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National Grange Convention is Coming to Nevada and Many Oregonians Will Be Found There! Will You?

Oregon, as one of the states in the Western Region, is helping host the National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada November 15-19, 2022.

For many this is an opportunity to see what the National Grange is all about. There will be activities at the convention for all ages. There will be entertainment, displays, service projects, exchange of ideas, and fun!

If you have never had the opportunity to visit the Silver State or had the opportunity to obtain your Seventh Degree, now is the time!

Sixth and Seventh Degrees

Do not have your Sixth Degree? The Oregon State Grange, under the leadership of Past President Susan Noah, will be exemplifying the degree and Myrtle Creek's Rosebud team will be doing their drill at 10am Saturday morning. Following that afternoon you can then receive the Seventh degree. Just get your tickets when you register online for the convention.

Communication Fellow

You will hear Oregon often, starting early in the week. One of the first groups in are the Communications

Fellows and this year Jim J. Dumolt of Clarkes Grange #261, Clackamas County, has been selected to participate. He will help create the media coverage of the convention.

Delegates and National Officer

Arriving the first weekend are State President Jay Sexton and his wife Toni Hoyman, Oregon's delegates, who will start the week in committee meetings. Also arriving the first weekend will Susan Noah, a member of the National Grange Executive Committee and her husband Mark.

Hospitality Room

Oregon will be hosting the Hospitality Room on Monday afternoon/evening and again all-day Tuesday. Here is an opportunity to meet Grangers from around the country in a casual setting. Connie Suing of Crow Grange #450, Lane County, is organizing the Oregon Grangers so let her know if you are available to help either day.

Convention opens officially at 2pm on Tuesday afternoon with the opening in the Seventh degree followed by National Grange President, Betsy E. Huber's, annual addresses, committee reports and action. This will continue the rest of

the week. Take this opportunity to drop in for awhile and see how the National Grange operates.

Oregon's Young Adults

Thursday afternoon three of Oregon's Young Adults will compete in Grange Baseball. Drop in and cheer on Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater Grange #263 and JC Junkman, Clarkes Grange #261 both in Clackamas County along with Alex Coe, Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson County, as they represent the west.

Then Friday morning watch these three young Grangers open the National Grange session with JC as President, Jessie Jo as Vice President and Alex as Chaplain as they make Oregon proud.

Distinguished Granges and Legacy Families

Not to be missed is the Friday evening National Grange Honors Night where Oregon's five Distinguished Community Granges: Redland #796, Marys River #685, Creswell #496, Springwater #263 and Hurricane Creek #608 along with the Oregon State Grange are recognized. Also honored will be at least one more Oregon Grange Legacy Family along with other awards in Mem-



bership, Youth, Junior, Community Service, and Lecturer Awards. Who knows how often you might hear Oregon called out.

Talent Contest

Saturday night is the Evening of Excellence where Carmel Valencia of Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson County, will represent Oregon in the Talent Contest.

These are just some of the highlights of the convention. There is something for everyone and every age. It is not to late to register. For more information on registration, hotel, and schedule for the National Session, visit the National Grange website at nationalgrange.org. Deadline for General Registration is October 19 and late registration with meal options closes on November 1.

L: The Myrtle Creek Grange #442, Douglas County, Rosebud team will be part of the Sixth Degree at National Convention.

New Deadlines

New deadlines for 2023 Community and Pomona Grange Bonding program. Don't miss out. See details on page 5.

Have You Gotten Your Poker Chip?



To help defray costs of hosting National Grange Convention the Western Region host committee is holding a "poker chip" fundraiser! Each individually numbered poker chip gets you a chance at door prizes, which will be drawn for during the convention.

Chips are \$5.00 for a random draw, or \$10 for your lucky number (if it's available). Chip #1 will be auctioned off during the celebration banquet. Chips may be purchased when you register for the convention or contact Brother Jay at the State Grange office. Need not be present to win!



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The President's Column

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On the morning of September 11, when I saw the sun rising red through smoke, and little flecks of ash floating down onto every surface, I thought of the challenges and opportunities that every Oregon Grange has to help. I had recently spoken with Chris Hamp, a Granger in Washington and the National Vice President, and federal employee managing fire fighting efforts near Joseph, Oregon. She told me that Liberty Grange #613 in Walla Walla County had offered their hall as a "Day Rest" location for night shift firefighters, with portable air conditioners blowing cool, clean air into the quiet, darkened hall.

Evacuees were headed to fairgrounds and other locations with their belongings and animals. Granges are collecting funds and supplies to help those in need. And all of us are looking at our homes and lands, thinking about what we would do, how we can prepare.

Now in my third month as the OSO President, some days are better than others. I traveled, with my wife Toni, to Morrow County for two Grange activities. One to discuss an open house at Greenfield Grange #579 in Boardman to encourage new members joining. The weight of Grange tasks is falling on too few shoulders there, and, without

help, this Grange may cease activity. After talking, we planned an October open house and talked about publicizing the event with posters, word of mouth, newspaper, radio, and a roadside poster. A handful of new members to share the tasks and imagine new events for Greenfield would make a world of difference in keeping this Grange a lively community space in the center of town.

Many Granges can benefit from a "deeper bench". By this I mean more members that know the "nuts and bolts" of activities and Grange operations. Develop a team of people that handle the tasks of hall rental, for example. Teach a small group how to do an "after-rental inspection", and let one or two of them do the next inspection. In regular events, like monthly breakfasts, teach a new person to cook the eggs, make the coffee; don't get stuck in your roles. Even more important Secretaries, Treasurers, and Presidents should explain their activities to newer members and encourage officer elections that bring new faces into leadership. A Grange is stronger when several members know the "ins and outs" of these positions. Sharing the work of running the Grange avoids burn out, and an officer mentoring the next person to hold the office can make for a smooth transition. A Grange with

the same secretary for 20 years, seems like stability, but it is also vulnerability.

Our second task in Morrow County was going through the dormant Lexington Grange #726. We were salvaging useful Grange items for use in other halls before the sale of the building. This Grange had been re-organized within the last 10 years, but had not been able to stay active, and we judged that there was little chance of future activity. It is poignant to enter the abandoned hall, a former scene of community life, now quiet and disheveled. Tables we salvaged will again hold meals during bright conversation, but now at another hall. Hundreds of lovely china plates will be used at the 2023 Oregon State Grange Convention, and from there to other Granges. Grange songbooks will again guide voices, though now at Silverton Grange #748.

In closing I want to remind you all that the Grange in your community fulfills an important purpose. Our community halls bring people together for important social, educational, and entertaining events. You should be proud of your role in helping to keep Grange perpetual. Tell a friend about Grange and invite them to join.



Liberty Grange hosted night shift fire crews assigned to the Double Creek fire. Photo provided by Chris Hamp, National Grange Vice President.

Liberty Grange Hosts Fire Crews During Double Creek Fire

Liberty Grange #613, Walla Walla County, provided a quiet, cool place for night shift fire crews to sleep during the day. These crews were assigned to the Double Creek incident in the Walla Walla Whitman National Forest.

As of September 26, the Double Creek fire had burned 157,863 acres and was 89% contained. Lightning storms came through the area

on August 22 and 23 and were the likely cause of this and several other wild fires in Walla Walla County.

Chris Hamp, who when not being National Grange Vice President, is a fire professional and serves on the National Incident Team PNW2. Earlier in the summer Chris was in Oakridge, Oregon working at the Incident Command Post for the Cedar Creek fire.

Several members have asked about the reference to the Imnaha Grange often mentioned in reports of the Double Creek fire.

The Imnaha Grange #677 consolidated with the Hurricane Creek Grange in 2006. And while the building is no longer Grange property the community still refers to it as the Imnaha Grange and is labeled as such on many maps.

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2022 Oregon State Grange Talent Contest



Left: Carmel Valencia of Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson County, competing in the vocal division.

Below: Lexie Suing representing Crow Grange #450, Lane County, entered the vocal division.



Above: Stanley Garboden from Goshen Grange #561, Lane County, competing in the variety division.



Above: Matthew Dehne of Walterville Grange #416, Lane County, participating in the variety division.

Left: Tim Dehne from Lacombe Grange #907, Linn County, entered in variety division.

Below: State Lecturer Cookie Trupp announces the winners in the state Talent contest with Carmel Valencia selected as the overall winner. She will represent Oregon at the 2022 National Grange Evening of Excellence on Saturday November 19 in Sparks, Nevada.



The Lecturer's Column

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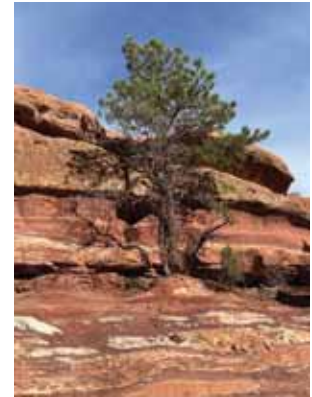
Now that the 2022 photo contest has closed, the National Grange Lecturer has announced the divisions for the 2023 National Grange Photo Contest.

There are four divisions:

- Farm machinery
- Potluck Activity
- Gardens
- Grange Family

Each individual is limited to entering a total of three (3) photos and entries should be no more than one (1) year old. The top three photos in each division will be featured in a 2023 greeting card collection

Submitted photos will become the property of the National Grange and may be used in National Grange publications, marketing, merchandise, and virtual media.



Above: The 2022 Best In Show photo at the Oregon State Grange Convention was in the 'Potpourri' category and was taken by Teresa Cernac of Warren Grange #536, Columbia County.

It's Bluegrass at Multnomah Grange

Bluegrass season has started at Multnomah Grange #71, Multnomah County. Now through April on the second Saturday of the month a couple bands representing several styles of Bluegrass will perform for your listening pleasure. Doors open at 6 pm with Jam Session and snack bar opening at 6:30 pm; concerts starting at 7 pm.

The suggested donations are for adult \$10.00, kids 12 and under \$5.00

The bluegrass concerts are presented by Multnomah Grange #71 and the Oregon Bluegrass Association at the Multnomah Grange hall, 30639 SE Bluff Road in Gresham. To see which bands are performing

each month visit their Facebook page.



Multnomah Grange #71 is a non-profit organization with the aim of hosting local musicians at their historic Grange Hall and inviting everyone in the community their events.



Community Service Involvement

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Hello Brothers and Sisters:

Our motto: **Making a Difference in the Community**

Grangers are busy participating in big or small projects around our community. Whether it is helping our neighbor in need or a bake sale to raise money for the local school, you can always count on the Grange being involved.

During the month of November, we will honor our Veterans by having a free breakfast or dinner, presenting them with Quilt of Valor or participating in the Veterans Day Parade in your area. We give thanks that we are able to do good for our Grange, fellow Grangers and Communities around us. Thank you Grangers for all your hard work in making these events a success.

December is the month that we

are in the spirit of giving. We will look around our communities and reach out to help those that are in need. Putting together food boxes, clothes collections or providing a warm place are just a few of the things that we can do to make the lives of our fellow human a little bit better.

As the new year approaches, we should be taking stock of what we have accomplished this year and getting it documented not only for submission to the State but also to have a record to maintain our non-profit status. This is also the time to make plans for next year. You can lay out a schedule of what events and projects your Grange will do in 2023 as well as the budget needed to carry them out.

Remember, if you have any questions about Community Service contact your District Chair or me.



L-r: Linda Dixon, Cecelia Lovely, Wynn Nielsen in back cutting, Kay Patterson, Barbara Campbell and Sherry Hart working on the dress for little girls in Africa with Dottie Miles in back ironing.

Wolf Creek Grange Makes Dresses for Girls in Africa

The Little Dresses for Africa project has been adopted by Wolf Creek Grange #586, Union County. Those supporting the project convert pillow cases into dresses for little girls and shorts for little boys in Africa.

So far, they have sown over 200 dresses this year. The Grange placed one little ad in the local paper and received donations of over 600 pillowcases along with elastic, bias tape, rickrack and buttons.

And you don't have to sew to be able to help on the project. They had volunteers cutting, ironing and even skewers to put the elastic through the casings.

Little Dresses for Africa began as a

grass roots effort in 2008 with a goal to take 1000 pillowcase dresses for little girls to a single village in Africa. Today Little Dresses for Africa has grown to well over 4.5 MILLION Little dresses and their companion Britches for Boys are currently sent to 81 countries in and around Africa, plus Central American countries.

Little Dresses for Africa is a 501(c)3 providing humanitarian relief to the most vulnerable of children: little girls. These dresses go as little ambassadors to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy. As relationships are built, projects are completed through clean water, education and community. They are not just sending dresses, we're sending hope. littledressesforafrica.org



L-r: Josephine County Food Bank executive director Josephine Sze received several \$50 gift cards for children's shoes by Fruitdale Grange. Fruitdale Grange's project "Shoes for Kids", headed up by Jill Hamm, which gives out gift cards for new shoes to children heading back to school
Photo: Bea Ahbeck/Daily Courier

Gotta Have Sole ~ Shoes for Kids

By Mary Wertz for the Daily Courier

Several nonprofit organizations that help families afford their school supplies are taking a year off this year because school districts have funds to buy supplies for students.

However, school clothes are another story. One project still going is Shoes for Kids. Sock Hop dancers during the Back to the Fifties celebration fund the Fruitdale Grange's Shoes for Kids program. Families can register online at fruitdalegrange.com to take their kids to buy shoes.

"We will basically be taking the kids shopping this year," said Jill Hamm president of the Fruitdale Grange, who administers the program that has helped the community for the past seven years.

