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Grange Foundation Fraternal Concerns Fund Needs Your Help

This year's fires in August and September have devastated communities around the state and resulted in major losses for Grange members. The Oregon State Grange Foundation (OSGF) Fraternal Concerns fund assists Grange members for "property casualty loss." The Foundation is looking for donations to the Fraternal Concerns Fund to help all the members who had a major property loss. Checks may be sent to the OSGF 643 Union Street NE, Salem OR 97301 and marked for Fraternal Concerns – Fire Relief.

So far two Granges have reported members with losses. Phoenix #779, Jackson County, had two Grange Family lose the home they owned and Springwater #263, Clackamas County, had one Grange Family lose the home they owned and one member lose the little house she was renting

Oregon's 147th Annual State Session Held in Klamath Falls

The Oregon State Grange met in annual session September 17th-20th at the Klamath County fairgrounds in Klamath Falls. Because of the COVID-19 virus this was a hybrid session with some delegates attending in person and others online via Zoom. Attendance was down this year as expected with a high of 41 delegates and 14 guests in Klamath Falls and 43 delegates on Zoom. Some members who originally thought they would be attending in person changed at the last minute to Zoom because of the fires.

The main focus of this year's shortened session was the adoption of resolutions, approval of the 2021 budget and election of 2020-22 state Grange officers.

Officer Elections
Re-elected were: President: Susan

Noah; Vice President: Jay Sexton; Lecturer: Cookie Trupp; Steward: Phil Van Buren; Secretary: Sarah Kingsborough; Executive Committee position #1: John Fine; position #2: Sam Keator and position #3: Louise Holst.

Returning to the officer corp after a break were: Assistant Steward: Wayne Cabler; Lady Assistant Steward: Connie Suing; Gatekeeper: Orrin Schnetzky; Pomona: Linda Helm and Flora: Sandi Ludi.

New as state officers are Chaplain: Randi Embree, Treasurer: Sonny Hays-Eberts and Ceres: Linda Pugh.

You will find more coverage of state session throughout the paper. Information about resolutions passed can be found on pages 14, 15 and 16.

Oregon State Grange Chaplain Moves on to the Grange Above

Peggy L. Fine, Chaplain of the Oregon State Grange, passed away on August 21, 2020. First elected Chaplain in 2012 she chose not to be a candidate this year. Previously she had served as State Junior Co-Director from 2010-12.



Peggy was born December 26, 1950 in Medford, Oregon to parents Earl and Velma Tibbets. She was the youngest of three children and lived on the family ranch in Drew, Oregon. While growing up she developed her love of animals and her support for Agriculture.

In 1968 she graduated from Days Creek High School then attended Southern Oregon College for a time before moving to Portland to work in the ward at the Portland Veterans Administration Medical Center during the Vietnam War. She eventually found her way back to Days Creek and spent most of her career at the Roseburg Veterans Administration Medical Center where she retired as the Assistant to the center director.

While her family was growing up Peggy was an active supporter of their activities including FFA and athletic events and was on both the Days Creek and Glide School Boards. She became a 4-H leader, became involved with the 4-H County Council, served as the Livestock Superintendent and was a 4-H Volunteer for over 40 years.

In 1994, Peggy married John Fine and shortly thereafter joined the Grange, pouring her love and time into the organization with the same zeal as the others that she was involved in. Over her 26 years of Grange membership, she served at

all levels. In November 2003 she was elected Flora of the National Grange and served in that capacity until Brother John was elected to the National Grange Executive committee.

She is survived by her husband John Fine; children Christa Papke (Jeff), Rebecca Newton (Ben), Kris VanHouten (Ross), John Fine Jr.; grandchildren, Abigail and Lauren Papke, Trenton (Kathy), Jasmine and Alexis Dancer, Eli and Ryan Newton, Austin, Audrey and Aurianna VanHouten; great-grandchildren, Mia and Mason Dancer; brother, Richard Tibbets (Dixie); sister-in-law, Du Tran Tibbets; and best friend of 55 years, Ivy Holt.

Her celebration of life was held at Redeemer's Fellowship in Roseburg on Thursday, August 27, 2020 and was attended by many Grangers including State President Susan Noah and her husband Mark. Memorial contributions may be made to the Riversdale Grange scholarship fund or the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation and sent to 618 Temple Brown Road, Roseburg, OR 97470.

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The President's Column

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I am pleased to say that we finally were able to hold our annual State Grange meeting in Klamath Falls as originally planned, even if we had to make a variety of changes to the dates, schedule and even the way our people attended. For a first time “hybrid” session of both in-person and virtual attendees, I think our people did an outstanding job! Our hosts from District #5 made sure that we observed all the rules for social distancing and safety while in the building, and were there to greet everyone as we started the 147th annual session of the Oregon State Grange.

Between Mark Noah, Sarah Kingsborough, David Wallace and Melissa High all of our virtual members were able to see and hear what was going on and were able to discuss and vote on resolutions as they came to the floor. I want to take this opportunity to thank them and everyone who helped to make this year pleasant and productive. Our

worthy Vice President, Jay Sexton, also deserves a round of thanks for diving into the YouTube world to give non-delegates a look at what we do at the annual meeting.

I also need to thank all the members who took part, both virtual and live for their patience and humor as we slowed down some of the work to accommodate more counted votes due to the combined methods of voting. Having the committee work prior to the convention seemed to go very well, and I heard lots of good comments from the participants.

2021 is coming up fast, and like most of you I can't wait to see 2020 in the rear-view mirror. Our convention will be held in Enterprise and while I hope we are back to face to face meetings where we all have the chance to socialize and discuss issues, I know that if we have to, we can change to meet whatever challenge is thrown at us!

Thank You

Worthy Master, Oregon State Grange staff, the national staff, officers and members of the Oregon State Grange, and the Klamath County Fairgrounds.

We would like to thank you for your support and efforts to have the 147th annual session in Klamath Falls. We hope you agree that the first ever combination virtual and in person session was a success. It was a success thanks to the planning and technical support from many people. No, it was not what we had planned for, although still a successful.

We hope to see you again in Klamath Falls, or any of the District #5 Grange's.

Fraternally, District 5 Session Host Committee



Bailey Barks

Did you know there is a “National Day” for just about anything you can think of! There is even a “Pet Obesity Day” although I didn't want to look at it, as I'm not really fat I'm fluffy!

The day I want to highlight is October 21st. *National Pets for Veterans Day!* The history of it comes from a Dog named Bear. Bear knew how to interact with Veterans based on their individual needs. Sometimes he would lie quietly on the bed, sometimes he would put his paws up to encourage others. Many Veterans asked if they could take Bear home with them, but of course he was already spoken for. Bear's owner thought “why is therapy one hour a week inside when it could be 24/7 at home?” So, she started working to help more Veterans find their own Bear to help them rehabilitate. To spread the word, celebrate Bear and all other service animals on October 21st!

A couple things you can do for this special day are: Visit a shelter and offer to pay the adoption fee for a Veteran; Collect dog/cat toys and donate them to a shelter; Visit a VA facility and thank the Veterans (maybe take your own therapy dog with you!)

Have a fun “Howl”oween, you may not be able to trick or treat, but you can still “treat” your Dog!

Woof, Bailey

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Members of District 5 were recognized and thanked for hosting the 147th annual session of the Oregon State Grange.

L-r: Co-chairman Louise Holst, Co-Chairman Vickie High, Dean High, Brenda High-Jensen, Bonita Fillmore, Karen Robison and Phil Van Buren.

President's Annual Address 147th Annual Convention

Susan M. Noah, State President

Introduction

45 years have passed since the Oregon State Grange last met in Klamath Falls. Brother W.C. Harris was Master and I noted that in his Annual Address to the members he spoke of patriotism, and the issues of change. Now as in 1975 we are experiencing unrest and turmoil among the citizens of the United States. Many of us live in cities where there have been both peaceful protests and riots. Even the National Grange building in Washington DC has not escaped unscathed. We have resolutions at this annual meeting expressing our support for the police in Oregon, while not casting aside support for peaceful protests as a means to improve our communities. Master Harris made the point that you cannot preach peace while waging war, a sentiment that continues to stand the test of time.

I want to thank District #5, and especially the members in Klamath County. Due to the outbreak of the Covid 19 coronavirus we have had to make major adjustments to our annual meeting, including the dates, the way we are set up and the number of visitors. Many of our members are connecting to this conference via an online platform for the first time ever, and those of us in attendance are now wearing protective masks, and spaced the required six feet from each other. My heart goes out to the members of District 5 who had planned for a week-long meeting in June only to have it shut down by the pandemic. But through perseverance we are here and delighted to be their guests. While many of the District #5 members are not able to attend, the Klamath Falls members have really stepped up to welcome us. We are grateful to have been invited and hope that it is not another 45 years before we are back in this beautiful area of the State.

Agriculture

This year has been one of the worst on record for our farming community. Over the past several years we have seen farms decimated by wind, water and fire. When you combine these with a growing pandemic that has forced some farms to destroy their product as markets shrink due to restaurants being shut down and schools closed, the agricultural toilers on whom we rely on are being hit from all sides.

Currently as we are all staying socially distant, and masked up to comply with Covid-19 restrictions, the farm workforce is faced with working in conditions that are frequently less than ideal. There are continuing shortages of personal protective equipment that are vital to farm safety. As a result of the current demands of the healthcare

industry, N-95 respirator supplies are highly limited, a necessary item for grain growers handling dusty grain as a result of last fall's sub-optimal harvest conditions.

And in just this last week, wildfires have again become a huge hurdle to our farmers. Lane, Linn, Marion, Douglas, Jackson and Clackamas counties are agricultural areas that have been hit by wildfire and horrible atmospheric conditions. Health authorities are urging businesses that operate outdoors to send their workers home, and many have, but some including farm laborers have stayed on the job. Some are workers who are afraid of losing their job, others are the business owners themselves who must work to keep their animals safe, and to rescue what they can of crops that are ready to harvest. For the last several months we have been paying tribute to the frontline workers who have kept us going. As we ride out the newest threat remember that the farmers have been continuing to work to keep food on our tables throughout the pandemic and now during the worst fires to face Oregon.

While we cannot "Hug a Farmer" due to social distancing, we can all take the time to say "Thank You!"

Education

Education is an area that is seeing many changes due to the Covid crisis. Educators point out that we have hundreds of years of understanding what face to face classroom instruction should look like, but only a few decades of online learning to use as a guide. The pandemic has put everything schools have and know to the test. They are also quick to point out that "online classes" and "remote learning" are not the same thing although they both take place in a virtual environment. The difference as described by an Educause review blog is that online courses are "experiences that are planned from the beginning and designed to be online, emergency remote teaching is a temporary shift of instructional delivery to alternate delivery mode due to crisis circumstances." But there is no doubt that the existing online course work has helped to make this emergency transition to remote learning easier for the institutions involved.

As with every problem though there are some who face more difficulties. School staff have put forth an enormous effort to facilitate these changes, and the students and parents also have been making the best of this situation. Some students, especially special needs students, tend to learn best in a classroom setting. Tutoring departments are also working overtime to set up online scheduling platforms to allow online tutoring via

Zoom or live chat situations. Tech Support has become a lifeline for educators, students and frankly all of us since this pandemic started. The upside to all of this is that the move to remote teaching has opened some people's eyes to new possibilities where they might not have considered them before.

