There is a minimum size of 5x5 and a maximum size of 16x15

- 1. Workmanship
- 2. General Appearance

April/May 2022

- 3. Creativity
- Selection of Design

There are several careers that focus on metal work and many accredied colleges.



Clues: Welder, Blacksmith, Pipefitter, Gunsmith, Solderer, Brazer

Chili Cook-Off at Hurricane Creek

the 2022 Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race, Hurricane Creek Grange #608 Wallowa County, held a Chili-Cook-Off and Bazaar on January 22. People were in and out all day long getting bowls of chili from the 10 entrants with corn bread on the side, as well as a sale of whole pies and looking over items at a bazaar in the main hall of the Grange.

Entrants were charged \$10 each to be considered, with a \$50 for the first prize and the People's Choice winners. 2nd and 3rd place winners received cool prizes from the events Corporate Sponsor, Grain Growers. Those who came to enjoy the

chili were charged \$5 for a bowl and some cornbread. Dessert of pies was also available with whole pies going for \$15.

Judges were Claudia Boswell, Grange Master: Brinda Stanley, from the neighboring Liberty

Coinciding with the conclusion of Grange; Zach Woods, from Wallowa County Grain Growers; and Kim Hutchison and Jim Hensen of the Enterprise Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

> Winners of the cookoff were: People's Choice David McBride, first place Darlene Stephens, second place Margaret Bradshaw and third place Cathryn Patterson.

> This was the Grange's first such event and they hope to continue it. The plan is that it will be an annual event that grows a little bigger each year.

Hurricane Creek Master, Claudia Boswell gives, David McBride his prize.



Have fun in District 1

Meet the District 1 Granges that are our hosts for the 2022 Oregon State Grange Conventions.

Bandon #702 Coos County Organized 1928 Re-organized 2014

Location: 101 11th St SE, Bandon

Grange has no hall

Meets: 3rd Sunday

3pm October thru March; 7pm April thru Sept

Contact: Peggi 541-378-7159



Bridge #730 Coos County Organized 1929

Location: 51240 Myrtle Creek Rd,

Myrtle Point
Meets: 1st Wed 6:30 pm
Contact: Becky 541-572-6248



North Bayside #691 Coos County Organized 1927

Location: 67563 East Bay Dr

(Glasgow), North Bend Meets: 3rd Fri 7:30 pm

potluck 6:30 pm Contact: Judy 541-756-2816



and or a

Chetco #765 Curry County Organized 1930

Location: 97895 Shopping Center Ave, Harbor

Meets: 3rd Wed 5:30 pm Contact: Bill 541-756-2216

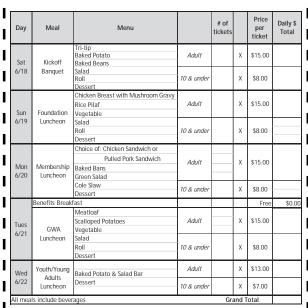


Talent Middle School ~ Talent, Oregon

	Name:
ı	Grange Name & No.:
•	Phone:
I	Email:
	Address:

Saturday dinner and Sunday through Wednesday lunches are available for purchase. Saturday's banquet and the luncheons are on site at the Talent Middle School. Tuesday's Benefit Breakfast will be at the Phoenix Grange Hall. 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. Meal questions contact Linda @ 541.944.9612.

Mail to: Dist. 1 Host Committee, c/o Linda Helm, 4155 Omaha Ave, Medford OR 97501 Please return order form with check payable to the "District 1" by June 1st.



Any dietary needs such as diabetic, vegetarian, gluten-free or allergies, please contact Linda 541.944.9612

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



Sixes #856 Curry County Organized 1936 Re-Organized 2006

Location: 44556 Hwy 101, Sixes Meets: 1st Mon 6 pm Contact: Ron 541-332-0394



Azalea #786 Douglas County Organized 1931

Location: 142 Pisqually Ln
Azalea
Meets: 1st Mon 6 pm
Contact: Jene 541-863-9300



Camas Valley #521 Douglas County Organized 1914 Re-organized 1932

Location: 321 S Camas Rd
Camas Valley
Meets: 2nd Tues 10 am
Contact: Sharon 541-643-6881



Kellogg #811 Douglas County Organized 1933

Location: 18037 State Hwy 138W, Oakland

Meets: 1st Wed 7 pm Contact: David 541-505-4013



Lookingglass #927 Douglas County Organized 1949

Location: 7426 Lookingglass Rd, Roseburg

Service Committee

Meets: 2nd Tues 7 pm Contact: Neil 541-315-6825



Myrtle Creek #442 Douglas County Organized 1911 Re-organized 1938

Location: 661 Riverside Dr Myrtle Creek Meets: 2nd Fri 7 pm Contact: Norma 541-863-5907

Have fun in District 1



Riversdale #731 **Douglas County** Organized 1929

Location: 4856 Garden Valley Rd,

Roseburg

3rd Mon 7 pm Meets: potluck 6 pm

John 541-673-0369 Contact:



Smith River #585 **Douglas County** Organized 1920

Location: 9850 Lower Smith River

Rd, Reedsport Meets: 1st Sat 12 noon Tonya 541-271-0141 Contact:





Sunnydale #877 **Douglas County** Organized 1938

Location: 5040 Hwy 38, Drain 2nd Mon 7:30 pm Meets: potluck 6:30 pm

Contact:

merchorna.

Jamie 541-662-0445



Sutherlin Community #724 Douglas County Organized 1929

Location: 851 Comstock, Sutherlin

Meets: 4th Fri 3 pm

Contact: Robin 541-464-6056

Talent Hotels and RV Information For State Grange Convention

The 2022 Oregon State Grange Medford Exit 27 Convention will be held in Talent, Oregon June 18-23 at the Talent Middle School.

Hotel rooms and RV spaces are in short supply so make your reservations as soon as possible. Room costs are for guidance only. Please contact individual hotels for the most current prices.

Ashland Exit 19

Comfort Inn and Suites \$122+ tax per night

Phoenix Exit 24

America's Best Value Inn \$120+ tax per night

2 aueen beds

2 queen beds with single pull-out couch

1 king

All sinks outside of bathroom

RV PARK behind hotel \$60 per night

Holiday RV Park \$47 per night

are being determined.

Name

Email

Phone

\$285 for 6 nights (7th night free)

\$7 dump fees if dry camp elsewhere

Oregon State Grange AG Tour Saturday, June 18 Leave the Talent Middle School at 8:30 a.m. Return 12:30 p.m. Lunch provided. The tour will visit three interesting local agricultural locations which

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

Depending on bus rental costs and availability,

the tour may use private vehicles.

For reservations contact: Jay Sexton

Email - willamettegrange@gmail.com

Phone/text - 541.250.6662

Best Western 1154 E Barnett Rd Next door to Black Bear Diner call for prices

Dry camping is available at the Talent Elementary School for \$22 per day. Showers at Talent Middle School across the street. Contact Wayne Cabler: 541-840-5374 seelindu@gmail.com.

Another option is house rentals through airbnb. com, vrbo.com or other vacation rentals websites.