"We will have dates for Walmart and for Famous Footwear," Hamm said. Each child will have a \$50 limit and for the younger children that could mean two pairs of shoes and a package of socks according to Hamm.

To help more families in need the Grange partners with food pantries as well. "We will be donating a couple thousand certificates to the Josephine County Food Bank," said Hamm. "They will be handing them out through there."

"Our ultimate goal is to be able to provide every single school in Josephine County with a stack of 'Shoe Cards,'" she explained. "They are on the front line. There is a huge need in this community."

Hamm hopes to put shoes onto 240 children this year. She said most of the cash comes from the sock hop. Also, merchants collect change in "Shoes for Kids" donation jars throughout town. Additionally, the Grange hosts bunko games, and has a "105 club," where businesses and individuals give \$105 annually to the program. The \$105 is meant to buy three pairs of shoes. Hamm said that might change to the \$150 club as the price of shoes, like everything else, has increased.

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Morning Star Makes Donation to Veterans

On August 2 members of Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County, gathered to sort and weigh the non-perishable food collected by the Grange during the first six months of 2022. A total of 424.65 pounds boxed up and made ready for pickup. Then on Monday August 8 a representative of the local VFW met members at the Grange hall to accept and load the donation. The food will go to needy veterans in the local area.



Redland Grange to Hold Blood Drive

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held November 17 from 12:30 pm - 6pm at Redland Grange #796, Clackamas County. At their hall, 18131 S. Fischers Mill Road in Oregon City. For an appointment to give blood, please visit redcrossblood.org Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Remarks from Nancy Murray

At the Oregon State Grange Convention in June, Nancy Murray, who had retired as the Oregon State Grange Attorney after twelve years, made these remarks.

Thank you, President Noah.

As most of you know, this will be my last time presenting to you as the General Counsel of the Oregon State Grange. I decided to retire so I could spend full time with my husband, Bob Wise, who retired some years ago now. So, this meeting and time together is a bittersweet moment for me.

In the 12 years of working for the Grange, I've come to work with and get to know a variety of Grangers, many older in age and some younger, all moving forward with intention to get things done and to better the Grange. Some have made me laugh, some have made worry, all have been impressive for their dedication to and focus on Grange matters. Personally, and professionally, I have very much enjoyed the variety of personalities, and the decency and intelligence, of the Grangers I've worked with.

We know well that we are living in a divided world, politically, educationally, and increasingly economically, and other ways. I believe, however, that every Granger I've worked with has acted for the good of the Grange without such otherwise-pervasive divisions interfering with civil discourse and getting things done. The Grange allows diverse people to get together for a common purpose and in so doing build positive working relationships and even friendships with those they might never otherwise interact with. In so doing, the world becomes a little less divisive, the "other" out there becomes a human being, and a relationship is formed that surpasses the loaded labels so much of our media promotes.

Civility in discourse makes room for things to be accomplished together. In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity. These Grange values are important for our democracy to flourish.

Don't you wish our elected leaders would say things like this?

Alas, very few people ever really want to have to deal with a lawyer. When our President has contacted me about a Grange issue, it usually meant there was a problem that needs resolution. Here are things I know and that have informed my work for the Grange: Legal fees can be a burden for a nonprofit like the Grange AND problems can often take time to resolve and can be stressful, so they can cost the Grange in not just funds but also human resources. And knowing this,

I've routinely charged reduced rates and provided pro bono time to the Grange, including for the seminars we've presented at state sessions, which have covered such topics as nonprofit governance, insurance, farmer's markets, and alcohol permitting (that was a fun one). Finally, the Grange has a long-term view and takes a community view, which the typical private sector person or company does not.

So, a wise lawyer, as I hope I've been and have certainly strived to be, works with these factors in mind to achieve as positive and as quick a resolution as possible for the good of the Grange.

Alas, quick resolutions are often rare when neighbor relations or disputes are involved. We've had a number of them over the past 12 years, and the past year has been no exception. All matters in the past year have involved neighbor issues. Through happenstance of time, one Grange's septic system is now located on a neighbor's property, and the neighbor seems determined for the system to be removed. This is vexing for sure because the system has been in place on the neighbors' property for four or more decades, and the Grange doesn't have room for a typical septic system on its property. This is difficult for the Grange to resolve quickly with a non-cooperative neighbor.

I want to mention the Silverton Grange, under the leadership of Cayla Catino and assisted by Adam McKinley. They have been working to allow a community school to operate from their Grange building. A lot of work needed to be done for the school to start operations, including replacing the septic system, upgrading parts of the Grange Hall, getting a zoning permit, and contending with a water well located on the neighbor's property. This matter was still pending last I was involved a month or two ago. The perseverance of the school and the Silverton Grangers is very promising for the future of the Grange, because our collection of older buildings requires perseverance to see it through. And that takes commitment, which the Silverton Grangers have shown.

I think the prize this year for going the distance to resolve a legal matter goes to the Redland Grange and personally to Granger Sandy Foley. In the 1970s, a surveyor filed a survey with a faulty starting point that eventually led future surveyors to find that the Redland Grange Hall encroached on a neighbor's property. Discussions with that neighbor deteriorated after dishonesty by the neighbor. Histrionics and threats ensued, calmly and firmly dealt with by the Redland Grange President Georgene Barragan.

Notes from the State Office

New Bonding Deadline for Community and Pomona Granges

The first of September all Community and Subordinate Granges in Oregon were mailed the 2023 Bonding Insurance Program offered through the National Grange. To have your Grange covered through this program your Grange must request the dollar amount of bonding desired and send the check for coverage made out to the Oregon State Grange to the State Grange office no later than December 15, 2022.

There is no longer a difference in rates between Subordinate/Community Granges and Pomona Granges with minimum coverage starting at \$50 for \$5000 worth of coverage. The coverage is for the calendar year, January for December and unlike previous years, there is no option for getting coverage through this program after the December 15th deadline.

The Oregon State Grange Bylaws required that the Treasurer and Secretary of each Grange shall be bonded. This insurance offered through the National Grange covers not only these two offices but all Grange officers and members.

Please select the correct amount of bonding coverage for your Grange

from the rates listed below. Remember the deadline to receive coverage for 2023 is December 15, 2022. Make check payable to the Oregon State Grange for the amount of bonding requested and mail to the Oregon State Grange headquarters.

Bonding Rates for 2023	
\$5,000 in Coverage	\$50
\$10,000 in Coverage	\$58
\$25,000 in Coverage	\$72
\$50,000 in Coverage	\$88
\$100,000 in Coverage	\$112
\$250,000 in Coverage	\$113
\$500,000 in Coverage	\$179

For the limits of \$50,000 and \$100,000, a simple questionnaire is required to be completed. Please request this form from the Oregon State Grange office.

For limits \$250,000 and above, additional underwriting is required (including questionnaire, Independent Audited financial statement and a copy of your written internal control procedures).

These are the only coverages amounts available this year through this program so have your Grange choose from these set amounts.

Being a savvy Granger, Sandy Foley ran the alleged encroachment claim past a surveyor she knew. The surveyor, who is well-regarded by others including many lawyers, reviewed relevant surveys and deeds and determined that the earlier, 1970s survey made an error in its starting point such that, without the error, there was and is no encroachment. To correct that and all subsequent surveys, I drafted a settlement agreement and a boundary agreement, and a few easements, for not just the annoying neighbor but a second neighbor to sign. It took a merciful alignment of moon and stars, Grange perseverance, and also the three lawyers working cooperatively, to successfully herd all cats into line to sign and record documents. We hope this effort resolved the issue for the long term for all three parties involved.

Sandy Foley stands out to me for her calm-headed diligence in doing whatever I asked of her, and then some I'm sure, to see the matter to conclusion. All neighbors came out ahead with the deal, and the Grange showed leadership in making that happen. And there's reason to hope for a good working relationship with the initially difficult neighbor in the future.

Finally, I want to thank Susan Noah for her commitment, steadfastness



Attorney Nancy Murray speaking at a previous Oregon State Convention.

and good judgment when dealing with many legal issues. I think the Grange has been well-served by President Susan's work.

In closing, I want to relay my best wishes and goodwill to the Grange and also my gratitude. Representing the Grange has been a privilege, and I've very much enjoyed and benefitted from it, personally and professionally. I hope the Grange grows and flourishes in our state of Oregon and continues for another 150 years sharing its community and democratic goals, values and examples of civility. Thank you for allowing me to be part of it.



Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Challenges to Healthy Aging in Place: Part Two, Income

Hello again, and welcome to Part Two of our look at the factors that affect healthy aging in place. Today we are examining the role our income has on our health. When we discuss income, what we are really talking about are the socioeconomic status (SES) that we are able to reach because of our income. SES is determined by both our own personal wealth and the wealth of the community that we live in¹. It affects our overall functioning and our mental and physical health.

Today's older adults and those nearing retirement age are significantly more vulnerable than earlier generations and are finding it increasing difficult to find affordable housing, buy nutritious food and pay for their medical prescriptions². Additionally, the U.S. is facing unprecedented increases in the older population, and this number is expected to double between 2012 and 2060 from 43.1 to 92.0 million³. Older adult's financial resources vary widely with some able to cover their household expenses, while other low-, moderate and middle-income households live in unaffordable housing with a lack of savings to cover the maintenance or modification of the home that are often necessary for aging in place³.

Furthermore, today's pre-retirees face heightened financial challenges as they enter retirement. Many were affected by the Great Recession, including unemployment, early retirement, loss of savings, declines in home equity and impending shortfalls of both Medicaid and Social Security benefits⁴. The impending shortfalls expected in Social Security benefits are especially troubling. In 2014, 61% of people over 65 years received at least half their income from Social Security benefits. Compared to previous generations, higher percentages of these older adults are carrying debt into retirement and smaller shares have traditional pensions. Up to 34% of older adults trying to age in place report living in low-income households and 23% find it difficult to pay their monthly living expenses¹.

Even those older adults who enter retirement with substantial resources may experience adverse shocks that undermine their financial security⁵. Losing a spouse or partner can result in the loss of income from Social Security and employer pensions. Medical episodes and chronic

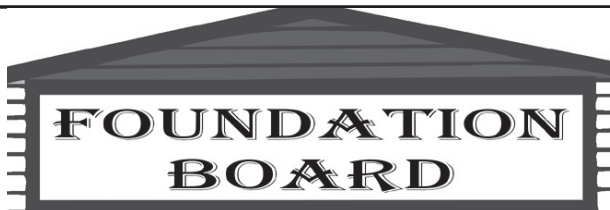
health conditions are more common at older ages and can result in large medical bills, while disability onset can require expensive long-term services and supports (LTSS). The need for LTSS can often lead to economic hardship and increase the risk of falling into poverty because health insurance coverage for LTSS expenses is usually incomplete. Medicaid does not cover the cost of LTSS and relatively few older adults have private long-term care insurance.

Because paid LTSS is expensive, older adults who need help with everyday activities typically rely on family caregivers. When unpaid caregivers are unavailable or the LTSS needs exceed what they can provide, older adults in need must turn to paid helpers and this can quickly become more than their budget can bear⁶. With out-of-pocket spending on health care and LTSS is factored in, it is estimated that approximately 7 out of 10 adults who live to the age of 65 will experience economic hardship for at least one year and about 5 out of 10 will experience hardship for at least three years⁵.

In a not surprising twist, this brings us back to housing. As you might suspect, housing is typically, the single largest household budget item, and for seniors, living on fixed or dwindling incomes, affordable housing is critical. When the percentage of their budgets goes to affordable housing, seniors often make up for the budget shortfall by skipping meals, purchasing less nutritious meal ingredients, and skipping doses of prescribed medications². Additionally, seniors need more than just affordable housing to age in place, they need an integrated network of affordable and safe housing, health care, long-term care and social support from the community⁶.

So, what can the Grange do to make a difference in this situation? We do what we do best: educate, inform, and seek to influence policy makers. Here are just a few suggestions that some of the experts have:

- Encourage our medical professionals to conduct screenings and referrals that investigate the social determinants of health, such as quality of housing, but also the quality of social supports with referrals to appropriate community services.



Oregon State Grange Foundation will need to replace the Region 3 Foundation Trustee following the resignation in July of Maggie Peyton. Sister Peyton had served on the Board of Trustees since 2014 but family and work demands required her to resign her position. The Region 3 position will expire at the annual meeting in June 2024 so we are looking for eighteen-month commitment.

The Board of Trustees of the Oregon State Grange Foundation request that any Granger living in Region three (Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill Counties) with an interest in the Oregon State Grange Founda-

tion send a letter or email to Foundation Secretary Joyce Parker, 733 Saint James Pl, Molalla, OR 97038 email: jerp0323@gmail.com with name, contact information and a statement about qualifications and Grange membership. Please submit information by October 31.

The Board members are expected to attend the quarterly Board meetings and the Annual Meeting which is held during the Oregon State Grange Annual Convention.

The Board of Trustees of the OSG Foundation will select the new trustee at their 2022 4th quarter meeting.

Shopping Rewards Benefit the Oregon State Grange Foundation



AmazonSmile

Start your shopping on the Foundation page of the OSG website so your purchases benefit the foundation.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/

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



- Support community-based programs that seek to address multiple social determinants and continue to fund services for older adults.
- Integrate and streamline benefit enrollments. Both state and federal policymakers can take action to ensure that eligible adults are connected with the services and benefits that they are entitled to by simplifying application and recertification processes.
- Encourage the development of affordable senior housing and plan for their transportation needs that allow them to stay connected with their communities.

