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Left - Court of Flora at the 2019 Oregon State Grange Convention: Pomona's Attendant Kiri Schnetzky, Tigard #148; Pomona Mike-la Heimuller, Warren #536; Pomona's Attendant Belinda Sanchez, Hillsboro #73; Flora's Attendant Roberta O'Dell, Santiam Valley #828; Flora Eva Frost Warren #536; Flora's Attendant Teresa Cernac, Warren #536; Ceres' Attendant Briauna Herrick, Walterville #416; Ceres Liz Dehne, Walterville #416 and Ceres' Attendant Courtney Croy, Spencer Creek #855.

146th Annual Oregon State Grange Convention June 22-27

The 2019 Oregon State Grange Convention was held at Molalla High School. Attendance for the six days was 271 with 56 Subordinate/Community and eleven Pomona Granges represented.

Ninety resolutions were debated and voted on. Only sixteen of the resolution were Bylaws, Good of the Order or Grange Program issues. Fifty-four had to do with policy and covered a wide range of issues from Industrial Hemp, to Veterans to Farm and Farm Succession issues. An additional twenty were current policies that were sunset after ten year if not reaffirmed. A complete list of policy resolutions adopted can be found on pages _____. Bylaws, Good of the Order and Grange Program resolutions

adopted can be found on page ____.

Several guests were present for some or all of convention. We were welcomed at Sunday morning's opening by Molalla Mayor, Keith Swigart, Chairman of the Clackamas County Commissioners Jim Bernard who handed the State Master his application for Grange membership and Clackamas County Commissioner Brother Ken Humberston.

Representing the National Grange this year at our convention were Bruce and Sharon Croucher from New York. Brother Bruce is the current High Priest of Demeter. Also visiting us for the weekend was Sister Eileen Javaux, Master of the Idaho State Grange and her husband.

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Photo by Josh Ryan of Spencer Creek Grange #855, Lane County. His photo will be sent on to National Grange to represent Oregon at the 2019 convention.



The Oregon State Grange Log Cabin at the state fairgrounds.

Volunteers Needed to Serve as Hosts in the Log Cabin at This Year's State Fair

This year's Oregon State Fair is August 24-September 2 at the state fairgrounds in Salem. The Oregon State Grange has a long-standing tradition of greeting visitors at the Oregon State Fair in Salem. We own a log cabin on the fairground's property, and use it to promote our organization during the fair and other activities throughout the year. This is a fun opportunity to share your Grange story with potential members, as well as, get to know other Grangers during your volunteer shift. We encourage volunteers who are energetic, outgoing, and friendly.

Volunteer hosts are need each day. Shifts are three hours long and run 10am-1pm, 1-4pm and 4-7pm. This year we have added a few more shifts since we will be selling cookbooks in the cabin

and will have some games outside between the cabin and the school house next to us. Six members are needed each shift on Saturdays, and Sundays. Four members are needed each shift the other days. In addition to entry tickets, we will also be getting some parking passes for the parking area across from the cabin and near the Red gate, and when/if we run out of those, we will have money to reimburse for parking. Tickets are free of course! Come for the day and see the fair, there is a lot to see and do!

How do you volunteer? You can call or email the office at master@orgrange.com or talk to the Director in charge for that day. Updated schedule will be posted on Facebook, on the Oregon State Grange Member Forum group page.

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The Master's Column

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Our 146th annual convention is now history and we are going forward with some changes to our policy and a few changes to our by-laws. This year we had over 90 resolutions to consider and finally adopted 62 of them. The policies they covered ranged in topic from agricultural crops and practices to weather technologies, alongside internal rules with many, many other topics in the mix as well. A complete list of these resolutions (resolved portion only) can be found in this paper, and they will also be printed in their entirety for the Proceedings.

As a group we again showed that it is very possible to have wide ranging discussions and still be civil and friendly to each other. We showed that listening to each other is by far the most effective way to make changes in our world, and we upheld the Grange motto of "In essentials, Unity; In non-essentials, Liberty; and in all things, Charity".

Elsewhere in this paper you will see my Master's Annual Address and I would like to call your attention to the portion on civility. As I stated above, I felt we had a great convention with everyone being respectful and kind to each other. I hope I can say the same about all of our Subordinate Granges. Everything about the Grange encourages kindness and understanding among ourselves. At every meeting we silently perform a salutation that includes the idea of Charity.

Our Welcoming Ceremony mentions that a Grange member is recognized for high character, commitment to principles and concern for others. It is up to all of us to remember this and to live our lives in earnest pursuit of these goals. If we strive for these goals our meetings will be pleasant, productive and valuable. A Grange in turmoil is

not going to acquire new members. Members who feel slighted will most likely not return and fighting is a recipe for a failing Grange. Mark Twain put it very well, "*Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see*".

I also want to highlight the "Grange Heroes" we honored at the State Session. I received several nominations and although it was difficult, I feel that the members we honored best exemplified the theme of "Grange Heroes in their hometowns". We started Sunday by honoring Elvaree Fine of Hurricane Creek Grange. Monday our honoree was Judy Hays-Eberts of Marys River Grange. Tuesday we honored Carmel Valencia of Phoenix Grange. Wednesday was Bev Bush of Clarkes Grange and our final honoree was Phil Van Buren of Midland Grange. Each of these members were honored for their work at their hometown Grange and in their community. This was a fun addition to the week, and it's always worthwhile to note the accomplishments of our members!

We continued with the "trade show" at State Session with all of our committees taking part, but this year we added two newcomers. *Ag in the Classroom* and *RALI* also had informational tables. The Oregon State Grange is partnering with both of them to the benefit of their programs and ours.

Our Education department made the decision last year to become a promoter of the programs of *Ag in the Classroom* and they are encouraging our Granges and our members to work with a classroom in their area to bring information on Agriculture to young students. There are many ways that an individual or a Grange may become involved.



Bailey Barks

According to Robert Scott, *The dog lives for the day, the hour, even the moment.* Which means that we dogs have a fairly carefree life. I don't think people are much that way, Mom and Dad always seem to be

planning things, and sometimes it involves me! That may be a good thing, like a trip to the river to paddle around, or something worse, like a trip to the vet. Or sometimes, it just involves them leaving and me getting to see my babysitters, now that's a good thing since they know where the snacks are kept and are not afraid to use them.

Which are you, someone who lives in the day or a planner? Probably a bit of both, but take my word for it and try to be a little more like your dog occasionally and live in the moment. Savor the summer, have some fun in the sun and take your dog for a good long walk! You will both thank me for taking this advice. Fall and winter will be here before you know it, so enjoy now! Woof, Bailey

OSG Cook Book to Debut at State Fair

This spring the Oregon State Grange compiled recipes from Grangers around the state for a new state Grange cookbook to sell to the public as a fundraiser for the state Grange. The book, *Tastes for All Seasons*, is now finished and will be debuted at the Log Cabin during the Oregon State Fair.



The Executive Committee of the State Grange voted to become a partner with *RALI Oregon*, an acronym for Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative. By partnering with RALI we are joining a coalition of community stakeholders focused on addressing our states opioid crisis through education and awareness. Grange representatives at our annual convention had a chance to start what I hope will be a productive conversation regarding this partnership. As RALI grows in Oregon I know the Grange will play a positive role in educating our communities about the very real crisis of opioid addiction.

Fair time is here! The State Grange has a log cabin on the State Fairgrounds that we staff every year during the state fair. If anyone is interested in helping with the hosting duties please contact me via email or phone. The fair starts the 23rd of August and closes September 2nd and there are still slots open for many of those days. Tickets to the fair and parking are included in return for your three-hour shift at the cabin. The shifts are 10-1; 1-4; and 4-7. This is a fun event and only requires you to be friendly and represent the Grange!

I want to close by thanking all who helped with the 146th Annual Convention. Having a week long convention requires a lot of help and many members stepped up to the challenge. Next year we will be traveling to Klamath Falls, so get your reservations now for another week of fellowship!

Have fun this summer, take part in your community events and make sure to *Come Together at the Grange!*

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Masters Annual Address 146th Annual Convention

Susan M. Noah, State Master

Introduction

We are assembled here today to start the 146th annual convention of the Oregon State Grange and it is a pleasure to be back here in Clackamas County. The State Grange has met in this beautiful county on many occasions prior to our meeting here this week. In 2007 we had our meeting right here at Molalla High School, and on each occasion the delegates and members of the Oregon State Grange have been warmly welcomed by our hosts. I must give my thanks and gratitude to all of our members in District #4, they have truly made this convention into a group effort.

Changes continue to come to the Grange and to rural communities across the United States. How we address those changes is part of what makes us a Fraternal family. As a grassroots organization we take a week during the year to come together to set policy for the State Grange and we all should treat that responsibility with the utmost importance. The policy we set here this week will become binding upon the State Grange and may very well influence the policy of the National Grange, and of course it is our hope that it will become part of the fabric of our State and Nation. I am confident that each delegate understands their importance in the process and will work to make sure we are moving the Grange forward in the spirit of fraternity.

Agriculture

As an advocate for agriculture and for rural America the Grange has long been involved in issues that effects the farming community. Currently trade disputes are giving the farming community a lot of uncertainty and anxiety. Without knowing what the outcome of trade with China or Mexico will ultimately be, farmers are in a quandary as to what crops to plant, and will they have a market for whatever product they decide on. Last year the administration made over 12 billion dollars available to farmers as an offset to the tariff problems, and this year another 16 billion. Mostly farmers in Oregon last year were saying that the administration's relief efforts would probably benefit soybean growers with little help for Oregon Farmers. But farmers are always optimistic, or they wouldn't be farming, so they welcome the news of the relief because of the trickle-down effect it could have. Still, most are saying they would rather simply have an open market available to them, rather than a government program.

Gail Greenman, with the Oregon Farm Bureau, said the effects of

high tariffs are beginning to show, from disrupted markets to higher costs and lower profits for Oregon producers. Naturally, the Pacific Rim is Oregon's primary export market, and if a market is lost, even if it is temporary, there is no guarantee it will come back. Wheat and dairy in Oregon are taking some of the biggest hits, but the concern is there for all the farmers.

A recent news article by KOIN in Portland discussed the importance of international trade in the State of Oregon. From Tillamook Cheese to Columbia Sportswear to Intel, Oregon produced and exported a record \$28 billion in goods and services in 2017. One in five Oregon jobs are connected to international trade, and experts say jobs in trade heavily contribute to the resiliency of Oregon's economy. According to their report those in trade earn nearly 11% higher wages as well. And again, this comes back to the possible loss of market access for products, whether they are in farming, in sportswear or in technology.

This week we are lucky to be in the area of the state that contributes to the #1 agricultural crop in Oregon, that being the greenhouse and nursery industry. In 2014 Clackamas County was listed as 4th in the nation in nursery stock acreage, and they are the nation's leader in Christmas tree production. Clackamas County is also in the top ten of Hazelnut producers, obviously since Oregon produces nearly all of the nations Hazelnuts. For a state that is not always recognized as an overall agricultural leader in the US, Oregon has a large number of counties ranking highly in a variety of categories, and Clackamas seems to be up there on many of the commodity lists.

Legislation

As I am writing this our Bi-annual legislative session is still going on. This year over 2,000 bills were introduced and so far over 300 have been adopted and sent to the Governor's desk. With a super majority by one of the parties, the legislative process seems to either be a run-away train or slowed to the point of not getting anything accomplished, depending on what party you identify with.

One thing that many Grangers seem to have in common though is the idea that the use of the emergency clause seems to be overused in the current and many past legislative sessions. The "Emergency Clause" as defined by the legislative glossary is a statement added to the end of a measure that causes the Act to become effective before the accustomed date (on January 1 of the year after passage

of the Act). An emergency clause either sets a specific date or is effective immediately, which means that the measure will take effect on the date it is signed into law. One so-called emergency was to create a Trailblazers license plate. Maybe it was a year they were going to the playoffs, who knows, but an emergency? Some are not quite so unassuming. The "Motor Voter" bill was considered an emergency, but was it really? This use of the emergency clause can short circuit our referendum power, by which a law can be placed on the ballot, and held in abeyance, through the gathering of a sufficient number of signatures. It is hard enough to gather enough signatures in three or four months if a law will be going into effect by the next January, but simply impossible to do when the law goes into effect immediately. There are still methods to repeal a law but it is harder. To begin with the signatures needed to qualify for the ballot go up by 50%.

In 2016 the Oregon State Grange adopted a policy that states we object to the overuse of the emergency clause and that we support efforts to limit its use. Perhaps we should all reach out to our representatives and encourage them to keep the emergency clause for real emergencies, thus allowing us, the voters, some of the responsibility.

We as citizens have the ability to make a difference. In 2018 the Oregon State Grange adopted a policy supporting the creation of roadside memorials for fallen firefighters. This was the original idea of several Grange members in the Scappoose area who saw a need, had an idea of a solution, and worked to make that solution become law. SB 528 is the fruit of their labor. This Senate Bill directs the Department of Transportation to erect and maintain roadside signs for firefighters killed in the line of duty. Senator, and Grange member, Betsy Johnson was the chief sponsor of that bill. Eva Frost and other members from her district felt that firefighters should be recognized in the same manner as police and other first responders who have fallen in the line of duty. They contacted Senator Johnson, who agreed to sponsor, and they were off and running with the idea and the solution. After multiple readings in both houses, the bill was signed by the Governor on June 7th and will become effective on January 1st, 2020. A citizen making a difference, that's what keeps our legislative system strong!

Health

This year the Oregon State Grange joined with other community groups to become a partner in a co-

alition of community stakeholders focused on addressing our states opioid crisis through education and awareness. This group known as RALI (Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative) is a convening organization of community and advocacy leaders working to address our nation's opioid crisis. With millions of Americans struggling with opioid addiction, RALI provides a platform to share best practices and information on prevention, treatment access and recovery. By joining this coalition our organization will hopefully serve as a key part of the solution to our nation's opioid crisis. We will have the opportunity to educate our communities about the programs that are helping individuals and families impacted by opioid addiction. Currently we are joining with the Oregon Farm Bureau and the Oregon Building Trades Council as a new partner, and RALI Oregon is in positive conversations with other local addiction & prevention, law enforcement, veterans and employer organizations who have a stake in combating opioids or are impacted by the crisis.

RALI Oregon contacted us because of the respect we garner as an organization and the fact that we have a network of members around the state which makes us a very desirable partner. As we learn more about this partnership, I believe that we will find many ways that our Community Granges will be called on to help. I am looking forward to the impact we can make on this nationwide problem.

Civility

Henry James said, "Three things in human life are important: The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind."

In his book *Choosing Civility*, P.M. Forni, cofounder of the Johns Hopkins Civility Project promotes the sentiment that we should agree on one principle: that a crucial measure of our success in life is the way we treat one another every day of our lives. He goes on to say that being civil means being constantly aware of others and weaving restraint, respect, and consideration into the very fabric of this awareness. But civility is not just an attitude of beneficent and thoughtfulness when relating to others it also entails an active interest in the wellbeing of our communities and concern for the planet.

The Grange has promoted these values for over 150 years. Of all the assets of the Grange I believe our adherence to our objectives as spelled out in our Declaration of Purposes is what has sustained and

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Oregon State Grange Heroes Announced at Convention in Molalla

Sunday
Elvaree Fine
Hurricane Creek Grange #608
Wallowa County

She was nominated by a new member of her Grange not just because she is very involved but for her sunny disposition and willingness to do almost everything asked of her. She comes early to set up the kitchen for the monthly pancake breakfast and stays for clean-up.



Monday
Judy Hays-Eberts
Marys River Grange #685
Benton County

As a reliable volunteer she initiated a food drive and liaised with the local food-bank. She envisioned their newsletter and is the chief editor, contributor, printer and distributor. She works with their young families and helps develop Junior activities for their 1+ members.



Tuesday
Carmel Valencia
Phoenix Grange #779
Jackson County

A Grange member for about five years she is a mover and a shaker. She has developed programs and activities that brings the community into their hall. When struggling Jackson Pomona held a meeting to reorganize and elect officers, she even volunteered to be elected Master.



Wednesday
Bev Bush
Clarks Grange #261
Clackamas County

She uses her super hero power in the kitchen. She is the power behind all of the great food, tasty pies, the wonderful salad bar and healthy breakfasts that Clarks Grange puts out not only during state Grange convention but year around in their Grange catering activities.



Thursday
Phil Van Buren
Midland Grange #781
Klamath County

Phil is always at the Grange hall doing some maintenance both inside and outside; be it cutting the grass, changing light bulbs, mopping floors and setting up for meetings. At Christmas time he is Santa for the Foster Children's Sons of Italy, other group parties and of course the Grange party.



Masters Address, *continued*

grows our organization. The Specific Objectives states in part: *We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, and in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement. We shall constantly strive to secure harmony, good will, and brotherhood, and to make our Order perpetual. We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal, local, sectional, and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry and all selfish ambition. Faithful adherence to these principles will insure our mental, moral, social and material advancement.*

If we could mention one thing lacking in today's world, I'm sure it would be civility. But as Gandhi said "Be the change you wish to see in the world." Just by carrying out our objectives we can influence others to practice civility. We can make our communities, our state and our nation a better and kinder place to live.