Health and Welfare

This year a Health and Welfare section takes on a much-increased role. For the first time in over 100 years we are in the middle of a worldwide pandemic. Last December many of us watched the news of an epidemic in China that soon had much of the country in lock down. As 2019 progressed to 2020 we saw our own country institute travel bans between the two countries, but the virus had already made its way across our borders and soon five known cases had become 20, then quickly spreading like wildfire across the globe due to normal and open travel between countries. Little was known about the virus until we were already facing a growing epidemic, that would soon spread world-wide. By the end of March, the Governor of Oregon, Kate Brown, had closed schools to in-person classes, had closed restaurants and all but essential businesses, and had asked all businesses to employ "work from home" practices as much as possible. Soon Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance informed the public that along with the regime of washing hands frequently and self-quarantine for any illness symptoms we should be wearing protective face masks to stop the spread of the disease.

From the last week in March to the middle of May all counties followed these restrictions and we appeared to flattening the curve of the virus. By the middle of May counties started to open back up cautiously and by early June most counties had progressed to a stage that allowed more normal activities and allowed businesses to start to reopen, pumping some life into our economy. However, by the end of June the less restrictive atmosphere combined with the start of summer seemed to pull us off track and infections and the death rate started to rise. New restrictions went into place and as I write this, we seem to be on the right track again, but we have seen the power of pandemic.

One would think that with a health issue facing all of us that we would work together to overcome it, but unfortunately this has become very politicized. Even the wearing of masks has become a statement with videos of individuals fighting with store workers over the mandate to wear a mask, going so far as to destroy store property and spit on



workers and police for enforcing mask policies. I wonder if citizens facing the Spanish Flu in 1918 were as contentious?

Several companies are now in vaccine trials. The next hurdle may be who is on the list to receive a vaccine. We know health care workers will be some of the first to receive these, but who comes after that may be the next bit of political gamesmanship.

Broadband Connectivity

Since 1873 the Oregon State Grange has worked to eliminate the many challenges rural Oregonians face and to ensure their needs are met. We have been grassroots, non-partisan advocates for agriculture and rural issues, and now more than ever we find that access to adequate broadband services is not just helpful for our efforts, it is a necessary lifeline for rural families, economies and communities. The digital divide has been affecting us long before the COVID-19 pandemic, but it has become even more pronounced as people around the state are sheltering in place and turning to their computers for work, health care needs, shopping and social connections.

Farmers and ranchers are at the center of one of our states' most important economic sectors and rural producers often remain unserved or underserved with little or no access to broadband, meaning residents are excluded from accessing emerging technologies and developing new business. Broadband access will allow rural businesses to enhance their supply chain management, allow farmers to collect more data on animals and crops, making real time decisions and developing precision agriculture best practices that conserve water and minimize use of fertilizers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the many challenges associated with the digital divide. Students without broadband at home can be denied access to the full potential of remote learning, patients may be unable to access telehealth

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The Lecturer's Column

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The origin of the Grange came about in the year 1866 when Mr. Oliver Hudson Kelley was authorized by the Commissioner of Agriculture to make a survey of farm conditions in the South following the Civil War. Oliver Kelley conceived the idea that a fraternal organization, composed of farmers from all sections of the country, would help to heal scars caused by war, as well as to improve the economic and social position of the farm population. Oliver Kelley and six of his friends, having framed a ritual and a constitution, formally organized the National Grange.

When the founders of the Grange chose names for the Grange officers, they had in mind the old-time, large English estate which was

quite a complete little world in itself. There you found a teacher, or Lecturer, which was necessary in the old baronial setting for there were no schools. Faced with a similar but temporary situation today, the majority of education is being given at home including entertainment and recreation. As Lecturers, we are to continue the teaching and arranging of balanced programs which takes in the needs of those belonging to the Grange.

The office of Lecturer is really one of the most rewarding positions you can have in a Grange. You not only touch people's lives, but also their minds.

Do Your Best and You Will Succeed!

Fraternity

Fraternity is a golden chain, that holds the Grange together. Each link is so securely clasped that they are hard to sever.

The first is Faith in God, who holds us in His wondrous love that will not let us go, although our careless, selfish ways must often grieve Him so.

The next is Hope, when days are dark and dreary. When winds are wild and hearts grow sad and weary. Hope that tomorrow's dawn will find the bright sun shining, and that today's dark somber clouds will show their silver lining.

The third is Charity, not merely word and dead, but Charity of thought, toward all mankind whatever race and creed.

The last link is Fidelity, that holds us strong and true to all the other links in what we say and do. This is the chain that stretches out of site to Prairie states where cattle graze and quietly rest at night. To states where giant trees tower to reach the sky and sing in grandeur as the winds pass by.



2020 PUBLICITY ITEM CONTEST



Eligible items include anything you create to promote Grange
All entries must be received by Oct. 31, 2020.
ALL DETAILS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
nationalgrange.org/lecturers-programming/

Morning Star Collects Food for Vets

The members of Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County, collected non-perishable foods from the first of January through the 30 of June 2020. On Thursday, August 21 the Grange's Community Service Point of Contact Jody Parker and the GWA Point of Contact, Sonja Neal met and weighed the six months of food collected. The total

amount of food collected during this 6-month period was 432 pounds.

Glenn and Linda Baker from the Albany VFW were notified and they picked up the food on Thursday, August 27. The VFW combines the nonperishable food with perishable foods, then delivers individual food boxes to needy veterans.

The Chaplain's Corner

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Worthy Patrons,

I'm delighted by the opportunity to serve as your Chaplain, please be in touch.

Let me start by saying my belief in the values of Grange was reaffirmed by witnessing the deliberations of our fellow Patrons during our recent convention. Our traditions offer a balm for a polarized nation. I pray that as Grangers we use our precepts to reach across what may try to divide us.

I thought about the obligations we take as Grangers as I drove home in the smoke to log into our session on YouTube. Not many these days have the opportunity we do to exchange (sometimes heated) ideas with folks from all walks of life.

First, Grangers believe strongly in the inherent worth and dignity of every person. "We desire a proper equality, and fairness; protection for the weak; restraint upon the strong; in short, justly distributed power."

Second, as Grangers, we also welcome the spiritual path of all people of good moral character, including people whose ideas are very different from our own. Our installation ceremony reminds us that our

Grange "teachings do not interfere with our religious or political views."

Third, we are people who believe in community, and the gifts it brings to all of us. "We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, and in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement. We shall constantly strive to secure harmony, good will, and brotherhood, and to make our Order perpetual."

And, last, please remember "We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that "progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion," while "the fault lies in bitterness of controversy."

May we be forgiven for the times we've entered a conversation without really listening. Show us how to listen with open and humble hearts, especially to people different from us. Help our leaders to do the same. Teach us as a nation to focus less on getting our way and more on loving our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us. May our leaders and prospective leaders be humble, soft-hearted, and willing to listen to every voice. Amen.

In Memoriam

David Black
Morning Star #311

Dan Bonfield
McMinnville #31

Leonard Braithewaite
Fernwood #770

Harriet Curtis
Beaver Valley #306

Peggy Fine
Riversdale #731

William Tucker
Springwater #263

Walter Forsea
Eagle Valley #656

Sandra Griffith
Chetco #765

Phyllis Jones
Cherry Park #667

Paul Lee
Springwater #263

AnnaBelle Loomis
Sunnyridge #898



*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.*

Notes from the Office

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As the farmer harvests his crop, Grange secretaries begin to “harvest” their crop of information for year end reports.

Quarterly Reports and Membership list
The third quarter, Quarterly report, should be filled out and approved by your Grange at a regular meeting in October and is due at the state office by October 31st. If your Grange is still unable to meet, your Executive Committee can approve this report.

Along with the third quarter report, your Grange received your membership list. Review this list

carefully for accuracy and update it completely; check spelling of names and addresses, include phone numbers and email addresses and make sure that not only the number of members match but that they are the same people.

Once your membership list has been updated please return to the Oregon State Grange Office with your Quarterly Report.

Officer Elections
By-Laws of the Oregon State Grange, Article 4, Subordinate/Community Granges Section 12, Paragraph 4.12.2 state the follow-

ing:
“The election of officers shall take place at the first regular meeting in November annually, provided, that the individual Granges may amend their by-laws and elect officers at any time after August 1 and provide for biennial election of Subordinate/Community Grange Officers.”

Many Granges are postponing officer elections this year. Whether your Granges elected officers or not this year please fill out and return the officer information form as soon as possible after you receive the form from the state office. This information is needed for the roster and must be in the state office by December 1st.

Send Out Dues Notices
The first notice needs to be sent out no later than December 1st or sooner, if desired. Dues are due by December 31st each year. Mem-

bers cannot be deleted from your 4th quarter membership report because of non-payment of dues (NPD) but only by request. Minimum annual dues are \$45 for an individual and Family dues are \$90. Reminder notices can be purchased from the Oregon State Grange Office or you can create your own.



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solutions that can keep them healthy and allow them to avoid strained facilities, small businesses face hurdles to reach and serve customers remotely and workers can struggle with work from home restrictions.

As Grangers we proudly look to our past and our worthwhile efforts to promote rural free delivery, ensuring direct mail delivery to rural farms. Now we must turn our full attention to broadband expansion. Once again, our rural communities are being unserved or underserved leaving millions of Americans stuck behind the digital divide. We should all reach out to our congressmen to encourage efforts to close the broadband gap, especially now during the pandemic.

Now is the time to call for a dedication of adequate resources to completely eliminate the divide. Resources should be focused on broadband deployments that will most rapidly and cost effectively bridge the broadband gap. We should demand that broadband funding meet specific needs. Anchor institutions, such as schools, libraries, healthcare providers and other community organizations need high-capacity broadband to provide essential services to the public. Funds should go to prioritize the speed of deployment, the number of unserved Americans who can be reached and the cost effectiveness of the project, rather than pushing the market toward one structure over another.

Hopefully by the time we meet Congress will have added broadband connectivity to one of the COVID-19 relief packages, but this issue will undoubtedly not be solved. We must continue our efforts to strengthen our rural communities.

Legislation
The COVID-19 pandemic has touched our lives in so very many ways including the need for state and possibly national protection for businesses and other entities that are following health guidance to be shielded from frivolous lawsuits so that they can safely reopen and operate amid the pandemic. Opponents of the proposed legislation say that businesses already have protections under law and that new legislation would possibly take away the incentive for entities to enact stringent COVID-19 safety measures.

It is a complicated issue guaranteed to bring about major conflicts between the members of our legislature as well as our Congress. While businesses would seemingly have the most stake in this, consider our own situations with our community Granges. I believe our members will be diligent in keeping their halls disinfected and ready for use if they make the decision to rent but what will happen if a mistake is made, or even if it isn’t but as stated by the proponents of these laws, someone files a frivolous lawsuit? Right or wrong, lawsuits will squander our precious assets.

In Oregon, House Speaker Tina Kotek has convened a work group to look into the issue ahead of the next special session in August. Co-Chairs Karin Power D-Milwaukie, and Christine Drazan R-Canby express both sides of the issue. Ms. Power notes that as this is a complicated issue, they are being very careful in how they go about analyzing it, as any liability protection will have really big repercussions. Ms. Drazan wants to bring some certainty to our Oregon businesses, our schools and non-profits. She says “Everything is uncertain right now. We need to give our communities and our schools a little bit of certainty in this very uncertain time.”