In addition, I ask what would it take to:

- Investigate the development of a work force specifically trained to modify senior housing.

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Two Receive Grange Scholarships

At the 2022 Oregon State Grange Convention two Oregon Grangers received several scholarships with a total valued at \$4500. Five schol-

arships from four funds were award from the Oregon State Grange and the Oregon State Grange Foundation.

Laura Coen

Laura Coen, a member of Marys River Grange #685, received the \$1000 Spence Memorial Scholarship from the Oregon State Grange, a \$750 Muzzy Mandel Scholarship and a \$1000 Mary Ramm Scholarship from the Oregon State Grange Foundation.

Sister Laura has been pursuing a college education, on and off, for almost 30 years. She first attended college at the University of Michigan. In the 1990s she moved to San Francisco and began coursework at UC Berkeley in Graphic Design. Before she could finish that program, she moved to Missoula, Montana, where her husband was in graduate school. They returned to Oregon and she enrolled in the University of Oregon (UO) Multimedia Design program. Their two children were born during that time but before she could finish her degree, another job transfer took the family to Chicago.

Always hoping to return to Oregon, they bought a farm in Philomath in 2018. The children are in middle and high school now and Laura is ready to return to work, but without a degree she is less qualified for many opportunities.

The family joined Marys River Grange in 2018. She served several years as Chaplain and teaches a weekly yoga class at the Grange, including an interlude of Zoom yoga classes during the pandemic. Her children are active Grangers, the oldest just recently graduating up to the subordinate level. Her husband Matt, who was also an active member, suddenly passed away in May 2022.

Laura is now six classes away from completing her degree at the UO and will be done in the Spring of 2023.



Above: L-r: Foundation Secretary Joyce Parker presented Laura Coen with the Foundation Scholarships.

Celilo Brun

Celilo Brun, a member of Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, received the \$1000 GWA Scholarship from the Oregon State Grange and a \$750 Muzzy Mandel Scholarship from the Oregon State Grange Foundation.

Sister Celia is currently attending Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington Wyoming where she is majoring in agriculture communications and is an active participant on the Livestock Judging and Show Teams.

In early 2021 she and her family moved to Wallowa County where she started her own show cattle operation with her family called Hurricane Cattle Company. They are still growing their herd but the goal is to raise high quality show cattle to sell to kids all over the northwest. The move also brought the family into the Grange and Celilo was a member of the 2021 Rosebud team for the OSG Convention.

Celilo was a 2020 graduate of Hood River Valley High School where she had been a member of the FFA since eighth grade. During the 2020 Oregon State FFA convention she was elected as the State Treasurer and took a year off of school to serve Oregon FFA.



Above: Celilo Brun competed at the State FFA convention in the Advanced Public Speaking Contest.



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The Education Committee



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Another School year is underway, here is wishing all school students at all levels a safe and productive school year. Please look out for pedestrians and stop for school buses.

I hope your Grange is doing something to support schools in your area, like volunteering, dictionary project, farm to school program, scholarships and any number of other things. If you want or need help with ideas on how to help schools, please contact me.

I hope your school applied for and got the waiver for school lunches to be free for everyone, it is a small thing but adds up over the year.

A very good neutral source for news about K-12 education is the OSBA (Oregon School Board Association); they do daily summary of news across the state related to all K-12 education, the website is <https://www.osba.org/News-Center.aspx>

The School Lunch Bill for Families

For the first time in two years many families with school age children face a lunch bill. The pandemic-era federal aid that made school meals available for free to all public school students, regardless of family income levels, has ended, raising concerns about the effects in the upcoming school year for families already struggling with rising food and fuel costs.

Lunchtime on the first day of school in late August and early September brought the familiar bustle of students locating their places in the cafeteria. Many brought their own sack lunches this year, because unlike the last two, not every child is eligible for free meals provided by the school.

During the pandemic, schools were able to provide meals for free to kids regardless of income as a part of COVID-19 assistance passed by Congress to reduce food insecurity. This meant that nationally, an estimated 10 million kids who would have previously paid for school meals were able to get them free. But Congress did not agree to provide universal free lunches for a third school year.

Nationwide, families across all income levels are feeling the strain of high food, gas, housing and utility costs. And Congress' decision to not extend a pandemic benefit that provided free meals to all students regardless of need will soon hit the pocketbooks of parents and provide new challenges for schools still grappling to return to normal. Across the country, school meals can cost parents upwards of \$5 per meal.

The challenges to return to a pre-pandemic system are felt across the country as schools work to reach all parents, hire additional staff members to collect meal money in lunch lines and prepare to return to tracking the finances of each child. Staffing shortages are impacting

school nutrition departments across the country and the supply chain continues to be a mess. Inflation is showing up in increased food prices and so school meal programs continue to have to face a lot of challenges.

Federal rules add to the challenges. When Congress created the ability for schools to give universal free meals, it did so by allowing the Agriculture Department, the federal agency that governs what and how is served at school, to waive certain federal requirements. Lawmakers waived requirements for schools to provide free lunch based on need, nutrition requirements for the food served and requirements that meals needed to be served in congregate settings, like cafeterias.

All of those waivers were set to expire on June 30. Two of them were recently extended. But the Senate balked at the cost of providing universal free meals for another year. This means all schools will go back to requiring that families pay the full price for each meal if they do not qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

In order to qualify, families must meet income requirements that are the same across the country. For the 2022-2023 school year a family of four must make less than \$51,338 to qualify for reduced-price meals and \$36,075 to qualify for free meals.

Many education, hunger and nutrition groups have asked the White House to recommend that Congress implement universal school meals as a part of the broader list of recommendations expected to come out of the conference on hunger, nutrition and health next month. But until then, schools will need to adjust for the foreseeable future — whether or not they or families are ready.

*Taken from an article by
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Gleaning for Food Security and Preservation

While the Grange has roots as an organization for those involved in agriculture, many Grangers do not grow their own food for a variety of reasons. In recent months there has been much talk of food shortages, agricultural disasters, climate issues regarding farming and food growing and other news that has many folks concerned about the availability of nutrition for their families.

During this time of harvest, I would like to share a solution for food security and preservation that is close to my heart: Gleaning. Gleaning is actually a biblical concept that has been employed as a form of social welfare for over 2000 years. The Old Testament of The Bible commanded Hebrew farmers to leave a portion of their crops un-harvested and allow neighbors and strangers to come onto their land to pick what was left for themselves and their families. In England and France, the government actually protected the rights of rural poor to glean leftover crops from nearby farms.

Today, in America, gleaning organizations have relationships with growers of all sorts, both commercial and non where volunteers come to pick or gather food that the grower cannot sell or use. For example, I am a member of the Eugene Area Gleaners, which is a 501(c)3. Our volunteers pick fruits and vegetables that donors offer, and we distribute the food amongst our membership. We also pick up food that stores cannot sell, and we even have a relationship with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. If a nuisance animal such as a bear or turkey is culled, members of the gleaners are called to pick up the meat and distribute it to their members.

Probably our greatest portion of donors are just everyday people who have fruit trees or vegetable plants in their backyard and want to get rid of excess they cannot use. We pick hundreds of pounds of fruit and vegetables just from backyard gardens! This is a way of both preventing food waste, giving food to hungry people, and helping others save money on their food budget.

It may seem odd that with talk of food shortages in this country, that there would be food waste. Well, there definitely is. Because of regulations and guidelines that farmers and growers must legally follow, there is a good portion of food that cannot be sold at the grocery store. Gleaners make sure that this food is

still able to be used by people. Anything that people cannot use, gleaners can get that food to animals like chickens or pigs.

What makes gleaning possible and legal in modern times is that President Bill Clinton signed the 'Good Samaritan Act' so that donors are protected from liability on their donations. The National Gleaning Project encourages folks to start organizations in their local area. There are at least 17 gleaning organizations in the state of Oregon alone!

The reason I feel that gleaning as a concept would appeal to Grangers, specifically those with interest in GWA, is that food preservation as a skillset goes hand in hand with gleaning, because one will acquire quite a large poundage of food, and being able to can, dehydrate, freeze or otherwise process that food for long term storage is essential. Our local gleaning group in Eugene has worked with some of our local Granges to have instructional sessions in canning, canning swaps, and other information about food preservation that can be shared.

I would love to see GWA groups from various granges across the state gain partnerships with gleaning organizations to help teach their volunteers how to preserve food, and to get involved with the gathering of said food as a potential community service project as well. As mentioned above, gleaning can be as simple as putting a note on your neighbor's door if you see that they have a tree with so much fruit it's dropping on the ground. Ask if you can pick it, offer them a share, and then show your friends how to make applesauce, or how to press cider, how to can apple pie filling, make dried apple rings, etc, etc etc. This is just one example. If you are interested in gleaning, please send me an email or visit nationalgleaningproject.org

Other GWA News

I will be contacting sponsors for GWA contests very shortly to see if you are still interested in sponsoring your contest for next year's convention. I hope to hear back from you all very soon. If you want to make any changes to your contest, or you want to suggest a new contest, that is also welcomed! I may have a lot of questions as this is my first year as GWA Director. Again, you can email me but you are also welcome to call or text me at 541-252-0237.

Pumpkin Cinnamon Rolls

Ingredients

For the cinnamon roll dough:

¾ cup milk (whole, 2% or almond milk will all work)
 ¼ cup granulated sugar
 2 ¼ teaspoons quick rise yeast (1/4-ounce package yeast)
 ¾ cup pumpkin puree
 ¼ cup melted butter
 1 egg, at room temperature
 4 cups bread flour
 2 tablespoons pumpkin pie spice
 3/4 teaspoon salt

For the filling:

2/3 cup dark brown sugar
 1 ½ tablespoons ground cinnamon
 ¼ cup butter, at room temperature

For the cream cheese glaze:

4 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
 3 tablespoons butter, at room temperature
 1/4 cup powdered sugar
 4 tablespoons pure maple syrup
 Pinch of salt

Garnish with a sprinkle of ground cinnamon

Directions

Warm milk to around 110 degrees F. Transfer warm milk and sugar to a bowl and sprinkle yeast on top. Stir pumpkin puree, room temperature egg and melted butter, mixing until smooth and well combined and creamy. Next stir in bread flour, pumpkin pie spice and salt with a wooden spoon until a dough begins to form.

Knead dough for 8-10 minutes on a well floured surface. Dough should form into a nice ball and be slightly sticky.

Transfer dough ball to a large bowl greased with olive oil or nonstick cooking spray, then cover with plastic wrap and a warm towel. Allow dough to rise for 1 hour or until doubled in size. This may take more or less time depending on the humidity and temperature in your home.

After dough has doubled in size, transfer dough to a well-floured surface and roll out into a 14x16 inch rectangle. Spread softened butter over dough, leaving a ¼ inch margin at the far side of the dough.

In a small bowl, mix together brown sugar and cinnamon. Use your hands to sprinkle mixture over the buttered dough, then rub the sugar



into the butter.

Tightly roll dough up the dough, starting from the 14-inch side (the smaller side) and place seam side down making sure to seal the edges of the dough as best you can. Then cut into 1 inch sections with a serrated knife. You should get 12 rolls.

Place cinnamon rolls in a greased 9x13 inch baking pan. I highly recommend lining the pan with parchment paper as well. Cover with plastic wrap and a warm towel and let the cinnamon rolls rise again for about 30 minutes, then preheat your oven.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Remove plastic wrap and towel and bake the cinnamon rolls for 20-25 minutes or until just slightly golden brown on the edges. You want to under bake them a little so they stay soft in the middle, that's why we want them just slightly golden brown. Allow them to cool for 10 minutes before frosting. Makes 12 cinnamon rolls

To make the frosting: In the bowl of an electric mixer or in a medium bowl, combine cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar, maple syrup and salt. Beat until smooth. Spread over the pumpkin cinnamon rolls and serve! Sprinkle cinnamon rolls with a little cinnamon for a pretty look. Enjoy!

To make vegan pumpkin cinnamon rolls: simply leave the egg out of the recipe and add 3-4 tablespoons more pumpkin puree to the dough. You'll also need to make sure to use almond milk, vegan butter, and vegan cream cheese in the recipe.

One feature that I would like to be adding to the Bulletin is to share a seasonal recipe with each GWA article. I will select them to start, but I'm open to suggestions if someone has a recipe they would love to share with everyone. Feel free to contact me with recipes.

I would also like to announce that the information for the 2023 National Quilt Block Contest is now available! Please visit <https://www.nationalgrange.org/national-grange-quilt-block-contest/> and scroll down to the bottom of the page for the latest updates.

Granges Celebrate the Holidays ~ Now through December 31

October 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 and 28-31, Beaver Homes Grange, **Haunted House** 6:30-9:30 pm. 31105 Beaver Homes Rd. ~ Rainier. Treats and games included

October 14-November 1, Santiam Valley Grange, **Haunted House** Oct 14 & 15, 21 & 22, 28-31 ~ 6-9 pm. Oct 16, 20, 23, 27, Nov 1 ~ 6-8 pm. 1140 5th St ~ Lyons. \$4 Info: 503.859.2161 or 503.859.3445 Appropriate for all ages (fog machine will be in use)

October 14-31 Morning Star Grange **Haunted House** Oct 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29 ~ 7-11 pm. Oct 16, 23, 31 ~ 7-9 pm. Oct 30 ~ 7-10 pm. 38794 Morning Star Rd NE ~ Albany. \$5 per person 541-666-0410 Oct 23 is full contact night. \$10 ages 18 and over only

October 17 & 24 Fairview Grange **"Ofrendas" or Alter building for "Day of the Dead"** 4-6 pm 5520 E 3rd St ~ Tillamook. Contact Mr. Lawrence Adrian ~ occt.youthartprograms@gmail.com ~ phone/text 503-801-0603. Free family workshops for locals to build "Ofrendas"

October 21 Lacombe Grange **Halloween Bingo** 5 pm doors open ~ 6 pm first game 34100 Lacombe Rd ~ Lacombe. Fun, candy, cash prizes



October 22 Dorena Grange **Harvest Festival 2** - 6 pm 34360 Row River Road ~ Cottage Grove. Come celebrate fall with cider pressing, games, a chili feast and pumpkins!

