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Some of the new officers and members of the reorganized Redwood Grange with their new banner.

Redwood Grange Reorganized

On September 20, Redwood Grange #760 in Grants Pass was reorganized with twenty-four new Grange brothers and sisters, the majority of them new to the Grange. That night they elected Ron Smith, President and Jill Hamm, Secretary.

Oregon State Grange President Susan Noah gave the Welcoming Ceremony to the new members

Redwood was originally organized on October 22, 1946. It was declared dormant earlier this year. It is great to see the Grange open again.

Even before being reorganized, the Grange had a busy summer cleaning up the hall under the leadership of Jill Hamm. They even had a fair booth at the Josephine County fair.

They also have a Facebook page (Redwood Grange 760) so please consider following them and showing them our support.

Their first official meeting will be Monday, October 4th at 6:30pm where they will be adding more new members.



Redwood's fair booth display at the Jackson County fair was full of information and an invitation to join and be part of its revival.



Buy a Candle for the 150th Cake

It is now less than two years until the Oregon State Grange reaches the sesquicentennial mark. Be part of the celebration.

One of the events we are working toward to take place on our anniversary is the placement of a monument on the Oregon State Capitol site that honors disabled veterans. At the 2020 State Grange convention the delegates passed a resolution calling for this monument and could not think of a better time to see it through to reality than on the State Grange's 150th anniversary.

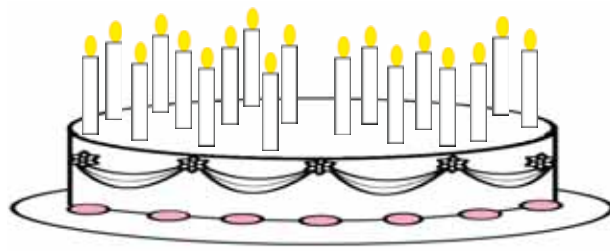
This means a fundraiser was needed. Taking a page out of the Pennsylvania State Grange's 150th play-book (*they turn 150 in 2023 as well*) the State Grange is selling the candles on the birthday cake. The cake will have 150 candles and each candle costs the amount listed on the candle (*the 1st candle costs \$1, the 150th candle costs \$150, with each denomination in-between*). Can-

dles may be purchased in any order until all 150 candles have been sold. Donors will be recognized with their name on the candle they have purchased.

If you are interested in purchasing a candle, please let State President Susan Noah know and the candle of your choice will be reserved for you. If a donation comes in and the candle selected has already been sold the donor will be offered the choice of other candles to make up the donation amount. You may purchase as many candles as you want, just check in with the office to make sure the one(s) you want are available.

So far eighteen candles have been purchased by individuals and Granges; some have bought their Grange number or the digits that make up their number or another candle representing a date of meaning, etc. Purchase early and don't miss out on getting the candle you want. Candles sold so far are:

Candle	Buyer	Candle	Buyer
1	Mark & Susan Noah	27	Riley & Tina Reynolds
2	Joyce Parker	35	Santiam Valley Grange #828
3	Joyce Parker	50	Louise Holst/Phil Van Buren
5	Robert O'Dell Jr.	52	Willamette Grange #52
6	Joyce Parker	66	OSG Executive Committee
9	Robert O'Dell	76	O'Dell Family
13	Roberta O'Dell	100	Hurricane Creek Grange #608
23	Phoenix Grange #779	149	Jay Sexton/Toni Hoyman
26	Jesse O'Dell	150	Mark & Susan Noah



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The President's Column

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Driving up the freeway I can see that autumn is almost here, and while the cooler weather will be welcome to all of us, and especially to our firefighters who are still battling fires in Oregon and California, I do hate to see the end of the summer. This year was especially nice since we were finally able to take part in the various fairs around the state, and our members were able to welcome back visitors to their halls and families. Once many of the restrictions associated with Covid were lifted in June, our Granges were back in business and even though I know we still have a problem with Covid, it seems as if we are all working hard to stay safe, but still get together for the face-to-face meetings that are so important right now.

Election of Officers

As we progress into the fall, this is the time that most Granges will hold their annual or biennial election of officers. The fall of 2020 was so shut down that many Granges did not hold their elections, and some still may be holding off, but as of now meetings can be held in person with appropriate masking and distancing so consider getting back on track, and go forward with your elections. Remember that nominations are never closed in the Grange, and the reason for a paper ballot is to preserve the right of all members to vote for whomever they please without fear of reprisal.

I hope that any member who is nominated for an office will consider it a privilege to serve and will cheerfully accept the nomination. It is all too easy to leave these offices in the same hands for years and sometimes decades, but ask yourself if that is really good for the Order? Having a

depth of knowledge in your Grange will be more beneficial in the long run. While we all appreciate having a long time President or Secretary, part of every job is to train for the future and we should all be stepping up when leadership calls.

Electing new officers is truly only half the work though, new officers will need mentoring and instruction. So, for the retiring officer, please make yourself available for questions and instructions, but don't insist that your way is the only way. New officers need instruction, encouragement and coaching. What they do not need is criticism without guidance. The State Grange offers handbooks for some of the key positions, and the State Office is always willing to help with questions. Stepping in as the new President or Secretary may seem daunting, but as long as our members are willing helpers no job is too big!

Oregon State Grange 150th Celebration

The Oregon State Grange 150th anniversary is getting closer and we have started plans for various events and celebrations, but I am still looking for members who wish to serve on this committee. I envision a meeting before the end of this year, and probably one or two prior to the 2022 session when most of the activities will start. Our actual anniversary is not until September 2023 so time for lots of new and fun activities! Look for more information and new events as we get started.

Cancer Program from the National Grange

I would encourage each Grange to utilize the program on cancer the National Grange recently sent to

each Grange. The program, entitled "What to do with a Cancer Diagnosis" is well put together and would be of benefit to your members and the community. This can be a Lecturers program for your members or for community outreach. If it has not been shared at your Grange, make it a point to ask the President.

Reorganization of Redwood Grange

On September 20th I had the privilege of traveling to Grants Pass to give the Welcoming Ceremony to 24 new members of the newly reorganized Redwood Grange. This Grange was declared Dormant earlier this year, but due to the hard work and outreach of Sister Jill Hamm of Fruitdale Grange they were reorganized this month. She has worked tirelessly this summer to clean and update the hall, and now has nearly 40 people who have joined or are ready to at the first official meeting. It is events like this that truly make my time as President something I will always appreciate and love.

October may seem a little premature, but the new year will be just around the corner. As you hold elections, please plan for the future by setting goals for 2022 and work with your members to realize those goals as 2021 fades and 2022 faces us. The Oregon State Grange leaders will be planning more visitations and this year will be bringing tools for Grange Month. We will also have updates on the actions we have taken to answer some of the many questions posed by the listening sessions held in 2020.

I want to leave you with a quote that I shared with the Directors at our retreat in September. *"Don't ask what the world needs, ask what makes you come alive and then go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have COME ALIVE"* ~ Howard Thurman. Have a wonderful fall, enjoy the season, and get ready to Come Alive in the new year!



Oregon State Grange Directors Retreat - Top row: Co-Youth Director Christy Dumolt, Legislative Director Mark Noah and Education Director Paula Herrick. Middle row: Co-Youth Director JC Dumolt Junkman, DAFH Director Lilly Anderson, Membership Director David McBride and GWA Director Joanne McBride. Bottom Row: Communication Team Suzy Ramm, Community Service Director Liz Dehne, State President Susan Noah, Communication Team Sonny Hays-Eberts, Junior Director Peggy Jillson, Toni Hoyman and Agriculture Co-Director Director Jay Sexton. Missing from the picture Webmaster Teresa Cernac.

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FLAGPOLE RELOCATION INITIATIVE

New for 2021!



How can you help hoist the flag in your town once again?

This initiative gives local Granges a great project with which to collaborate with other community partners – it also builds upon our legacy of being this country's greatest champion of civics and builder of citizens.

Granges are encouraged to identify forgotten and/or no longer used flagpoles in their communities and relocate them to a park, your Grange hall, the local VFW or the town square to be used proudly once again.

Many government buildings like fire stations, armories, schools and libraries that are no longer in service for one reason or another, as well as the closed halls of fraternal organizations such as the Masons, IOOF and other Granges are a good place to look for flagpoles ready to be the center of attention once again.

The possibilities for collaboration with this initiative are endless as are the benefits to your Grange and your community.

Picture in your mind a crowd gathered around a relocated flagpole for a dedication ceremony, the anticipation, then joy as a new flag is raised to proudly fly in your community.



For more information, and to share the story of your flagpole relocation, contact National Grange Lecturer Christine Herring by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by voice/text at (503) 853-3533.

Santiam Valley Haunted House

Santiam Valley Grange #828, Linn County, is making plans for their annual Haunted House. Cost is \$4.00 per person. It is appropriate for all ages (fog machine will be in use) and social distancing will be

in effect with masks required until mandate changes.

For information call:
(503) 859-2161
(503) 859-3445

Dates and times:

Oct 15 & 16, Oct 22 & 23, Oct 29 thru 31 6 – 9pm
Oct 17, Oct 21, Oct 24, Oct 28 & Nov 1 6 – 8pm



The Lecturer's Column

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This issue's Lecturer's column was contributed by Courtney Croy, member-at-large on the State Lecturer's Committee



At this year's state convention, the Lecturers department asked for feedback into the content of the lecturers column. The consensus was more GRANGE HISTORY! So, here is some brief history about the Grange's involvement in the community and the importance of community service to the Grange.

The Grange has been involved in bettering communities since its founding. The Grange heads up countless improvement or relief projects each year. These projects increase neighborly spirit, human sympathy, and better the lives of many. In 1927, Honor Grange specifications were set up by the National Grange as the bases for awarding achievement certificates. The formal definition for community service as stated in the book *The Grange: Friend of a Farmer* is as follows:

"Community service is work done for the community as a whole, that improves its appearance, supplies added conveniences, advances its civic spirit, or gives enlarged opportunity to its people; in short, it is service rendered that makes that community a better place to live in." (pg. 233)

Grange community service comes in a wide variety of accomplishments. A couple examples:

In 1917, a terrifying cyclone damaged southern Michigan which paralyzed all methods of communication, and many roads were impassable. In

response, Granges in the area immediately went into action, clearing debris and detangling the wreckage. Because of their efforts, they were able to restore telephone service, clear highways, even put public buildings and schools into shape for normal use. The prompt action of the Grange allowed for regular activities to resume in record time after a natural disaster. (pg. 236)

In 1942, Kalama Grange, No. 197, in Washington State, sponsored a community service project along the Columbia River. Because the Columbia River is frequented by ocean vessels, it is a dangerous place for swimmers. The Grange led a fundraising effort, with support from other local organizations, to provide a safe resort along the river to make swimming and picnicking pleasant and free from danger. They raised enough to buy four and one-half acres of land. With that land, they were able to clear the brush, build tables, a dock, lavatories, etc. They landscaped the grounds and the beach into a lovely place for the community to share. (pg. 239)

Service to the community comes in all forms, and it all benefits the whole. Granges have come together over the years to build accessible, safer, more involved communities who care about the well-being of all its members. We continue this legacy, working together on projects that improve the lives of others; most recently the Grange's involvement in repairing the devastation the wildfires caused, and efforts in creating a safe, healthy community during the Coronavirus.