According to a coalition of businesses, schools, government entities and non-profit organizations “The vast majority of businesses and organizations are making every effort to follow all the regulations set forth by the governor and the legislature, yet they are still vulnerable to unwarranted lawsuits.” This group wants to see that schools, local governments and businesses that are acting in good faith are protected from lawsuits except in cases of gross negligence or reckless, wanton or intentional misconduct. But opponents have expressed concern that broad liability protections could prevent legitimate lawsuits by workers at companies where there are large coronavirus outbreaks, such as food processing facilities, and families of people who die in nursing homes.

Another voice to be heard comes from the Trial Lawyers Association, whose lobbyist Arthur Towers says that liability protections would take away an incentive from businesses and entities to stringently implement safety measures and could disproportionately affect vulnerable populations, including children from underserved communities or those with disabilities who are especially reliant on school safety. Their organization does not believe that the Legislature should be doing anything to relax safety standards or to take away incentives to be safe.

But legislation may give all sides clarity on what is needed to protect safety and bring a level of certainty to businesses to be able to open and move forward.

Two sides to an issue that has the ability to affect all of us. Reach out to your legislator and make them aware of your position. Our Granges could be at risk, but so could our members.

Another issue that may finally have its day in the sun in Oregon is that of Gerrymandering. I have taken this issue to the National Grange twice but the delegates continue to send it back as purely a state issue. However, with more and more states taking up the issue of partisan manipulation of voting districts it appears to me that while this may not be a federal issue, it is most certainly a nation-wide issue. This year a non-partisan group in Oregon is attempting to gather enough signatures to have an initiative petition added to the November ballot that would set up a non-partisan agency to redraw voting districts in Oregon. However as of this time, it looks as though their effort will fail this year. We have policy supporting a non-partisan solution to this ongoing problem and we should make our voices heard in the coming legislative session.

Conclusion
This year the Covid-19 pandemic has overshadowed everything, as evident in my report. Education, health, legislation and economics are all affected by this virus in ways that may change the way we live and do business for years to come. Hopefully by meeting the challenges this pandemic has created we will have learned new skills and embraced new technologies that will ultimately prove to be beneficial and lasting.

As we meet in Klamath Falls for the 147th annual session of the Oregon State Grange I urge our delegates to be thoughtful in your deliberations. Listen to all sides of the debate and work together to develop a policy that will further the aims and goals of the Oregon State Grange. Remember these issues will be binding on the State Grange for years to come, so deliberate wisely, be respectful of all opinions, and come together to support our finished product.

The Agricultural Report

Agriculture Director - Oregon State Grange

Little Deschutes's - LaPine Coop, Garden and Puddle Tour

Closing in on ten years Little Deschutes Grange #939, Deschutes County, has sponsored the LaPine Coop, Garden and Puddle Tour. 2020 has been a difficult year for a lot of people and growing their own food has taken precedence. August 7-9th there were twenty private gardens that were opened up for viewing to the community. In the past this tour went for one or two days, this year was an experiment and most of the gardens were open for three days.

The community learned many different ways to grow fruits, vegetables and herbs in a variety of greenhouses in all types of sizes and styles, and how to grow outside in raised beds or straight into the ground. Several gardens had chicken coops where they not only raised chickens, but turkeys and ducks as well. Some gardens utilized puddles, aka "Water features", in their landscape to keep the pollinators happy and in the area to pollinate the local fruits and vegetables.

For the first time the tour had two gardens that housed successful bee hives. They showed the community the benefits of having hives and how to start their own. Next year

there will be more hives in LaPine to help with pollinating, and at least four new gardens will be added to the tour.

Three Grange members showcased their gardens along with the Community Garden which the Little Deschutes Grange #939 has put together. The Community Garden provides the local residents with the opportunity to have a garden of their own along with supplying the Community Kitchen with much needed vegetables and herbs served in the free lunches offered to the public five days a week.

The tour books cost \$10 for every carload. Local businesses placed ads in the tour book to help defer the printing costs. The books were sold by the Grange members, Chamber of Commerce and a couple other local businesses. There was a total of 144 Tour books sold, which worked out in the end to be a profit of \$1,097. Even though the profit wasn't a large amount, the main purpose was to share gardening knowledge to the community so that they can sustain their household with the much-needed vegetables and fruit for healthy living in the arctic of Oregon, which is known as LaPine.



Above: Little Deschutes Grange's Community Garden which provides the local residents with the opportunity to have a garden of their own along with supplying the community kitchen with much-needed vegetables and herbs.

Below: One of two gardens on the tour with bee hives.



Redland's Farmers Market

Redland Grange #796, Clackamas County, has been hosting a Farmers Market the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month from May thru September. They opened this spring as soon as the new COVID-19 guidelines were published. The Grange adapted with hand washing stations, the wearing of masks and

the practicing of social distancing.

It has been another great event, even amid all the challenges they have faced this year. The Grangers and community members have managed to find ways to come together and continue to help each other, and the community.



Calling All Beekeepers, Gardeners, Farmers, Bee and Soil Educators

Sharon Schmidt, Lecturer, Jackson County Pomona

In addition to being cute and fuzzy, working cooperatively and making sweet honey, did you know that Honey Bees (*Apis mellifera*) are counted as "livestock" by the Department of Agriculture and may qualify a property as EFU (Exclusive Farm Use) eligible? They are also covered by the USDA under the Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) for losses directly related to adverse weather or certain conditions like Colony Collapse Disorder.

Honey Bees are one of the pollinators sought after to pollinate certain crops. Others include a workhorse of the managed bee population, the solitary Blue Mason Bee (*Osmia lignaria*) and many of the roughly 4,000 other types of bees in the nation. Some of them are so small they go unnoticed by most people. Without pollinators, your local farmers' market would have only a few vegetables and fruits.

In 2019, the Oregon State Grange passed a resolution authored by the Phoenix Grange titled: *Agricultural involvement through education about bees, beekeeping and forage*. In part, it resolved:

"The Oregon State Grange shall develop a program of education for all subordinate Granges on techniques for the husbandry of native and managed bees as well as a program of education on regenerative gardening to provide nutritious food and forage for pollinators and humans."

The resolution noted that Oregon agriculture is vitally important and

directly or indirectly supports more than 326,000 full or part-time jobs making up almost 14 percent of the total jobs in the state, valued at about \$22.9 billion or 10.6 percent of the net state product.

Although most Oregonians have no direct agricultural involvement, research shows that some of the *intrinsic* value of gardening and involvement in nature is that it can improve cognitive abilities and social reasoning, to relieve stress and create understanding of and appreciation for nutrition.

Today people know of the plight of pollinators and we have an opportunity for people to better understand agricultural processes; to value and enjoy fresh, healthy food and to learn about food production and nutrition. We can teach kids and families about regenerative agriculture, gardening and soil care and can have a far-reaching health impact for the next generation.

The State Grange resolution provides an opportunity to work on creating the Bee Keeping Education Program for our local Granges with information and activities about regenerative beekeeping, soil management and gardening. You don't have to be an expert to buzz on in!

If you are interested in helping please send your name and contact information to Sharon Schmidt. Meantime, Bee Blessed!

Send via mail to: Sharon Schmidt, PO Box 263, Phoenix, OR, 97535, email to: cascadegirl@icloud.com or phone/text 541-951-5595

Deer Island Grange Makes Quilts

During this COVID-19 pandemic, the members of the GWA of Deer Island Grange #947, Columbia County, have not been sitting idle. They've been sewing, quilting, crocheting, and knitting blankets for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in St. Helens. Last year over 80 quilts were donated to this worthy cause. The women running the center are always so excited to see Deer Island Grange pull up with their cars loaded to the hilt with homemade items for the newborns. Those in need are blessed beyond measure with the items lovingly made for their babies.

So far this year the ladies have donated 46 quilts, receiving blankets, and afghans. Crocheted hats were also included. The following members have worked tirelessly making this ministry a success: May Ritenour, Teresa Thorpe, Shirley Emerick, Maria Hopkins, Cece Davis, Kathy Koller, Kim Seufert, Alberta Cooper and Julie Wheeler. Those who have been inadvertently not mentioned, your efforts do not go unnoticed.



Teresa Thorpe and May Ritenour, co-chairs of Deer Island's Pregnancy Center quilt making project.

Fairfield Grange "Adopt a Road"

Six Grange members and two friends participated in the first Fairfield Grange and Friends Adopt-a-Road event on July 24 and 25, 2020. Even with COVID-19 restrictions they were able to come together to help improve their community. With masks, gloves, and county supplied equipment, they picked up 18 bags and multiple large items on both side of 2.3 miles of road, so 4.6 miles total. Each person teamed up with one or two others to walk only a portion of the distance. Divide and conquer!

The Grange has since shortened the route to a one mile portion of River Road that passes right in front of the Fairfield Grange. Members received lots of waves and smiles from passers-by. Steep embankments and berry briars did not stop them. After one year and at least two pick-ups, Marion County will put up a sign with the Grange's name saying they've adopted the road.



Community Service Involvement

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2020 Volunteer of the Year

Gertrude Thompson of Redland Grange #796, Clackamas County, was selected as the Oregon State Grange 2020 Volunteer of the Year. Sister Gertrude devoted her time and lived a life of service to the Grange. She was a pillar of the community and touched the lives of many.

She became a Granger at the age of 9. The Grange hall became her second home. Before each event she would bring in decorations to deck the hall and tables. Gertrude actively supported every event whether it was a breakfast, dinner or road side clean up. She was there with her positive attitude and willing smile. She served diligently for many years as the Secretary of the Grange and then found and worked with her replacement. She attended all the meetings every month. She faithfully attended Pomona meetings and always had a report for the committee she chaired.

For many years, she cooked for and fed the homeless through NW

Community Outreach Ministries. She recruited others to help with the cooking and serving. Almost every Sunday was spent peeling and cooking mashed potatoes, preparing condiments and baking desserts. On Mondays she provided food and served meals to the homeless who adored and respected her.

For forty-five years, she had belonged to and participated in the P.E.O. which is an international Philanthropic Education Organization that raises money to provide opportunities for women that otherwise would not have had an opportunity to further their education. They also provide help to women who find themselves without a spouse, workforce skills and/or raising children.

Redland Grange was blessed to have had Gertrude as a member and the State Grange is delighted to honor her as our Volunteer of the Year. She passed away on March 22, 2020.

2020 Community Service Winners



Community Service Notebook winners l-r: 4th Walterville #416, Lane County, accepting the ribbon and check for \$25 was Lexie Suing; 3rd Spencer Creek #855 Lane County, accepting the ribbon and check for \$50 was Cookie Trupp, 2nd Marys River #685, Benton County, accepting the ribbon and check for \$75 was Jay Sexton and 1st went to Springwater #263, Clackamas County; John Dehaas accepted the ribbon and check for \$100.

Grange Collects Eyeglasses for Lions

During this time of COVID Wolf Creek #596, Union County, asked the Grangers, who had old glasses sitting around? Many did and they filled two huge boot type shoe boxes full of eyeglasses and gave them to their local Lions Club.

The Grange also received a grant

from Leo Adler to upgrade the upstairs of their hall with two new windows, upgraded the electrical and put in new flooring in both the kitchen and bathroom. While no events are being held at the Grange hall, like many others they are using the time for repairs and upgrades.

Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Hope: A Public Health Resource

Lilly Anderson, MPH - District #2 DAFH Chair

I intended to write my first column to you about depression and how we can best keep it at bay. Frankly, I'm worried about morale. It's been a very hard fall and winter for many, but after some reflection I decided we have all lived with depression for too long now. Instead let's talk about hope. When daily life seems uncertain and insurmountable, hope is one psychological factor that can help us immensely. What's more, hope doesn't relate to IQ, income or beauty. It's an equal opportunity resource.

Hope is defined as a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. It is a factor that exists both in the present moment, and as a part of your temperament and mindset. Hope is not the same as positivity, and while hopeful thinking relies on positivity, it's not simply blind optimism. Hope is more complex and relies on being structured around goals. Specifically, hope has three components: (1) goals-what we choose to focus our efforts and attention on; (2) agency-our ability to shape our lives; and (3) pathways-how we use that ability to get where we get (Weir, 2013).

The interactions between physical and mental health are well documented, and hope is associated with many positive life outcomes: greater happiness, better academic and athletic performance, and lower risk of death. According to numerous studies, higher levels of hope have been associated with protection against chronic disease and better pain management (Bonior, 2020). Hope is reportedly good for cardiac health by reducing the risk for heart attack and it also positions us to better manage blood pressure and lowers the risk for stroke. Additionally,

the Texas Health Science Center concluded that hope not only helps us to thrive, it can also help us to survive. High hope people tend to be better at setting goals and having multiple goals which allows them to refocus more quickly if they fail at something. When challenged with a crisis, less hopeful people tend to shut down, while hopeful people are more likely to take action and that helps them to cope (Weir, 2013). In terms of survival, hopelessness is more often associated with suicide than depression. Because many people are afraid to admit feelings of hopelessness it often goes underground.

Hope is the motivation to stay in the game. A big part of this motivation comes from other people, social support is crucial for hope. Hopeful people have also been recorded to have a greater sense that life is meaningful, and while hope and happiness aren't synonymous, they are linked. You have to knock down the hope domino to get to happiness. The good news is hopeful people aren't necessarily overtly cheerful personality types. Researchers have uncovered tangible ways to raise your level of hope: (1) envision small goals clearly; (2) take small steps to work towards them; (3) plan for contingencies, most hopeful people tend to see multiple solutions to a problem; (4) plan to manage your anxiety on a daily basis; (5) be mindful of sleep and exercise; (6) seek out social support while still social distancing; (7) don't let catastrophic thoughts run wild, it distorts facts and feelings; (8) keep to familiar patterns when possible; and most importantly (9) look for moments of beauty and grace. Finally, don't forget to offer hope whenever you can. We can all benefit from regular infusions.



September was National Recovery Month

Did you know Oregon ranks 47th in access to addiction treatment? National Recovery month is an observance to raise awareness about mental health and substance misuse disorders and celebrate the successes of those in addiction recovery. The Oregon Health Authority estimates that 18% of the population in Oregon is in recovery. With mounting stress and increased isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become increasingly important to

stay educated and give our support to those in recovery.

One simple step that all can take is committing to properly dispose of unused or unwanted prescription medications. Safe disposal of unused medications is crucial in the fight against prescription drug misuse. Visit rali-or.org to learn more about safe disposal methods. For more information on the effects of COVID-19 and addiction visit: <https://bit.ly/2RNMWPu>

The Importance of Our Tree Canopies: Using Shade to Mitigate Climate Change

Lilly Anderson, MPH - District #2 DAFH Chair

The *tree canopy* is the layer of tree leaves, branches, and stems that provide shade to the ground and ambient air below. The canopy coverage of an area differs based on its land use. Today, many communities are planting trees to make their communities more livable and sustainable. Improving an area's tree canopy can have numerous benefits: (1) reduces summer peak temperatures; (2) reduces air pollution; (3) enhances property value; and (4) provides habitats for wildlife. The tree canopy also protects the ground from the force of heavy rains and moderates the force of harsh winds. In fact, trees provide a variety of ecosystem services and environmental benefits for residents, including: (1) heat-stress mitigation; (2) carbon sequestration; (3) noise reduction; and (4) improved air and water quality.

Tree canopy management is an important sustainability priority for municipalities because trees can also be important for mitigating against natural hazards such as flooding and excessive heat. According to Texas A&M Forest Services and the Environmental Protection Agency, increased tree canopy coverage has also been linked to reduced residential electric costs, and decreased wildfire loss. Increasing canopy coverage has become even more vital after the devastating wildfires of 2020. Additionally, accelerated global warming causes numerous changes to the climate including altered rainfall patterns, increased number of heatwaves, droughts and floods, and melting ice caps that leads to expanding ocean waters and rising sea levels. Planting trees helps to clean the air. As trees grow, they absorb and store carbon dioxide emissions that are driving global warming.

Pressing environmental and climate change-related challenges including air pollution, heat stress and extreme amounts of precipitation have become public health issues worldwide, and exposure and vulnerability to these environmental burdens and hazards is unequally distributed across social economic status. Decades of research suggest that exposure to nature and green spaces can help reduce stress and improve mental health. In neighborhoods across the country, increased tree cover is associated with more vigorous physical activity, less obesity, less asthma, and better general health and social cohesion. The largest effect was found with regards to reduced overweight/obesity and Type II diabetes rates, with just a 10% increase in tree canopy communities experienced an associated 19% reduction in both outcomes.

Both quality and quantity of neighborhood greening were related to better perceived general health and fewer acute health related problems. In urban areas, the heat island effect is

produced by dense concentrations of buildings and pavement and other surfaces that absorb and retain heat. This increases air pollution, costs related to air conditioning, and heat related health conditions that disproportionately impact vulnerable populations. One study discovered extreme loss of tree canopy due to the emerald ash borer was associated with increased mortality in the area related to cardiovascular and lower respiratory tract illnesses. Increased tree canopies offer an important opportunity to mitigate these health hazards and their costs. The potential of trees to regulate temperature is widely acknowledged with forested green spaces reaching much cooler temperatures than non-treed counterparts.

With the multiple benefits of a full tree canopy obvious, why are there such disparities in coverage? Numerous studies and GIS analysis confirm there is a statistically significant inverse relationship between tree canopy coverage and both people of color and people living within 200% of the federal poverty level. In census tracts with high numbers of minorities and low-income households, the tree canopy coverage is as low as 11%, while in areas without many minorities, canopy coverage is as high as 55%. Tree canopy distribution has been explained by several theories. Social stratification theory suggests three variables responsible for tree canopy coverage: (1) wealthier people have more social mobility enabling them to live in neighborhoods that provide attractive amenities; (2) the level of interest in public green spaces has been associated with the socioeconomic status and political power of the residents; and (3) wealthier residents have more disposable income to invest in landscaping and maintaining yards.

As cities, towns and small communities across the world warm, the need for climate adaptation strategies increases. Shade is especially important to those who travel by foot, bike or public transport. It is also important for those who work outside or in excessively hot environments. In rural areas, many dwellings are older and in need of repairs that make cooling these homes challenging. This is particularly hazardous because so much of our rural population is comprised of older adults more at risk for heat related conditions. Additionally, for many, trees are also crucial to healthy physical, mental and social well-being. The presence of trees can prompt exercise and outdoor activity, reduce stress, and improve overall happiness. Collectively, we must begin to consider shade less an amenity that only money can buy and more a public resource. We must take action to increase and improve the tree canopy, both in urban and rural areas that increases availability of shade for vulnerable populations.



Malcolm Trupp, President

The fires that have devastated our communities these past months have cause many of our Grange members major property losses. The Oregon State Grange Foundation has a fund that assists Grange members for a “property casualty loss.” If you know a Grange member who has lost their homes or had a major property loss, please send their names to OSG Foundation with their address and what Grange they are a member of and a description of their loss. The Foundation will tabulate the names and use the Fraternal Concerns Fund to monetary assists them in their loss.

The Foundation is looking for donations to the Fraternal Concerns Fund to help us serve all the mem-

bers who had a major property loss.

Our finances have suffered a little during the shutdown, but they are coming back. Remember to help the Foundation by using Amazon and Fred Meyers when purchasing needed items.

I would like to thank the Board members and the Grange members for their support of the Foundation.

The Mission of the Oregon State Grange Foundation is to promote the Ideals of the Grange Within and Without the Boundaries of the State of Oregon. Please donate to the Foundation. For more information go to: [www.orgrange.org/members/OSG Foundation](http://www.orgrange.org/members/OSG%20Foundation)



The Education Committee

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OSG Education Director

2020 Education Director Report

Greetings fellow Grangers,

I entered 2020 with high expectations of getting Ag in the Classroom going for the Oregon State Grange. Ag in the Classroom Literacy program starts the first March and as everyone knows that was the start of the shutdown. So, we are looking forward to next spring. Hopefully we will be back to somewhat normal.

As Grangers you have had many

things to adapt to. Many Granges have learned how to do Zoom meetings and keep in contact with their Grange friends. Some have started to have meetings in person with masks and social distancing. I guess it’s true you are never too old to learn.

I wish to thank my committee Vickie High, John Fine, Briana Herrick, Payton Miller, Celia Luttrell and Mikela Heimuller. Hopefully next year will be more productive.

Grange Insurance Association Announces Scholarship Program For School Year 2021-22

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2021–2022 school year, totaling \$33,500. In addition, GIA is honored to award the \$1,000 Paul and Ethel Holter Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift of Mrs. Holter’s estate, and the \$1,000 Dee and Ina McKern Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift from the McKern family.

Applicants may apply for either an academic or a vocational scholarship. Three of the awards will be for students wishing to pursue vocational studies and 22 awards will be for academic studies. The top winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 award and the remaining winners will receive \$1,000 - \$2,000 each.

Eligibility requirements (applicants must meet one of the following):

1. Current GIA policyholder (or children of GIA policyholder)
2. Children of current GIA company employees
3. A previous recipient of a GIA scholarship

Please note that children or legal wards of officers, directors or agents of GIA are ineligible.

These scholarships may be used

at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or a degree in a recognized profession or vocation, including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes. Vocational scholarships are aimed specifically for those students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional colleges or universities.

The committee will base its awards on the following:

- Complete and legible application
- Scholastic ability (official grade transcript required)
- Handwritten or typed Essay by Applicant
 - Please tell them about yourself, your family and your future goals
 - Also include any leadership or volunteer-related programs or projects in which you have been involved in high school, in the community, or elsewhere
 - What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend and how will this scholarship assist you

Application deadline is March 1, 2021. (Postmarked) Funds awarded for the 2021-2022 school year.

Please complete the following request form for an application for a Grange Insurance Association Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP
COMMITTEE
GRANGE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION

Please send a GIA Scholarship Application to:

Name: _____

Attn: Scholarship Coordinator
P.O. Box 21089
Seattle, WA 98111-3089

Address: _____

Application forms can also be downloaded from their website:
www.grange.com

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Ada Grange Awards Scholarships

Ada Grange #570, Lane County, awarded three Harley Huff, Sr. Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$500 to Siuslaw High School graduates Ellissa Hurley and Hannah Rannow and Mapleton High School graduate Theryn Schwertzer. Ada received 32 applications and the recipients were chosen based on their community service, volunteering and giving back to their communities. 2020 marks the 28th year that Ada Grange has given the Harley Huff, Sr. Memorial Scholarship.