Eagle Point #664 Jackson County Organized 1925

Location: 5 S Shasta Ave, Eagle

Point

2nd Thurs 6 pm Meets:

Contact: Christine 541-941-5887

and or the



Enterprise #489 Jackson County Organized 1912

Location: 9700 E Evans Creek Rd,

Rogue River

Meets: 1st Wed following pot-

luck at noon Contact: Michael 541-582-0415



Lake Creek #697 **Jackson County** Organized 1928

Location: 1556 S Fork Little Butte Creek Rd, Eagle Point

3rd Sat 2 pm Meets:

Patricia 541-830-5148 Contact:

and or all



Location: 1050 Tolman Creek Rd,

Bellview #759

Jackson County

Organized 1930

Ashland

1st Mon 6:30 pm Meets: Contact: Wendell 805-636-5526



Central Point #698 **Jackson County** Organized 1928

Location: 436 E Pine St Central Point

2nd Wed 7 pm Meets: Contact: Wayne 541-840-5374



Live Oak #655 Jackson County Organized 1925

Location: 120 Gardiner St, Rogue River Meets: 2nd Tuesday 6 pm Contact: Margaret 541-299-0677



Have fun in District 1



Phoenix #779 Jackson County Organized 1931

Location: 209 N Main St, Phoenix 2nd Tues 6 pm Meets: Contact: Linda 541-944-9612



Roxy Ann #792 Jackson County Organized 1931 Re-organized 2017

Location: 1850 Spring St,

Medford

4th Mon at 6:30 pm Meets: Josue 541-210-4099 Contact:



Upper Rogue #825 Jackson County Organized 1935

Location: 7165 Crowfoot Rd Eagle Point Meets: 3rd Tues 1 pm Linda 541-227-4683 Contact:



are dorse

Deer Creek #371 Josephine County Organized 1907

Location: 3830 Lakeshore Dr

Selma

2nd Sun 2 pm Meets: Contact: David 541-597-4486

Tentative Convention Schedule

149th Annual Convension

June 18th - 23th Talent Middle School

The session this year will again be a 12 noon hybrid of in-person and via Zoom. Delegates on Zoom will be able to vote on resolutions, however anyone taking the degrees or delegates who wish to participate in the voting for State officers will have to be on

This year we are honored to host National President, Betsy Huber as our National Representative, and during the week we will be hearing from National Board Member, Leroy Watson via Zoom as we discuss re-imagining and revitalizing the Pomona Grange.

The committee meetings to deal with resolutions will be held prior to the session via Zoom, so no matter if you are coming in person or participating via Zoom you will need to provide us with a good email address. The committee meetings will take place in the first couple of weeks in June and as soon as they are set, a notice will be sent out with the time and log-in instructions for each one. Only delegates assigned to the committee will be able to vote in the committee but others may attend to speak to the resolutions.

Below are some of the highlights of this year's session. Resolutions are worked on every day in the order they come from committee. These are only specific events that are outside of the work on resolutions. Session usually closes around 9 pm if not specifically noted

Saturday June 18th

8:30 am Ag-Tour - leaving from the middle school 2 pm Registration materials

will be available 5:30 pm Kick-Off Banquet and Talent Contest

Sunday June 19th

9 am Opening in the Sixth Degree 11 am State Master's Annual Address

Foundation Luncheon, followed by annual meeting

Orientation for delegates 2:15 pm 4 pm Fifth Degree - Exemplified by District 1

Sixth Degree - Exemplified by the State Officers

Monday June 20th

9 am Memorial program under direction of the State Chaplain

10:30 am Opening in Fourth Degree Membership Luncheon 12 Noon Trade Show by the OSG Directors

Tuesday June 21st

6:30 am Grange Benefits Breakfast - no charge

10 am Opening in Fourth Degree Presentation by the State 10:30 am Junior Grange

12 noon GWA luncheon Tribute to Grange Veterans 1:30 pm Re-imagining/revitalizing our Pomona's - Na-

tional Executive Committee member Leroy Watson presenting via Zoom.

Wednesday June 22nd

Opening in Fourth Degree by State Youth Officers

Youth Luncheon and Goodie Basket drawing 2 pm Recognition of Past State

Officers

Thursday June 23rd

Opening in Fourth Degree 9 am 10:30 am Thank you to District #1 & Invitation from District #2 for 2023

1:30 pm Installation of the 2022-24 State Officers Closing Session

Look for a more detailed schedule along with the Junior and Youth/ Young Adults schedules in the next issue of the Bulletin.



North Pacific #911 **Josephine County** Organized 1945

Location: 222 Grange Rd

Grants Pass 2nd Tues 5:30 pm Meets: Contact: Mike 541-956-5220





Redwood #760 **Josephine County** Organized 1930 Re-organized 2021

Location: 1830 Redwood Ave,

Grants Pass 1st Mon 6:30 pm Meets: Contact: Ron 541-660-4185



Sunny Valley #916 Josephine County Organized 1946

Location: TBA

2nd Sat 6 pm meeting & Meets: potluck; potluck only 4th

Sat 6 pm

Contact: Ruth 541-472-8822





Fruitdale #379 Josephine County Organized 1908

Location: 1440 Parkdale Dr

Grants Pass 4th Sat 10:30 am Meets:

potluck noon Contact: Jill 541-660-4435 Illinois Valley #370 **Josephine County** Organized 1907 Re-organized 1930

Location: 3763 Holland Loop Rd, Location: 20100 Williams Hwy,

Cave Junction

Meets: 2nd Sun 2 pm Contact: Dean 541-592-7458



Williams #399 **Josephine County** Organized 1909 Re-organized 1917

Williams 2nd Wed 6 pm Meets: Contact: Matt 323-791-7990





Peyton White giving his presentation at Spencer Creek Grange.

Creek Spencer Grange #855 **Initiates 4H/FFA Award Program**

In 2021, Spencer Creek Grange #855, Lane County, membership initiated an award/scholarship program which is funded by the Grange general fund with complementary funding from its Bingo events.

The 4H/FFA award program is intended to support local youth in the Spencer Creek area of Lane County to develop their understanding of agriculture, leadership, and community outreach and support their 4H/FFA projects. In launching this effort, one of the Grange's goals was to be consistent with Grange history: supporting the local community and furthering the Grange's agricultural and community service heritage. The hope is to further enhance the awardee's leadership, writing, and presentation skills through the application and award process. Award amounts vary depending on content, complexity, creativity and energy associated with an essay and topic presented. Awardees are selected via review and recommendation by the award committee and ultimately decided by the membership.

On February 15th, their first awardee, Peyton White, joined the Grange's monthly membership meeting and gave the membership a presentation about his involvement in 4H, his projects, and how it has enhanced his individual development.

A bit about Peyton: Peyton has been very active in the 4H since he joined in 2014, at which time he was a Clover Bud. He's had a great deal of success in showmanship over the years, showing rabbits, chickens and most recently sheep. In 2021, Peyton earned Champion Junior



L-r: Dave Yordy, Spencer Creek EC and Mike Gaber, Spencer Creek President present Peyton White with his award.

Poultry Showman and Champion Junior Rabbit Showman, ultimately advancing to Reserve Junior Champion Master Showman at the Lane County fair. In addition, he has developed his own breeding program for chickens and sheep, producing his own market prospects. Peyton has an egg business that supports his efforts in 4H. According to Peyton, "The reasons I like 4H. ... I can talk to other members, share my projects, and learn new skills. One area that I have learned a lot is talking to people. I find it challenging to talk to market animal buyers and send out letters. ... I can see how important presentation and good communication is in selling animals." Peyton is using his award to buy grooming equipment for his 2022 sheep project recognizing its import to his success in the ring.