Education

As a public service, education is one of the most expensive, and one that affects each and every one of us. Therefore, it deserves our serious attention. Throughout our history we have promoted the benefit of a good education. Education in all forms is still something that we promote and respect, including vocational education. In most respects Oregon is a wonderful place to live, but we consistently lag behind in the area of education. Where we rank the lowest seems to be in the area of K-12, and yet this is where so many good habits are instilled in our students. This is where they will develop the critical skills necessary for a good and productive life. This is also where our members can become involved to lend their

time, their skills and yes, their money to make their neighborhood schools a place where students are engaged and involved in learning.

This year our Education department has become a partner with Ag in the Classroom. Working with this group helps us to carry out our commitment to education. Like the Grange they are dedicated to helping students grow in their knowledge of agriculture and the environment for the benefit of all Oregonians. They are a nationwide program designed to help students develop an awareness and understanding that agriculture is the source of our food, clothing, shelter and other essentials. In 2017 Ag in the Classroom benefited over 190,000 students.

If we are to carry out our commitment to support education, we all need to become involved. We are never too old to learn, or to teach.

Conclusion

The Grange has always stood for democracy and fair play, qualities that are needed now more than ever. I do not suggest that we alone can make the world into a better place, but what if we do nothing? Can we stand by and watch as our nation travels down a path that has no light, or do we continue to promote the ideals handed down by our forefathers. The Grange was founded following the Civil War, one of the darkest parts of our history, but managed to bring some order to the chaos, and some civility and respect to those who fought on opposite sides. It is up to us to continue those lessons and noble ideals. As Grangers we will continue to show kindness to all, to help those in need, and to bring light to the dark.

State Grange Talent Contest Held

The 2019 Oregon State Grange Talent contest was held on Saturday evening, June 22 in the commons at Molalla High School. Participating were Stanley Garboden - Creswell Grange #496, Sam Keator - Winona Grange #271, Riley Reynolds - Santiam Valley Grange #828, Carmel Valencia - Phoenix Grange #779 and Julie Wheeler - Deer Island Grange #947. Also performing was 1+ Junior member Noah Strasheim - Crow Grange #450.

Judging the event were three members of the local community: Cindy Fama, writer for the Molalla Pioneer; Don Newell, Molalla

Community Choir Director and a member of the Colton Fire District board, and Matt Farris, Band Director at Molalla High School.

The overall winner and Oregon's representative at the National Grange Evening of Excellence on Friday November 8th in Minneapolis, Minnesota will be singer, Carmel Valencia, of Phoenix Grange.



Right: Carmel Valencia of Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson County, sang and played during this year's talent contest.

Below: State Lecturer Cookie Trupp presents awards to the talent participants, Sam Keator, Stanley Garboden, Carmel Valencia, Riley Reynolds, Noah Strasheim and Julie Wheeler.



2019 OSG Lecturer's Contest Winners

Art

Acrylics - Sponsored by: Irving #377

1st	Laren Vernoy	Non-member Fairfield #720
2nd	Debbie Fiscus	Fairfield #720
3rd	Heather Elliott	Ada #570

Diamond Painting - Sponsored by: Jasper #532

1st	Nadine Reed	Jasper #532
2nd	Elsie Cabrisch	Jasper #532
3rd	Joan Davis	Non-member Jasper #532

Pen & Ink - Sponsored by: Alice Nowicki & Ken Schwieger

1st	Hanalee Gauthier	Morning Star #311
2nd	Alicia Nilsen	Goshen #561
3rd	Mary Brott	Terrabonne #663

Water Colors - Sponsored by: Irving #377

1st	Laren Vernoy	Non-member Fairfield #720
2nd	Riley Reynolds	Santiam Valley #828 #828
3rd	Mary Brott	Terrabonne #663

Creative Writing

Poetry - Sponsored by: Linda Helm & Wayne Cabler

1st	Theresa Thorud	Washington #313
2nd	Robert Templeton	Washington #313
3rd	Alicia Nilsen	Goshen #561

Skit Writing - Sponsored by: Linda Helm & Wayne Cabler

1st	Sara Wilson	Columbia #867
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Tell the Story - Sponsored by: Linda Helm & Wayne Cabler

1st	Alicia Nilsen	Goshen #561
2nd	Sara Wilson	Columbia #867
3rd	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek #608

Flyers

Computer Generated - Sponsored by: Springwater #263

1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263
2nd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263
3rd	Loni Schofield	Ada #570

Handmade - Sponsored by: Springwater #263

1st	Alicia Nilsen	Goshen #561
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Pamphlets

Computer Generated - Sponsored by: Debi deBoer

1st	Louise McClure	Creswell #496
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Photography

Black & White - Sponsored by: Sam Keator

1st	Josh Ryan	Spencer Creek #855
2nd	Jennie Cunningham	Jasper #532
3rd	Riley Reynolds	Santiam Valley #828

Close-ups - Sponsored by: Lynn & Harold Johnson

1st	Jennie Cunningham	Jasper #532
2nd	Laren Vernoy	Non-member Fairfield #720
3rd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263

Family - Sponsored by: Cookie & Malcolm Trupp

1st	Eva Frost	Warren #536
2nd	Teresa Cernac	Warren #536
3rd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263

Grange Activities - Sponsored by: Ada #570

1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263
2nd	Teresa Cernac	Warren #536
3rd	Eva Frost	Warren #536

Grange Hall Buildings - Sponsored by: Mark Noah

1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263
2nd	Teresa Cernac	Warren #536
3rd	Jennie Cunningham	Jasper #532

Oldies/Goodies - Sponsored by: Waterville #416

1st	Heather Noble	Macleay #293
2nd	Loni Schofield	Ada #570
3rd	Jesse Jame Odell	Santiam Valley #828

Pets & Farm Animals - Sponsored by: Louise Holst & Phil Van Buren

1st	Aleshia York	Warren #536
2nd	Eva Frost	Warren #536
3rd	Eva Frost	Warren #536

Potpourri - Sponsored by: Joann & David McBride

1st	Laren Vernoy	Non-member Fairfield #720
2nd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263
3rd	Heather Noble	Macleay #293

Scenic - Sponsored by: Dean & Vicki High

1st	Josh Ryan	Spencer Creek #855
2nd	Josh Ryan	Spencer Creek #855
3rd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263

Sports - Sponsored by: Lorane #54

1st	Josh Ryan	Spencer Creek #855
2nd	Heather Noble	Macleay #293

The Lecturer's Column

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Greetings,

Thank you to everyone who brought or sent items to be entered in the Lecturer's contests at State Grange. I received a total of 173 entries. The judges were impressed with the quality of work they judged and I was very happy with the amount of entries!

The Scenic Category in Photography was the most popular with twenty-seven entries, with Close-ups coming in with nineteen, Wild Animals with fourteen and Black and White with twelve. The new Categories of Diamond Painting and Photos of Grange Hall Buildings proved to be popular and I anticipate the entries in these categories to increase next year. Computer Generated Fliers had nine entries and four entries in the Poster Contest. These two contests should also grow next year since many Granges advertise their events this way.

The overall "Best of Show" photo was by Josh Ryan of Spencer Creek Grange #855 and was of a red tractor attached to a flatbed trailer filled with pumpkins, parked out in an orchard. (see photo on page __) Josh's picture will be sent on to National Grange to represent Oregon and will be displayed along with other state Grange entries by the National Lecturer.

I would like to see more interest in the Creative Writing Categories. I encourage members to start early on Poems, Skit Writing, and Tell the Story entries. Take advantage of this great opportunity to share your creative thoughts with others.

3rd	Loni Schofield	Ada #570
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Wild Animals - Sponsored by: Debi deBoer

1st	Heather Noble	Macleay #293
2nd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263
3rd	Jennie Cunningham	Jasper #532

Poster

Computer Generated - Sponsored by: Springwater #263

1st	Annie O'Sullivan	Spencer Creek #855
2nd	Michelle Trupp	Spencer Creek #855
3rd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263

Program

Computer Generated - Sponsored by: Sunnyside #842

1st	Marilyn Reiher	Warren #536
2nd	Marilyn Reiher	Warren #536

Talent Contest

Instrumental - Sponsored by: OSG Lecture's D

1st	Sam Keator	Winona #271
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Variety Acts - Sponsored by: OSG Lecture's D

1st	Carmel Valencia	Phoenix #779
2nd	Stanley Garboden	Creswell #496

Vocal - Sponsored by: OSG Lecture's Department

1st	Julie Wheeler	Deer Island #947
2nd	Riley Reynolds	Santiam Valley #828

The Talent Contest on Saturday evening had five contestants: one Instrumental, two Variety Acts, and two Vocal. The overall winner was singer, Carmel Valencia, a member of Phoenix Grange. Carmel will travel to National Grange to represent Oregon during the Evening of Excellence. Congratulations to both Josh Ryan and Carmel Valencia!

Lecturer's Program...Stop, Listen, Learn... was the theme of the Lecturer's display at the Trade Show Monday evening. Book marks with this theme were handed out along with 2019-2010 Lecturer's Guide booklets and sample Grange business agendas. All these items are to remind and encourage Subordinate Lecturer's and Masters, the importance of taking time to include at least a short program in your business meeting.

I was really pleased with the support of all our Grange members for this year's State Lecturer's Program, from the contest sponsors, to the amount of contest entries, to my State Lecturer's Committee. Participation is one of the keys to making programs successful.

I enjoyed visiting with fellow Grange members at State Convention and hearing about their Lecturer's programs. Throughout the week, suggestions were made about introducing new contests categories and adjusting existing ones. I hope to meet with my committee to discuss these ideas and then will address these topics in my next article.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable rest of the Summer!



The Chaplain's Corner

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Chaplain - Oregon State Grange

2019 Oregon State Grange Convention Chaplain's Report:

State Master, Fellow Officers, Brothers and Sisters,

It is my privilege to serve as your State Chaplain again this past year. I have enjoyed the position and have tried to serve to the best of my ability. That has not been without some trials and difficulties.

In October, 2018, I started dialysis. It began with 4 hours, 3 times a week. After each dialysis treatment, I went home and slept. I had severe nausea and needed to take medicine to help ease that. I often slept all day and all night. During the past 3 months the treatment has been reduced and I have dialysis 2 ½ hours on 2 days and 2 hours on 1 day. This has helped greatly. I still have nausea but at least the medicine helps and most days I stay up after dialysis and just go to bed early. It is still not easy but bearable. I am writing this not so you will feel sorry for me, but to share with you the lessons learned.

When I first started doing dialysis which I was greatly opposed to, I never expected to be on it this long. Both my husband and daughters wanted me to try it for 6 months and then if I wanted to stop, they didn't say I could, but we would

renegotiate. I was really miserable. I prayed day and night that God would call me home. After a couple of months, I realized God was not answering me and I really wanted him to do so quickly. I felt distanced from God and knew I was on the wrong path. I started searching my heart and mind and a couple of things I already know surfaced. God is not a God that answers demands. I'm guessing He viewed my prayers like a mother and father watching a 2-year-old throw a tantrum. No one knows when one's time is up on this earth and God does not answer our prayers to let us know when that time is.

I changed my prayers to ask God to change my heart and mind about dialysis. 1st Thessalonians 5:16 says "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I know what this means. It means that I need to have an attitude of joy, thanksgiving and prayer at all times, no matter what the conditions or circumstances are that surround us. You may notice, it is not a suggestion, it is a command. So, I did just that. My prayers of self-woe and demands became prayers of thanks and joyfulness. I became thankful of the technology that allows a machine to remove all my blood, clean it and return good healthy blood to my body.

I became thankful of the wonderful medical staff who work so hard, working 6 days a week, 16 hours a day to serve all the end stage renal disease patients in my area. I am especially grateful for my wonderful physician who goes over and beyond what any other doctor has ever done for me. A few times I have been pretty sick and have been in Intensive Care. I will often wake at 1:30 or 2:00 in the morning to find him at the end of my bed. When I ask him what he is doing there, he simply says, "Well, you're here so I thought I should be here too." In case I need him, he gave me his private cell number so I can reach him anytime. There aren't many like him.

And I am eternally grateful that God gave me John. He is so loving and kind. He is very supportive and always willing to change anything he has planned to take care of me or drive me to an appointment. I have no reason to be anything but Grateful to God. He has given me wonderful daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and even a great granddaughter. I am blessed indeed. Most of all, I am grateful to God for his incomprehensible love, his provisions and the wondrous things he has given me including his son, who died a terrible death so I could have eternal life. I am sharing this because I want you to learn the lessons I have learned – that God has his own plans for you; that you should praise God through every hardship and pain; and you should count your blessings. It makes going through anything so much better.

The dialysis and the effects of it have limited me in traveling to some of the Grange events this past year. I have however managed to do a few. John and I were able to travel to Kellogg Grange this year which is always enjoyable. We were also able to go to Midland where we were privileged to see Louise Holst receive her 50-year pin, Lee Sukraw (Louise's brother) 55-year pin and Taylor High (Dean High's father) receive his 80-year pin. Master Susan Noah was there to present the pins. Several other members and state officers and past state officers including Mark Noah, John Fine, Linda Helm, Wayne Cabler, Jeff Dehne, and Paula and Vern Herrick (and probably others I am forgetting) were also there. There was also a large crowd of friends and visiting Grangers. What a privilege to be there celebrating the dedication and hard work of all these members. It was a wonderful time and John and I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

I continue to do the best that I can for the wonderful members of the Oregon State Grange. I hope you enjoy my articles. I put a lot of prayer and thought into them and I hope they are pleasing to you and God. Please feel free to contact me, either by e-mail or phone with your ideas, or thoughts or prayer requests. If you are just feeling down and need someone to pray with, please contact me. I would love to talk with you and pray with you.

Faternally and with love in my heart.

In Memoriam

Obbie Atkinson
Eagle Valley Grange # 656

Patsy Bauder (Hawke)
White Eagle Grange #683

Frances Cooper
Crow Grange #450

Dorothy Edwards
Morning Star Grange #311

Victor Hamilton
Mosier Grange #234

Les Herd
Macleay Grange #293

Daniel Thompson
Lorane Grange #54

Lois Hough
Liberty Grange #613

Keith Jones
Chetco Grange #765

Hilda Lopez
Gresham Grange #270

Mark Neider
Thomas Creek Grange #581

David Roberts
Macleay Grange #293

Steve Taylor
Spencer Creek Grange #855



*Seen through the eyes of Faith,
 we remember our Brothers and Sisters 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.*



Oregon State Master Susan Noah with Taylor High, Lee Sukraw and Louise Holst.

Midland Grange Honors Members

One hundred eighty-five years of continuous membership shared by just three of their members was recognized on May 4th. Midland Grange #781, Klamath County, held a celebration to recognize three members for their continuous membership with the Grange. Those honored were Taylor High with 80 years of membership who received a letter from the National Grange. Lee Sukraw received his fifty-five-year seal. Lee is the brother of Louise Holst who also was awarded her Golden Sheaf certificate recognizing fifty years of continuous mem-

bership, from the National Grange. Louise is currently the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee person, Position 3. Louise has served in numerous offices with the State Grange.

The celebration was well attended by both local and out of town Grangers and friends. Susan Noah, Oregon State Grange Master was in attendance to congratulate the recipients. Midland would like to thank all who attended the celebration helping them make their celebration such a great success.

By-laws, Good of the Order and Grange Program Resolutions Adopted at the 2019 State Grange Convention

BL #1: Bylaw Change – Section 7 Alcoholic Beverages

Resolved: 2.7.2 All Granges are prohibited from having alcoholic beverages either in the Grange Hall or on any of the Grange property during, prior to or after any Grange meeting in buildings or on property not owned by the Grange may not allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages during, prior to or after any Grange meeting.

2.7.3 A Subordinate/Community Grange or Pomona Grange may allow the use of alcoholic beverages at Grange-sponsored activities by adoption of a policy in their by-laws. They shall obtain host liquor or liquor liability coverage if they sponsor any events where alcohol will be served.

2.7.4 No Grange shall apply for or hold a liquor license except for temporary permits for special events

[2.7.5, was 2.7.3] All Granges may have sealed containers of alcoholic beverages at Grange meetings and activities for use as demonstration aids, gifts, or fundraisers. Such containers shall remain sealed at such Grange meeting or activity, unless the activity is adequately insured for alcohol use.

[2.7.6, was 2.7.4] A subordinate Grange may allow the use of alcoholic beverages at functions sponsored by non-Grange groups that rent or lease Grange property. Such renters shall provide proof of host liquor or liquor liability coverage;

2.7.7 A Grange holding an event serving alcohol shall provide proof of liquor liability insurance with the Oregon State Grange as an additional named insured and proof of a licensed server, and these proof shall be submitted to the Oregon State Grange 30 days prior to the event. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will work with legal counsel to define the insurance and legal requirements to govern the serving of alcohol at Grange-sponsored events and to minimize liability to the sponsoring Grange; And be it further

Resolved: That the insurance and legal requirements will be revised and redistributed to all Subordinate and Pomona Granges as applicable laws and requirements are changed.