Theryn Schwertzer



Ellissa Hurley



Hannah Rannow

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2020 Oregon State Grange Session Officers

Back row: Gatekeeper Jim Clute, Executive Committee #2 Sam Keator, Steward Phil Van Buren, Assistant Steward Tim Dehne, Overseer Jay Sexton and Executive Committee #1 John Fine who served as Chaplain pro-tem.

Middle row: Executive Committee #3 Louise Holst, Lecturer Cookie Trupp, Executive Committee #1 Carol Everman - pro-tem, Treasurer Mark Noah - pro-tem, Musician Linda Wetzell and Secretary Sarah Kingsborough.

Front row: Pomona Linda Helm - pro-tem, Ceres Margaret Clute - pro-tem, Flora Eva Frost, President Susan Noah, and Lady Assistant Steward Connie Suing - pro-tem.

Ceres Liz Dehne attended via Zoom and Lady Assistant Steward Maggie Swartzendruber was present the first two days.

Below: Sound guy David Wallace, working with both the sound setup on the session floor as well as with those participating on Zoom. The combination of Mark Noah, Sarah Kingsborough, David Wallace and Melissa High worked to make it possible for those attending via Zoom to fully participate.



Memorial Service

Before her death, State Chpplain Peggy Fine put together this year's memorial service. Under the leadership of her family, her plans were carried out.

Right - L-r: Memorial Team members gather around John Fine Chaplain Pro-tem, as he places the Bible on the alter. Phil Van Buren, Midland #781; Ross VanHouten, Riversdale #731; State Flora Eva Frost; Kris VanHouten, Riversdale #731; Aurianna VanHouten, Riversdale #731, State President Susan Noah; Audrey VanHouten, Riversdale #731 and State Secretary Sarah Kingsborough.

Other team members not pictured included Vickie High, Midland #781; Linda Helm, Phoenix #779; Wayne Cabler, Central Point #698 ;and Louise Holst, Midland #781.



Thank you

Teresa Cernac, Connie Suing, John DeHaas and Mark Noah for taking pictures for the Bulletin of the annual session in Klamath Falls.

Below: Session Co-Chairs: Vickie High (l) and Lousie Holst



Installation Team

Newly elected officers of the Oregon State Grange were installed on Sunday morning. Technical aspects were worked out so that those attending the session via Zoom could be installed as well.

L-r: Marilyn Reiher, Emblem Bearer; Vickie High, Regalia Bearer; Eva Frost, Marshall; Mark Noah, Installing Officer; Carol Everman, Installing Master; Teresa Cernac, Installing Chaplain and Linda Wetzell, Musician.

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Attending Via Zoom

43 delegates attended convention via Zoom. With several counties still in Phase 1 from the COVID-19 virus and several more with Grangers evacuated from their homes do to the fires, Zoom made it possible for more Granges to have delegates and participate in the session.



Additionally, most of the sessions' committees met ahead of time on Zoom and worked through their assigned resolutions, making the work on the resolutions flow smoother once delegates arrived in Klamath Falls.

Left: GWA Director Margaret Clute attaches ribbons to winning entries in the COVID-19 Mask contests.



Above: Friday, September 18 was "Tribute to Juniors" day and even though our Junior Grangers were not present this year, all were encouraged to wear red tennis shoes to show their support.



The 'Missing Man Table' set up by the Veteran Committee. The small table, set for one, symbolizes the Americans who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA).



Community Service

Supporting communities is what the Grange is all about. During the annual session we shared the Klamath County Fairgrounds with the Klamath Freedom Celebration organization for wildfire relief, plus fire evacuees were camping on the grounds as well. Grange delegates at the session took up a collection to support them and presented eleven cases of water, packages of beef jerky, and approximately \$200 to the group who were managing donations and giving goods all over southern Oregon.



Above are: OSG Secretary Sarah Kingsborough and OSG President Susan Noah with volunteers from Klamath Freedom Celebration.

Not pictured OSG Lobbyist John DeHaas and OSG District 4 Legislative committee member Don Kingsborough, who helped with shopping and delivery.



Left: Newly elected State Pomona Linda Helm and OSG webmaster, Teresa Cernac show off their Grange masks which were sold by the host district. Money raised was given to the Foundation's Fraternal Concerns Fund to help Oregon Grangers who lost their homes during the recent fires.



Oregon State Grange Foundation

Saturday afternoon the Foundation held their annual meeting on the floor of the session.

Above l-r: District 6 board member David McBride, board President and District 2 member Malcolm Trupp, District 5 board member Phil Van Buren, State Grange President Susan Noah and financial advisor Wayne Cabler. Also attending via Zoom was District 4 member and board Secretary Joyce Parker.

L: Newly elected board member Dean High for District 5. He replaces retiring board member Phil Van Buren.

GWA

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OSG Grange Workers Activities Director



Worthy Brothers and Sisters of the Oregon State Grange,

This year started with many of our Granges hosting their yearly fall and winter activities. The year was off to a good start. I contacted each sponsor to make sure they were on board for another year for the contest they were sponsoring and I was pleased that all were ready to sponsor again. We were able to add a contest for Pillow Cases for Quilts of Valor sponsored by Gail Wilson and Dementia Fidget Sleeve sponsored by Tina Reynolds. In April a contest for Covid-19 Masks was added to the contests sponsored by Eva Frost and Marilyn Reiher.

We all know the COVID-19 virus has brought many changes to our organization as far as our meetings and how we help our communities and fellow Grangers. I'm very proud of our Grange family thinking outside the box of traditional ways to find ways to continue our activities and our meetings. Grangers have gone to drive thru pickups for their breakfast and dinner fundraisers and for distributing of food boxes for those in need. Many members have and continue to make masks for those in need. Great job!

Our State session in June was cancelled in hopes of being able to do a full week later on in the year. We were able to reschedule for September with a shortened session and no frills and limited members in attendance. Therefore, it was decided not to have all the GWA contests this year. We are able to

have the contests that are for items that are donated to the county that the session is in. Money sent in for contests will be applied to the 2021 Contests. I thank everyone for your support of this program. This was an unusual year and I'm thankful we had donations for some of our contests. Thank you to White Eagle Grange #683, Rocky Ridge Quilter, Little Deschutes Grange #939 and Teresa Cernac, Warren Grange #536 for over 110 Pillowcases for Our Troops and Abernathy Grange #346 for the Preemie Afghans and Hats.

I want to thank my friend Carolyn Coban for all the work and time she put into hand making the quilt using last year's quilt blocks from the National Quilt Block contest. The quilt is beautiful. Due to no oral auction this year the quilt made from the 2019 squares will be at the 2021 session in Enterprise, Oregon.

Briauna Herrick of Walterville Grange #416 is the recipient of the \$1000 GWA Scholarship.

This will be my final year as your GWA Director. I have enjoyed my six years as your director and have grown in my Grange experiences.

A Big Thank You to my committee for all your support and your willingness to do whatever was asked.

District #1	Tammie Phillips
District #2	Linda Pugh
District #3	Julie Schnetsky
District #4	Leila Dumolt
District #6	Joanne McBride
Person at Large	Dianne Parrott

2020 OSG GWA Contest Winners

COVID-19 Masks - Sponsored by: Eva Frost and Marilyn Reiher

Functional

1st Carol Everman
2nd Kaye Smith

Beaver Valley #306
Beaver Valley #306

Fun

1st Kaye Smith

Beaver Valley #306

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

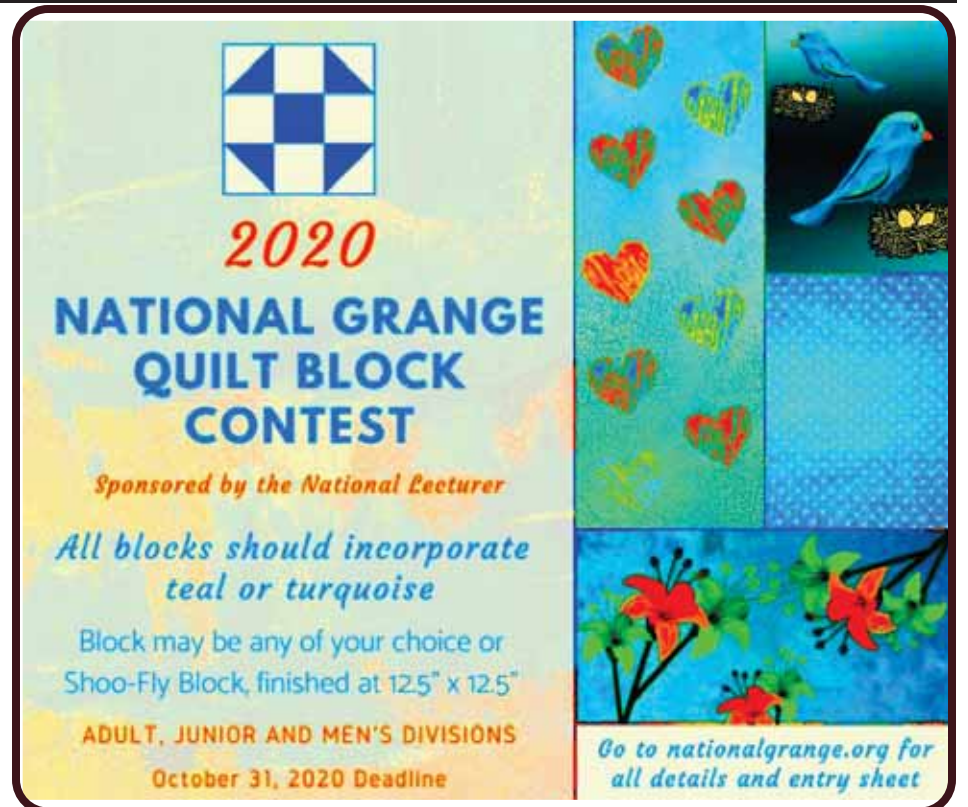
1st Laurene Brown

a non-member



I wish to thank Laurene as she is a personal friend and has entered this contest every year that I have been director; she has a love for dogs.

L - Items for the Preemie Afghans and Hats project sponsored by Abernathy Grange #346, Clackamas County.



Above: Bailey's Good Dog Gift Package

Aluminum Pull Tabs

One of the projects of the GWA is the collection of aluminum pull tabs. The tabs are packaged up and sold. The money from the sale of tabs has gone into a fund to help support Foster Families, Cancer Research, and the Abused Children Project.

Pictured left are District #6 GWA Chair Joanne McBride's grandchildren prepping donated tabs for transport and sale

Below: Over 110 Pillowcases for Our Troops project were brought to Klamath Falls and will be donated.



Junior Grange Activity Sheet

Autumn Scavenger Hunt

Red leaf <input type="checkbox"/>	Fern <input type="checkbox"/>
Pine Needles <input type="checkbox"/>	Acorn <input type="checkbox"/>
Rock <input type="checkbox"/>	Pine Cone <input type="checkbox"/>
Squirrel <input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow Leaf <input type="checkbox"/>
Birds Nest <input type="checkbox"/>	Scarecrow <input type="checkbox"/>
Winged Seed <input type="checkbox"/>	Bark <input type="checkbox"/>
Brown Leaf <input type="checkbox"/>	Feather <input type="checkbox"/>
Mushroom <input type="checkbox"/>	Red Berry <input type="checkbox"/>
Orange Leaf <input type="checkbox"/>	Animal tracks <input type="checkbox"/>
Spider Web <input type="checkbox"/>	Worm <input type="checkbox"/>
Wild Flower <input type="checkbox"/>	Conker <input type="checkbox"/>
Green Leaf <input type="checkbox"/>	

How many different colours can you see?

