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Oregon State Master Elected To National Executive Committee 2 Take New Seats, 1 Re-Elected To National Officers

The 152nd National Grange Convention saw the election of two new officers and the re-election of one.

Susan Noah was elected to serve on the Executive Committee. Noah previously held the office of National Grange Pomona. Additionally, she serves as the Oregon State Grange Master/President, a position she has held since June 2012 and was just re-elected to in June 2018. Previous to that she had served at the state level as LAS, Lecturer and Secretary before being elected Master.

It was under her leadership that

Oregon had a net gain in membership in 2017; the first time in 25 years.

Kay Hoffman Stiles was then elected Pomona. Stiles also serves as a member of the Maryland State Grange Executive Committee; she was re-elected to serve another term in 2018. She is married to Allen Stiles, Master/President of the Maryland State Grange.

Re-elected was Leroy A. Watson, of Walpole, New Hampshire, who was first elected to the National Grange Executive Committee in 2014. Formerly, he served as the

National Grange Special Director for Trademark Protection and Brand Management and National Grange Legislative Director. Leroy serves as Overseer for Potomac Grange #1. He is also a member of Walpole Grange, along with his wife, Cheri and daughter, Rachel.

Leroy has a degree in political science from the University of Vermont, and a law degree from George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia. He also studied administrative law at the University of Exeter in Exeter, England, and is admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.



Initial article by Maggie Swartzendruber,
2018 NG Communication Fellow

Three Oregon Young Adults Receive Inaugural National Grange Awards

Maryssa Yager of Warner Grange #117, Clackamas County, received the Youth Community Service Award for her leadership of the Warner Grange Cuddle Cot Project. This award recognizes a Grange youth or young adult between the ages of 14 and 35, who has performed outstanding service in their community.

From her nomination application "Maryssa has been the driving force behind her Grange's efforts to raise funds to purchase Cuddle Cots for area hospitals. Another local Grange visited Warner Grange asking for some funds to buy one Cuddle Cot for the local hospital. After hearing their story and doing a little research and talking with an-

other young adult member of her Grange who had lost babies, Maryssa, as community service chairman, presented the idea to her Grange that they do a fundraiser with the goal of raising \$12,000 to purchase four Cuddle Cots for four Portland, Oregon area hospitals.

Warner Grange decided to hold Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 21, 2017 to raise funds to purchase and place Cuddle Cots in local hospitals. That wet Saturday evening blew their \$12,000 goal out of the water! By mid-November over \$20,000 had been raised and money was still coming in."

Congratulation Maryssa on your recognition. It was well deserved. All State Grange winners received a certificate and recognition at the National Grange Convention. The overall national winner receives a plaque in recognition of their achievements. Maryssa's award will be presented to her at Warner

Grange's December 20th meeting. All are welcome to join in the celebration with a 6:30pm potluck, 7:30pm meeting.

Elizabeth and Kegan Williams of Fairmount Grange #252, Benton County, received the Junior Mentor Award for their work with the Junior Grangers both at Fairmount Grange and as the Oregon State Grange Junior Directors. This award recognizes Grange youth or young adult between the ages of 14 and 35, who go above and beyond to guide and mentor Junior Grangers.

Elizabeth and Kegan served from July 2016 to June 2018 as the Co-Directors of the Oregon State Grange Junior Program. Elizabeth is also assistant leader of her subordinate Grange Junior program. Under their directions the state saw growth in the number of 1+ Juniors, had Oregon's first Junior Ambassador (who happened to win the National title) and they worked with the editor of the State Grange paper

on what to include in each issue.

This year they added a fundraiser lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs on Saturday, the arrival day of Oregon's State Grange convention. After all expenses more than \$650 was raised for the state Junior program.

Congratulation Elizabeth and Kegan on your recognition. All State Grange winners received a certificate and recognition at the National Grange Convention. The overall national winners receive a plaque in recognition of their achievements. Their award will be presented to them at Fairmount Grange's January 5th meeting. All are welcome to join in the celebration with a 9:30am potluck, 10am meeting.



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The Master's Column

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As this year comes to an end, I have spent some time reflecting over the past 12 months. At the beginning of the year we had the welcome news that we were showing a net gain in membership! I had the pleasure of visiting the three Granges that took the top three spots and had a great time at their meetings. It was really wonderful to talk to the members and to hear their stories.

Two of the district winners have taken advantage of the ice cream socials, and had wonderful turnouts to help them celebrate. I'm looking forward to the other four this coming year.

Our Grange Connections campaign has not been as successful as the first year, but although we are not quite in a net gain yet our overall loss is still smaller than before we started these membership campaigns. We may be a bit stalled but overall I believe us to still be heading the right direction. Remember that any Grange showing a net gain at the end of the year will be refunded \$5 per member gained in 2018. This evens the playing field for the larger Granges, and allows more Granges to participate in the rewards.

We are getting ready to kickoff the third year of our GrangeUp program, and although final decisions are still being made, we are working to fill a package with items for your Community Grange including another banner for your hall.

National Convention

As beautiful as Vermont was in its coating of snow, I was happy to return to some bracing air and sunshine on Sunday when we landed in Portland. The convention this year was interesting as always, but overshadowed by the death of Brother Ed Kowski, the California State Master. Brother Ed will be missed by all that knew him and I know the thoughts and prayers of all the Oregon members will go out to his

family, and his California Grange family. Brother Kowski loved the Grange and had worked hard to bring peace to the California members. He will be missed, but we can all honor his legacy by being good and true Patrons of Husbandry.

I know our Legislative Director, Mark, will write more about the fate of our resolutions, but most of them were either adopted or have been incorporated into the National Policy, with one being returned as a state issue. Following the end of the session on Friday we discussed the week's work and did get more information on how the resolutions should look when they are passed on. Conferences in the coming year may have a component of resolution writing within them in order to make sure that Oregon's resolutions receive the deliberation due them. Maybe a Grange 102 conference.

On a personal note I was elected to a position on the Executive Committee of the National Grange and will be serving for the next two years. As one of the larger Grange states, Oregon has a lot going on and I look forward to being a voice for us as well as the western region.

We had several other representatives from Oregon in attendance as well. We were represented beautifully by Sister Jessie Jo Guttridge, our Youth Ambassador, Sister Lexie Suing, our talent entry and Sister Suzy Ramm in the Sign-A-Song contest. Sister Maggie Swartzendruber was selected as a Communication Fellow for the National Grange, and worked diligently throughout the entire week to bring stories and information to the delegates and to our members. The session was also attended by our Youth Director, Sister Connie Suing and our Membership Director Brother David McBride and his wife Joanne. The retiring National Junior Ambassador, our own Riley Reynolds and his mom Tina were there as

well, and a surprise visitor was past National Master Brother Ed Luttrell!

Next year the convention will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota and attendees will have a chance to tour the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm in Elk River, Minnesota!

Community Service Director

Please join me in welcoming Liz Dehne as our new Community Service Director. Liz has agreed to serve the Oregon State Grange in this position and I am looking forward to working with her once again. Our community service is truly the life blood of many of our Subordinate Granges and I guarantee you that the efforts we all put into serving the community will come back to the Grange in many ways. I'm sure that you will all be hearing from Liz as she takes on this new challenge.

Looking Forward to 2019

As we end 2018 and look forward to the coming year now is the time to set some goals for your Grange. Each Grange should take the time to plan for growth, to plan for outreach, and to plan for fun! Include all your members in the planning, take note of what your community needs and what your Grange can realistically accomplish. Use S.M.A.R.T. goals for planning. Make sure your goal is **Specific**; make it **Measurable**; have an **Action** plan; be sure it is **Realistic**; and set a **Time** limit to accomplish. Just the act of writing down your plan helps to put the wheels in motion. Our theme for the membership program for the 2019 year is *Come Together at the Grange*. Last year we encouraged connections with each other and with the community. Hopefully the connections you have made allow all to Come Together at the Grange!

At some point during this year I came across a quote from Benjamin Franklin and would like to end my column with it. "*Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors and let every new year find you a better man.*" Words we can all live by.

Happy Holidays and may the new year find the good in all of us.

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Hillsboro Grange Article

Recently the Oregonian newspaper published a front-page story on Hillsboro Grange that has concerned many members. I wanted to give some background and essentially the side of the story that the Oregonian left out. If any member has other questions please contact me.

Last summer a very new member of Hillsboro Grange showed up at a meeting with applications from 24 potential members, none of whom were known to the other members of the Hillsboro Grange. All these applicants were in attendance that night. Hillsboro Grange had at the time a membership of around 15. Several of the applicants were members of the theater group *Bag and Baggage* in Hillsboro, and some of the existing members feared that a take-over of the Grange hall by the theater was in progress. Being overwhelmed by that many applications the group made the decision not to vote that night.

The Secretary of Hillsboro spoke to me following that meeting. I advised that they did have to vote on the applications but not until they interviewed the applicants. After the applicants were advised of the procedure the Grange would be following, one of their group turned Hillsboro Grange in to the Mayor's office for suspected building code and safety violations, resulting in visits by the Fire Marshall and Building Inspector. Hillsboro Grange members dealt with the minor issues that were found.

Interviews of the applicants took place over approximately three months due to scheduling conflicts, and a vote took place in November. Each of the applicants was voted down by secret ballot by Hillsboro members. I noticed the article mentions that the applicants complained they received no explanation of the negative vote, but according to our by-laws the results of unfavorable

ballots must not be disclosed outside of the Grange. A secret ballot is private to the person casting their ballot, whether the vote is in a Grange hall or in an election for President of the United States. Each person's reason for their vote is their own and should be known only to them.

I know we all believe that having 24 new members would be great, but if you had reason to believe that such a block of new members would change your Grange into a very different organization, you too might hesitate to accept them. I do not condone what happened, but I do understand the reasons why. We all have obligations to our Order, to welcome. Only you can answer how you would handle a similar situation, but as with everything in life and in the Grange, lessons come from all avenues. The Hillsboro members made decisions based on their knowledge and feelings, and that is what we ask of all Grangers.

I believe the recent newspaper article was generated by one of the disgruntled applicants. The reporter spoke to several members, including Carol Everman (OSG State Deputy), who has been attending the meetings to help Hillsboro work through their issues, but very little of the information provided by the Grange seems to have been included. Hillsboro does have a member who espouses radical opinions that many find objectionable, but unless he is attempting to influence the political or religious opinions of other members he is not in violation of his obligation or our by-laws. Unfortunately, it is apparent that the extreme views of this member made the most salacious story. The Oregon State Grange is monitoring that situation closely. We can and will revoke memberships through due process if boundaries are crossed.

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The Lecturer's Column

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Greetings,

In October, members of my State Lecturer's Committee met with me to work on several projects and to start pre-planning for the 2019 State Convention. One of the projects we worked on was to finalize the Lecturer's Contests in the Awards, Contests, and Scholarships booklet for 2019. We made several changes and additions to last year's contests. When you receive your copy of the booklet, please take time to review the contests and the rules. Note the changes, the contest sponsors, and remember to mention all this in your Lecturer's report at your Grange.

Another project we worked on was to sort through files containing Lecturer's material that had been collected for over 40 years. We read through a variety of material that had been saved from when Kermit Richardson served as National Lecturer in 1978. As we read through files of material, the topic of what is "OK" to use in current Lecturer's Programs was discussed. The conclusion we came to was that material we Lecturer's inherit needs to be carefully weighed as to its relevance and correctness in today's world. Be careful not to present material that may be offensive to your membership. Therefore, select topics and material that will be

of interest to your members, will be team building, and provide time for fellowship. Choose topics that are educational, enlightening, and entertaining. Don't underestimate the roll you play in setting the tone for your Grange meetings. Carefully select your songs and material to help inspire the members to be faithful stewards and to be respectful of other member's opinions and views.

"Come Together at the Grange" is the theme for the next phase of the "GrangeUp" Program. I am pleased to have worked with the other Directors and officers on the creating and planning of this phase for 2019. I will also have available by January, my "OSG Lecturers Resource Calendar" containing guidelines for giving programs with tips and material to help create monthly presentations. Congratulations to the newly elected Lecturers! This booklet should be especially helpful to you as well as "seasoned" Lecturer's and for any member who may need to fill in for the Lecturer at the last minute.

Until next time.....

"There is very little difference in people, but that little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative".
- W. Stone




The Lost Creek Bluegrass Band performed for a good crowd at Warner Grange.

Warner Holds Dinner and Music Night

Sunday evening, October 28th, Warner Grange #117, Clackamas County, hosted a dinner and music event. A Barbecued Chicken dinner was served during intermission with music from the Lost Creek Bluegrass Band before and after.

Fifty-five people plus kitchen crew clapped along with the music and at the end cheered for one more song. The event was a success and plans are in the works to do it again next spring and maybe then some folks will dance to the good tempo music.

Springwater Plans Reader's Theater

 **Springwater Grange #263**

READER'S THEATER

MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 7PM

Free performance. Donations gladly accepted.
Dessert will be available to purchase

**24591 S SPRINGWATER RD.
ESTACADA, OREGON**

What is Reader's theater? According to Wikipedia it "is a style of theater in which the actors do not memorize their lines. Actors use only vocal expression (and occasional props) to help the audience understand the story rather than visual storytelling such as sets, costumes, intricate blocking, and movement."

