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News about the Grange

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Silverton Grange Hosts Eclipse Watchers, Raises \$3,652

Silverton Grange #748 in Marion County, hosted an Eclipse Viewing event on August 20 thrught the 21st using AIRBNB for registration. There were ten campsites on the grounds; with the campsite, a farm to table supper and breakfast was included for the cost of \$350 for one night. All totaled there were about 40 visitors for the eclipse viewing. Located in the area of totality and away from city lights the Grange was the perfect spot for viewing.

All sites were rented very quickly by families visiting from San Diego, CA to Seattle, WA. Grange members were amazed at the enthusiasm as there several cancellations but the spaces were rented again before the Grange knew of the cancellation.

Randi Embree, Jan McCorkle and Ann Durrant spent several days laying in supplies and developing the menu, not to mention cooking. The evening menu featured enchiladas and tacos made with local organic free range chicken and grass fed beef. Breakfast was frittatas and sausages with a variety of homemade muffins.

Aaron Embree and Tom Deines acted as kitchen help and camp hosts answering questions and giving directions to local attractions. None of the campers had ever had any contact with the Grange so there

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Total solar eclipse at 10:18am Jacob Reed Photos

were many questions that they were able to answer. It turned out for several visitors the idea of a fundraiser for the Grange was the main reason for registering at that location.

As the eclipse approached, excitement kept growing. Campers were drumming, playing guitars and didgiridus while Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of the Moon* was playing on the radio.

And then it was over and gone; the campers left quickly trying to avoid the rush and the camp hosts feeling "Come on back. We were having so much fun." It has been proposed that next year the Grange host an eclipse survivor reunion.

Proceeds from the event will be used to cover the close to \$3,000 it will take to repair the soffits and porch on the Grange hall.



About 40 visitors along with Grange members stood on the lawn in front of the Grange hall watching the eclipse.

Jacob Reed Photos

Grangers Help During Oregon Fires

It has been a hot dry summer this year in Oregon and many communities have seen wildfires nearby. Two fires in particular threatened Grange members' homes and farms. And Grangers stepped up to help out where needed.

Eagle Creek Fire

The Eagle Creek Fire is an ongoing wildfire in the Columbia River Gorge area of Multnomah and Hood River Counties. The fire was reported on September 2nd. As of September 26th, the fire has covered approximately 48,573-acres and is 46% contained.

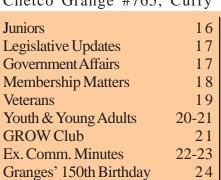
Rockford Grange #501, Hood River County, members were called into action during the height of the Eagle Creek Fire that threatened the Hood River Valley. While some of their members were evacuated, and some put on notice to evacuate, others volunteered their time with the local Emergency Operation Center. Members Theresa North, Margie Dogotch, Barb Williams, Danielle Vaughn, Mark England and Linda Short, worked the call center assisting first responders. Thousands of calls coame in from all over the region offering help.

Rockford Grange was also offered as an evacuation shelter while some of their members were able to move equipment and vehicles to the parking lot during the threat. The Grange is very proud of their members who answered the call for help for vulnerable Grange members as well as providing assisted to the community.

Chetco Bar Fire

The Chetco Bar Fire is a wildfire currently burning in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. The fire was first reported on July 12th. As of Sept 25th it had burned about 191,067 acres and is 97% contained.

Chetco Grange #765, Curry





Picture taken on September 10th off the back deck of the Griffith home of helicopters retrieving water used to help put out the hot spots up on Mt. Emily.

County, reported three members left their homes for a short period of time under a level three evacuation notice; two were able to return when it was reduced to a level two.

One member has five dogs and left Oregon and stayed in Crescent City, California with a friend who had a large yard and could watch over them while the member commuted back into Brookings.

As of now all members are safe with no property damage. Six families in the community lost their homes. The citizens have donated money, food, and clothing to help, but there was no loss of life. The Grange parking lot was used as a staging site for check in during the fire. There is still some danger and the Grange stands ready to help members and the community as needed.

Grange President Sandy Griffith and her husband were in a level three evacuation area right after the fire started. They were notified to evacuate and they chose to stay to protect their three homes that were in danger.

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The Master's Column

Susan Noah master@orgrange.org

President ~ Oregon State Grange

The program Directors of the Oregon State Grange and I recently developed a new Mission Statement for the Grange in Oregon:

Oregon Granges support communities. We are family friendly, nonpartisan, nondenominational, with membership open to all. With roots in our community, we bring neighbors together to meet local needs.

Final push for a Net Gain!

Remember that all members gained through the end of December count toward your membership gain in the Grange Up program! The Grange with the highest percentage of increase will receive \$750, second place \$500 and third place \$250. Plus the top Grange in each of our six districts that does not win cash will receive an ice cream social for an event of their choosing. On another page in this paper you will see the names of the Granges who have already shown an increase in membership. Is your Grange on the list? My hope is that by the end of the year every Grange shows an increase!

Keeping the Momentum Going

Retreat attendees agreed that we needed to keep the GrangeUp momentum going. The Directors and I are currently developing a "Grange Connections" program for 2018. It will encourage visits between Granges at all levels. Look for more information around the first of the year.

Election of Officers

Many of our Community and Pomona Granges are getting ready to elect officers. This is an important job for your Grange. I hope every member makes the attempt to take part. Elections of Community and Pomona Granges need to be held in compliance with our by-laws. This will ensure that all have a voice. The Master/President will call for nominations of each officer in their turn; a paper ballot will be taken and counted so that all hear the results. When a majority is reached, the Master will proceed to the next officer. For a Grange with 12-20 members this should take only about 20 to 30 minutes. More information may be obtained on voting at the OSG website: under Members' Info/Subordinate/ Community Grange Information scroll down to

Granges will be receiving information for State Officer nominations before the end of October. Your Grange will have November, December and most of January to make your nominations and to return the

form to the State Office. Holding an office in the Oregon State Grange is truly an honor. I hope that we see an increase in nominations and in those who accept nomination. We are the only Grange state that allows its members to vote on their State Grange leadership at the Subordinate/ Community level. All other states allow only the delegates to their convention to vote. I believe that this grassroots effort has served us well and will continue to do so as long as we all take part. Encourage your Grange to take the time to nominate and encourage one or more of your members to consider serving as a State officer

Roster Information

A request for Roster information is soon to be sent out to your Grange. Masters and Secretaries should work together to complete this form and return it to the State office on or before the 1st of December whether or not you elect officers this year. Our office, the program Directors and their committees all use this document to keep in contact with the Community and Pomona Grange officers and chairs. Each Grange will receive two copies of the Roster to help all of us stay connected! It is all about connections!

Grange 150 Celebration

The 150th Celebration date has been changed from our actual birthdate of December 4th to December 10th. Some Granges had an event planned for the 4th. This celebration event will be held at the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem. The center is at 12th and Mill Street, only a few blocks from the State Grange office and just about three blocks from the State Capitol. Your Grange will be notified as soon as the details of the celebration are finalized. The 150th Celebration will replace the annual State Grange Open House for this year.

Final Thoughts

We have spent a lot of time this year working for our organization, moving to increase our numbers and to boost the effect we have within our communities, but we cannot lose sight of what is going on around us. Although Oregon has been spared from the horrible hurricanes and flooding, we have seen our share of the darker side of Mother Nature through the forest fires that have ravaged many parts of our state. Several of those areas have Granges and Grange members; please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers as well as all those affected in Texas, Florida and many areas of the Caribbean. I am happy to report that our Oregon State Grange Foundation made contributions to both the Texas State Grange and the Florida State Grange to be used to help in their states. If anyone in our own state has been affected by the fires, remember that the Foundation has a Fraternal Concern fund that can provide some small assistance.

I hope to see many of you in Spokane during the National Grange Convention November 7-11. I especially hope that we have a good representation for the 7th Degree on Saturday November 11 at 1 pm. You can register for the convention and purchase your ticket for the 7th Degree on the National Grange website. The convention will not be this close to us for five years.

Group photo of most of those at the Director's Retreat



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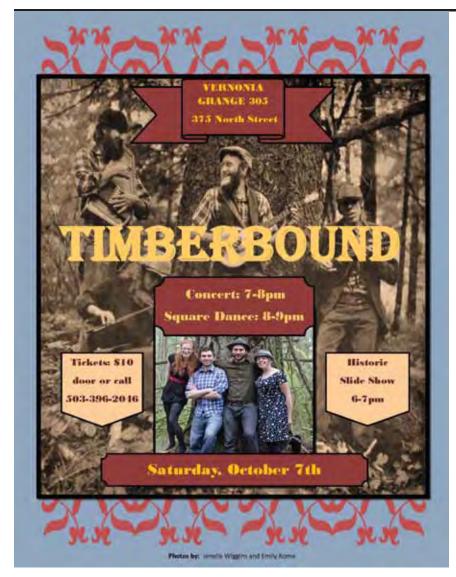
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2017 Lecturer's Program in a Box

Alone, any Lecturer can only create so much, find so many experts and come up with so many ideas, but with more than 2,000 Lecturers around the country, there are innumerable opportunities for great programs to be shared around the Grange nation.

This program is open to any Lecturer or other members at any level of the Grange. Submitters may engage other members or nonmembers to assist in the creation of the program but must have contributed to its creation, editing and presentation. All programs should be presented at a Grange meeting before submission.

The Lecturer's Program in a Box Program entry must be submitted as a .ppt file by email to lecturer@nationalgrange.org by

October 31, 2017 for judging. For rules, submittal requirements and judging criteria, visit the Lecturer's Programming page on the National Grange website. www.nationalgrange.org/lecturersprogramming/.

All programs submitted by the deadline will be blind-judged by a panel and all Lecturers who submit a program will receive a certificate of participation. All submissions given a "Quality", "Outstanding" or "Exceptional" rating will be compiled into a document and distributed electronically to Grange Lecturers as an Idea Book.

Last year Oregon had a program entered on Traffic Cones and it received an Exceptional rating. You may find that and other Programs in a Box on the Lecturer's Programming page.

The Lecturer's Column

Linda Helm lahelm7251@aol.com Lecturer ~ Oregon State Grange

We are into autumn and I hope by the time you read this that the air has cleared and those horrendous fires are out. The few thunder storms that brought down pours for a few minutes on September 7th put a small dent into clearing the air. Our great state of Oregon has had some pretty devastating fires this season which has caused many people to question the issue of logging vs environmentalists. I don't feel that I have enough information to side with either group.

I know that we need to be ready in the event of a fire in our own neighborhood. We need to keep the vegetation cleared within 25 feet of our homes. Make sure if we have paint thinner, turpentine and other flammable chemicals to keep them away from water heaters and other heat sources. Depending on your neighborhood have a plan to help your neighbors get out if you have to evacuate. Have a list of your valuables so you can grab it and have it for insurance purposes. We all think that this will never happen to us but as the Scout motto says "Be prepared'.

I was able to work in the Log Cabin at the State Fair and was very surprised at the number of people that came to visit and did not know what the Grange is. I enjoyed sharing what I know and told many how they could help in their own communities. Many people were impressed by the longevity of the organization and also that you do not have to be a farmer to belong. I told them that I did not farm because I really did not like dirt under my fingernails and the deer ate everything I tried to plant. I look forward to a shift or two working in the Log Cabin next year.

Now that the smoke is gone and my head is clearer it's time to focus on more Grange activities. We should all still be looking for new members to fill our halls and help with our many fundraisers. There were team building activities at Western Regionals that brought lots of laughter. I have never built a tower out of marshmallows and toothpicks or helped wrap someone in toilet paper for fun but that exactly what two of these team building exercises were and they were hilarious. I can't wait to see what the host state of Washington has planned for 2018.

Remember to purchase the 2018 Grange calendars to support the Membership Department and Lecturer's Talent Travel Fund. The travel fund helps send our state talent contest winner to National Grange to represent us. Of course we want our talent winner to impress at Nationals!

We will be working on some changes in the Lecturer's Department for the Oregon State Grange Awards, Contests and Scholarships booklet. Again don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to sponsor a contest or have suggestions for new contests. My phone number is 541-944-9612 down here in Jackson County. Leave your name and any info I may need to contact you. I work odd hours and it may take a day or two to return your call and I've promised our Worthy Master that I will endeavor to do better in checking emails and returning calls.