Springwater Supports Local 4-Hers

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, was pleased to support some of their local young people in the Clackamas County Junior Livestock Auction. \$25 "Add-on" bids were given to Odd Stocks and Crafts 4-H club members Payten Williams and Logan Ackerman and High on the Hog 4-H club member Matt Greenup.

Payten Williams had the Grand Champion Poultry Pen of three broiler chickens with a total weight of 20 pounds. Peyton has been a member of the Odd Stocks and Crafts club for almost seven years, starting as a Clover Bud. She says "one of my favorite projects each year are my broilers. I do my very best to take excellent care of them before they're processed. I am very proud of my broilers and the responsibility they give me."

Logan Ackerman had the 3rd Overall Pen of Poultry. Her pen of three market chickens had a total weight of 18 pounds. Logan is 13 years old and has been raising chickens since she was three. "I have loved chickens and birds for as long as I can remember and my dad has raised meat chickens for a long time now." When Logan became old enough to be a Junior in 4-H she decided that she really wanted to do a market pen for the fair. She really enjoys

raising Cornish Cross chickens and she loves spending time with them, sitting out in the pasture while they roam around beside her and watching them grow. She plans to continue raising market pens so that people know where their meat comes from and can be assured that these birds were raised in a pasture and as happy as can be. Logan plans to become a poultry judge when she grows up.

Matt Greenup had a 116-pound market lamb in the auction. This is Matt's first year in 4-H and he is a member of the High on the Hog 4-H club with two market lambs. He will be in 5th grade this fall and in addition to 4-H, plays football, basketball and baseball, but what he really loves to do is fish. Matt named his lambs Kyle and Turner. He can't wait to raise more again next year. His goal for the future is to raise the grand champion lamb.

Springwater Grange is the sponsor of the Odd Stocks and Crafts 4-H club which meets at their hall and Matt is the son of Springwater Grange members John and Jill Greenup. The Grange used the \$100 they were going to receive as the 1st place winner of the state Community Service contest to support these 4-Hers.

Oregon Junior Grangers

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We Aren't Doing It All, And We Don't Have To

Do you have a wonderful idea for your Grange but nobody knows how to pay for it? Wouldn't it be great if someone would give you money for your project? The process of asking for money in this way is called "grant writing." Believe it or not, kids can learn how to do it! Yep, grownups always say the future of the Grange is the children. We're going to show it's true.

I have great plans to roll out for Junior Grange and Grange families, hopefully that you can start working on this winter. But for just now, everyone I know is just treading water. Stay afloat and be grateful for the water. Keep your families strong and this too shall pass.

outside uncomfortable and dangerous, not to mention dirty. We did not need another reason to wash our hands and wear our masks, did we?

But now it's raining and we're going to play in it.

Safe Gatherings Offers New Guidelines for Online Activities

The Safe Gatherings organization is partnered with OSG to provide background checks and child abuse awareness training for those working with youngsters through Grange activities. Because online programs are mushrooming, Safe Gatherings has added a module covering topics and best practices around activities that reach out to those under 18 specifically or perhaps just include them in the participant pool.

Meanwhile, remote school is hard. It's hard for kids. It's hard for parents and caregivers. It's brutally hard when you can't play with the neighborhood kids during "recess" or let the rest of the family enjoy most of their usual activities because you need a quiet place to learn. As a grandma lucky enough to have regular in-person time with grandchildren, I'm much more involved now in day-to-day school and childcare just to keep up with school happening at home. Writing this in mid-September, we've just been liberated by rain after a week of wildfire smoke made playing

Anyone who does Grange activities with Juniors and under-18 youth should do the Safe Gatherings background check and online training program, especially if working with any children who are not members of your immediate family. Grange members who meet those criteria are eligible for reimbursement of the cost of the Safe Gatherings course, which needs to be renewed every two years. If you have a current background check, you can take the new module at no further cost. Just sign in on the Safe Gatherings website and you'll see the link.

Junior Grange Passport

American History #19

Women's Suffrage & the 19th Amendment

Difficulty Level 5 stars

Audience

Designed to be completed sequentially as Juniors grow with culmination after Junior member has achieved at least a fifth-grade reading level and understands internet research. To earn the stamp, all steps must be completed but need not be done in order.

Necessary Resources

Internet access, poster board, markers, crayons or printer/paper, paper

Learning Objectives

The purpose of this passport is to educate Junior Grangers about the women's suffrage movement in the U.S. and the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion, Junior Grangers will be able to

- Define the term "suffrage" and articulate how an Amendment is made to the U.S. Constitution
- Identify a few major figures in the U.S. women's suffrage movement and show comprehension of the movement's history, as well as arguments for and against women's suffrage
- Show critical thinking and basic math skills
- Conduct basic interviews, and take notes or use recordings to analyze information gathered through interviews

Complete Passport requirements and worksheet are available on the Oregon State Grange website under the Junior Department.

Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers

Brown extends COVID-19 Emergency Order

Oregon will stay under the COVID-19 state of emergency in place since March until November 3rd, Gov. Kate Brown announced September 1st.

Brown's executive order effectively means that the status quo will remain in place. The first order was issued March 8 and has now been renewed twice. The order allows previous restrictions to stay in place and provides legal backup for actions by the state related to the pandemic.

"Six months after this crisis began, we have made progress," Brown said. "Together, we have slowed the spread of this disease." Brown said the pandemic is far from under control in Oregon and elsewhere and the extension of the emergency order will ensure continuity of efforts crucial to public health.

The extension will continue the phased reopening of Oregon, and keep in place mandates on businesses, schools, child care and higher education. The order came as the United States passed six million reported cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began just before January 1, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center. There have been more than 184,340 deaths in the United States.

The Oregon Health Authority on Tuesday September 1st reported 243 new COVID-19 cases in the state, bringing the total to 26,946. Six new deaths were reported, bringing the state total to 465 since the pandemic began. Worldwide, there have been 25.5 million reported cases and 852,710 deaths, according to the Johns Hopkins report.

Oregon has had a relatively low infection and death rate compared to the rest of the country, but the United States has higher rates than most countries. While noting progress in the fight against COVID-19, Brown underlined that infection rates were not low enough to allow for in-person instruction at all but a few school districts.

"As students across Oregon begin a school year far different than any

other before, it is clear that, at current COVID-19 levels, it will not be safe in much of the state for children to return to in-classroom instruction for months to come.," Brown said.

In her announcement, Brown said the upcoming three-day Labor Day holiday weekend is a "critical moment" in the course of the crisis. After previous long holidays weekends — Memorial Day and July 4th — cases rose as people gathered for celebrations or traveled.

"Small social get-togethers like barbecues and family celebrations have fueled wider community outbreaks in counties across Oregon," Brown said. "This weekend, you have a choice. Please, stay local this Labor Day, and practice safe COVID-19 habits. Wear a face covering, watch your physical distance, and wash your hands."

The extension of the emergency order came a day after the Oregon Republican Party announced it had not gathered enough signatures to submit a recall petition to the Secretary of State. The recall focused largely on Brown's orders "Stay Home, Save Lives" initiative and the closing of businesses that led to over 400,000 new unemployment filings, a backlog that the state Employment Department says it will still need months to clear out.

Brown said the actions were to save lives in a public health emergency. Brown said only a vaccine will ensure that a semblance of normalcy will return to public life. There are currently 36 vaccines in clinical trials and a total of 90 under various stages of development. Three vaccines have advanced to Phase 3 of trials needed for approval to use in the United States.

Ten states, mostly in the Midwest and South, are seeing increases in COVID-19 cases, according to a New York Times analysis of local and state public health reports. Fifteen states are showing a drop in cases, including Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, and Nevada.

During these times my hopes are to keep you all up to date with the latest legislative information on the Pandemic and hope to keep you and yours safe.

Happy Trails

Right: L-r: Session's Good of the Order committee busy at work. Leila Dumolt, Beavercreek #276, Clackamas County; Connie Suing, Crow #450, Lane County; Sarah Kingsborough, Sandlake #546, Tillamook County; Vickie High, Midland #781, Klamath County and Margaret Clute, Forest Grove #282, Washington County.

Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2020 State Grange Session

AG #2: Industrial Hemp Processing for Manufacturing Value Added Ag Products

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support research of the decortication of hemp for further value-added manufacturing for cordage, fiber, paper, alternative plastic, and renewable energy, while using sustainable practices.

AG #4: Support Regenerative Agriculture Practices

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange shall support regenerative agriculture awareness, standards, research opportunities, and policies, including legislation to encourage farmers and ranchers to consider adoption of regenerative agriculture practices.

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support the "right to repair" and oppose any manufacturer's policy to restrict the sale of needed parts, tools, diagnostic information, and software, to only their dealers' repair shops.

AG #6: Supporting Small Farms

Resolved: The State of Oregon shall revise existing land use legislation to allow creation of small-farm sized parcels in rural areas for the production of food. And be it further

Resolved: The State of Oregon shall allow the building and re-building of residences on small agricultural acreages. And be it further

Resolved: The State of Oregon shall seek to increase food sales venues and opportunities for small local farmers. And be it further

Resolved: The State of Oregon shall enact water use legislation allowing one acre of land to be irrigated for commercial purposes on agricultural zoned parcels as an approved exempt use without requirement of obtaining an additional water right from the state. And be it further

Resolved: The State of Oregon shall work to encourage small food and other agricultural produce processing businesses and agricultural service businesses in rural areas.

CO #2: Preservation of Natural Fish Stocks

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support legislation protecting waterways found to have unique fish stocks from being stocked with other fish of different genetic makeups other than the unique fish found there.

EH #1: End Price Gouging for Insulin

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would establish controls on the price of insulin in the United States.

EH #2: Universal Health Care for Oregon

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the work of the Oregon State Legislative Assembly Task Force on Universal Health Care and the concept of Universal Health Care for Oregon, subject to development of a fair, reasonable, and affordable program confirmed by a vote of the people.

EH #4: Ending Racism

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange shall support legislation and action to eliminate social inequality and racism in Oregon. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange shall encourage its Community Granges to support local efforts to eliminate social inequality and racism in their communities.



Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2020 State Grange Session

EH #5: Healthcare Open Enrollment

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support a change in the date of Open Enrollment to purchase health insurance to a 90-day window to coincide with the individual’s date of birth, with the exceptions of Qualifying Life Events

EH #6: Prohibit the Use of Toxic Synthetic Herbicides on School Grounds in Oregon

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange will support legislation and rulemaking to update, strengthen, and modernize the Oregon State School IPM (Integrated Pest Management) law to discourage the use of non-organic pesticides on the grounds of all Oregon’s schools, and will in fact encourage an organics-first policy for Oregon schools. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange will encourage the Oregon State Legislature to appropriate funds to organics-first education and technical support for school districts. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will encourage the Oregon State Legislature to direct the Oregon Department of Agriculture to provide technical support, resources, and education to school districts to create and to follow an organics-first IPM (Integrated Pest Management) policy.