As Spencer Creek reviewed Peyton's submission for the award, the members couldn't help but feel optimistic about youth in their community and their prospect for the future! Congratulations Peyton!



Oregon Junior Grangers



Peggy Jillson psjill@comcast.net OSG Junior Director



Welcome To the Food Forest!

Bellview Grange in Ashland is year, and the harnext-door to Bellview School. In recent years the Grange property has been evolving into a living food forest. Here, the Grange aims to share bounty that can be grown in any plot of land, especially in the challenges of climate change.

On a sunny Saturday in March gardeners gathered to plan spring planting before spreading out to clean up the beds and admire the perennials springing forth once again. More than a dozen volunteers, some Grange members and some not, dug planting holes for the new trees. Chris Hardy, the OSG District 1 Agriculture chair, led the team. Chris had selected quite an assortment of trees, including cherry, pluot, filbert, and jujube.

Now, I knew of a candy called jujubes (joo-joo-bees), but had never heard of the fruit. Turns out these trees have been cultivated in China for over 4,000 years. One tree can produce 40-100 pounds of fruit per



The Food Forest Project is located between the Grange hall and the road leading to the school.

vest extends over several weeks. The plum-size fruits can be eaten as soon as they



turn red or left to dry out and become more date-like in sweetness and texture. I bet the kids at Bellview School will enjoy having a jujube tree beside their schoolyard.

The garden areas around the Grange need high fences to discourage deer, but passers-by can easily observe the progress of planting, growth, and harvest. Visiting with the volunteers that sunny Saturday I saw a wealth of diverse interests and abilities, some working to share their love of gardening for food, health, and great personal satisfaction, and everyone eager to learn. People are still cautious about mixing with multi-age crowds, but the garden is being prepared nonetheless. When children visit, Bellview Grange will be ready for them.



Above: Chris Hardy, the OSG District I Agriculture chair, leading the team at Bellview Grange.



L-r: Flavia Franco, Grange President Wendell Fitzgerald, Chris Hardy, and Julie Caldwell all members of Bellview Grange, work to build swales for the Food Forest Project.





Government Affairs

John DeHaas lobbyist@orgrange.org Lobbyist for the Oregon State Grange

Hello Grangers,

ping to 40 weekly hours in 2027.

I thought this information may help you to understand what was just passed in to law this past month. I know it will affect some of you but you will have the information. Hope all is well. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.

Legislature approves end to overtime pay exemption for farm workers

SALEM — The Oregon House and Senate approved a bill to end the agricultural overtime exemption, sinking attempts at compromise sought by farm organizations. It now goes to Gov. Kate Brown to sign into law or veto.

House Bill 4002, which passed the Senate 17-10 on March 3, phases out the overtime exemption over five years while providing tax credits to temporarily compensate farmers for higher labors costs. "Oregon's agricultural workers should not be excluded from the same protections afforded to other workers," said Sen. Kathleen Taylor, D-Milwaukie.

Farm groups wanted lawmakers to amend the bill so that state money would instead go directly to farm workers. The plan would have included overtime wages paid after 40 hours of work per week while allowing growers more flexibility in scheduling. "We need to love the farmers as much as the farmworkers," said Sen. Tim Knopp, D-Bend. The amendment would have represented a true "victory," as farmworkers wouldn't face capped work weeks or job losses from automation or farm closures, Knopp said. "That means for certain farmworkers would get the overtime," he said.

The Joint Committee on Farm Worker Overtime rejected the amendment. Representatives faced an up or down vote unless the bill was sent back to a committee for revision.

The Senate likewise voted down motions by Republican lawmakers to send the bill to the Senate Rules Committee or Senate Finance and Revenue Committee. "I think I had a better plan. I will be advocating for that plan in the next session," said Knopp, who sat on the Joint Farm Worker Overtime Committee.

Under the bill passed by the Legislature, farmworkers will be owed time-and-a-half overtime wages after 55 weekly hours next year, with the threshold incrementally dropMost farmers will be eligible for one of three tiers of tax credits depending on whether they employ 25 or fewer workers, 25 to 50 workers, or more than 50 workers. Between 2023 and 2028, tax credits will incrementally decline from 90% to 60% of overtime costs for the smallest employers, 75% to 50% for those in the middle tier and from 60% to 15% for the largest employers. After that, the tax credits will be ended or re-evaluated by law-makers based on economic studies required under HB 4002.

Dairies with fewer than 25 workers will receive a 100% tax credit with no time limit, while those with more workers will fall under the middle tier's rate and timeline.

Proponents of HB 4002 argued that it will mitigate the economic shock to the farm industry from higher overtime wages while giving law-makers time to adjust the law as it's implemented. "I commit to joining with others in coming years to make it even better," said Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, D-Portland.

However, opponents countered that tax credits amount to a "stay of execution" for farms that they say will go out of business or find ways to limit employee working hours. "The very employees we're describing here with such compassion will become the unemployed," said Sen. Dennis Linthicum, R-Klamath Falls

Arguments in favor of the bill centered on extending equal protection under the law to farmworkers by ending the overtime exemption, which was described as being steeped in an 80-year history of racism. "That particular exemption has been unfair for people of color," said Sen. Chris Gorsek, D-Troutdale. "We obviously have a problem across our state that we need to take action to fix."

Opponents of HB 4002 focused on the law's practical effects, claiming it will cause family farms to sell out to larger corporate operations that can better withstand increased expenses. "Why would we add even more cost and pressure for farms to get bigger and bigger?" said Sen. Fred Girod, R-Stayton.

The changes likely to be wrought by the bill will also hurt farmworkers who won't see their actual incomes increase as a result, opponents said. "Time-and-a-half for a job you no longer have is not much



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 27 @ 7 pm PST Wednesday, May 25 @ 7 pm PDT

wednesday, May 25 @

Where: Zoom

The OSG Legislative Committee will lead a discussion on proposed measures and petitions we are following, answer questions about resolution writing and deadlines, and talk about issues of interest.

Resolution deadline for Subordinate/Community Granges for the 2022 OSG Convention is April 22nd.

Contact: Legislative Director Mark Noah

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Registration is FREE!

compensation," said Sen. Lee Beyer, D-Springfield, who broke with his party to vote against the bill.

Under the amendment favored by Republican lawmakers, the state government would pay workers extra money to ensure they earn a time-and-a-half wage rate past 40 hours per week. Throughout most of the year, farmers would pay the higher overtime rate after more than 48 hours worked per week, but the threshold would rise to 55 hours during a peak labor period of 15 weeks per year. The amendment's supporters argued it would be more effective at preserving the economic stability of farmworkers and their employers.

Critics rejected the idea due to con-

cerns about fairness to other industries and worries that the state government wouldn't contribute to social security insurance, worker's compensation insurance and unemployment insurance. Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena, said he was initially optimistic the Legislature would negotiate a bipartisan agreement on the issue, which failed to happen.