Crossword Puzzle and 2017 National Grange

National Grange Crossword Puzzle

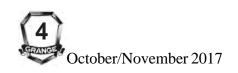
ACROSS

- Location of National Headquarters 2.
- Current Master of the Minnesota State Grange
- 7. Month that the National Grange was founded
- Foreign country that had a Grange 3. 10.
- Current National Grange Communications Director
- First state to have a State Grange 13. Key principal of the concept of the National Grange
- National Grange's primary industry 15.
- First National Master 17.
- National Grange headquarters was dedicated by which President
- First Secretary of the National Grange
- Current National Master 21.
- Current National Grange Comptroller
- Youngest Grange Members
- Grange 24. Current National Convention Director

Current National Grange Building Engineer

DOWN

- Current National Grange Sales, Benefits and Marketing Director
- Who said this "I can always tell a Grange woman, that she carries herself the equal of a man."
- Current National Grange Legislative Director
- **Current National Lecturer**
- This State's Rose Drill includes pink hoop skirts
- Grange before the State Grange
- At what age do members receive full voting rights
- Current National Grange IT Director
- Highest Degree awarded within the 17. National Grange
- The session of the National Grange where the Declaration of Purposes was adopted. Answers found on page 14





The Chaplain's Corner

Peggy Fine johnandpeggyfine@charter.net Chaplain ~ Oregon State Grange

As I sit here writing this article, I am looking at the bright blue sky and am extremely grateful. After nearly three weeks of smoke so thick I could not see my neighbor's house one eighth of a mile (about 1.2 city blocks) away, it is a great relief. As of mid-September there are currently 29 active wildfires in Oregon, some caused by lightning and some by humans. Hurricane Harvey devastated Houston only 15 days ago and as I write Hurricane Irma is bearing down on Florida – the largest storm to ever hit the United States.

All around us there is destruction—loss of life and property. It is a time of sadness and great concern. Many people will blame God for such a time like this but more will praise him—not for the storms and disasters of life but that the things that matter the most have been saved and their importance has become clear. It is not houses or personal possessions that matter; it is our families, our

neighbors, our friends and most importantly our faith. I am always amazed when I listen to the TV as they are interviewing people in devastated areas. They are so grateful that they and their families are safe. Possessions can be replaced, your children can't. In 1st Thessalonians 5:16-18, the Bible tells us to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in **ALL** circumstances; for this is the will of God." No matter what life tosses at us, our strength and hope are in the Lord.

By the time you receive this issue, fall activities will have begun and Thanksgiving will be arriving soon. I pray you will have assessed your situation and are preparing your heart to give thanks. We have so many things to be grateful for in this country. What rang true 200 years ago is just as relevant as it was then, so no matter what storms you have faced this year, consider the truth of what was written.

Thanksgiving Proclamation A Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor— and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially in a form of government for their safety and happiness.

"Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday...to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being Who is the beneficent Author of all that was, that is, or that will be—that we may then all unite in rendering Him our sincere and humble thanks...

"And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions...to render our national Government a blessing to the people...to protect and guide all

sovereigns and nations...and to bless them with good government, peace and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true knowledge and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of prosperity as He alone knows to be best..."

-President George Washington, 1798

In Memoriam

Claudia Voss Columbia Grange #867

Dale Chamberlain Eagle Valley Grange #656

John Poppino Garfield Grange #317

Clyde DuPuis North Bayside Grange #691

Floyd Goldbloom North Bayside Grange #691

> Lester Pugh Quincy Grange #321

Murray Kiggins Springwater Grange #263

Kimberlie Stumbo Sunny Valley Grange #916

William Taylor Terrebonne Grange #663

Wendell Austin Walterville Grange #416

Arnold Suter Walterville Grange #416

Virginia Brown Warren Grange #635



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

Fairview Grange Makes Memorial Donation to Food Roots

On September 19 Fairview Grange #273, Tillamook County, made a donation to Food Roots in memory of Grange member Shelley Bowe, founder of Food Roots and the driving force behind the reorganization of Fairview Grange.

Sister Shelley first made contact with the state Grange office in the fall of 2012 and after meeting with state Master Susan Noah pushed for the reorganization of the Grange which happened in February 2013. Her strong sense of environmental responsibility and social justice manifested itself when she established Food Roots, the non-profit organization founded to grow a more robust food system on the north Oregon coast by engaging the community, supporting farmers and entrepreneurs, and

improving access to local food; a perfect match with the Grange's values.

Shelley passed away on Thursday, June 22 after a couple years battle with ALS. She is survived by her husband, Richard Jones, also a member of Fairview Grange.



L to R, Fairview Grange member Neal Lemery, Food Roots Ex. Director Lauren Sorg and Access to Local Food Coordinator Allyson Gardner.

Jasper Grange Makes Donation to Foundation GASS Fund

During the Oregon State Grange convention in June, Jasper Grange #352, Lane County, made a donation of \$500 to the Oregon State Grange Foundation GASS (Grangers Attending State Session) fund in memory of past Lane County Pomona Master Gary Force.

Presenting the check was Phil Van Buren, a member of Jasper Grange to Cookie Trupp, Lane Pomona Treasurer.



GrangeUp '17 Campaign Progress

The goal of the GrangeUp campaign will be met if each Grange has a net gain of at least two members. To reward Granges who far exceed this goal, the State Grange will give cash prizes to the three Granges that have the highest percentage of increase of new members. Six other Granges (one in each district) will win an ice cream social from the G.R.O.W. Club.

We are now halfway through the reporting cycle. It is time to take a look at the numbers. With most Granges reporting Oregon is showing a net gain of 44 members, which is wonderful, but far below our goal of two per Grange. End of third quarter reports are just starting to come in and are looking promising. Of course the reorganization of Roxy Ann Grange will add 24 new members.

Here are the numbers so far	••		
Grange	Starting#	# at end of 2nd qtr	Net Gain
Columbia #267	67	81	14
Siletz Valley #558	20	34	14
North End #820	27	40	13
Hurricane Creek #608	44	55	11
New Bridge #789	19	30	11
Goshen #561	23	31	8
Lowell #745	41	49	8
Salmon River #516	28	36	8
Silverton #748	21	29	8
Marys River #685	43	50	7
Redwood #760	8	15	7
Gresham #270	30	36	6
Macleay #293	13	19	6
Brownsmead #822	13	18	5
Netel #410	10	15	5
Rockford #501	56	61	5
Scholls #338	18	23	5
Goldson #868	18	22	4
McMinnville #31	23	27	4
Bellview #759	34	37	3
Fern Hill #592	27	30	3
Fort Union #953	5	8	3
Hope #269	13	16	3
Irving #377	33	36	3
Lake Creek #697	21	24	3
Lookingglass #927	31	34	3
Maplewood #662	16	19	3
Milwaukie #268	14	17	3
Terrebonne #663	55	58	3
Bridge #730	21	23	2
Deer Island #947	22	24	2
Eagle Creek #297	16	18	$\overline{2}$
Enterprise #489	18	20	
Fairfield #720	20	22	2 2
Greenacres #834	24	26	2
Harding #122	27	29	2
Lacomb #907	44	46	2
Missouri Flat #612	14	16	2
Pacific #413	17	19	2
Sandlake #546	21	23	2
Skyline #894	36	38	2
Warner #117	27	29	2
White Eagle #683	24	26	2
Beaver Valley #306	47	48	1
Beavercreek #276	30	31	1
Creswell #496	13	14	1
Crow #450	39	40	1
Eagle Valley #656	50	51	1
Hillsboro #73	13	14	1
Illinois Valley #370	16	17	1
Kellogg #811	21	22	1
Lorane #54	39	40	1
Mapleton #584	17	18	1
Morning Star #311	27	28	1
Mt Vernon #659	31	32	1
Quincy #321	21	22	1
Sunnydale #877	23	24	1
Sunnyside #842	27	28	1
White Clover #784	24	25	1
Williams #399	62	63	1
Woodburn #79	12	13	1

Remember awards are based on the % of gain, not numbers gained.



Several of the Grange family quilts lined the area with the Grange

Grange Family Quilts at the Great Oregon Steam-Up Quilt Show

As part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration, the Oregon State Grange participated in this year's Quilt Show during the Great Oregon Steam-Up at Powerland Heritage Park in Brooks. Mary Dunn Clement provided the centerpiece, which was hand quilted in 1934 by the "quilting ladies" of North Howell Grange (now dormant).

Twelve other quilts made by Granges or Grange members showed a range of designs and time periods:

- Claire Kellogg loaned a quilt made by the Skip-A-Week Club for Garfield's 90th anniversary
- JoAnn Tannock loaned a quilt made by ladies of Dixie Mountain
- Judy Huey loaned a quilt made by the Abernethy GWA
- Kathy Hekking of Sunnyside contributed a quilt her Mother made
- Elvaree Fine of Hurricane Creek sent a quilt made by her Mom
- Susan Noah of Mohawkby her Mother
- Suzy Ramm of Springwater loaned a quilt made by her Grandmother
- Sandi Ludi of Sunnyside provided a quilt made by her Aunt Margie Larson

- Barbara McCormick of Hurricane Creek loaned a quilt that she finished but was started by her mother-in-law during WWII
- Julie Wheeler of Deer Island loaned a quilt made by the McNulty family, who were members of Warren
- Doris Reid of Columbia #867 loaned a quilt that was designed by Boulevard Grange, raffled, and won by Columbia Grange; it shows agriculture in Eastern Oregon
- Eva Frost of Warren loaned a quilt with pictures of her family's farm

The 150 Years of Grange timeline poster along with photos of Grange halls that have quilt blocks completed the Grange exhibit. Thanks to Susan and Mark Noah, Jeff and Liz Dehne, Eva Frost, Suzy Ramm, Ed and Celia Luttrell, Lyle Utt, and Carol Everman for helping Marilyn Reiher man the booth during the two-weekend run of the Steam Up.

In addition, Fairfield Grange in McKenzie shared a quilt made Marion County had a table of children's and lap quilts their GWA makes and donates.



UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS				
Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date,				
time, a	nd location are de	termir	ned and/or chan	ged.
Pomona	Date		Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	November	4	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange
Benton #36	October	21	10:30 AM	Fairmount Grange
Clackamas #1	October	28	10:00 AM	The Sandy Grange
Columbia #18	November	4	10:00 AM	Warren Grange
Deschutes #25	November	18	11:30 AM	Redmond Grange
Douglas #13	October	28	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange
Jackson #27	November	11	10:00 AM	TBA
Josephine #20	December	30	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	October	14	10:00 AM	Goldson Grange
Lincoln #10	November	18	10:30 AM	Siletz Valley Grange
Linn #12	October	14	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Marion #4	October	9	6:00 PM	Macleay Grange
Polk #3	October	21	10:00 AM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9				TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	October	28	10:00 AM	Lexington Grange
Wallowa #22	October	14	10:00 AM	Nortrh End Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	October	28	10:00 AM	Tigard Grange



The **Agricultural Report**

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OSG Agriculture Director

Well, I haven't really been thinking about my Ag Column. Fruit to dry, tomato sauce, and pickles, and in a few minutes a new wood stove is being delivered to my Grange hall to replace the 60 year old stove which has been tortured by overheating into a twisted deformed shape, more like a stepped on juice box than a crisp rectangle. And did I mention our first two grandchildren?

I've been checking back with the Granges I visited during GrangeUp and seeing if they need anything to further their membership efforts or to facilitate their recognition of the 150th year of Grange. In my own hall we have reached a new membership high of over 50 and we are continuing to ask new people to join.

You know, it's funny, when you ask people if they would like to join your

Grange and support your local efforts and your community hall, they often say "Yes!"

I'm looking forward to the organization meeting of State Grange Directors scheduled in late September. It is a good recharge to keep up the work we are each doing for all of you.

Please contact me at the email above if you have any agricultural questions for which I could help find the answers.

OK, I have to go meet the woodstove delivery truck at my hall. Enjoy the harvest and hunting seasons and if you get the chance check out the Good Day magazine from National Grange, especially pages 45-46 for an article on Oregon State Grange's Agriculturalists of the Year.