BL #3: Junior Life Membership Fund

Resolved: That Article 5 – Junior Granges, in the Oregon State Grange Bylaws, Section 3, Junior Grange Life Membership Fund be changed as follows:

5.3.5 By the fifteenth (15th) day of May of each year, the net income generated from the Junior Life Membership Fund during the prior calendar year shall be transferred to the Oregon State Junior Director's Fund and be distributed equitably to existing Junior Granges in the State of Oregon. And be it further

Resolved: That the books of the Oregon State Grange be gone through and any additional Junior Life Memberships/\$10 Junior memberships purchased be credited to the fund.

GO #2: Handicap Accessible Doors

Resolved: Oregon State Grange encourages all Granges make their halls as welcoming as possible to persons with physical mobility issues. While the Americans with Disabilities Act can provide guidance, utilizing these standards for ramps, doors and restroom doors does not entitle the organization to advertise "ADA-compliant" in publicity or on the building. Feel free to advertise handicapped accessible features. And be it further
Resolved: Any place of accommodation complying with ADA is required to provide accessible entrance first. Any member of the public finding a failure in this should first report the problem to the facility maintenance department and to the business they are trying to visit.

GO #4: OPB Documentary

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange actively begin to explore the possibility of getting the Oregon Public Broadcasting Network to produce and create a documentary that presents the life, history, and activity of the Oregon State Grange.

GO #6: Membership Status

Resolved: That the By-Laws of the National Grange, section 4.6.15 be amended to include as subsection (C) the following: Members of a Grange

Notes from the Office

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



IRS Electronic Postcard Filing

For most Granges the filing is due May 1–Sept 15, 2019. Please file as this must be done; it is not optional. You should have received detailed instruction by now on how to complete this important filing from the OSG Office. There were little or no changes from last year. Please send proof of **Acceptance** with your second quarter report. If the office does not receive this by September 1st, they will be in touch with you. If you have any concerns or need further information about the 990 filing, please contact Suzy Ramm at (503) 316-0106.

Thank you to all who have already filed and sent in a copy showing that your Grange's filing has been accepted.

Membership List

On or before September 15, the State Grange office will send to your Grange Secretary a list of

the names of all members of your Grange in good standing according to the State Grange database. Your Grange is to compare this list with your membership list as of June 30, make corrections, and return it with your Quarterly Report for the 3rd quarter. The primary corrections you will make are to the spelling of names, addresses and phone numbers. Also, please add email addresses for all those members that have them and confirm that each household with a Grange member is receiving the Grange Bulletin.

If you have a name on your list that the State Grange does not have and you included that name on a previous Quarterly Report, call the State Grange office. The same if the State Grange database lists a member that you dropped on a previous Quarterly report. However, if you forgot to add or drop a member, you just need to make that correction on the Quarterly Report for the 3rd quarter.

that has lost or surrendered its charter shall automatically be granted the status of E-members and their membership shall continue in this status, paying the current dues rate for E-members, until such time as they may transfer to another Subordinate/Community Grange or actively decide to discontinue their Grange membership.

GO #7: Reaffirm Non-Discrimination & Non-Partisanship

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange reaffirms it will not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or physical ability or national origin, and reaffirms that it is a non-partisan organization.

GO #8: Zero Waste

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange encourages Zero Waste events at each Grange hall and state functions.

GO #9 Electronic Payment of Grange Dues

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange research electronic payment of all Grange dues.

GPB #1: Log Cabin Fundraising

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange Master, in conjunction with the Director of the Oregon State Grange Education committee, coordinate efforts to fundraise some type of event or events to financially support the operations of the Log Cabin for the year, which could be held throughout the year and perhaps even during the State Fair itself at the Log Cabin. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange Master and Director of the Oregon State Grange Education Committee seek volunteers to staff the Log Cabin and present new ideas and activities that would encourage visitations to the Log Cabin by visitors to the State Fair and other activities which may occur on the State Fair grounds that perhaps we are missing out on, thus perhaps exposing the Grange to potential members.

GPB #2: Revive Oregon State Grange Junior Camp

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange re-establish the Oregon State Grange Junior Camp. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange Master seek out a qualified adult, preferably a Grange member, who is able and willing to revive the Oregon State Grange Junior Camp. And be it further

Resolved: That this camp be self-sustaining through outside revenue sources such as grants, fundraisers, or donations so as not to tax the existing budget of the Oregon State Grange.



The Agricultural Report

June Colony

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Agriculture Director - Oregon State Grange

Let's look at the definitions of organic and conventional farming:

Conventional farming refers to farming systems that use synthetic chemical fertilizers, pesticides herbicides and genetically modified organisms, these practices generally came into being after the Second World War by using advanced chemistry and the cheap oil out of which many of these synthetic compounds are created.

Organic farming is based on an older model which emphasizes the returning of manures, whole crop "green manures", compost, and various meals and powders consisting of fish, alfalfa, bone, cottonseed, and rocks minerals back into the soils.

Organic pesticides like Pyrethrum and Rotenone are also allowed. This system builds up an element of the soil called "Humus", which contains nonliving, organic matter molecules derived from the microbial decomposition of plant and animal substances. Humus is a highly stable substance which contains about 60% carbon, 6 percent nitrogen and small amounts of phosphorus and sulfur. Humus provides nutrients essential for plant growth, increases soil water absorption and improves soil workability.

In 1972, during my Master Gardening course at O.S.U., a big debate

broke out between the students and teacher about the value of organic fertilizers versus synthetic ones. Our teacher insisted that once a plant root tip comes in contact with nitrogen suspended in water solution, the plant does not care whether the nitrogen came from organic or synthetic fertilizer, it just feeds itself on the nitrogen.

He was right on that point, but how you get to that end point of suspended plant nutrients is more the point.

I tend to think of conventional farming as a more tenuous system, relying on stricter timelines of applications of the synthetics, sort of like hydroponic gardening, only substituting soil for the water.

As a sheep farmer, I am told that the crop is not the livestock. It is the grass that feeds the livestock that a farmer must focus on. Because humus influences soil fertility through its effect on the water-holding capacity of the soil, a good sheep pasture needs a soil that has an adequate supply of organic matter

So, even if you are not a certified organic farmer, all agriculturalists will benefit from the use of cover crops turned back into the fields to increase the organic percentages in their soils and every gardener will increase their long-term crop yields by regularly applying manures, composts, bone and fish meals.



Knowledge of a New Industry ~ Hemp

Misty and Sean Burris of Riversdale Grange #731 and Creswell Grange #496 have been following the development of the Hemp industry in Oregon over the past year. In April they attended the first Hemp University symposium held at the Southern Oregon University (SOU) campus and sponsored by Hemp, Inc. a publicly traded company. The second workshop presented tangible avenues for resources, such as seeds, sharing knowledge of planting, and growing the hemp tri-crop of medicinal matter (fruits/roots), animal feed/bedding (harvest bi-product), and textile/ construction material (stalks/stems/ core). This event was sold out with attendance reaching nearly 450.

Hemp University prepares to hold their third industry workshop at

SOU in Ashland on September 8th. This all-day event is dedicated to the topics of harvest and viable avenues of processing the commodity including brokerage and exchange. The Grange history and membership will be a topic of discussion in a presentation titled "The Collective Harvest". Sean and Misty have been asked to share knowledge and ideas on how membership in the Grange can bring structure and validity to the industry explosion. As they prepare for the presentation, Sean and Misty have begun to visit Grangers interested in participating with the industry workshops, a booth presentation or just want information on Hemp. If you or your Grange would like more information please contact Sean and Misty 541-530-3613 oregoninstitute@gatherandalign.org.



Members of Dorena Grange deliver a barrel garden to a local apartment resident.

Dorena Distributes Barrel Gardens

Dorena Grange #835, Lane County began distributing the barrel gardens for this year. This is the 3rd year Dorena has offered gardening opportunities to their community. Eight gardens were delivered the first week in June with more going out the following weekend. Beth Pool was instrumental in getting the gardens out this year, with Tabu White and Steve Barnes doing the heavy lifting.



Redland Host Farmers Market

Redland Grange #796, Clackamas County, is hosting a Farmers Market every other Sunday from 11am-5pm, now through October 20th. A variety of vendors from their community are taking this opportunity to sell their crops and wares. Vendors can be found outside and inside both levels of the hall. The local telephone co-op is allowing the Grange to park cars in their lot making room for more vendors in at the Grange hall.

Upcoming schedule has the market open August 11, August 25, September 8, September 22, October 5 and October 20.

Tuesday is Farmers Market at Siletz

The Siletz Valley Grange #558, Lincoln County Farmers Market is in full swing! Held every Tuesday from 10 am to 2 pm during the months of June through October. Lots of hand made goods and produce is available under the direction of market coordinator Carol Willey. Kitchen opens at 8:30am for breakfast and serves lunch until 2pm.



Left: Grange member Tracy Whitlow purchases breakfast from fellow member Alma Kosydar.

Grangers Demand Plaque at New Fairground Events Center

By Geoff Pursinger
Pamplin Media Group

Washington County's grange halls have called 00 the Washington County Fair Complex to recognize the role and value local agricultural groups play in the annual summertime fair.

Washington- Yamhill Pomona Grange, which represents the 12 grange halls across Washington and Yamhill counties, passed a resolution in April demanding the fair publicly acknowledge the granges' contributions to the fair with a plaque outside the new events center, currently under construction at the fairgrounds, 813 N. E. 34th Ave., in Hillsboro.

The plaque is meant to "recognize the farm, youth, civic and grange organizations of Washington county for their support of the fair throughout its history, according to the organization.

For decades, county fairs have depended on grange halls, youth programs and farm groups, but in recent years grange halls have felt that the Washington County fairgrounds has steered away from traditional agricultural events, according to Marilyn Reiher, secretary with the Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange.

"What's happening at the fair represents what's happening across the county," Reiher said. "There is a portrayal that agriculture is waning. There's very little produce at the fair anymore and few flower exhibits. It says to the public, 'We don't do that anymore.'"

Washington County is home to the heart of the Silicon Forest, including major companies like Intel and Genentech. Groups like 4-H have expanded their missions to include robotics, art and public

speaking to encourage area youth to get involved.

The Granges were unable to exhibit at the fair last year, Reiher said, due to a lack of space. That's expected to be the case this summer, as well.

"We've had booths in the Cloverleaf building for the past 10 years, she said "It's a good way for granges to tell their stories and talk about what they do, but we have not been able to do that."

Reiher said the fairgrounds have shifted more to entertainment, prioritizing concerts and rides over the fair's traditional roots in the agricultural industries.

Participation in traditional fair events, such as baking and cooking competitions, have dropped as the county has grown larger and more suburban, Reiher said.

The county also has condemned several buildings at the fairgrounds in the past few years, Reiher said. That, coupled with the new events center, led the organization to pass the resolution.

Made up of representatives of Washington County's 10 grange halls, the Pomona has been meeting several times a year. since 1898 to discuss issues affecting local granges. The resolution was proposed in April by the North Plains Grange, Washington Grange #313.

The resolution was sent to County Chair Kathryn Harrington last week.

Representatives' with Washington County, which oversees the fair complex, did not respond to a request for a comment by this newspaper's press deadline.

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band Richard, at the beginning of convention and Brother Kent Westwood, Master of the California State Grange and his wife Iona. Brother D. Thomas McKern, Chairman of the Board for Grange Insurance Association, popped in for a short visit before leaving for his own state Grange convention in Washington.

After a successful debut last year, the Trade Show was even better attended this year with all of the State Grange committees along with the communications team having tables where they showed what they had

to offer, presented ideas and handed out materials for attendees to take home and share with their Granges.

Next year's convention will be June 20-25 and will be hosted by District 5 (Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake county Granges) at the Klamath County Fairgrounds in Klamath Falls. Information on hotels, etc. were passed out at convention and will be up on the state Grange webpage shortly.

More photo from convention are scattered throughout the paper with color photos on pages 14-15 and 28.

2019 Convention Ag Tour



Ed and Doris Thurston of McMinnville Grange #31, Yamhill County, enjoying the lunch provided by Clarkes Grange for the Ag Tour while visiting Hopkins Demonstration Forest. The 140-acre privately-owned forest open to the public for self-guided exploration, tours, workshops, and education programs was the second stop on the Ag tour.



The first stop on the Ag Tour was Milk Creek Produce, located in the Hamlet of Mulino. Milk Creek is very conscientious in purchasing their produce from local farmers when possible. The owner explained how he goes about procuring locally grown produce.

L: Most of the twenty Grangers from around the state that climbed on the school bus for this year's version of the Ag Tour.

Warner Member Don Kingsborough Honored as Volunteer of the Year

Brother Don Kingsborough, a member of Warner Grange #117, and an affiliate member of Springwater Grange #263, both in Clackamas County, was announced as the 2019 OSG Volunteer of the Year. A fifty-year Grange member he serves as Steward at Warner Grange, a member of the Executive Committee at Springwater Grange, Steward and Community Service Chairman for Clackamas Pomona and is the District 4 Legislative Chairman. Below is his nomination from Springwater Grange.

Our nominee is very humble. "I'm not one that wants to bring attention to myself," he said. "That's not my goal in life, not my place in life. I just feel like other people have done so much more than I have."

His fellow Grange members would beg to differ.

It takes just a quick glance at his volunteer resume to see why we are nominating him. As a member of West Linn's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the last nine years, he has worked tirelessly alongside other longtime volunteers to rebuild trails and remove invasive species at Mary S. Young Park and has advocated on behalf of the Willamette River being incorporated into the National Water Trail Network.

His volunteer efforts began shortly after he retired from the United

States Postal Service in 2004. "I started in Mary S. Young Park," he said. "It's a great place to walk my dog, so as I walked on the trails, I would knock the blackberry vines and nettles back. My thought was so the kids wouldn't have a negative experience getting cut with blackberries and stuff like that." One day, he ran into a resident named Dave Kruse —and that was when his volunteer efforts truly took off at Mary S. Young Park. "Dave Kruse had a plan to rebuild the trails and start removing invasive plants from the park, and I just joined him."

As the group expanded, one resident brought a John Deere tractor to help with the heavy lifting. When that volunteer had to step away due to a bad back, our nominee took over as tractor operator — a role he shares with his poodle, Riley. "I wear shorts, I drive the tractor and I have a well-behaved poodle," he said. "That combination makes me stand out. I don't do as much work as the other guys on the crew do."

He does admit that the park has undergone a thrilling transformation since his volunteer work started. "It's magnificent," he said. "The trails are passable 12 months out of the year — you can walk on those trails without getting muddy and dirty 12 months a year now. We have removed tons of invasive plants, blackberries, garlic mustard, ivy, various other plants — and we have planted thousands of plants."

He has worked with National Honor Society students on required hours of service at Mary S. Young Park. Each of these students is required to do 20 hours of community service each semester.

On the First Saturday of each month, he is involved with SOLVE and oversees the work crew of volunteers at the Park. It should be noted that he goes to this volunteer project after spending from 6:00 am – 10:00 am on the work crew of the Grange Breakfast.

Why parks? Well his passion for this particular field of volunteering dates back to when he was raising his five children. "As my children were growing up, we spent a lot of time in parks, not just playing on swings and whatnot, but baseball practice, soccer practice, games. I just feel like I got a lot from the parks and now it's time for me to pay back."

He also works with Willamette Riverkeepers to get installed bicycle and kayak lock-up at sites along the Willamette River in the Canby/West Linn area.

At the Clackamas County Veterans Transitional housing project, he goes way beyond - helping to build horseshoe pits after a commissioner got some horseshoes donated and when he went to see how the veterans were doing and found out they did not have enough silverware –



off to the store he went to purchase some.

He's also been shaped by his time with the Grange "I feel as though every citizen should participate at some level," he said. "That doesn't mean you have to be on city council or parks board or something, but (citizens) need to listen and put in their two cents, their ideas. That's the only way our country goes forward, stays the way we are. That's kind of the Grange philosophy, as well as my philosophy."

His daughter Holly commented saying "All that work keeps him young and provides his grandchildren with a great role model." And his daughter Sarah wrote on her Facebook page "I'm very proud of my padre. If more people had his community spirit, what a difference it would make!"

Damon Faust ~ Oregon's Nominee For National Grange Fire Fighter of the Year

A desire to serve led Faust to the Army in 2000. Raised by a single mom, he was a rebellious teenager who eventually dropped out of high school. Faust served in Germany for three years and then joined a National Guard infantry unit in California. He was working at a post office when the Iraq war began in 2003.

Then his platoon sergeant, called and said 'Hey, Damon, Charlie Company is going to Iraq,' and he said, 'Not without me.' So, by 2005, Faust was actively serving in the U.S. Army and responded to a house fire in Southern Baghdad, his area of operations. Acting with "complete disregard for his own safety," he entered the burning building multiple times to rescue an Iraqi child and elderly Iraqi woman.

Faust was awarded the U.S. Army Soldier's Medal for heroism, and firefighting would become his future.

Faust has since been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury. When he returned from his one-year tour in Iraq, he went to community college and then Oregon State University. But his combat experiences plagued him. He began seeing a counselor and

spent three months in California receiving inpatient care for PTSD.

Faust still wanted to serve others.

He earned his degree from OSU, and with the help of the Veterans Administration, he obtained his wildland firefighter certification.