"What agriculture was asking for was uncomplicated and reasonable," he said. Instead, the Legislature stuck with a "predetermined outcome" while implementing a tax credit system that wouldn't help the farm industry long-term, Hansell said. "What was offered, ag did not ask for, nor did they want," he said.

Happy Trails

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Legislative Update

Mark Noah marknoah00@gmail.com OSG Legislative Director



First things first, if your Grange has not already sent your resolutions to the State Grange office you are running out of time! The deadline for submission from Subordinate/Community Granges is April 22 this year (remember, a 60-day deadline was passed a couple years ago). The exception is for Pomonas that meet after the deadline, in which case those Pomonas have until May 20 this year. Best practice is to send your resolutions in as soon as possible after your meeting.

National Grange Legislative Director Burton Eller stated recently that it is important to include backup materials with your resolution, and for supporters of the resolution to include their contact information so he can reach out for local support on the issue. These factors make a difference in how he prioritizes issues he represents on Capitol Hill.

The 2022 Oregon Legislature's "Short Session" ended on March 4, just slightly ahead of the constitutional deadline of March 7, and depending on which press releases you read, from Democratic or Republican party leaders, they either made great strides in addressing some of society's basic needs in our state or spent a lot of money and wasted a lot of time. I like to think the reality is somewhere in the middle, but you can judge for yourself by subscribing to the legislative press releases at https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/ Pages/pressrelease.aspx. This is also a good way to keep track of committee activities between sessions.

One issue that was a hot topic in our OSG Legislative Zoom meetings was the impact of Oregon's Commercial Activity Tax on local independent pharmacies. This tax was implemented in 2019 and the revenue dedicated to a 'Fund for Student Success' to be used to pay for various education-related programs. The tax itself is very small and though it is frequently referred to as the 'CAT Tax' it has nothing to do with making feline owners pay more, no matter what your dog thinks. It is really a tax on business activity over \$1 million per year. The state's website says "only taxpayers with more than \$1 million of taxable Oregon commercial activity

will have a payment obligation." At one of our Zoom meetings, it was mentioned that at least one local pharmacist said this tax was the reason that Bi-Mart suddenly closed all their pharmacies, and it was suggested that there had been discussions to exclude prescription drugs when the tax was considered but apparently that didn't get included in the final bill. I emailed my local legislators and both said the impact on pharmacies, though small, was an 'unintended consequence' that needed to be addressed and referred to legislation intended to make that correction (which did eventually pass as SB 1524). Senator Beyer referred to Pharmacy Benefit Management companies as a larger issue for independent pharmacies, and I think this is a subject we need to all be looking into further.

Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) are companies that administer the prescription drug programs of health insurance plans, and consolidation in that industry in recent years has left three major PBMs controlling roughly 75% of all prescription drug programs. This means they have inordinate power to control pricing, adding complexity and cost as a middleman, influencing which pharmacies may be 'in network' for your insurance plan and deciding how much to reimburse the pharmacy. Pharmacies must purchase and stock prescription drugs based on demand, but there are a variety of ways that PBMs can control how much reimbursement the pharmacy receives from your health plan to pay for that prescription and that can mean a pharmacy may be stuck providing a popular prescription drug at a loss. That makes it really difficult to pay staff and sustain a business. Many states are looking into the practices of PBMs and Oregon should do so as well.

We are already looking ahead to resuming Grange Day at the Legislature for the 2023 full legislative session. It will probably be sometime in March of 2023 so stay tuned for further details. I imagine the Oregon State Grange will also be considering hosting another Ag Luncheon too, seeing as how that tri-tip BBQ was incredibly popular at the capitol.

GRANGE MEMBERSHIP MAY CAUSE
PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND
COMMUNITY PRIDE

The Education Committee

Paula Herrick
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OSG Education Director



Greetings,

At last, most of our schools are getting back to normal. My heart aches for what our children and teachers have went through these last two years. As some students excet some students struggled with online learning. As an adult I'm not a fan of Zoom meetings. I've been told I need to catch up with technology. I didn't say I didn't know how to do Zoom. I'm saying we are losing the personal (social) contact when dealing with people. Hopefully Zoom to our children will again mean how fast a car went by Zoom, Zoom!

Ag in the Classroom Literacy Proj-

ect is going strong. Any program that reached over 300,000 children last year must be doing something right! Our membership still has time to volunteer. Call Ag in Classroom at 541-737-8629. aitc@oregonstate.edu. Can't volunteer? Donations are accepted. Ag in the Classroom is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) foundation. Make checks payable to AITC 200, Strand Agriculture Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331. This program is designed to help students become aware of the source of their food, shelter, clothing and other essentials. If you can volunteer or donate, please mention you are with the Grange.



Students at Dilley Elementary with their new dictionaries.

3rd and 4th Graders in Forest Grove Schools Get Dictionaries

Forest Grove Grange #282, Washington County, delivered 809 dictionaries to the third and fourth grade classes in the Forest Grove School District between March 1-4. Forest Grove Grange decided to do fourth graders this year as they were not able to the dictionary program last year due to Covid.

Over the years that Forest Grove Grange has been doing this project they have delivered 7,584 dictionaries. The Grange continues to hear of students that still have theirs as they are staff in the Forest Grove school district. Thanks to Grange member Jody Kelsey, she was able to hand deliver to the students in the Dilley Elementary as she is on staff there. Hopefully, next year Grange members will be able to go into the schools and deliver the dictionaries to the students and share the kids' excitement in seeing their own name in the front of the dictionary.



L-r: Beverly Doscher, John Knox, Jeff Clute and Jim Clute putting labels with the student's name in each dictionary.



Membership Matters

David McBride davidmcbride8@gmail.com OSG Membership Director

New Member Early Announcement Program

Every Oregon State Community Grange receive announcement about a new program that provides an opportunity for new Grangers in Oregon to have a Welcome Packet from the Oregon State Grange mailed to them. This column will help to explain the new program.

During the last State Grange Session, the State Membership Committee recommended program to provide information to new Grange members faster than waiting until a Quarterly Report is received and processed. Processing after the Quarterly Report is submitted, often results in a delay of several months before a new member receives a first issue of the Bulletin. Additionally, it was recognized that a welcome packet from the State Grange would assist new Grangers in understanding more about the larger organization. Many Granges provide a welcome packet to their new members, and the package from the State is intended to supplement that

In order to take advantage of this New Member Early Announcement Program, a simple form is mailed to the State Office by the Community Grange when the member officially joins. The form includes the Grange, the member's name, address, and date of membership. Once the form arrives in the office, a package will be mailed to the new member, including the most recent Oregon State Grange Bulletin. The New Member Early Announcement program is not mandatory, It does not replace the Quarterly Report, and will not result in earlier dues billing. It is primarily used to get the Bulletin and other materials delivered quickly. So, remember to complete the Quarterly Report as

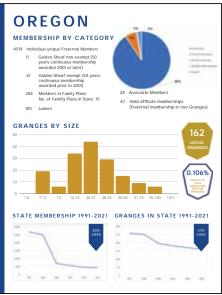
A few of the New Member Early Announcement forms were included in the announcement letter along with a sheet which may be copied when your Grange needs more. Please let your Oregon State Grange Membership Committee know how this program is working and how it might be improved.