The Coyle Family of Lacomb Grange Honored with Oregon **Century Farm and Ranch Award**

At the annual awards ceremony at the Oregon State Fair, families from across the state received recognition for operating a Century or Sesquicentennial (150-year) Farm or Ranch. The 2017 ceremony was held on Saturday, August 26, 2017. Nineteen farms and ranches from ten counties were honored this year as Century Farms or Ranches bringing the total Oregon Century Farms and Ranches to 1,200.

One of those honored was the Oak Creek Farm of Linn County. Several of the family are members of Lacomb Grange #907 including Alton Coyle and his partner Judith Baker, his daughter Jadala Coyle and his great grandson Kellen Pollard.

Oak Creek Farm/Coyle Family Farm was founded in Linn County in 1914 by W. Hiram Skeels. The applicant was Alton Jefferson Coyle, grandson of W. Hiram Skeels. Mr. Skeels and his wife Nellie purchased the land in 1914. W.H. was known as a local "horseman" due to his skill and quality of his breeding herd. He was considered the "go to guy" for all the locals when they had trouble with their horses. The early farm products were horses, dairy cattle, chicken, feed crops, silo corn, and grain. All the milking of the cows was done by hand. Over time they

started raising other livestock that included beef cattle, sheep, and goats. The main items today are beef cattle and hay for feed.

The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program began in 1958 to honor farm and ranch families with century-long connections to the land. To qualify for a century or sesquicentennial award, interested families must follow a formal application process. Members of the Application Review Committee review each application against the qualifications, which include continuous family operation of the farm or ranch; a gross income from farm use of not less than \$1,000 per year for at least three years out of five prior to application; and family members must live on or actively manage the farm or ranch activities.

Award winners receive a certificate signed by the Governor and Director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Historic roadside signs are imprinted with the founder's name and the year the ranch or farm was established.

The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program is administered by the Oregon Farm Bureau Foundation for Education.



Hurricane Creek Serves Food During Hells Canyon Mule Days

Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, served food out of the Snack Shack during the 37th Annual Hells Canyon Mule Days September 8-10. Breakfast was served from 6 am to 11 am. Then they switched to lunch fare from 11 am - 4 pm.

Proceeds from the booth help support the Grange's Agricultural Scholarships for Wallowa County students.

From its humble beginnings in 1981 the event has progressed steadily and is the fastest growing Mule Show in the Northwest. The annual event draws mule and donkey owners, and Above: Clarann Witty had the spectators intrigued by this long-



Oregon State Grange Treasurer Paula Herrick, of Walterville Grange, grills onions for burgers for lunch.

eared equine, from all over the West.



onion peeling job.

Below: Vernon Herrick looks on as David McBride flips the





Dorena Grange's "Got Stuff" Sale

Got Stuff? On June 17th Dorena Grange #835, Lane County, hosted a Community Garage Sale. Ten venders responded and community members spent the day shopping. Dorena offered fresh baked pizza, with a sourdough crust, and fresh baked chocolate chip cookies for sale to shoppers. A good time was had by all. Venders were very happy with their day and asked that the Grange to host another sale this fall or around the holidays. The money made will go towards the repair of their air conditioning system.

Grangers Relay Ada Cancer for Awareness

Team Love Connection, sponsored by Ada Grange #570, Lane County, raised \$4,683 during the 2017 Florence Relay for Life Event "Paint Your World Purple" on July 22nd. Two members, Grange Master Megan Schofield and Joy McCourt each raised over \$1,000 and became members of the Grand Club.



Joy McCourt



Megan Schofield

Ada Grange also had a food booth at the event where they sold baked

During the relay they made luminaries to honor Grange brothers and sisters who are cancer survivors, those currently fighting cancer and those who lost their fight.

Boxes of Back Packs and School Supplies Available to Granges

The leftover back packs and school supplies from the Log Cabin have been boxed up and are being offered to Subordinate/Community Granges to share in their communities. Some Granges have already discussed giving them to schools along with the dictionaries. There are 50 boxes available.

Each box contains (with the occasional variation in quantities)

- 30 Blue "Oregon State Grange Backs Education"
- 8 spiral notebooks,
- 10 glue sticks
- 4 pencils
- 6 pencil sharpeners
- 9 erasers
- 9 boxes of crayons.

The boxes sell for \$30 each which is below costs. There is an additional \$12 shipping charge for each box ordered if the boxes must be shipped. If your Grange is interested please fill out the form below indicating how many boxes you want and if you will be picking them up or you need them shipped. Include a check made payable to the Oregon State Grange and the order form and send to the State Grange office.

Order Form				
Grange Name				
Contact Name				
Mailing Address				
CityStateZip				
QUANTITY COST EXTENDED PRI	CE			
Back pack boxes to be picked up				
# x \$30. = \$				
Back pack boxes to be shipped				
# x \$42. = \$				
Total Due \$				
Make checks payable to the Oregon State Grange [Please write backpacks in the memo line]				
Mail check and order form to the Oregon State Grange, 643 Union Street NE, Salem, OR 97301				



Community Service

Eva Frost evafrost1038@comcast.net

OSG Community Service and Involvement Director

How did you celebrate the solar eclipse? Many of my family members gathered at our homestead farm to enjoy the awesome site of the sun and the moon. We started two days before the event, buying plain black shirts and creating the image that we thought we would see. Actually, the directions were on YouTube. After the event we had lunch and a swim in the pool. It was like a holiday party.

I was so impressed by the happiness and unity of the thousands of people who came to Oregon to view the eclipse. Despite the threat of war and the political disagreements, visitors came and left very slowly but orderly. Oregonians did a great job of playing host and preventing any major disaster as predicted by many Emergency Preparedness people. What an economic develop boost for Oregon.

What are your plans for next year's Community Service projects? Do you have new ideas? Do your members get involved in your plans? A well thought out plan means "success," and we all want to succeed. Most of us, as Grangers, donate or volunteer hours of service within our community. This is a good way of "giving back" and

expanding our involvement within our community.

My focus this next year is to visit more Granges. So please invite me or one of my Community Service District Chairs to visit a meeting or event. We are interested in developing friendships and to see how Granges are doing within the community. Do you need help with ideas? Maybe your success should be shared with other Granges.

Community Service District chairs:

- District 1: Darlene Anderson Deer Creek Grange sisdarlene@hotmail.com
- District 2: Cookie Trupp Spencer Creek Grange truppcookie@aol.com
- District 3: Cindy Becker Warren Grange cinderlou2@hotmail.com
- District 4: Cathy Assad Redland Grange tallcat23@yahoo.com
- District 5: Louise Holst Midland Grange laholst120@aol.com
- District 6: Debbi deBoer Boulevard Grange debbid110@gmail.com

Thanks for your service in the community.

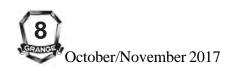


Pictured above are many of Eva Frost's family who gathered at the homestead farm to enjoy the Solar eclipse on August 21st showing



A back pack with its school supplies.

off their blackshirts with the image they had created of what they thought t h e ywould see. Six are Warren Grange members.





Deaf Awareness and Family Health

Peggy Jillson psjill@comcast.net

OSG Deaf Awareness ~ Family Health Director

Tips For Travelers So far this year I've spent well over 100 days away from home, sometimes on short notice and sometimes after lots of planning. Fortunately, none of my travel was due to evacuation in the face of peril to our home and neighborhood, but that's gutwrenching reality for too many people this year. Thanks to Grange community service programs, we have lots of good information about how to prepare for disaster. I hope you've all taken it to heart and collected those vital supplies.

Whether you travel for leisure or necessity, here are some things we've been learning "on the fly."

Our pharmacy is very helpful when we're caught short with prescription refills. With a little notice, they can set us up for the time we'll be away. I'm also amazed how easily chainstore pharmacies in other states accessed online records and processed refills when we were on an unexpected trip, but it's a lot simpler to plan ahead if you can. While you're at the pharmacy, stock up on over-the-counter items you may not find easily on your travels. For example, I'm a great fan of zinc lozenges to prevent a tickly throat from becoming a cold, but it took me three days to be near a pharmacy that was actually open while we were staying in a country cottage. By then I needed tissues and VapoRub as well.

Unless you'd rather spend money on first class than on your grandchildren, air travel is an endurance course. We still find it's better to check bags than to deal with carry-on luggage. If you have a season. Remember you're geson. Remember you're geson

wheeled suitcase, even if it meets the size limits, you may be asked to leave it at the gate and pick it up after you land because overhead storage is getting smaller and smaller. Keep medications and anything you want during the flight in a compact carry-on that is sure to stay with you.

I like a backpack because I can separate items that need to be lifted out for TSA and have them quickly available. There's a handy pocket for the boarding pass and ID, and for the electronic toys that have to be set on airplane mode. Best of all, a backpack is the least stressful way for your body to carry a load through the miles of airport that you'll traverse. In fact, I use it a lot once I reach my destination as well. It's great to bring along slippers or shoes if you have to change from outdoor footwear. I don't lose near as many hats, sunglasses, sweaters, and so on, when I corral my stuff in the backpack for daily adventures.

My friend Lee taught me to bring an empty reusable water bottle – and the backpack has a pocket for it – which you can fill at water bottle stations now in most airports. I never liked using water fountains or restroom faucets, but these bottle stations seem clean and sanitary. In the air, a water bottle won't spill and doesn't need the tray table.

By the time this issue of the *Bulletin* reaches your mailbox you should have your flu shot for this winter season. Remember you're going to be exposed to many people in your travels and, if you're lucky, you will be visiting those most dear to you. Let's do our best to keep the flu bug from coming along with us.

Warner Grange to Hold Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction

On Saturday October 21st Warner Grange #117, Clackamas County will be holding a Dinner and Auction Fundraiser to raise funds to purchase and place Cuddle Cots in local hospitals, including Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Oregon Health and Science University Hospital.

The evening starts at 5pm with Chicken Cordon Bleu as the main course. Tickets are only \$15.00 apiece and can be purchased at the door but they must have a head count before. Please contact Maryssa Yager at 503-347-9476 or maryssa.yager@gmail.com to purchase or if you have any questions.

Warner Grange is located at 10100 S New Era Rd, Canby, Oregon.

What are Cuddle Cots?

When a child is stillborn the parents have a limited amount of time to spend with their child. Cuddle Cots are medical devices that act as an air conditioned bassinet to allow grieving parents more time to spend with their baby and allow the baby to stay in the hospital room with the parents instead of having to be transported back and forth to the hospital's morgue. Currently, only three hospitals in the state of Oregon have a Cuddle Cot in their facilities - Willamette Falls Hospital, Silverton Hospital and Salem Hospital.



Members of Clarkes Grange delivered the Cuddle Cot to the hospital.

Clarkes Grange Presents Cuddle Cot to Willamette Falls Hospital

On July 21 Clarkes Grange #261 in Clackamas County presented a Cuddle Cot to Providence Willamette Falls hospital, an accumulation of several months of work. Fundraising was kicked-off in February with their 30th annual Sweetheart Breakfast with 100% of the donations for breakfast going to purchasing the Cuddle Cot for the hospital.

Donations were also made by several Granges in Clackamas County as well as from some other community organizations and members. With an additional Spring Mix Baazar in May the Grange exceeded their goal of \$3000 by almost \$1000. After getting the cot,

all remaining funds donated were split among a couple other people raising money for Cuddle Cots including those at Warner Grange.

The Cuddle Cot storage box is labeled with the words "In loving remembrance of all the babies born into heaven ~ Donated by your loving community & your friends at the Clarkes Grange"







Jack Pickell, Andrew Rannow and Brogan Cornish received Harley Huff Sr. Memorial Scholarships from Ada Grange at the Siuslaw High School Scholarship night.

2017 Marks 25th Year for Harley **Huff Memorial Scholarships**

Ada Grange #570, Lane County and Mapleton High School students awarded three \$500 Harley Huff Sr. Memorial Scholarships for 2017. The scholarships were presented at the Siuslaw High School Scholarships night May 25th to Jack Pickell, Andrew Rannow and Brogan Cornish, all graduates of Siuslaw High School in Florence.