Research for this article was taken from the book, *The Grange – Friend of the Farmer* by Charles M. Gardner published by the National Grange.

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2021 PUBLICITY ITEM CONTEST

OPEN TO ALL GRANGES,
GRANGE COMMITTEES
OR GRANGE GROUPS

Two divisions:
Professional
or In-House

Eligible items include
anything you create to
promote Grange

All entries must be
received electronically
as a single file no larger
than 1GB via Google
Forms by Oct. 31, 2021.

For all details, visit
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The Chaplain's Corner

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How are you holding up? Sad that's the start of each of these columns in the year I've been writing them. This grinding pandemic has left us with anxiety, emotional whiplash, and uncertainty. And this hamster wheel of "what if and what now" can lead to lashing out, acting out, blaming others, unnecessary distractions, and generally being horrible. I know after fire, COVID, ice and 115-degree heat and this ongoing drought, I'm not allowed to ask "what's next" at home or I get snapped at. I can find myself being pretty horrible at times when this all feels like too much.

How can we be less horrible? Faith and trust, my friends. That's the secret sauce. Our Grange salutation sums it up pretty well: Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity. Keep faith until it has been proven that faith has been broken, that's Fidelity. Sharing Hope and Charity. Not being horrible. The idea for this originates with Christian pastor John Pavlovitz. He pens a very popular blog called "Things That Need to Be Said," and I respect him a great deal. In light of the circumstances surrounding us today, he spoke about wanting to belong to "The Church of Not Being Horrible".

Here's what he wrote: "I'm tired," writes Pavlovitz. "I'm tired of religious people preaching a faith that they seem to have no interest at all

in emulating; of religious people being a loud, loveless noise in the world while claiming to speak for a God who is supposedly love. I know the world is tired of such people. I'm fairly certain that God is too. I'm starting a new church—the Church of Not Being Horrible.

Our mission statement is simply this: Don't be horrible to people: Don't treat them as less worthy of love, respect, dignity, joy, and opportunity than you are. Don't create caricatures out of them based on their skin color, their religion, their sexual orientation, the amount of money they have, the circumstances they find themselves in.

Don't seek to take away things from them that you already enjoy in abundance: civil rights, clean water, education, marriage, access to health-care. Don't tell someone's story for them about why they are poor, depressed, addicted, victimized, alone. Let them tell their story and believe they know it better than you do. Don't imagine that your experience of the world is everyone's experience of the world; that the ease, comfort, support, affection you have received are universal.

Don't be preoccupied with how someone experiences the sacred, how they define family, who they love.

Past Oregon State Grange Executive Committee Member and Foundation President Dies

Don Lokke Mackinnon, Jr. a life member of Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County and former member of the Oregon State Grange Executive committee from 1998-2000, passed away on September 3, 2021 in Juneau, Alaska. He was born in Juneau on February 12, 1933. Growing up he lived in smaller communities in Alaska as well as Sellwood and Gladstone, Oregon. Don graduated in 1951 from Juneau High School.

That fall he attended Oregon State University before serving in the United States army at Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska from 1952-1954. Returning to OSU, he graduated in 1958 with a BS in Physical Education and a Masters in teaching. He said he received some of the best advice ever from a mentor. "The program must be inclusive. Every child has value. The program must provide something for everyone. This is not a place for developing stars." This advice stayed with him and influenced his tenure in education and in his support of Grange Youth.

After graduation, he taught and coached in Oregon, then in 1960 returned to Juneau to teach and coach.

In 1966, he became Superintendent of schools at Hoonah, Alaska. In 1976 he joined the Alaska Department of Education, assisting rural districts. After three years, he accepted the job of Superintendent of the Juneau School District retiring in 1982.

Don was the first Executive Director of the Alaska Council of School Administrators. In 1985, The MacKinnon Educational Excellence and Human Recognition Award was established to recognize his service to education in Alaska.

He married Barbara Shearer, a teacher originally from Clackamas County in 1961 and in 1987, Don and Barbara moved to Oregon to be near her parents and joined Springwater Grange. They spent thirty active years with family, Grange and community. In 2019, they moved back to Juneau to be near their children.

In addition to serving on the OSG Executive Committee he was Past President of Springwater Grange #263 and Clackamas County Pomona #1. Many can remember him as the auctioneer at Grange auctions.

He was a member of the Oregon State

Grange Foundation board, serving as President from 2009-2013; Co-Chair of the 2002 National Grange Convention Hosting Committee and Chairman of the 2006 OSG Convention Hosting Committee.

Don is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara, brothers J. Allan of Juneau, Alaska and Lachlan of Roseburg, Oregon, son Donald III, daughters Carolyn Kelley and Mary Fvette all of Alaska, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services for Don were held September 25 at Chapel by the Lake in Juneau, Alaska. A link to the video of the service is available on the Oregon State Grange Member Forum on Facebook page.

Don asked in lieu of flowers; donations can be made to:

Springwater Presbyterian
Endowment Fund
P.O. Box 1017
Estacada OR 97023

Dogs for Better Lives
10175 Wheeler Road
Central Point OR 97502

In Memoriam

Donald Berry
Fort Union #953

Marcia Fisher
Rickreall #671

Donald L. MacKinnon, Jr
Springwater #263

Sue McCleary
New Bridge #789

Orvis Moore
North End #820

Darrell Olsen
Elmira #523

Marjorie Olsen
Elmira #523

Blanche Pryor
Rickreall #671

Carl Schmadeke, Sr
Washington #313

Liz Smith
Warren #536

Marvel Ulam
Terrebonne #663

Larry Winiarski, Sr
Willamette #52

Richard Wright
Fernwood #770



*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.*

Cultivate your faith, family, and intimate relationships alone." Pavlovitz continues: "The central question at any given moment in the church is: Am I being horrible right now? If one concludes that they are, they endeavor to not do so... It might renovate our very hearts, themselves so prone to being horrible. It might help us become the best version of ourselves that we are able to be."

"If you're interested in joining the

church, you don't need to pray a magic prayer. You don't have to recite any creeds."

As Grangers, we didn't join a church but we did join a family of folks who do have a creed of Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity and we promise to be honest, just, and to be quiet, peaceful citizens, feeding and caring for those who need it. The very opposite of horrible. May we walk our talk.

Condolences can be sent to:

Barbara MacKinnon and family
4401 Riverside Drive, J-1
Juneau AK 99801

Draping of the Grange Charter

Springwater Grange will conduct a Memorial Service along with Draping of the Charter at their regular meeting on October 25, 2021 starting at 7pm with NO Potluck. All who wish are invited to attend. The Grange is developing the Don and Barbara MacKinnon Educational Impact Grant, to provide an annual \$250 grant to an elementary teacher in each of the Estacada and Colton School districts.





Members and friends of Bellview Grange worked on the fence for the Food Forest Project that will be on the south side of their property. The fence had to be very high and strong to keep deer at bay. L-r: members Jefferson Parson, Danny Greg, Wendell Fitzgerald and Chris Hardy along with Grange friend Carey.

Bellview Grange Works to Educate Students on Locally Grown Food

For over a hundred years, Bellview Elementary School and the Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County, have been neighbors. This fall, the 5th grade class at Bellview Elementary, members of the Bellview Grange, and 5-generation farmer Chris Hardy owner of Hardy Seeds and who has farmed in the Rogue Valley since 2005 will be working together to start a demonstration Food Forest on the quarter acre plot that sits between the school and the Grange hall/community center.

The Food Forest project provides a hands-on experience for 5th grade students to learn about pollinators, soil water, plant and seed biology.

The "multi-strata" garden of 50+ species of food-bearing trees, shrubs, vines, tubers and root crops that results will demonstrate for the whole community how even a small piece of land can be used to sequester carbon, create food system diversity, and provide nutritious locally-grown food.

Watching the food forest grow and change over the years will provide future 5th graders and the rest of our community with on-going opportunities to work with, learn

from and be grateful to nature.

The Bellview Grange is covering the costs for deer-proof fencing and will purchase the needed trees and other plants. What's still needed is \$4,000 to get the educational component of the project started-paying an educational consultant to work with faculty and students, plus providing needed classroom equipment like a few microscopes and some field supplies.

Here's the opportunity: the public can become a sponsor for this legacy project with a one-time donation of \$100, or by signing up to give \$10/month as an on-going donation. All contributions, in any amount, are tax-deductible. Sponsors will be recognized with a "Food Forest Founding Friend" certificate.

As the forest continues to grow, this project will pass from the out-going 5th grade class to the in-coming class each year. Please take this opportunity to be part of starting something beautiful and long-lasting that honors nature and brings the community together now and in years to come.

To Make a Donation

Visit the Ashland School Foundation website (www.ashlandschools-foundation.org):

1. Enter your donation amount.
2. Add: "Bellview Food Forest" in the Comments box.
3. Enter your information and payment details
4. Click the **Donate Now** button.

If sending a check is preferred:

1. Make checks out to the Ashland School Foundation.
2. Write: "for Bellview Food Forest" on the check.
3. Send your donation to:

Ashland School Foundation c/o Bellview Food Forest
100 Walker Ave, Ashland, Oregon 97520

Bellview Grange thanks you for your conderation in supporting this project!



The Agricultural Report

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I have been spending a lot of hours with Pole Beans. For those of you raised in the Willamette valley, you may know these beans as *Oregon Cascade Giants*.

Locally, we call them "Grampa Beans", in honor of my Grampa Dirrett who had a big garden in Albany, near our dairy barn. He supplied our family of 8 with platters of sweet corn, big sliced tomatoes, and kettles of pole beans slow cooked with slab bacon and onion slices.

Summer for me was gramps time.