Oregon's Membership as of June 2021

During March's Grange Growth Summit, National Grange Membership Director, Amanda Brozana-Rios shared some of the statistics on Oregon's membership from her report to the delegate body during last November's National Grange convention.

As of the National Grange year ending June 20, 2021 Oregon had 4,519 individual unique Fraternal members and 105 Junior 1+ members in 162 local Granges. Since then, Oregon's numbers have gone up both in number of members and with the reorganization of Redwood Grange, Oregon's local Grange number stands at 163.

Nationally there are 49,236 individual unique Fraternal members and 1,111 Juniors in chartered Junior Granges or participating in the Junior 1+ program.



Oregon ranks third in Grange membership behind Washwith ington 7,918 Fraternal members and 221 Granges and Pennsylvania with 5,475 Fraternal members and 168 Granges. Following Oregon Oklahoma with 4.292 Fraternal members in only 19 local Granges and rounding out the top five is California with 3.673 Fraternal members in 96 Granges.

Sunnyside to Hold Open House

Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County will be having an Open House on Sunday, May 1 at 2pm. Several Membership Awards will be given by OSG President, Susan Noah

Recipients include Silver Star certificates to MarvAnn Hanks and Jacob Luttrell, Golden Sheaf Awards to Cheryl Carmin, Jeanie Force, Kathy Hekking, Sandi Ludi, Allan Mackey, Martie Evans and Celia Fox, 55-year seals to "the Bobs" Bob Ludi and Bob Force, and 70 year seal to Lee Schneider

Boring-Damascus Grange #260 will also join in the



festivities and will present Jacob's grandfather Leonard Luttrell with his Golden Sheaf Award. A program with a cake reception to follow the presentation of awards.

The Grange hall is located at 13130 SE Sunnyside Road in Clackamas.



Scholls Grange #338 Invites you to a celebration reception honoring

Katherine Luttrell

50 Year Member Recognition

Saturday, April 30, 2022 2 - 4 pmat Scholls Grange 16917 SW Hillsboro Highway Sherwood, Oregon

Mailing Address: 23295 SW Mountain Home Rd. Sherwood, OR 97140

Light refreshments will be served

Marys River Celebrates 95 Years

Grange #685, Benton County, celebrating in a big way. Not only had the Omicron surge subsided enough to allow the statewide mask man-

hall to celebrate their ninety-fifth birthday with cake and ice cream, along with displays showing the Grange's origins, changes and activities through the decades and proudly showing off their recent hall improvements.

Chartered on March 11, 1927 after a meeting at Philomath High School hosted by Soap Creek and Mountain View Granges, Marys River Grange has survived some lean years, but is now thriving and active and hopes to celebrate the big one-oh-oh in five more years.

festivities, including Pat Malone,

March 2022 found Marys River Philomath City Councilor Katherine Biscoe, who expressed appreciation for the effort Marys River Grange extends in support of our community. Windy Hill Farm also brought date to relax on March 11, on March fourteen baby goats, who were the 12 they invited the public into their hit of the day for adults and children.



Almost eighty people attended the Above: Adults and children enjoyed playing with the baby goats during Benton County Commissioner, and Marys River Grange's birthday party.



Tualatin's Winona Grange to Hold 125th Birthday Party April 30

Tualatin's Winona Grange #271, Washington County, located by the lake welcomes the community to its 125th birthday Open House Saturday, April 30. The program begins at 10 a.m. with brief glimpses into the Grange's long and colorful history The celebration features free garden seeds, and generous scoops of free ice cream and toppings. Former members and descendants of members are particularly invited to attend.

Mayor Frank Bubenik will share a proclamation followed by highlights of local Grange history. Oregon State Grange President Susan

Noah will also be present to recognize the milestone. All will then enjoy free ice cream sundaes served by Tualatin High School teens who are active with StandUp, Tualatin Together's youth resiliency advocates. Free vegetable, flower and herb seed packets will be available for the taking, thanks to donations from Bi-Mart and Wilco. Advice on planting will also be available.

Winona Grange is known for its seed distribution project. This year the Grange distributed 22,000 seed packets to community gardens and food banks throughout the Northwest. In addition, the Grange supports the Tualatin School House Pantry with fresh produce and non-perishables, awards scholarships, and provides clothing and supplies to the Portland Community Transition School.

Tualatin's Grange, founded in 1895, is the oldest social service organization in the city. Initially meetings were held in the school and upstairs over a store; the present building was erected by volunteers in 1940.

TUESDAYS

@ 8:30 ET

ON ZOOM



Throughout Oregon, local Granges like Tualatin's served as community centers where family members of all ages could gather for community education and social activities like ice cream socials, a practice that continues today. The Winona Grange presently rents space for dances, concerts, church services, business meetings and hobby groups such as the Portland Puzzle Exchange, the Portland Lace Society and the Valley View Riders. An informal group of ukulele players "jam" weekly. Members conduct Grange business the second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Tualatin's Winona Grange was named for the eldest daughter of J. R. C. Thompson, who died at a young age. The address is 8340 SW Seneca Street.

Covid forced postponement of the 125th anniversary event originally scheduled in 2020.

Article written by Larry McClure and originally published in the April issue of Tualatin Life.

Or call in at (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 525 965 930

Passcode: 981892



GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"

Teresa Cernac OSG GROW Club President treetsa@gmail.com

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

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

In this issue I ask Jessie Jo Guttridge write the column.

When I attended my first National Convention in 2015, I had no idea what I was stepping into. My only other experience was attending on Saturday of convention in Boise in 2012 to get my 7th degree along with my parents. Although I'd joined Springwater Grange #263 in December of 2011, and taken all seven degrees of the Order, I had thought I would just stay involved at the local and Pomona levels. Don and Barbara MacKinnon pushed me to come to the state Convention and do more, but I was uncertain that that was the path I wanted to take

This idea began to change in my head after Colton-Foothills #831 consolidated with Springwater, bringing two other Youth members into our Grange, Brandon and Tina Parker, whom I already knew from 4-H. Tina told me about the fun she had at state and national Grange conventions, and with the support and mentorship of not only Don and Barbara, but Joyce Parker and Suzy Ramm, I decided to give it a shot.

My first state convention proved to me how much I enjoyed Grange while watching the delegates in action and participating in the Youth opening as an officer. Tina was planning to attend the National Convention in 2015 as a Youth Officer, and I decided I'd go with her. Sitting in the dining hall at State Convention, we filled out our applications. I was accepted as the National Youth Ceres, and got ready for convention. Tina ended up unable to attend National Convention that year, but when I was with the Youth, they made me feel welcome. As always in Grange, I wasn't a stranger, even if we'd never met before.

It was the State and National Conventions in 2015 that showed me how much Grange at all levels was a passion of mine. But the GROW club was still a few years away for me.

The GROW Club, at the level of the National Grange, consists of past and present Youth members who participated in one of the following contests: National Grange Prince, Princess, Young Couple, Young Patron, Ambassador, or Horizon Leadership programs or has served as National Youth team members or as a National Grange Youth Director

The National Youth team referred to there is not the team of Youth Officers, but rather the team that puts together the Youth Program for National Convention. At the level of the Oregon State Grange, we accept past National Youth Officers into our state-wide GROW Club, but the National level does not. I attended National Convention again in 2016 as Youth Ceres a second time, and in 2017 as the John Trimble Legislative Youth. None of these qualified me for the National GROW Club. It was in 2018, as the Oregon State Youth Ambassador, that I became a member of the National GROW Club.