EH #7: Metro Counties should Not be Linked for COVID-19 Reopening

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the Tualatin and Washington County Chambers of Commerce and the Washington County Board of Commissioners in urging the Governor to unlink the three metro counties for COVID-19 reopening; and be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be sent to all Granges in Washington County and Clackamas County, and the Oregon State Grange for their support.

FAI #1: Assistance for Manufactured Home Park Residents

Resolved: When a manufactured home park is sold and residents displaced, the various parties to the sale and the State of Oregon shall create a jointly funded trust to be used to relocate the tenants including compensation of market value of the mobile home or for mortgage balance whichever is higher.

FAI #2: Vote on Tax Increases

Resolved: That any and all taxes or fees imposed on the citizens of Oregon shall be voted on and passed by a majority of the citizens of Oregon voting.

LE #1: Grange Hall Distance from Marijuana Facility

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange opposes the location of any new facility in which marijuana is produced, processed, wholesaled, re-tailed, distributed, transferred, sold or consumed within 1,000 feet of any Grange hall property boundaries in the State of Oregon.

LE #2: Civil Unrest

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange reaffirms its commitment to the principles enshrined in the Bill of Rights for every American and opposes rioting. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange publicly supports all city, county and state police agencies in the State of Oregon and opposes any effort to defund or abolish these departments.

LE #4: Support of Law Enforcement Officers

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange expresses unwavering support for law enforcement officers across the United States in the pursuit of preserving safe and secure communities. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange recognizes the need to ensure that law enforcement officers have the equipment, training, funding, and resources that are necessary to protect the health and safety of the officers while the officers protect the public. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange recognizes and supports positive procedure changes to benefit the community and officers. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange recognizes the law enforcement community for continual unseen acts of sacrifice and heroism. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange acknowledges that police officers and other law enforcement personnel, especially those who have

made the ultimate sacrifice, should be remembered and honored. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange expresses condolences and solemn appreciation to the loved ones of each law enforcement officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

LE #5: Change National Primaries

Resolved: The United States be divided into four contiguous geographic regions for the purposes of holding national primary elections so that each region be of approximately equal population (except Alaska and Hawaii, which would be grouped with the closest region). And be it further

Resolved: The regions would rotate going first, taking turns every four years. And be it further

Resolved: The primary elections would take place in the designated regions on the second Tuesday of February, March, April, and May in order by region.

LE #6: Redistricting

Resolved: That a non-partisan independent commission be established by vote of the people to redistrict the State House and Senate district boundaries.

LE #9: Boarding Houses

Resolved: The State of Oregon shall encourage the establishment of boarding houses by enacting legislation allowing boarding houses to be legally operated. And be it further

Resolved: The State of Oregon shall establish economically feasible minimum necessary safety standards, including installation of fire alarms, fire extinguishers, and carbon monoxide alarms. And be it further

Resolved: The State of Oregon shall set economically feasible minimum necessary standards for in-house food preparation facilities, similar to those established for cottage food processing.

LE #10: Vote by Mail Tracking

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange go on record as supporting electronic ballot tracking technologies. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will communicate this needed reform to all Oregon Legislators and the Oregon Secretary of State. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange urges the National Grange to adopt this policy and communicate to our federal representatives the need for an election ballot tracking program to ensure everyone’s right to vote is protected and counted.

VE #1: Disabled Veterans Monument

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange adopt as its official policy that a monument be erected recognizing the service and sacrifice of all Oregon veterans, of all military branches, who have suffered disability in service to our country. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange apply for permission from Oregon State Parks to erect a monument on Oregon State Park property at the Oregon State Capitol dedicated to disabled veterans. And be it further

Resolved: That the OSG Legislative Committee, the OSG Veterans Committee, and the OSG Community Service Committee consider the creating of a monument for disabled service members as a priority in their work. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange through their committees, including the OSG Executive Committee, solicit help from various organizations in Oregon, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, the various Confederated Tribes in Oregon, and all others that would like to recognize the service and sacrifice of these veterans who were disabled as result of their service in the US military.

VE #3: Citizenship for Veterans

Resolved: That any non-citizen who has served in the armed forces of the United States, and their immediate family, shall be offered an expedited path to full citizenship during their service or upon receiving an honorable discharge.

By-laws, Good of the Order and Grange Program Resolutions Adopted at the 2020 State Grange Session

BL #3: Affiliate Members Holding Office

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange by-laws Section 4.6.6 be amended to read: Such Affiliate Members shall pay the applicable membership dues and be entitled to hold office and vote in the additional Subordinate/ Community Grange provided that Affiliate members are clearly designated as such in reports to the state office, and further provided such Affiliate members shall not hold the office of Master in two Subordinate Granges at the same time.

BL #6: Change in Resolution Submission for State Convention Deadline

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange By-Laws Article 1, Section 17.4, second sentence be changed to read

“Such resolutions from Subordinate/Community or Pomona Granges must be filed with the State office 60 days prior to the annual State Session. Pomona Granges having a regular meeting after the 60-day deadline may file resolutions passed at such meeting with the State office prior to May 15 or 30 days before State Session.

BL #7: Rescheduling State Grange Activities

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended to insert section 1.3.2 which will read “the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee shall be authorized to revise State Grange Session schedules in whatever manner is necessary during times of emergency.” And the remaining sections of 1.3 be renumbered.

BL #8: Spence Memorial Scholarship Increase

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange by-laws referring to the Charles E Spence Memorial Scholarship Fund be changed to increase the amount of the scholarship from \$500 to \$1000 as follows: Section 1.19.1(a) “A Charles E. Spence memorial scholarship fund of \$1,000.00 shall be awarded each year until such time as the funds are exhausted.”

GO #1: Pomona Grange Recognition Programs and Awards

Resolved: That the National Grange add a Pomona category to the Distinguished Grange program, Grange in Action program and the Community Service awards. And be it further

Resolved: That in the future all similar new programs have a Pomona category.

GO #5: Office Staff Compensation

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange 2021 budget allow for a total employee expense of \$110,000 to accommodate temporary and flex staffing as deemed necessary by the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee.

GPB #1: Establishment of State Grange Ways and Means Committee

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange shall establish a Ways and Means committee. And be it further

Resolved: This committee will be tasked with exploring, designing, obtaining or deriving new revenue sources for the Oregon State Grange, and potentially working in partnership with Pomona and Subordinate Granges to find as much benefit as possible for all levels of the Oregon State Grange. And be it further

Resolved: This committee shall not be a standing committee.

GPB #4: 150th Anniversary of the Oregon State Grange

Resolved: that a Special Committee, known as the 150th Anniversary Planning Committee, of not less than five (5) and not more than nine (9) be appointed by the State Master for the purpose of planning a celebration of the OSG's 150th anniversary. And be it further

Resolved: That a report from the 150th Anniversary Planning Committee will be given at each of the OSG Annual Conventions leading up to the celebration.



Membership Matters

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Ada Presents Silver Certificate

This summer President Megan Schofield of Ada Grange #570, Lane County, presented Sharon Lonebear with her Silver Certificate representing 25 years of continuous Grange membership.



L-r: Sharon Lonebear and Megan Schofield

Midland Grange Presents Membership Certificates and Seals

Midland Grange #781, Klamath County, was all set for a big party on March 28th. Invitations were sent to members, people in the community, family and friends. Even the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee was coming down to help. One of the highlights of this party was going to be the awarding of two 60-year seals and five Golden Sheaf certificates representing 50 years of membership from the National Grange. But all those plans were cancelled.

hold a meeting. With all the guidelines in place they met at the home of Louise Holst and Phil Van Buren. The Grange caught up on all their business matters and for the Lecturer's program they awarded Dean High with his sheaf. The other members receiving awards were Alice and Dick Scala getting their 60-year seals and Fifty-Year certificates to Neal and Thelma Baldwin, Michael Victorine and Karen Robison. These awards were either delivered or mailed to the recipients.

In August the members at Midland Grange finally felt safe enough to

Congratulations to all of them and to everyone. Stay Safe.



L-r: Midland Grange's Dean High with his Golden Sheaf certificate presented by Louise Holst



Oregon State Grange June 2021

Enterprise, Oregon

Wallowa County Lodging Opportunities

- Enterprise

Pondarosa Motel

(541) 426-3186

Eagle’s View Inn and Suites

(541) 426-2700

Wilderness Inn

(541) 426-4535

Country Inn

(541) 426-4986
- Joseph - 6 miles to Enterprise

Indian Lodge Motel

(541) 432-2651

Mt Joseph Lodge

(541) 432-6000

Kokanee Inn

(541) 432-9765

Bronze Antle B&B

(541) 432-0230

Jennings Hotel

www.jenningshotel.com

Bell Peppers B&B

(541) 398-2758

Mt View Motel & RV

(541) 432-2982

between Enterprise & Joseph
- Wallowa Lake - 12 miles to Enterprise

Wallowa Lake Lodge

(541) 432-9821

Eagle Cap Chalets

(541) 432-4704

Wallowa Lake Resort

(541) 432-2391

Flying Arrow Resort

(541) 432-2951

Wallowa Lake Vacation Rentals

(800) 709-2029

Matterhorn Village

(541) 432-4071
- Outlying in Wallowa County

Arrowhead Ranch Cabins

(541) 426-6420

Barking Mad B&B

(541) 886-0171

Mingo Motel

(541) 886-2021
- RV Parks

Wallowa Lake State Park

(800) 551-6949

12 miles to Enterprise

Log House RV Park

(541) 426-4024

1.6 miles to Enterprise

5 Peaks RV

(541) 398-1925

6 miles to Enterprise

Scenic Meadows RV

(541) 432-9285

12.4 miles to Enterprise

Park at the River

(541) 432-8800

12.4 miles to Enterprise

Wallowa River RV

(541) 886-7002

12.4 miles to Enterprise



Members from District 6 led by Co-Chair David McBride invited the Oregon State Grange to hold their annual session at the Enterprise High School in Enterprise, Oregon next June tentatively scheduled to start on Saturday, June 19th.



L-r: Sam Keator visits with Clarann and Derrell Witty at Hurricane Creek Grange #608 in Wallowa County.

State Executive Committee

Member Travels to

Wallowa County

Recently Sam Keator, a member of the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee and his wife Anne took a road trip to Joseph, Oregon. While there they connected with Derrell and Clarann Witty in Enterprise and visited Hurricane Creek Grange.

According to Brother Sam, they both are in grand form and are looking forward to seeing everyone in person at the 2021 Session in Enterprise!



UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS				
Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.				
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place	
Baker #24	Nov 7	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange	
Benton #36	Oct 17	10:30 AM	Marys River Grange	
Clackamas #1	Oct 24	10:00 AM	Zoom	
Columbia #18	Nov 7	10:00 AM	Warren Grange	
Deschutes #25	Nov 14	11:30 AM	Pine Forest Grange	
Douglas #13	Oct 24	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange	
Jackson #27	Oct 24	1:00 PM	Phoenix Grange	
Josephine #20	Oct 31	10:00 AM	TBA	
Lane #14	Jan 9	10:00 AM	TBA	
Lincoln #10	Nov 21	10:30 AM	Siletz Valley Grange	
Linn #12	Jan 9	10:00 AM	TBA	
Polk #3	Jan 14	6:30 PM	Oak Grove Grange	
Tillamook #9			TBA	
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Oct 24	10:00 AM	TBA	
Wallowa #22	Oct 10	10:00 AM	North End Grange	
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 24	10:00 AM	Tigard Grange	

Since spring many Pomonas have canceled their meetings. Others are planning tele-conference, Zoom or other virtual meetings. Please contact the Pomona Grange you are wishing to attend for most up-to-date information and be safe.