Faust has a long and impressive record of service to his local community and country beyond his time in the military. Prior to his tenure with the Estacada Rural Fire District, Faust served:

- The disaster relief organization Team Rubicon, in which he assisted many communities affected by natural disasters, including Hurricane Sandy, the Oso Mudslide in Washington state, and the Moore Tornado in Oklahoma.
- The group Hero Client Rescue, during which, in Haiti in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, he trained emergency medical technicians and founded a non-profit organization dedicated to providing international medical training.

In 2016, 11 years after his actions in

Baghdad, Faust joined the Estacada Rural Fire District #69 in Oregon. Faust soon became involved with the Veterans to Firefighters program and met with the department's division chief, to learn about ways the program could support more veterans.

He played a leading role in Estacada's Veterans to Firefighters program, which helps soldiers enter the fire service, providing them with camaraderie, direction, and teamwork. The goal is to help repurpose veterans, put them with mentors,

and show them that there are other ways to serve.

But even before meeting with the chief, Faust was already providing support. For several months, he'd been driving one of the program's new recruits to his appointments at the VA hospital. Faust now does such work on duty, guiding veterans through the VA process.

Since his nomination he has moved on to the Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District in Oregon.





L-R: Winners of the Community Service Yearbook contest received their certificates during convention: 4th Waltherville Grange #416, Master Tyler Manthei; 3rd Spencer Creek Grange #855, Community Service Chairman Cookie Trupp; 2nd Creswell Grange #496, Master Martin McClure; and 1st Lorane Grange #54 Joanne Cantrall

Below: Representatives of some of the 64 Granges who sent in their Community Service Reports receiving their certificates.



Creswell Gathers Food for Bank



On June 4th members of Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, braved an 80-degree day to gather non-perishable food for the Creswell Food Pantry. Efforts gathered 217 pounds of food and nearly \$200 in cash. The Food Drive was held for a period of 10 hours with twelve members staffing a table in front of the Creswell Bi-mart. Creswell Bi-mart is a big supporter of Creswell Grange's community service projects.

Neighboring Goshen Grange Master, and a Creswell Grange member, Stan Garboden entertained passing shoppers with his Ukulele.



Community Service Involvement

Elizabeth "Liz" Dehne
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OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



Hello Fellow Grangers,

I would like to thank all the Grangers and Granges that put a lot of hard work doing Community Service and submitting their Community Service hours.

I would like to thank my District Chairs for their help this year.

District 1: Wayne Cabler
District 2: Patrick Dearth
District 3: Teresa Cernac
District 4: Susan Dumolt
District 5: Bonnie Sims
District 6: Doris Reid

This year we received reports from 64 out of 165 Granges in Oregon.

Here is the breakdown of their Community Service.

- There are 1852 members in these 64 Granges
- 909 of these members participated in Grange Community Service projects
- They contributed 109,990 Community Service Hours
- 2829 non-Grange members also participated
- They contributed an additional 35,462 Community Service Hours

Winners of the Community Service Yearbook judging were:

- 1st Lorane Grange #54
- 2nd Creswell Grange #496
- 3rd Spencer Creek Grange #855
- 4th Waltherville Grange #416

Lorane's book will be sent on for the National Grange competition.

Volunteer of the Year

Don Kingsborough, a member of Warner Grange #117 and an affiliate member of Springwater Grange #263, both in Clackamas County, was selected as the 2019 Oregon State Grange Volunteer of the Year. He was nominated by Springwater Grange.

Firefighter of the Year

Former Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 Firefighter, now with Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District, Damon Faust, also nominated by Springwater Grange #263, was selected as Oregon's representative for the National Grange Firefighter of the Year. There were no nominations for Law Enforcement Officer or Teacher of the Year. I hope to see some next year.

The Community Service Committee is looking forward to a productive 2019-2020.



Grange Used for Staging Area During Fire

Dorena Grange #835, Lane County, was happy to allow several fire agencies to use their parking lot as a staging area during a recent fire. The building was opened for firefighters to use the restrooms and

kitchen facilities. Fire crews also used the Grange hall for their evening meals.

Dorena Grange was thankful to have been able to be of service!



Communications Team

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Grange In Action Program

The Grange In Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how small. Any Grange that does not complete the application for Distinguished Grange can participate in this program. Granges who wish to be recognized at the 2019 National Convention as a "Grange In Action" should complete the following requirements:

- Submit a 1 page letter size with pictures and caption of at least 3 various events/activities that the Grange either sponsored or assisted with from Sept 1, 2018 to Sept 1, 2019 - anything over 1 page will be disqualified
- The Grange Name, number and State must be on the front of the page
- On a separate page please include the Name, address, phone and/or cell number and email address of whom submitted the Grange in Action
- Granges that qualify for the 2019 Distinguished Grange award are not eligible for this recognition.
- Deadline to submit the 1 page to National Grange is September 25, 2019 postmark or electronic by midnight on September 25, 2019
- Mail to National Grange, Attn. Loretta Washington – 1616H Street, NW, 11th Fl. Washington, DC 20006
- Email to Loretta Washington @lwashington@nationalgrange.org please put in the subject line for the email: Grange in Action report

Some of the entries will be on display at National Convention and those Granges that submit a 1 page entry will receive a certificate from the National Grange Master.



Three Oregon Students Win GIA College Scholarships

Grange Insurance Association is pleased to announce that three Oregon students received scholarships for the 2019-20 school year.

Sarah Michaels of Days Creek was awarded the B. L. Barnard Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000.

Harris Lackey of La Grande was awarded the Top Vocational Scholarship for \$2,500.

Quaid Quisenberry of Roseburg was awarded a Grange Insurance Association Academic scholarship of \$1000.

Each year Grange Insurance Association awards scholarships to deserving applicants. The applicant or their parents must be policyholders of Grange Insurance Association. Among the 49 applications received, 27 scholarships were awarded this year.

The quality of applicants was exceptionally high again this year and the Company is extremely pleased with the caliber of students who applied for our scholarships. It is always a difficult process to make

the selections when all the applicants are so highly qualified. An announcement will be made in the late fall regarding the program for the following year, and we encourage you to check our website www.grange.com

Grange Insurance Association has made scholarships available since 1965. They may be used at any accredited school or college and are offered throughout GIA's operating territory, which includes the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, and Washington. The home office of Grange Insurance Association is in Seattle, WA.

Sarah Michaels is a student at the University of Idaho and a 2017 graduate of Days Creek Charter School.

Harris Lackey is a student at Lewis-Clark State College and made the Dean's List Honor Roll for the Spring 2019 semester.

Quaid Quisenberry is a 2018 graduate of Guide High School where he was the valedictorian. He is attending Baylor University majoring in medical engineering.

Oregon Granges Award Scholarships

Columbia County HS Senior Receives Deer Island Scholarship

The Deer Island Grange #371, Columbia County, is excited to announce the 2019 Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship recipient is Emma Rae Phillips from Scappoose High School. This scholarship is for \$1000 and is awarded to a Columbia County High School senior majoring in agriculture, animal science, forestry, or education. Emma will be attending Brown University in the fall where she will major in biology with a goal of becoming a veterinarian. Scholarship applications for 2020 will be available from Columbia County High School counselors by February 1st, 2020. Congratulations Emma!



Hurricane Creek Gives Financial Assistance Award

At the May 14th regular meeting of Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Walla Walla County, Jalyn Radford-Weeks was the recipient of a \$500.00 financial assistance award to help him through his first year of college. Presenting him this honor was David McBride, Master of the Grange along with Mary Kay Pace and Barbara McCormack, both members of the scholarship committee.

Jalyn plans on getting advanced training in the fire field upon completion of his two-year course of study.

Jalyn will be attending Walla Walla Community College and majoring in Fire Science with a minor in Criminal Law. He has participated



Picture l-r: Mary Kay Pace, Jalyn Radford-Weeks, David McBride and Barbara McCormack.

Ada Awards Scholarships

For the 27th year Ada Grange #70, Lane County awarded three Harley Huff, Sr. Memorial Scholarships. Receiving \$500 scholarships were Grace Hammonds, Madison Reynolds, Samantha Scheer, all seniors at Siuslaw High School. The scholarship is awarded based on the applicant's involvement in community service projects and activities and on financial need.

On May 30, Linda Pugh, Ada Grange Secretary, represented the Grange and presented the scholarship as the Siuslaw community gathered to celebrate Siuslaw High School's Class of 2019 at the Florence Events Center.



l-r: Ada Grange Secretary, Linda Pugh, presents \$500 Harley Huff Senior Memorial Scholarships to Madison Reynolds, Samantha Scheer and Grace Hammonds.

Oregon State Grange Scholarships

OSG Foundation Gives Two Awards

The Oregon State Grange Foundation awarded two scholarships at their annual meeting during the Oregon State Convention.

This year's recipient of the Muzzy Mandel Scholarship was Mary Mitchelldyer, a member of Abernethy Grange #346. Her grandparents Louise and Don Jenks are also members at Abernethy Grange.

Mary is a 2017 graduate of Rex Putnam High School in Milwaukie and is attending Oregon State University. She is majoring in Animal Science with a minor in chemistry. She plans to attend veterinary school and specialize in poultry medicine.



Mary Mitchelldyer

An active FFA member with North Clackamas FFA she represented Oregon in the National FFA Agriscience Fair with her chicken project. Most recently she served on the nominating committee to select state FFA officers and served as an Oregon FFA Foundation Ambassador, advocating for agriculture across the state.



Ashley Burris

The 2019 recipient of the Mary Helen Sauter Ramm Memorial Scholarship is Ashley Burris, a member of Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County. She will be attending Waldorf Teacher Education in Eugene and majoring Childhood Education. She had previously attended Umpqua Community College. She is the mother of two children, 4 years and 18 months.

She was received her first four degrees at state convention this year where she was a marching candidate.

Lane Pomona Gives Two Scholarships

Lane Pomona recognized Courtney Croy and Ashley Burris as \$1000 scholarship recipients at their July 14, Pomona meeting at Ada Grange.

Courtney, is the daughter of Michelle and John Croy and the granddaughter of Malcolm and Cookie Trupp, all members of Spencer Creek Grange #855. Courtney serves in at-large position on the state Lecturer's committee and served as the State Youth LAS at this year's convention.

She is finishing up her schooling in the fall at Western Oregon University and will be getting a degree in Communication with a minor in biology.

Ashley Burris is a member of Riversdale Grange #731 and is the daughter of Misty and Sean Burris who are members of Riversdale Grange #731 and Creswell Grange #496. She was also a recipient of an OSG Foundation Scholarship.

L: Courtney Croy



The Education Committee



Paula Herrick
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OSG Education Director

2019 Oregon State Grange Convention Education Committee Report

It has been exciting this year to sponsor Ag in the Classroom with the Literacy Program. Some Granges have offered their halls for training sessions for teachers and others have participated in the Literacy Program in the classroom. It

is our hope to expand this program for the coming year. I have used a quote by Benjamin Franklin many times—"Tell me I forget...Teach me I remember...Involve me and I learn". This is what Ag in the Classroom does to teach children about agriculture by involvement. Ag in the Classroom is a great program if your Grange isn't involved GET INVOLVED!

Ada Honors School Staff Member

On May 11th, Ada Grange #570, Lane County honored David Bitner with Ada's School Staff Appreciation Certificate. He was also presented with a card of appreciation and a gift card. David is the Food Manager for the Siuslaw School

District serving about 22,440 meals a month to the elementary, middle and high school students. He has been in the food service industry for thirty-five years and at Siuslaw for the past five years.

David Bitner is presents with Ada's School Staff Appreciation Certificate by Ada Lecturer, Heather Elliott.



Clackamas County Pomona Grange Awards Two College Scholarships

Clackamas Pomona Grange #1 selected Kendra Guttridge and Thomas "Andy" Walsh as their 2019 Charlie Bowser Memorial scholarship recipients.

Kendra is a 2019 graduate of Canby High School and is the daughter of Tim and Nike Guttridge, all members of Springwater Grange #263 and of the Shibley Grange Legacy Family. She will be studying at Whitworth University, a Christian liberal arts university in Spokane, Washington and will be following the Social Services and Community Action track. She will be looking for a position in social work upon graduation.



Kendra Guttridge

Thomas "Andy" Walsh is the son of John and Stephanie Walsh. The family, including his younger sister, a 1+ Junior member, have been members of Molalla Grange #310 since January 2013. He has served as Steward of his Grange and helped with the fair booth and Bingo nights. Andy is a 2017 of Molalla High School and is cur-



Andy Walsh

OSG GWA Scholarship

Claire Bradley from Fairview Grange #273, Tillamook County, was awarded a \$400 scholarship by the Oregon State Grange GWA it was announced at the State Grange Convention in June. She has been a Grange member for five years and helps with Grange activities and events.

She has a passion for math and chemistry. In 2018 she was recognized by American Association of University Women Tillamook for her academic achievements in STEM courses as one of three young women honorees from Tillamook High School. She is going to Oregon State University and is majoring in Bio Health for Pre-pharmacy.

146th Oregon State Grange Annual Convention State Officers ~ Sixth Degree



L-R; Front row: Ceres - Liz Dehne, Pomona - Mikela Heimuller, Flora - Eva Frost, Lecturer - Cookie Trupp, Treasurer - Paula Herrick, Master - Susan Noah, Chaplain - Peggy Fine, Executive Committee Position 3 - Louise Holst and State Musician - Linda Wetzell

Back row: Steward - Phil Van Buren, Lady Assistant Steward - Maggie Swartzendruber, Assistant Steward - Tim Dehne, Overseer - Jay Sexton, Secretary Pro-temp - Mark Noah, Executive Committee Position 1 - John Fine, Executive Committee Position 2 - Sam Keator and Gatekeeper - Jim Clute

District 4 Rosebud Team - Passing the Torch



Passing the Torch

The team has members with 75 years of membership and others with less than a year. The honored torch Bearers, Wilma and Nina, have given many years of service to building the Grange. They have nurtured many of us and passed on their light to others with the knowledge and love of the Grange they have. Just as each generation has their own dances and dresses, new ideas and "ways of doing" will come to the Grange.

May we all pass our light to others with our knowledge and love of the Grange, so it continues to be a bedrock of our communities.



Front row: Generation 1 - Judy Huey, Abernethy #346, Clackamas County; Mary Parrott, Parkdale #500, Hood River County; Diane Parrott, Parkdale #500, Hood River County; Ann Dickson, Clarkes #261, Clackamas County; Wilma Guttridge, Springwater #263, Clackamas County; Susan Dumolt, Clarkes #261, Clackamas County; Eileen Dale, Warner #117, Clackamas County; Shirley Naylor, Clarkes #261, Clackamas County and Sally Clute, Clarkes #261, Clackamas County. Not pictured: Nina Stables, The Sandy #392, Clackamas County

Huey-Hays-McKay Family



Dickson-Naylor-Force Family

Middle Row: Generation 2 - Vocalist - Julie Wheeler, Deer Island #536, Columbia County; Annette Dickson Naylor, Clarkes #261, Clackamas County; Cheryl Huey Hays, Abernethy #346, Clackamas County; Yolanda Lins, Garfield #317, Clackamas County; Christy Dumolt, Clarkes #261, Clackamas County; Musician - Bob Force, Sunnyside #842, Clackamas County; Cat Thomas, Milwaukie #268, Clackamas County; Sandi Ludi, Sunnyside #842, Clackamas County; Jeanie Dickson Force, Sunnyside #842, Clackamas County and Lorie Naylor Hugo, Clarkes #261, Clackamas County

Back Row: Generation 3 - JC Dumolt Junkman, Clarkes #261, Clackamas County; Breanna Hays-McKay, Abernethy #346, Clackamas County; Gracie Hays, Abernethy #346, Clackamas County; Tyler Maricich, Clarkes #261, Clackamas County; Jade Naylor, Clarkes #261, Clackamas County; Cheniqua Dumolt Coleman, Clarkes #261, Clackamas County; Carly Inga Itami, Warner #117, Clackamas County and Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater #263, Clackamas County



Guttridge Family



Dumolt-Clute Family

First Four Degrees Team



Front row: Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas Co., Carmel Valencia, Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson Co., Sue Dumolt, Clarkes Grange #261, Clackamas Co., Sue Dumolt, Clarkes Grange #261, Clackamas Co., Ruth Newman, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas Co. and Phil VanBuren, Midland Grange #781, Klamath Co.

2nd row: Don Mackinnon, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas Co., Josh Lacrosse, Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson Co., Jeff Dehne, Waltherville Grange #416, Lane Co., Howard Huey, Abernathy Grange #346, Clackamas Co. and Barbara Brockway, Eagle Creek Grange #297, Clackamas Co.

3rd row: Jim Dumolt, Clarkes Grange #261, Clackamas Co., Diane Parrott, Parkdale Grange #500, Hood River Co., Stacy Brown, Forest Grove Grange #282, Washington Co., Celia Luttrell, Boring-Damascus Grange #260, Clackamas Co. and Cody Dunsmuir, Eagle Creek Grange #297, Clackamas Co.

4th row: Jim Clute, Forest Grove Grange #282, Washington Co., Linda Helm, Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson Co., Connie Suing, Crow Grange #450, Lane Co., Lexie Suing, Crow Grange #450, Lane Co. and Ed Luttrell, Boring-Damascus Grange #260, Clackamas Co.