October 22 Mohawk Valley Grange **Harvest Fest** 3-7 pm Mohawk Grange Rd ~ Marcola. Live music, pumpkin carving 3-5 pm, potluck dinner and food contests! 5-7 pm local farmers goodies, and wonderful fellowship

October 28-31 White Eagle Grange **Haunted House** 6-10 pm 43828 White Eagle Road ~ Pendleton. \$5 per person 541-310-9655 or gail-11wilson@gmail.com kid friendly

October 29 Springwater Grange **Pumpkin Weigh In** 3 pm 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. Bring

your home-grown pumpkin to be weighed. Prizes given to all.

October 29 Eagle Valley Grange **Trunk or Treat** 12 noon - 2 pm Eagle Valley Park ~ OR-86 Richland. Free Contact Meghan Stacy 541.893.3287 Chili contest, Costume contest, food and activities

October 29 Springwater Grange **Halloween Party** 4-6 pm 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. Potluck, costumes, games & fun for all ages.

October 29-31 Fairview Grange **Art of the Mask display and Competition** 5520 E 3rd St ~ Tillamook. Students K-5th grade ~ random prizes. 6th Grade through 12th ~ prizes of art supplies and cash

October 30 Goldson Grange **Trunk or Treat** 2-4 pm 23479 Hwy 36 ~ Cheshire. goldsongrange@gmail.com

October 30 Irving Grange **Trunk or Treat** 5:30-8:30 pm 1011 Irvington Dr. ~ Eugene. irvinggrange377@gmail.com Family friendly/non-scary decorations and costumes only

October 30 Redland Grange **Trunk or Treat and Haunted House** 5-8 pm 18131 S Fischers Mill Rd ~ Oregon City. Food for purchase downstairs along with hot chocolate, cider, and water, theme is a scary carnival/clowns

October 31 Eagle Creek Grange **Halloween Carnival** 3-7 pm 24491 Old Eagle Creek Rd ~ Eagle Creek. Gwen Mitchell 503.351.9742 Fun, games and candy

November 2 Fairview Grange **Day of The Dead** 6-8:30 pm 5520 E 3rd St ~ Tillamook. Contact Mr. Lawrence Adrian ~ occt.youthartprograms@gmail.com ~ phone/text 503.801.0603. Food, music, children's activities and educational exhibits

November 5 Redland Grange **Harvest Bazaar** 10 am - 3 pm 18131 S Fischers Mill Rd ~ Oregon City. Follow on Facebook for more information



November 4-5-6 Eagle Creek Grange **Christmas Bazaar** 10 am - 5 pm 24491 Old Eagle Creek Rd ~ Eagle Creek. Gwen Mitchell 503.351.9742

November 5 Boring-Damascus Grange **Chili Dinner** 4-7 pm 27861 Grange St. ~ Boring. \$15 - Chili, cornbread & dessert. Bowl of Chili \$10. Fall activities for kids 12 and under

November 5 Fruitdale Grange **Christmas Bazaar** 9 am - 4 pm 1440 Parkdale Drive ~ Grants Pass. Kitchen will be selling soups and chili to enjoy there or to go.

November 5 & 6 Siletz Valley Grange **Holiday Bazaar** Sat 9 am - 3 pm & Sun 11 am - 3 pm 224 N Gaither Street ~ Siletz. All handcrafted items, breakfast and lunch available

November 6 Harding Grange **Big Turkey Dinner** 11 am - 3 pm 21552 S Fischers Mill Rd ~ Estacada. Adults \$12, Kids 5-12. \$6, under 5 free Dine in or take out available. Traditional Turkey dinner with all the fixing and dessert

November 12 Azalea Grange **Arts & Crafts Christmas Bazaar** 10 am - 4 pm 142 Pasqually Lane ~ Azalea. Info: 541.287.0941 Vendors Wanted

November 12 Sunnyside Grange **Holiday Bazaar** 9 am - 3 pm 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd ~ Clackamas. Handmade items, home décor, direct sales vendors, food gifts, holiday décor, and much more. The Kitchen will be open selling soups, sausage dogs, baked potato bar, desserts, and beverages

November 14 Eagle Creek Grange **Veterans Dinner** 5-7 pm 24491 Old Eagle Creek Rd ~ Eagle Creek. Gwen Mitchell 503 351 9742

November 19 & 20 Skyline Grange **Artisans Holiday Arts Show** 10 am - 4 pm 11275 NW Skyline Blvd ~ Portland. www.skylinegrange894.org 20 +/- booths with a variety of locally handmade items available.

"Café Grange" will offer soups, salad, fresh coffee, and baked goods. Raffles.

November 19 & 20 Boring-Damascus Grange **Holiday Craft Sale** 9 am - 4 pm 27861 Grange St. ~ Boring. Vendor info: celiafox74@gmail.com Two floors of tables featuring handmade items and gift ideas. Food for sale in the kitchen both days

November 19 & 20 Central Grange **Holiday Bazaar** 87200 Central Rd ~ Eugene.

November 26 & 27 Redwood Grange **Christmas Bazaar** Sat 9 am - 3 pm; Sun 10 am - 3 pm 1830 Redwood Avenue ~ Grants Pass.

December 3 Springwater Grange **Holiday Breakfast** 7-11 am 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. \$7 per person, \$4 for ages 6 - 10, Free for those age 5 and under Holiday décor, music and Santa Claus

December 3 Hope Grange **Christmas Bazaar** 9 am - 3 pm 27373 Alsea Deadwood Hwy ~ Alsea.

December 18 Oregon State Grange **Holiday Open House** TBA 643 Union St. NE ~ Salem. Watch for Details in December Bulletin and on Facebook. Refreshments will be served.

December 31 Vernonia Grange **Roaring 20s Gala** 8 pm - midnight 375 North St ~ Vernonia. \$25 Dress code: Deco-Speakeasy-Jazz



Winter Events Wanted

- Does your Grange have an event schedule for December 15 - February 15?
- Want to announce in the next issue of the Bulletin?

Please send to the Bulletin by November 10.

Flyers are great but just the details will work fine. Information will also be shared with the website.

Triangle Grange #533 Honors Several Long-time Members

On Saturday, August 20, community members came to the Triangle Grange building in Blachly to have some ice cream and recognize six members of the Triangle Grange #533, Lane County, for their community service. Grange Master Maxine Lakeworthy and Secretary Mabel Barnett presided over a brief ceremony and presented pins, certificates and seals that honored their decades of membership.

Only two of the members being honored were able to attend – Sharon Resides, who joined in 1985 and was a Master in 1994-95, received her 25-year Silver Star certificate, 30-year and 35-year seals.

Karen Redhead – a member since 1969 – was given her 30-year, 35-year and 45-year seals to go along with the 25-year certificate and 40-year seal she received in 2014. In addition, Ms. Redhead was presented a rare 50-year Golden Sheaf certificate recognizing 50 years of continuous Grange membership.



L-r: Sharon Resides was presented her Silver Star Certificate and several seals by Grange Master Maxine Lakeworthy.

Also honored but not present were William Booth and Debra Martin, who both earned 25-year pins and certificates; Richard Mentzer (25-year and 30-year awards); and Bruce Patterson for his 25-year, 30-year, 35-year pins and a 45-year seal.



Grange Master Maxine Lakeworthy with Karen Redhead (left) receiving her 50-year Golden Sheaf certificate.



L-r: Barbara McCormack and Lois Ensminger selling pies at the Canyon Mule Days in Enterprise.

R: The Hurricane Creek Grange cookie, jams, and bread booth at the Wallowa Mountain Cruise in Joseph.



Labor Day Weekend Steak Feed

Eagle Valley Grange #656, Baker County, kicked off the Labor day Weekend with their annual Steak Feed in the Eagle Valley Grange Community Park. The steak dinner included 12 oz Painted Hills New York Steak, baked potatoes, grilled bread corn and beverages. A non-steak meal was also offered with hotdogs substituting for the steak. Proceeds for the dinner benefit the Grange.

There were also three general raffles for the community members to participate in. The proceeds from each

raffle are to go towards park improvement projects. These projects include plans to put in a playground at the park, a basketball court at the park, and to make the park more handicap friendly.

Five members from Hurricane Creek Grange travelled to Richland, Oregon to enjoy the Eagle Valley Grange's annual Steak Feed at their park. They had a wonderful time at this great event that is both delicious and very well attended by the community.



L-r: Hurricane Creek Grange members, Cathryn Paterson, Barbara McCormack, Lois Ensminger, Joanne McBride, and Jeannie Alford baking cookies for Wallowa Mountain Cruise Car.

Hurricane Creek Has Been Busy Baking

Pies, cookie, jams, or bread were offered by Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, at a couple events in August and September.

On August 26-27 Hurricane Creek held a bake sale during the Wallowa Mountain Cruise Car in Joseph where they sold cookies, jams, and bread. They had met earlier at the

Grange hall to make cookies and bread for the sale.

Then on September 9-11, they participated in the 41st annual Hells Canyon Mule Days held at the Wallowa County Event Center and Fairgrounds in Enterprise from 10am-6pm each day. The Grange sold homemade pies by the slice or the pie.





Springwater Hosts Community's 2022 National Night Out

The first Tuesday of August is National Night Out and Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, was excited to again host the community event.

The community was invited to come together for hotdogs provided by the little Springwater Grocery store and strawberries and ice cream provided by the Grange. The Clackamas County Sheriff's Department joined in with a K9 unit, Jail Deputy E Ramos with his partner Abbie, along with some of the cadets. Deputy Ramos and Abbie

normally work at the Clackamas County jail. Abbie's specialty is Narcotics Detection. She gave the crowd a demonstration.

The Estacada Fire Department brought out a big red fire engine and several of their new volunteer trainees and shared information on the tools, etc. the truck carries. They also provided Fairman hats for the children. Several younger volunteers demonstrated the force of the fire hose and community members got to take a try at operating them.



Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

October 31	3 rd Quarter Report due to the state Grange office
November 15-19	156th Annual National Grange Convention – Sparks, Nevada Hosted by Oregon, Washington, California, Alaska, Idaho, Montana & Nevada
December 1	Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officers' information due to the state Grange office
December 15	Deadline to apply for Bonding Insurance through the National Grange Send to state Grange office
December 18	Oregon State Grange office Open House – Salem
December 31	Oregon State Grange Foundation - "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Reimbursement" request deadline. Send to the state office
June 18-22	Oregon State Grange Convention - The Big To-Do In District 2! Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall

Insurance... Five Things You May Not Know About Livestock Coverage

By Insurance Blog - September 1, 2022



As a farmer or rancher, you know that things don't always go as planned. Even the best-run operations can be hit by the unexpected. If your livestock is your livelihood, ensuring you are adequately protected with livestock insurance is the best way to limit your financial risk.

Livestock Insurance: Know the Facts

#1) Livestock Insurance Coverage Is More Than Just Cattle

In addition to cattle, livestock insurance covers: Domestic Sheep, Swine, Goats, Horses, Mules, Donkeys, Alpacas and Llamas.

#2) Standard Farm Insurance Policies Usually Do Not Include Livestock Collision Coverage.

Most standard Farm insurance policies give farm owners the option to add a livestock collision endorsement to their farm policy, but it is not typically included. Livestock collision insurance covers animals hit by a vehicle on a public road. That means that if your cow is hit by a car, your insurance will cover the animal that's hit and any damage to the car that hit them, excluding your own insured vehicles.

#3) Livestock Insurance Doesn't Cover All Perils

Livestock insurance can be endorsed onto a standard Farm insurance policy to cover a broad range of perils, including theft and fire. Your insurance agent will go over the named perils with you to make sure you have the right level of coverage for your risk tolerance.

#4) Livestock Insurance Can Cover Livestock Individually or the Total Herd Value

The most common way to cover livestock is to insure them as a herd. When choosing this option, the limit of insurance protection should be

for the entire herd value. For farmers or ranchers with animals that are a higher value per head than the rest of the herd, listing these individually is the best way to ensure adequate coverage. Our FarmPak Program allows for flexibility in deciding which kind of livestock insurance coverage is right for you and your animals.

#5) Coverage On Livestock Can Be Adjusted Seasonally

Does the size of your herd fluctuate throughout the year? No problem, your insurance agent can adjust your coverage and your premium rate accordingly. Increasing livestock insurance coverage during the birthing season and lowering coverage when selling stock can be automatically adjusted with the peak season endorsement. Your insurance agent can assist you with determining the coverage protection based on changes in herd values during the year.

By securing adequate insurance coverage for your farm or ranch, you'll greatly reduce your financial risk. Contact your local independent insurance agent today to discuss your livestock insurance needs. In the meantime, check out our blog where we answer your burning questions, including everything from what is hobby farming insurance to how to save money on Farm insurance.