Mr. Deeds Goes to Town will be performed on Saturday January 12 at 7pm at Springwater Grange. The performance is free but donations will gladly be accepted. Refreshments will also be available to purchase.



The Chaplain's Corner

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This past month we celebrated Veterans Day. Thank you all who served our wonderful country. Thank you for keeping us free and protecting our rights, especially the right to vote. I exercised that right a few weeks ago and voted. I was really happy and thankful when November 7th arrived and I think everyone was. When all that is on your TV, in your mail and on your phone is political ads, I was happy that it was going to come to an end, but it hasn't. Our country seems to be more divided than ever, angrier and more hateful. I believe we can help our country overcome this difficult time with prayer. I found these lovely thoughts by Helen Steiner Rice that I think that you will enjoy.

"Christmas is unique in that it celebrates an event that changed both the world at large and individual hearts of men and women. On the larger scale, Jesus' birth turned the world around Him upside down. Herod, in a panic to protect his power, sent his men to murder all the infant baby boys in and around Bethlehem. He mistakenly thought he could kill the Messiah before He could become a threat. Fortunately, Jesus was not killed by Herod's men. An angel warned Joseph in a dream, and he took Mary and Jesus to safety.

Though the world at that time was unreceptive, there were those who were praying – righteous men and women like Simeon and Anna who presided over Jesus' dedication. They were praying for God's deliverance, for the appearance of the

Messiah, for the redemption of Israel. And God was listening. He heard and answered their prayers.

Our world today is in turmoil. Our nation is divided. God has been locked out of our schools and government institutions. We all see violence and brutality all around us. Injustice is the rule rather than the exception. The world at large has rejected Jesus, but there are those who are praying.

There is no better time than the Christmas season to offer prayers to God on behalf of our nation. Commit yourself to a specific prayer time each day. Anna and Simeon were richly blessed for their faithfulness. They were allowed to hold the Christ child, knowing that He represented redemption for Israel and the world."

Franklin D. Roosevelt, a 25+ year member of the Grange, knew the value of prayer:

"I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips."

In 1 Timothy 2:1-2 the Bible states "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all people, for Kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

So, I urge you to set aside a few minutes every day and pray for our nation.



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	February 2	10:30 AM	Eagle Valley Grange
Benton #36	January 19	10:30 AM	Hope Grange
Clackamas #1	January 26	10:00 AM	Sunnyside Grange
Columbia #18	February 2	10:00 AM	Natal Grange
Deschutes #25	January 12	11:30 AM	Little Deschutes Grange
Douglas #13	January 26	6:00 PM	Myrtle Creek Grange
Jackson #27	January 26	2:00 PM	Phoenix Grange
Josephine #20	December 29	10:00 AM	Redwood Grange
Lane #14	January 12	10:00 AM	TBA
Lincoln #10	February 16	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	January 12	10:00 AM	Morning Star Grange
Marion #4		6:00 PM	TBA
Polk #3	January 19	10:00 AM	Buell Grange
Tillamook #9		10:00 AM	TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26		10:00 AM	TBA
Wallowa #22	January 12	10:00 AM	Hurricane Creek Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	January 26	10:00 AM	Scholls Grange

In Memoriam

Richard Ball
Azalea Grange #786

Nadine Driggs
Beaver Homes Grange #518

Shirley Cullison
Beavercreek Grange #276

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

California State Master Passes Away During National Convention

On Monday evening November 12, Brother Ed Kowski, Master of the California State Grange, passed away following a heart attack and open-heart surgery on the evening before. He is survived by his wife of 27 years Cynthia and their daughter Amber, his mother Helen and his brother Stan.

Words from CSG First Lady Cynthia: "Ed had so much love for all of his friends and family! His talents in so many ways have touched so many, please remember him for his drive, compassion, ethics, love and concern for others. He always strived to do his best for everyone involved."

At the time of their state's trouble, Brother Ed was the leader they needed. Oregon's thoughts and prayers are with his family and the California State Grange.

Cards can be sent to:
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or to the

California State Grange
 PO Box 1442
 Paradise CA 95967



According to a release from the California State Grange, Overseer, Kent Westwood, immediately became the acting Master and left immediately for Vermont to serve as a voting delegate. The second voting delegate was Martha Stefanoni, Executive Committee member of the CSG, as approved by the CSG Board of Directors.

In a telephone call on the way to the airport, Brother Westwood expressed his sorrow at Master Ed's passing and said that the State Grange is committed to completing the work that Brother Ed started.

Culture Of Peace: Peace and Our Homeless Parents

By Phil Johncock ~ August 26, 2018

Four weeks ago, my dad (90) returned to his rural home to find the stove on fire. He ran outside to grab the watering hose. In the short time it took for him to return, the fire had spread up the wall, quickly engulfing the ceiling in flames. In a matter of minutes, my parent's house burned down.

Thankfully, everyone was safe, including my mom (81) covered head-to-foot in soot. However, since they had no insurance, our parents — loved by so many — became homeless.

This tragic story illustrates how easy it is to become unhoused and that homelessness can happen to anyone (even your loved ones) at any time. In addition, every person who is homeless has a unique story to tell about how they got there.

Over the last two winter seasons, I've been blessed to work with hundreds of volunteers and guests in Ashland's winter shelter. I've heard many "housed" people say that the homeless should be most interested in getting a job or finding housing. Yes, these are indeed important. However, to Ashland's unhoused residents, priorities tend to be much more immediate — like "what's for dinner?" In our freezing cold winter nights, the biggest challenge, they tell us, is "getting and staying warm."

To my parents, their most immediate post-fire needs were food, clothing and shelter (Maslow's hierarchy). My brother Mark took dad to a local food bank. Goodwill donated clothing. Red Cross provided money for a hotel for two nights; family covered costs of the next two weeks at a hotel nearby.

Homelessness is a unique "call to action" opportunity for communities like Ashland's to unite as "one" in peace and love around our most vulnerable.

According to Merriam-Webster, one definition of "peace" is "harmony in personal relations." I appreciate harmonious relations with my four brothers throughout my lifetime and now more than ever. We frequently meet by teleconference and communicate by email and Facebook. We address mom and dad's greatest challenges, such as how to get mom approved for Medicaid and how to get mom into a nursing home ASAP. It's a catch-22 situation: we can't apply for Medicaid quickly unless mom is enrolled in a nursing home; we can't get mom enrolled unless she has Medicaid.

Fortunately, a GoFundMe campaign for her grandparents set up by Jessie generated enough donations to

cover "private pay" out-of-pocket expenses to actually enroll mom in a nursing home through the end of next month, as well as cover costs of an expert paralegal to help us with mom's Medicaid application.

Even though we rally behind our parents, their aging has not always been harmonious. For example, mom would not give up her driver's license until she turned the wrong way on the freeway, ran out of gas, and was discovered by a policeman. Luckily, she listened to this non-family authority telling her that she shouldn't be driving. Now, she wanders on foot.

Thank God for good-timed humor. I smile during our calls when a brother cracks a joke and diffuses the tension with corny, light-hearted absurdity, a family trait.

Another definition of "peace" is "freedom from disquieting emotions." Grief was the first disquieting emotion to emerge for me. In fact, waves of grief began bubbling up inside for two days before the fire even happened.

I can't imagine the sense of loss that mom and dad must be experiencing. The day after the fire, when I asked mom how things were going, she replied, "It's kinda hard." That's the deepest feeling I've heard from her ever. I appreciate her vulnerability.

My heart goes out to my father who usually says he's "fine" but appears to soften as he ponders living without his wife who has been by his side for 65 years, as well as losing his home and being alone. I appreciate his uncharacteristic vulnerability.

While it's not easy to see anyone go through the traumatic experience of homelessness, I appreciate how peace keeps showing up through "harmony in personal relations" and "freedom from disquieting emotions" connecting us through our vulnerabilities and human frailty.

Join me in sending love and peace to mom, dad AND all unhoused parents everywhere and their families! Please support Ashland's homeless residents. Visit WinterShelters.com!

Phil Johncock, a member of Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County, is the Shelter Consultant with Options for Helping Residents of Ashland (OHRA) and chair of the One Site Committee that found a single location for Ashland's Winter Shelter. Phil has 40 years' experience in project management and fundraising for nonprofits and is an award-winning author and profes-

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State Roster

Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange Roster forms were due December 1. The form requires information for the Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Chaplain, Secretary and Treasurer plus committees. The state Grange office will appreciate your help in completing the form and returning them ASAP if your Grange has not done so. Work has begun on the 2019 Roster and your Grange does not want to be left out. If your Grange has lost their forms they are available on the state Grange website.

2019 Dues

Notices of Dues due were to be sent to members 30 days prior to January 1 showing the amount of annual dues for the upcoming year. [OSG Bylaws 4.12.6(e)] The state office has dues reminder cards and dues reminder envelopes available. It may be helpful to include self-addressed return envelopes with your dues notices. A second dues reminder notice should go out in early January for all those who have not paid.

Bonding

National Grange Bonding Insurance premiums are due in December. Information was mailed in November from the state office related to coverage and premiums. The bonding year runs the calendar year from January 1 - December 31 so even if your Grange does

not pay for it until February or March your Grange is still only covered until December 31.

4.12.11 of the Oregon State Grange By-laws say "Every Subordinate/Community Grange shall bond its Treasurer and Secretary." The National program covers not just your Treasurer and Secretary but all your officers and members.

Quarterly Reports

The fourth quarter reports will be mailed out to the Granges in mid to late December. Remember a member cannot be dropped for non-payment of dues on the Quarterly Report for the Fourth Quarter. They must request to be dropped. Fourth Quarter Reports are due to the state office by January 31.

Membership Housekeeping

Those members who are part of a Family Membership and turned 23 during 2018 will automatically be removed from the family membership and placed into a dues paying status at the end of the year. If they are not continuing their membership into 2019 they may request to be dropped and note such on the 2018 4th quarter report.

Junior 1+ members who turned 14 during the 2018 year need to be moved into a family membership plan if they are part of a family or be placed into a dues paying status on the 2018 4th quarter report.



Upcoming Dates

December 1	2019 Roster Information was due to the state office
December 31	Bonding for 2019 due to the state office
January 19	State Grange Directors, Standing Committees and State Officer conference – Abernethy Grange, Oregon City
January 31	4 th Quarter Reports Due
March 1	GIA Scholarship Applications for 2019-20 must be postmarked
May 17	Salute to Agriculture Luncheon - Salem
June 22-27	Oregon State Grange Convention - Molalla
November 5-9	153rd Annual National Grange Convention – Minneapolis, Minnesota

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The Agricultural Report

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In 1867, we were founded as an agriculturally based organization, and in 2019, the Oregon Grange Agriculture and Education committees will continue that focus by connecting to our communities through the **Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC)** program.

The AITC is a national program designed to help students develop an awareness and understanding that agriculture is the source of our food, clothing, shelter and other essentials. By going to the website oregonaitc.org, members of interested Granges can sign up to check out free books, curriculum and ready to use "Learning Kits" to be shared within their communities.

Our South Fork Grange #605 will be incorporating these materials into our new community library program (we are nearly done with the remodel to accept a library program within our hall). We hope to bring in new active members with our outreach to younger families by offering AITC programs that center around books like: *The Beeman.... Market To Market.... Before We Eat, AndBe A Food Explorer.*

I encourage other Granges to open their halls for the sharing of this program, or to contact their local schools and let them know you can send volunteers to help bring this fun program into school's curriculums.



Lines were long as shoppers waited to go in.

Rockford Grange Holds "Fill Your Pantry"

The 4th Annual "Fill Your Pantry" was held by Rockford Grange #501, Hood River County, on November 3 and was considered a success by all. The market provided the opportunity to stock up on winter vegetables and fruits, grains, pastured meats, local honey, fermented goods, jams, dried herbs, and kombucha.

Shoppers enjoyed homemade soups, bread, and desserts while listening to toe-tapping live music from the Coffers. The Grange held a raffle for assorted harvest baskets brimming with goodies from their vendors as a fundraiser for the Grange. Workshops, educational demonstrations and kids' activities were available.



Inside the Grange hall bustled all afternoon with shoppers.



L-r: Willma, Rob, Gary and Don Guttridge received the Clackamas County Woodland Farmers of the Year.

Farm Forestry Association Names Springwater Family Woodland Farmers of the Year

The Guttridge Brothers of Estacada were named Clackamas Woodland Farmers of the Year for 2018 at the annual Clackamas County Farm Forest Association awards event held October 18 at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest in Oregon City.

The Guttridge Brothers family history in the Estacada area began in the 1860's when the Shibley family acquired land and settled in the Springwater area. Six generations have been involved in farming and forestry. The five Guttridge brothers, sons of Joseph and Wilma (Shibley) Guttridge, grew up on the Guttridge farm. They started their Guttridge Brothers Inc. venture in tree farming with 20 acres from their mother in 1985, which was expanded to 100 when their father gave them an adjacent 80 acres in 2005.

The brothers all had a hand in working on the family farm growing up, but the effort on their own patch of forest began in earnest with the rehabilitation of understocked brushy areas, doing battle with hazel brush, blackberry, and other weeds, and planting trees. In 2012 Alan Guttridge, recently retired from his job as a forester with the US Forest Service, led effort on developing their management plan with help from Elkhorn Forestry. This helped clarify their vision and goals to:

- Encourage and maintain growth of commercial tree species for current and future generations.
- Maintain variety of wildlife habitats.
- Protect water quality, minimize erosion and storm impacts.
- Provide a road system and year-round access for management and recreation.
- Harvest timber to capture value, minimize loss, reduce fuels and fire hazard.
- Maintain and improve forest health and diversity.