Back row: Don Kingsborough, Warner Grange #117, Clackamas Co. and Christy Dumolt, Clarkes Grange #261, Clackamas Co.

2019-20 Youth Officers



Front row: Mikela Heimuller - Warren #536, Columbia Co., Courtney Croy - Spencer Creek #855, Lane Co., Jessie Jo Guttridge - Springwater #263, Clackamas Co., Maggie Swartzendruber - Riversdale #731, Douglas Co. and Kiri Ann Schnetzky - Tigard #148, Washington Co.

Middle row: Kailey McKay, Fairmount #252, Benton Co., Veronica Ford - Terrebonne #663, Deschutes Co., Breanna McKay - Abernethy #346, Clackamas Co., Jade Naylor, Clarkes #261, Clackamas Co., Brianna Herrick - Waltherville #416, Lane Co. and Grace Hays - Abernethy #346, Clackamas Co.

Back row: JC Junkman - Clarkes #261, Clackamas Co., Lexie Suing - Crow #450, Lane Co., Riley Reynolds - Santiam Valley #828, Linn Co., Tyler Manthei - Waltherville #416, Lane Co. and Cody Dunsmuir - Eagle Creek #297, Clackamas Co.

Fifth Degree Team



Front row: Bob Ludi, Sunnyside #842, Clackamas Co., Dick Wanker, Redland #796, Clackamas Co., David Wallace, Fern Hill #592, Columbia Co., Sandi Ludi, Sunnyside #842, Clackamas Co., Jeanie Force, Sunnyside #842, Clackamas Co. and Justin Lazenby, Boring Damascus #260, Clackamas Co.

Sitting on stage: Betty Chipps, Maplewood #662, Clackamas Co., Grace Hays, Abernethy #346, Clackamas Co., JoAnne Keeley, Maplewood #662, Clackamas Co., Sheilah Toomey, Sauvies Island #828, Multnomah Co., Breanna McKay, Abernethy #346, Clackamas Co., Tove Larsen, Sunnyside #842, Clackamas Co., Terry Honn, Parkdale #500, Hood River Co., Pam Vetsch, Sauvies Island #828, Multnomah Co., Chris Nolde, Harding #122, Clackamas Co.

Standing: Christy Dumolt, Clarkes Grange #261 Clackamas Co., Bob Force, Sunnyside #842, Clackamas Co., Diane Parrott, Parkdale #500, Hood River Co., Ed Luttrell, Boring-Damascus #260, Clackamas Co., Dan Keeley, Maplewood #662, Clackamas Co., Karen Harding, Rockford #501, Hood River Co., CoraLynn Congdon, Redland #796, Clackamas Co., Mary Parrott, Parkdale #500, Hood River Co., Cody Dunsmuir, Eagle Creek #297, Clackamas Co., Don Kingsborough, Warner #117, Clackamas Co., Jim J. Dumolt, Clarkes Grange #261, Clackamas Co., Aera Atkin, Rockford #501, Hood River Co., Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater #263 Clackamas Co., Carly Itami, Warner #117, Clackamas Co. and Celia Luttrell, Boring-Damascus #260, Clackamas Co.

Memorial Service Team



Front row: Mark Noah, Peggy Fine, Susan Noah Eva Frost and John Fine

Middle row: Mary Parrott, Parkdale Grange #500, Karen Dodds, Multnomah Grange #71, Carly Itami, Warner Grange #117, Breanna Hays-McKay, Abernethy Grange #346, Sandi Ludi, Sunnyside Grange #842 and Annette Naylor, Clarkes Grange #261

Back row: Bob Ludi, Sunnyside Grange #842, Don Sether, Molalla Grange #310, Robert Parrott, Parkdale Grange #500, Don Kingsborough, Warner Grange #117, Allen Naylor, Clarkes Grange #261 and Bill Dodds, Multnomah Grange #71



Malcolm Trupp, President

The Oregon State Grange Foundation held their annual meeting on Sunday of the Oregon State Grange Annual Session. The menu was pork loin with sautéed apples, roasted veggies, rice pilaf, spinach salad, and a roll and for dessert we had carrot cake. We would like to thank Clarkes Grange for the wonderful meal which was enjoyed by all.

This year two scholarships were awarded. The Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Mary Mitchelldyer of Abernethy Grange #346, Clackamas County and the Mary Helen Sauter Ramm Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ashely Burris of Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County. See more information about these Grangers on page 13.

The term for District #3 on the foundation board was up for election. Maggie Peyton of Vernonia Grange #305 was nominated and elected to serve another five-year term. Congratulations Maggie.

The Granger Attending State Session (GASS) Fund had enough funds to award six \$25 awards. They were: Sandra Ludi, Myrna Colvin, Carol Everman, Dan Lebun, Mary Parrott and Lyle Utt.

We would like to thank all the Grange members who have donated to the GASS Fund.

The Board held a special organi-

zational meeting after the annual meeting and the following officers were elected:

President - Malcolm Trupp
Vice-President - Maggie Peyton
Secretary - Joyce Parker
Treasurer - Carmel Valencia

I would like to thank Carmel for assisting members to register their Fred Meyer Rewards Card with the OSG Foundation and how to use the Amazon Smiles program. The Foundation receives benefits from both of these programs.

The Foundation recently purchased 150 feet of pipe and drape. It was used on the main stage and as a back-drop at the head tables during the lunches this year at State Grange Convention. Now the State Grange will no longer need to rent pipe and drape for convention or other events.

I would like to thank the Board members and the Grange members for their support of the Foundation. When donating to the Foundation please make your checks out to the **Oregon State Grange Foundation**.

The Mission of the Oregon State Grange Foundation is to promote the Ideals of the Grange Within and Without the Boundaries of the State of Oregon. Please donate to the Foundation. For more information go to: <http://orgrange.org/oregon-state-grange-foundation/>

Below: GWA District 4 Chair Leila Dumolt with Kristen Shapland from Safe and Sound Dog Rescue in Molalla receiving the Bailey's Good Dog Gift Packages.



Above l-r: GWA District 2 Chair Linda Pugh with Cheryl June of Meow Village and Leila Dumolt, District 4 GWA Chair with Hello Kitty Gift Bag contest entries which were donated to Meow Village Cat Rescue in Molalla.

R: GWA conference on Tuesday morning of convention is always popular and has the best door prizes from White Satin Sugar.

2019 OSG GWA Contest Winners

Food Preservation

Canned Fruit-Peaches - Sponsored by: Marilyn Reiher

1st Jim Dumolt Clarkes #261
2nd Loni Schofield Ada #570

Canned Fruit-Applesauce - Sponsored by: Marilyn Reiher

1st Jim Dumolt Clarkes #261
2nd Marilyn Van Natta Fern Hill #592
3rd Julie Wheeler Deer Island #947

Canned Fruit-Sugar Free; any Fruit - Sponsored by: Parker Family

1st Sara Wilson Columbia #867
2nd Julie Wheeler Deer Island #947

Canned Meats or Fish - Sponsored by: Goshen Grange #561

1st Roxanne Wallace Fern Hill #592

Canned Vegetables-Other than listed - Sponsored by: Margaret Clute

1st Julie Wheeler Deer Island #947
2nd Roxanne Wallace Fern Hill #592
3rd Doris Reid Columbia #867

Canned Vegetables-Tomatoes - Sponsored by: Margaret Clute

1st Kiri Schnetzky Tigard #148
2nd Linda Pugh Ada #570
3rd Vicki Cunningham Fairfield #720

Canned Vegetables-Beets - Sponsored by: Margaret Clute

1st Sen Speroff Skyline #894

Dried Foods-Fruit Leather - Sponsored by: Parker Family

1st Suzy Ramm Springwater #263
2nd Sara Wilson Columbia #867

Dried Foods-Herbs - Sponsored by: Parker Family

1st Suzy Ramm Springwater #267

Dried Foods-Fruit - Sponsored by: Parker Family

1st Tammie Phillips Illinois Valley #370
2nd Sara Wilson Columbia #867
3rd Suzy Ramm Springwater #263

Dried Foods-Vegetables - Sponsored by: Parker Family

1st Tammie Phillips Illinois Valley #370
2nd Linda Bowrr Illinois Valley #370
3rd Suzy Ramm Springwater #263

Fruit Butter - Sponsored by: Goshen Grange #561

1st Julie Wheeler Deer Island #947
2nd Sara Wilson Columbia #867
3rd Linda Pugh Ada #570

Jam-Berry Only - Sponsored by: Phoenix Grange #779

1st Loni Schofield Ada #570
2nd Sara Wilson Columbia #867
3rd Elvaree Fine Hurricane Creek #608

Jam-Any Fruit other than berry - Sponsored by: Phoenix Grange #779

1st Jim Dumolt Clarkes #261
2nd Julie Wheeler Deer Island #947

Jam-Sugar Free - Sponsored by: Parker Family

1st Linda Pugh Ada #570

Jelly- Any Fruit other than berry - Sponsored by: Marilyn Reiher

1st Taylor Elliott Ada #570
2nd Lisa Paullin-Anzaldua Abernethy #346
3rd Linda Pugh Ada #570

Jelly-Berry Only - Sponsored by: Marilyn Reiher

1st Jim Dumolt Clarkes #261
2nd Linda Pugh Ada #570

Pickles-Relishes (any mixture of vegies) - Sponsored by: Springwater Grange #263

1st Julie Wheeler Deer Island #947
2nd Marilyn Van Natta Fern Hill #592

Pickles-Misc (any pickle other than cucumber) - Sponsored by: Springwater Grange #263

1st Iris Ensminger Hurricane Creek #608
2nd Kiri Schnetzky Tigard #148

Pickles-Bread and Butter (cucumber only) - Sponsored by: Springwater #263

1st Sara Wilson Columbia #867
2nd Vicki Cunningham Fairfield #720

Pickles-Sweet (cucumber only) - Sponsored by: Springwater #263

1st Vicki Cunningham Fairfield #720

Pickles-Dill (cucumber only) - Sponsored by: Springwater Grange #263

1st Kiri Schnetzky Tigard #148
2nd Vicki Cunningham Fairfield #720



2019 OSG GWA Contest Winners

Baked Goods

Bar Cookies - Sponsored by: Jasper Grange #532

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| 1st | Linda Pugh | Ada #570 |
| 2nd | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |
| 3rd | Alexandra Clark | Fairfield #720 |

Junior Bar Cookies - Sponsored by: Linda Pugh

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| 1st | Taylor Elliott | Ada #570 |
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Candy No Peanut Butter-Fudge - Sponsored by: Beverly Doescher

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| 1st | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |
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Candy No Peanut Butter-Divinity - Sponsored by: Beverly Doescher

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| 1st | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |
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Candy No Peanut Butter-Peanut Brittle - Sponsored by: Beverly Doescher

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| 1st | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |
| 2nd | Linda Pugh | Ada #570 |

Chocolate Chip Cookies - Sponsored by: Beavercreek Grange #276

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| 1st | Cookie Trupp | Spencer Creek #855 |
| 2nd | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |

Cupcake Challenge - Sponsored by: Susan Noah

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| 1st | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |
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Decorated Cake - Sponsored by: Linda Helm

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| 1st | Sherry Shumaker | Fairfield #720 |
| 2nd | Doris Reid | Columbia #867 |
| 3rd | Elizabeth Shaw | Non-member Columbia #867 |

Drop Cookies - Sponsored by: Dorena Grange #835

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| 1st | Cookie Trupp | Spencer Creek #855 |
| 2nd | Patty Bunch | Central Point #698 |
| 3rd | Galen Jones | Non-member Columbia #867 |

Fruit or Veggie Bread (no yeast breads) - Sponsored by: Margaret Clute

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| 1st | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |
| 2nd | Linda Pugh | Ada #570 |

Gluten-Free Baked Item - Sponsored by: Mary and Robert Parrott

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| 1st | Sara Ann Wilson | Non-member Columbia #867 |
| 2nd | Linda Helm | Phoenix #779 |
| 3rd | Linda Helm | Phoenix #779 |

Hand-Dipped Chocolates - Sponsored by: Catherine Johnston

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| 1st | Linda Helm | Phoenix #779 |
| 2nd | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |

Muffins - Sponsored by: Clarkes Grange #261

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| 1st | Debbie Fiscus | Fairfield #720 |
| 2nd | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |

Peanut Butter Candy - Sponsored by: Goshen Grange #561

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| 1st | Linda Pugh | Ada #570 |
| 2nd | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |

Peanut Butter Cookies - Sponsored by: Greenacres Grange #834

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| 1st | Kim Schettig | Beavercreek #276 |
| 2nd | Alexandra Clark | Fairfield #720 |
| 3rd | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |

Sugar-Free Baked Item - Sponsored by: Parker Family

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| 1st | Heather Elliott | Ada #570 |
| 2nd | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |

Sweet Rolls - Sponsored by: Clarkes Grange #261

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| 1st | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |
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Unbaked Cereal or Made-in-Pan Cookies - Sponsored by: Greenacres Grange #834

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| 1st | Cookie Trupp | Spencer Creek #855 |
| 2nd | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |
| 3rd | Megan Schofield | Ada #570 |

Crafts

Food Gift in a Jar (Cookies) - Sponsored by: Linda Pugh

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| 1st | Heather Elliott | Ada #570 |
| 2nd | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |

Jewelry - Sponsored by: Irving Grange #377

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| 1st | Elizabeth Mitzelfeldt | Columbia #867 |
| 2nd | Anita Clark | Fairfield #720 |
| 3rd | Alicia Nilsen | Goshen #561 |

Metal Art - Sponsored by: Phil Van Buren

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| 1st | Alicia Nilsen | Goshen #561 |
| 2nd | Hank Wilt | Fairfield #720 |
| 3rd | John Fine | Riversdale #731 |

Paper Craftsmanship: Cards - Sponsored by: Clarkes Grange #261

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| 1st | Lisa Paullin-Anzaldue | Abernethy #346 |
| 2nd | Karen Lemanquist | Thurston #852 |
| 3rd | Laren Vernoy | Non-member Fairfield #720 |

Paper Craftsmanship: Quilling - Sponsored by: Clarkes Grange #261

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| 1st | Linda Crop | Non-member Forest Grove #282 |
| 2nd | Cheryle Dunsmuir | Eagle Creek #297 |

Other Paper Crafts - Sponsored by: Clarkes Grange #261

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| 1st | Alicia Nilsen | Goshen #561 |
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GWA

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2019 Oregon State Grange Convention GWA Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Grange,

I have enjoyed serving as your GWA director this past year.

I would like to thank the GWA District Chairmen for their support of the GWA program. There are many aspects to the program as we overlap the other committees. As your GWA Director without the help of the chairmen the program would be hard to do. I started the year without a District #1, District 2 and District #5 chairmen. I'm happy to report as of right now I only need a District #5 chairman.

The GWA committee members are District #1 Tammie Phillips, District #2 Linda Pugh, District #3 Julie Schnetzky, District #4 Leila Dumolt, District #6 Joanne McBride, and committee person at large Diane Parrott. I wish to thank you ladies for your help. The committee members have promoted the "Come Together at the Grange" program by visiting Granges and delivering the supplies from State Grange.

This year we added to the contests: Gift in a Jar (cookies) sponsored by Linda Pugh and Small Basketry sponsored by Eagle Creek Grange #297.

Amalgamated Sugar (White Satin) continues to support our Grange

contests by donating sugar for our program.

The past few years Susan Dumolt and Sally Clute have been key to the GWA conference at convention by having an item to do. This year they highlighted the Youth program by having us make key chains with the Grange Youth logo.

GWA scholarship winner this year is Claire Bradley member of Fairview Grange #273. She received \$400. See information about Claire on page 13.

I would like to thank the ladies of Garfield Grange #317 and especially Claire Kellogg for taking on the project of making the GWA quilt for the oral auction this year.



The keychain made at the GWA conference during State Grange convention.