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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 5	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange
Benton #36	Oct 15	10:30 AM	Marys River Grange
Clackamas #1	Oct 22	9:30 AM*	Clarkes Grange
Columbia #18	Nov 5	10:00 AM	Deer Island Grange
Deschutes #25	Nov 12	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Oct 22	6:00 PM	TBA
Josephine #20	Oct 29	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Oct 8	10:00 AM	Spencer Creek Grange
Lincoln #10	Nov 19	10:30 AM	Siletz Valley Grange
Linn #12	Oct 8	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	Oct 9	11:00 AM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Oct 22	10:00 AM	TBA
Wallowa #22	Jan 14	10:00 AM	Hurricane Creek Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 15	10:00 AM	Forest Grove Grange

* New regular meeting time for Clackamas

Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers

Wallowa County Fair



Above: The Wallowa County Pomona Grange booth at the Wallowa County Fair. It featured the PBS video "Spotlight on the Grange", a couple of this year's tri-fold display boards and several of the banners provided by the state Grange.

R: Celilo Brun, a member of Hurricane Creek Grange, conducted a beef showmanship clinic during the Wallowa County Fair. Celilo put on the clinic as part of her summer internship with the Oregon State University Extension Service. She is a sophomore at Eastern Wyoming College, in Torrington, Wyoming, where she is studying agriculture communications.



Clackamas County Fair

It was "See the old and new in 2022" at the Grange Booths in Horning Hall at the Clackamas County Fair. The Grange/Club booth competition is open to all adult community, agricultural or historical organizations in Clackamas County. The booths have 8' frontage by 6' depth. Ten Community Granges participated as well as the County Pomona Grange which provided an informational display on the county's sixteen Granges.



Clarkes Grange #261



Garfield Grange #317



Springwater Grange #263



Beavercreek Grange #276

Awards:

- 1st Clarkes Grange #261
- 2nd Garfield Grange #317
- 3rd Springwater Grange #263
- 4th Beavercreek #276

Sunnyside Grange #842 received the theme award and Redland Grange #796 won the People's Choice award.

Also found in Horning Hall was the Pomona Grange cookie booth where four varieties of warm, fresh out of the oven, cookies were available along with beverages. Many of the Subordinate Granges worked one or more of the three-hour shifts baking and serving cookies. The cookie booth is the major fundraiser for the Pomona Grange. Better than 8,000 cookies were sold during the fair.



Sunnyside Grange #842



Redland Grange #796



Clackamas Pomona Grange #1

Springwater Community Fair



Above: The community enjoyed a 50' banana split at the 100th Fair.

R: The pollinator display included live bees where people were encouraged to find the Queen bee.

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, celebrated their 100th annual Community Fair with a 50 foot banana split along with displays of produce, canning, photography and crafts.

The day included activities for the whole family: Cornhole, a scavenger hunt, picture booth, tie dying and the ever-popular cake walk. Educational displays and activities promoting pollinators featured a live bee display.



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Agricultural Organizations



Spencer Creek Grange #855



Ada Grange #570



Irving Grange #377

Lane County Fair

The 2022 Lane County Fair was great success for the Granges. Community Collective Exhibit which is the category Granges display in, is limited to agricultural organizations. The space provided for display booths was approximately 10' wide, 8' deep, with an 8' high back and a sloping display area of 24 to 43 inches. Fair attendees are encouraged to vote for their favorite display. Prizes will be awarded based on the votes. This year's People's Choice winners were:

1 st place	Spencer Creek Grange #855	574 Votes
2 nd place	Ada Grange #570	200 Votes
3 rd place	Irving Grange #377	164 Votes

Grange Agricultural Focus Displays are an educational display representing an agricultural topic. Space provided for display are 32"X 30". This year's winners are:

1 st place	London Grange #937
2 nd place	Spencer Creek Grange #855
3 rd place	Mohawk Mckenzie Grange #747

Fun Facts:

- A total of 22 dozen cookies were handed out to fairgoers on cookie day and senior day.
- 400 free cookbooks were given out during the fair.
- Veggie/fruit dress up had 234 entries. This year Lane Pomona Grange Fraternal Society sponsored the winners with cash awards and the Lane County Fair presented fair passes.
- A great time was had by everyone! See you next year!

Ag Focus Displays



London Grange #937



Spencer Creek Grange #855



Mohawk Mckenzie Grange #747

The Log Cabin at the Oregon State Fair

This was the sixty-third Oregon State Fair where the State Grange had a presence in a Log Cabin. No, it is not the same cabin from sixty plus years ago and not exactly in the same location but the Grange is still there.

Visitors to the Log Cabin seemed to be up this year. Opening the green gate next to the cabin and bringing food carts into the area brought more people near the cabin. The photos of community's Grange halls, 135 this year, is still a very popular inside display as was the State Convention location timeline and What Do Granges Do display. Outside families enjoyed playing Jenga, Cornhole and Disc Golf.



Above: Visitors inside checking out the display of Grange halls from around the state, looking for the ones in their area.

L: The Jenga game blocks were often in use, not only to play Jenga but also to build forts and castles depending on the age of the participants.

Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to these 52 Grangers who volunteered for one, two or even more shifts hosting in the Log Cabin, greeting visitors and promoting our organization.

Adam McKinley	Jeff Dehne	Peggy Jillson
Audri Brown	Jency Rosasco	Rose Jacobs
Carol Everman	Jessie Jo Guttridge	Sandi Ludi
Carolyn Pettit	Jim Dumolt	Sandra Noah
Cat Thomas	Jo Sutton	Stacy Brown
Cayla Catino	Joann Keely	Stan Garboden
Celia Fox	John DeHaas	Steve Kroeker
Christy Dumolt	Joyce Parker	Susan Carver
Connie Suing	Justin Clute	Susan Noah
Dan Keely	Lilly Anderson	Susie Kroeker
Dan LeBrun	Liz Dehne	Suzy Ramm
David Junkman	Loraine Huffman	Tami Guttridge
Don Guttridge	Lyle Utt	Teresa Cernac
Emily Clute	Margaret Clute	Tim Dehne
Jacob Luttrell	Mark Noah	Toni Hoyman
Janice Schiedler	Marnie Rosasco	Tyson Brown
Jay Sexton	Norm Smith	
JC Junkman	Patrick Dearth	



R: Mark Noah, Noah Strasheim, Connie Suing, Beau Strasheim, Steve Kroeker, Susie Kroeker and Susan Noah pose for a picture in front of the sunflower backdrop during their shift at the Log Cabin.

Warren Recognizes Two Volunteers

Warren Grange #536, Columbia County, was pleased to be able to recently honor two of their Grange's outstanding Volunteers.

Jerry Marquette has volunteered at the St. Helens Senior Center for about eight years, starting out serving in the dining room two days a week on Warren Grange's serving days. During the pandemic when the dining area was closed, Jerry moved into helping in the kitchen to prep for the Meals on Wheels deliveries. And again, he has advanced to becoming a board member for the center.

Jerry has lived in Oregon all his life and has been a Warren Grange member for 9 years. He served in the Navy from 1962-1983, and he worked in ship repair as a turbine technician for PGE on Swan Island. Now that he's retired, he is busier than ever. Besides the Senior Center, he volunteers at the Warren Grange events, the Alano Club, runs the Grange Farm Museum during the Columbia County Fair, and is a member of the St. Helens Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).



Jerry Marquette

Roberta Tarbell Leuer has volunteered at the St. Helens Senior Center for the past eight years as Receptionist/Executive Assistant and overall Right Hand to the Director and other members. During the pandemic the

center was closed to in person meals but Roberta continued working five days a week and never missed a day. She organized signing folks up for the Meals on Wheels delivery program and organized several Drive-Thru meals during the pandemic shutdown and assisted with the questions on cancelled activities.



Roberta Tarbell Leuer

She was the Sargent of Arms at the center to those coming in without a mask on and Clorox wiping everything they touched to ensure no germs were spread in the center. She organized several Drive-thru meals during the pandemic shutdown. She scheduled appointments for yearly tax filings and Healthcare Insurance appointments for the seniors needing help. In 2021 she was nominated as My Fair Lady Princess for St. Helens as part of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Roberta was raised in a seven generation Grange family and has been a member of Warren Grange for 66 years. Roberta was born and raised in the St. Helens area but she lived in six different states while raising her family and then migrated back to Oregon in 2013. Roberta retired from the Senior Center in April to pursue her hobby of gardening, needle work crafting and walks around the neighborhood.

Woodburn Selects Granger of the Year

Ivan Vistica has been selected as the 2022 Granger of the Year for Woodburn Grange #79, Marion County. Ivan has been active in the Grange for almost twenty years. The last ten plus years as the Secretary-Treasurer of Woodburn Grange. Everyone looks forward to Ivan's sense of humor when trying to read the minutes in his own handwriting. His eyesight has gotten worse over the years. His Treasurer's reports are always accurate and detailed. PGE can't get away with charging the Grange for one kilowatt more than they should.

Over the years Ivan has had many hats to wear at Woodburn Grange. He negotiated the sale of Grange property when the State widened the highway in front of the hall. When the check came for the property, Ivan checked all the figures and decided some of the underground easements the State paid for were actually aboveground. Surveys were redone and a few months later another check arrived. Ivan was correct.

He applied for and got property tax relief for the Grange as a nonprofit. Ivan's dry but persistent sense of humor comes through whether he is first or last in the food line at a potluck.



Above: Ivan Vistica, Woodburn Grange's 2022 Granger of the Year for Woodburn Grange being congratulated by Marilyn Plowman who this summer demitted to Woodburn from Halcyon Grange #345 in North Blue Hill, Maine.



Above l-r: 1+ Junior talent contestants at the Oregon State Grange convention were Noah Strasheim, Crow Grange #450, Lane County, in the 8-10-year-old category and Audri Brown, Forest Grove Grange #282, Washington County, in the 5-7-year-old category. Here receiving their awards from OSG Lecturer Cookie Trupp and Junior Director Peggy Jillson.



L: Dean McKay Junior Granger at Abernethy Grange #346, Clackamas County, competing in Grange Baseball (at the Western Regional Conference in Springfield in August where he placed third. While in the Eugene-Springfield area he also had the opportunity to visit the Duck Store (below).



Wolf Creek's Dixons Honored by Community

Linda and Floyd Dixon, members of Wolf Creek Grange #596, Union County, served as the Grand Marshalls of the North Powder Huckleberry Festival on Saturday, July 30, while riding in a 1926 REO Roadster, a vehicle that had to be started by a hand crank.

The Dixons were selected as Grand Marshals because of their commitment to community service. "They are just the people you want to go to if you want anything done," said Dotty Miles, who served as grand marshal of the 2021 Huckleberry Festival with her husband, Myron. Miles credits the Dixons with keeping North Powder's food bank and fresh food Alliance



"Trick-or-treat, smell my feet..." Give Me Something for... UNICEF!

This October the National Grange in partnership with Wonderama TV, are inviting all to get involved to celebrate children helping children around the world! All Junior Grange trick-or-treaters are invited to join in trick-or-treating for UNICEF!

UNICEF helps provide a way for

families, schools, and all who love Halloween to support communities around the world by raising funds and safely celebrating. UNICEF's mission is to ensure that every child across the world is healthy, educated, protected, and respected. This is an awesome community service project that all can participate in.

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF



Kids Helping Kids, One Door at a Time.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is the original Kids Helping Kids campaign! This October, kids can Be Scary Good by collecting donations, big and small, that add up to life-saving change for other children around the world.

Any amount can make a difference for children around the world.

\$0.05
can provide 1 packet of therapeutic food to help save a malnourished child

\$2
can provide 10 bars of soap to keep kids clean and healthy

\$5
can provide 1 UNICEF backpack for a child to go to school

\$7
can provide 1 volleyball for kids to play and learn teamwork

Empowering Kids for Over 67 Years

When kids Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, they learn the value of helping others and feel empowered to make a difference, shaping the next generation of global citizens.

Ways to Be Scary Good

- Costume parties
- Facebook fundraisers
- Trunk-or-Treating
- Go Trick-or-Treating!

UNICEF has helped save more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization!

VISIT

trickortreatforunicef.org

all October long and enjoy daily treats. Use #BeScaryGood, #TOT4UNICEF, #KidsHelpingKids to spread the word on social media.

Where Donations Go

Kids have raised almost \$180 million to help children in greatest need.

- Healthcare
- Nutrition
- Safe Water
- Education
- Emergency Relief

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF

Donations!

There's no right or wrong way to collect donations from family, friends and neighbors. Once collected and counted, complete this form and return it to UNICEF USA.

Organization (if appropriate): _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Name for recognition Certificate (e.g., "Ms. Smith's 3rd grade Class"): _____

Use one form per school, group or individual.

1 We participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF as a(n):
☐ School ☐ Group ☐ Individual

2 Make checks and money orders payable to UNICEF USA. Send this form and all checks, money orders and/or Coinstar® receipts* together to:

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF
125 Maiden Lane
New York, NY 10038

3 Please update your address above, if necessary, so we can acknowledge your generosity.

Total Donations


Total number of checks or money orders enclosed: _____

Check/money order subtotal: \$ _____

Coinstar® receipt(s)* total (send original receipts): \$ _____


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Your donation to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is a contribution to UNICEF USA. For more information, visit gobacktotheoriginal.org or call 1-800-FOR-KIDS. *Find a Coinstar machine near you at coinstar.com and use code "5555"



Other ways to submit funds

- Make a secure credit card donation: trickortreatforunicef.org
- Donate by phone: **800-FOR-KIDS**



Oregon Junior Grangers



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Up To Our Eyeballs in Halloween Fun

I hope Juniors are coming to October Grange meetings. Yes, it's officer election time, but a little light-hearted fun is probably just what everyone needs to balance the seriousness. Let's be ready with Junior activities for any event at your Grange. Children will come back where they're welcomed.