I encourage any Youth like me, who find a lot of passion in Grange, but think they may only ever be a local member, to try and attend a State Convention and participate as a Youth Officer. Ask members of the GROW Club about their experiences at National Grange, and if it feels right, apply to become a National Youth Officer. Maybe you'll discover that your passion for this organization extends beyond what you ever believed it could. You won't know until you take the leap, and the GROW Club is here to support you along the way.



Above: Jessie Jo Guttridge, 2018 Oregon Youth Ambassador, represented Oregon at the 2018 Washington State Convention the weekend following Oregon's convention where she was selected as Ambassador.



OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - July 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order by state President Susan Noah at 9:10am. Sam Keator, Louise Holst, and Sarah Kingsborough were present at the State Grange office. John Fine and Jay Sexton joined via zoom. Sam Keator offered the beginning prayer.

Prior meeting minutes for May 22nd, 2021, were reviewed and approved. The Wednesday June 23rd journal from state session was reviewed. Susan suggested adding the offices of each of the past state officers that were recognized. The minutes are approved as corrected.

Unfinished Business

- High Desert Grange in Bend has a group affiliated with the People's Rights political organization still interested in the building. The Oregon State Grange will look at options for reorganizing the Grange with other members of the community to ensure we have a diverse cross section of individuals starting a new Grange.
- Redwood Grange in Grants Pass is dormant and there are some issues with the building that need to be addressed for the building to remain useful. Jill from Fruitdale Grange is helping with managing the building. There is potential for reorganization at Redwood Grange. The Oregon State Grange will support these efforts with membership promotion and partial payment for building repairs.
- Website redesign discussions continue. Susan reviewed websites of other State Granges and suggested that we all review their sites to get ideas of what we want for the Oregon State Grange website. Everyone should respond to Susan with their priorities, likes, and dislikes of how we want the website designed. Sarah and Susan can update our creative brief so that Sonny and Teresa have a clear guide of what we want for our website.

Financial Reports

- Scott Barker with Barker Wealth Investments provided us with his report for the 2nd quarter. Scott reviewed the midyear outlook from the Capital Group which reflects growth coming out of the pandemic. We are diversified due to our investment policy which helps the Grange portfolio manage the ups and downs of the market. Our return for the 2nd quarter is 3.88% and annually 5.75%.
- Loan and membership reports were reviewed. 26 Granges are showing a net gain in membership in the first quarter, however the state Grange lost 81 members and 1 Grange went dormant. Two Granges have not caught up dues from 2020 which may be related to not meeting during covid. Our hope is that now all Granges are

- meeting and making plans to reconnect to the community.
- Financial reports from April and May were reviewed. Current assets and fund balances were reviewed, as well as expenditures compared to the annual budget. The Reverted Funds account is used for a variety of Grange expenses so we may consider moving money from annual investment earnings to the reverted funds in the future.
- Ashley Osteen with Moss Adams joined the meeting to provide our annual audit report & recommendations for financial accounting. The audit took place this spring. They recommend setting a policy for how expenses on dormant Granges are accounted and ensuring increased security for computers.
- State of Oregon reclaimed property update. Susan continues to work on this process to collect the funds through the Oregon State Lands reclaimed property division for Granges that have money or property outstanding.

New Business

- Proposal for Redistricting Subordinate Granges in Oregon. We reviewed a proposal for dispersing District 5 due to the limited membership remaining.
- Sarah moved that the Executive Committee submit a proposal at the 2022 state session to change the state districts from a quantity of six to five. The current district 5 will disburse with Jefferson County Granges going to District 4. Crook County Granges going to District 6, which will be the new District 5. Deschutes County Granges and Lake County Granges north of Paisley, including Fort Rock Grange, go to District 2. Klamath County Granges and Lake County Granges south of Paisley, including Thomas Creek and Westside Granges, going to District 1. John seconded and the motion passed.
- The Executive Committee will present a proposal at the 2022 State Session to update district lines. Pomona Grange adjustments were also discussed. Our intention is to group Granges together to allow for support and fellowship among Granges. Susan will be sending a letter out to all Granges in the next month to notify members of proposed changes and provide the opportunity for feedback.
- ➤ 150th Celebration of the Oregon State Grange. Chartered 9/27/1873
- A kickoff event for a 2-year celebration may occur in September.
 Susan will be appointing a committee to plan several activities leading up to the 150th anniversary
- Fundraising an idea of purchasing candles for our 150th birthday

- cake was shared. Contributors will be recognized at celebration events.
- The Western Regional Leadership Conference this year is August 6-8 in Boise, ID. Oregon will be hosting in 2022.
- Sixth Degree court state officer robes were remade, and the new robes were used at state session last month. Louise Holst, Sandi Ludi, and Leila Dumolt designed and made the robes.
- Sam moved to pay Leila Dumolt \$1000 for her time and talent making the court robes. The total expense for new robes will be \$2,246.03 to cover material, mileage, and labor. Sarah seconded and the motion passed.
- National Convention Assessment Funds have been waived for this past year due to covid, which saves us \$4400.
- Log Cabin building there are some issues with the foundation of the building which is causing other issues including the floors and doors.
- Sam moved that we have Fackler Construction provide a bid for repairing the foundation of the Grange Log Cabin on the State Fairgrounds. Louise seconded and the motion passed.

Lunch recess from 1:25 to 1:55pm

Grange/Master Report

- Myrtle Creek Grange was visited by John. They are discussing the sale of the Grange building at their meeting on August 16th.
- Silverton Grange is considering renting to a local school and may need to make property adjustments to accommodate water needs.
- Rickreall Grange continues to have septic issues that are im-

- pacting neighbor relations.
- Keizer Grange is dormant. A new apartment building is being built behind the building. Susan will be meeting with them to discuss use of the property.
- Morning Star Grange has requested support from the State Grange with auditing their financials.
- Banners for each Subordinate Grange were handed out at state session for Granges represented. Others will be mailed out.

Louise moved that we purchase sound equipment for zoom meetings held at the state office. Sam seconded and the motion passed.

Sam moved to provide a \$150 gift card to David Wallace as thanks for his work running the sound at state session. Louise seconded and the motion passed.

Decisions made via email.

Sarah moved to ratify decisions made via email since our last meeting. Louise seconded and the motion passed.