When I was little, they called me his shadow...always trailing his slow gait though the yard and out to the garden. I stayed close to him and his garden as I grew up, and in 1973, when I moved to Wallowa County, my mom packed a cardboard box with home made plum jelly and cans of Dinty Moore stew. My Gramps gave me an envelope of his pole bean seed.

Although I was unable to grow a garden every year, I continued to save that seed, and grow it out whenever I had a plot of land to garden. Then, one year I realized that I had somehow lost track of that precious seed. No pole beans graced my garden. I then tried Kentucky Wonder pole. I tried Blue Lake pole. But, they

couldn't satisfy my cravings for a mess o' beans and bacon.

A few years ago, while visiting with an old friend here in Lostine, I spoke about the careless act of not saving my grampa's bean seed one year. How that loss had hurt. She smiled as I followed her into her garden shed. Out of an old brown jar, she poured a small pile of bean seed into my hand. Grampa Beans!

My Grampa beans!

Because of my previous generosity, she had saved and grown my beans for some 20 years, and now I was back in the bean business!

This year, I grew and sold over 100 pounds of fresh Grampa Beans. I have sat out in the yard with friends, visiting about this and that while our hands pulled the strings off, and then snapped, or shelled those precious beans. We have eaten them with smoked ham hocks, or garlic and pine nuts stir fry, or fresh off the vine or just lightly steamed. The Grange's freezer is stocked with these beans for this winter's community lunch program.

Once again, I am my gramps' shadow as I work down those 100-foot pole bean rows.

And he is smiling.



You Are Not Alone

Many in our ag community are facing terrible losses and are suffering anxiety, despair, hopelessness, and worse. If you feel these things, you are not alone. American Farm Bureau has assembled resources at www.farmstateofmind.org (or just Google "Farm State of Mind").

If you or someone you know is in the deepest crisis, please connect with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 1-800-273-8255, or text the word HOME to 741-741.

A healthy farm/ranch is nothing without a healthy you. You are not alone.





Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Hearing loss is a major public health issue and nearly 48 million people are reported to be suffering from hearing loss.¹ It is the third most common physical condition after arthritis and heart disease. In the United States, three out of every 1000 children are born hard of hearing or deaf and five out of every 1000 children are living with hearing loss.² Men are more likely than women to experience hearing loss, and while hearing loss isn't just about age, it can happen at any time, in older adults, it is often confused with, or complicates, conditions like dementia.

It is also important to note that the term "hearing impaired" has fallen out of favor. It excludes deafness, and is rejected as a collective term by the Deaf community for focusing on what an individual can't do, rather than their attributes and abilities.³ The National Association of the Deaf (NA), uses the lowercase *deaf* when referring to the audiological condition of not hearing and uses the uppercase *Deaf* when referring to a particular group of people who share a language, American Sign Language (ASL) and a culture.³ Having a "hearing loss" is also viewed as a negative expression as many *Deaf* people don't feel they suffer a loss. People who identify as *Deaf*, enjoy a vibrant culture based on ASL and social conventions that provide a full visual environment. They use speech when needed in the hearing community but consider themselves different from "oral deaf" who prefer speaking and lip reading.² *Deafened* is a term for total hearing loss that occurs to a formerly hearing person.² *Hard of hearing* describes hearing loss from mild to profound in a person who usually communicates by speech.² Over time, the most accepted terms have come to be *Deaf*, *deaf* and *hard of hearing*.³

The *Deaf*, *deaf* and *hard of hearing* communities are very diverse. There are variations in how a person becomes deaf or hard of hearing, the age of onset, educational background, communication methods and cultural identity. Poor hearing doesn't mean a poor quality of life, but it does create challenges, often several times a day, at social gatherings, home, work, over the phone, in loud crowded spaces, even shopping. Hearing loss has many implications for relationships, affecting both the *hard of hearing* individual, their partners, families, friends, and coworkers because all parties need to adjust their communication style.¹

In the case of hearing loss, the impact of the loss depends on the extent, the suddenness of the loss,

knowledge, patience, determination and understanding. Loss of hearing can have effects on emotions such as depression, frustration, anger and grief. These emotions stem largely from difficulties in understanding verbal communication and interacting with others. Even a mild hearing loss can cause communication problems making conversation difficult. This can cause stress and friction, especially if the loss is undetected and/or untreated.¹

The journey of progressing to *hard of hearing* produces common fear reactions: (1) fear of being cut-off and isolated; (2) fear of career failure or end of work and the effects on the family; (3) fear of losing friends and meeting new people; and (4) fear of being thought of as stupid or insensitive. The result of sudden acquired deafness has been compared to limbo, a nowhere land that few can relate to.

The most important thing we can do is to take action to compensate for this loss, and sooner, rather than later. Waiting can make it difficult to regain some of the speech discrimination lost as your hearing declines. You may be experiencing a hearing loss if you often ask people to repeat what they've said, give inappropriate or confusing responses, find that your hearing in restaurants or other noisy places is difficult or have trouble with phone conversations. You may experience headaches, fatigue or irritability, and isolate yourself from social situations.

Until you can see a professional audiologist, here are a few suggestions that may prove helpful:

- Choose quieter restaurants and places to meet.
- Sit where you have a good view of your companion's faces.
- Sit with your back to windows to reduce glare.
- Use round tables for meetings.
- Ask people to speak slowly, clearly and one at a time.
- Check with others to make sure you heard details correctly.
- Move away from or turn off background noises, such as fans.

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What Does Climate Change Mean to the Safety of Your Well Water?

Do you live on a property that uses a well to provide drinking water? If so, you could be at increased risk for exposure to toxins and pollutants as we enter our rainy season. Almost 23% of Oregonians rely on domestic wells as their primary source of drinking water¹. Domestic wells can become contaminated by both natural and man-made causes. Natural chemical or mineral contaminants may include radon and arsenic. Contaminants introduced by human activity include pesticides, chemicals and harmful bacteria. Exposure to well water contaminants can lead to short or long-term health effects. While everyone in the household may not be affected, vulnerable populations, such as children, the elderly, pregnant women and immunocompromised individuals are particularly susceptible¹.

Recently, the US has experienced a series of extreme weather events that impacted groundwater quality for the lives of millions of people by affecting the water quality in domestic wells. The worst-case estimate for 2019 was up to 250,000 domestic wells were affected by flooding and contaminated groundwater². In the US, over 100,000 lifetime cancer cases are attributed to drinking water contaminants³.

Groundwater is the largest freshwater store in the water cycle, with more than one-third of the water used worldwide originating from underground aquifers^{3,4}. In recent decades, the increased use of groundwater for human consumption and irrigation has resulted in groundwater lowering in large parts of the world⁵.

The wellbeing of populations is strongly linked to the availability of water sources⁶. Climate change will have profound effects on the water cycle by increased precipitation, evaporation and soil moisture with increased temperatures⁷. While the cycle will be intensified with more evaporation and precipitation, the extra precipitation will not be distributed evenly around the globe, and many parts of the world will see major alterations in the timing of wet and dry seasons⁷. Although the most noticeable impacts of climate change will be fluctuations in surface water level and quality, the greatest concern among water managers is the potential decrease in both quantity and quality of groundwater reserves.

Climate change influences groundwater systems in several ways. Rising global temperatures increase evaporation demands over land and limits the amount of water available to replenish groundwater stocks. Elevated temperatures also have complex effects on groundwater quality

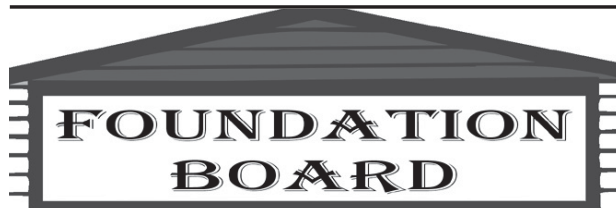
by altering the biological, chemical and physical water characteristics⁸. Changes in groundwater chemistry can act as a catalyst and increase the biodegradation of pollutants. Increased temperatures can also affect the solubility of gases and solids, allowing more substances to become fluid and enter water supplies. Finally, increased temperatures also change the porosity and permeability of the bedrock surrounding water sources, making them more vulnerable to contaminants⁸.

Oregon is not subject to the devastating impacts of hurricanes, but heavy rains are common and can produce high volumes of stormwater runoff, flash flooding or floods from swollen creeks, rivers and reservoirs that can persist from days to weeks, even months⁹. Floods create high volumes of water flow over areas that are normally dry land, allowing contaminants to travel with the floodwater as it courses and accumulates over the landscape. Contaminant laden floodwater can inundate domestic wells, entering through casings and caps, and the force can disrupt or damage the well, directly introducing contaminants⁹. The principal concern is the possibility of well contamination from floodwaters carrying pathogens, but older wells, and wells less than 50 feet deep and those located near surface waters, can be contaminated from underground water sources as well¹⁰.

Another significant issue is the affect flooding has on septic systems. Septic systems are typically not damaged by flooding, but drainage fields can become filled with water and unable to work properly. Also removing flood debris by vehicles may damage drain fields, tanks and distribution boxes². With continued, intense rainfall and flooding, the water level of an aquifer may rise. If the groundwater level rises to or near ground surface, it can hydraulically connect to a septic system and wick contaminated water into the aquifer².

So, what can you do to keep you, your family, pets and livestock safe from well water contaminants?

- Have your wells tested, especially wells used to provide drinking water.
- Locate and update your well log.
- Check with the OSU Well Water Program for more information about well logs.
- Locate and properly disable any abandoned wells on your property.
- Check your septic system for any possible failures.
- Clean areas around well heads and caps to eliminate any surface sources of pollutants.



The “Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbursement”

This fund provides to any Oregon State Grange member up to \$500 reimbursement for expenses due to hearing issues. It is to be used to assist members with out-of-pocket expenses. This includes co-pays for appointments, new hearing aids, repairs and batteries. To receive this benefit a member needs to make a written request to the Foundation with attached receipts. This is an annual benefit based on a calendar year.

If you think you can benefit from this, please submit your request by December 31. The form is available on the Oregon State Grange website on the Foundation page:

http://orgrange.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/kitty_thomas_hearing_impaired_form.pdf

Print and mail the request to the OSG office in Salem.

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Well Water Safety continued

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The Education Committee

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This issue's Education column is provided by Briana Herrick, District 2 Chair on the State Grange Education Committee and a Junior at Oregon State University.



small in-person events. Professors did a good job of making classes interesting and hands-on. Many of my classes did assignments and projects in group settings so I was able to connect with some of my peers but it wasn't the same.

I was a part of a leadership development program within the College of Agricultural Sciences and it was a challenge to connect and get the full effect of the program because of remote learning. It was a year-long program and not being able to meet in person was unfortunate because though I gained a lot from it, I believe it would have been more beneficial in person.