My Grange is holding a "Trunk or Treat" event this year in conjunction with the Girl Scouts and Scouts BSA who regularly use our hall. "Trunks" park on the grass with their opened trunks facing into a horseshoe arrangement, clearly separated from the parking lot. Some are just giving out treats. Some have carnival-style games or themed decorations. Families park in the lot and walk their children through the "Trunk or Treat" area. It's dark and exciting for the littles, friendly and social for the grownups.

There are many seasonal craft kits available in stores and online. They're a good way to ensure that you have the materials you need but make one in advance in case there are tools or easier methods for different ages. Some crafty Grangers can pull together a project without a kit, and those are probably open to more interpretation by the participants.

I was intrigued by these spider webs made the same way as paper snowflakes but using dark paper and trying for a very open, weblike design. Hang them up or use them as table decorations.



Also on a spider theme is a Halloween wreath made by hot-gluing small Styrofoam balls and craft-store spiders to a grapevine base, then wrapping it all with that stretchy white "spiderweb" that turns up everywhere this month.

Here's a link for pool noodle "candles" that look like great fun. They involve spray painting, so plan

ahead and make sure you have enough helpers to manage two workspaces. Pool Noodle Halloween Candles Craft {So Fun!} | Kid Friendly Things to Do

Wonderful Halloween snack ideas abound. I was surprised to find candy eyeballs at the grocery store, but here's a recipe for bigger and more colorful eyeball snacks:



Halloween Eyeball Treats

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
 ¼ C cold water
 1 ¼ C boiling water
 1 package Jell-O, any flavor
 20 oz canned lichees
 Approximately 17 red or black grapes (or try blueberries, the biggest ones you can find.)

Soften unflavored gelatin in cold water five minutes. Add boiling water and package of Jell-O. Stir until thoroughly dissolved.

Drain lichees and insert a grape or blueberry in each one. Substitute melon balls if preferred. It may be easier to cut a divot to hold the grape/blueberry first, then cut the melon ball around it.

I found some cute Halloween mini-pails, but you can use any small containers or mini-muffin pan. Lightly grease cups if you want to pop them out to serve.

Pour a little gelatin mixture into each cup. Add a prepared eyeball to each cup, facedown. Pour additional gelatin mixture over top and chill until set. Makes 17 eyeballs.

Adapted from Cook for Kids, Company's Coming Publishing Limited, by Jean Pare.





Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers

Here is an interview I came across that is covering the upcoming Governor's race. It is a spirited conversation. Governor candidates on rural issues from water rights to farmworker wages

On Nov. 8, Oregonians will elect a new governor. The race is capturing national interest because it's a tight three-way contest. The University of Virginia Center for Politics, a nonpartisan forecaster of elections, recently reported it sees Oregon's Governor's race as a "toss-up." The 2022 election is an unusual three-way race among a trio of women who until last year served in the state Legislature. All resigned to run for governor. Former House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, won the Democratic primary in May. Former House Minority Leader Christine Drazan, R-Canby, won the Republican primary. Former Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, is running as an unaffiliated candidate. She qualified for the November ballot through a petition drive. Republicans have not won the governorship since 1982, while an unaffiliated candidate has won just once in state history - in 1930.

The Capital Press, an agriculture news site, sat down with each of the candidates to talk about issues that matter to rural Oregonians. Each was asked the same set of questions. In some cases, answers have been edited for clarity. Words in parenthesis are added by the Capital Press. Follow-up questions are in italics.

Capital Press: If you are elected, how do you plan to bridge the political divide between Oregon's urban and rural communities?

Johnson: "Well, show up is the first one. We've just come back from a trip to Eastern Oregon. I think being there is important and understanding that whether you're making silicon chips, or wood chips, or potato chips out in Boardman, or fish and chips in Astoria, that we have throughout Oregon different micro-economies, and the governor needs to understand that."

Drazan: "The opportunity to bring Oregonians together is a big part of why I'm running. When we have a Portland focus and hard, progressive Democrat agenda, you end up taking that agenda and you impose it on the rural parts of the state. "Too often in the public policy-making process, you have folks drive six or

eight hours to Salem and testify for two or three minutes. No one asks them questions and their proposals do not change outcomes because this single party control machine — they've got the votes. Having a Republican governor ensures (lawmakers) have to compromise. They have to listen to the stakeholders, because if they don't, they'll get a veto in my administration."

Kotek: "For me, it is about how you listen to people, making sure you're out in local communities, engaging with local leaders. "As speaker of the House, it was really important for me to represent the entire state. I made a point to encourage my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, to visit each other's districts. "As governor, getting out of Salem more often — it's important. You bring people together by listening. And focusing on issues that I don't think are very partisan. Every part of this state has a housing problem. That's not a partisan issue. I honestly think water's not a partisan issue. We all need water. "So, focusing on issues that aren't highly politicized is a good place to start."

CP: What policy changes would you want from the Oregon Department of Environmental Resources?

CP: Oregon's new Advanced Clean Trucks rule requires manufacturers sell a certain percentage of zero-emission vehicles, including heavy-duty trucks. The rules begin with the 2024 model year. Proponents say it's a step to reducing vehicle pollution. Critics say it will raise vehicle prices and is being done before rural communities have electric vehicle charging stations.

Johnson: "Well, we gotta' slow (the timeline) down. Where's the infrastructure? I don't think the technology has caught up with the reality of what exists on the ground. And at what cost? "We cannot address Oregon's minor contribution to global climate change on the backs of rural communities that were asked to unfairly bear the economic cost of implementation."

Does Johnson support a move toward more electric vehicles?
 "Sure, sure. But we're going faster than it can be implemented on the ground right now," she said.

Drazan: "I do not support an end position of a mandate around what equipment is used by Oregonians. "This move to-

wards electric vehicles right now doesn't meet all the needs. There's not adequate charging infrastructure. The grid can't support it. "You can't put the cart before the horse. In some cases, these political agendas force people off of a bridge to nowhere."

Does Drazan support transportation electrification? "As we move to new technologies that are low-emissions, I would support (voluntary) incentive-based movement in that direction," she said.

Kotek: "If we're going to have new regulation(s), we have to put public money on the table to help people achieve conversion. "What we all understand is, we have to transition to cleaner engines. How do you make that happen? I think we have to put more urgency behind our electrification plans as a state. "The good thing is, with the federal infrastructure package, we have more resources coming down from the federal government than we've ever had. "The thing I always ask in transition conversations is: Does the timeline work for folks? The goal is to have it happen, not to put something in place just to say we put it in place. If the timeline has to be reassessed, we have to reassess it, 'cause the goal is to get people to cleaner vehicles."

CP: Do you support Oregon's existing water rights system? Current rules give priority to those with the oldest water rights, while more recent water users are the first to face cutbacks or shutoffs.

Johnson: "Our water rights system is very complicated. Before politicians change the system, they need to get everybody at the table. "We need to convene the parties and have a conversation about: What does changing the water rights really mean? "But I don't want somebody to come away with the opinion that I'm for changing the water rights system. "What I'm supportive of is, if there is a problem statement that people agree on, what's the statement? Is it that the water rights system is too complicated? Is it that some are getting deprived of water? I would want to have some collective understanding of: What are we solving for?"

Drazan: "I support our existing water rights system."

Would Drazan try to maintain the system if it was challenged? "I would," she said. "And just to be clear, I don't think any system is perfect. I do believe in the ability to be flexible. I think that needs to be a stronger, more dominant characteristic of our state government in particular, that we're responsive to local needs, but as a principle, and as a construct under which we all

operate, I support the existing system."

Kotek: "It is the fundamental starting place for how water is utilized in the state. It is the law. It is the starting point, yes." However, Kotek said she is open to conversations about potentially changing other laws. For example, under Oregon water law, if a water rights holder does not use the full water right for five consecutive years, that user could forfeit the right. Kotek expressed concern over this. "Some people say, 'If I don't use my water, I will lose my rights.' When I listen to that, I'm like, 'OK, does that make sense when the third person down the line also needs water? Right?'" said Kotek. "So, how do you have thoughtful conversations about assessing that? The starting point is where we are today, but with the understanding that we have to consider perhaps some new ideas."

CP: Do you think agriculture has too large a claim on Oregon's water supply?

Johnson: "I do not. Oregon's economy rests on the back of agriculture. Farmers, fishing interests, ranchers, other producers are part of the backbone of our economic past and certainly our economic future."

Drazan: "I don't. Oregon agriculture has always been a critical partner in Oregon's economy, to Oregon culture, to Oregon families. And we cannot overlook the need for access to local food production."

Kotek: "I don't know if I can comment on that. What I do know is Oregonians like the fact that we grow things, that we are a leader in export products in the ag sector, and it's kind of in the DNA of Oregon to grow things. So, I think ag is really important."

CP: What does good forest and public lands management look like to you? For example, do you support prescribed burning, grazing, thinning and logging?

Johnson: "Yes, yes, yes, yes." Although Johnson supports all four practices, she described nuances. Johnson said she supports prescribed fire but has "questioned the competency of the Forest Service not to let some of those prescribed burns get away." Johnson said there are "subtleties" on grazing: "Do you keep the critters out of the streams?" On thinning, she said, "We have got to thin." Johnson said she also backs post-fire salvage logging.

Drazan: "There's a place for all of that, to be clear. We need to have active management of our working lands, and that has got to include forests. "Technology exists for us to be able to iden-



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 26 @ 7 pm PST
Where: Zoom

The OSG Legislative Committee will lead a discussion on current ballot measures we are following, and talk about other issues of interest.

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tify, say, when lightning strikes occur, which may result in a fire start. We also have the Good Neighbor Authority program; we should continue to invest in that. (The program allows states, counties or tribes to do forest, rangeland and watershed restoration projects on federal lands.) "I think we should make more of our forestlands available for logging. We're either gonna manage (our forests) or we're gonna watch (them) burn."

Kotek: "My baseline is: Talk to the experts. OSU (Oregon State University) is a huge resource for us, understanding what the experts at OSU think we should be doing. "I believe we do need some level of prescribed burning, and it has to be done safely. "In terms of overall forest practices, the Private Forest Accord is a template of how we can improve forest practices." (The accord was a deal that timber and conservation groups reached last fall.)

Where does Kotek stand on logging and grazing? "I don't have a particular agenda on either of those issues because I'm not an expert," she said. *Kotek says solving Oregon's housing crisis is a top priority. Does she support using timber harvested from Oregon's forests to build houses?*

"We're gonna have to build 36,000 housing units per year for the next decade to actually meet our gap and get ahead of it," she said. "I love the cycle of using Oregon-based mass timber to construct homes. Mass timber is a very viable product that we have to promote."

CP: Many family farmers say the farmworker overtime pay rule, which passed during the 2022 legislative session, will hurt their businesses. Do you have plans to amend the law?

Johnson: "Let's start from the premise of: Increasing the safety and wages and working conditions of low-income workers is a laudable goal. OK. This bill, I think, was an overly simple solution to a really complicated

ed issue. "My concern is that good intentions can't mandate good jobs. I think we're gonna have all sorts of work-around schemes, (employers) capping (employees') hours, or it will create a highly transient workforce. I'm just not sure that it was thought out as carefully as it should have been for a policy change of this magnitude."

Does she plan to change the law? Johnson did not name specific plans but said amendments might relate to "highly perishable crops" such as grapes.

Drazan: "Yeah, absolutely. I look forward to the opportunity to find a more balanced approach to that issue. With single-party control, the needs of all stakeholders were not taken into consideration with the passage of that legislation. It does need to be reworked and amended."

Does Drazan have specific amendments planned? Drazan did not outline a plan, but said: "I look forward to having the conversation and proposing a more responsive piece of legislation that allows Oregon ag to continue to be Oregon ag."

Kotek: "Before I left the Legislature, we were gearing up for this conversation in last year's session. I had dairy farmers calling me up saying, 'This isn't working for us.' I listened hard. Before I left the Legislature, I said, 'Look, we have to transition this in a way that helps farmers to do their business.' "It was very important to me to have a reasonable transition (timeframe) plus resources to support farmers — the tax (credit). I am definitely open to maintaining the (tax credit). (The law includes temporary tax credits for employers to cushion costs.) But it would be nice if the federal government solved this. From a competitive standpoint, it would be good if every state was doing this. It's the right thing to do."

Happy Trails

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Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director



This was an election year for the Oregon State Grange too, but we didn't fill your in-box with junk mail or interrupt your TV or YouTube show with political advertising. In June at our convention in Talent we welcomed our new President Jay Sexton and one of his first duties was the appointing (or re-appointing) of OSG committee directors and district directors. The twist this year is that due to redistricting we now have just 5 positions on each committee.

Your legislative team is experiencing a few changes, though most of us are staying on. Martin McClure has requested replacement and Harold Johnson will now represent district 2; Martin's knowledge and expertise in the real estate business was very helpful as we considered related policies, and we thank him for his work on the committee these past few years. Don Kingsborough has agreed to continue as District 4 director and Jay has reappointed John De Haas as our lobbyist. We now have a representative from District 1 because of realignment; Dean High agreed to stay on as a district director but his county, Klamath, is now in District 1. That means now we need a representative from District 5, which now includes Crook, Wheeler, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Grant, Malheur, Harney and counties. If you're reading this column and from District 5, we want you!