The scholarship is awarded based on the applicant's involvement in community service projects and activities and on financial need. Seniors from Siuslaw High School

may apply. Home-schooled students in those areas are also eligible to apply. Full and part-time students are eligible. Scholarship funds may be used at any trade, vocational, community college or university. Funds may be used for tuition, room and board, books and supplies, student fees, body card, parking permit, etc.

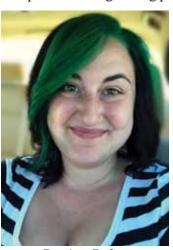
2017 marked the 25th year that Ada Grange has given the Harley Huff, Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

Springwater Grange Awards \$3000 in College Scholarships

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, awarded at their August meeting, two \$1500 scholarships to Tobias (Toby) Armas of Colton and Bettina Boles of Clackamas.

This is the second year Toby has been awarded a scholarship. He recently completed his sophomore year at George Fox University. Upon completion of his studies in Engineering, he will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. His long term goal is to help

improve the lives of people. He is considering either the field of prosthetics, playing an active role in the design and production of prosthetic devices, with the goal of building a prosthesis that provides the user with "life like" movements and functions similar to a real limb. He is also interested in addressing the future needs in agriculture, specifically looking at the way to compensate for a growing population and loss of farmland.



Bettina Boles

Bettina is a first time recipient of a Springwater Grange Scholarship. She is working on her Masters of Social Work degree at Portland State University. Currently she is the Program Supervisor of a drop-in center, called The Perch, for homeless youth in Vancouver, Washington. She finds that there's something empowering in providing resources to youth who not only need them, but didn't know such resources existed. Her long-term goals are to increase community education and understanding around the culture of homeless youth. She plans to get a teaching

certificate along with her Master's and develop a curriculum that will be implemented in middle school and high school classrooms to prevent homelessness in youth.



The Education Committee

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OSG Education Director

What We Still Don't Know **Digital** Reading About

By Stephen Sawchuk, Ed. Week

Every day, students consume hundreds of words on their iPads, mobile phones, Chromebooks, and Kindles. Increasingly, educational publishers are delivering curriculum on these devices, including several startups focused on getting informational texts and news stories into students' hands. But fundamentally, is reading online different from using the old class copies of Ethan Frome or The Federalist Papers?

As it turns out, what we don't know outweighs what we do know about how people comprehend texts on a digital screen rather than on the printed page, a new research review concludes.

There's some good evidence that readers seem to process longer texts for understanding better in print than digitally, but beyond that there are a lot of question marks, concludes the review, which was published online in July 2017 in the Review of Educational Research.

It's not so much a question of a "horse race" between reading in print or reading digitally that needs exploration, said Patricia A. Alexander, a University of Maryland professor in the department of human development and quantitative methodology and one of the review's authors. Rather, knowing "when it matters, for whom, and under what conditions is the question that constantly needs to be examined, again and again," she said.

The research review, by Alexander and her graduate student, Lauren M. Singer, takes an exhaustive look at what scholars have written on the topic for the past 25 years.

From an initial pool of nearly 800 studies, the researchers set four criteria to whittle down the list: The studies had to investigate both print and digital reading. They had to be empirical, objective studies—so that meant theoretical or philosophical publications and anecdotal research were out. The studies had to use data beyond just self-reported survey results, and they had to employ a gauge of reading comprehension.

These criteria narrowed the number of studies in the pool down to just 36, something Alexander called "a shock." "There's been an

assumption that digital reading is just going to be digital, and there's no reason to compare it to print. A lot of the studies on digital literacy just looked at the digital environment, not the consequences of that" on how students process text, she said.

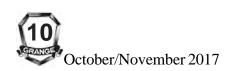
And there were plenty of methodology issues, too. For example: only nine of the 36 studies laid out a definition for reading, and only five crafted one for the term digital reading. The studies often weren't very detailed on the type of text students were asked to read or its length. And finally, many of the studies only looked at fairly simple gauges of reading comprehension for example, factual recall as measured on multiple-choice tests, rather than more cognitively demanding tasks.

In all, the research seems to suggest that, when reading only for superficial purposes, and at very early ages, format doesn't seem to matter much. "If all you care about is the gist, generally speaking, [format] doesn't matter; you can read it fast and get it. But it seems that when you go into detailed types of more comprehension questions that demand careful attention to things—like issues of accuracy and justification—you see the effect coming in," Alexander said.

She said researchers need to spend more time teasing out all of the interrelated factors that might play into comprehension differences by format. This would include textual aspects, like text length and type; individual student differences, such as vocabulary level or topic knowledge; type of digital device used; and also, how students interact with and process texts as they read.

And those will mean scholars will have to craft more sophisticated study designs and pay more attention to how they're collecting data, she said.

There's a lot here that reflects what my colleagues found in an extensive report on digital reading put out last year. One problem, they reported, was that the term "digital literacy" itself tends to confuse more than enlighten. People use it to mean everything from merely sticking print text online without a lot of modification, to online text that requires students to sort through all manners of hyperlinks, multimedia, and other sensory enrichment.



Granges Celebrate the Holidays



Ada Grange Hosts Community Halloween and Christmas Parties

Ada Grange #570, Lane County, will hold a community Halloween Party on Sunday October 29th from 1-3pm. Refreshments will be furnished. There will be games, a costume parade and goodies for all.

Then on December 9th from 1-3 pm Ada Grange invites the Community to a Christmas Party. There will be crafts, singing, hay rides and a visit from Santa Clause. Guests will be able to make tree ornaments to take home and refreshments will be furnished.

Springwater Plans Halloween Party

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, will host a community Halloween Party on Saturday October 28th starting at 4pm. Potluck finger foods, costumes, pumpkin painting, games and fun for all ages.

Springwater Grange is located at 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. For more information see the Grange on Facebook or contact Tami Guttridge at tamig50@gmail.com.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

October 31

National Grange Quilt Blocks entries with Submission forms must be received by National Lecturer Christine Hamp

Lecturer's Program in a Box entries must be submitted as a .ppt file by email to

lecturer@nationalgrange.org

November 7-11 151st Annual National Grange Convention -

Spokane, Washington

November 11 March with Grangers in Albany's Veterans Day

Parade at 11am. Volunteer by contacting Jim Clute for more information 503-953-4171 or

james_clute@yahoo.com

December 1 Grassroots Activism Award Application due to

National Grange Legislative Director

December 4 150th Anniversary of the Grange

December 10 Oregon's Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of

the Grange

Willamette Heritage Center

1313 Mill Street Salem, Oreon

December 31 Requests for reim

Requests for reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses from the OSG Foundation's Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund must be postmarked

January 21, 2018 State Officers, Directors, and Committee

Chairman's meeting

January 25, 2018 Nominations for Oregon State Grange Officers must

arrive at the state office by 5pm

June 23-28, 2018 Oregon State Grange Convention - Clatsop County

Fairgrounds, Astoria

Goldson Grange Schedules December 16th Open House

Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, has a Winter Open House scheduled for December 16. The Grange will be providing refreshments.

For time and additional information, please contact Lecturer Edie Moro at 541-998-8852







2017 National Grange Convention November 7-11

Red Lion (RL) @ the Park Hotel



303 W. North River Dr Spokane, WA 99201

Schedule of events

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

6 pm Host Region Banquet (by invitation)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

12 noon Legislative Luncheon*

2 pm Opening of the 150th Annual Convention in the Seventh

Degree

2:15 pm Session opens in the Fourth Degree2:30 pm National Master's Address

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

8:30 am Session opens in the Fourth Degree 12:15 pm Salute to Agriculture Luncheon*

2 pm Session Reconvenes 5:30 pm Showcase Opens

5:30 pm Distinguished Grange Awards

6:30 pm Youth Officers, Ambassadors and General Youth Check in

and Orientation

7 pm Ambassador Interviews 7:30 pm Session Reconvenes

- Quilts of Valor presentation

- Youth - Visit National Grange Session

9:30 pm Youth – Get Acquainted Party 11:00 pm Youth Officers Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

8:30 am
 9 am
 9 am
 9 am
 Youth Community Service Project

9 am Showcase Opens

2 pm Session Reconvenes in the Fourth Degree

-Memorial Service – National Chaplain

4 pm Junior Grangers Check-In6:30 pm Junior Get Acquainted Games

7:30 pm Junior Games and Costume Dance/Party
8 pm Assembly of Demeter Business Meeting

9:30 pm Youth – Costume Party and Dance-Theme: TBD

11:15 pm Youth Officers Practice

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

7:30 am Youth Officers Practice & Pictures 8:30 am Youth Officers open Session

- Juniors presentation

9 am Showcase Opens

10 am Junior Grange - Sign-A-Song/Public Speaking Contests

1 pm Junior Tour – Fire Station* 2 pm Session Reconvenes -Installation of Officers

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7:30 pm Evening of Excellence

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th

8 am Sixth Degree Rehearsal

8 am Junior Grange Breakfast Buffet & Program*

8 am Showcase Opens

10 am Sixth Degree Conferral by Oregon State Grange officers

1 pm Seventh Degree Conferral & Convocation3:15 pm Convocation of the Assembly of Demeter

6:30 pm Grange Celebration Banquet*

A more detailed schedule is available on the National Grange website. *items require pre-purchased tickets.



Quilters and craft lovers unite for this one-of-a-kind expo showcasing American Handicrafts at their finest.

November. 10-12, 2017 at the Red Lion in at the Park 303 W. North River Dr. Spokane, WA 99201. Site of the 151st National Grange Convention.

Expo will feature a very special Quilts of Valor Memorial Display as well as the quilts made from the National Grange Quilt Block contests the last several years.

NG Convention Service Project

The Community Service project for the 2017 National Grange Convention is Animal Husbandry. Members may take part by collecting food and supplies for animal shelters and delivering them to the National Convention

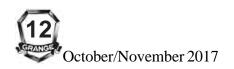
site in Spokane. If you want to participate and are unable to make the trip to Spokane items may be delivered to the Oregon State Grange office in Salem. Or send a gift card to the office and it will be given to the shelters so they may purchase needed items. Bailey says "Please remember those not as fortunate as me."



Raffle for 2016 Quilt Blocks Quilt

A beautiful queen sized quilt in yellow and blues (pictured below) made from the Dresden Plate quilt squares entered in the 2016 National Grange Quilt Block contest is being raffled off. All money raised goes to Grange Foundation, a 501c3, nonprofit organization, so tickets are tax deductible. Tickets are \$5 each and are available from State Master Susan Noah. Contact her or the state office to get your tickets. The Quilt contains Jeanne Taylor's, Spencer Creek Grange, quilt block that placed first at National last year, center block, fourth row down.





Granges "Hams It Up the Fair" Union County

'Ham It Up at The Fair' was the that will be going on at each Grange theme for Union County Fair, August 2nd through 5th. The Union Country Fair was in full swing and local Grangers decided to do a bit of 'hamming' it up too. Three Granges from Union County combined to host a booth at the Union County Fair in LaGrande.

Rockwall Grange schemed, planned and invited both Pleasant Grove Grange and Fort Union Grange to join them for a week of Grange promotion and fun at the fair. The booth was filled with brochures and materials about the Grange and information about what each of the three local Granges have in store.

Rockwall Grange plans to host the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers along with a Sloppy Joe fundraiser, has BINGO Fridays and is involved in Elgin, Oregon's Trunk-or-Treat on Halloween. Fort Union Grange plans to be involved in a 'Promote LaGrande' event and Pleasant Grove Grange is selling raffle tickets on a quilt. The quilt was also displayed at the Union County Fair as an entry in the quilting division in the Arts Building.

Adults visiting were given information and were encouraged to join the Grange. They were also invited to the various functions in the coming months. Rockwall Grange and Fort Union Grange each supplied goodie baskets for a drawing held on the Saturday of fair week. Rockwall Grange also donated some cute terracotta pigs to be given away at the end of the fair through a "Guess How Many M&M's' contest supplied by Fort Union Grange.

Kids absolutely loved the Ham It Up Grange booth because of the popular bean bag throw designed for all ages. Hundreds of fun 'prizes' were given out to those who could throw a bean bag through the pig's

mouth (So everyone was a winner, prizes were given just for trying.) Although the week was a scorcher at the Union County Fair, many enjoyed stopping by the booth and checking out what the Grange has to offer. Smokey Bear was even there to try his luck at winning a prize. It was a great time for all and a way to coordinate and work together as local Granges.