The past year and a half brought many challenges for students and teachers when it came to education. As a college student, remote learning had its pros and cons. I was able to spend more time with friends, enjoy the outdoors, and see my family more often due to the more free time I had.

The main difficulty I had was adjusting to zoom and online classes. When we first made the switch to online classes in the spring of my freshman year it was hard not seeing my friends and people in my classes to connect with. I struggled getting used to different formats, learning new concepts, and connecting with peers. Another thing that I struggled with and I think a lot of other students did as well was the lack of motivation. It was so difficult to want to learn and attend class when it was zoom meeting after zoom meeting. There were some days I was on my computer a majority of the day just in zoom meetings. As time went on, remote learning got a little easier to work with.

Being on campus and around my friends and roommates made it feel more like college during my sophomore year. Towards the end of the school year, some things started to open up. There were a few classes available in person with a limited number of people and clubs that I was involved with started doing

There were around 60 people in the cohort so I didn't get to talk with everyone but we are planning a welcome back event when school starts because none of us got to meet in person. It was difficult making certain connections over a computer screen. Though a plus from it being remote, we were able to hear from a lot of amazing guest speakers and interact over a social distance scavenger hunt.

I am now heading into my junior year in hopes that college will feel like college again. Right now, things are looking pretty normal at the university level with in-person events, classes, and sports games other than the fact that we have to wear masks but I think most of us have gotten pretty used to that by now. I am an officer in an OSU club this year and we are excited to be back in person to connect with other students and get more involved. I am looking forward to meeting new people in my classes, being more involved with clubs, and connecting with others.

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It's easy to dismiss the tab on a can. Finish the drink, toss the can, and it's out of sight, out of mind. However, granges all over Oregon save the tabs on cans.

Pull tabs are a high-grade aluminum that offer "more bang for your buck" to save vs. cans. It's doable for everybody to store and manage as a program. It doesn't involve money; it's just effort. It's all positive, whether you've got two tabs or 2,000 tabs. It's something that's less than a penny, but when everyone pulls together it's an awesome statement.

Here are some fun facts about pull tabs:

- A million tabs would weigh about 800 pounds.
- It takes more than 1,200 tabs to equal a pound.
- And about 63,360 pull tabs laid out would be a mile.
- Daniel F. Cudzik of Reynolds Metals Co. invented the tab in use today. He received a patent in 1976. His stay-on tab replaced the ring tab, which was invented in 1965. And yes, as long as they are aluminum, the old ring tabs are accepted today.

Once a year, at State Convention, all the tabs are gathered together and are sold at a recycling center. This year, the GWA tab program earned \$90 from the recycling center!

This year's donation was given to a local hospital in District 6 for new patients receiving Chemo treatments. The donation money will be used to create a cancer care package-filled with items that will make the patient feel more comfortable in the hospital and help pass the time during treatment.

Care packages would include some of these items:

- **Chapstick**-Lips can become dry during radiation and chemotherapy.
- **Coloring books and travel games**-Chemotherapy can take hours and hours over the course of weeks or months. Coloring books (especially those created for adults) and travel size games offer a fun distraction and pass the time during treatment.
- **Fuzzy socks or slippers**-A lot of patients experience nerve damage in their feet. Slippers or warm, fuzzy socks with rubber bottoms are great to include to keep feet warm and protected.

- **Hand sanitizer**-It's import to keep hands clean to prevent infection when immune systems may be weakened. Include travel size hand sanitizers to make them easy to carry along at all times.

- **Hard candy, mints or gum**-Radiation and chemotherapy can affect the taste buds. Patients often experience a dry or metallic taste in their mouths. Hard candy, mints and gum minimize those effects.

- **Hat or salon gift certificate**-Hair loss is a common side effect of cancer treatment. A hat or even a gift card to a salon that specializes in styling cancer patients' hair or wigs would be much appreciated.

- **Hobbies**-Does the patient love to knit? Include yarn and patterns. For the card player, a new deck of cards, a new set of brushes for a painter, and books for the avid reader.

- **Lap blanket or zipper hoodie**-Cancer treatment can lower red blood cell counts, making patients feel cold. Lap blankets offer comfort and warmth. Instead of a sweat shirt, include a zipper-front hoodie for easy access to medication ports.

- **Lotion sans perfume**-Radiation and chemotherapy can cause dry skin. But skip lotions with added scents, as they may cause skin irritation or nausea.

- **Neck pillow or heating pad**-Chemotherapy often causes joint aches. Heating pads can help alleviate some of that discomfort.

- **Pedometer**-Walking is encouraged during treatment to maintain bone strength and keep energy levels high. Plus, walking releases endorphins to relieve pain and stress, so a pedometer is a great way to encourage patients to keep moving.

- **Stress ball**-A great item to not only strengthen a patient's hands, but to help get an IV started in the arm. Squeezing the stress ball makes veins in the arm more visible.

What else can a Granger do to offer help and show support? It's simple: Be there for them. Encourage patients that they are living with cancer, not dying from it; live their lives, don't sit around letting the cancer take over.

Meanwhile, save those tabs!

Blood Drives Held at Grange Halls

Redland Grange #796, Clackamas County, has hosted several Red Cross donor blood drives. Redland Grange facilitates their ability to fulfill the growing need of blood by providing the use of the Grange hall.

The impact of the blood drives that Redland Grange has hosted in the past twelve months has provided 103 units of blood, thanks to 105 donors. Redland Grange plans to continue participating in this program for the foreseeable future.

It has been amazing to help with this program. The Grange Community Service committee works with the great staff at Red Cross, as well as the teams that do the work at the blood drives. The important part starts when the donors start walking in the door at Redland Grange. Many are members of the Redland community, as well as Grange members. There were also folks that come to donate that are not from the local community, but are willing to come out to Redland to donate blood.

Redland Grange member, Howard Miller, is a power blood donor. So far in his generosity to the Red Cross Blood Drives, he has donated 58 units of blood. Howard has a goal of donating seven gallons.



Power blood donor, Howard Miller, donates another pint of blood. He is one unit away from his goal of donating seven gallons.

He is one unit away from that goal, which he will make at the next Blood Drive on October 21st at Redland Grange.

When looking at the Blood Donation schedules, it is exciting to see that other Granges in Clackamas County are participating in this important work helping the Red Cross get the needed supply of blood. Those Granges are: Abernathy #346, Beaver Creek #276, Boring-Damascus #260, and Sunnyside #842.



Grange Celebrates Huckleberries

Wolf Creek Grange #596, Union County, participated in the North Powder Huckleberry Festival on July 30, 2021. The Grange served huckleberry milkshakes and sundaes, taco salads and pulled sandwiches with Huckleberry BBQ sauce.

This annual event celebrates the delicious wild huckleberry which grows in surrounding mountains of Oregon. A community breakfast and all-school reunion kick off the event followed by the parade. Craft and food vendors, entertainment, a huckleberry dessert contest



and auction, activities and games for kids, a fire station barbecue and more.

It was a successful and fun fund raiser and they are looking forward to next year's event when they will be adding fried pickles, every one's favorite.

OSG Log Cabin at the Oregon State Fair



L: Visitors looking at the displays in the OSG Log Cabin

Below: Steve Kroeker, Crow Grange #450, Lane County; Teresa Cernac, Warren Grange #536, Columbia County; and State President, Susan Noah, Mohawk-Mackenzie Grange #747, Lane County at the picture taking scene.



L: Sonny Hays-Eberts, Marys River Grange #685, Benton County, with "Larry" the scarecrow.

R: Stan Garboden, Goshen Grange #561 and Patrick Dearth, Creswell Grange #496 both in Lane County.



Below: Joyce Parker, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, tries her hand at Jenga.



L: Frank Marksman of Dogs for Better Lives and his dog did several demonstrations on Saturday, September 4th

Below: Frank Marksman visits with OSG President Susan Noah.



Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to these 51 Grangers who volunteered for one, two or even six shifts hosting in the Log Cabin, greeting visitors and promoting our organization.

Annette Naylor	Jacob Luttrell	Mark Noah
Audri Brown	Jade Naylor	Marsha Snook
Barb Moore	Jay Sexton	Matthew Dehne
Bob Force	Jeanie Force	Patrick Dearth
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Celia Fox	JoAnn Keeley	Sonny Hays-Eberts
Charene Dehne	Joanne McBride	Stacy Brown
Dan Keeley	John DeHaas	Stan Boden
David Junkman	Joyce Parker	Steve Kroeker
David McBride	Judy Hays-Eberts	Susan Noah
Dean McKay	Justin Clute	Suzy Ramm
Don Kingsborough	Lilly Anderson	Teresa Cernac
Don Sether	Liz Dehne	Tim Dehne
Dustin Jacobs	Margaret Clute	Toni Hoyman

Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers

2021 Lane County Fair Results

What a terrific time was had by all at the 2021 Lane County Fair! The Wheeler Pavilion held displays from thirteen Granges with Community Collective Exhibits that depicted Grange and Agriculture. There were fifteen GWA displays that portrayed community service projects of each of the participating Granges.

Grange Day was quite a hit with free cookies, coffee and punch served to the fair goers. A big thank you goes out to Lane Pomona Grange, Priscilla Phillips and all the Grangers that assisted with this very popular feature of the fair.

The Lane Pomona Grange sponsored two Jack Pot prizes of \$100.00 each. Names of all entries that entered in the Land Products Department are placed into a drawing. This promotes entries in the Land Product Department at the Fair.

There were 2,480 ballots for the People's Choice selection. This was up from the 2019 ballots figure of 1,798. The selection was very difficult this year as all the exhibits were very well done. The People's Choice Winners for the Grange Community Collective exhibits were as follows:

- 1st - Lorane Grange #54 receiving \$100 from Emerald People's Utility District
- 2nd - Irving Grange #377 receiving \$75 from Lane Electric Co
- 3rd - Creswell Grange #496 receiving \$60 from Blachly Lane Electric Co
- 4th - Spencer Creek Grange #855 receiving \$40 from Blachly Lane Electric

In addition, each of the Collective Community Exhibits received \$ 200.00 from the Lane County Fair for their participation.

The Grange Workers Activities (GWA) display winners were:

- 1st - Creswell Grange #496
- 2nd - Thurston Grange #853
- 3rd - Spencer Creek Grange #855

Each of the GWA Displays received \$25.00 from the Lane County Fair for their participation.