Our Bylaws name specific committees that all Granges should appoint so that we might be better informed or more involved in each of those areas. Appointing one or more members along with a chairman greatly multiplies the impact of a committee and is an excellent way to involve new members or those hesitant to take on an elected office. For a smaller Grange like mine to try and fill every committee position would have each of us wearing about 6 hats so we have to be realistic, but even if it requires some doubling-up it does help to formally appoint members to some of our committees in addition to the chairman. At the state level there are many Granges in each district and the director can sometimes visit

them, or at least serve as an additional point of contact. This is especially important for the Legislative committee as we strive to keep members informed about current issues and encourage their participation in both Grange and civic policymaking decisions.

On the upcoming mid-term ballot Oregon voters will consider four measures. **Measure 111** appears to be consistent with current Grange policy in support of increased availability of healthcare, while **Measure 114** would be contrary to our current policy related to firearms. The other two measures don't seem to be addressed in our policy handbook. Having an official policy allows us to express the opinion of the Oregon State Grange and amplifies the voices of those supporting the policy. Any member, and actually any subordinate/community Grange, can express an opinion contrary to Oregon State Grange policy, but it must be clearly indicated that this is your opinion or that of your local Grange only.

Ada Grange will host a forum on October 9 for West Lane County commissioner candidates, and Clackamas Pomona will host one for Clackamas County Commissioner and County Clerk races on October 16. It has been great to see Granges hosting more of these types of meetings this year. As a strictly non-partisan organization we are ideally suited to such activities and they serve the dual purpose of informing our members and bringing the public into our Grange halls. Remember that we do not support specific candidates, so Grange halls may not be used by individual candidates for campaign purposes. Even renting the hall to an individual candidate would associate the Grange name with that specific candidate and should be avoided.

We continue to hold our Legislative Zoom Forums most months, and the email list is growing. We didn't hold one in September due to my absence but we'll be back October 26. Last year we had one meeting in November-December due to the holidays and we'll discuss that scheduling, in addition to other issues, in October.





The Fernwood Grange hall had been empty for several years when it was reorganized. Definitely looked a little rough around the edges at the time. Notice the grass where the new ADA parking pad would go.



Above The new parking pad being poured.

Below: The new pad has room for two vehicles.



Above: The upstairs hall floor was brought back to life with a good cleaning by Bob Richardson and the application of glossy floor wax by local handyman Mike Rogers.



Bright red paint now marks the no parking areas along the sidewalks to the front and back entrances.

Fernwood Busy Upgrading Hall Since Reorganization

Fernwood Grange #770 located in Newberg in Yamhill County, has had an exciting yet incredibly difficult year, as their President, Richard Wright, passed away from heart related issues (not due to COVID) in July 2021. Other severe illnesses zapped their members, but they have continued to work to make their Grange hall a great place to gather.

Fernwood was reorganized in January 2019 and just as they got their feet under themselves along came Covid. When their members were faced with what seemed to be insurmountable odds they persevered as their forefathers and mothers did when they established the Grange. They had work parties. They applied for and received two matching grants.

Then there was a flood in their basement on the day they were handing out Thanksgiving baskets! Of course, the COVID closures threw yet another wrench in their monkey works. Their members never gave up!

Their first Matching Grant projects have been completed. They are so excited with the updates

they would like to share them with you. In addition, they would like you to know about the fantastic people that stepped in and helped them complete these projects

They have a new hot water heater! Sadly, when they took over the building and turned on the hot water, the old hot water heater died a smoking death. To John, their plumber, they owe a debt of gratitude!

They then turned to the parking lot. There was very little gravel, let alone any parking pad for their physically challenged friends and members. So, they now have both! They are thankful for their local VFW Post 2015, who provided the funds making the ADA pad possible.

Their windows were rotting and letting the cold in. New insulated windows were ordered for every window in their 1940's hall and dining room, actually all the windows throughout the building! They are now installed! They are so much warmer!!

With every update, including three ADA bathrooms, lots of ordering



The new siding on the south side of the hall being installed.

and cleaning, painting and tiles their Grange is coming to life. Thanks to Habitat for Humanity, their south side has been Rebuilt paneled. They also have a new sump pump! No more flooding.

People in the community are coming to visit! They want to know what all the work has been about. Their activities are picking up. COVID and the other challenging setbacks they faced; they overcame. That just gave them more determination to make their Grange productive and active. Their members are a wonderful, hardworking family. They are thankful for the grants, and all the people that helped us finish their projects! Come by and visit some time! They love company!

Fernwood Grange located at 216 Springbrook Road in Newberg, meets on the second Monday at 6 pm.

Morning Star Members Work to Maintain Grange Hall

The week of June 23-28, Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County has been busy with Grange hall maintenance and improvement projects. First was the upstairs hall floor. Bob Richardson removed the chairs then swept and mopped the floor. Once done local handyman Mike Rogers was hired to apply a coat of glossy floor wax.

Next were some painting projects; Peggy Black and grandson, Brandon, painted the stairs leading up to the upstairs hall, the stairs leading up to the stage, and some "touch-

up" painting outside the restrooms. They also repainted the red stripes on the sidewalks to the front and back entrances indicating no parking. Outside yardwork was also on their list..

Sonja Neal, Josephine Leibrant, Bob Richardson and Mike Rogers removed (and later restored) two stoves and two refrigerators and other items so Mike Rogers could remove the indoor-outdoor carpet, sand the concrete floor, and paint the floor after it was swept and mopped.

Sonja Neal also sewed and attached "skirts" for the portable counter and other kitchen storage areas.

Below: Bob Richardson taping off the kitchen in preparation for sanding and painting the concrete floor.



Metal Grange Town Marker Signs Available



During the Oregon State Grange Convention in June several requests were made as to the availability of the Grange Town Marker Signs. Did we have them, could we get them, are they still available? The answers are no, maybe and yes.

The Oregon State Grange does not keep them in stock. We can get them but the shipping charges to have them sent to the office and then repackaged and sent out to Granges is cost prohibitive.

The best option is to order them directly from Monroe Classic, Inc.'s Grange member store www.monroeclassic.com. It is item #9343 and cost \$40.00. Currently shipping and handling is \$22.50 but could change as shipping cost are unstable at this time.

Contact Mike at:
sales@monroeclassic.com
 1.800.868.2330



Above: Redland Grange's hall has a nice new roof on the front and one side.

Right: The before picture with a very rusty looking roof.



Redland Raises Funds to Upgrade Hall

Redland Grange #796, Clackamas County has a continuing commitment to the Redland community. Last year, 2021, the Grange was rented out to the local community for events only ten times for the entire year. As of the end of July this calendar year, 2022, the Grange has had 26 events with no signs of slowing down. The events include



For an old building it dresses up pretty well for a party.

birthday parties, La Quinceañeras, and graduation parties, just to name a few.

With the funds earned, the Grange gives donations to local youth groups and charities along with the ongoing restoration of their Grange hall. Thus far this year, they have insulated and sheet rocked the backstage area, helping with the heating bills. Last year's Farmer's market gift basket ticket sales provided enough funds to reroof half of the Grange hall. Along with funds from rentals, they have raised money with rummage sales, donations from the community for events and from Clear Creek Communications. This year they hope to finish the roof, fix leaking pipes, and potentially upgrading the electrical.

Annual "Make an Offer" Sale Held

The Little Deschutes Grange hosted their annual "Make An Offer" Rummage Sale from August 31 to September 2. The sale started each day at 9am and lasted until 4pm. It took over a week in setting up for the sale. The first day there was over \$2000.00 made. After sale, donations will be given to local non-profit organizations and other groups in the Christmas Valley area that contribute to the needy.





BIG COMMUNITY SALE

...at the Grange in Orient

This event is a fund-raiser for the Multnomah Grange #71 Building Restoration Fund and on-going Grange expenses.

Multnomah Grange Hall
30639 SE Bluff Road, Orient Neighborhood,
Gresham 97080
For more information, phone 503-663-4101

Oct 21, 22 & 23, 2022

Friday - Saturday
10am - 4pm
Sunday-Oct 23 12pm-3pm

SHOP an eclectic assortment of tantalizing surprises, treasures priced to please. NO Early Birds.

DONATE your unwanted clean and useable goods ... Please support us with donations of Housewares Tools, Small Appliances, Bedding, Toys, Collectables and more. No Mattresses; only items carryable by one person.

FOR DONATION DROP OFF
CALL KATHY (503) 663-4101
PLEASE DONATE!!!
... Pick up may be available.

Siletz Valley Grange Draws for Eagle Quilt Raffle Winner

The Siletz Valley Grange announces the winner of the Quilt Raffle. It was Lynn Moody of Siletz whose name was drawn for the beautiful Eagle quilt. The quilt was made and

donated by Betty Wilson of the Veterans Quilt Project and a Siletz Valley Grange Member. The Grange sold 100 tickets at \$5 each make for a nice addition to the Grange funds.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Candidates' Forum

FOR



**2022 Clackamas County
Commissioner and Clerk races**

All candidates for these positions have been invited to attend

Sunday October 16
Abernethy Grange
15645 S Harley Ave ~ Oregon City, OR 97045

2 pm Cookies and Coffee
2:30 pm Introduction of Candidates
Sponsored by Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1

For more information:
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Veterans

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Oregon State Grange Veterans Director



And now for a history lesson.

Our current Veterans Administration (VA) can trace its roots back to 1636, when the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony were at war with the Pequot Indians. The pilgrims enacted a law that committed them to support soldiers disabled in defending the colony.

In 1776, during the Revolutionary War, enlistments were encouraged by authorizing pensions for soldiers who were disabled. Later, medical and hospital care was provided to veterans. It was in 1811 that the first medical facility for veterans was authorized. During the later 1800s, the program was expanded to include benefits and pensions to widows and dependents. As a side note; these payments ceased when the last Civil War beneficiary, the daughter of a Union Soldier, died in 2020 at the age of 90.

When the United States entered World War I during 1917, more programs were created for compensation, insurance, and vocational rehabilitation for the disabled. Following the war, veterans benefits were administered by three different agencies: The Veterans Bureau, the Bureau

of Pensions and the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. So, to consolidate, in 1930 Congress established the Veterans Administration to provide services to the veterans of WWI and earlier wars.

The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, known as the GI Bill, was created to help veterans of World War II. It established hospitals, made low-interest mortgages available and granted stipends covering tuition and expenses for veterans attending college or trade school. This bill expired in 1956 but the term is still used to refer to programs created to assist veterans. The Montgomery GI Bill legislation extended this program. Then, once again, the GI Bill was extended with the Post 9/11 Bill. After many years, re-authorization once again occurred. It was in 2017 that former President Donald Trump signed the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act, known as the Forever GI Bill.

Since its inception, the GI Bill continues to empower and enable veterans and their families to reach their goals.

Sources: va.gov history and history.com on the GI Bill.



Above: Veterans were honored during the 2022 Oregon State Grange Convention in June.



VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Oregon Hosted Regional Conference

Oregon hosted the 2022 Western Regional Conference in Springfield, August 5-7, 2022. Built around the theme "Creating Connections Across State Lines" the conference included a weekend of inspiration, education, leadership growth and networking for all Grangers no matter their age. Conference workshop presenters include National Grange (NG) Youth and Young Adults Director, Mandy Bostwick and NG Junior Grange Director Samantha Wilkins, National Youth Team members and National Junior Ambassadors along with several others.

On Friday evening, Waltherville Grange hosted the group with a barbeque dinner followed by the regional Grange Baseball contest. Saturday was filled with workshops. The National Youth Team had an inter-active workshop on "The Perfect Square." The goal of the workshop was to show the importance of leadership and teamwork.

Suzi Ramm, Springwater Grange, presented an interesting workshop on the use of surveys to improve your Grange and gain membership. Knowing what interests your members and keeps them active is an important tool to help you gain new members. Also important is knowing what members don't like and what keeps them away. Breanne



Above: Oregon State Chaplain, Paula Herrick, and other Waltherville members serving dinner on Friday night.



Above: Jade Taylor, Clarkes Grange #261, participating in the Junior workshop.

Hays-McKay, Abernethy Grange, presented a workshop on social media and Oregon State President Jay Sexton showed the powerpoint on Marys River and Willamette Granges.

With many of the key players for the Regional Hosting Committee for National Convention and most of the Region's State Presidents in attendance, the group availed themselves of the opportunity to meet in person to discuss the continued planning for the National Convention.

Saturday evening ending with Speech and Sign-A-Song Contests.

Left: Susan Noah, Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747, builds a snowman during the Junior's Climate Change workshop.



Below: The National Youth Team workshop on "The Perfect Square" encouraged leadership and teamwork.



L-r: On second base Dean McKay, on third base Jessie Jo Guttridge and in the dugout Alex Coe.

It Was a Clean Sweep for Oregon Young Adults in Grange Baseball

Following dinner on the first evening of the Western Regional Conference was Grange baseball, a trivia contest. Competing from Oregon were Junior member Dean McKay of Abernethy Grange and Young Adult members Lexi Suing of Crow Grange, Jim Dumolt and JC Junkman from Clarkes Grange, Jessie Jo Guttridge of Springwater Grange, Alex Coe from Phoenix Grange and Breanna Hays-McKay from Abernethy Grange.



Above: Lexi Suing, Crow Grange #450, Lane County competing in the Prepared Public Speaking Contest where she placed first. She also competed in Impromptu with a 2nd place finish.

Below: JC Junkman, Clarkes Grange #261 competing in the Impromptu Speaking contest.



