



Oregon State Grange Open House
December 15th 1-4pm

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Oregon Granges Recognized by the National Grange

"Oregon" was heard often during the National Grange Convention in November in Minnesota as several Oregon Granges were recognized for their Grange work over the past year.

The Oregon State Grange was honored for the fourth year in a row by the National Grange as a Distinguished State Grange. It was joined by its neighbor to the north, the Washington State Grange as well as the State Granges of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The awards were presented at a special ice cream social held on Wednesday evening of convention. Oregon Community/Subordinate Granges honored with certificates as Distinguished Granges were Chetco #765, Curry County; Dorena #835, Lane County; Marys River #685, Benton County; Creswell #469 and Lane County. Redland #796 and Springwater #263, both Clackamas County each received a plaque recognizing their years as Distinguished Grange,

ten years for Redland and five years for Springwater. With six Distinguished Granges this year, Oregon had the most of any state with the next closest being Pennsylvania with four Granges being recognized.

New this year were certificates for Granges that entered the Grange in Action program which recognized Granges that do not quite qualify for the Distinguished Grange award. Oregon Granges honored were Ada #570, Spencer Creek Grange #855 and Waltherville #416 all located in Lane County.

The event concluded with the recognition of this year's class of Grange Legacy Families. Honored from Oregon was the Rinehart family of Waltherville Grange with five generations of Grange members; the youngest generation being represented by Tyler Manthei, currently one of the youngest Subordinate Masters in Oregon. With the addi-

tion of the Rinehart family, there are eight recognized Grange Legacy families in Oregon.

Later in the week, results of the National Grange Lecturer's Public Relations Contest were announced by National Lecturer, Christina Hamp. There were just over 100 entries submitted for the Public Relations Contest in this inaugural year. Granges could enter unlimited flyers, posters or advertisements; a short video; a radio commercial or announcement; social media posts; a press kit or media release; a shirt, button or other wearable item; or anything else created to promote Grange.

In the "In House" (Non Professional) Division: second place went to Spencer Creek Grange #855, Lane County, as did the fourth-place award. Spencer Creek received \$100 for their second-place award and \$25 for their fourth-place award.



Above l-r: Jay Sexton of Marys River Grange celebrates with Amanda Brozana-Rios, National Grange Communications Director, on receiving Marys River Grange's certificate for being a Distinguished Grange for the second year in a row.

Thank you, Ed Luttrell and Connie Suing for providing photos of National Grange Convention.



Above l-r: Oregon State Grange Master Susan Noah receiving a plaque from National Master Betsy Huber recognizing Redland Grange for ten consecutive years as a Distinguished Grange.



L-r: Fourteen Oregonians attended this year's National Grange Convention. Back row: Maggie Swartzendruber, Lexie Suing, Jay Sexton, Mark Noah, Joshua Lacrosse, Riley Reynolds, JC Dumolt Junkman and Ed Luttrell. Front row: Carmel Valencia, Susan Noah, Christy Dumolt with grandson Alex Junkman, Connie Suing and Tina Reynolds.



Oregon State Grange Cookbooks

It is not too late to order the "Tastes for All Seasons" cookbook as holiday gifts. See page 14 for details and order form.

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The Master's Column

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It is hard to believe that 2019 is coming to a close, and I am cautiously hoping that we may be able to show a net gain for the year. As of the middle of November we are only down 43 members for the year with about 30 Granges left to report in the third quarter. Hopefully the fourth quarter will show an increase giving us that elusive net gain! Each Grange still has a small amount of time to bring in some new members to qualify for the monetary prize, so recruit, recruit, recruit!

This is the time of year when each Grange is taking stock of their programs, setting their goals for the year and making sure that new officers are properly installed and instructed in their duties. As with any road trip you need a map to make sure that you end up where you want to go, and for our Granges that map may simply be an annual planning meeting. What do you want to accomplish for the year, how will your Grange increase membership and where will you get the funds needed for hall maintenance? These are a few of the big questions that each Grange should be considering as we enter into a new year. Benjamin Franklin once said "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail". Even if each question cannot be answered in full, at least you have made a start and generally that is the hardest part.

Come Together at the Grange – Chapter 2

As with the previous few years the State Grange leadership is committed to making a visit to each Grange, this year to bring a resource book containing information about offices, dues, membership, hall improvement, and a wealth of other items. Our theme remains "Come Together at the Grange" and we hope that each Grange has been opening their doors to new members and new ideas as they invite the community to come together. Our visits this year will also include a portion that allows and encourages each Grange to tell us what you need and want. The State Grange leadership is always trying to offer new programs, and help to each of our Granges. Are we being effectual? This is the time to let us know. I'm sure all of us have experienced the saying "all you can do is ask". So, if there is more we can do, let us know. Unlike Santa I know we will not be able to fulfill everyone's wishes, but again, sometimes just starting a conversation can lead to improvements and new ideas. So, when your Grange is visited let the presenter know what is on your Granges wish-list!