There were 117 entries in the Veggie and Fruit Dress Up Contest. There were some very clever entries. A big Thank You to the three judges: Cookie Trupp from Spencer Creek Grange, Linda Wetzell from Goshen Grange and Elaine Chapman from London Grange. There were six Scarecrows on display and all were extremely well done.

Thank you to all the Lane Pomona Granges that participated in the Lane County Fair. All your time and effort was very much appreciated by the fair goers. Many great comments were heard about the displays.



Below: The Wheeler Pavilion at the Lane County fair.



Above: 1st - Lorane Grange #54



Above: 2nd - Irving Grange #377



Above: 3rd - Creswell Grange #496



Above: 4th - Spencer Creek Grange #855



Do you have old prescriptions lying around the house? Don't forget to include your medicine cabinet on your fall cleaning checklist and help fight substance misuse in your home. @RALIOregon is partnering with the Oregon State Grange to share information about safely disposing of unneeded prescriptions this #TakeBackDay. Learn more and help raise awareness: <https://www.rali-or.org/>

Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers

Grange at the 2021 Clackamas County

It was "Back in the Saddle" this year at the Clackamas County fair. Nine Community Granges and the Pomona Grange had displays in Horning Hall. The Pomona Grange also served fresh baked cookies from the cookie booth under the leadership of Pam Furlan of Beavercreek Grange #276.

and passed away in 2020.
2nd place went to perennial winner Clarkes Grange #261
3rd place went to Molalla Grange #310. They also received the theme award.
4th place went to Eagle Creek Grange #297 who put in a booth this year after being absent for several years.

Judging results were:

1st place was Redland Grange #796 which included a tribute to Gertrude Thompson who had chaired the booth committee for many years

Other Clackamas County Granges with fair booths included Beavercreek #276, Milwaukie #268, Springwater #263, Sunnyside #842 and The Sandy #392.



Above: 3rd place - Molalla Grange #310



Above: Clackamas County Pomona Grange



Above: 1st place - Redland Grange #796



Above: 2nd place - Clarkes Grange #261



L-r: Working in the cookie booth were Pam Furlan, Beavercreek Grange #267 and Joann and Dan Keeley, Maplewood Grange #662.



Above: 4th place - Eagle Creek Grange #297

Springwater Grange's 99th Annual Community Fair

After doing a virtual fair last year it was nice to get together in person even if it rained. Grangers and community members showed off

their garden produce, food preservation, photography and arts and crafts. They also enjoyed tie dying, an old fashion cakewalk, and a

scavenger hunt which proved very popular. Because of COVID food was limited to pie, brownies and cookies with or without ice cream.



Above: New Springwater member Amanda tries her hand at tie dying.



Above: Lecturer Peggy Hartwig shows off her large sunflower.

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Oregon State Grange 150 Years

By Suzy Ramm, Bulletin Editor

First Granges in Oregon

On December 14, 1872 the first Grange was organized in the Oregon; Marshfield Grange #1 located in the Marshfield area (now known as Clackamas) of Clackamas County. It was reorganized in 1938 as Oregon Pioneer Grange #1. By the time of the organizational meeting for the Oregon State Grange in September 1873 there were 37 Granges in ten counties in Oregon:

Benton County	3
Clackamas County	2
Douglas County	1
Lane County	2
Linn County	14
Marion County	2
Multnomah County	1
Polk County	5
Umatilla County	3
Yamhill County	4

Of these, only McMinnville #31 in Yamhill County is an active Grange.

The First Session

Wednesday, September 24, 1873

The Masters of Subordinate Granges in Oregon and the Washington Territory met in the Masonic Hall at Salem for the purpose of organizing a State Grange. N. W. Garretson, Deputy of the National Grange, called the meeting to order and started the process of forming the State Grange.

Forty-one Grangers from Oregon representing 33 of the 37 eligible Oregon Granges and seven from the Washington Territory representing all four of the eligible Washington Granges (all from the Walla Walla area) were seated as delegates. Garretson then appointed committees to write bylaws, rules, deal with resolutions, and other matters.

Thursday September 25

The rules of the order were adopted and what remained of the morning was spent in instruction of the unwritten work of the order. The afternoon was taken up with accepting the Bylaws of the Oregon State Grange. In the evening, the delegates requested the National Deputy to drill them on the unwritten work.

Friday, September 26

The delegates met and discussed resolutions and committee reports.



First By-laws of the Oregon State Grange printed by E. M. Waite, Book and Job Printer, Salem, Oregon 1873.

After the noon break, elections were held and Daniel Clark of Marion County was elected Master. In total nineteen officers were elected, including



This is believed to be the original building for Marshfield/Pioneer Grange No. 1 and is listed on the Oregon Historic Sites database. The facade retains its recessed entrance and full-width shed roof porch cover.

the thirteen officers and six members of the Executive Committee. They were to serve for one year until the Oregon State Grange met again on the third Tuesday in September 1874.

Saturday, September 27

The morning session of started with approval of the minutes and then installation of the officers of the Oregon State Grange. After the installation, Clark appointed several committees. That evening Garretson conferred the Degree of Pomona upon the members, which was the state level degree at that time; there were no Pomonas. Conferral of the Degree of Flora (Sixth Degree) was the responsibility of the National Grange. After the conferral of the Fifth Degree the Grange proceeded to social enjoyment. Garretson was presented with an elegant gold-headed cane and a set of gold sleeve buttons; and, W. H. Nash of Napa Grange, California, was presented with a beautiful set of sleeve buttons.

Nash was a farmer from California who decided that the Grange offered such promise that he left his farm in his wife's care, for the summer of 1873, and traveled at his own expense with Garretson to aid in organizing Granges in Oregon.

Information sources: "America's Family Fraternity, Oregon State Grange 125 Years of Achievement and Service" published by the Oregon State Grange in 1998; "Proceedings of the First Session of the Oregon State Grange September 24-27, 1873" published in 1906; "The Grange Friend of the Farmer" published in 1949 by The National Grange; the Oregon Historic Sites Database accessed 9/29/2021

Editor's note: Between now and the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Oregon State Grange in September 2023, Oregon State Grange history will be published in the Bulletin. There are about a half dozen stories in the writing process from several authors but more are desired. If you are interested in researching a subject of Oregon State Grange history and writing the story, please let me know at gbulletin@orgrange.org.

Tualatin's Winona Grange Celebrates 125 Years

By Marilyn Reiher, Winona Grange President

Tualatin's oldest community organization was founded long before Tualatin was incorporated in 1913. Twenty-four-farm family members met in 1895 to organize the Grange and chose the name Winona to honor the deceased eldest daughter of J. R. C. Thompson. Winona Cemetery is also named after her. Thirteen of Winona Grange's first members are buried there.

Who were these first members? Edward Byrom is a familiar name because the elementary school is named for him. Jurgens Park and Avenue are named for William Jurgens who served as Treasurer until his death in 1909. Laura Thompson, a 19-year-old teacher, was the first Secretary. Later she served as Tualatin's Postmistress.

Initially Grange meetings were held upstairs over Thompson's store on the third Saturday of each month. Minutes of those meetings survive. They began at 10 am, recessed for "dinner," resumed at 2 pm, and concluded with a program of music, recitations, and discussion of a topic like the automobile just coming on the scene. After renting for forty-four years, members wanted their own meeting place, so in February 1939 members voted to build a two-story building on a lot donated by Grange Treasurer L. P. Johnson. The first meeting in the new hall was held on February 26, 1940.

In 125 years, Winona Grange has had 36 Presidents. Many are familiar Tualatin names: Cimino, Sagert, Robbins, Pohl, Christensen, and Martinazzi. While the number of farmers in the Tualatin area declined, the number of Grange members steadily increased. The Grange had 100 members in 1944 and 200 in 1951 because Grange Insurance Association offered low-cost coverage.

However, Winona Grange did not lose its agricultural connection. Agriculture Committee Chair Mark Lafky (grandfather of THS Historian Sandra Lafky Carlson) and others reported at each meeting on victory gardens, backyard chickens, how to deal with moles, slugs, and other pests, and even cautions on the use of chemicals. Today, Agriculture Chair Norm Parker reports at each meeting.

The Grange is non-partisan, meaning the organization does not support any candidate or party. For

more than 30 years Sears, Roebuck and Company sponsored a nationwide Community Service contest for Granges. In 1981 Winona won first place in Oregon over 272 other Granges. Members volunteered over 1,700 hours. Their primary project was designing the Tualatin-Durham Senior Center, now named after Juanita Pohl, one of the four Grangers on the seven-member committee. They visited 16 centers from Portland to Springfield to observe what worked. In addition, Winona Grange recycled 4.5 tons of newspaper, collected old eyeglasses, made toys for the Waverly Children's Home, and donated \$800 to charities.

In 2021, Winona's primary project was sending 70-some boxes of vegetable and herb seed packets to community gardens and groups that promote gardening around Oregon and SW Washington.

From 1947 through the 1950s Tualatin needed social activities for high school aged teens. The Grange hall was the perfect place for dance lessons and dances that attracted more than 60 each week. Many became Grange members.

There have been challenges, too. The most serious was the flood of '96. The Tualatin River overflowed leaving 46 inches of oily, smelly water and mud on the ground floor of the hall, ruining the oil furnace and kitchen appliances. Thanks to Tualatin firemen, the Lion's Club, and square dance clubs who rented the building, the contents were cleaned and disinfected, and money was raised to replace or repair furnishings.

An aging membership no longer holds a community fair, public breakfasts and dinners, plays, or card parties. Now the hall is rented by many groups. The Grange partners with others to host free or low-cost classes on first aid, gardening, and mental health.

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DOES YOUR GRANGE NEED HELP?

Installation of Officers Degrees (1-4 and/or 5th)
 Draping the Charter Presenting the Flag
The Oregon GROW Club offers these and more.

Contact one of the GROW Club board members to get information.

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- Gail Wilson, Dist. 6 - 541.310.9655
- Lexie Suing, At-large - 541.556.2674



GROW stands for Go Right On Working!!!

Promoting the Grange in Unexpected Places

Granges having displays at the County Fair is nothing new, but not all fairs offer display space to organizations like local and Pomona Granges and not all Granges feel they can handle a food booth. So how do you promote the Grange at your local fair? What opportunities might exist in unlikely places?

How about a photo of your Grange hall or a Grange activity entered in the Photography contest? Do you have an artist in your Grange? Encourage them to enter a Grange themed painting. Maybe somebody who does sewing, quilting or other textiles could create a Grange



themed item to enter. In the Home Economics department, there are often gift basket and/or table decorating contests. Think about how you could introduce a Grange theme to it. Center it around Grange Month, your Grange's anniversary or something else that connects the theme to Grange.