Participants were divided into two teams; the Blue Agates and the Golden Sheaves. Each team got three outs per inning. (An out was an incorrect answer.) When a player got up to bat a question was randomly chosen for them from a bag and would not only have the question but determine what type of hit it would be if answered correctly. Single base hit questions were True/False; a double was a multiple-choice question. A triple question was 'Fill in the Blank' and short answer questions could earn the player a home run. Statistics were kept on each individual player.

After five innings and the points all totaled, coming out on top were 1st place Jessie Jo Guttridge, second place JC Junkman and third place Alex Coe. Now known as "Silver Sluggers" they will represent the Western Region at the National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada in November.

Best of luck to all.



Above: Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County placed first in the Impromptu Speaking Contest.

Grange Youth & Young Adults



Christy Dumolt & JC Junkman
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OSG Youth/Young Adult Co-Directors



Our Youth in Fairs

The youth department is filled with amazing people around the state that participate not only in their local county fairs but also in the state fair. We have some youth that show animals, they usually do this through 4-H or FFA. Some use their crafting or baking/cooking skills and enter what they have made to be judged. We have some that take on the roll of designing and setting up their Grange's fair booth so that the community can see what their Grange is all about. I have the most fun working in the Clackamas Pomona Cookie Booth. This has been something I have loved to do for years and will continue to love to help with for many years to come.

At the State Fair we also have many youth members work the log cabin. This is always a fun day because we get to talk about the Grange with those that visit us along with play games like life size Jenga and corn hole with visitors and each other. I personally like to sit and color with the kids that come in and visit while their parents walk around and see all the information in the cabin. If you ask my 7-year-old son who is a Junior Granger what his favorite part is he will probably tell you it's the Jenga.

As always it is very important that our youth and young people participate in fairs as it is an amazing opportunity to show the community who we are. To continue to grow the Grange and see it thrive we need to show the community that the youth

This issue's column is written by Breanna Hays-McKay, District 4 Youth Co-Chair.



participate, and we have an importance to this organization. A great way to show that you are a part of this amazing community is just by wearing a Grange shirt one day, or a badge while you are working or participating at the fair.

Western Regional Conference

The first weekend in August, Oregon was host in Springfield to the Western Regional Leadership and Youth Conference. We got to spend time with Grange members from all over the region along with meeting and spending time with the National Grange Junior and Youth Ambassadors. We took part in lectures and games along with meals and free time getting to know and reconnect with one another. Saturday night we had many speeches that were done by many youths and even some Juniors in the region. Oregon's very own JC Junkman, Jim Dumolt, Lexi Suing, Alex Coe, and Jessie Jo Guttridge all did speeches of either prepared or impromptu and we are very proud of how they did and cannot wait to see them at Nationals in November. This was an amazing experience as always!

Left: R-l, Jay Sexton and Toni Hoyman participating in the Junior workshops at regionals.



Above: Alex Coe, Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson County, competing in the Impromptu Speaking contest. All Youth and Young Adults that were applying for National Youth Officer team positions were required to compete in one of the speaking contests, either Prepared, Impromptu or Grange Commercial.

Below: Jim Dumolt, Clarkes Grange #261 competing in the Impromptu Speaking contest.





GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"



Teresa Cernac
OSG GROW Club President
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Happy Fall Y'all! First and foremost, I want to give a great big shout out and "Thank You" to all the GROW club members who have contributed their story – in the last few issues of this publication – on how they became members of the GROW Club. We've had a quite recent inductee; Jessie Jo Guttridge and possibly our first inductee – her grandmother – Wilma Guttridge and several between. Besides yours truly (Teresa Cernac) also Jim and Sue Dumolt and Stacy Brown have also submitted their story.

If you missed it, the past issues of our Bulletin are available on the website ORGRANGE.ORG. Check them out. I am hoping to continue these shared stories over the next few issues. I already have someone lined up for the next issue. Each experience is their own unique journey but all are wrapped in the Grange spirit of contributing to the growth and prosperity of our Order, lessons learned and life-long friendships born.

The Oregon GROW Club continues to offer our services to help granges perform degree work, installations and even initiations if requested. If your grange or a grange in your district could use a helping hand (or

several) please do reach out to the GROW club to assist. We are here to help you go right on working as well.

The club decided at the 2021 annual meeting to get magnet-backed ID badges. If you are a GROW member, please contact one of the board members to make sure that we've got the proper spelling of your name, and the (first) year that you became a member of the GROW Club. If you don't want your name or the year on the badge that is an option. Just let us know. We are asking members to pay \$5 for the badge, and the club fund will pick up the balance. The intention is to make a visual invitation to anyone who does not know what the GROW club is to ask someone wearing one of our new spiffy badges.



As National Convention is in our region, our GROW club members will be well represented and doing many jobs to help it to be a successful event. Think about the core values of our order, support one another and Go Right On Working.

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.

- Teresa Cernac, President 971.291.7619
- John Fine, Dist. 1 - 541.673.0369
- Susan Noah, Dist. 2 - 541.953.6724
- Orrin Schnetzky, Dist. 3 - 971.998.4781
- Suzy Ramm, Dist. 4 - 503.502.3188
- Vickie High, Dist. 5 - 541.591.1019
- Louise Holst, Dist. 5 - 541.883.8498
- Gail Wilson, Dist. 6 - 541.310.9655
- Lexie Suing, At-large - 541.556.2674



GROW stands for Go Right On Working!!!

Philomath Bluegrass Workshop/Jam-

2nd Wed. every month - Sept. 14 / Oct. 12 / Nov. 9 / Dec. 14

Musicians....
get off the couch,
come play music with others!



Marys River Grange
24707 Grange Hall Rd
Philomath, OR

Listeners only? Donate as desired.

7:00 p.m. instruction

7:30 p.m. jam

\$7.00 adults - \$5.00 youth

Contact Yvonne McMillan
mt_girl_yvonne@yahoo.com

No Alcohol



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OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9am by President Susan Noah. Members present included Jay Sexton, Sarah Kingsborough-Jenkins, John Fine, Louise Holst, and Sam Keator.

Prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written from March 27, 2022, and April 5, 2022.

Financial and membership reports were reviewed. We ended 2021 with a net gain of 96 members. Congratulations to all who grew their Granges in 2021, which was a tough year. We know that 2022 will be a year of transition for our Granges moving out of the pandemic.

- Loan and membership reports
- Financial Statements & Trust Funds were reviewed. Earnings are down in 2022.
- Life Membership Grange accruals. We discussed life membership dollars which have been managed differently since by-laws change a few years ago that allowed life membership investments be applied toward the 2nd quarterly dues rather than mailing checks. Some Granges are receiving more investment earnings than the dues owed, which is creating an accounting issue with funds carried over to additional quarters and years. A few options were discussed. Susan will include a recommendation in her Address at the upcoming state session.
- Investments – Scott Barker with Barker Wealth Management provided us with our quarterly financial update. The market has been very volatile and down to the lowest levels in decades as we are facing significant inflation and global political unrest. Our State Grange investment policy is focused on balance of equity funds and bonds, which has been positive for us. Year to date our investments are down 10.48%, which is a moderate loss compared to financial market indexes that are closer to 20% decline.
- Jay moved to approve Scott's recommendation to change the Lazard International fund and the BlackRock emerging markets fund to more value focused funds within the same categories. Sarah seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business

- New shelving is needed for the office storage room.
- Sarah moved to allow up to \$1000 for storage racks and supplies to clean up the storage room, from the building fund. Jay seconded. The motion passed.

- Records Retention was discussed, and we reviewed a document of recommendations provided by our accounting firm. A retention policy is recommended for nonprofit organizations and businesses. We will revisit a retention policy.
- Midland Grange – we supported Midland Grange on March 12th with an open house. There were 6 people who attended and potential for follow up with a few. Membership for some Granges continues to be a struggle, while others are thriving. This is something leaders in each Grange need to recognize we have an opportunity to change and thrive.
- Keizer Grange property sale is moving forward and should close by mid-June. We have some property in the hall that needs to be cleaned out. Dates were set for clean up prior to the sale.
- High Desert Grange property has a proposal for sale.
 - John moved to give the wood stove from High Desert Grange to Paula and Vernon Herrick. Jay seconded and the motion passed.
 - Sarah moved to accept realtor recommendations with a counteroffer of \$155,000 sale price for High Desert Grange to cover the standard 6.0% realtor fees, with a 3% earnest money of \$4350 to close by the end of 2022, with two approved extensions. Jay seconded and the motion passed.

Lunch recess from 12:20pm to 1pm.

- High Desert Grange – the church that is looking to purchase High Desert is interested in renting temporarily until the sale is final. We discussed options to support the church through the move from their current location to the new location.
- Jay moved that we rent to St. Jacob of Alaska Orthodox Church Corp for \$500 a month in rent on a month-to-month basis until the sale is finalized. We acknowledge if improvements are made to the property, funds invested will stay with the property owner. The church will be required to carry insurance with a minimum one-million-dollar liability policy with the Oregon State Grange as the named insured. Sarah seconded and the motion passed.
- Other properties – NAI Elliott Brokerage provided recom-

mendations on several dormant Grange properties.

- John moved that we pursue placing properties on the market per the recommendations of the broker. This includes Greenacres, Upper Applegate, and Lexington. Jay seconded and the motion passed.
- 1st Quarter dues to National Grange and the National assessment have been paid for 2022.
- 150th Logo was selected

New Business

- Assigning Resolutions for 2022 Oregon State Grange Annual Session. 22 resolutions were received at the Oregon State Grange office by the stated deadline, with appropriate signatures and seals. The executive committee assigned the resolutions to the session committees which will meet prior to the annual session.
- Budget – Susan, Celia, and Sonny met to prepare the proposed budget for 2023 based on membership of 4650.
 - Jay moved to approve the budget as proposed by the budget committee, to be presented to the delegates at the annual session. Louise seconded and the motion passed.
- Charles E. Spence Scholarship Applications were reviewed. The winner of the \$1000 scholarship is Laura Coen from Mary's River Grange.
- National Grange Junior and Youth departments are hosting the 2nd annual Virtual Telethon in July 2022. Members are encouraged to send video content for the telethon, make financial contributions, and spread the word on the event.
 - John moved that the Oregon State Grange contribute \$500 to the National Grange virtual telethon from the leadership membership fund. Louise sec-

onded and the motion passed.

- State Session is June 18-23 in Talent, Oregon.
 - The proposed schedule for the annual session was reviewed and will be presented in the delegate packet. Some details are still being finalized for the schedule, guest speakers, and events.
 - State Officer Election Results were reviewed.
- 2023 State Session will be hosted by district 2. Polk County Fairgrounds is available in Rickreall and looks like a great option for us. The cost may be approximately \$10,000 to meet our needs.

Decisions made via email were reviewed and ratified.

- Jay moved that we ratified actions taken via email in between meetings. Sam seconded and the motion passed.
- Approval of withdrawal of \$4,000 in Custodial Funds for Springwater Grange for electrical work.
- Approval of withdrawal of \$27,688.75 in Custodial Funds for Eagle Valley Grange for Grange park improvements
- Approval for withdrawal of \$6,775 in Custodial Funds for Phoenix Grange for air conditioner.
- Approval for a drop in listing price for our rental from \$1.35/sq ft to \$1.25

Next Meeting will be confirmed at state session once the new Executive Committee is elected. We will hold a tentative date of July 10th at 11am for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.

Faternally Submitted,

Sarah Kingsborough-Jenkins
Oregon State Grange Secretary

OSG EC Minutes - July 2, 2022

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 6:30pm via zoom teleconference. Members present included Celia Fox, Sarah Jenkins, Steve Kroeker, Louise Holst, and Susan Noah.

Herman, IT provider is on covid isolation. When he is well, he will be able to get Jay set up for remote access. For now, Jay may have some delayed responses.

Keizer Grange has been sold for \$275,000.

We all agreed via email last week that we are paying \$400 toward half of extermination fees for High Des-

ert Grange.

We have an offer to lease the back portion of the OSG office from a local church. We discussed the lease proposal and how it could potentially conflict with our needs of the building and property. We also do not agree to allowing any lessees to sublet the property and will need to ensure they are financially able to meet the lease payment. Jay will reach out to the realtor to discuss our concerns and determine if negotiations can continue with this church.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Sarah Jenkins, Secretary

Oregon State Grange Convention ~ Having Fun in District 1



L-r: Redwood Grange, who was reorganized in September 2021, received their Charter during state convention. Pictured are Past Oregon State President Susan Noah, Jill Hamm of Fruitdale & Redwood Granges, Deni Major of Redwood Grange and Betsy Huber, National Grange President.



L-r: The 2021 Honor Grange Award recipients were recognized. Bronze level - Santiam Valley #828, Morning Star #311 and Springwater #263. Gold level - Creswell #496, Hurricane Creek #608 and Marys River #685. Not pictured was Gold level recipient Redland #796.



L-r: A line of Presidents – State Junior President Noah Strasheim, Past State President Susan Noah, Youth President Courtney Cory and National Grange President Betsy Huber.



Above: Wayne Cabler and Phil Van Buren show off one of the quilts that were in the oral auction on Wednesday evening.



R.: Toni Hoyman holds her husband Jay Sexton's hands down so he cannot bid on anything else during the auction.



L- R Hurricane Creek members Lisa Murphy, Margaret Bradshaw, Elvaree Fine, Claudia Boswell (in the banana) and Betty Whitehead "BJ" stopped in Lostine at the "Blue Banana" to load up on coffee for the trek to state convention.

Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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