- Maximize natural regeneration.

Highlights of their management efforts include:

- Rehabilitating understocked, brushy areas and establishing more trees, especially Western Red Cedar.
- Managing root disease areas.
- Converting over-mature and declining forest stands to new regeneration.
- Developing rock road access to all management areas in conjunction with timber harvest activities.

Recent timber harvest activities (since 2012) include: three acres of root rot area sanitation and 17 acres across three other small harvest units. Vegetation management and blackberry control, along with thinning and pruning in young stands are annual activities to promote success of their trees, both planted and natural.

In addition to their devotion to forest stewardship and sound forestry practices, the Guttridge Brothers are very active in community service and education. Their efforts include:

- Service on the CCFBA Board – Rob Guttridge is currently Vice President, and Editor of the Forest Tree Leader.
- Service on the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District Board – Don Guttridge.
- Representing woodland owners and CCFBA on the Clackamas River Basin Council - Gary Guttridge.
- Clackamas Tree School volunteers - currently Rob is Exhibit Hall manager.
- Springwater Grange #263 involved with events, meeting hosts and event coordinators. Several members of the Guttridge family serve as officers.



L-r: Warner Grange members Maryssa Yager and Don Kingsborough with staff at OHSU receiving their Cuddle Cot.

Warner Presents Seventh Cuddle Cot – Makes Plans To Raise Funds For More

On October 10, Warner Grange #117, Clackamas County, presented Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland with the seventh and last Cuddle Cot purchased with funds raised at last year's dinner and auction.

Warner Grange is planning another fundraiser in April so that more Cuddle Cots can be purchased, this time for hospitals outside the Portland area. Watch the February/March issue of the Bulletin for information on how you can help get a Cuddle Cot for a hospital in your community.

Ada Donates School Supplies

At their September meeting Ada Grange #570, Lane County collected school supplies for the Siuslaw Schools.



Community Service

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OSG Community Service and Involvement Director



Hello fellow Grangers.

I am honored to serve as your Community Service Director.

I am a latecomer to the Committee since I haven't served as a District Chair. I hope you will call me and volunteer to help our committee.

Our purpose as Community Service Committee is to encourage our Subordinate/Community Granges to promote activities through Grange projects and partnerships with other organizations. One way to help is to recommend a project for us that you may hear about, for State and or National community projects.

We encourage all Granges to compile and report community service hours to the State Grange. Please follow the State Guidelines as it follows the National Guidelines/Rules for Community Service projects.

What is Community Service: It is a non-paying job performed by one person or a group of people for

the benefit of the community or its institutions, which in our case is the Grange. Community service is distinct from **volunteering**, since it is not always performed on a voluntary basis. Personal benefits may be realized, but it may be performed for a variety of reasons including citizenship requirements, a substitution for criminal justice sanctions, requirements of a school or class, and requisites for receipt of certain benefits.

EXAMPLES:

- Candidate Forums
- Food Banks
- Senior Meals on Wheel
- Words for Thirds - Dictionaries
- Ag in the Classroom
- Local Fire Departments
- County Extension Classes
- Community Fairs
- Homeless Teen/Families
- Veterans
- Partner with local organization for the good of the community
- Community involvement programs

Estacada Meals On Wheels Volunteer Honored For Helping Others

"Jan Melcher, a member of Eagle Creek Grange #297, Clackamas County, won the AARP Oregon Andrus Award for Community Service. She can often be found lending a hand at the Estacada Community Center and elsewhere around the community.

Described as "AARP's highest honor," the Andrus Award "recognizes individuals who are sharing their experience, talent and skills in ways that significantly enrich the lives of others," according to a description on the organization's website.

Each year, one individual in each state is recognized with the award, which is named after AARP's founder, Ethel Percy Andrus. "Andrus helped to change the very image of aging, focusing on zestfulness, lifelong learning, purpose and service to others," AARP's website reads. "Dr. Andrus demonstrated that one person can make a significant difference in the lives of others. She also demonstrated that, together, an 'army of useful citizens can do what no one person can do alone.'"

In addition to volunteering for the Estacada Community Center's Meals on Wheels program for nearly a decade, Melcher has served on the organization's board of directors and as a meal planner and cook for the Wednesday breakfasts and Saturday dinner dances.

Outside of the Community Center, she is involved at the Eagle Creek Grange, where she is a member of the Executive Committee and cooks and serves during several events.

Melcher said she was "totally shocked" when she found out she had received the award.



Above: Jan Melcher working with the food for Meals on Wheels

Deaf Awareness and Family Health

Update from Dogs for Better living – formally Dogs for the Deaf

Autism Assistance Dog Program Expands to More Areas In Oregon

This past spring, Dogs for Better Living was excited to announce the expansion of their Autism Assistance Dog program into the metro areas of Portland and Salem. Initially the autism program was launched in 2016 in southern Oregon and they expanded their reach to families in central Oregon in 2017.

While the majority of the dogs they use in their programs are rescued from shelters, rescue dogs are not ideal for the Autism Assistance Dog program. The complete history of a dog and a thorough understanding of the temperament of the dog must be known before a dog can be considered for the Autism Assistance Dog program. Therefore, they have begun a small breeding program, relying primarily on Golden Retrievers and Labradors, to support the growing need for Autism Assistance Dogs.

Emergency

At the October meeting of the Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, Health and Safety Chairman Donna Stevens gave a report on Emergency Preparedness and making a Disaster Supply kit. There are important things to have during an emergency, like water and food. Since you don't know when something unexpected will happen, it's best to build a supplies kit now so it will be ready when you need it.

Also, you can put special things in the kit that are important to your family and meet specific needs, such as medications and infant formula. It should also include important family documents.

Basic Disaster Supply Kit

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such



Donna Stevens with Disaster Supply Kit

The new breeding program also necessitated a foster puppy program. At eight weeks old, puppies in their Autism Assistance Dog program are paired with volunteer foster families. During their first year, the puppies are regularly brought back together for classes and some basic training.

At one year of age, the prospective Autism Assistance Dog is then assigned to one of the certified assistance dog trainers and spends the next four to six months undergoing extensive training. It can take two years from birth for the Autism Assistance Dog to be placed with a client, provided the pup graduates from the challenging program. Since their Autism Assistance Dog program's inception, they have placed four Autism Assistance Dogs.

Preparedness

as plastic bins or a duffel bag. A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

Additional Items

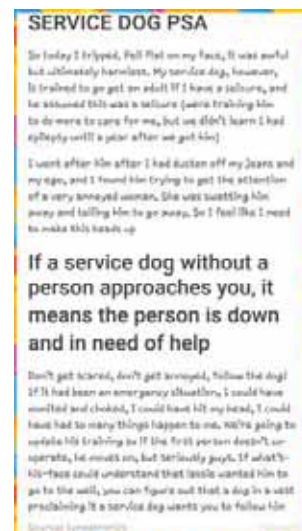
- Prescription medications
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Glasses and contact lens solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container

Here's What You Should Do If A Service Dog Approaches You Without Its Owner

Many of you may have seen this PSA on Facebook, twitter or other social media. When it comes to service dogs, many of us lack knowledge about how to properly act near them. We are aware of some basic rules regarding service dogs like:

- Don't approach or pet a service dog who is on the job
- That service dogs are allowed to be in places that other dogs aren't — like grocery stores

However, most people don't know what to do when dog with a service vest or harness approaches you — and there's no one on the other end of its leash. In the PSA people are told how important it is to follow the service dog if it approaches you since it means that the dog's owner is in danger. "If a service dog without a person approaches you, it means the person is down and in need of help," reads the message.



"Don't get scared, don't get annoyed, follow the dog!"

Lake Creek Hosts Classes

Lake Creek Grange #697, Jackson County, is hosting a series of community classes. On November 3 they held a CPR Class. It was a great life-saving class, taught by Rick Mendenhall, EMT-P, from First Response First Aid and CPR Training, LLC.

Seven community members are now trained to perform CPR and use an AED to save your life should someone suffer from a cardiac arrest. As a result of the class, the Lake Creek Grange has identified the need to have an AED on site and available to the community. Any donations you wish to provide towards

this purchase will be greatly appreciated! Donation jars have been set out at the hall.

Next up is a Oregon Concealed Handgun License course tentatively scheduled for January 2019. It will be taught by Phil Grammatica, NRA Certified Firearms Instructor. The course will cover the basic knowledge, skills and attitude essential to the safe and efficient use of a concealed firearm for protection of self and family and to provide information on the law-abiding citizen's right to self-defense.

- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper to disinfect water
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Maintaining Your Kit

After assembling your kit remember to maintain it so it's ready when needed:

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers
- Replace expired items as needed
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your fam-

ily's needs change.

Kit Storage Locations

Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work and vehicles.

- **Home:** Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept. Keep your kit near a door. Consider keeping a pair of sturdy shoes under the bed.
- **Work:** Be prepared to shelter at work for at least 24 hours. Your work kit should include food, water and other necessities like medicines, as well as comfortable walking shoes, stored in a "grab and go" case.
- **Vehicle:** In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car.
- For more information visit ready.gov



Warren Elementary 3rd graders show off their dictionaries.

Warren Elementary Third Graders Receive Dictionaries

Warren Grange #536, Columbia County, presented Warren Elementary school with free dictionaries on October 3, 2018.

Warren members Eva Frost and Evelyn Hudson said it is very

rewarding to see the smiles on the children's face when they are presented with their very own dictionary. Within moments of receiving their dictionary, they were reading and sharing the longest word and the wonder of words.



3rd Graders at Gaarde Christian School with their dictionaries along with Tigard Secretary, Julie Schnetzky.

Gaarde Christian School Receives Dictionaries From Tigard Grange

Tigard Grange #148, Washington County, presented dictionaries to sixteen 3rd grade students at Gaarde Christian School in Tigard on No-

vember 6th. They had a wonderful time playing word look up games and the students loved their new books.

Schools In Canby Get Dictionaries

Warner Grange #117, Clackamas County delivered dictionaries to 3rd Graders at several schools in the Canby school district. On October 16th they visited Philander Lee Elementary School. Then on October 31st they were at Carus Elementary where they delivered 85 dictionaries to students. They also gave a dozen Spanish/English - English/

Spanish dictionaries to the school. Both Lee and Carus schools have students learning new languages.

Carus presented the Grange with thank you notes from last year's students. Some of the notes say thanks for showing them the part of the dictionary that includes all the states and capitols.



Don Kingsborough and Master Terry Mize handing out dictionaries at Lee Elementary school in Canby.



The Education Committee

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The fall leaves are done falling and there's a chill in the air hinting of winter. It has been a busy fall on the farm and I always look forward for winter to regroup.

This coming year the Oregon State Grange will be a sponsor of Ag in the Classroom. Ag in the Classroom is a nationwide educational program designed to help students develop an awareness and understanding that agriculture is the source of food, clothing, shelter and other essentials. Starting in the early spring we will be sending out information to every Grange in Oregon about how each Grange can

become involved with their local elementary schools through Ag in the Classroom. In 2017, 190,931 students were impacted by Ag in the Classroom. With the Granges help we can make that number grow.

A thought to remember - "One hundred years from now it will not matter what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had, not what my clothes looked like but the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child."

Forest E. Witcraft.

Enjoy your family and friends through the holiday season!

Ada's Scholarship Breakfast

Ada Grange #570, Lane County, held their annual Harley Huff Memorial Scholarship Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday September 29th and raised over \$1000 for the scholarship fund.



L-r: Newly graduated 1+ member Jordan Williams, Master Megan Schofield and Junior member Terry Elliott helping out in the hall during breakfast.

Forest Grove Delivers 440 Dictionaries

On November 5 Forest Grove Grange members prepared 440 dictionaries to give to third grade students in the Forest Grove school district. Then on November 19th members Yvonne Arnoldi, Margaret Clute, and John Knox delivered the dictionaries to the students.

It was so fun to see the excitement on the children's faces when they receive their very own dictionary with their name already in it.



L-r: Forest Grove members Yvonne Arnoldi, John Knox and Stacy Brown busy prepping the dictionaries to be given to the 3rd graders.



L-r: Yvonne Arnoldi, John Knox and Margaret Clute delivered the dictionaries to 3rd graders in the Forest Grove School District.



Malcolm Trupp, President

Members please remember the OSG Foundation in your giving this year. The Foundation has several funds that benefit your members and several programs that you can participate in to benefit the Foundation.

One of these is the "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbursement". This fund provides to any OSG member up to \$500 reimbursement for expenses due to hearing issues. To receive this benefit a member needs to make a written request to the Foundation with attached receipts. This is an annual benefit based on a calendar year. If you think you can benefit from this, please submit your request by December 31. Mail the request to the OSG office in Salem.

There are two other programs that

benefit the Foundation that a member or non-member can participate in. If you purchase anything from Amazon, you can go through the Foundation on the OSG website. The Foundation receives a percentage of what is purchased which also helps the Foundation and therefore benefits you.

The Foundation also signed up to the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program this also helps the Foundation. You need to go online and synch your rewards card with the OSG Foundation (FM650).

The Foundation Board encourages all members of Granges in Oregon to take advantage of these programs.