Above: a table setting entry at the Clackamas County fair celebrating Grange heroes during Grange Month.



L: The gift basket class was "A New Arrival;" in this case a "Future Junior Granger."

Grange Signs Have Been Added at Philomath City Entrances

The lack of a Grange sign alongside the Lions, Rotary and Legion has always stood out when entering Philomath. Marys River Grange #685, Benton County, was near going dormant around 2009, and the Grange has assumed these signs were placed around that time period. With the threat of dormancy behind them, and with growing membership and activity that demonstrates Marys River is a solid partner in Philomath, the Grange has finally addressed this issue, and assumed a rightful place alongside other fraternal organizations in Philomath in August of 2021.

Thanks to Susan Noah and Suzy Ramm for alerting us that these signs existed and were a possibility for Marys River Grange to explore. Thank you to Monroe Classic Inc. for providing the opportunity to purchase the signs and provide them to the City of Philomath, and a huge THANK YOU to Ruth Post, City Recorder, Chris Workman,

**Membership Matters**

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 OSG Membership Director

New Ideas and the Wisdom of Experience

I am often amazed when I consider all the wise advice given to me by experienced Grangers. One example of this seasoned wisdom was offered shortly after we became Grange members. This statement will seem obvious to many healthy Granges. It is simply informing new members that they are equal members in the Grange, and that the new ideas they bring to the organization are very important. Encouraging new brothers and sisters by listening, considering, and trying new ways to serve the community strengthens their feeling of being part of the family as well as bringing some great new

ideas to keep the Grange healthy and relevant to the needs of the community.

It is always appreciated when these words of welcome are offered to new members by our Grange's Membership chair. This wisdom from many years of Grange experience have helped our Grange develop new programs. Repeating what I have learned from our seasoned Grangers; please remember to explain to new members that their ideas are welcome and as important to share as anyone else in the Grange.

OSG Ceres Visits Mapleton Grange

On July 13, Oregon State Grange Ceres, Linda Pugh, visited Mapleton Grange #584, Lane County. While there she presented Grange President Barbara Reeder with a certificate from the State Grange recognizing their 15.4% net gain in membership for the 2020 calendar year. She also gave the Grange the new banner to put up on their hall.



R: Barbara Reeder, Mapleton Grange President with certificate recognizing the Grange's net gain in membership.

GRANGE PROGRAM IDEA

**VIRTUAL OR
IN PERSON**

The National Grange Communications and Membership Departments have teamed with the Grange Youth and Junior Grange departments to create a program called "Love Letters to the Future of the Grange." Notes will be collected and saved in a time capsule. Select notes will be released every few years, and all contents will be fully released in 2050.



At an upcoming meeting, encourage every member to write a short note or letter to those who will be Grange members in 2050. Take time to talk about what your hopes are for the Grange of the future and what you'd like them to know about your Grange experience that will make them fall in love with the organization.

DEADLINE TO BE INCLUDED IN TIME CAPSULE:

155th Annual Convention ~ November 9-13, 2021

SEND TO:

ATTN: Amanda
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 1616 H St NW
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Or email to communications@nationalgrange.org
 Or bring them to the Natrona! session in Wichita, Kansas.

Oregon Junior Grangers



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OSG Junior Director



Squeeze Painting

Simple fun for the very young. All you need is a Ziploc bag and a colorful liquid, which could be ketchup, finger paint, liquid soap – use your imagination. Put a few tablespoons of the liquid in the bag and gently squeeze out the air before closing the bag. Then lay it on a flat surface and use your fingers to draw a picture. This is a good exercise to encourage a child's confidence for later crayon and paper drawing.

Turn Your Day Around!

Do everything backwards. Start off with a bedtime story and an evening snack. End the day with breakfast! Plan ahead and have a lot of fun with this idea.

Junior Cooks and Crafters

Here are some things to remember if you're doing crafts. You can be more independent if grownups see you are responsible with your work. Even better, your whole family will enjoy your artistic efforts.

1. Choose a good time to work, preferably not just in time for dinner or nearly bedtime.
2. Find a good place to work -- one where you have plenty of room and are not in anyone's way. Be sure to choose a place where there is no danger of ruining things like furniture, carpet, etc. An old plastic tablecloth or shower curtain or a layer of newspapers can keep your cleanup easy. Ask your family about choosing a place for crafting.
3. Gather all the materials you will need before you begin working.
4. Start with clean hands and your clothes covered with an old shirt, smock, or apron. Work near a sink if possible.
5. Cleanup Time! Always clean

and put away tools and materials so they will be ready to use again. Clean your working space with sponge, brush, or broom. Clean yourself: Face, hands, fingernails, etc. Look at the floor around your work area. Well, don't just look at it. Clean it up.

6. Always ask for help whenever you work with something hot like candles, irons, stoves, or hot glue.

Many of the same things apply to cooking, but here are things to remember when you get the urge to cook:

1. Someone else may want to use the kitchen. Check with your mom or dad to be sure it's a good time for you to cook.
2. Wash your hands.
3. Read the whole recipe before you start. Do you have time to finish? Do you have everything you need on hand?
4. If a recipe is too hard for you to do alone, maybe your mother or brother or someone would help you. Get help especially for recipes using the electric beater or blender, unless you have permission to use them alone.
5. Gather everything you need before you start.
6. Keep a sponge or cloth handy to wipe something up in a hurry. Clean up when you are finished and put everything away.
7. Lots of people might have cooked the same recipe before you, but you can make it different by serving it in a different bowl or plate, adding a topping, or with special decorations on the table.

Adapted from an old (1980s?) Springfield Public Schools book, *Godfrey Goes Creative*.



L-r: Members of the Pugh and Elliott families of Ada Grange #570, Lane County, show off their red tennis shoes on Junior Day at the Oregon State Grange Convention. Youth Terry Elliott, Linda Pugh, Heather Elliott and Junior Taylor Elliott.

Juniors Make Nature Mandalas

This fall the Junior Grangers of Marys River Grange #685, Benton County, are working on a new project: Nature Mandalas. Inspired by artists Andy Goldsworthy and James Brunt, this activity is a great way to work with materials that aren't common in crafts.



Nature mandalas are made with sticks, leaves, rocks, flowers, dirt, ice, snow, or anything found outside. Pieces are collected from the Junior's backyard and they then arrange them in a pattern on the ground until it looks complete.

There are no rules, just have fun and be creative with it! This form of art is temporary so it's ok if it's not perfect. Goldsworthy has said that his art is inspired by "life and the need to understand that a lot of things in life do not last."

The idea of making this a Junior project came from Phoebe Coen. She turned 14 last year and is a new Youth member at Marys River. She is also their assistant Junior Leader.

The Grange plans to display their fall Junior craft project (and adult Juniors, too) efforts online if they get enough submissions in place of their Harvest Fest, which has become victim to another COVID surge.



Junior Grangers at the Fairs

R: Junior Justin Clute, Forest Grove Grange #282, Washington County, helps his cousin Tyson Brown with the Jenga blocks at the Log Cabin at the Oregon State Fair.

Below: Dean McKay, Junior member at Abernethy Grange #346, Clackamas County, works on a Farming Game at the Junior table in the Log Cabin during the Oregon State Fair.



R: Junior Granger, Glenn Turner from Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, participated in building and racing at the car races during the Western Oregon Exposition August 20-22 in Cottage Grove.



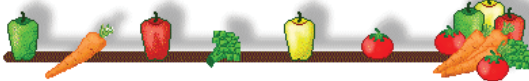


L-r: David McBride, Claudia Boswell, Museum Curator Jude Graham, Bernice Bernotat, and Derrell Witty with the check on the steps of the museum.

Wallowa Museum Gets Donation From Hurricane Creek Grange

Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, was proud to donate \$1,000 to the Wallowa County Museum. The museum has used the funds to install three video displays in some of its rooms to provide in-depth information on the history of Wallowa County.

On July 20th, 2021 they visited the museum and presented the donation to Jude Graham, Museum Curator. Several members of Hurricane Creek Grange volunteer at the museum continuing in the footsteps of Ann Hayes and Ann's mother.



L-r: Midland Grange members Brenda Jensen, President Louise Holst and Vickie High presented the check to Leslie Gutierrez (front) a worker at the Food Bank.

Midland Grange Donates to Klamath-Lake County Food Bank

With the forest fires burning all around Klamath and Lake County resources are running pretty thin. Midland Grange and some of its members wanted to help. So, a donation of \$800 was given to the Klamath - Lake County Food

Bank earmarked to help fire victims. Their donation was matched by another contributor, so the donation totaled \$1,600. The members' prayers go out to the firefighters and all the families that have been affected by these fires.

Morning Star Collects Non Perishables for VFW Food Bank

The first week of August was a busy time for Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County. Community Service Chair Jody Parker and Pomona Sonja Neals met at their hall on August 3 to sort and weigh the non-perishable foodstuffs the Grange had collected in the Grange food bank from January 1 through June 30, 2021. There was a total of 410 pounds of non-perishable foodstuffs.

Then the next day, August 4, Linda Baker from the VFW Food Bank and her nephew Landon Sumpter came to the hall and picked up the food donation. VFW Food Bank

delivers to Veterans in need.

The members of Morning Star Grange are now collecting non-perishable foodstuffs for the July 1 through December 31 time period. Recipient will be chosen at the January 2022 meeting.

In addition, the Grange provided special treats on Friday August 6 for the area group homes. These items were purchased at Fred Meyer. Sanders and Scheler houses each received an apple pie and the Mitchell Place received cinnamon squares.



Members of Lorane Grange #54, Lane County, had a fun time doing litter patrol on Cottage Grove - Lorane Road on August 18th.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

October 31

Virtual Photo Contest and Publicity Item Contest entries deadline for online submittal.
2021 Quilt Blocks and entry forms, due to:
Christine Hamp, National Grange Lecturer
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

November 9-13

155th Annual National Grange Convention –
Wichita, Kansas

December 1

Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officers information due to the state office

December 31

Oregon State Grange Foundation - "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbursement" request deadline. Send to the state office

November 15-19, 2022

156th Annual National Grange Convention –
Sparks, Nevada

Hosted by Oregon, Washington, California, Alaska, Idaho, Montana & Nevada Grangers



Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers

This column is about the Exploding numbers of the Covid-19 in our State. Please take the time to read it, get your information and please make your decision regarding your family and yourself. We only want all of you to be safe and to be here for your family and of course us. Too many victims have passed away with out having all the facts. So please do your part: get Vaccinated as it seems to be the best way to stay safe. Thank You.