Crafts - continued

Potluck - Sponsored by: Joanne McBride

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| 1st | Sonja Scott | Non-member Spencer Creek #855 |
| 2nd | Debbie Fiscus | Fairfield #720 |
| 3rd | Rose Gauer | Riversdale #731 |

Recycle - Sponsored by: Hurricane Creek Grange #608

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| 1st | Geraldine Gruchalla | Clarkes #261 |
| 2nd | Linda Pugh | Ada #570 |
| 3rd | Laren Vernoy | Non-member Fairfield #720 |

Small Wooden Articles - Sponsored by: Phyllis Wilson

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| 1st | Howard Huey | Abernethy #346 |
| 2nd | Lauri Williams | Non-member Riversdale |
| 3rd | Tomy Jones | Crow #450 |

What to do with Worn out Jeans - Sponsored by: Sunnyside Grange #842

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| 1st | Tammie Phillips | Illinois Valley #370 |
| 2nd | Debbie Fiscus | Fairfield #720 |
| 3rd | Laren Vernoy | non-member Fairfield #720 |

Woodcraft - Sponsored by: John and Peggy Fine

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| 1st | Rose Gaver | Riversdale #731 |
| 2nd | Kiri Schnetzky | Tigard #148 |
| 3rd | Howard Huey | Abernethy #346 |

Bailey's Good Dog Gift Package - Sponsored by: Bailey and Her People (Susan and Mark Noah)

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| 1st | Sara Wilson | Columbia #867 |
| 2nd | Shirley Gilman | Redland #796 |

Here Kitty Gift Bag - Sponsored by: Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn and their family (the Parrotts)

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| 1st | Shirley Gilman | Redland #796 |
| 2nd | Mary Parrott | Parkdale #500 |
| 3rd | Hank Wilt | Fairfield #720 |

2019 OSG GWA Contest Winners

Textiles

Apron Junior Member ages 5 and 14 - Sponsored by: Marilyn Reiher

1st Alli Fiscus Fairfield #720

Apron 14 or older - Sponsored by: Beaver Creek Grange #276

1st Myra Boyd Riversdale #731
2nd Roberta O'Dell Santiam Valley #828
3rd Tina Reynolds Santiam Valley #828

Baby Quilt-Machine quilted by one - Sponsored by: Sauvie's Island Grange #840

1st Jeannie Alford Hurricane Creek #608
2nd Debbie Fiscus Fairfield #720
3rd Laren Vernoy Non-member Fairfield #720

Baby Quilt-Tied by one - Sponsored by: Sauvie's Island Grange #840

1st Roberta O'Dell Santiam Valley #828
2nd Sara Wilson Columbia #867
3rd Debbie Fiscus Fairfield #720

Counted Cross Stitch - Sponsored by: Parkdale Grange #500

1st Sara Wilson Columbia #867

Crocheted Doilies - Sponsored by: Spencer Creek Grange #855

1st Anna Massingham Jasper #532
2nd Myra Boyd Riversdale #731
3rd Jadala Coyle Lacombe #907

Crocheted/Knitted Afghan - Sponsored by: In memory of Grandma Irene Godfrey

1st John Fine Riversdale #731
2nd Darlene Stephens Hurricane Creek #608
3rd Elvaree Fine Hurricane Creek #608

Embroidered Baby Quilt - Sponsored by: Waltham Grange #416

1st Roberta O'Dell Santiam Valley #828
2nd Sara Wilson Columbia #867

Embroidery - Sponsored by: Julie Schnetzky

1st Doris Reid Columbia #867
2nd Sara Wilson Columbia #867
3rd Nadine Chapin Mohawk McKenzie #747

Hot Pad or Mitt - Any kind of fabric - Sponsored by: Baily Noah

1st Debbie Fiscus Fairfield #720
2nd Sara Wilson Columbia #867

Hot Pad or Mitt - Crocheted or knitted - Sponsored by: Baily Noah

1st Myra Boyd Riversdale #731
2nd Elvaree Fine Hurricane Creek #608

Misc. Crocheted/Knitted Items - Sponsored by: Malcom & Cookie Trupp

1st Myra Boyd Riversdale #731
2nd Beverly Reid Non-member Columbia #867
3rd Ed Schettig Beaver Creek #276

Pillowcases for our Troops - Sponsored by: Gail Wilson

1st Jeannie Alford Hurricane Creek #608
2nd Kathleen Weeks Hurricane Creek #608
3rd Debbi DeBoer Boulevard #389

Plastic Canvas - Sponsored by: Beaver Creek Grange #276

1st Linda Pugh Ada #570
2nd Sara Wilson Columbia #867
3rd Elizabeth Shaey Non-member Columbia #867

Premie Afghan & Hat - Sponsored by: Jan Oleson

1st Anna Massingham Jasper #532
2nd Patty Bunch Central Point #698

Purses and Totes - Sponsored by: Malcolm & Cookie Trupp

1st Jadala Coyle Lacombe #907
2nd Kiri Schnetzky Tigard #148
3rd Debbie Fiscus Fairfield #720

Quilts-Hand quilted by one - Sponsored by: Siletz Valley Grange #558

1st Debbie Fiscus Fairfield #720

Quilts-Tied by one or group - Sponsored by: Siletz Valley Grange

1st Debbie Fiscus Fairfield #720

Quilts-Machine quilted by one - Sponsored by: Siletz Valley Grange #558

1st Jeannie Alford Hurricane Creek #608
2nd Debbie Fiscus Fairfield #720
3rd Kaylee Fiscus Fairfield #720

Small Basketry - Sponsored by: Eagle Creek Grange #297

1st Barb Hicks Eagle Creek #297

Table Runner - Sponsored by: Ada Grange #570

1st Myra Boyd Riversdale #731
2nd Sara Wilson Columbia #867
3rd Debbie Fiscus Fairfield #720

National Quilt Block Contest

Pride of Quillisascut Block

1st Jeannie Taylor Spencer Creek #855
2nd Sen Speroff Skyline #894
3rd Tracy Waters Skyline #894

2019 Junior Award Theme: Ag Awareness Dairy Awareness



Above: The Juniors visited TMK Creamery in Canby on Sunday and talked with the owner about his cows. While there they got to name one of the baby calves, Sapphire.



R: Juniors made Dairy Awareness Collages.



Above: The Junior's scooped ice cream at the Pep Rally on Monday night.



Above: Wednesday afternoon the Juniors made ice cream in a bag. Taylor Elliott gives it a taste.



Above: Wednesday morning the Juniors made butter in a jar. Roman McKay shows his off.



Thursday morning the Juniors showed off their signs to promote dairy in everyday life.



L: Some of the Juniors and their leaders checking out the officer collars.

R: Monday the Juniors visited Fox Park and played in the splash pad

Below: The Juniors returned to the high school on the city bus. This was a first for a lot of them.



Above: On Tuesday the Juniors participated in the Tribute to Veterans and then took advantage of the Molalla Aquatic Center across the street to go swimming (L).



Above: Brother Bruce Croucher, the High Priest of Demeter, talked with the Juniors about his responsibilities at the National Grange and showed them the sacred volume.



Oregon Junior Grangers

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One Plus (1+) Juniors at Your Meeting? Start Here:

When someone of Junior age is visiting your meeting, follow the Grange salutation with the Junior salutation. Juniors are important in this organization; let's walk the talk.

My suggestion, of course, assumes that your Subordinate Grange opens meetings in some form that includes the salutation. There's value in starting out with a familiar pattern that literally puts everyone in the room on the same page. And although it's not appropriate to print the salutation or the pledge in a newspaper -- even this newspaper -- I can help any Subordinate Master receive it in an approved way.

Over the course of our convention in June we had sixteen Juniors for at least one day. Saturday, the first day, there were only six during the day, although several more were present for the kickoff banquet. Another six Juniors spent only one or two days with us. We focused on learning how to conduct a Grange meeting, so we had one every day. By the end of the week, we were even march-

ing in and out! Junior Grange follows the same order as Subordinate Grange, so now these Juniors have some skills you can tap if you need another person at opening or closing of your meeting.

Thanks to Ada #570, Crow #450, Irving #377, Clarkes #261, Fairmount #252, Columbia #867, White Eagle #683, Terrebonne #663, and Hurricane Creek #608 for sharing your delightful young folks with us this year at convention.

Thanks also to Heather Elliott of Ada, Veronica Ford and Vanessa Tritipo-Ford of Terrebonne, Kate McClain of Irving, and Steve McClain (unaffiliated up to now), who helped in the Junior room for the entire Molalla run.

And finally, thanks to Cookie Trupp for organizing the Talent Contest for Juniors as well as the grownups, to Margaret Clute and the GWA team for managing Junior entries in cooking and crafts, to Sen Speroff for handling our auction items, and to Bruce Wallace and JC Junkman for judging the Minecraft Contests. We couldn't have done it without you.

2019 OSG Junior Contest Winners

Junior Talent

Musical - Sponsored by: Malcolm & Cookie Trupp

1st	Noah Strasheim	Crow #450
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Minecraft - Sponsored by: Redland Grange #796

Ages 11-14	1st	Terry Elliott	Ada #570
Ages 8-10	1st	Aislin McClain	Irving #377
	2nd	Zachary Jacobson	Columbia #867
Ages 5-7	1st	Bennett McKay	Fairmount #252
	2nd	Riona McClain	Irving #377
	3rd	Jameson Wood	Hurricane Creek #608



Above: Oregon State Grange Membership Director David McBride worked with the Juniors on Rocketry.



Legislative Update

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As you can tell by reading this page and the rest of this issue of the Bulletin, the delegates to the recent Oregon State Grange convention dealt with a lot of issues. I have always maintained that the discussions, decisions, and actions of our State Grange convention are a reflection of our larger social and political environment, except that Grange does it better because we all agree to follow rules of order and civility.

This year's convention was an excellent example because we dealt with some very controversial issues and enough of the delegates reached consensus often enough to adopt 61 of the 90 resolutions presented. We didn't agree on everything 100%, but our session committees did their research and worked on the resolutions and gave us their recommendations, and then the delegates debated and amended (and amended amendments!) on the floor, and ultimately we got a lot of work done. My thanks to everyone who participated.

Thanks also to the Oregon State Grange Legislative committee, those in attendance at the Oregon State Grange convention and those who were unable to attend. District

6 director Scot Jacobson and Lobbyist John DeHaas set up our Legislative Committee display at the Trade Show on Monday night. It seemed like District 4 director Don Kingsborough was everywhere, probably because he was also on the Host Committee, but in addition he deserves cheers for being recognized as Oregon State Grange Volunteer of the Year! District 5 Director Dean High was in attendance all week, and District 2 Director Martin McClure and District 3 Director Orrin Schnetzky were each able to attend part of the week. One of our goals as a committee is to be a resource for you and I believe your District Directors accomplished that.

Save the Dates

This year our Grange Day at the Legislature and the Salute to Ag BBQ lunch at the Capital were both on less-than-desirable days due to construction-caused scheduling problems. We have already reserved days for these two events for the next full legislative session in 2021. Grange Day will be Thursday March 18, 2021 and the Ag BBQ will be Wednesday April 14, 2021. Save the dates!

Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2019 State Grange Convention

AG #2: Industrial Hemp

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support any legislation that allows the cultivation, processing and sale of industrial hemp to the fullest extent allowed by federal law.

AG #3: Develop a National Educational Program About Organic Products

Resolved: The National Grange lobby USDA to implement an educational program to help producers and consumers better understand the term "organic" and the scientific research concerning the differences between USDA certified organic and typical production.

AG #6: Create a GMO-Free Agricultural District for Rogue Valley

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports the citizens of the Rogue Valley in their efforts to create an agricultural district to prohibit the planting of any and all GMO plants, including trees and seeds. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange directs its lobbyist to support and assist Rogue Valley legislators in creating a special agricultural district.

AG #8: Prevent Neonicotinoids from Contaminating Water Sources

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange recognizes the harm caused by these systemic and persistent neonicotinoids, especially the toxicity of tap water when neonics are present. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange reaffirms its support for legislation to add neonicotinoids to the current list of 500 Restricted Use Pesticides and require anyone applying a product containing these pesticides to receive training and become licensed as a pesticide applicator. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange amends AG #5: *Active Support for Ending Neonicotinoid Use by General Public*, adopted in 2017, to include

this Resolution.

AG #9: Prohibit Aerial Herbicide Spraying on State-Owned Forest Lands

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that strictly regulates the aerial application of all herbicides and pesticides on all state lands in Oregon.

AG #10: Agricultural Improvement through Education about Bees, Regenerative Beekeeping and Forage

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange Agriculture Committee develop a program of education for the husbandry of bees to be made available to all Subordinate Granges. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange Agriculture Committee develop a program of education on regenerative gardening and agriculture to provide nutritious food and forage for pollinators and humans.

CO #3: Recycling Wasted Single-Use Aluminum Containers

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange lobby for or encourage any legislation that would put a deposit on single-use aluminum containers.

CO #4: Make All One-Time Plastics Returnable, Recyclable, or Compostable

Resolved: That all one-time use plastics, with the exception of those intended for medical or research use, be required to be either returnable, recyclable or compostable by the passing of state and national laws.

CO #5: Removal of Protections for Non-Native Fish

Resolved: That the Grange support the removal of all restrictions on the fishing for non-native species in Oregon waterways containing salmon, steelhead or endangered native fish. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council to establish a program similar to the Northern Pikeminnow Management Program to remove non-native fish from all Oregon waterways containing salmon and steelhead.

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CO #7: Weather Modification Technologies

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports full public disclosure of how, what, when, why and where any climate and weather modifications are being conducted by U.S. agencies.

CO #8: Reduction of Greenhouse Gases

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange recognizes the need for a climate system capable of sustaining human life, and the need for all greenhouse gas emission reduction targets to be based in science. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange encourages its members to act to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases from all sources.

EH #1: Support of Evidence-Based Efforts to Provide Health Care to all Oregon Residents

Resolved: That Oregon State Grange supports efforts of Oregon Legislative Assembly to develop and establish a healthcare system that: provides comprehensive health care to all individuals residing or working in Oregon, that is accessible, affordable, and ensures choice of providers for

individuals, families, government and businesses.

EH #2: Advocate for Ban on Direct to Consumer Marketing for Medication

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports statewide legislation to restrict or eliminate the practice of direct to consumer advertising for prescription drugs, as possible. And be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be brought forth to the National Grange so that the Grange may support national legislation to restrict or eliminate the practice of direct to consumer advertising for prescription drugs.

EH #3: Require Prescription Bottle Label Have Large Print Purpose and Drug Name

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange encourages legislation which would require prescription bottle labels have a large print portion stating the purpose of the medication and the name of the drug. And be it further

Resolved: That if adopted by the Oregon State Grange that this resolution will be forwarded to the National Grange.

EH #4: Oppose Any Legislation for Medicare For All

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange oppose any legislation for Medicare for All (M4A).

EH #5: Oppose Any Legislation for Free College for All

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation for free college for all.

EH #7: Agriculture in Schools

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports any legislation that directs funding for FFA and other agriculture education programs.

EH #8: Parent Choice

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports legislation that requires that parents be given detailed information about risk of side effects of each vaccine's ingredients and the diseases these would prevent so parents may make informed decision.

EH #9: Mandatory Immunization for K-12 School Attendance

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support and lobby for mandatory immunization of all students in public and private K-12 schools without legitimate medical exemptions, following the Center for Disease Control's immunization schedule. And be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be sent to the National Grange for their consideration.

FAI #1: Renew No Sales Tax Position

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange renew its No Sales Tax position within the Oregon State Grange Legislative Policy book. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange Lobbyist express this opinion at the State Legislature as necessary and as often as needed.

FAI #3: Oppose Mileage Tax

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange go on record as officially opposed to the mileage tax, which went into effect on July 1, 2018. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange Lobbyist and the Oregon State Grange Legislative Committee pursue some type of sponsorship of legislation from a representative or senator to have this tax measure repealed. And be it further

Resolved: That our Oregon State Grange Lobbyist report back to the 2020 State Session as to the results of the actions associated with this resolution.

LE #1: Oppose Any Legislation for Universal Basic Income/Guaranteed Income

Resolved: Oregon State Grange opposes any government provision of universal guaranteed income.

LE #2: Oppose Any Legislation for Free Jobs

Resolved: Oregon State Grange oppose any legislation for proposed guaranteed government jobs.

LE #4: Oppose Legislation Allowing Prisoners to Vote

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange opposes legislation allowing persons serving a term of incarceration for a felony conviction to vote while incarcerated.

LE #5: Oppose Lowering Voting Age

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation to lower the current voting age of 18 years at either state or national levels.

LE #7: Oppose Legislation Barring Candidates for Not Releasing Tax Returns

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange opposes any barring of candidates from ballots for not releasing federal tax returns.

LE #9: Court Appointed Special Advocate

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports legislation for state funding to both maintain current Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) and to recruit, train, and supervise a larger and more diverse group of new CASAs.

LE #10: Student Agriculture Protection Act

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange request the Oregon Congressional Delegation co-sponsor an amendment to include Grange Youth and the Grange Youth Fair Program in the Student Agriculture Protection Act. And be it further

Resolved: That a press release be sent to the local paper expressing our support and asking community members to contact their representatives to express their support.

LE #11: Harsher Punishments for False Accusations of Crimes

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports strengthening the punishment for falsely accusing someone of a crime.

LE #14: Prohibit Use of Glyphosate on Public Properties

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports education and promotes legislation and/or executive action prohibiting the use of glyphosate-containing products on public properties. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange requests that the National Grange pass this same resolution.

LE #16: Support Josephine County Resolution to Ban GMO Crops, Seeds, and Trees

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange request the Oregon State Legislature to change the law to allow Josephine County to regulate the planting of genetically engineered plants as approved by County voters in 2014. And be it further

Resolved: The State Grange Legislative team commit to support Our Family Farms, a statewide nonprofit, and other appropriate organizations to prepare legislation that will be actively supported by the Grange Legislative team in the 2020 or 2021 legislative session with sponsorship from Oregon legislative members.

LE #17: School Expenses and Funding Problems

Resolved: That this policy be reaffirmed:

During hard economic times, we support state funds to be used to eliminate the co-pay for school breakfasts and lunch for low-wage families to help thousands more Oregon children to be able to have a breakfast so that they can learn better in the classroom.