The Board wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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



Your Recipes are Needed

The Oregon State Grange is compiling a cook book to sell to the public as a fundraiser for the State Grange. All kinds of recipes are needed.

Are you or your Grange known for a specific food item? Did it win an award in the state GWA contest or your local fair? Will it feed a very large number? Do you have recipes for just one or two people, for Instant Pots or slow cookers, gluten-free, diabetic or sugar-free? We are looking for all kinds of recipes.

Send your recipe and the form or information listed below to

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Deadline for submittals is March 1, 2019

Recipe name: _____ Number served: _____
Name of submitter: _____
Grange Name & Number: _____
Current or past title, history of recipe: _____
Contact information if questions: _____

GWA

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The holiday season is here and a new year is approaching. The Awards, Contests and Scholarships booklet for 2019 will be out soon. I encourage you to look through this booklet and be aware of what is available for Grangers and non-Grange members to apply for or enter in a contest. I encourage each Grange to inform their members that this booklet is mailed to them at the first of the year and if they don't receive one, let the State office or me know and we will get them one. GWA will have a couple new contests. I thank those who have continued to sponsor their contest and have paid the fee already. This makes my job easy.

I was talking with a fellow Granger the other day. She had joined a few years ago and wanted to know how to enter these contests as well as sponsor a contest. She knew a little but wasn't sure how to enter a contest or get items to State Convention. This member hopes to be able to attend convention this year and learn more how our organization works. Each member receives the Awards, Contests and Scholarships Booklet in the mail but don't always know what to do or how to get their item to State Convention. For those of us who have been Grangers for years we sometimes forget our new members need a guiding hand. Our Granges could do an overview of the booklet at a meeting so that all members are aware of what is in this booklet.

The State GWA Department is in need of a few district chairs. If you know of anyone or you yourself would like to be a representative for one of these districts please let me or our State Master know. The districts are District #1 which is Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Curry, and

Coos Counties; District #2 which is Lane, Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Polk, Marion and Linn Counties; District #5 which is Jefferson, Crook, Deschutes, Lake and Klamath Counties. The District Chairman job description is to communicate with the Pomonas and Granges in their district. This can be by phone, email or in person. Help with GWA activities at State Convention and the Log Cabin at the State Fair in Salem. Remember this is Grange Workers Activities so this position may be filled by man or woman.

The next part of the GrangeUp program will be "Come Together at the Grange." Each Director, District chair and State Officer will be visiting a Grange(s) that they have selected and be delivering a box of goodies, a banner and information which is supplied by the State Grange. The meeting to select your Granges to visit is 10am January 19, 2019 at Abernethy Grange in Oregon City.

Make your home or Grange hall smell like Christmas by making your own potpourri. Here is a basic recipe; be creative and add other aromatics that you like.

- Pine sprigs; clip a few from the base of your Christmas tree
- Cinnamon sticks
- Bay leaves, one or two should do it
- Lemon peel or even a lemon that's been juiced
- Orange peel
- Cranberries

Place these items in a pan of water on the stove and low simmer while you are home or put in slow cooker and keep on the low setting. Be sure to turn off if you are not at home.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!!!

Get Pinned! With A Quilt Square

A limited number of gorgeous Quilt Square pins are now available. Each pin is 1.25 inches printed on stainless steel with a clear epoxy dome and butterfly clutch. The pin features the 2018 Tender Heart Quilt Block from Missouri Star Quilt Company along with the Grange logo and foundational principles: faith, hope, charity, fidelity. Proceeds go to support National Grange Lecturer contests and programming.

For more information, contact Chris Hamp at 509-953-3533 or

lecturer@nationalgrange.org. Mail order and payment to Chris Hamp at 16418 N. Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026



Oregon Granges Support and Honor Veterans



Finishing touches being added as the Oregon State Grange entry is lined up for the parade.

Albany Veterans Day Parade - November 10, 2018



L-r: Grangers participating with the Oregon State Grange entry were: banner holders Riley Reynolds and Jessie Jo Guttridge, behind banner: John Parker and Joanne Cantrall, middle row: Joyce Parker, Margaret Clute, Christy Dumolt, Sue Dumolt and Jim Dumolt, back row: Tina Reynolds, Joanna Henderson, Patrick Dearth, Jim Clute and Martin McClure. Behind the camera: Suzy Ramm.

It was a cool but sunny day for the 66th annual Albany Veteran's Day Parade. Normally held at 11am on November the 11th, this year it was held on Saturday the 10th because the 11th fell on Sunday. Next year it will be back on the 11th as usual.

Fifteen Oregon Grangers participated with the Oregon State Grange entry of three vehicles. Other Grangers were elsewhere in the parade including the three that were recognized as Distinguished Veterans this year who each got their own transportation. (See page 19 for their stories.)

Additionally, Kailey McKay and her daughter Bennett, a 1+ Junior, was on a float for Bennett's swim team. There were likely other Grangers who are involved with their local VFWs and other groups throughout.



R: Christy, Sue and Jim Dumolt, all of Clarkes Grange tie a banner on their vehicle.



Above: Springwater Grange #263 provided 60 sets of sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, (on the bed) and personal care items (in the storage unit next to bed). The items go with the vet when they move to permanent housing. There are enough sets to cover two complete turnovers of residence.

Clackamas County Veterans Transitional Housing Project

On September 13, 2018 the Clackamas County Veterans Transitional Housing Project, aka: Veterans Village, opened to homeless veterans in Clackamas County. This transitional shelter pilot project will eventually house up to 30 veterans at a time. This public-private partnership has been strongly supported by the Granges of Clackamas County with money, supplies and most recently the new flag pole. Additional plans are in progress for Granges and maybe other groups to provide the veterans with a community Sunday dinner.

The OSG Veterans committee is looking into the possibility of setting up a tour of the facility during state convention. There are currently fifteen living pods with plans to have the veterans and other volunteers build another fifteen.



Clarkes and Springwater Granges were mentioned in the private partnership thank yous by Don Krupp, Clackamas County Administrator during the opening ceremony for the Veterans Village in September.

L: Clarkes Grange #261 presented a check for \$1109 for the project in August to the County Commissioners. L-r: Jim Dumolt, Janet Jordon & Karan Coleman.

R: Don Kingsborough, Warner Grange #117 helped with flag pole hole digging.



Members from Clarkes, Beaver Creek, Springwater and Warner Granges helped raise the new flag pole on December 5th.



Oregon Granges Support and Honor Veterans



Walterville Holds Successful Veterans Dinner and Fundraiser

Walterville Grange #416, Lane County, hosted a spaghetti dinner on November 2nd to raise funds for Camp Alma in Lane County. Camp Alma is an old work camp that the county was no longer using. The Legacy Project was started to convert the camp to a facility for veterans with mental or emotional issues, to provide services and a safe place.

Walterville provided the dinner, raffle prizes and entertainment for the evening. The Director of the project, Dr. John LeBow was present to tell those in attendance about the

project and helped draw the winners of the raffle.

The Grange set up a "Missing Man Table" for the attendees to witness and pay their respects. Two Granger members with the help of a Junior Granger made some beautiful table flag holders that were donated to Camp Alma for their use at future dinners.

The Grange served about 200 dinners and with the donations and raffle were able to raise \$1100 dollars for Camp Alma. They enjoyed doing this dinner and helping this worthwhile project.

Chetco Holds Veterans Fundraiser

Chetco Grange #765, Curry County held a fundraiser and dance for local veterans on Saturday November 10th. The Ferguson Brothers Band played for the event.

While there was no cover charge for those attending, desserts and beverages as well as See's Candies and homemade suckers were offered for sale. Additionally, raffle tickets were sold for a hand-crafted ship.



Many took advantage of Siletz Valley's brunch before the Veterans program at the neighboring school.

Siletz Valley Host Veteran's Brunch

Siletz Valley Grange # 558, Lincoln County, hosted a Veterans Brunch on November 8th from 10:30am to 1pm. Pastries and coffee, tea or juice were served free to all veteran that dropped in with a suggested donation of \$3 for all others.

This event preceded the annual

Veterans Assembly put on by the Siletz School students.

Grange ladies Alma Kosydar and Audrey Casper, along with Cynthia Eshleman and Debby Fawver of the VFW Auxiliary, served thirty-one veterans and their guests over the 2.5 hours.

Creswell Grangers Set Up Two "The Missing Man Tables"

Creswell Grange #496, Lane County set up "The Missing Man Table" at the Creswell Bi-Mart on National POW / MIA Recognition Day, Friday, September 21.

The United States' National POW/ MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year. Many Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.

Creswell's Veterans Chair Patrick Dearth and Creswell Chaplain Dottie Jennings along with Master Martin McClure staffed the table. They helped educate the public about how many of our service members are still missing in action, and distributed flyers explaining the meaning of the elements of the Missing Man Table. Additionally,

Creswell member and Oregon State Grange District 4 Veterans Chairman, Mike Cantrell, manned "The Missing Man Table" at the Eugene VA Clinic.

"We will never forget service and sacrifice," Creswell Grange Master/President Martin McClure said. "We will always advocate the return of remains for family closure. God bless and thank you for your service!"



Creswell Grange members Patrick Dearth and Dottie Jennings talk with shoppers outside of the Creswell Bi-Mart.

Sunnyridge Grange Remembers Those Americans Serving Overseas

Sunnyridge Grange #898, Lincoln County, members recently put together kits for active duty military personnel. The kits contained coffee, tea, sugar, Coffee Mate, tooth paste, toothbrush, Lifesavers, and knitted hats AND caps.

They are working with another local group to make arrangements to send the kits to those serving overseas.



L-r: Judy Brown, Liz Kahler, Rose Esbenshade, Gloria Cawrse, and Joe Cawrse. Working on the project but not pictured were Annabelle Loomis and Mysti Kahler.

Oregon Granges Support and Honor Veterans

Veterans Day Free Breakfast for Vets at Goldson Grange a Tradition

Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, served sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy at the Veteran's Day Breakfast, an annual tradition at the Grange. Veterans were treated to a free breakfast which included

their choice of apple or orange juice and hot coffee, tea, or apple cider. Others ate for a donation of their choice at the breakfast on Sunday, November 11th.



Goldson Grange member Bonnie Irwin serves breakfast to James and Pete Seale on Veteran's Day.

Lake Creek Honors The Military

As their Grange tradition, US Military members and veterans were honored at the November monthly breakfast at Lake Creek Grange #697, Jackson County. All vets received a free breakfast. Twenty-two vets were in attendance. Since some were camera shy, only a few of them had pictures taken.

The breakfast had a great turn out, with over eighty people in attendance for the breakfast; the hall was filled with lively conversations and the parking lot was full.

As a bonus, a smoked turkey was raffled off by Grange Master Dwight Pech.



Sergeant Thomas W. Wootton, a member of the US Army in the early 1980s enjoyed a free breakfast.



Guests in line for Lake Creek's monthly breakfast.



Gary Prichard (left) received his Creswell Grange Veteran of the Year 2018 Certificate from Creswell Grange Master, Martin McClure.

Creswell Grange Awards 2018 Veteran of the Year to Gary Prichard

Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, honored Gary Prichard as their 2018 Veteran of the Year. Brother Gary has spent the last 52 years serving the community through his Grange activities.

Gary grew up on his family's farm in Lane County and was active in 4-H. He graduated from Pleasant Hill High School and the University of Oregon before enlisting in the US Navy. He was stationed in Naples, Italy, serving on the supply ship the USS Mississinewa.

After his service in the Navy, Gary enrolled at Oregon State University where he received a Master's in Marketing and Education. Coming home to Lane County, Gary taught high school in Eugene.

A past Master/President of Creswell Grange, Goshen Grange, and the Lane County Pomona Grange, Gary is a highly respected member of the organization. He is known for his quiet, thoughtful approach, his willingness to help wherever he is needed, and his commitment to service.

Gary has coordinated the Grange's Valentines for Vets project for the past 20 years. Each Valentine's Day, Grange members deliver handmade cards to veterans at the Roseburg VA Hospital and spend the day visiting with the veterans there. This year, Grange members also delivered handmade cards from Creswell High School students.

"We used to be able to take candy and other gifts to the veterans," Gary recalls. "These days the hospital doesn't allow that. But it is still a good program and lets the veterans know there are people who care about them and who are grateful for their service."

While Gary was Master of Creswell Grange, the group started its annual tradition of providing holiday fruit baskets to Meals on Wheels recipients in Creswell. "It does make the season happier for people when they are remembered at Christmas," says Gary.

Gary also served for a number of years as Lane County Fair Land Products Superintendent. In that position, he oversaw the Land Products displays in the Wheeler Pavilion.



Oregon Granges Support and Honor Veterans

Lane County Granges Participate In 2018 Stand Down

On Friday, October 5th at the Lane County Fairgrounds several Granges participated in the annual Stand Down which provides support to all Veterans as well as reservists, active duty personnel and their families.

Creswell Grange #496 held a drive for new or gently used clothing and blankets, sleeping bags, coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, gloves and other warm clothing items. The collected items were distributed to veterans, both male and female and their children.

Lorane Grange #54, London Grange #937 and Dorena Grange #835 also conducted clothing drives and helped at the event. Additionally, Goshen Grange #561 and Jasper Grange #532 helped staff the event.