The steep rise in COVID-19 cases that began in July peaked mid-September and began a two-month decline, according to a new state report.

The COVID-19 forecast released August 26 by the Oregon Health and Science University in Portland included an updated "Census Forecast Primary Scenario" of hospitalizations. "The forecast shows a peak census level of 1,197," wrote Dr. Peter Graven, the chief COVID-19 analyst at OHSU.

Hospitalizations would make a painful retreat with earlier low levels of COVID-19 hospitalizations unlikely until late October - just before Halloween. Graven said the toll on the state has been heavy and will continue for weeks ahead with levels of cases remaining high as the virus retreats. Oregon is currently experiencing the highest rate of COVID-19 cases of the 18-month pandemic.

The rapid influx of unvaccinated people arriving with severe infections has pushed the state's network of medical centers to the breaking point. "We're seeing the number of people hospitalized going up at rates we've never seen before," Graven said.

Gov. Kate Brown's order for mandatory mask-wearing at public gatherings and events inside and outside has not shown yet to have dented the arc of infections. "We had hoped to see the new statewide masking mandate make a difference in flattening the rate of infection, but we're not seeing that yet," Graven said.

Beginning Friday, Aug. 27, the mandated mask order was extended to include outside public spaces where people congregate in close proximity. Any impact of that action won't show up until future forecasts. While there is now hope that the spike driven by the highly contagious delta variant could be slowing

its rocket-like trajectory, there will be a long, costly fall back to levels seen before the spike. COVID-19 hospitalizations could fall to about 200 patients around Oct. 23. The decline would continue until reaching pre-spike levels around Nov. 6. The forecast shows hospitalizations could continue to near zero by Dec. 25.

The Oregon Health Authority has reported that 95% of hospitalizations and deaths during the last two months have been among unvaccinated people. Among vaccinated people with "breakthrough cases," 5.5% have been hospitalized and 0.9% have died. The median age of the vaccinated people who died was 83. OHA reported 2,057 new COVID-19 cases and nine new deaths On August 26. Oregon has reported 265,210 cases and 3,095 deaths during the pandemic as of August 27.

Nationwide, over 38.3 million cases have been reported, along with 633,451 deaths, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center. Worldwide, 214.5 million cases have been reported and just over 4.47 million were killed by the virus.

The delta variant was first discovered in India in May and swept across the United States in June and July. It hit hardest in areas with large populations of people who were unvaccinated since the COVID-19 virus was first reported at the end of December 2019 in Wuhan, China.

Dr. Renee Edwards, OHSU's chief medical officer, speaking during a media briefing prior to the official release of the report, said the current crisis remains dire. Hospitals reported over 92% of all adult staffed beds were occupied. Intensive care unit beds often had even fewer openings. Reports of patients backing up into emergency rooms and ambulances unable to bring in new patients came from around the state.

The death of a patient in Douglas County waiting in an emergency room because of not enough intensive care unit beds being available made international news. Edwards said a graphic of the spike showed a roughly symmetrical rise and fall, with the increase from early July mirroring the projected drop over a similar period. "The downward angle looks kind of exactly like the upward angle, that the path back down would look just as steep and long as the path up," Edwards said.

OHSU scientists underlined that the

forecast peak was not the end, but the middle of the current crisis. An equal number of unvaccinated people are expected to get sick during the next two months. Progress toward improvement could stall if residents get "COVID fatigue" and become complacent about masking, getting vaccinated and other safeguards. The delta variant has increased cases 12-fold since early July. Unvaccinated people are also a potential breeding ground for new variants, which could be even more contagious and virulent than the delta variant.

OHSU reported Thursday, August 26, that just over 63% of all Oregon residents are vaccinated. That includes children under 12, for whom there is currently no federally approved vaccine. Oregon ranks 19th in the nation for overall vaccination rate. Edwards said that until most of the world is immune, variants could come from the next city or from around the world. "That's what viruses do," Edwards said. "Viruses are constantly changing and mutating and looking for their best opportunity to spread."

Oregon could approach herd immunity — in which the total number of people who are either vaccinated or been exposed to the COVID-19 through transmission slows or stalls the ability of the virus to spread. "Dr. Graven said we are getting to herd immunity, but through mass infection, which is not the way to get there because too many people get sick, too many people die and it overwhelms our health care system," Edwards said.

The current spike was dubbed the "Fifth Wave" as cases climbed for the fifth time in the state since the first infection was reported in late February 2020. Lulls in cases have come during periods of business and event restrictions, high mask requirements and beginning late last December, the arrival of vaccines.

COVID-19 cases have risen since shortly after Gov. Kate Brown lifted most pandemic restrictions on June 30. The move came as the Centers for Disease Control said that vaccination efforts across the country had made it possible to lift most limits on social interaction. But the delta variant soon changed that narrative as it tore across the country.

As a result, Gov. Kate Brown has sent 1,500 Oregon National Guard troops to hospitals around the state, primarily for non-medical support of civilian staff. She also she had approved contracts worth up to \$120 million with companies in California and Colorado to send about 560 out-of-state nurses and other medical personnel to hospitals operating at or near-crisis proportions.

The temporary staffing will fan out to key medical centers, including

the St. Charles Medical System hospitals in Bend and Redmond, as well as hospitals in Roseburg and other areas with heavy caseloads of severe COVID-19 patients.

OHSU had forecast early in August that the state could be especially hard hit by the delta variant because of a unique combination of conditions in Oregon. Under an "Immunity Index" developed at OHSU, Oregon ranked in the top 10% of states in vulnerability to a surge in cases this summer.

Differing levels of COVID-19 infections and deaths were reported as states took differing approaches to the virus. The states with fewer restrictions overall saw higher levels of illness and fatalities in the first wave of infections.

When vaccines arrived at the end of the year, Oregon was among the five states with the lowest levels of cases during the pandemic and ranked low on total deaths.

Gov. Kate Brown had hoped the situation would be maintained by a rapid rollout of vaccinations that would keep infection levels low and give Oregon one of the top overall outcomes when the pandemic subsided. At first, the plan seemed to work. By April, up to 50,000 people a day were getting shots - mostly the two-dose Moderna and Pfizer vaccines that gave strong immunity after about six weeks from the first shot.

But vaccinations in Oregon went from overwhelming demand in March to overstocked by May as the number of people eager for shots gave way to a large pool of residents who were either vaccine-hesitant.

Vaccination rates for eligible adults were uneven across Oregon's 36 counties, ranging from 70% in the Portland area to 40% and below in some vaccine-resistant strongholds in eastern and southwestern Oregon.

When it hit Oregon, it ravaged unvaccinated communities with record infections and hospitalizations.

Oregon's low immunity level, considering previous infection rates and the number of unvaccinated people, created a high risk for new infections, said Edwards, the OHSU chief medical officer.

Compounding the problem: Oregon has the lowest per-capita supply of hospital beds in the nation at 1.7 beds per 1,000 residents, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, a health issues nonprofit. South Dakota ranks first, with 4.8 beds per 1,000.

Be Safe, Be Happy, and Be Well.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Happy Trails



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 27th @ 7 pm PDT
 Wednesday, December 8th @ 7 pm PST
 Wednesday, January 26th @ 7 pm PST
Where: Zoom

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

It is not too early to think about resolutions for the 2022 OSG Convention.

Contact: Legislative Director Mark Noah
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Legislative Update

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 OSG Legislative Director



There are a few current-event type items happening now, but the big one in Oregon is the special session of the Oregon Legislature for congressional and legislative redistricting. Due to population growth, we get another Representative in Congress, and due to population shifts within the state our state senate and house districts will be redrawn. The goal in each case is an equal population in each district, and each district a contiguous area which is to say all of the area is within one boundary and reachable without going outside of that boundary. Sounds simple but in this age of hyperdata, city blocks can be analyzed for voting preference and district boundaries can run down the middle of a street, or two parts of a district can be connected by a highway but the property on each side of the highway might be in two other districts. Everybody involved in redistricting wants to ensure that their party has a majority in their district, but the logical extension of this tactic is the polarization of districts, eliminating the need for any kind of reasoned and reasonable exchange of ideas or agreement for the common good. In radicalized districts the primary becomes a flame-throwing contest and a reasonable thinking candidate with a lot to offer has little chance of attracting enough votes to survive. Then the general election becomes a contest between two extremes, and moderate folks feel totally unrepresented.

all their resources on the next fight, rather than finding some common ground to work for the good of the people. Winners should remember that their constituents are all of the people in their district, not just the ones who voted for them.

We talked about writing resolutions at our September Legislative Zoom Forum but the basics bear repeating. Start with the goal of the resolution, what do you want, and state that as the 'Resolved' paragraph. Then state a few of your best arguments in favor as 'Whereas' statements. 'Whereas' basically means 'Because' but it is just a bit more precise and formal. Don't overdo the arguments, you'll lose the delegates' interest in a hurry. Don't be too complex, better to back up and make two separate resolutions. Do state specifically what you want—do you support something specific? Should something specific be done by your Grange, your Pomona or the Oregon State Grange such as writing a formal letter or sending your resolution to some public official? You can state where you think the resolution should go from whichever level of Grange you have presented it to by adding 'and be it further Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to (Pomona, State, or another Subordinate/Community Grange). And keep in mind that forwarding to Pomona or State is not the only outcome—your Grange could write a resolution about a local issue and send it directly to your city or county official. The best thing you can do, though, is to be there when your resolution comes up. It is really hard to convey full meaning just via written words alone, that is why the resolution language seems so complicated, and the fact is a lot of good resolutions fail because their sponsor tried to do it all on paper and did not come to Pomona or State Grange to support their idea. So, write those resolutions and follow them through the process! You can always call me or any of your District Legislative Directors, our contact info is on the OSG website.

A better system would impartially assign boundaries using a formula aimed at creating districts with even populations within districts that have the most efficient boundaries, that is to say the shortest possible total circumference given the geography of the area. Oregon's redistricting rules say district boundaries should "not divide communities of common interest" but that is not the same thing as deliberately creating a district that includes only one common interest. Besides, who gets to define what constitutes a 'community of common interest'? It certainly seems to me that it shouldn't be defined by a lobbyist or party operative or any other special interest, and political party shouldn't be a consideration—there's way too much dissension in both parties for that!

The bottom line is that redistricting shouldn't be a political football, but then neither should judicial appointments. Winner-take-all politics accomplishes nothing for most of us, it just makes for a constant see-sawing from one extreme to the other and everyone involved wastes

ADVOCACY PLAYBOOK

THE ISSUE?