Plans are for this to become a yearly event with the three Granges involved. The fourth Grange in Union County, Wolf Creek, will be encouraged to join them.



"Guess How Many M&M's' was a contest supplied by Fort Union Grange with terracotta pigs as prizes provided by Rockwall Grange.



Above and below: Some of the first place scarecrows in the differenct catagories of the contests sponsored by the Clackamas Pomona Grange.



'Hamming It Up at the Fair' were Rockwall, Pleasant Grove and Fort Union Granges with this booth.

Clackamas County Fair - Five Days of Fun



Maplewood Grange members selling fresh baked cookies at the Pomona Grange cookie booth.



Abernethy's youth and young adults created the 1st place booth with the theme "Five Days of Fun - What is on your bucket list?"

Ten Granges plus the Pomona Grange installed Grange booths in Horning Hall at the Clackamas County Fair. 1st place was Abernethy #346, 2nd place was Clarkes #261, 3rd place was Redland #796 which was also the recipient of the People's Choice award and 4th place was Garfield #317. Beavercreek Grange #276 won the theme award. Other Granges with booths were Warner #117, Springwater #263, Milwaukie #268, Molalla #310, Sunnyside



For the first time in many years Garfield Grange had a booth at the fair. It correlated the Five Days of Fun theme with five steps in making a quilt.

Fair Columbia County



At the Columbia County Fair. Warren Grange #536 serves Fried Bread at their booth. Working in the booth are from l-r: Rylee Marks, Julie Barker, State Senator. Betsy Johnson and McKenna Jenkins.



Lane County Fair

Lane County fair was held in July. Volunteers from different Granges served dozens of cookies, coffee, punch and water to fair goers. The Lane Pomona Grange and the Lane County Fair sponsored "The Dress Up Veggie and Fruit Contest." Each Grange can have a large booth as well as a smaller GWA display.



Noah Strasheim, a brand new 1+ Junior and a 5th generation Granger from Crow Grange #450 proudly shows his 3rd place ribbon for his age group in the Lane Pomona Grange veggie contest.

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Bob and Yvonne Clarke of Leedy Grange #339 are pround that their booth took first place.



Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange won 2nd. They used a train to represent the Grange's history with the railroad and the quilt represented the current quilt block contest.



Washington Grange #313 placed 3rd.

Josephine County Fair - Home Town Pride

The Pomona Grange and six community Granges as well as some Juniors had displays at their county fair. Grange 40

Granges participating were Illinois Valley #370, Fruitdale #379, North Pacific #911, Williams #399, Redwood #760 and Deer Creek #371. Deer Creek Grange Juniors had their own display. They have seven 1+ Junior members.

Above: the booth of Crow Grange #450 at the Lane

County Fair.



Left: Deer Creek Juniors booth



You "Like" Grange on Facebook? Convention

liked the Oregon State Grange Facebook pages?

There are several of them. The **Oregon State Grange** page is the public page which is used to get Grange information out to nonmembers and members alike. It is used for promotions and marketing of the organization. It represents the

The Oregon State Grange Member Forum is for Oregon Grange members. It is a closed group so discussions can be held on pending issues and internal issues.

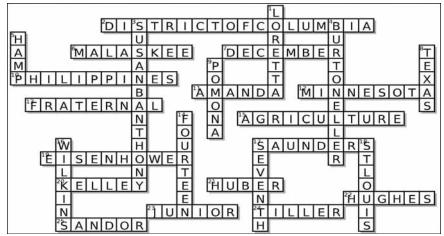
Oregon State Grange Youth page is a public group for those

Are you on Facebook? Have you Youth and Young Adult members ages 14-35.

> Oregon State Grange Junior The Grange Benefits Complimentary **page** is a closed group for Junior members, their families and those Grangers interested in the Junior program.

Oregon State Grange GROW Club is a closed group limited to GROW club members, spouses and parents of minor ageg GROW Club members.

You are strongly encouraged to like any and all of these pages that appeal to you. The National Grange also has several Facebook pages you might want to check out.



e n e Breakfast

Breakfast was held on Tuesday morning of State Grange convention. It is a thank you to the members. Originally served by the agents of Grange Mutual Insurance Company, it is currently organized and cooked by volunteers under the direction of Mark Noah.



Above: Mark Noah, Mohawk-Mckenzie Grange reaches for something while Jeff Dehne, Walterville Grange makes scrambled eggs. Right: Bob Ludi, Sunnyside Grange and Phil Van Buren busy making pancakes.

Bailey Barks!



I just found out that I'm going to be in a nationwide calendar, maybe worldwide, who knows! And no it is not the Grange calendar, sigh. It is the 365 days of Dog calendar! You know the Grange calendar people had an opportunity to have me the first year but they passed me over! Although last year did have a really good picture of a pit bull terrier giving kisses. This year's calendar has some horses, an elk, a goat, a squirrel and a (gasp) CAT, but no dogs, oh well.

But enough about that calendar, which by the way will be ready for shipment to you for only \$10 each, 3 for \$25 or a dozen for \$90! My calendar is also on sale now - check out November 15th, just one day after Dad's birthday. Perhaps you need two different calendars. One that has space for you to write your important Grange events, and one to give you a dog picture every day! I'm pretty sure that is what Mom and Dad will have to get!

Keep your people on those long walks (you know it's good for them) and remember to celebrate your inner puppy!

Woof, Bailey



Above: Dennis Chapman, London Grange and Brenda Hoag, Warren Grange whip up pancake batter while Elaine Chapman, London Grange cooks sausage.





At the annual Brownsmead Grange Corn Feed, the corn was finger lickin' good and all you can eat. It didn't look as though there was an available seat, but a party of three managed to squeeze in.

Corn Feed Draws a Crowd

On September 10 Brownsmead Grange #822, Clatsop County served a delicious ham dinner with mashed potatoes, applesauce, roll, and beverage plus ALL the corn you can eat. When you pick up your plate, they give you one ear. Several ladies move through the crowd serving seconds, thirds, and more (who's counting) while picking up eaten cobs. Everyone remembers that the all-time record was 32 ears consumed by a high school student. If you still have room, there's an ice cream bar for dessert.

Charlotte Langsev says the corn feed is a 75-year tradition. She remembers that it started after an organization in Astoria served Grange members a dinner to thank them for doing something. Members were grateful and decided to return the favor. At that time they had lots of local corn, so they invited the group to their hall for a corn feed. It became an annual event.

The hall was packed when State Flora Eva Frost, Webmaster Marilyn Reiher, and new Warren Grange member Margaret Magruder arrived. Brownsmead member Senator Betsy Johnson was the greeter and ticket taker. Earlier she was a corn shucker.

Sister Langsev says they never know how many to expect. The lowest turnout was 350, and the highest was 650 in a four-hour period.

The problem now is that nobody is growing corn on Blind Slough. This year they had to buy it from a farm on Sauvies Island.



Brownsmead Master Matti Raihala brings 16 ears of corn from five antique cooper boilers outdoors for those in line or those who've finished their first or previous ear.



Above: Terry Honn has her hands in the pie dough as Cecelia Goodnight, Becki Montgomery and Barb Williams watch.

Right: Linda Short and Terry Honn have fun with their hands in a sticky situation.

G W A

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OSG Grange Workers Activites Director

The Humane Society of Florence and the Siuslaw Outreach Services were very appreciative of our GWA donations that were made in June. I received thank yous from both. It warms my heart to know we helped people and animals at the place where State Convention was held.

Thank you to Jim Clute for taking the pull tabs into Portland. We received \$57.60 for the Foster Family program.

I would like to thank those Granges that sent in contributions for our GWA Scholarship, Foster Family Program and GWA fund. Thank you Ada #570, Clarkes #261, Morning Star #311, Phoenix #779 and Walterville #416 for your donations. They are greatly appreciated.

I am working on the contest booklet for 2018. I'm taking ideas for new contests. Do you have a contest that you would like to see in the booklet? Please let me know. To those who sponsor contests please let me know if you plan to continue or make changes to your contest. The deadline to get information to me is

November 15, 2017.

October is the start of the fall bazaars and holiday dinners, time for our halls to be festive and inviting to all who come. It is the fourth quarter of our GrangeUp '17 program. What a great time to invite those who enter our Grange halls for these functions to become members. Let them know what your Grange does for their community and how you are involved. I talked with many families at the State Fair at the Grange Log Cabin who were interested in what the Grange has to offer so be sure to ask people to join our great organization.

National Grange will be in Spokane, Washington November 7-11. There will be items from our GWA contests on display. One of the highlights is the Great American Quilt and Handicraft Expo November 10-12. There will be a display of the Quilts of Valor Memorial quilts. There will quilting vendors with the latest fabrics, staples and accessories. I look forward to seeing the completed quilt from the 2016 National Quilt Block Contest. Hope to see you there.

Parkdale and Rockford Granges Get Together to Make Pies

One of the things the Parkdale Grange #500, Hood River County is known for is their pies. So, on the evening of August 31, nine ladies from Rockford Grange #501 traveled up the Hood River Valley to Parkdale for an evening of fun and hands on instruction in the art of pie making.

Rockford members Ramona Tamiyasu, Cecelia Goodnight, Aurora Del Val, Ruth Tsu, Barb Williams, Linda Short, Becki Montgomery, Bonnie Cox, and Cindy Mitchell soon found themselves in a hands-on class on making pie dough, mixing the fruit, rolling out the pie dough, and putting everything together to create a pie ready to take home and put in the oven.

With the guidance from Jean Hardman, Terry Honn, and Diane Parrott from the Parkdale Grange, each of the attendees were soon doing each step of the process with confidence and having fun while learning the new skills.

So much fun and learning was had that in the not too distant future a group from Parkdale will make the trip down the valley for an activity of cookie making and exchanging at Rockford.



Oregon Junior Grangers

Elizabeth and Kegan Williams elizabethwilliams2010@hotmail.com Oregon State Grange Junior Directors



The National Junior Grange Director has developed a 12 Month Meeting Guide to help Junior leaders plan their year. In each issue of the Bulletin we will be printing the next two months of suggestions to help with your planning. Each month's suggestions include badges to work on, a lowcost craft you could do, and a suggested project or Grange related activity and many other ideas.

November

The month of November is a month to give thanks, but it is also the month of National Grange Convention!

Badge: TUA 12- Host State host state: Washington

Hands-on: Learn the State song of Washington www.50states.com/ songs/washingt.htm

Craft: Make a fingerprint art piece world-6-crafts.html of Washington www.pinterest.com/ pin/260786634650594350/

Grange: Discuss things you are thankful for with your Grange family!

December

The month of December is a month of celebrations all around the world!

Badge: DN16 - Small World **Project**

Hands-on: Celebrate Christmas Let us learn all we can about our the way they would across the

> Craft: Select from many at www.123homeschool4me.com/ 2015/12/christmas-around-

> Grange: Just spend time celebrating with each other and maybe discuss what you would like to do throughout the next year!

Junior Merit Badges Retired

At this time, as many of you have noticed we have several Merit Badges out of stock. We are in the process of 'revamping' the Merit Badge Program. So at this time the current Merit Badges that are in stock are going to be the only Merit Badges available.

The out of stock badges will be temporarily retired include: Grange Adventure Badges - #5 Manual Alphabet, #8 Grange Program and #14 Book Giving and Team Up America Badges - #1 Your State and #2 Military

If your Junior has been working on one of the retired badges please email the National Junior Director at junior@nationalgrange.org so I can get you a certificate for their achievement.

There are some really exciting changes coming! However, we encourage you to order any and all current badges you think you may need now before they are all out of stock!

Each month for the next year we will be spotlighting a badge on Patrons Chain! If your Junior earns that badge within the month it is spotlighted they will receive special recognition from the National Grange!

September Merit Badge Spotlight

Get Ready for Nationals, Juniors by learning about your host state and earn the **Team Up America: Host State Badge!**

To earn the badge you must:

- 1) Find out where National Session is being held this year... *hint, hint* it's Spokane, Washington.
- Next find out a little bit



Best of Luck Riley

Oregon's Junior Ambassador Riley Reynolds will be competing for the National title at the National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington.