Stand Down was a term first used to describe the relief of a military unit on the front lines. By moving the

unit to the comparative safety of the rear, it could rest, eat hot food, train, and re-equip before going back into action. Today, Stand Down is the annual celebration where local veterans are exposed to a variety of exhibits, and programs, many of which are unknown by the average veteran. A Stand Down operates at several levels. For Veterans and their families there are a variety of programs from the VA, local support organizations, and fraternal organizations. For the homeless, there are basic services, haircuts, clothes, and a hot meal. Housing and medical programs are offered as well.

At the Lane Pomona meeting in October, Creswell Grange posted a "Very Big Thank You" to Lorane, London, Dorena, Goshen and Jasper Granges for working together with Creswell on this important community service project.



The result of the Grange clothing drives set out for the veterans who enjoyed going through the items and finding stuff they could use.

Radio Operator During Vietnam War Spoke at Sunnyside Grange



Karl Karlgaard, an RTO (radio operator) during the war in Vietnam spoke of his time there and showed some of his gear at the November Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County, meeting. He took photographs and wrote articles for military publications, including the Tropic Lightning News, Army Times, and the Stars and Stripes.

His photos have since been published in the book 'Vietnam Album', and used in the Vietnam War documentary produced by Ken Burns which aired on PBS in 2017.



Mike Cantrell – Lorane Grange, Emily Russell – Goshen Grange, Sharon Tripp Hawkins – Goshen Grange, and Nadine Reed – Jasper Grange with Patrick Dearth - Creswell and Crow Granges helping with the Stand Down.

Oregonians Perform in Evening of Excellence at the National Grange



Lexie Suing

and presented a wonderful rendition of the song. Suzy, representing the Western region, performed a Sign-A-Song to a 1970s, upbeat version, of the "Lord's Prayer" to the delight of the crowd.

Both performances can be seen in the "Evening of Excellence;" video posted on the National Grange Facebook page; Lexi starts at about the 34 1/2-minute spot and Suzy at about the 58-minute spot.

Friday evening, November 16, at the Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center in Stowe, Vermont, Lexie Suing of Crow Grange #450, Lane County, and Suzy Ramm of Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, participated in the National Grange's Evening of Excellence.

Lexie, runner-up in the Oregon State Grange Talent contest sang "Halleluiah". She was one of many vocal acts



Suzy Ramm



Bailey Barks

December! The month where every dog is a good dog, just ask Santa because he knows! I have been extra good for at least the last day or two. I did not grab any turkey off the table. Of course I was trapped in the other room. I did not push Mom off the bed early in the morning. It was her choice to get up. I did act like the gracious host I am to my cousin Tammy on Thanksgiving.

Dad noticed an article in the paper about a new Netflix docu-series, called "Dogs". In the divisive times we all live in you humans are always searching for something you can all believe in and the filmmakers Glen Zipper and Amy Berg believe that dogs are about as close as anyone can get. Zipper, an executive producer of the series, made a statement to an Associated Press reporter that he and his brother are on opposite sides of the political spectrum, but when talking about their dogs, they start feeling the love again! I guess we canines are simply special that way. Make sure you tell your four-legged friends how much you appreciate their help! And if you are feeling overcome during the holidays, take a time out with your dog and pretty soon, you'll be feeling the love again!

Woof, Bailey

PS from Mom – Dogs give us so much. Please make sure they are on your Christmas list as well, not just your animals, but also those who are looking for their forever home.

Oregon State Junior Convention

It's time to be thinking about bringing your Juniors to the Oregon State Grange convention for an adventure-packed week learning the Junior Degree and going on field trips. This program is offered at no cost to participants. Since the Junior room is open whenever the convention is in session, there is some downtime with movies, reading, and quiet play on long days.

We don't always know how many or what age of children will attend. With the convention schedule loading more events on the beginning weekend, preparation of degree work is a huge challenge. I'd like to see our Juniors elect their own officers, which hasn't happened in recent years. Officers for the next year could be elected at the end of the convention session, with optimism that they'll be coming back and our contingency plan to reassign offices only as necessary.

There's also the timing of the talent show, public speaking, and signing contests on Saturday, the first convention day. Bear in mind that Grangers of any age can compete in the talent contests even if they don't attend the rest of the convention. Perhaps Molalla is central enough for day-trippers. The Junior Department will do everything we can to support contestants, whether or not they're staying beyond the weekend. Details about Junior contests will appear in the Awards, Contests and Scholarships booklet. Themes reflect National Grange contests for next year, which my sneak peek tells me is about Grangers being superheroes in disguise. Imagine that!

2019 Junior Agricultural Awareness Project: Dairy

The 2019 Agricultural Awareness Project for Junior Grangers is Dairy Awareness. This year's theme, was inspired by the challenges dairy farmers are facing today.

This is the third year that Samantha Wilkins, National Grange Junior Director, has had an awareness project for the department, each of which has had an agriculture issue; first was Honeybees, and second more generally Pollinators and now Dairy Awareness. "It's important," Wilkins says, "to find ways to tie Juniors back to our agricultural roots and to encourage them to explore careers in agriculture." She is hoping Clarabelle in addition to hands-on activities will engage the Junior Grangers to become immersed in this year's theme.

There are several activities in the 2019 Junior Grange Handbook for this project that Juniors can complete toward earning the 2019 Awareness Award. Submissions must be mailed by October 1.

As a part of this program Clarabelle from Carrabelle, Florida was introduced as the new Junior Mascot on Friday morning at the National Grange convention. She is looking forward to working with the Juniors at other events, including regional conferences, throughout the year. Carrabelle is the town Oliver Kelley founded after he moved from his farm in Minnesota.

New Background Check Program Through National Grange

I've long wanted a better background check process for adults working with Juniors and Youth under 18. It's finally happened!

SafeGatherings.com is an online background check and training program. Adults complete the application, give two references, and then take an online course at their own speed. I found the course had helpful insights about safety procedures and understanding children's interactions with adults in an organization like the Grange.

Each check costs \$35 and about two hours of time, so we're not recommending it for everyone who happens to have contact with children or youth. The rule of thumb is if you have responsibility for children whose parents or guardians are not present, you should have a background check. An example is adults who work in the Junior room at the OSG convention. However, adults leading children's activities during a Grange meeting or event, in the same room or nearby in open contact, would not need a background check.

The Executive Committee of Oregon State Grange prepared a best practices and safety policies statement for under-18 Youth and Juniors back in 2008. I've asked them to review the policy and make appropriate updates, including background check guidelines for Granges with 1+ Junior members.

Peggy



Oregon Junior Grangers

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One Plus One Plus You!

Secretaries and Junior committee chairs at Subordinate Granges recently received information on registered Juniors now listed on the Oregon State Grange roster. Looking at that list in August, and with just a few consultations with other Juniors families, I saw lots of updates needed. Unfortunately, our National Junior Director asked for our annual reports by October 1st, so I couldn't wait for your third quarter reports before sending it on. I'll be updating based on what we hear from you, so thanks in advance for help making those records more accurate.

All Oregon Juniors are what we call One Plus (1+), which means they don't have a chartered Junior Grange but are Junior members of a Subordinate Grange filled with grownups. In the coming months I hope to offer a variety of tools to welcome Juniors to the unique blend of fun and service that is the Grange.

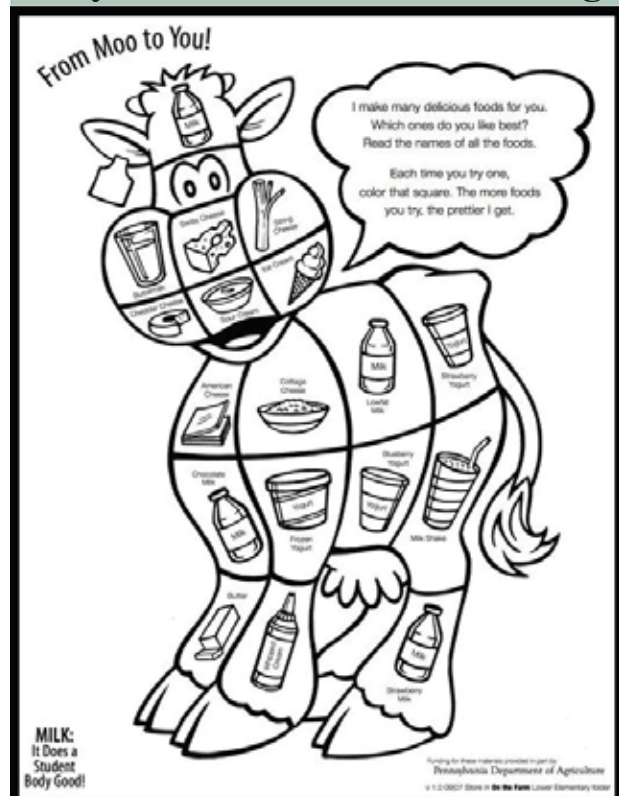
Meanwhile, consider this from the Overseer's charge in the Fourth Degree: "As Husbandmen and Matrons look with earnest solicitude upon children and their welfare; and remember that they are to follow in our footsteps and

occupy our positions. If we desire to encourage them to love rural life, we must make its labors cheerful. What a child sees makes the most lasting impression. We may tell them of the pleasures and independence of the farmer's life; but if their daily intercourse with us shows it to be tedious, irksome, laborious, without any recreation of body or mind, they will soon lose all interest in it and seek enjoyment elsewhere.

Therefore, strive to make your homes pleasing — make them more and more attractive. Adorn your grounds with those natural attractions which God has so profusely spread around us; and especially adorn the family circle with the noble traits of a kind disposition—fill its atmosphere with affection, and thus induce all to love and not to fear you; for love is the only enduring power. Speaking the truth in love, you will impress your memory on the mind of childhood in characters which floods cannot wash out, nor even the slow-moving ages of eternity obliterate.

Be careful, also, to engraft only such truths as will be guide and teacher when your voice shall be silent on earth, and you have passed to another and a better world."

Dairy Awareness Junior Fun Page



Meet Clarabelle!



Legislative Update

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The dust (or snow) has settled from the 152nd National Grange convention, allowing us to see what happened to the fourteen resolutions Oregon sent for consideration. I encourage everyone to look for the Journal of Proceedings of this year's convention, which should be posted soon in the member section at Nationalgrange.org, for final wording and details of outcomes.

National has a few additional options than we have at our state convention for dealing with issues sent by the various State Granges, the most popular being to file the matter away as being already covered by an existing National Grange policy. That was the verdict from the Agriculture Committee on our resolutions on NAFTA, by the Conservation committee on our Opposition to Reintroducing Grizzly Bears, and by the Education & Health committee on our support for Mental Health Day.

The other popular cubbyhole is 'Policy Statement'. Each committee proposes an annual memo, from one to several pages long, that is meant to offer priorities for lobbying and is only valid for the next year. If the committee is favorably inclined towards an issue but unsure exactly what action to suggest, they can include a general statement of support in this document. This option was applied by the Agriculture committee to our resolution on Protecting Farmworkers from Pesticide Drift, by the Conservation committee on our Require Use of Biodegradable Products, and by the Education and Health committee on Out of Network Ambulance Charges. Anyone

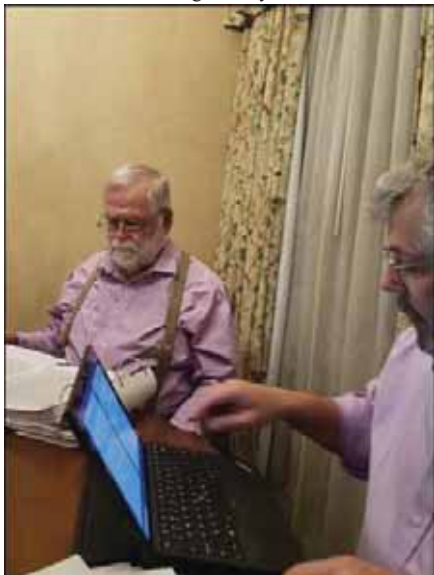
who is really interested in the issue they sent forward should review especially the Policy Statements with a view towards suggesting more specific action next year.

Our resolutions that were adopted, or amended slightly, were Support Healthy Pollinator Populations and US Postage Stamp/400th Anniversary of Plymouth Colony. 'Regenerative Ag Standards' was transferred to the Conservation committee but I don't have notes after that on its final outcome. Our resolution 'Oppose cuts to FCC Lifeline Program...' was covered by a nearly identical resolution from Massachusetts and adopted.

Two of ours were rejected, Pomona Grange Manuals and Highway Improvement, and 'Jordan Cove LNG' was sent back to us as a state issue. Supporting documentation would have been very helpful to inform the delegates about the issue and why it deserves support at the National Grange level.

When we send resolutions to our own State Convention, and especially if we want the issue to be considered at the National level, we need to do our homework. Study the OSG Legislative Policy and the National Grange Present Policies to see if the issue is already covered, and if so then what else are we suggesting—renewed activity, a different approach, relate it to new legislation, something to keep National from being able to say 'Thanks, we already have that.'

Even if your resolution was rejected at National, it was first approved by your own Grange, possibly also your Pomona, was adopted by the delegates at our OSG convention, and was read and considered at the National Grange convention by delegates from across the country. That's pretty good exposure for one person's idea. Gives a person hope.



On the right: Oregon Delegate, Mark Noah, busy in committee at the National Grange Convention.

National Grange Policy Statement: Grange Growth and Development

Since our inception, our Grange has endeavored to improve the world around it through our growth to expand and influence change.