LE #18: School for the Deaf

Resolved: That this policy be reaffirmed:

The Oregon State Grange supports preserving the state budget to keep the Oregon School for the Deaf open.

LE #19: Social Security General Assistance

Resolved: That this policy be reaffirmed:

The Oregon State Grange supports restoring to an adequate level the General Assistance (GA) payments for adults conditionally approved to receive Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability.

LE #20: Federal Pension

Resolved: That this policy be reaffirmed:

The Oregon State Grange supports the addition of the crime of income tax evasion to the crimes listed in Public Law No. 110-81, the "Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007" in order that a **federal pension** not be given to any Congressmen and Senators convicted of income tax evasion.

LE #21: E-Verify Program

Resolved: That this policy be reaffirmed:

Oregon State Grange supports legislation requiring every employer in Oregon to use the E-Verify Program. Oregon State Grange supports legislation requiring every employer in Oregon to use the E-Verify Program.

LE #22: Increase WIC/Senior Farm Direct

Resolved: That this policy be reaffirmed:

We urge increased spending on the WIC/Senior Farm Direct Program to provide enough money to serve eligible seniors and eligible women and children to improve their health while also improving the farmers' livelihood.

LE #23: Firearms Licensing

Resolved: That this policy be reaffirmed:

We oppose passage of gun legislation before Congress that infringes upon our 2nd Amendment Gun Rights and if Congress will not reject these gun laws, we call upon the U.S. Supreme Court, through its judicial review process, to rescind these anti-gun laws.

LE #24: Wrongful Convictions/Innocent Project

Resolved: That this policy be reaffirmed:

We endorse the establishment of a Criminal Justice Reform Commission to identify the systemic causes of wrongful convictions and actively work with the Innocent Project to Exonerate the Innocent and that the related criminal record for someone wrongly convicted the crime(s) be expunged.

LE #25: Secure Residential Treatment Facility Communities Notification

Resolved: That this policy be reaffirmed:

We support legislation to require neighborhood and community notification before a Secure Residential Treatment Facility (SRTF) is sited and that the District Attorneys require the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) to give them 30-day notification before a conditional release hearing is held and that the local DA be notified of placement in addition to the DA in the county where the trial was held.

LE #26: Register to Vote

Resolved: That this policy be reaffirmed:

We endorse legislation that will require any citizen wishing to register to vote in Oregon to appear in person before a county elections office or local DMV Office and provide proof that they are a U.S. citizen, a resident of Oregon and at least 17 years-of-age.

LE #27: Emergency Clause

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange adopt the policy of favoring a two-thirds (2/3s) vote by both houses of the Oregon legislature in order to include emergency clause in any Oregon legislation. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon Legislature change their policy and their rules so that any legislative bill must pass by a two-third (2/3s) majority in order to carry the emergency clause. And it be further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange Standing Legislative Committee urge the Granges in their respective districts to contact their personal state legislators and inform them of this Oregon State Grange policy.

LE #28: Support for Rural Solutions to Climate Change

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports energy efficiency projects and agricultural solutions to address climate change, which improves the statewide economy and livability.

TU #1: Emergency Preparedness

Resolved: That since a large earthquake has the potential to destroy our fuel depot, freeways, bridges and hospitals that the Oregon State Grange make urgent emergency preparedness State Grange policy and lobby the Oregon state government and the legislature to make an urgent priority of carrying out and requiring these key elements of emergency/disaster preparedness, including hardening the state fuel depot and structural strengthening of freeways, overpasses, bridges and hospitals. And be it further

Resolved: That the OSG encourage all local Granges to lobby their local governments to carry out related emergency preparedness local plans. And be it further maintains the rights of veterans and that requires corporations and private companies that offer veterans discounts to not discriminate on veterans with a general or honorable discharge. And be it further

Resolved: That the OSG carry this issue to the National Grange convention and seek to make this National Grange policy and encourage every State Grange to lobby their state legislatures to take similar steps according to their state's needs.

TU #2: Advocate for Rural Broadband

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the Net Neutrality Act and will encourage any and all legislation which creates or restores laws which do not discriminate or charge differently by user, content, website, platform, application, type of attached equipment, or method of communication. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will advocate for and support a national Rural Broadband Act, on its own standing, or an amendment of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936. If this measure is passed at the Oregon State Grange Convention it will be presented at the 2019 National Grange Convention.

TU #4: Reaffirm Support of Open Range Law

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the Open Range Law. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange seek support for legislation that would compel rural counties within the State of Oregon to post reminder signs along county roads at 5-mile increments stating "Open Range Area" and also require the Oregon Department of Transportation to post reminder signs along Interstate 84 from Gilliam County to the Idaho state line at 20-mile increments stating "Open Range Area" by June of 2020. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange request the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles to emphasize the Open Range Law in its Motor Vehicle Driver's Handbook.

TU #6: Vernonia Junction Overpass

Resolved: The Oregon Department of Transportation reconsider placing an overpass at Vernonia Junction aka Staley's Junction (US 26, Sunset Highway and OR 47 Nehalem Highway) for better traffic flow and for the safety of those traveling east on US 26 as well as those going west. And be it further

Resolved: A copy of this resolution be sent to the Oregon Department of Transportation and US Department of Transportation for their reconsideration of this improvement.

TU #7: NW Germantown Road/NW Cornelius Pass Road Intersection

Resolved: That the intersection of NW Cornelius Pass Road, NW Germantown Road and NW Old Cornelius Pass Road be reconfigured to include a 4-way traffic signal (with no yellow flashing left-turn signal) and left turn lanes. And be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Land Use and Transportation Department of Washington County, Department of Land Use and Transportation of Multnomah County, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

TU #8: Increased Vehicle Registration and Title Fees

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange opposes increased vehicle registration and title fees.

TU #9: Road Hazards and Road Work

Resolved: That this policy be reaffirmed:

When slow moving vehicle signs are being used as driveway signs (State law states that they are only to be used on slow moving vehicles) that any state, county, or local police entity may put a warning note on the sign that they be removed or the next time will result in a fine.

VE #1: Veterans Anti-Discrimination

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports legislation that maintains the rights of veterans and that requires corporations and private companies that offer veterans discounts to not discriminate on veterans with a general or honorable discharge.

VE #2: Veterans to Farm

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports legislation that unites veterans and farmlands, through such organizations as Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Farmer Veteran Coalition and Farmlink to bring farmers without a succession plan to veterans and their families transitioning from military service.

Government Affairs

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Recap for the Oregon State Capitol 2019

Hello Grangers,

I want to take this time to thank all of you who made to the Oregon State Grange Convention. We all had a fantastic time. It was great to re-connect with old friends and meet up with new ones. The host Granges did a spectacular job in setting it all up and handling any concerns that came up. A special shout out to Clarkes Grange for the food, it was Awesome.

Now on to the State Capitol business. There were a lot of fireworks this session, with the Republicans walking out and standing their ground on HB 2020. They did come back at the end and they were able to get their work done by the end of the session on June 30, 2019. Here is a little re-cap on their bills that passed this session.

Health Care

- HB 2010:** Long-term funding for the Oregon Health Plan.
- HB 2270:** Increases tobacco tax & finally institutes a tax on vaping productions to help fund the OHP and smoking cessation programs.
- HB 3273:** Directs manufacturers of prescription drugs sold in the state to develop, implement and fund a drug take-back program
- HB 2658:** Requires pharmaceutical manufacturers to give at least 60-day notice before raising the prices of certain prescription drugs.
- SB 770:** Establishes Task Force on Universal Health Care charged with recommending to Legislative Assembly the design of a Health Care for All Oregon Plan.
- SB 9:** Allows pharmacists to prescribe and dispense emergency refills of insulin and associated insulin-related devices and supplies
- SB 889:** Establishes healthcare cost growth benchmark to keep down the cost of care in the state of Oregon

Educational/Housing

- HB 3427:** Student Success Act creates dedicated, sustainable funding for schools
- HB 2876:** Requires each school district to provide a coordinated comprehensive school-counseling program
- HB 2213:** Requires community colleges and public universities to establish textbook affordability

- SB 664:** Requires genocide education in all school districts in Oregon
- SB 52:** Adi's Act provides support to all schools to prevent youth suicide.
- HB 2001:** Requires cities with a population greater than or equal to 25k to permit the development of all middle housing types in residential-zoned areas that allow for detached single-family homes
- SB 608:** Establishes a statewide rent stabilization law
- HB 5005:** Funding for the Clackamas County Court-house

Campaign Finance Reform

- SJR 18:** Constitutional amendment allowing campaign donation limits
- HB 2983:** Transparency for campaign donations
- HB 2716:** Transparency for campaign communications

Protect Oregon's Environment

- HB 2007:** Invests in clean diesel upgrades to reduce carbon emissions by requiring certain motor vehicle users in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties to transition to clean diesel engines.
- HB 2623:** Puts a moratorium on fracking in Oregon
- HB 2250:** Oregon Environmental Protection Act to protect against federal rollbacks of environmental policies
- HB 2509:** Bans single-use plastic bags across the state
- SB 90:** Prohibits plastic straws except on request
- SB 256:** Continues the ban on off-shore oil-drilling

Build Safe Thriving Communities

- HB 2005:** Paid Family & Medical Leave insurance plan.
- HB 2016:** Public Worker Protection Act protects workers' right to participate in labor unions
- HB 2015:** Allows Oregon residents who pass written and driving tests, pay the fees, and provide proof of identity and residency to receive a standard driver's license
- HB 2013:** Clarifies law to keep guns out of those convicted of domestic violence.

Thank You All for the privilege to be your lobbyist. Until next time. Happy Trails

Attention RVers

Klamath Falls here we come. The 2020 Oregon State Grange Convention will be held at the Klamath County Fairgrounds June 20-25th.

Information on hotels was available at this year's convention and will be available on the State Grange website. District #5 now has information about onsite camping, costs and availability. Contact camp host Dean High. Call or Text: 541.591.3300



Members for District #5 Granges invited the state Grange to Klamath Fall for next year's convention.

Ice Cream and Goat Poop Bingo

Forest Grove Grange #282, Washington County, will be having an Ice Cream Social and Goat Poop Bingo on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from noon until 4pm. All are invited to come.



Morning Star to Hold Dinner

Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County invites you to come join them for a pulled pork pinner

this Grange's continued activities through this fundraiser.

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Sunday September 15th from 1 to 4 pm. Menu includes Pulled pork, of course, side dishes, salads, roll, and dessert including pies and cookies. Beverages are part of the meal with choice of coffee, tea, water or soda.

Cost is \$8.00 for the full meal. "To Go/Carry Out" meals are available.

Take this opportunity to visit, learn about and "Come Together at the Grange." As well as support

See you at the Grange Hall
38794 Morningstar RD NE
Millersburg, Oregon

Raffle & Door Prizes too!!

Maplewood Schedules Open House

Maplewood Grange #662, Clackamas County, will be holding an Open House BBQ on Saturday September 21st from 5-8pm. Everyone is welcome to join them at their hall: 25480 S Hwy 99E in Aurora.

Evening events include recognizing Sandy Shew's 50 years of membership and service to the Grange. They will enjoy demonstrations by the groups that that use the hall. Drawings for door prizes will be held every hour.

Questions? Contact:
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GRANGE MEMBERSHIP MAY CAUSE
PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND
COMMUNITY PRIDE





Membership Matters

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2019 Oregon State Grange Convention Membership Committee Report

When asked to serve as Membership Committee Director last June, I did not fully understand what would be involved in the appointment. After considering the opportunity for a few days, I realized that it would be a challenge, but I answered with the traditional reply: "I'd be delighted." This role has been a very educational opportunity for me.

Master Susan Noah provided Membership Committee materials and descriptions of expectations for the committee. These tools helped me understand what would be involved in working with the Membership Team. I asked many of the previous committee members to remain to help with the transition. Jeff Dehne in District 2 and Myrna Colvin with District 5 each agreed to continue. Their experience has been very helpful in learning what needs to be accomplished during the year. Another experienced Granger, Val Richmond, agreed to serve as the chair of District 6.

In August, I had the opportunity to host at the Grange Log Cabin during the Oregon State Fair. Hosting the Log Cabin was a rewarding time to speak with visitors, and learn more about the views and questions the public has about the Grange. This event is a great chance to meet with people, show them Grange locations throughout the State, and discuss how our Granges are meeting the needs of their local communities. These conversations gave me insight into things that interest non-members about the Grange.

La Pine, Oregon was the site of our Directors' Retreat in September. It was a two day gathering of Committee Directors and the State Master to discuss State Grange topics. I enjoyed watching how these Grangers from throughout Oregon joined together in developing plans. Among the items we brainstormed was the theme for this year's membership campaign, "Come Together at the Grange." The campaign has the goal of encouraging new membership by demonstrating how Granges can bring communities together by providing activities, offering platforms to discuss topics of interest, and serving the needs of their communities.

I had the pleasure of attending the 2018 National Grange Convention in Stowe, Vermont. It was amazing to me how the reasoning behind the "Come Together at the Grange" program was reiterated at national level. We met with author Walter Boomsa, a Maine Communications Committee Director, who has written a book entitled "Exploring Traditions – Celebrating the Grange Way of Life." In his book, the author discusses how Grange traditions and rituals demonstrate the way that Grangers work together for the mutual benefit of individuals and communities.

During the National Convention, I also attended a Membership workshop presented by National Membership Committee Director Joe Stefanoni. He discussed the generational differences in why individuals wish to join the Grange and different approaches in membership recruitment that may be more effective with younger generations. During dinner with Joe and his mother, we learned of an active Grange friend of theirs who had recently moved to southern Oregon, Jerry Allen. I contacted Jerry and he was willing to serve as Membership chair from District 1. The National Convention was a wonderful learning experience for me.

At the "Come Together at the Grange" roll-out workshop of State Officers and Directors, I met Wayne Clemmer. Wayne was willing to serve as the District 3 chair on the Membership Committee. As committee members, we have made over 20 visits to various Granges. These visits have been always been interesting and informative to me as I have learned how others are serving their communities. We look forward to visiting more meetings in the future.

As is evident in this narrative of the many learning experiences I have enjoyed during this year on the Membership Committee, instead of saying "I would be delighted to serve" it would have been more fitting to say, "I will be enlightened." The Grange Founders recognized this need for life-long learning by designing the Lecturer as an important position in our organization.

OSG 2019 Membership Awards

The 2019 Oregon State Grange membership awards are based on membership numbers at the end of the fourth quarter of 2018. All Granges received certificates recognizing their percent of net increase and the top four received cash awards.

Hillsboro #73	64%	\$100.00 cash award
Fort Union #953	38%	\$75.00 cash award
Creswell #496	35%	\$50.00 cash award
Pleasant Grove #475	31%	\$25.00 cash award

Granges with a 15% or more net gain in Membership

Coburg West Point #535, Lane County	30%
Live Oak #655, Jackson County	26%
Fruitdale #379, Josephine County	24%
Molalla #310, Clackamas County	21%
Harding #122, Clackamas County	21%
Forest Grove #282, Washington County	20%
Columbia #267, Multnomah County	20%
Bellview #759, Jackson County	20%
Lexington #726, Moro County	18%
Pine Forest #632, Deschutes County	17%
Skyline #894, Multnomah County	16%
Fairview #273, Tillamook County	15%
Cherry Park #667, Wasco County	15%



L-R: These Granges were honored for their net gain at the Membership Luncheon during state convention in Molalla. Front row: Martin McClure, Lane Pomona Master picking up for Coburg West Point #535; Carmel Valencia, Jackson County Pomona Master picking up for Live Oak #655; Belinda Sanchez, Hillsboro #73 and Margaret Clute, Forest Grove #282. Back row: Don Sether, Molalla #310; Myrna Colvin picking up for Pine Forest #632; Sen Spenoff, Skyline #894 and Patrick Darth, Creswell #496.

Editor Selected to Assist With Membership

By Joe Stefanoni, Membership & Leadership Development Director

With more than 1,700 Community Granges spread across 36 states it is at times difficult for the membership director to have contact with most of those Granges. This distance also makes it difficult to craft effective programming for all Granges to use.

Not that far back in our history as an organization it was not uncommon for National Grange departments to have a committee of members from across the nation to assist the director in program development and act as a brain trust. When I was rehired as Membership Director, one of my priorities was to find a way to increase both the effectiveness and presence of the National Grange membership department.

Over the past few months, I have been looking for volunteers in each region to be a regional assistant, and

member of this unofficial committee. With an assistant in each region, this will create more opportunities for the National Grange membership department for representation and interaction at the local level.

These regional assistants will also take some of the events from the Membership Director's schedule such as the regional conferences and other state events. This added time will allow the National Grange Membership Director to represent the National Grange at events to promote our organization to those who are not yet connected to our fraternal ties.

Recently, Sister Suzy Ramm of Oregon was brought on as the membership assistant for the western region that includes Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana and Nevada.