National Convention

As the Oregon delegates to the National Grange convention in November, Mark and I spent fairly long hours working on the policy of the National Grange. I was assigned to the Grange Law committee and Mark worked with Education and Health. I know that Mark has commented on how our resolutions fared in his Legislative column, so I will not repeat that information here, but rather talk about the highlights of the convention. The committees this year finalized their work in a very efficient fashion allowing us to close on time on Friday afternoon. Of course, Friday night is the Evening of Excellence and we were well represented by Carmel Valencia of Phoenix Grange with her singing. Lexi Suing of Crow also was on the playbill that evening as our representative in the Sign-A-Song contest and did a great job. Earlier in the day both Suing and Riley Reynolds of Santiam Valley Grange showed off their Grange knowledge in the Grange Baseball competition, where Lexi took top honors. JC Junkman (Dumolt) of Clarkes Grange showed off her drill skills as the Lady Assistant Steward of the National Youth Officers on Friday morning and Maggie Swartzendruber of Riversdale was again selected to work with National Communication Director Amanda Brozana Rios as one of the Communication Fellows. Rounding out the Oregon delegation was former National Master Ed Luttrell, State Overseer Jay Sexton, Youth Director Connie Suing, Tina Reynolds and Joshua La Crosse.

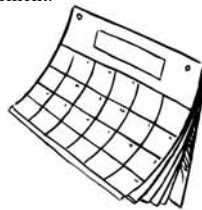
Earlier in the week Mark and I and National Master Betsy Huber were welcomed at a Friends of the Kelley Farm luncheon held at the Kelley Farm Interpretive Center. The three of us were treated to a mini tour of a few of the buildings and some of the farm animals. While the luncheon was being set up Betsy and I helped, along with many others to peel and chop carrots grown on the farm. Mark stepped in at the end and acted as the head chef in getting them roasted for the non-delegate tour later in the week. Following that we had a wonderful luncheon and stayed for the Friends of the Farm meeting. This group of dedicated individuals have over the years done a lot to preserve the farm and to advocate for the facility that is there today. In the summer months hundreds of school children come through the facility and see a piece of history, both of the farm and of the Grange. Mark and Jay Sexton were able to go back later in the week while I was meeting with

the Executive Committee and had a chance to tour the entire farm. In 2013 I had an opportunity to visit when the 1873 degrees were held there and I have to say there was a lot of difference between the farm in summer and the farm in the winter! As the temperature in November was in the 30's I'll take my visit over Mark's any day! Attending the National Convention is always an uplifting experience. It is a time to learn what other states are engaged in and to exchange ideas for the growth of the entire organization. I came away feeling that Oregon is heading in the right direction and that we are growing stronger every day.

Holiday Open House

Remember that December 15th is the State Grange Holiday Open House. From 1:00 to 4:00 the office will be open and filled with friends as we gather to celebrate another holiday season and the ending of another Grange year. Won't you consider joining in the fellowship? There will be snacks and plenty of goodwill and lots of catching up between old and new friends. Come early and stay late!

Please allow me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and wonderful new year! 2020 starts a new decade, lets work together to make it a decade of Grange growth and improvement.



Meeting Day Changes

Willamette #52

Willamette Grange #52, Benton County, voted at their October meeting to change their meeting day to the 2nd Wednesday of the month with a potluck at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM.

London #937

London Grange #937, Lane County, have changed the day of their business meeting to the third Friday every month at 6:00 pm. The day of their monthly potluck has also been changed to the first Friday at 6:00 pm.



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Riversdale Grange Holds Community Appreciation Day and Open House

Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County, celebrated its annual Community Appreciation Day and open house on October 20, 2019 with 60 members and guests in attendance. Each year Riversdale Grange provides a free Spaghetti dinner to the community in appreciation of their support of the Grange and its activities. Admission to the open house and dinner was a donation of non-perishable food items for the Drive Away Hunger. As part of the program prior to the dinner, Riversdale Grange presented their annual awards to members and members of the community.



L-r: Riversdale Grange member of the Year; Myra Boyd, received her award from Grange Secretary Peggy Fine.

Peggy Fine was presented her Silver Star pin and certificate in recognition of 25 years of continuous Grange membership. John Fine was presented with his 55-year seal to recognize 55 years of continuous Grange membership.

Each year Riversdale Grange presents Outstanding Grange Member, Outstanding Grange Member for Community Service and the Community Citizen Awards to recognize exceptional involvement by members of the Grange and the community.

The 2019 Community Citizen Award was presented to Clay and Donna Caldwell. This couple was recognized for outstanding dedication and hard work to the Winston Festival Association. As a result of their efforts the Winston-Dillard Melon Festival is still strong after 50+ years.