Civic engagement is an integral component of the Grange way. We encourage Grange Members to engage in local, state, and national government especially through Grange programs and activities like Legislative Fly-In. These programs are of particular value to our youth, who are the future of our Order.

Continued development of Youth and Young Adult programs are essential to the growth of the Grange. We view Youth and Young Adults as two distinct groups that require their own distinct programs and activities due to diverging interests. It is important that all leaders within the Grange recognize this fact, and we encourage the current and continued development of programs that meet the independent needs of both Youth and Young Adult age groups.

We encourage Subordinate, Pomona, and State Granges to continue to develop Agricultural based educational programs to include environmental topics such as ways to control nutrient runoff. A better effort must be made where possible to keep nutrients out of our water where it can be detrimental to our health and the health of our food system.

Two of the Grange's main focuses are family and community service. Along with these, attention should be invested to backyard farmers, farmer's market vendors, and people who desire to go "back to the land." These individuals and families are valuable prospective members that can carry on the original ideals of the Grange for the next 150 years.

The Grange is not a building, but the people working together for the good of their communities. We want our Granges to partake in the various benefits that the National Grange offers to celebrate our members and the great history of our Order such as Good Day magazine, Distinguished Grange Program, and Grange Legacy Family Program. We encourage the National Grange to recognize Champions of Rural America.

Communication is instrumental not only in contributing to the growth of the Grange, but also the basic stability of our diverse national organization. We encourage communication to travel throughout our established grassroots structure to disseminate the flow of information at all levels of the Order. We encourage conversations to be the lifeblood of developing new ideas into tangible results. We encourage conversations to be the venue for reviewing established programs and procedures to ensure relevancy to our members and organization in the 21st century. We encourage conversations that are positive and constructive instead of destructive. We encourage conversations between Masters of the various divisions of the Order, while respecting the independence of individual Granges. We encourage conversations between Masters that take the form of coaching and developing leadership as opposed to getting involved in internal politics. We encourage communication to sustain the Grange for the next 150 years.

Membership is the life blood for growth of our organization at all levels. It is important that Granges not only have a membership director – but a membership committee to which we all belong. One tool to increase our membership is the use of the One Plus program. We encourage all Granges to use this program. We need to publicize our efforts to inform the community of the actions of our Grange. Our visibility should be a priority. Granges on all levels are encouraged to work with our local news outlets to promote our projects and organization.

We are strongly in favor of the National Grange developing a fact sheet to be utilized in educating the public, other schools and organizations about the history, our roles and involvements in creating the numerous contributions that the Grange has been a part of.

Each age group has different interest, so we need to adapt our membership programs as we ask them to join us. We have to encourage our youth to become more active and offer them more responsibilities on all levels of the Grange to enrich their lives and ensure the Grange will be here for many years to come. We encourage the youth to have meetings during their Regional Conferences to develop resolutions that could be submitted through the standard process.

We ask that the National Grange Website be more user friendly and also provide a method of feedback to facilitate improvement of the website.

2019 National Grange Adopted Policy Statements

This is the first of several Policy Statements adopted at the 1562nd Annual Convention of the National Grange held in Stowe, Vermont. Over the next several issues, as space allows, additional statements will be published in the paper with the hope of having them all published before our state convention in June.

OP-ED: In Our Backyard: Opioids Crisis Affects 74% Of Farmers

By Maggie Swartzendruber

2018 National Grange Communication Fellow

In 2017, 72,000 people overdosed on drugs which averages to about 200 people a day. That's more people killed than in both the Vietnam and Iraq wars combined. This is also more than the number of people killed in car accidents or gun related homicide each year. Beginning in the 1990s, pharmaceutical marketing led to doctors prescribing more opioid painkillers than ever before. Patients who were prescribed these pain killers became addicted, which led in the 2000s to an even worse wave of overdoses when heroin became more prevalent after searching for a stronger high.

However, this was nowhere near the end. As the search for a stronger and cheaper high continues, drug abusers and addicts have found Fentanyl, a synthetic narcotic prescribed for anesthetic or pain. Fentanyl attaches to opioid receptors in the brain and works faster and better than Morphine or Heroin. Due to being a synthetic narcotic, Fentanyl is relatively easy and cheap to produce. Fentanyl is being laced with Heroin to increase the effects of the Heroin in a faster manner. With Fentanyl being up to 50 times stronger than Heroin and 50-100 times stronger than Morphine, and the need to continue getting a better and faster high, abusers must continue to increase the amount of Fentanyl they take in, which can be deadly.

There are quick fixes for an overdose, like a simple dose of Naloxone (Narcan) up the nose of someone suspected of overdosing. Despite Narcan working the majority of the time, it is less likely to work on people who have overdosed on Fentanyl. While many believe that drug problems and the opioid crisis in particular have only affected urban America, rural America has been hit the hardest due to lack of available treatment options. Treatment centers for rural Americans can be up to three hours away, and the financial burden of traveling and taking time off work are not feasible.

This is not the only reason for lacking to seek help though. Often times, other ways to manage or treat pain, like physical therapy or home remedies, are not available in the area or no longer have an effect. Perhaps the most important factor in many Americans not receiving help is the fear of being judged or looked down on by friends, family, and coworkers for admitting they

have a problem.

In December 2017, the National Farmers Union in collaboration with the American Farm Bureau Federation conducted a survey that found almost 74% of farmers have been affected by the opioid crisis.

A movement has been started by the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Farmers Union that is called "Farm Town Strong" which aims to promote ways to overcome the opioid crisis. The program offers the number for a hotline, treatment centers information, support for families, and where to dispose of drugs. Having resources readily available through a simple Google search has helped families, but the aim is to get the information in the hands of people in every rural community where resources are not as easily accessible.

While there is no single solution to the opioid crisis in rural communities or in general, there are ways Granges can help. Hosting an informative meeting with an organization, such as the National Farmers Union, committed to educating the public is an easy first step. Being the hosting place of a drug take back is also another easy step if you have a centrally located Grange. Talk to your local Sheriff's office about a drug take back program and about how your Grange can get involved. If you would like more information on the opioid crisis, how to get involved, or how to be a part of the solution, contact your local Department of Health and Human Services

Maggie is a member of Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County, and served as Communications Fellow at the 2018 National Grange Convention in Stowe, Vermont. For guidance on where to get information on the Opioid Crisis or to get started on putting together a program or event, contact Maggie Swartzendruber - maggiewhere@gmail.com



2018 National Grange Communications Fellows Maggie Swartzendruber with Lauren Linkemyer from California

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Hello Grangers

As for the 2018 Election, I know that we are all exhausted, but we now know who has lost and who has won. It's amazing we all have survived another elections season with all those annoying commercials. As for the Oregon State Legislature they have not been very busy, so not much to report. I am in the process of setting up meetings with the newly elected representatives and senators to find out where they stand on resolutions that were passed at the last State Grange Convention.

My plan is to hit the ground running when the new session begins in February 2019. Mark Noah and I am very eager to meet with these

folks to see if we can get some of our resolutions made into laws. So please stay tuned and when we ask for support, we hope that you all may be available. We are planning a meet and greet of Legislators next year also, details to be arranged.

I have also attached some information I thought you all might want. I am a big believer in the saving and collecting of our precious resource, water. So, here is a link to go and check out on how to safely collect and save rain water.

For facts about rainwater harvesting in Oregon check out: www.oregon.gov/bcd/Documents/brochures/3660.pdf

All my best.

Springwater Grange Holds Candidate Forum

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, held a Candidates Forum with eight local candidates who appeared on the November general election ballot present on September 30. The evening started with a meet and greet along with a free, by donation, spaghetti dinner.

Following dinner, information and introductions were made by Clackamas County Pomona Legislative Chairman, Don Kingsborough. Brother Ed Luttrell, Clackamas County Pomona Grange Master moderated the evening. Candidates present included Pamela White and Sherry Hall, candidates for Clackamas County Clerk; Charles Gallia and Allen Olsen, candidates for Oregon State Senate District 20; Elizabeth Graser-Lindsey and Chris-



tine Drazan, candidates for Oregon State Representative District 39 and Clackamas County Assessor candidates Tami Little and Mike Grant.

More than 50 people attended the forum. The donations received for the dinner were used to fund Springwater's share of the new flag pole at the Clackamas County Veterans Transitional Housing project.



Forum participants sat ready on the stage as Don Kingsborough provided information about the forum and Grange's non-partisan rules with regards to candidates while Ed Luttrell waited to moderate.

Salute To Agriculture Luncheon

The date is set—Friday May 17, 2019 will see the OSG semi-annual BBQ lunch for legislators, staffers and anyone else who happens to be at the state capitol building. Clarkes Grange will again cater this event which highlights Oregon products in partnership with several commodity groups including the Cattlemen's Association and the Oregon Dairy Council. The menu includes BBQ tri-tip cooked on-site, along with garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and ice cream for dessert. Everyone at the capitol eagerly anticipates this feel-good, taste good event!



Membership Matters

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It is definitely difficult to realize that the end of 2018 is here so soon. Of course, this fact means that all of my great plans for 2018 will need to be stretched into the new year. Working on the membership goals for my local Grange are some of those plans I hope to implement. After reading ideas from more experienced Grangers, I have identified some areas that we need to emphasize in our Grange. Your Grange may already be focused on these topics; if so, congratulations! For others these thoughts may help to develop your membership.

First, does your community know about your Grange? How is it involved in working to support the needs of the community, and how a person can join the Grange? Working with your local newspaper and radio can be a good way to provide information. Prepare a handout about your Grange, explain who you are, and how to become a part of the organization. Make this pamphlet available throughout your community.

Second, have you researched what prospective members are desiring from Grange membership? As you and other members of your

Grange are asking people to join, ask them what activities they would like the Grange to offer. These prospective members will be able to help identify new ideas that can broaden our service outreach and enhance fun activities.

Third, how well do you care for your new members? This question is one that I feel I am not handling very well. I believe that my local Grange should have a new member development committee that has the responsibility to see that we are communicating with our new members, making them feel welcome, discovering how they wish to become involved, and developing their knowledge of the Grange. There are several Granges in the Oregon that are very good at this member development, but others of us would be able to greatly strengthen our community and Pomona Granges by improving in this area.

These three areas are only a start of things we can do to improve our membership. I am listening and learning from others that are successful in membership development, and hope to be able to share their rewarding programs.

Stefenoni Officially Welcomed Back As NG Membership Director

By Anna Maria Wagerer, NG Communication Fellow

On October 15, 2018 Membership Director Joe Stefenoni, 26, was hired back. After almost two years, Stefenoni is back on the National Grange's staff. He was a Special Deputy in the Summer of 2012 and the Membership Director from September 2015 to December 2016. After he left it became clear, that his position is vital for the National Grange.

In the past 20 months Stefenoni has not been slowing down or forgetting about Grange. He attended Oklahoma State University where he graduated with his master's degree in agriculture economics. Now he lives with his wife, Hannah Stefenoni and their dog Loui in State College Pennsylvania, where his wife is studying for a PhD in animal science.

Grange has been in the Stefenoni family for many generations; his family is a Legacy family. Stefenoni himself is a fifth-generation member. Stefenoni is a member of two California Granges, Bellevue Grange #374 and Bennett Valley Grange #16. His wife, Hannah, is planning to join the Grange in the

next few months.

As the Membership Director, he is going to be a conduit for the free sharing of ideas between the Granges, said National Grange President Betsy Huber. Huber said her goal is to have Stefenoni promote new and innovative methods on how to reach out to members and nonmembers.

Stefenoni is planning on strengthening the relationships between the levels. His main focus is going to be on changing the mindset of how to interact and communicate with the youth. He is looking forward to connecting the Grange to new organizations and associations. "It's very good to be back and to be able to continue working on old and new goals for the future", Stefenoni said.

He added, that he is very excited to work with the familiar staff of the National Grange and is happy to hear their ideas about the Grange's future. National Junior Director Samantha Wilkins said that she thinks Stefenoni's return is an exciting transition. She is looking forward to working with her new, old colleague.



National Grange Announces "Grange Heroes in our Hometowns!"

At the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention, National Grange President Betsy Huber unveiled the 2019 Grange Month theme, "Grange Heroes in our Hometowns!" In addition to Grange month, this theme can be used in many ways to communicate about the Grange in 2019 and years to come. This may be an exciting way to talk about the Grange and its impact to those outside our Order, but also a great way to remind our members of how important their service is to others.

The Grange Month poster is available on the Oregon State Grange website on the Community/Subordinate Grange info. The design includes a series of comic blocks that show Grange values – what make members heroes for our hometowns. Additional versions with comic-style images will be available later that can be used with invitations to dinners, dances and meetings for your Grange.

The National Grange Communications Department, with legal review by their in-house Trademark Manager Spencer Sanders, will soon provide a variety of different posters, social media posts, etc. that can be used to promote the Grange and our heroes. Additional Grange Month materials will be sent by email from the National Grange and the Oregon State Grange will place them on the website as soon as they are available.

On the OSG website you will currently find a changeable version of the poster (right), the logo and the "Grange Heroes in our Hometowns" user guide explaining how to use the theme, cape and words. Reading the guide is recommended before using the material so as to not step on others' trademarks with regard to the words superhero, heroes, etc. As we expect our trademark to be respected, we will do the same with the terms "superhero(es)" and "hero(es)."