Winner(s) will be announced Saturday morning November 11th during the Junior Breakfast. Think about buying a ticket for the breakfast and rooting him on if you are going to be at convention.

Good luck and Riley, we know you will make us proud. about the state and write a

- Tell a little bit about that state and what you would like to do if you were to visit that state!
- Share the report with your Junior Grange! (or your Subordinate Grange if a *1*+ *member*)

The second badge you can earn this month is the **Team Up America**: **Travel The United States Badge.**

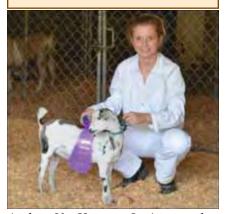
To earn the badge you must:

- 1) Draw a Map of the United States
- 2) Pretend you are a train engineer and make a route across the United States
- 3) Stop at 5 places on your map that you would like to see and tell a reason why you want to see that place.
- Share your map with your Junior Grange (or your Subordinate Grange if a *1*+ *member*)

If you complete these badges in September or October you will receive a special recognition from the National Grange!

Hey Junior Leaders: These are also badges your Juniors can earn during a meeting! If you have a Junior complete these badges within September or October order your badge and send an email to Junior@Nationalgrange.org (recognition cannot be given before badge purchase.)

Juniors at Fair



Audrey VanHouten, Junior member of Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County was the Champion Junior 4-H Goat Showman (above) and had the Reserve 4H Champion Teddy Cavy at the Douglas County Fair.





Ada Junior Granger Named "Mr. Relay" During Relay for Life

Terry Elliot, a Junior member of Ada Grange # 570 in Lane County, was named "Mr. Relay" after raising \$184 in one hour during the event. The event was held July 22nd at the Florence Events Center. Terry, the 2017 OSG Junior Assistant Steward is a member of Team Love Connection for the Relay for Life event, which is sponsored by Ada Grange.

Right: Terry Elliott with his "Mr. Relay" certificate.





Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director



Fall season seems to kick off the Grange year in Oregon. We enjoyed a successful State Grange convention in late June and went home to enjoy the brief, hot, smoky Oregon summer. Now vacations are done, school is in, the air is cooling, we're getting to those last house and yard projects. For those of you who meet monthly there are only nine or ten meetings until the next State Convention, and for your Pomonas probably only three more meetings till then, so it is time to start thinking about resolutions you would like to see considered by our delegates next June. As Tip O'Neill, Speaker of the House until 1987, was frequently quoted as saying, "all politics is local." Grangers know what that means.

One drawback to our process is that our timing does not always mesh nicely with legislative or congressional schedules and timelines. It is difficult for the State Grange to react swiftly to a current issue on which we don't have an established policy, and our institutional respect for the right of Grange members to create policy through delegate action means sometimes we wait. That is not always a bad thing, as anyone who has ever sent an immediate email response in anger knows all too well. But it does mean we need to think ahead. Look at the broader issues, check with Oregon State Grange or National Grange legislative policy and if we have no policy, write a resolution. If we do have a policy and you feel it is outdated or wrong, write a resolution. Bring your issue before your local Grange and if it passes there it can be sent directly to the State Grange office to be ready for next June and you can also send it to your Pomona Grange, and to other Granges around the state, where it will be subjected to additional consideration and maybe gather some advance support.

As always, the Grange will not interfere with any member's political opinions without regard to whether those opinions match State or National Grange policy. We just need to be aware of which hat we wear when we speak. As an individual we are of course free to express our own opinions, but if those opinions are opposed to current Grange policy then our audience needs to know that we are not representing the Grange's opinion. Speaking (or writing) as a member of my local Subordinate/ Community Grange, I can express my Grange's opinion even if it differs from State or National Grange policy but I need to be careful to qualify it as the opinion of my local Grange.

Speaking of expressing Grange opinion, we are lucky to have Craig Loughridge as our OSG lobbyist and though he is officially part-time, we are getting full-time representation even through the legislative off-season. Thanks, Craig!



Governmental Affairs

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Asst. Director ~ Oregon State Grange

Although the legislature continues its adjournment, work goes on behind the scenes to prepare for next year's session, which starts in February. Part of the preparation comes in the form of a task force that Governor Kate Brown appointed last summer.

The Governor calls it the PERS UAL Task Force. The acronyms stand for "Public Employees Retirement System" and "Unfunded Accrued Liability" (often also called "Unfunded Actuarial Liability"). The latter term is a fancy way of saying the "amount of money the state needs but doesn't have for paying government employees when they retire."

Different experts have different figures for what this unfunded amount is, but recent estimates put it at about \$24 billion. The figure has grown over the years as more and more people retired, and pension fund leaders made generous assumptions about how much interest that retirees should earn on investments.

"The UAL is the main cost driver behind increasing employer rates," the task force reports on the Governor's website. "Benefits changes and cost sharing won't address that portion of PERS costs" because those costs come from actions and commitments made long ago for people who have already retired.

The UAL also is among the primary culprits in rising prices for all government services, from education to drug treatment to parks to law enforcement and more. Almost every state and local government function is impacted by the growing chasm between the amount of money the state has for paying retirees and the amount it needs.

The PERS UAL Task Force is due to release its report to the Governor by Nov. 1. The report is expected to suggest ways to pay off some of those unfunded retirement costs. Don't expect the task force to come up with a huge fix, though.

The Governor has only asked for a plan to pay up to \$5 billion. She directed the task force to focus on sales of state assets, and on diverting unexpected and one-time revenues toward the UAL. She forbade the task force from considering the sale of state forests, or the privatization of state parks or prisons.

For more news about state government, check your email monthly for *The Capitol Granger*. If you're not receiving it, please email me at govaffairs@orgrange.org.



Roxy Ann Grange #792 Reorganized with 24 Members

On Tuesday evening September 26th, Roxy Ann Grange #792 in Jackson County was reorganized. They have been dormant since 2013.

Under the direction of State Master Susan Noah the 24 new members were welcomed to the order. That evening the new Grange got started on election of officers selecting Josue Delgado as Master. Other officers elected were the Overseer, Secretary and Treasurer. State Deputy Carol Everman then installed them into their offices. Over the next couple



State Master Susan Noah welcomed the new members.

meetings they will elect the rest of their officers. State Lecturer Linda Helm and past state Steward Wayne Cabler will mentor the Grange for the next year.



State Deputy Carol Everman, with the help of Jeff Dehne, installed the new officers of Roxy Ann Grange. Officers l-r: Overseer Don Mott, Secretary Irene Harnack, Treasurer Donna MacKenzie, and Master Josue Delgado.



Membership Matters

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Grange Up '17 is coming to an end. We encourage all Grangers to get out into their communities and share what activities your Grange is doing and why you belong to this wonderful organization! Sharing that your Grange is taking applications for membership and that you feel they would be a great addition to your Grange family is important. Give them an application for membership and then follow up with them if possible.

On this page of the bulletin, you will see an order form for the 2018 Grange calendar! We encourage each Grange to purchase them to give out to their active members as a gesture to show appreciation to them. The calendars are also nice to give to new members who join your Grange. Many Granges hang them in their halls so renters can get a glimpse of what Grange is all about. At your Grange's 150th Celebration of the National Grange, these calendars would be great to give out as door prizes too! Grange members also enjoy giving them to family members as Christmas gifts. The more you purchase the bigger the discount! Calanders have gone to print and will be mailed starting in early October.

Monies raised help the State Lecturer's Committee send Talent Winners to the National Grange Convention to perform in the Evening of Excellence! It also helps the State Membership Committee promote the Grange through various advertising means. We want to especially thank those who agreed to have their photos printed in the calendar.

Last but not least, special thanks and shout out to Cat Thomas for designing the calendar and doing a lot of the behind the scenes work to get it to production. She is very much appreciated!

Keep the GrangeUp '17 spirit of gaining new members alive—get out and recruit new members to join the Grange! Getting a net gain in membership is the goal for each and every Grange. Together we can do this.....JUSTASK!

2018 OSG Calendar Available

The OSG Lecturer's and Membership committees have joined forces again this year to bring Grangers a tool to promote the Grange. The calen-



dar highlights the talents of Grange members and their photography. The calendar also captures important holidays and Grange dates.

Fourteen stunning photographs selected from the Lecturer's photography contest at the 2017 Convention in Florence grace the pages of this wall calendar. Consider order-

ing a calendar today. Buy to give to new members (write your Grange's important dates in it for them), hang it in your Grange hall or home; give it

to friends, neighbors and co-workers. Use it as Bunco prizes, include in raffle baskets, present to legislators and as opportunities to talk about the Grange; the fun things such as the photography contest and the more serious work we do in our communities.



To order, complete the form below $\,$

and mail along with your payment to our State Membership Directors Sandi and Bob Ludi 18275 Myra Ct, Sandy OR 97005.

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Dozen (12) Calendars		_ \$90.00	\$ _	
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Make checks payable to the Oregon State Grange mark 2018 calendars in the memo line



Pictured above L-R is: presenter Ron Greb, Mary Ellen Brooks with her 25 year pin and Loyce Phillips with her 40 year seal.

Mount Vernon Grange Has Party for Long-time Members

In May Mount Vernon Grange #659, Grant County recognized some of their long time members with the presentation of twenty-five pins and certificates as well as a forty year seal for Loyce Phillips. They also celebrated Loyce's birthday with not one but two birthday cakes.

No party would be complete without music and several members shared their talents in that department.

150TH ANNIVERSARY

Promote the Grange

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Goldson Grange to Host Annual Veterans Breakfast November 11

Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, will be holding this year's Veteran's Breakfast on Saturday, November 11, from 7-11am. They will be serving pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, and biscuits and gravy, plus juice

and coffee.



Veterans eat free on this special day to honor their service and sacrifices; all others are by donation. Last year's event drew almost 50 people, including a gentleman in full dress uniform—still fitting after 30 years! This event is growing in popularity with veterans, Grange members, and neighbors. The Veteran's Day Breakfast is one of the most popular events of the year for Goldson.

For more information, please contact Lecturer Edie Moro at 541-998-8852.

#hashtags - What are they?

What is a hashtag - A hashtag is a word or phrase that is preceded by a hashtag or a pound sign (#).

Where is it used - on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

What is the purpose of a hashtag - The purpose of a hashtag is to briefly be able to explain or describe what the topic is. For example: #150yearsofGrange describes that the Grange is celebrating 150 years as an organization.

Why should you use a hashtag - hashtags are basically tags used to categorize conversations between users. Using a hashtag makes you part of that conversation and helps others find you and your post.

How to use a hashtag - Initially, you should put a pound symbol at the beginning of the statement (#). After the pound sign is complete, think of a phrase that represents or explains what is going on. This phrase should be four words or less with no spaces in between. Place this concise phrase behind the pound sign. Once this step has been taken, your hashtag has been completed. You may place many hashtags in a post; one or two are best but keep it limited to no more than four.

Define Your Hashtag - When first posting a tag for a conversation, it's good practice to define it. Let people know what the hashtag is about. Describe it in simple words and double check that it is not already being used if you want to keep your conversation separate. If you use an existing hashtag you are joining that conversation.

Do's and Don'ts of using hashtags

Do's

- Make the content within the hashtag short
- Be creative to what is behind the pound symbol
- Make the content specific to what you want to express
- Keep it simple
- Keep it obvious

Good hashtags

#150yearsofGrange #IamGrange #grangersinaction

Don'ts

- Stay away from using generic phrasing like #toohot
- Be hashtag happy! (using them too often or too many)
- Use a long hashtag (no one is going to be able to decipher what it says)
- Piggyback on other hashtags unless you want to be part of that conversation

Not so good hashtags

#WeAreVeryExcited
#hashtagIdon'tKnowhowtouseaHashtag
#WhyisthisHashtagsolong
#donotbehashtaghappy!

Veterans

Jim Clute james_clute@yahoo.com



Oregon State Grange Veterans Director

A big thank you to all who made our State Grange Convention and the Log Cabin at the State Fair successful. Next is the Albany Veterans Day Parade. Many of us who have participated in the parade in the past will be at the National Grange Convention in Spokane, WA during the exact time that the parade is happening. We are looking for those who are not otherwise obligated that day to be part of a Grange entry in the parade. Call or email Jim Clute at james_clute@yahoo.com 503 953-4171 for more info. Needed is a pickup, van, trailer, etc. to ride in/on and hang banners and bunting

Also needed of course are people to give the impression that the Grange is alive.