- Allow use of Custodial Funds for Columbia #867 for building improvements.
- Allow Boring-Damascus to use \$3,000 of custodial funds for insurance payments.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

Next Meetings:

Sunday October 3^{rd} 10amSaturday January 29^{th} 9amSaturday March 26^{th} 9amSaturday May 21^{st} 9am

Fraternally Submitted, Sarah Kingsborough, Secretary



UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.							
Pomona	Da		Time	Meeting Place			
Baker #24	May	7	10:30 AM	New Bridge Grange			
Benton #36	Apr	16	10:30 AM	Summit Grange			
Clackamas #1	April	23	10:00 AM	Boring-Damascus Grange			
Columbia #18	May	7	10:00 AM	Fern Hill			
Deschutes #25	May	14	11:30 AM	TBA			
Douglas #13	Apr	23	6:00 PM	TBA			
Jackson #27	Apr	23		TBA			
Josephine #20	Apr	30	10:00 AM	Illinois Valley Grange			
Lane #14	Jul	9	10:00 AM	Triangle Grange			
Lincoln #10	May	21	10:30 AM	Siletz Valley Grange			
Linn #12	Jul	9	10:00 AM	Santiam Valley Grange			
Polk #3	Jul	10	11:00 AM	Oak Grove Grange			
Tillamook #9				TBA			
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Apr	23	10:00 AM	TBA			
Wallowa #22	Jul	9	10:00 AM	South Fork Grange			
Washington-Yamhill #2	Apr	16	10:00 AM	Leedy Grange			



OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - October 3, 2021

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 10am by Oregon State Grange President Susan Noah. Members present included Jay Sexton, Louise Holst, John Fine, Sam Keator at the state office, and Sarah Kingsborough via zoom video conferencing. Vickie High from Midland Grange was in attendance as a guest.

Prior Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2021 were reviewed and approved as read

Financial Reports

- Financial reports from August were reviewed. Current assets and fund balances were reviewed, as well as expenditures compared to the annual budget. The leadership membership fund continues to grow given increased investment income and reduced expenses during covid. We discussed the investment income in the budget, along with the reverted Grange funds and dormant Grange funds, and we will review this again in January for potential transfers needed based on 2021 earnings.
- Scott Barker, our financial advisor with Barker Wealth Investments, was unable to attend the meeting in person. Our overall portfolio is looking good with this year's earnings. Unrealized gains came up in discussion again.
- Loan and membership reports were reviewed. 4411 is our membership through 2^{nd} quarter reports, which is down 47 members. Some of this may be lack of reporting. Yankton and Hillsboro have not submitted quarterly reports or paid dues in over a year, and there has been no response to communications from the Oregon State Grange. They may be closed in the 4th quarter. Redwood Grange was reorganized with 26 members a few weeks ago, and they are excited to get started.

Unfinished Business

- ➤ A proposal for Re-Districting the Oregon State Grange from six to five districts was sent out to Granges in a letter last month. Feedback received has been positive thus far. Susan will include the change in her President's report at the 2022 state session. One of our Granges will work to submit a resolution to update the by-laws to change the number of district committee chairs from "6" to include a member from "each" district.
- The log cabin activities during the Oregon State Fair were reviewed. The front door was repaired. Work on the floor will be done this winter after we move supplies and furniture out. Dogs for the Deaf had a presentation which was moderately attended. Overall activity at the fair was

- down, but we still had good interactions with the public.
- 2022 State Session Talent Middle School and Josephine County Fairgrounds are both options for District 1. More information is being gathered prior to a final decision.
 - O John moved that we pursue having the 2022 state session in Talent, confirm District 1 contribution for financing, unless covid vaccinations are required. Louise seconded and the motion carried.
- Midland Grange is still struggling and considering selling their hall to the church. We discussed a plan to help them with membership growth. An event will be held at Midland Grange on Tuesday December 7th.

Lunch recess 1-1:30pm.

- Myrtle Creek John visited the Grange on August 16th. They are struggling with membership, and some are considering selling the hall. John will continue to support them and encourage them to plan events at their hall to get engaged with the community. The membership committee can also help with ideas for growth.
- Redwood Grange was reorganized on September 20th with 26 new members. Additional community members are interested in joining. \$50,000 was spent for the necessary repairs and maintenance of the hall that had been neglected while closed.
- New display units were purchased per our previous meeting. These are easy to set up and will work well for a variety of events throughout the year.
- Our back office is still available for rent. There has been some short-term interest, but we prefer to wait for a long-term renter.
- A letter to Granges is being sent by the State President regarding encumbrance of EIN with other groups, referencing a Boy Scout article. We encourage Granges to protect Grange assets while being good partners to other organizations.
- Dormant Grange discussion Greenacres, Rogue, Western Star, Charity, Applegate, Myrtle, Lexington, and Keizer.
 - Jay moved to put Greenacres Grange on the market to sell. John seconded and the motion carried

New Business

- Long term leases by Subordinate Granges were discussed. We recommend that leases are created for no more than 1 year. The Executive Committee is available to help review lease terms or provide other support if needed.
- OSG Attorney Nancy is retiring at the end of the year. We are looking for a new attorney

- to represent the Oregon State Grange.
- Rockwood Grange is struggling with keeping their meetings going. Susan and Carol visited their last meeting. They will be voting on the closure at their next meeting.
- Fairmount Grange in Albany is considering consolidation with Willamette Grange. They have members but are struggling to have working officers. The membership committee may be able to support them.
- Vale Grange is not meeting and is past due on bills. There is potential in the community for a reorganization with some effort from our membership committee.
 - Jay Sexton moved to declare Vale Grange dormant. Sam seconded and the motion carried.
 - Louise moved that we have legal counsel investigate a trust for Vale Grange from a prior member. Jay seconded and the motion carried.
- Redland Grange Settlement agreement between Grange, Greg Smith & Susan Shafer due to confusion over boundary lines.
 - John moved to accept the settlement agreements between Redland Grange, Greg Smith and Susan Shafer for the property line adjustments at Redland Grange.
 Jay seconded and the motion carried.
- Letters were sent to Hillsboro and Yankton regarding unpaid quarterly reports from 2020 and 2021. They will be shut down at the end of October if money/communication is not forthcoming by 10/31/21.
- Membership/Directors plan for next year was discussed at their September retreat. Their plan includes a new display board (tri fold) for each Subordinate Grange to use to promote the Grange at events, visits to each Grange by State Officers/Directors/District Chairs, and other materials. Kickoff training is scheduled for January 30th, Our conversations will address some of the "listening session" items from 2020 of how leadership can support all Granges. Promotional membership materials are available from the National Grange -The directors are recommending 5 pamphlets that provide a good overview of the Grange.
 - Sarah moved that we allow \$5000 for printed materials, display boards, and other supplies for the 2022 Grange kits from the Leadership Membership fund. John seconded and the motion carried.
- 150th Anniversary of Oregon State Grange is in 2023. The directors

have started sharing ideas and planning activities. We are selling 150 candles to raise funds for the anniversary celebration. The state office will set up a new accounting fund to manage money for the anniversary. The directors brainstormed an idea of a logo contest that will be open to the public in early 2022. We discussed options for the logo contest, marketing, timeline, contest rules, etc.

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- Jay moved that we allot \$1000 for a 150th anniversary logo contest, paid for by the director budgets. Sarah seconded and the motion carried.
- Santiam Escrow paid off the Holley Grange property
- Subordinate Grange Manuals, 2013 edition – Available through National Grange at half price (\$5 each) for orders over 200.
 - o Jay moved that we purchase 200 manuals from National Grange at \$5 each. Louise seconded and the motion carried
- 2022 National Session in Sparks Nevada. The Oregon State Grange officers will be exemplifying the 6th degree, and Oregon will be sharing in other hosting duties. The degree is currently scheduled for Saturday November 19, 2022.
 - Sarah moved that we offer a \$500 stipend for each officer participating in the 6th degree at the 2022 National session. John seconded and the motion carried.

Matching Grants for the September 1 deadline were reviewed by the grant committee. We have budgeted \$35,000 for grants twice a year – March 1 and September 1. The committee recommendations are listed below.