Get your Capes ready! You can buy your cape, complete with the Super G logo, from the Grange Store @ Monroe Classic (promoplace.com/grange)

2019 Grange Month Theme



JOIN US

Open House & Volunteer Sign Up

Sunday, April 33 @ 4 p.m.

Sample Grange Hall, 13 Grange Lane, Sampleville

Enjoy homemade snacks from our on-site bake sale

Become a hero for our hometown, earn your cape

Grangers Receive Veteran Awards

The following is a report from Veterans Committee District 2 Chairman Mike Cantrall regarding the Veteran of the Year banquet on Friday, November 9th at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany.

Three of our brother Grangers from three different Granges received the Distinguished Veteran Award at the 67th Veteran of the Year Banquet for doing things in the community that are above and beyond. Awardees were Mike Cantrall, from Junction City Grange, Randy Esheleman, from Lorane Grange, and Kenneth Hern, from Lowell Grange.

My hat comes off to Lowell Grange

because of the respect and honor that their Grangers gave Kenneth. There were so many of their members there that I lost count. They had a bunch, that's the way it should be.

We all had a great dinner and an excellent ceremony.

On Saturday the three of us were given the status of dignitaries in the parade and each rode in separate cars up at the front of the parade, right behind the Grand Marshall, 100-year-old Bud Barnes. By the way he looked really good for his age. It felt great being welcomed home by all the people that were lined up on the street.



Michael (Mike) D. Cantrell of Junction City Grange #744 waving as he is riding in a car in the Albany Veterans Parade.

Three Oregon Granges Nominated Veterans

Eleven Distinguished Veterans were honored Friday evening November 9th during the annual Veterans of the Year Banquet held at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center. Three of those were nominated by Granges in Lane County.

Kenneth Hern, nominated by Lonna Bennett and Lowell Grange



Left: Kenneth Hern, of Lowell Grange #745

#745, enlisted in the Army and attended boot camp at Fort Lewis, Washington. He transferred to Fort Hood, Texas as a crew chief on the Huey helicopters. He deployed to Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division.

After his discharge from service, Hern settled in Lowell. He has been a member of the Budget Committee and Parks and Planning committees. Small town volunteers aren't paid, yet Hern purchased the dirt and grass seed and spread it himself in Rolling Park. It was Hern who cut the grass in the parks, the cemetery and at the Grange. He built the restrooms in both city parks as well.

"Ken takes the initiative to do whatever is needed," Bennett said. "Where others may think a task is impossible, Ken finds a way to get it done. Whether it's building wheelchair ramp access in our community or restoring a 103-year-old building, Ken is usually

Veterans

Jim Clute
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Oregon State Grange Veterans Director



A big Thank You to everyone who participated with the Grange Veterans in saying we care about Veterans to the many Veterans that were at the Albany Veterans Day parade.

Likewise, it is good to see and hear about all of the Granges that are having special meals, events and fundraisers especially for Veterans and Veteran groups. That good Grange spirit is showing all over our communities, Thank You Grangers.

Let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us re-consecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.

The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in

any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.

The special days for Veterans are over for this year and the holidays are upon us.

For Veterans that are far from family it can be a difficult time, much the same as anyone else that is away from home. For those that have experienced major trauma in their life or are in harm's way, it can be even more difficult. Let all who are blessed and secure give thanks to the Lord our creator and pray specifically for the comfort and grace of our Lord to be over those who are troubled and distressed.

Merry Christmas, happy New Year. May the Lord God bless and keep each and every one of you.

Right: Randy Esheleman, of Lorane Grange #54 riding in a pickup in the Albany Veterans Parade.



spearheading the action."

Michael D. Cantrell, U.S. Marine Corps/ Marine Corps Reserve was nominated by Junction City Grange #744. He has been actively involved with community veterans' needs since the early 1970s, when he first stood up for veterans affected by Agent Orange and those with post-traumatic stress disorder.

He is active with the Big Brother program, toy runs for underprivileged children, gathered items to send to overseas troops during Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan. He continues to assist with veteran stand down events in the local area and Thanksgiving dinners for veterans in need.

Randy Esheleman, U.S. Air Force was nominated by Lily Thompson and the Lorane Grange #54. He has been an active member of the

Lorane Grange for about 30 years.

He has spearheaded community projects and promoted the Grange as a whole. He has received the Outstanding Community Service Award several times.

Esheleman has worked to successfully mentor a number of troubled young people in the community and works wherever he can to help others in a quiet, kind and gentle manner. Along with fellow veterans, he started a flag ceremony at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Lorane.

"Our community is a better place for individuals like Randy who give back unconditionally," said Lily.



Grange Youth & Young Adults

Connie Suing
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OSG Youth Director



The holiday season reminds us to be thankful and appreciate all the good that surrounds us. As younger members of the Grange, be thankful for what you have and be willing to share your talents with others. Whether you are helping at one of the many dinners Granges have around the holidays, helping deliver and stack firewood for a member or non-member, or helping deliver food boxes around your local community, know that you are doing a really good thing and feel really good about doing it. People appreciate a helping hand and that's what Grangers are. We are all helpers.

When the new Contests, Awards and Scholarships booklet comes out, find something you are interested in and enter it. Whether it's cookies in the GWA department, art or a photo in the Lecturer's department, a folding display, Code Reading or Sign-a-Song in the Youth department, find something you thought you would never enter and give it a try. It is so fun to find these hidden talents our Grangers have.

Until next time, remember to ask a Youth or a Young Adult for help. I know they will "Be Delighted"

Youth Open With Salute To Heroes



Above: 2018 National Youth Officer Team

On Friday morning, 18 youth officers, including Oregon's Lexie Suing as Steward, opened the fourth day of the National Grange Convention taking the seats of the National officers and showing the young spirit within the Grange. The team surprised the audience by incorporating the theme Grange heroes in their opening drill by wearing capes. Once they got to their stations, they caped and thanked their heroes: teachers, counselors, parents, and first responders who were seated at each station. This is not the first time that the youth used a gimmick during their opening. In 2014 they wore tribute shirts say "I'd be delighted!" to honor then recently deceased first National Youth director, Wib Just.



Two Oregon Young Adults Compete In Grange Jeopardy For First Time

Oregon's Lexie Suing and Maggie Swartzendruber (above) represented the Western Region in the Youth Department's Grange Jeopardy contest. There were thirteen competitors in the competition representing the six regions. For their first time in the national competition they did well and learned a lot.

Oregon's 2018 National Grange Youth Achievement Award Recipients

In 2018 forty-three Oregon Youth and Young Adults received a total of 120 seals, spread over eight certification categories. More than 1200 seals were earned nationwide.

Caroline A. Hall Achievement Award

Sapphire - Grange plays, Emerald - community service projects & fair booths, Silver - Grange or community talent contests, skits, Copper - Fundraiser for charity
Matthew Dehne - Emerald
Jim Dumolt - Emerald
Veronica Ford - Copper
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Sapphire, Emerald, Gold, Copper
Maryann Hanks - Emerald
Grace Hays - Emerald, Copper
Angelica Herrera-Clark - Emerald
Briauna Herrick - Copper
Carly Itami - Emerald
Breanna McKay - Copper
Payton Miller - Emerald, Copper
Tina Parker - Emerald
Derek Purdy - Copper
Jennifer Souders - Sapphire, Emerald
Danny Suing - Emerald
Lexie Suing - Sapphire, Emerald, Silver
Olivia Suing - Emerald
Maggie Swartzendruber - Emerald, Copper
Austin VanHouten - Emerald
Maryssa Yager - Emerald

William Saunders Agricultural Achievement Award

Entries at fairs and State Grange GWA and Lecturer's contests, serve as hosts in the Log Cabin, Ag Fest & FFA Convention
Mary Brott - Sapphire, Emerald
Courtney Croy - Sapphire
Cody Dunsmuir - Sapphire
Morgan Eipp - Sapphire
Veronica Ford - Sapphire
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Sapphire
Kendra Guttridge - Emerald, Ruby
Alexandra Herrera-Clark - Emerald
Angelica Herrera-Clark - Emerald
Briauna Herrick - Sapphire
Cameron Herrick - Sapphire
Breanna McKay - Sapphire
Tina Parker - Emerald, Ruby
Jacki Sanchez - Sapphire
Orrin Schnetzky - Sapphire
Lexie Suing - Sapphire, Emerald
Maggie Swartzendruber - Sapphire
Austin VanHouten - Sapphire, Emerald, Ruby

Oliver Hudson Kelley Public Speaking Achievement Award

Sapphire - Speech/report at local Grange, Emerald - Speech/report at Pomona, Silver - State Grange public speaking contest, Ruby - Regional public speaking contest
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Sapphire, Emerald, Silver, Ruby
Lexie Suing - Ruby

John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award

Emerald - wrote and supported a resolution, Silver - served as a delegate from their Grange to state convention, Gold - John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience participant at National Convention.
Brandon Anglin - Silver
Cody Dunsmuir - Silver
Veronica Ford - Silver
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Emerald, Silver, Gold
Mikela Heimuller - Silver
Kailey McKay - Silver
Lexie Suing - Silver
Maggie Swartzendruber - Silver
David Wallace - Silver
Cole Wilson - Silver

John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award

State Youth Officers
Aleshia Anglin - Gold
Brandon Anglin - Gold
Cody Dunsmuir - Gold
Veronica Ford - Emerald, Gold
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Emerald, Gold
Grace Hays - Gold
Mikela Heimuller - Gold
Briauna Herrick - Gold
Breanna McKay - Gold
Kailey McKay - Gold
Payton Miller - Gold
Derek Purdy - Gold
Lexie Suing - Gold
Maggie Swartzendruber - Gold
Elizabeth Williams - Gold
David Wallace - Gold
Cole Wilson - Emerald, Gold

Drill Achievement Award

Emerald - Youth Officer opening and closing drill, Rosebud drill or Memorial Service drill team. Silver - regional youth drill team, Ruby - drill writing
Brandon Anglin - Emerald
Cody Dunsmuir - Emerald
Veronica Ford - Emerald
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Emerald, Silver
Grace Hays - Emerald
Mikela Heimuller - Emerald
Briauna Herrick - Emerald
McKenna Jenkins - Emerald
Breanna McKay - Emerald
Kailey McKay - Emerald
McKenna McCausland - Emerald
Payton Miller - Emerald
Derek Purdy - Emerald
Jacki Sanchez - Emerald
Lexie Suing - Emerald
Maggie Swartzendruber - Emerald
Elias Utt - Emerald
Elizabeth Williams - Emerald
Cole Wilson - Emerald
Aleshia York - Emerald

NG Youth Achievement Award, *continued*

Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Award

Ruby - Worked with Juniors at State Grange (Junior Officer Installation team), Gold - lead Junior State Convention

Jessie Jo Guttridge - Ruby
Briauna Herrick - Ruby
Payton Miller - Ruby
Maggie Swartzendruber - Ruby
Elizabeth Williams - Ruby, Gold
Kegan Williams - Ruby, Gold

2018 National Grange Leadership Award for Outstanding Youth

Must earn Achievements awards, complete the Grange Trivia Challenge with a score of at least 80%, serve on Grange degree team(s), participate in Grange promotional events and demonstrate Grange leadership.

Jessie Jo Guttridge
Lexi Suing

Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge Award

Complete Trivia test with an 80%+ score

Jessie Jo Guttridge
Lexi Suing



Jessie Jo Guttridge and Lexi Suing receiving their Leadership Awards at National.



Jessie Jo Guttridge and Lexi Suing checking out the murals at the Vermont History Museum.

Tour Takes Peak Into Vermont Ag

The youth and general membership tour is always one of the highlights of National Convention. The first stop was the Cabot Annex Store on Waterbury-Stowe Rd. The selection of cheeses available for sample tasting was incredible. Tasting started with the mild cheddar, working up through increasing sharpness, to the Seriously Sharp, then the McCadam Adirondack, with a delightfully tangy sharpness, only to finish with the Orme Meadows, described as "a smooth Alpine style with a subtle sweet, nutty finish." After enjoying Cabot's selection of sharp, extra sharp, and seriously sharp cheddars, the sweetness of the Orme Meadows cheddar was immediately apparent, and served as a lovely reset to the palate.

Another favorite at Cabot was their creamy sriracha dip. It has a little bit of heat and a little bit of sweet, in a creamy dip that is especially delicious on the provided chips. Grangers know how to easily recreate a similar dip with a sweet hot sauce (like

sriracha), salt and sour cream.

Right next door to Cabot's, for those of age, was Smuggler's Notch Distillery's tasting room. It makes and serves a tasting flight of their small batch spirits. There were two front runners, the Maple Bourbon Whiskey, made from their gold medal 2016 World Spirits Competition award winning straight bourbon whiskey and their rum, a unique offering, unlike the typical spiced rums available at most markets. Smuggler's Rum is aged for 3 years in charred white oak barrels. The process finished off with double-aging in four-year-old whiskey barrels to infuse complex whiskey overtones.

The next stop took the group to Montpelier, the Vermont State Capitol. The group learned that the Vermont capital has the smallest population of any other state capital, at only 8,000 people. Interestingly the population has remained consistent for the last 100 years. On the dome on the state house building is Ce-

GIA Announces Scholarship Program For 2019-20 School Year

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2019 - 2020 school year, totaling \$33,500. In addition, GIA is honored to award the \$1,000 Paul and Ethel Holter Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift of Mrs. Holter's estate, and the \$1,000 Dee and Ina McKern Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift from the McKern family.