On the Veteran benefits side, changes are in such a state of flux that it is hard to follow, let alone know what applies where. The best I can recommend is to wait until the dust settles before making any drastic leaps. Yet we need to be informed so that when the time is right for you or someone you know, proper action in the correct direction can be taken. Being informed is the best defense and offense available.

The following excerpts are from an article by a veteran's wife lamenting diverse perspectives - By: Kristen Smith September 4, 2017

Another September rolls in as the military community sends more service members downrange amid increasingly-difficult-to-navigate political rhetoric. As our parade of never-ending political coverage briefly gives way to our annual 9/11 remembrance tributes, I am left wondering how the country needs a day to remember when the military community lives a daily reminder. ...

That day took on an emerging importance for me personally when I met and then married a soldier. That single day in September nearly 15 years ago, backed by untold hours of indoctrination and training by terrorists, impacts my family every day as we navigate a life defined by service.

Inevitably, among the talking heads evaluating how far we've come from 9/11 there will be a few who talk of "moving on" and decrying the desire to hold onto tragedy. There will be speeches and ceremonies. Some will grieve, some will use the opportunity to make a point and others will participate as a part of processing this sense of vulnerability that has become an integral thread in American society.

And we'll move forward. We'll enjoy cool fall air and colorful leaves. Our kids will head back to school. Pumpkin 'everything' will start to fill the grocery store shelves. Families like mine, living the daily realities of a country not-quite-at-war, will continue to experience that constant, underlying reminder that there is a price to be paid for the ability to set aside one day to honor and remember.

Pray daily for our service members and families.



Albany's Veterans Day Parade Saturday ~ November 11, 2017

The Oregon State Grange will again this year have a presence in the parade. We need members to step up to the plate in implementing this event.

There will be opportunities for both riders and walkers. If you would like to be involved, contact:

Jim Clute 503 953-4171 james_clute@yahoo.com

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

Grange Youth & Young **Adults**



Connie Suing csuing@hotmail.com OSG Youth Director



I am so happy to be able to announce that we have four Youth and a former Youth representing our National Grange convention in Spokane.

Congratulations to Jessie Jo Guttridge. Not only is she going to represent the Western Region in the Jeopardy Challenge, but also she is the John Trimble Legislative Experience recipient.

Congratulations to Maggie Swartzendruber. She has been chosen as Lady Assistant Steward for the 2017 National Youth Officers corp. Maggie loves to march and she will shine as she helps lead the team again this year in Spokane.

Congratulations to Suzy Ramm. She impressed the judges at Western Regionals and will perform her "Radio Spot" public speaking ad at National convention too. Way to go Suzy.

Two other youth I'd like to mention be delighted.

are our very own Oregon State Grange officers - Steward Lexie Suing and Pomona Mikela great state in November at the Heimuller. Oregon is exemplifying the 6th degree at National Convention and these two represent our Youth beautifully. Additionally as many as six young ladies will be serving as attendants for the Sixth degree.

> I hope some of the Youth and Young adults were featured in your county fairs, 4-H fairs, local parades etc... They truly shine if you let them.

Thank you to all of the Youth that worked at the Log Cabin at the State Fair. It is wonderful to see their smiles and energy while talking about the Grange.

As we come into our Grange's 150 Birthday celebration, remember to celebrate us: Our past, our present, and our future.

As always remember to ask a Youth or a Young Adult. I know they will

Oregon Youth Selected For National Grange Legislative Award

Congratulations to Oregon's Jessie Jo Guttridge, a member of Springwater Grange #263 in Clackamas County on her selection as this year's National Grange Convention Youth Legislative Experience award winner. This program provides opportunities for a Grange Youth and Young Adults, age 16-35, with an interest in the legislative aspect of the National Grange to see the inner workings of committees and the grassroots legislative policy development effort at the National Grange Convention.

Jessie Jo will serve on the Agriculture committee reviewing resolutions as a voting member of the committee and as a youth staff assistant to the National Grange Legislative Director. She will also have the opportunity to watch the delegate body take action on the resolutions and assist in other ways.

As a youth staff assistant Jessie Jo will be assigned some additional logistical duties so she can see how the back room production process works at the convention. These duties will not conflict with the opportunities of seeing the National Delegates work on the floor.

Jessie Jo comes from a long time Grange family (she is 6th generation) in Estacada, Oregon. She is the daughter of Don and Tami Guttridge and lives with them and her sister next door to the family's century farm. Her second and third great-grandfathers were charter members of Springwater Grange when it was organized in 1893 and some of her family have been members there ever since. She is active in Clackamas County



Co-Agriculture Committee Chairman and Youth Chairman; the Oregon State Grange and is a 7th degree member of the National Grange. She is the current OSG Youth Lady Assistant Steward.

Jessie Jo has been actively involved in the legislative process of the Grange since joining. She has been a delegate from Springwater to the Oregon State Grange annual convention the last two years. Last November at National Grange convention she attended one of the committees as a guest of Oregon's delegates and was able to provide input into policy.

Living on a ranch, Jessie Jo lives the agricultural life and loves it. She owns several head of cattle and has many calves born this spring. She has been very involved in 4-H, this being her last year. She graduated from Estacada High School in 2016 and was the HS GSA president. She is currently studying agriculture and history at Clackamas Community College.

Grange Youth at Fairs



Left: Austin VanHouten, Oakland FFA Chapter and a member of Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County, answered all of Justin Clute's questions about his animals at the Oregon State Fair.



Right: Kendra Guttridge, Sandy Livestock 4-H Club and a member of Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County showed her cow Macey, which was selected the Clackamas County Champion Cow and Grand Champion Simmental Female.



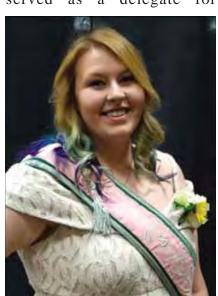
Jessie Jo Guttridge, Odd Stock & Crafts 4-H Club and a member of Springwater Grange #263, was the Championship 4-H Fiber Arts at both Clackamas County and the Oregon State Fair.



Austin VanHouten holds the 4-H Champion Lionhead Rabbit at the Oregon State Fair. In August he was the Champion Intermediate Cavy Showman and the Champion Intermediate Rabbit Showman at Douglas County Fair.

Oregon Youth To Serve As National Grange Youth Officer

Maggie Swartzendruber of Riverdale Grange #731 in Douglas County has been selected to serve as the 2017 National Grange Youth Lady Assistant Steward. She is the Lecturer at Riversdale Grange and served as a delegate for



Riverdale Grange at this year's state convention. She also was one of Pomona's attendants for the sixth degree in June. She is a seventh degree member having received the degree while at National Grange convention last year.

She is the current Oregon State Grange Youth Steward and was the instigator of the making of Skid Resistant Socks for nursing home residents by the youth at convention; a project she learned about while attending National Grange convention last November.

Maggie is a med aide at River Grove Memory Care in Eugene and attends Lane Community College to fulfill her prerequisites for the LPN program with the goal of becoming a CNA/CMA.



2017 Western States Regional Leadership Conference Held

Eleven Oregon Grangers made the trip to sunny Southern California to participate in the Grange Leadership conference held in Buena Park, California next to Knott's Berry Farm. The theme was "Sculpting Your Passion Into Action". Presentations and group activities were used to demonstrate how members can work together even though they may have different skills and different opinions to make our communities better. Some of the activities were designed so that participants got to know their fellow Grangers and some activities demonstrated how all members can contribute to the success of a projects or events.

In one of the activities attendees were divided into groups and each group was given different colors of Play Dough. The objective was for each member of the group to

contribute their part to build a display that would illustrate community. It was very enlightening to see the different displays that the groups came up with and how each individual contributed based on their talent. Another activity tested our imagination by asking us, "What would be your ultimate Community Service Project if you had unlimited funds and all the volunteers you needed?"

The conference was very rewarding and educational. While it is where the regional level of the Youth sponsored contests are conducted, the conference is for all ages and levels of Grange leaders. It is recommended that you attend the one next year in Washington State. Many people combined the conference with a vacation and stayed a couple extra days to visit the local attractions.



Representing Oregon at this year's Western Regional Conference were front row L-R: Junior Ambassador Riley Reynolds, State Ceres Liz Dehne, State Master Susan Noah, Grange Jeopardy contestants Jessie Jo Guttridge and Grace Hays and Radio Spot contestant Suzy Ramm. Back row L-R: District 3 Junior Chairman Tina Reynolds, State Lecturer Linda Helm, State Youth Lecturer Alex Coe, Position 1 State Executive Committee member Jeff Dehne and State Legislative Director Mark Noah.



Above: Grace Hays explains her group's ultimate Community Service Project to all. Interestingly enough all five groups came up with homelessness being the project they wanted to tackle with one group focusing on homeless Vets.



Above: Jessie Jo Guttridge discusses an idea in her group on homeless Vets.



Grange Jeopardy - L-R Leah Bardal, Washington 2nd, Javcee Jette, Montana 3rd, and Riley Reynolds, Jessie Jo Guttridge 1st and Grace Hays, all from Oregon.

GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"



Suzy Ramm OSG GROW Club President gbulletin@orgrange.org



Wallowa County Degree Day Saturday, October 21

The GROW club has received a and maybe the fifth. Wallowa request to help Wallowa County with the degrees on Saturday October 21st at Hurricane Creek Grange #608, 63081 Hurricane Creek Rd, Joseph, Oregon 97846.

It is assumed that the GROW club and friends will bring as many team members as possible but Wallowa County will need to fill in with their members and they are prepared to do so. While the GROW Club is organizing the degree teams, any Granger who wants to volunteer is more than welcome.

County Grangers would like to see the degrees exemplified and then hopefully start doing them on their own, so if some of the key offices were filled that would really help them out. The GROW club does have some money for travel so some expenses could be paid.

We are looking for someone to step up as team captain and volunteer to fill as many positions as possible. For the time being let Suzy in the state Grange office know if you can help out and if you can step up as captain.

The first four degrees are planned

Please "Be Delighted" and help out.

National Grange GROW Club Raffle

Benefits the National Grange Youth Leadership Fund

Tickets - \$1.00 each

Cash Prizes

1st - \$300 2nd - \$200 3rd - \$100

Raffle to be held on November 10, 2017 at the National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington. Need not be present to win.

Contact a GROW Club member or the state office for tickets



White Eagle Grange Parades at Round-Up

September 8, White Eagle Grange #683, Umatilla County, entered a float in the annual Dress Up Parade which kickoffs Round-Up week in Pendleton. The float featured both the 150th Grange Anniversary and the Real Grange banners and a variety of ages were represented including Junior, Youth and Young Adult members.



Kymber Anglin, Oregon Junior Gatekeeper and Owen Ancheta ready to go.



OSG Position 3 Executive Committee member Roger Wilson puts finishing touches on White Eagle's float.



OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - June 3, 2017

The meeting called to order at 9am by Master Susan Noah. Present included Sarah Kingsborough, Celia Luttrell, Roger Wilson, Don Sether, and Jeff Dehne.

Prior meeting minutes from April 1st were read and approved.

Financial Reports

- Celia Current reports are in progress as we are working toward the end of our fiscal
- Scott Barker Barker Wealth Advisors - Current Investment reports
 - Scott provided us with detailed reports on our current investments. Rather than the typical quarterly reports, he went into analytics on the funds that we are invested in. The funds are performing well, and have solid historical data which Scott looks at when determining where to invest. The variety of funds keeps us in line with our adopted investment policy.
- Jan's reports we reviewed the membership reports based on the quarterly reports received to date. 183 new members joined in the 1st quarter. We are seeing the impact of the GrangeUp program coming to life!
- Loan update Granges with outstanding loans to the OSG were reviewed.
- EC to look over Visa & Master Card bills for audit purposes.
- Thank you notes received from FFA for public speaking sponsorship & Columbia #267 Grange (Multnomah Co) for banner.