Grange Youth & Young Adults

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Keeping Oregon Warm

There were 204 total items brought to the annual session in Klamath Falls. Granges were given the option of sending them with their delegates if they were attending in person, holding them and taking to Enterprise next year or donating

them in their local area and starting over collecting for next year. Those brought to session were sorted and counted with the majority going to the Klamath Falls warming center. The children's knit caps were given to the Klamath Falls Head Start.



Keeping Oregon Warm items at the 2020 Oregon State Session.



Community Member Makes Morning Star New Seat Cushions

Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County, received a donation of new chair cushions for their hall. Josephine Parker, the mother of one of Morning Star's members, made thirty-one cushions for the metal folding chairs. A medium gray upholstery fabric was selected for the

cushion so as to not clash with the colors selected for weddings and other events.

Parker is a life-long seamstress and has reupholstered recliners, couches and love seats as a hobby.



Josephine Parker with some of the thirty-one cushions she made and donated to Morning Star Grange.

Clackamas Pomona Supports FFA Livestock Auction

Clackamas County Pomona Grange, as part of their support of FFA, participated in the first-ever Clackamas County Jr. Livestock Virtual Show and Auction on August 22nd. The Grange committed to spend up to \$500 at the auction. The Pomona's committee of Joyce Parker, Don Sether and Dan Keely looked at the options and animals available. Their first choice was to purchase a market goat.

As the bidding progressed it became apparent that the prices of the animals were going to go beyond what the Pomona had allotted to spend so the decision was made to go the "Add-On" route. Ten FFA members representing five FFA chapters were selected with each receiving a \$50 "add-on." An add-on donation provides participants in the Livestock Auction the ability to obtain additional funds from friends, family, business, and interested parties that can add on to the sale price of the animal of a designated FFA member.

Those receiving "add-on" from the Pomona Grange were: Katelyn Dutton of Colton FFA with a market hog, Winter Palmateer of Estacada FFA with a market goat, Theodore Nunn of Molalla FFA with a market hog, Kira Knox of Molalla FFA with a pen of three market rabbits, Gage Millar of Canby FFA with a market lamb, Garrett Botz of Canby FFA with a market hog, Anna Brady of Canby FFA with a market lamb, Tenley Raddle of North Clackamas FFA with a market turkey, Elena Perez of North Clackamas FFA with a market turkey and Conner Montgomery of North Clackamas FFA with a pen of three market rabbits.

By participating this year, the Pomona Grange was able to support local FFA members and will now be on the bidders list. Hopefully next year will see the return of the live auction and Clackamas County Pomona Grange will be able to participate.

Redland Holds Outdoor Meeting

Redland Grange #796, Clackamas County, held its August meeting outdoors. And will do so again weather permitting. Although next time it might require setting up the PA system as community members,

seeing all of them outdoors, honked as they drove by! Of course, they practiced social distancing and everyone wore their masks, it sure was nice to see everyone again.



Left to right - Redland Grangers are Dale Schultes, Sandra Foley, Cora Lynn Congdon, Courtney Rae, President Georgene Barragan, Shirley Gilman, Ann J. Moses, Howard Miller, Tonya Striefel, and Carol Drudis-Swainson.

Morning Star's Haunted House

Morning Star Grange # 311, Linn County, will be holding their annual Haunted House on October 16, 17, 23, 24 and 30 from 7pm - midnight, on October 18 and 25 between 7-9pm and on Halloween from 7pm - midnight. Cost is \$5/person and only cash or cards accepted. Due to the virus, we are unable to accept can goods and other non-perishables this year. The proceeds will benefit local charities and Morning Star Grange.

til the group is close to entering.

The Grange hall is located at 38794 Morningstar RD NE Albany, OR 97321 in Millersburg. For more information call or text 541-666-0410 or find them on Facebook: Haunted house at Morningstar Grange.



Joe’s Chicken n’ Pickin BBQ a Success

COVID-19 or not Crow Grange #450, Lane County, pulled off their annual Joe’s Chicken n’ Pickin BBQ. They weren’t sure if they would be able to put on the event this year, but were able to get the permit, with the request of proper social distancing and masks worn.

This year’s version was a little different as members took orders and had folks pick up their food outside under popups. A few of the Bent Rods car club members came out

and put their cars on display. Normally the Poodle Creek Pickers and the Green Mountain Boys play for the event. This year they loaned the Grange CDs of their music for all to enjoy while waiting.

The BBQ crew got many compliments, both in person and on social media on the job they did. On how yummy the chicken was and how fresh and tasty the corn on the cob was. The corn came from Herrick farms which was picked early Saturday morning.

the Grange did so well that they actually sold out right before the 4 pm ending time.

Right: Dan Suing watching over the BBQ chicken.

Below l-r: Mark Noah, Dan Suing cooking the chicken at the BBQ pits while Connie Suing works with other meal items.



Crow Grange Steward, Patrick Dearth, cooking the corn on the cob. The corn was fresh, picked just that morning at Herrick Farms.



It was a success full day. In fact,

Morning Star Adjust Meal Event

Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County, held their annual Baked Potato and Meatloaf Dinner on Sunday September 13. Because of COVID-19, meals were takeout/ take home as there was no indoor dining.

The meal consisted of a Baked Potato, meatloaf, salad, rolls, beverages (soda or bottled water) and dessert of cookies or brownies.

Normally homemade pie would be a popular option but not allowed because of the virus. The Grange also sold tickets for a chance to win nine small raffle baskets.

As a fundraiser for the Grange the event was very successful. Both the dinner and the small basket raffles exceeded the Grange’s expectation and brought in some badly needed income.

Bellview Enjoys Homemade Peach Ice Cream in the Garden

Saturday, September 5, the garden crew got an ice cream treat as they worked in the garden at Bellview Grange, #759, Jackson County. Anya Kumara provided fresh peaches and Lorraine Cook turned them into wonderful homemade ice cream. A refreshing break for the garden workers and others that showed up to enjoy the bounty of local peaches.



Right: All masked up is Lorraine Cook with the wonderful homemade peach ice cream.

Below: The Saturday garden crew enjoying the ice cream at the Bellview Grange garden.



Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

October 31	Quilt Blocks and entry forms, Virtual Photo Contest and Publicity Item Contest entries due to: Christine Hamp, National Grange Lecturer 16418 N. Birdie Road Nine Mile Falls WA 99026
	3rd Quarter Reports due to the state Grange office
November 17-18	154 th National Grange Convention - via Zoom. Portions of the convention will be available to watch on YouTube, such as the President’s address, the memorial service and installation of Executive Committee members. Watch for the announcement closer to convention on how to access the link.
December 1	Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges officer information due to state Grange office
December 31	OSG Foundation “Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbursement” request due to the state Grange office

Local Rosie the Riveters Reminisce About VJ Day, August 14, 1945

By Dana Sparks, The Register Guard

About 20 people gathered with the Mckenzie Chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Association to honor four living Rosies and a local World War II veteran, who recalled learning 75 years ago about the U.S. victory over Japan on Aug. 14, 1945.

“I recently went through some documents I never quite read through and found out I’m still a part of the reserve,” laughed Sally Marshall, 91, a plane spotter and Army Airforce Civil Air Patrol Cadet. She is the youngest of the local Rosies.

The ceremony was led by Yvonne Fasold, a descendant of a Rosie, or Rose-bud, as the group refers to descendants. Fasold recalled the accounts of Rosies hearing about the United States’ victory over Japan during WWII and the war effort. Fasold read aloud some accounts of that day from the Rosies in attendance on Friday as well as some of the group’s beloved late Rosies and WWII Navy Veteran Vince Neuman.

“My sister and I worked in Los Angeles and heard the news on the radio,” said Dorothy Key of Goshen. “We decided to go downtown and celebrate with everyone else. We only went partway, because it was too crazy on the streets for two teenage girls.” Fasold gently reminded those in attendance that despite how grown-up Rosie the

Riveter were depicted, so many of the home-front workers were actually just teens.

Shannon Flowers, veteran outreach coordinator with Sen. Ron Wyden, spoke about the status of the Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2019 — a bill that, if passed, would be collectively awarded to the women workforce of WWII. It passed the House with overwhelming approval, according to Flowers, but to the dismay of Wyden and many others, it has continued to sit in the Senate. Fasold remarked that the group had lost six Rosies in the past year and it is imperative that the remaining women get the recognition they deserve in their lifetime.

The late Rosie Norah Willis said of the time as a Rosie, “I did not realize at the time what an important role I was participating in — I just knew that I didn’t want to make mistakes because the boys overseas were counting on me to do my job right. We were patriotic and we did what we had to do, the very best we could.”

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Dorothy Key is a member of Goshen Grange #561 in Lane County.



Grange Sponsors Community Flea Market and Garage Sale

The annual Millersburg community Craft-flea market and garage sales, sponsored by Morning Star Grange was held Friday and Saturday August 14 and 15.

Community members either rented a table(s) at the Grange hall or set-up at their own place. Tables were available at \$10.00 per table for one day or \$15.00 total for two days.

The Grange provided maps showing all the sales locations. The maps were then available at Millersburg City Hall, the Firehouse Corner Deli and the Morning Star Grange hall, as well as coordinating the advertising and local signage.

At the hall the Grange had it its own tables with items for sale. The \$55 earned there went to the GWA. They also sold tickets for the Linn County Pomona Raffle and handed out the maps.

With Covid rules in place, the kitchen the of Grange served a take-out lunch both days offering hamburgers, cheese burgers, hotdogs and soda, coffee or water.

There was a total of twelve vendors at the Grange hall and an additional fourteen garage sales in the neighborhood, less than half of what participates in a normal year.



A full hall of items greeted shoppers at Little Deschutes's sale.

Little Deschutes Holds Annual Make-A-Offer Yard Sale

The end of August found members of Little Deschutes Grange #939, Deschutes County, busy preparing the Grange hall for their annual Make-A-Offer yard sale. The whole community of La Pine is involved in this event throughout the year. All of the items for the sale were donated by local residents. Items are collected year-round, some of it comes from leftover yard sale items from private yard sales or when residents are cleaning out their homes of items that are no longer needed.

Before the sale officially started a total of \$1,600 was already raised, with a goal was to make \$5,000. The sale occurred for four days, September 2-5. A grand total of just over \$5,400 was raised.

Profits from this sale pays for three scholarships offered every year

to graduating seniors at La Pine, Gilchrist and Christmas Valley high schools.

The unsold items were donated to fire victims that lost their homes in Oregon and to the following local businesses and non-profit agencies: Lion's Club, Heart 'n Home Hospice, Newberry La Pine Habitat for Humanity Store, Ray's Food Place, Goodwill in Bend, La Pine Florist and clothing for infants and other baby items were donated to the Community Closet in La Pine.

The first weekend in November another great sale opportunity will take place. It is the Annual Make-A-Offer Christmas Decoration Sale. Again, all of the items were donated from the community, this year's sale is expected to be one of our largest Christmas sales on record.



The sale also overflowed to the outside under a large tent.

Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

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

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