- o Azalea Grange. \$5000. Heating System. Recommend Approval.
- Barlow Gate Grange. \$3547.04.
 Painting, floor. Recommend Approval.
- Columbia Grange #267. \$5000.
 Wiring, insulation. Recommend Approval.
- Columbia Grange #867. \$1000.
 Lighting. Recommend Approval.
- Fairview Grange. \$1332. Windows, Parking lot. Recommend Approval.
- Long Tom Grange. \$500. Flooring. Recommend Approval.
- Marys River Grange. \$5000. Siding, Gutters, Water. Recommend Approval.
- Sauvies Island Grange. \$2158.
 Lighting, exterior updates. Recommend Approval.
- Silverton Grange. \$4627. Bathrooms, lighting. Recommend Approval.
- Willamette Grange. \$2000. Gutters. Recommend Approval.
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OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes -January 29,

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 by Susan Noah, President. Also in attendance was Jay Sexton, Vice President, Lunch break at 11:41 Back at 12:19 and Executive Committee members John Fine, Sam Keator and Louise Holst. Secretary Sarah Kingsborough was unable to be present this morning.

Opening prayer was offered by Sam.

Couple of thank you notes were presented. One from Briauna Herrick for the Spence Scholarship and a card from the National Youth and Juniors for our donation to the virtual telethon.

The October 3, 2021 minutes were adopted as written and presented.

Financial Reports

- Financial Reports for December were distributed and discussed Susan pointed out that a new income statement had been added for the 150th celebration income and expenses. A new statement on invested funds was added and Susan gave reporting on that
- Discussion on Pomona Granges, their purpose, ideas on their worth and the need.
- Loan and membership reports were discussed. So far, a small net gain for the year. Several Granges have shown some good growth.
- Scott Barker commentary from T Rowe Price this quarter. Theme this year is that 2022 is expected to be a lower growth. Either Corp earnings has to rise or stock prices needs to come down to get back to a center. Market seems (the last couple of weeks) to be coming back to where the value is closer to the stock price. Household wealth is up, people are not traveling as much, pay is up. Capital expenditures are supposed to be up. PE ratios are still elevated. Per Scott right now our cash is a little heavy. If we reinvest he would suggest emerging markets. Consensus was to reinvest \$50,000 from the \$110,000 in cash

Unfinished/Old Business

- Log Cabin floor is finished although still some clean up needed.
- State Session venue down payment of around \$4,500 was made, and we are on their schedule.
- ➤ Midland Still on the schedule for March 12th, cookies & coffee starting at 6:30. Card has been reworked slightly. Louise will have some information on their membership affiliations for display and maybe the display they are using at Farm Expo.
- Recap on Redwood reorganized with 26 members, just added about 30 more 4th quarter. They are working on a repayment plan, plan on acting on it

at their meeting in February.

- > Office Rental update from Hancock was offered. Building has been viewed online, but does not appear as if they have shown in person for this last quarter. They are still confident that the property is being marketed in the right channels.
- Dormant Granges Susan thought she had a line on a real estate agent that would work for us around the state, but still hasn't come to fruition.
- The construction company using Keizer's parking area is very interested in purchasing the property. Louise moved that we consider selling Keizer Grange. John seconded, and the motion was carried. Louise suggested that we find out what the Construction company would offer. Sam said he was interested in the chair lift.
- New attorney, Nancy still wrapping up some cases. Jay and Susan both had a good visit with the two different firms but overall we thought that Kate Gowing would be best representative. Louise moved and John seconded to go with Kate Gowing, Motion carried.
- Logo contest Discussion regarding any exclusions - Amanda mentioned the EC - Anyone else. Susan wants the Directors and the 150th committee to judge so they cannot be allowed to participate. No one had any problems on the participation of the office staff. The directors and the 150th committee and the Executive Committee will be excluded, office staff would be included. May 15th is the deadline for submissions. Group requested Suzy to do a press release. Send to John to send out to the Ag Departments in Oregon. Sam moved that the EC, Directors, and the 150th committee be excluded from entering and that the judging be blind. John seconded and the motion was carried.
- Grange Growth Summit seeing some interest. The meals will be \$25/person for the five meals. Close hotels (Clarion on Sunnyside) appear to be about \$115/night. I recommend that we charge a registration fee of 25, and offer reimbursement of up to \$115 per night for lodging to anyone who needs it. With provided receipts. Money to come from the Leadership/ Membership Fund. Jay moved that we charge a \$25 registration fee and reimburse lodging up to \$115 per night, Louise seconded. John moved to amend to add \$40 per Grange for up to two people, seconded. The main motion as amended

was adopted. Additional people will be at \$15.00. Money for the expenses to come from the Leadership Membership fund.

New Business

- Eagle Valley would like permission to sell their old hall. John moved and Jay seconded to give them permission to sell the old hall. Motion was carried. Find out what kind of agreement they have for where they are meeting.
- Still carrying insurance on High Desert - Had to while the lot line adjustment was ongoing, but do we want to continue? John moved that we keep the insurance, Sam seconded and the motion was carried.
- Had a request to meet some people for a possible reorganization of Upper Applegate, and we had set a date of January 15th. but when the date came around my contact said his support had disappeared. He was also representing a church who are interested in purchasing. Louise moved that we reaffirm our previous discussion on selling Upper Applegate Grange. Sam seconded. Motion carried.
- Fund has been set up for the 150th fund raising - do we want for this fund to accrue investment income? Jay moved that we allow that fund to accrue investment income, Louise seconded. Motion carried.

Sarah joined the meeting.

- Contest guide and the Roster have both been mailed in January. Proceedings were mailed prior to the end of 2021, and the by-laws were not updated last year so nothing new was mailed out.
- ➤ District #2 up and running to host in 2023. Currently looking for a venue.
- Possible transfer of money back into the Reverted Grange funds. We ended the year up approximately \$38,000 in the general fund. Do we want to transfer some of that back into the Reverted Grange funds? Jay

moved that we transfer \$38,000 into the Reverted Grange Funds from the General Fund. John seconded and the motion was carried

Reports were heard on various Community Granges.

Decisions made via email

John moved that we confirm the business we conducted via email. Sam seconded. Motion carried.

- Approval of a price reduction on rental space.
- Approval of distributions of custodial funds of \$5,200 to Little Deschutes Grange.

Next Meetings:

Sunday March 27th, 2022 (following the Grange Growth Summit) 1:00 at Sunnyside Grange. Saturday May 21st, 2022

Meeting was adjourned at 2:51 Submitted by Susan Noah



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- \$505.39. Thurston Grange. Kitchen updates. Incomplete application declined.
- Washington Grange. \$5000. Roof. Incomplete application declined.
- Pleasant Grove Grange. \$5000. Kitchen updates. Incomplete application declined.
- John moved that we approve the recommendations of the grant committee for a total of \$33251.54. Sam seconded and the motion carried.

Decisions made via email were ratified.

Log Cabin Repairs to door and to floor

The meeting adjourned at 5:25pm

Next Meetings:

Saturday January 29th, 2022 Saturday March 26th, 2022 Saturday May 21st, 2022

Fraternally Submitted, Sarah Kingsborough, Secretary

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