Unfinished Business

- Restraint of Title work still need to cover the following counties: Baker, Clackamas, Crook, Jackson, Jefferson, Curry, Lake, Malheur, Josephine, Marion, Tillamook, Washington, Wheeler. Sarah will take Tillamook today, and Don will work on some when the harvest is done.
- Employee Handbook and Employee Evaluations are still in progress. Susan and Sarah will work on these before the next Exec Meeting.
- Deer Creek Grange No updates yet as they are still in discussions with the Fire Department regarding their lease.
- GrangeUp '17 All boxes were delivered to either the Grange or a member of each Grange. Numbers coming in show quite a few new members, but still not quite a

- gain. First quarter is always hard because Granges tend to drop due to nonpayment of dues. We will have a membership celebration at State Grange Convention.
- A Policy for virtual attendance at Subordinate Grange meetings was adopted at National Grange last year, allowing states to set their own New Business policies. Jeff moved, Sarah seconded to adopt the presented policy as modified. Motion passed.
- Lobbyist Craig Loughridge was retained on a contract basis, and has been giving us good representation. We are impressed with the email updates he has been providing from Salem.
- Netel Grange received a bid for replacing their septic system. They are looking for a couple more bids before deciding on the project, as well as, obtaining a loan from us for funding.
- Salem Heating will be adding the new draft inducer to their next scheduled maintenance at the office.
- Don came down and cut the ivy off the roof, but we still need to contact the people in the house around the corner to get permission to remove the ivy before it does any more damage. If they are not home today, we will send them
- Library Presentations there are 3 presentation boards that have been printed and are now being displayed at libraries across Oregon. We may have a presentation at the Multnomah Main Library next spring with a reception and opportunity to promote the Grange.
- Gold Hill has sold and we received \$121,080.00
- National Database Jan has worked extra time to get all the OSG members and Granges input into the National database. The database seems correct for each Grange and member. National was pleased!
- Audit should be finished up by June 15th, allowing us enough time to make copies. They will present their report at our next exec meeting.
- Mohawk-McKenzie Grange hall use contract has been completed.
- National Grange had previously encouraged State Granges to provide information on grants available to improve kitchens at local halls. Jeff researched grant opportunities through the USDA, which some Granges

might qualify for. Susan will talk with Betsy to ensure this meets the National Grange guidelines, and we will hopefully prepare some information before State Grange.

We adjourned for lunch from 12:00-12:30pm.

- Budget The budget committee met on May 30th to prepare the proposed budget for 2018. It's based on membership of 4900, which incorporates our GrangeUp goal of 3+ members per Grange.
 - Don moved, Jeff seconded, to present this proposed budget to the delegates. Motion passed.
- Insurance Members have brought up a concept of the Oregon State Grange providing liability insurance for all subordinate Granges, and we would collect payments from them. We discussed the benefits and weaknesses of this blanket coverage, and don't feel that this serves our needs now. Most of our Granges have sufficient coverage. There will be an article in an upcoming Grange Bulletin to educate Granges on insurance companies that others are using. Our focus will be on helping the few with the greatest need.
- Division of Labor We received 81 resolutions prior to the deadline of May 26th.
- Spence Scholarships The Exec Committee reviewed and scored the applications for the Spence scholarship.
- Packing State Office -Wednesday June 21st will be the big packing day to go to State Grange Convention. The Dons have volunteered to help, others are welcome. The office will be closed from 6/21 until 7/5.
- Matching Grant Program The program overall is going well and has helped many Granges make improvements to their halls. In the next round, we will offer assistance with paperwork to those who find the grant application daunting.
 - Communications going out to those who are not completing their agreements or reports as required in the program.
- Legislative bill tracking software is available for \$1000-\$3000 annually. We will consider this for future legislative sessions, and plan to speak with Craig more in the

- Franklin Property we have an offer at \$60,000 that is firm and well below the sale price of \$119,000. They declined our counteroffer of \$90,000. We have not received any other offers, but the realtor indicated there may be another interested party.
 - Jeff moved that if we have not seen movement by Thursday 6/9, then we authorize Buzi to accept the \$60,000 offer on Franklin. Don seconded. Motion passed.
- North Howell property was sold in January, but the buyer is not happy and wants to sell the property back to us. Before making a decision we will inspect the property with a contractor to understand all of the changes that have been made.
- Stanfield & Columbia #867 have proposed a consolidation.
 - Sarah moved that we approve the consolidation plan of Stanfield and Columbia #867 Granges. Jeff Seconded. Motion passed.
- Nancy's letter to auditors was reviewed. The letter is in response to a request from Moss Adams in regards to any litigation or claims.
- Macleay Grange needs extension on sign program due to late shipping. This is covered with the program extension.
- Sign program We approved 50% reimbursement for 16 Granges in this program, spending half of our \$10,000 budget.
 - Roger moved to extend the sign program to May **31, 2018. Don Seconded.** Motion passed.
- Fernwood Grange A neighbor is interested in the property, but it is not currently listed for sale. The Grange recently went dormant.

Decisions made via email were reviewed and affirmed.

- Decision to allow Springwater to donate some of the trust funds to Clarkes Grange for the Cuddle Cot purchase.
- Decision to allow Terrebonne to spend trust funds for new floor.
- Decision to counter the \$60,000 offer on Franklin at \$90,000.
- Decision to allow Fruitdale to spend trust funds on miscellaneous repairs.

Grange Reports

- North Howell sale issue as listed above.
- Roxy Ann Community



Summer 2017 - the Story of the National Grange Chiller

Betsy Huber, National Master

Thursday August 3rd started out like any other August day in Washington D.C.—hot, humid, steamy, and busy. Suddenly about 1 pm everything changed with a loud bang. The 22-year-old chiller system in our National Grange building ruptured a refrigerant tube, flooded the units, and died.

Immediately the building began warming up and we scurried to address the problem of temporary AC until the chiller system can be replaced (which will take about a month.) Bringing temporary chillers in and hooking them up – an absolute necessity in DC, and no alternative could be found—a cost of \$65,000 up front. Contractors worked all weekend to have temporary AC working by Monday afternoon. Thank you to Stephanie Tiller and Stewart for their extra hard work in helping to address this situation, and to all our great staff for their assistance and ideas. Permanent system replacement rough estimate at this point is \$450,000. Also to be considered is the boiler system, which is a few years older than the chiller and could also quit at any moment.

The National Grange Executive Committee has been working with an architectural engineer to take a look at our building for the long term and



The National Grange Building in Washington, DC.

OSG Ex. Com. Minutes - continued

- members have shown some interest in reorganizing the Grange. We will discuss with them our values as an organization to determine if this is a good fit.
- Redwood The Grange is struggling with membership and activities.
- Stanfield/Columbia #867 approved to consolidate
- Goldson-Is exploring the idea of getting a FEMA grant to become an emergency shelter, but significant funds are required to be contributed by the Grange.
- GrangeUp Program The visits by state leadership has exposed that there are more Granges struggling than we realized. We gained 183 new members, but did not have a net gain due to the significant drops in 1st quarter due to nonpayment of dues. Our hope is that 2nd quarter sees more gain from the effort of all the visits. The leadership team is supposed to follow up with the Granges they visited and offer continued support.
 - A Pep Rally is planned for State Grange and will be so much fun.

- Healthy Grange Conferences took place this spring. Some were well attended while others were not, which happens with conferences every year. It's still important to get out and connect with our members.
- Regional Grange Conference will be at Knott's Berry Farm Resort in August. If interested in attending, please contact the state office.

Deputy & State Officer Reports

- Azalea
- Gresham Carol is attending every meeting at Gresham to help them come together to clean up the hall and focus on their Grange.
- Mapleton
- Pleasant Valley
- Salmon River Carol is a regular visitor at Salmon River and is still working with the member relationships.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Sunday July 23rd at 1pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Fraternally Submitted, Sarah Kingsborough Secretary identify improvements that could be made to make it more attractive to tenants and more efficient to operate. Our location, around the corner from the White House, is extremely attractive, but if the offices are dingy and dated, that may outweigh the benefits of location. Paint and carpet have been updated regularly with tenant turnover, but we have the same 57-year-old single-pane, metal framed windows and fluorescent light fixtures that could be made much more energy efficient if we had the funds to replace them. At last November's Celebration Banquet I announced the kickoff of a Building Fund to be prepared for situations like this as well as other building upgrades. We did receive quite a few contributions but the total to date is far from enough to address the chiller crisis, let alone the other improvements. The Board is making plans to borrow money to address the chiller replacement and possibly the boiler.

Our building is not just steel and stone. It is our national Hall that brings in income per year of \$1.16 million (\$687,000 net) so we must keep our tenants happy and our facility operating efficiently. This income funds a major portion of our annual budget. We would greatly appreciate your generous donations or those of your Granges toward this emergency that will cost more than a half million dollars. I know our building is a symbol to all of us of the importance of Grange to our country and to us. We need to keep it operating at peak efficiency and dependability. Thank you for your support!

National Grange Building Fund Pledge Form

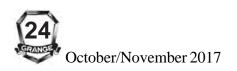
Individual donors (or couples) who give \$250 or more will receive a Building Pin. We are dedicated to the preservation of our place and distinction as the only privately held building in the federal block around the White House and wish to raise funds to do the much-needed renovations and repairs to continue to maintain our headquarters. Please show your Grange pride, and make a pledge to donate. All contributions will be recognized. Please complete the form below and send it to National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, ATTN: Building Fund.

Grange Name, #

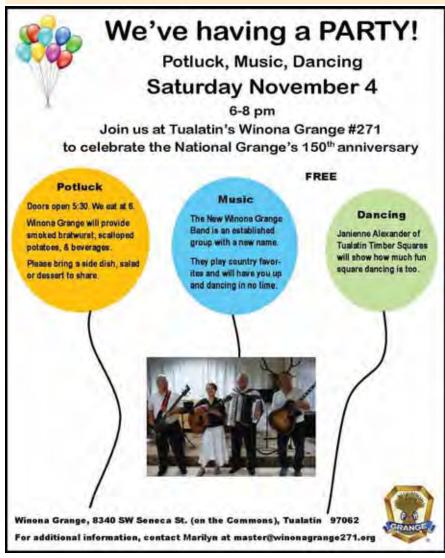
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Celebrating 150 Years of Grange



Open House/Craft Fair at Fairfield to Celebrate 150 Years of Grange

Fairfield Grange #720, Marion County, will be celebrating 150 years of Grange with a craft fair and open house on Saturday, November 11 from 10am to 4pm. Check out local handmade items, do some Christmas shopping, and visit with Grangers and other guests. There will be displays some of Fairfield's original minutes and scrapbooks dating back to 1932. Food and drink will be available. Fairfield Grange hall is at 13651 River Road NE, Gervais, 97026.

Recently, an antique player piano has been donated to Fairfield Grange. It is hoped to have it in house and making old-time music by November. In honor of Veterans Day, they will also have a display of items from some of our Grange members' Navy and Air Force days in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.



Molalla Grange to Celebrate 150 Years of Grange

Molalla Grange #310, Clackamas County, is planning a BINGO and pancake night celebration to celebrate 150 Years of the Grange on Sunday evening, October 15th from 4-6 pm at the Grange hall at 127 Grange Ave, Molalla. 150 year decorated cupcakes will be served and enjoy some BINGO with "Billy the Goat."

For more information contact Stephanie Walsh, 503 263 1230 jswalsh@canby.com.



Mohawk-McKenzie Grange Plans 150th Birthday Dinner

Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747, Lane County, will host a National Grange 150th Birthday Dinner on Saturday, December 2, at 6:30 pm, at the Historic Willakenzie Hall, 3055 Willakenzie Road, Eugene. Dinner will feature spaghetti, salad and garlic bread, followed by birthday cake and ice cream. For more information about the Birthday Dinner, contact Mohawk-McKenzie Master Ann Rawlins at 541-801-9179 or Mohawk-McKenzie Grange Assistant Steward Mark Noah at 541-726-6106.

Bellview Grange Celebrates 150

Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County is celebrating the 150th

Anniversary of the Grange with a Breakfast of Champions on Saturday morning December 16th. They will be celebrating with their members and the friends they choose to bring with them along with a delightful program.



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