Step-up in basis is a tax provision which readjusts the value of an appreciated asset (such as land, buildings, and other capital investments on a farm) for tax purposes during inheritance. Specifically, the base value of the asset for the purpose of capital gains taxes is set to its value at time of inheritance instead of the time it was purchased. In doing so, step-up in basis protects heirs from paying a significant and difficult to calculate tax following the death of the original owner. Currently, Democrats in the White House and Congress are considering the elimination of step-up in basis as a means of raising revenue to pay for their proposed \$3.5 trillion reconciliation bill. Under the White House's original proposal gains over \$1 million (or \$2 million for a couple) would not be eligible for a step-up in basis. However, House Democrats recently removed these changes to step-up in basis from their version of the bill. While the decision to not include changes to step-up in basis in the House is encouraging, it remains unclear if the Senate will take a similar position.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

One of the industries that would be most impacted by the elimination of step-up in basis is agriculture. Due to the land- and capital-intensive nature of agriculture many operations can be valued at significant amounts, leaving them with potentially high capital gains tax bills. However, most farm operations have slim margins and do not have the cash on hand that would allow them to pay these bills, potentially forcing heirs to sell off land in order to pay their tax bills. This effect is particularly devastating in areas where land prices have increased dramatically over the past few decades such as near fast growing cities and high cost of living states such as California and New York. If step-up in basis were to be eliminated the death of a family member could also mean the death of the family farm.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you want to get involved and fight to preserve step-up in basis, one useful action you can take is to reach out to your member of Congress (if you are not sure who that is, use this website:

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Whether you plan to call, send an email, or write a letter to your member of Congress, it is useful to include a story about how a change to step-up in basis will affect you, your family, and your community. Each call, email, and letter an office receives is tallied up and considered when your Representative is deciding whether or not to support a bill, and extraweight is given to those contacts which include personal stories. By lending the voice of Grangers across the country in support of preserving step-up in basis, together we can push Congress to protect family farms and continue to support a vibrant rural America.

National Grange
 September 17, 2021 ~ The Patrons Chain





Most of the group participating in Grange Revival attended the Lighting Ceremony at Mt Rushmore.

Oregon Grangers at Grange Revival

Riley Reynolds and Tina Reynolds of Santiam Valley Grange #828, Linn County, had the pleasure to attend the 2021 Grange Revival at Days End Campground in Sturgis, South Dakota July 20-25. They drove the many miles and saw many sites along the way.

When they got to Grange Revival it was nice to hang out and visit with old friends and meet new ones. With no set schedule during the day, they were able to go site seeing with Grange friends or hang out in camp and deepen their old friendships and gain new ones. There was a lot of laughter and smiles around camp.

The 180 people that attended from all over the United States came together for the evening meal and announcements. The whole group went to Mount Rushmore together.

During the week in camp there was the corn hole tournament, tie-dyeing and bingo. As well as being

able to just kick back and talk with friends that you never have time to do at other National or Regional Grange events as there seems to always be a shortage of free time.

The next Grange Revival will be July 18-23, 2023 at the Log Cabin and Campground, Curtis, Michigan (upper peninsula of Michigan.) Plan now to go and have a relaxing time with your Grange friends and family from around the nation



Riley Reynolds and Tina Reynolds in the picture booth at Grange Revival.



R—L: JC Dumolt Junkman and Jessie Jo Guttridge along with others handling a snake during the presentation from the Idaho Reptile Zoo.

Western Regional Leadership and Youth Conference: Cultivating Connections the Western Way

The 2021 Western Regional Leadership Conference was held August 6th, 7th and 8th in Boise, Idaho. Attending from Oregon were State President Susan Noah, Vice President Jay Sexton, Education Director Paula Herrick, Youth and Young Adults Co-Directors Christy Dumolt and JC Dumolt Junkman and District 4 Membership Chair Jessie Jo Guttridge.

Friday evening kicked off with dinner and line dancing followed by Grange baseball. Jessie Jo was the overall winner in the Baseball contest and will represent the Western Region at the National Grange Convention in November.

Saturday included several workshops and programs with presentations from Idaho's Ag in the Classroom and the Department of Ag on some of their Ag Commodities including apples, cherries, hops and onions. The Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission brought their I-ROAM youth education trailer which provides lessons and activities for K-12 students that can be

used for outdoor schools and classroom lessons. The Idaho Reptile Zoo which is dedicated to education through interaction brought several reptiles brought some snakes and a turtle as part of their presentation.

There were several breakout sessions covering different areas of Grange interest including Membership, the Junior Ag Awareness Project, and the Youth's Grange Pillar Project.

Saturday evening was the Public Speaking and Sign-a-song competitions. Jessie Jo competed in both the impromptu speaking contest and the prepared public speaking where she placed first in her age group.

Next year's Regional Conference will be hosted by Oregon August 5-8 and the committee is looking for a venue in the Eugene area. All Grange members and non-members are welcome to attend. Watch for more information in the Spring.



Above: Jessie Jo Guttridge of Springwater Grange competed in the both impromptu and prepared public speaking contests.

R: A National Grange Ambassador checked out the Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission's I-ROAM youth education trailer which provides lessons and activities for K-12 students. Here she is learning about rangeland fencing.





Above: Oregon State President, Susan Noah, pets a snake from the Idaho Reptile Zoo.



Above : Many of the Grangers attending the regional conference.



L: Jessie Joe Guttridge participated in the line dancing, part of Friday evening's fun activities.

R: Terry Elliott, Ada Grange #570, Lane County, helping out on Grange Day at the Lane County Fair with entries for the Fruit/Vegetable Dress-up contest.



The extended Clute Family serving as hosts at the Log Cabin during state fair. L-R back row: Christy Dumolt, JC Dumolt Junkman and Justin Clute. L-r front row: Stacy Brown with Tyson, Audri Brown and Margaret Clute.

Grange Youth & Young Adults

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This summer has flown by, it seems like we just had State Convention. The summer is a busy time for many Grangers with fairs and harvest. I know that there are many youth that show animals at their county fairs and then show again at the state fair. It is always fun to see what our youth learn and are able to present at fair, the way they are able to educate the public about animal husbandry. I hope that you were able to get out and support them.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the log cabin at the State Fair. The youth hosted the first Sunday and we had a great time. It was good to be able to host the cabin, see new faces, and talk to them about the Grange. We had multiple young families come through and we got to talk to them not only about the youth program but also about the Junior program. We also had an older woman come through that used to belong to a now defunct Grange in the Oregon City area who was Chaplain when she was there. It was great to be able to reconnect her with the Grange.

This year we will have Jessie Jo Guttridge representing our state at National Convention in Wichita, Kansas. She was the overall winner of Grange Baseball at regionals and did well in both the public speaking and impromptu speaking. She also

applied to represent us as a member of the National Youth Officer Team and was selected to serve as Chaplain.

We are still looking to hold some day activities across the state and hopefully two weekends in the next year and are looking for ideas. We want to have a variety of activities so we can interest the most people possible. This means that we want to hear from you with an idea of something that would excite you. Have a favorite activity that a group can do? Let us know, there are others around the state that might like it as well.

We would love to be able to offer help or attend any events that you may have. If you have a Grange event that you are hosting and would like to have youth there to help, let us know and we will do our best to get some there. If you have youth in your Grange, get them involved and active in what you're doing and remember to take pictures and send them to us (*and the Bulletin*) so we know what's happening around the state. Until next time, have a great day.



Springwater Granger Selected as National Youth Officer

Jessie Jo Guttridge, of Springwater Grange #263 in Clackamas County, has been selected to serve as Youth Chaplain during the 2021 National Grange Convention in Wichita, Kansas in November.

Sister Jessie Jo is the daughter of Don and Tami Guttridge and the granddaughter of Wilma Guttridge, all members of Springwater Grange. She is a member of several long time Grange families and is a sixth generation Granger. Many of her aunts, uncles and cousins are Grange members at Springwater.

In July she was elected Overseer after serving several years as LAS and youth chairman for her Grange. Additionally, she has served as a Pomona officer for several years and was elected Pomona this summer. The past few years she has been one of Springwater's delegates to state convention.

On the state level she is in her first term as the District 4 Membership Chairman after previously serving

on the Agricultural committee and is the current OSG Youth Secretary.

In addition to being a Youth Officer at National Convention she will represent the Western Region in Grange Baseball, a Grange trivia contest where participants determine the difficulty of their question by the base hit they want: single, double, triple or home run or strike out if answer incorrectly.



Goat Bingo A Success

On August 21st Forest Grove Grange #282, Washington County, held a Goat Poop Bingo and Ice Cream Social. A good time was had by all and goats did their job.



Above: Did the goat poop in your square?

L: The young visitors enjoyed petting the goats.



Lorane Grange #54, Lane County, have been holding evenings of dessert and Bingo with masks and distancing. So far, they have had one in July, August and September. All had fun and only took masks off to eat a bit or take a drink.

Granges Show off Their Banner



Above: Winona #271

Right: Ada #570

Below: Creswell #496



Above: Redland #796



Lane Pomona Meets In-Person

Creswell Grange #496 hosted Lane Pomona Grange for the Pomona's third quarter meeting on July 10, 2021. Unfortunately, it was one of the hottest days of the year and the air conditioning unit in the Creswell hall was out. The Pomona appreciated everyone who showed up and stuck it out. Creswell can report that they have since replaced the unit so the next time they host any event it will be nice and cool.

An old-fashioned BBQ lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, a variety of salads and watermelon was served and enjoyed by all.



Above: Lane Pomona Master, Peggy Jillson, giving incoming Pomona officers the Installation Obligation.

Below: BBQ lunch and fellowship was enjoyed.



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 6	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange
Benton #36	Oct 16	10:30 AM	TBA
Clackamas #1	Oct 23	10:00 AM	Beavercreek Grange
Columbia #18	Nov 6	10:00 AM	TBA
Deschutes #25	Nov 12	11:30 AM	Pine Forest Grange
Douglas #13	Oct 23	6:00 PM	TBA
Jackson #27	Oct 23	1:00 PM	TBA
Josephine #20	Oct 30	10:00 AM	TBA
Lane #14	Jan 8	10:00 AM	TBA
Lincoln #10	Nov 20	10:30 AM	Siletz Valley Grange
Linn #12	Jan 8	10:00 AM	TBA
Polk #3	Oct 14	6:30 PM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Oct 23	10:00 AM	TBA
Wallowa #22	Jan 8	10:00 AM	Hurricane Creek Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 16	10:00 AM	Washington Grange

Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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Grange Name/Number: _____

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

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