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

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

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

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

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

The committee will base its awards on the following:

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

Application deadline is March 1, 2019. (Postmarked) Funds awarded for the 2019-2020 school year.

Please complete the following request form for an application for a Grange Insurance Association Scholarship or download from their website - www.grange.com

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE	
GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION	
Attn: Scholarship Coordinator	
P.O. Box 21089 Seattle, WA 98111-3089	
Please send a GIA Scholarship Application to:	
Name:	_____
Address:	_____

res, Goddess of Agriculture. (*see replica at right*) In April she was removed for a cleaning and was replace shortly after Thanksgiving.

Th last stop was a visit to the Vermont History Museum. Upon arrival, the 50-foot mural titled Salute to Vermont wowed the visitors with three and a-half centuries of Vermont history, from Samuel de Champlain's arrival in the Champlain Valley in 1609, development of the state's agriculture, then the boom of Vermont's ski and hospital-ity industry in the late 1950s, as captured by painter Paul Sample. The Freedom and Unity exhibit presented the history of the state from the first inhabitants to the present. The

museum's full-sized Abenaki wigwam, complete with pelts, ranging from skunk to fox, were an interesting feature. The fox pelt was easily the softest.

From an article by 2018 NG Communication Fellow Lauren Linkenyer.



GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"

Sandi Ludi

OSG GROW Club President

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GROW Club Installs In Polk County

On Saturday November 10th members of the state GROW Club installed the officers of Polk Pomona and Polk County Subordinate/Community Granges at Oak Grove #198 under the leadership of Brother John Fine, Riversdale Grange, Douglas County. Helping were Bob and Sandi Ludi and Jeanie Force Sunnyside Grange, Clackamas County; Scot and Clare Jacobson, Columbia

Grange, Umatilla County; and Teresa Cernac, Warren Grange, Columbia County.

If your Grange or county is looking for help with installation or degree work the GROW Club might be able to help you. For more information please contact President Sandi Ludi or the State Grange office.



L-r: GROW Club installation team Sandi Ludi, Teresa Cernac, Scott and Clare Jacobson, Bob Ludi, Jeanie Force and John Fine.



GROW Club Serves Ice Cream

The ice cream social at Scholls Grange #338, Washington County, capped off a busy day on September 22. The morning started with Washington-Yamhill Pomona's "Good of the Order" meeting. Subjects of the meeting included the proposed increase by 2200 acres+ of the Urban Growth Boundaries in Washington and Yamhill Counties and how to plan ahead to keep your Grange connected in your community. It was followed by a barbeque with the Pomona Grange provid-

ing the burgers and dogs, Scholls Grange providing the condiments and members bringing a potluck side dish to share.

Then it was time for the Community Ice Cream Social. Scholls Grange had been gifted one of the GROW Club Ice Cream Socials and decided to share it with the community in appreciation of their support. Close to a 100 Grangers and community folks showed up for the ice cream. It was a great event.



L-r: GROW Club members Joyce Parker, Margaret Clute and Jim Clute were kept busy serving ice cream.



Live Oak Grange Celebrates with GrangeUp '17 Ice Cream Social

On Friday evening, September 21st Live Oak Grange #655 in Jackson County celebrated their 66% net gain in membership during the GrangeUp '17 membership contest with an ice cream social provided

the Oregon State Grange. Live Oak Grange was the District 1 winner.

Live Oak's hall is located in the downtown area of Rogue River and everybody who is anybody attended the event including both the outgoing and incoming mayor, members of the city council, Chamber of Commerce members and participates in the Miss Rogue River Scholarship Program which is held at the Grange hall.

Representing the Oregon State Grange were State Master Susan Noah, Marilyn Reiher, Youth Ambassador Jessie Jo Guttridge and Suzy Ramm.



Above: Jessie Jo Guttridge and Susan Noah take a turn at serving ice cream.



Everybody who was anybody in Rogue River dropped by the Grange hall.

Morning Star Grange Makes Holiday Plans

Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County, will hold a by invitation Christmas Party for their members on December 15th. Then on December 29th all are welcome to join them for a Social Day Card and Game Night at 6pm.

District 4 Dates

2019 H follows:

Sunday, January 13
Sunday, February 21
Sunday, March 31
Sunday, April 28
Sunday, May 19
Sunday, June 2

All meetings are at 2pm. Locations are yet to be determined. For information contact Joyce Parker, 503.502.6188 jerp0323@gmail.com

2023 State Convention In District #2

2023 will be the 150th Anniversary of the Oregon State Grange. The first session of the Oregon State Grange was held September 24-27, 1873 in Salem.

It is not too early to start planning for the 2023 State Convention in District 2, especially if we want to hold it in Salem to mark the anni-

versary. Venues like fairgrounds, schools and resorts are being reserved four to ten years in advance. When we meet in June 2019 in District 4, there will be an initial planning meeting to discuss possible locations. Bring or send ideas with your delegates so we can get a jump on it.

Thank you. Jeff Dehne

OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - July 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm. Members present were Susan Noah, Jay Sexton, Sarah Kingsborough, John Fine, and Sam Keator. Louise Holst was absent, she joined via phone at 2:30pm.

Prior Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2018 Executive Committee minutes were reviewed and approved.

State Grange Convention – Thursday Journal June 28, 2018 were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports

- Celia – Catching up following the audit.
- Membership reports were reviewed and discussed.

Unfinished Business

- North Howell – An offer was received on the North Howell property from Big Beard Bro LLC.
 - Jay moved and Sam seconded to accept the \$165,000 offer contingent on the buyer signing the addendum prepared by our attorney.
 - Motion passed.
- Pomona Task Force – New training date is set for September 15th at Terrebonne Grange
- Fernwood Grange – Have made contact with the VFW, but they would like to see the interior before going any further with a proposal to purchase. Susan is meeting with them on Thursday 7/12/18.
- Rockwall Grange – paper-

work was received and loan was funded shortly before State Session.

- Conference Room Table – Sarah found a used conference table at NW Office Liquidations for approximately \$500. She will go ahead and purchase it if still available, per discussion at prior executive committee meetings.
- Rickreall Grange – lot line adjustment with the neighbors has been agreed upon. The prior Executive Committee had a meeting on June 23rd and voted in favor of allowing the change to the property.
- Growing Oregon Magazine ad – an update on the ad was provided by Jay Sexton. We voted in our last meeting to proceed with the ad and gave Jay ideas on content.

New Business

- Email for actions. Susan reviewed the guidelines for decisions in between meetings made via email or conference call. Members are encouraged to check email daily and stay in regular communications with the State Master.
- With the election of officers, our new signers on the checking account were agreed to be Susan Noah, Master; Jay Sexton, Overseer; Sarah Kingsborough, Secretary; Paula Herrick, Treasurer.
- Banking – Susan has been frustrated with First Interstate Bank and wants to

change banks.

- Jay moved to change to Umpqua Bank. Sam seconded. The motion passed with John and Sarah abstaining.
- Copy Machine – Susan reviewed a proposal from National Business Solutions regarding the copy machine. The machine is a KMC654 and the price per month will be \$269 for the machine plus service costs of .0069 per page for black copies and .0590 per page for color copies.
 - Jay moved and Sam seconded for the faster and cheaper copy machine as proposed. The motion passed.
- Webmaster – After the retirement of our volunteer Marilyn Reiher, we have been looking for a new webmaster. Susan has asked Teresa Cernac to be our webmaster.
 - Sam moved and Jay seconded that we setup a stipend of \$50 a month for our webmaster going forward. Motion passed.
- Grange Bulletin software - Proposal from Suzy Ramm for new Bulletin software
 - John moved and Sam seconded that we purchase the subscription for In-Design CC at \$33.99 per month. Motion passed.

Decisions made via email.

These were made by the prior Executive Committee before new officers were elected at State Grange:

- Agreement that the Rockwall paperwork was in order for their loan request.
- Agreement to allow Phoenix to withdraw \$15,400 from their trust funds for roof.

Grange Reports

- Bandon is behind on quarterly reports and dues. We will continue to communicate with them about plans for their Grange going forward.
- Charity is still looking at options for consolidation.
- Jackson Pomona is getting engaged again, having meetings and electing officers.
- Dormant properties were reviewed – Fernwood, Keizer, Upper Applegate, Myrtle, and Western Star. We discussed their status and will recommend that the new membership committee look at the potential for reorganizing Granges in these communities.

Next Meetings

Wednesday October 10th 9am
Saturday January 12th 9am
Saturday March 30th 9am
Monday May 27th 9am

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Sarah Kingsborough
Secretary

Help Cody Tripp Beat Cancer Funding Raising Dinner and Auction A Success

On October 27, Crow Grange #450, Lane County, with help from Creswell and Lorane Granges, raised over \$6,000 during the Help Cody Tripp Beat Cancer Fundraising Dinner and Auction.

More than 120 people attended the event. "I'm excited to see so many people in this hall for an event like this," said Crow Master Connie Suing, adding, "It's especially great to see so many young families here with their children."

Knee Deep Cattle Co. donated seventy pounds of grass-fed beef for the Swiss steak dinner prepared by Crow Overseer Mark Noah and assisted by Crow Gatekeeper Dan Suing. Smart Foodservice in Eugene donated \$50 toward the potatoes, green beans and other items on the menu. Creswell Chaplain Dottie Jennings made ten pumpkin pies and twelve dozen cupcakes, which joined Crow Lecturer Lexie Suing's apple crumble on the dessert table. Crow Treasurer Lori Stout, Crow

4-H leader Jessica Colwell, Sharon Purdy and Connie Suing worked the serving line. Crow Secretary Ruth Teafatiller greeted guests and sold dinner tickets. Lori Stout and her Girl Scout troop, that meet at Crow hall, helped the day before with set up.

Event chairman Patrick Dearth, with help from Cody's sister-in-law Angela Tripp and Creswell Master Martin McClure, rounded up fifty silent auction items, twenty live auction items and twenty-eight raffle and door prize items. Creswell Lecturer Vickie Weathers and Crow Secretary Ruth Teafatiller contributed beautiful raffle baskets. Former Crow High School Athletic Director Billy Anderson served as auctioneer. Lorane Lecturer Louise McClure set up the silent auction bid sheets and display.

Crow native Cody Tripp battled cancer throughout his high school years and still managed to graduate on time with his Crow High School

class in 2013. A year later, he was pronounced cancer-free. It looked like he could move on with his life. He went to work at West Lane Tree Service, LLC, and started dating Veneta native Andrea Culbertson. So, it came as a horrible shock in July 2018 when he was told his cancer was back. While he does have insurance to help cover most of the cost of treatment, there are things that are not covered as well as many extra costs, such as travel expenses to the treatment center 130 miles

away and lost wages. The money raised at the dinner will help with some of those expenses.

"We are all deeply thankful to the many people and businesses who stepped up to help and support this event," said event chairman Patrick Dearth. "I've known Cody since I coached him at Crow High School during his first year there. He is a fine young man and his family contributes a lot to the Crow and Veneta area community."



Grange Connections 2018 ~ Members ~ Granges ~ Communities

Ada Grange Makes Fall Food Donation

At their September meeting Ada Grange #570, Lane County, collected food and non-food items to be donated to the Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS). This is one of Ada's ongoing community service projects. SOS is a non-profit organization located in Florence serving Western Lane County since 1986. SOS provides a variety of services for the homeless, individuals and families in need.



Ada Grange's quarterly donation.

Eagle Creek Takes Road Trip

Eagle Creek Grange #297, Clackamas County, has really taken the connect with other Granges and Grangers to heart. Earlier in the year they visited several Granges in Clackamas County and this fall they took a road trip to visit Little Deschutes Grange #939 in Deschutes County. They enjoyed the meeting and visiting with other Grangers.

The following day they took a tour of the LaPine area. Some of the stops included were the Lava Caves, a museum with antique lumber mill equipment and Peterson's Rock Garden before heading home.



L-r: Pat Murphy, Richard McDonnell, Cody Dunsmuir, Dan LeBrun, Joan Pudlow, Barbara Hicks and Darlene McDonnell at Little Deschutes.

Lane Pomona Visits Deschutes Pomona

Three members of Lane Pomona Grange, representing three different Subordinate/Community Granges, visited the Deschutes Pomona meeting on November 10th held at the Little Deschutes Grange in La Pine.

Linda Wetzell from Goshen Grange and Peggy Jillson from Irving Grange made the trip over the mountains. They were joined by Phil VanBuren of Jasper Grange in Lane County and Midland Grange in Klamath County which is part of Deschutes Pomona.

A Potluck Lunch was held before the meeting which started about 1pm and lasted until about 3:30pm. About twenty members were present.



Above: Deschutes Pomona Grange meeting

Lane Pomona Collects for Food Pantry

The Lane Pomona Grange #14 community service project for October was a food drive. The food drive collected lots of food items and \$44.50 in monetary contributions. The proceeds went to the October meeting host Grange, Mohawk Valley Community Grange #922, for their food pantry.

Grangers helping their communities, priceless.



L-r: Peggy Jillson, Phil VanBuren, Darlene McDonnell and Linda Wetzell take a selfie while visiting Deschutes Pomona.

Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

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

Mail to: Oregon State Grange, 643 Union St NE, Salem OR 97301
gbulletin@orgrange.org