Membership Contest For All Granges

By Joe Stefenoni, National Grange Leadership/Membership Director

Summer events are the perfect opportunity for your Grange to share the Grange story with your community. Summer offers the opportunity for mostly any event that your Grange could imagine. Consider holding an open house for the community (and prospective members) to come visit your Grange. Why hold an open house? There's a myriad of reasons, but open houses are an efficient and easy way for your Grange to showcase what your Grange is doing to improve your community and to show off your Grange hall, which is an asset to the community. An open house is also a good opportunity for your Grange to create a display that can be used at other events to promote your Grange. Other summer events could be an old fashioned ice-cream social, a 4th of July hamburger & hot dog BBQ, a meet and greet with local politicians, or movie nights for the whole family.

As with every event your Grange hosts, set a budget for your open house and take into account the cost of promotional materials and give away items. Create a short program of activities for the event including a welcome and introduction from a Grange leader (the Master/President, membership chairperson, etc.), a short introduction to what the Grange is and what you do and finally information about becoming a member of your Grange and the benefits associated with being a Grange member. Before your event, reach out to local television, radio and newspapers to let them know about your event and any special information related to your Grange (your longevity in the community, a special guest speaker or topic of the day)

A crucial part of successfully sharing information about your Grange activities is an engaging display. Your Grange display can be anything from a table with information on Grange membership and programs to a video with a collection of pictures detailing your Grange's history and activities. No matter how intricate your display is, it should be visually appealing with eye-catching images and not too many words. Also have available at your display and around the room informational materials about the Grange that a prospective member could read, take home or share. Brochures can be purchased from the National Grange if your Grange doesn't have its own membership materials.

Creating a display to promote your Grange has long-term benefits. Most importantly, it is a resource for your Grange to use at other events in your community. By attending community events, you build recognition of the Grange name and activities

on which to base your membership recruiting efforts. Secondly, the National Grange membership department contest in 2019 is to create a membership display that promotes your Grange.

The goal of this contest is to create a display promoting your Grange and to use it in the community your Grange serves. Grange displays should promote the active role your Grange takes in its community by highlighting the activities and functions your Grange puts on, the community service projects it engages in, and the future vision of the membership. The displays can also briefly highlight the history of the organization. Displays should be visually appealing, including pictures to enhance the viewer's experience.

Displays can be both active and passive in nature. Active displays are ones where Grange members are there to talk to potential new members and answer any questions about what your Grange does. Passive displays are ones that are set up for the public to view without anyone being there to answer potential questions. Both displays should have the information necessary for someone to find out more information about your Grange including, but not limited to: website, meeting date & time, email, social media addresses, etc. Displays should also be stocked with pamphlets about the Grange and membership applications for anyone wishing to fill one out.

In developing your display, consider what your Grange does to improve your community and the things that would entice people to join your Grange and become active members. Also consider what are the outcomes of being a Grange member, not just the features of membership.

There are two categories to this contest.

- 1) Digital Displays
- 2) Non-Digital Displays

Digital displays can be a video, or a collection of images and text that showcase what your Grange does to serve its members and better its community. Digital displays can be created in a variety of programs including, but not limited to: Microsoft PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Slides, Keynote, iMovie, Adobe Spark, Windows Movie Maker, and Impress. Digital displays can also have audio laid over the images with a narrator explaining the outcomes of being a Grange member and why someone should join the Grange. Digital displays should be viewed on a laptop computer or TV screen that is set up at the events your Grange is working.

To enter this contest, please sub-

GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"

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The Oregon GROW Club has several events on their calendar during the upcoming months.

We will be exemplifying the first four degrees on Saturday August 10th at McMinnville Grange starting at 1pm. Thank you to all those members that have stepped up and filled a position on the team.

Following will be an Ice Cream Social on Sunday August 18th as part of Hurricane Creek Grange's Community BBQ picnic. It will be held at their hall, 82930 Airport Lane in Joseph. The BBQ is scheduled to start at 1pm with the ice cream being served around 2-3pm.

On Saturday June 29th The GROW Club served an Ice Cream Social at Riversdale Grange #731. The ice cream social was a part of a fundraiser for their new scholarship fund. Thank you, Jim and Margaret Clute, for taking charge of this event.

The National GROW Club is seeking donation for the silent auction at National Convention to raise funds for scholarships. This past year they were able to give scholarships to two youth members for education and two members for travel

to National Session. The education scholarships were valued at \$500 each, while, the travel scholarships were valued at \$350.

The Club's annual fundraisers include selling 50/50 raffle tickets throughout the year across the nation and holding a silent auction during the National Grange Convention. In order, to continue to support the Youth and Young Adults they need sponsors from across the country for the silent auction. Sponsors can donate items or monetary gifts which will be used to purchase items in the hosting region. The funds raised will continue to allow them to award education and travel scholarships to Youth and Young Adult members throughout the country.

Monetary donations can be sent directly to the National Grange (1616 H Street NW Washington, DC 20006) with "GROW Club" on the memo line.

In the past they have had the following items donated: Grange Memorabilia, Jewelry, Gift baskets, Wine, gifts from your home state. The club hopes you will decide to sponsor items to assist them this year.



Jim Clute with granddaughter Emily Clute serving ice cream at Riversdale Grange.

mit to the National Grange Membership Director a short (up to two (2) page) write-up of where your Grange placed its display and what interest the display generated; did you take in new members? Develop new contacts within your community? Develop a new program based on the needs of your community members? Along with the write-up please submit up to five (5) photos of your Grange display in action.

Digital displays need to be created in some form of digital media that can be universally shared and

viewed. If your Grange created an information or membership pamphlet specific for your Grange to go along with your display, please include it as well.

The top four displays in each category will be displayed in the Showcase at the 153rd National Grange Convention. Contest entries are due to the National Grange Membership Director no later than September 30, 2019. Watch the National Grange's Patrons Chain in the future for more information regarding contest submission.

Veterans

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OSG Session

On Friday prior to convention, Grange members toured the Veterans Village near Clackamas with facilities for temporarily housing fifteen Veterans as they transition from street life to accommodations and a lifestyle capable of supporting themselves as they venture forth in life. The Village features a commons area with cooking, exercise, laundry, study and sanitation areas then separate sleeping houses (approximately 8'x 8') to provide a little privacy. On site counseling and job search support assist in easing and expediting the process as well. During the tour we presented the Village with a POW/MIA flag to be flown on the new flag pole that Clackamas County Grangers helped put up. Then after convention was over the entries from the Pillowcases for Our Troops contest were taken to the Veterans Village.

"I delivered the pillow cases to the Veterans' Transitional Village on Friday afternoon. James at the village was most thankful and assured me that the residents would really like them. There were enough, over twenty for all the current residents and some new residents to come. AND they are incredibly beautiful. Thank you for thinking of the Vets at the village". Don Kingsborough

If anyone or a group is interested in information about creating another Veterans Village feel free to contact Don or myself and we can put you in contact with those in the know.

During the session, resolutions relating to Veterans were discussed. One sought to prevent businesses that give discounts from discriminating against Veterans based on type of discharge, and another encouraged legislation to assist Veterans in going back to farming and the farm lifestyle.

Next year District 5 is planning a super tour to the airbase in Klamath Falls, more to follow later.

Original GI Bill Turns 75

19 Jun 2019 by Richard.Sisk@Military.com

In marking the 75th anniversary of the original GI Bill, a top Department of Veterans Affairs official pointed to a glaring difference between the post-World War II and post-9/11 versions, the small-business option. Paul Lawrence, head of the Veterans Benefit Administration, said, "One of the things I get asked about wherever I go is: 'Why can't I use the GI Bill to start a business?'" "It once was in the bill" signed on June 22, 1944, by Pres-

ident Franklin D. Roosevelt in the form of a small loan as startup capital, formally called the "Service-men's Readjustment Act."

Lawrence, an Army veteran and the main administrator of the current GI Bill, noted that previous forum panelists from the business community, government and veterans advocacy groups had said that "half of all the World War II veterans started a business. The law in 1944 enabled it, and it begs the question: if it was so popular, why can't we do it? Previous efforts in Congress to expand benefits under the current GI Bill to allow veterans to use education funds for small-business startups have died in committee. The former undersecretary of the Army, said that access to capital is a major hurdle for veterans in starting their own businesses. FDR's foresight was the single largest investment in an educated workforce in American history." For every dollar spent on their education, the post-WWII veterans returned seven to the economy.

Careers at Ace Hardware for Veterans

People are the foundation of what makes Ace great. What sets them apart are the values they live by every day, many of which likely contributed to a successful military career – Winning, Excellence, Love, Integrity, Gratitude, Humility and Teamwork. Ace Hardware is proud to help our country's heroes as they transition to new careers. If you're passionate about your career and want to contribute to a company you can believe in, consider sharing your talent with them. I include the name of this company because Ace is located in many small communities throughout Oregon whereas some of the other businesses that offer Veteran hiring programs, I have no clue where they are located let alone what they even do.



The first-place winner in the Pillowcases for our Troops was made by Jeannie Alford of Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County.

Central Holds Veterans Fundraiser

Central Grange #360, Lane County, held a Spaghetti Dinner and Dance on Saturday, May 18 with proceeds going to their Veterans Projects. They served over 100 dinners with Veterans eating free. Music for the evening was provided by Classic Country for listening and dancing pleasure.



It was such a great event! All of their members got involved in one way or another and "Came Together At The Grange!"

L: Central's Veterans Committee Chairman Lloyd Anderson and his wife Beth. They are also members of the Classic Country band that played for the event.

Veterans and Agriculture - the Farmer Veteran Coalition

Farmer Veteran Coalition looks to the Grange to help lead the way for an Oregon Chapter to fully organize. Sean Burris District 1 Veterans chair and Misty Burris members of both Riversdale #731 and Creswell #496 Granges, attended the presentation and initial organizing meeting held by Risk Management Agency, Farmer Veteran Coalition-Washington State Chapter and USDA at the National Guard Armory in Corvallis on June 29th.

Presentations and topics discussed included ODVA for veteran benefits, ODA regarding production regulation and reporting, Risk Management discussed the component of crop insurance including industrial hemp. After the presentation, people including Misty and Sean, opened the discussion to formally organize the Oregon State chapter of the Farmer Veteran Coalition.

Washington State chapter representatives encouraged the eager group to organize a statewide symposium to offer an opportunity to all individuals, organizations, departments and legislators interested to discuss vision, mission and goals.

The Washington State chapter of the FVC has been organized for five years and is accomplishing some major goals including but hardly limited to farm succession and veterans to agriculture. The organizing group has begun planning to hold a statewide discussion at the Armory during the 2020 AG Fest. Membership in the Farmer Veteran Coalition is a free and is open to all who support farmers, veterans and agriculture. Learn more about FVC online at www.farmvetco.org or contact Misty and Sean at 541-530-3613 oregoninstitute@gatherandalign.org

Springwater Commits to Quarterly Sunday Dinner at Veterans Village

On July 7th Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County provided a summer bar-be-que dinner at the Clackamas County Veterans Transitional Housing Village. This was the first of a once a quarter dinner that the Grange members have committed to provide. Next dinner will be the first Sunday in October.



Veterans at the village enjoyed the summer bar-be-que.



Grange Youth & Young Adults

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As we have just returned from our own Oregon State Grange convention and looking forward to travelling to Montana for Western Regionals, here is a synopsis of our wonderful time.

Saturday evening the 2019 Oregon State Grange Youth officers were announced, this year being led by Master Jessie Jo Guttridge. Then after the Talent show the Youth and Young Adults part of the program took place. We had three youth who wanted to participate in the new Grange Baseball. The contest is open to all ages, so to fill out the five member teams some of our youth grabbed members of the audience to play. They were all good sports about it and realized that the questions asked weren't as easy as they thought they would be. After all was done, the three youth that participated will be able to compete at Western Regionals in August. They are: **Maggie Swartzendruber** - Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County; **Lexie Suing** - Crow Grange #450, Lane County and **Riley Reynolds** - Santiam Valley Grange #828, Linn County.

The results of Baseball were as follows:

Team A

John Fine 500 points
Lexie Suing 300 points
Maggie Swartzendruber 200 points
Roger Wilson, 200 points
Wayne Cabler 0 points

Team B

Suzi Ramm 800 points
Carol Everman 600 points
Sandi Ludi 300 points
Mark Noah 200 points
Riley Reynolds 100 points

Sadly, we had no Public Speaking participants this year, hopefully next year we will. But Lexie Suing competed in the Sign-a-Song contest and had enough points to continue and compete at Western Regionals.

Good luck to our contestants, I know they will have a fun time and represent us well.

Sunday through Wednesday mornings our Youth officers had practice, under the direction of Ed Luttrell. This team was spot on from the first practice and did an amazing job.

We had many Youth and Young Adults who were delegates, some others could be found helping the State Lecturer or the State Treasurer, assisting with the daily luncheons, or helping with the Junior Grangers in the Junior room. These young people were busy all week,

yet took time out to help at the Youth table selling binders, help receive and later count all of the wonderful clothing items received for "Keeping Oregon Warm", painted "Socks for Seniors" that were taken to a local care facility, helped serve lunch at "Our Fathers Harvest" one afternoon, and learned about Life 101 skills from Roger Wilson (changing a tire and checking your oil and tire pressure) and myself (sewing on a button and talking about finances). They got to get away for a couple hours and enjoy a BBQ and playing Corn Hole and Disc golf in the local park and then talked to Grangers about the Youth department at the trade show. They helped the Juniors march in, open Junior Grange and participated in the Junior welcoming ceremony. They sold lots and lots of last-minute Goodie Basket tickets.

Wednesday was the Youth's day to shine. They had everyone smiling and clapping from their opening drill, to Uptown Funk, to their closing drill, to Can't Stop the Feeling. Oh, and opened the 4th day of the 146th annual Oregon State Grange convention beautifully and correctly. Presented to the Masters station were High Priest of Demeter Bruce Croucher and his wife Sharon, National Executive committee member and Oregon State Grange Master Susan Noah and her husband Mark, and myself.

All of our guests talked about their time as Youth Grangers and applauded our Youth for a job well done. I gave my annual report, highlighting the previous year's activities.

The highlight of our week is our Youth luncheon. Many thanks went out to the Youth committee for all of their continued love and support of the Youth. putting together amazing Goodie Baskets, and their valuable help to me. Also, to the week's helpers, Ed Luttrell for doing an outstanding job as the Officers Corp coach, David Wallace, for being at practice every morning as the sound man, and to Linda Wetzell for playing the piano for the flag, bible, and presenting guests portions of the Youth opening.

Thanks so very much to all of the Granges and Grangers who generously donate to the "Keeping Oregon Warm". I know I will be in trouble for this but I must say a special thank you to Little Deschutes Grange. They have taken this project to heart and each year bring in bags and bags of scarves, hats, etc... Almost all of the items we received



Above: Life 101 Skills workshop with Roger Wilson showing the youth car care stuff - changing a tire, checking the oil and tire pressure.



Jade Naylor and JC Junkman with their "Socks for Seniors."



Youth BBQ included Corn Hole and Disc golf in the local park.

Below: Counting and boxing "Keeping Oregon Warm" donations. There were 600 hats, 29 pairs of gloves, 152 scarves, 90 pairs of socks and 60 headband.



from them were handmade, meaning many precious hours of knitting or crocheting to help out our friends in need, this year in District # 4. We look forward to continuing this worthwhile project.

We also thank each and every Grange, Pomona or Subordinate, and Grangers who donate monies or items to our Goodie Baskets. As many of you know this money goes into a fund that allows our Youth and Young Adults to travel to Western Regionals and National Grange Convention and to Granges in our own state as needed. Thank you doesn't come close to how much we appreciate this.

Now to the fun part. This year's

Goodie Basket winners were: 1st - Richard McDonnell, 2nd - Phil Van Buren, 3rd - Mysti Kahler, 4th - Steven Kehncook, 5th - Lexie Suing, 6th - Brandie Trumbull. Congratulations to all of our winners

I'm looking forward to another fun year with the Youth committee and travelling to Montana with our contest winners, stay tuned for results. If any Youth or Young Adult participates in a County Fair, a community fair, or local Grange event, let us know. We would love to showcase and applaud their efforts.

Until next time, remember to ask a Youth. I know they will "Be Delighted".

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Grange Veterans Recognized



State Grange Auction

**State Grange Veterans Tour
Presentation of POW/MIA Flag**



**FFA
Public Speaker**



**Idaho
State Master**



**National Grange
High Priest
of Demeter**



**California
State Master**



**Tuesday's Benefit
Breakfast**

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.

Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	August 10	10:30 AM	Missouri Flat Grange
Benton #36	October 19	10:30 AM	Marys River Grange
Clackamas #1	September 28	6:00 PM	Redland Grange
Columbia #18	November 3	10:00 AM	Beaver Valley Grange
Deschutes #25	August 10	11:30 AM	Midland Grange
Douglas #13	October 26	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange
Jackson #27	September 28	2:00 PM	Phoenix Grange
Josephine #20	October 5	9:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	October 12	10:00 AM	Dorena Grange
Lincoln #10	August 17	10:30 AM	Salmon River Grange
Linn #12	October 12	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	October 10	10:00 AM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9	October 12	3:00 PM	Fairview Grange
Umatilla-Morrow #26	August 24	10:30 AM	Boardman Park
Willowa #22	October 12	10:00 AM	North End Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	October 26	10:00 AM	Aloha Grange

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