The 2019 Outstanding Member for Community Service was presented to Misty Burris. Misty is actively involved in the community. She is founder of the Oregon Institute for a Better Way; a board member of the Bohemian Mining Days celebration; a part of the core curriculum for the Hemp University; and others.

The 2019 Outstanding Grange

Member award was presented to Myra Boyd. Myra is a very dedicated and important member of Riversdale Grange where she is the Treasurer. Myra attends all Grange activities and is the cashier for each breakfast and the annual tri-tip dinner. She assists with decorating the hall for special events and is also co-chairman of the Grange Christmas Craft Sale.

In the past, Riversdale Grange has selected individuals from Law Enforcement and Fire Departments to recognize their contribution to making our communities a better place to live. This year the selection committee selected an organization to receive recognition for their role in improving our community.

Douglas Electric Cooperative was acknowledged for their effort during the 2019 winter snow storm. The service area for Douglas Electric Coop includes 2,200 square miles. After the storm, the cooperative organized a massive effort to restore power to the many member customers. This required an expenditure of approximately \$10 million and 35,000 manhours of time.



L-r: Larry Shipley and Scott Munchie, representing Douglas Electric Cooperative were presented a special award by member Kris VanHouten for the response to the spring snow storm.

The Lecturer's Column

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The emblem of our office is the scroll. As Lecturers, we have the opportunity and responsibility to bring educational and entertaining programs to the Grange. We should look for interesting and timely topics for discussion and encourage all members to participate and develop hidden talents. This is our opportunity to help our members grow and to educate them about the Grange by presenting information for the good of the order.

The Lecturer should arrange programs of interest to all members for every regular meeting. The 2019-2020 Lecturer's Guide was designed to be a monthly resource of ideas to assist Lecturers in planning such Grange activities and programs. On the back page of your 2019-2020 Lecturer's Guide Booklet is listed the OSG Lecturer's Committee and their contact information so please contact one of us if you would like additional assistance.

One day at a time. There are two days in every week we should not worry about — two days which should be kept from fear and apprehension. One of these days is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

All money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot erase a single word said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about tomorrow, with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, whether in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day — TODAY! Anyone can fight the battles of just one day. It is when you add the burdens of two awful eternities — yesterday and tomorrow — that we break down.

It is not necessarily the experience of today that disturbs one's piece of mind. It is often the remorse of bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us therefore live, ONE DAY AT A TIME.

A wise person once said.... Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.


NATIONAL GRANGE
IN THE ORDER OF WORKING MEN



**THE GRANGE AND OLIVER THE ORNAMENT
TEAM UP TO SPREAD KINDNESS
AND RAISE FUNDS**

Oliver the Ornament is a seven-book series and related gift line that celebrates the tradition and stories of Christmas ornaments. The main product in the line is a gift-set that includes a hand-painted ornament along with a beautifully illustrated book.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE.

Host your own fundraiser in your community, along with an already created event, titled Oliver's Day of Kindness. For details, please contact **Todd Zimmermann**, at tmz@olivertheornament.com or at **312-543-4569**.

Visit www.olivertheornament.com, and make any purchase. When asked for a promo code enter **Grange**. Then 15% of all purchases will be donated to The Grange.



First Lady, Melania Trump reads Oliver the Ornament at Children's National Hospital, continuing a 70 year tradition



Flax & Friends named Oliver the Ornament as one of their Hottest Toys of 2018



The Chaplain's Corner

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What is Christmas? It is snowflakes, presents, good wishes, cookies and candies you make for friends, the wonderful smell of the beautiful tree you have in your living room. In America it is all those things. In other places in the world Christmas is just another day of struggling to get by and putting food in your children's bellies. There is no money for presents, few churches to go and worship in. Life is nothing like we know it. There is no government to help out when times are bad, no free medical care to take care of your children when they are sick. Even in America, if you are part of the "working poor", you don't qualify to receive many of the things that the poor get.

Every year at Christmas, our Grange contacts a grade school we work with and ask them to identify a "working poor" family. They provide us with the names and clothes sizes of the children and a "wish-list" of a toy for each child. We provide each child with pants, tops and underwear as well as a toy. Since many of the families are single parent families, we provide them with a crock-pot to make their lives easier. This year I am going to suggest we include the new Grange cook-book in the crock-pot.

We also provide a ham, potatoes, vegetables, salad fixings, a pie and rolls. We do not wrap the gifts so the parents can make the gifts for the children from themselves, or Santa. We ask that the school not identify us to the family. We are not doing it to bring recognition but simply to help a family through a trying time. One year the family was a single father whose wife had recently died and he had just suffered through a nasty bout of the flu. His company did not offer sick leave, so for two weeks, he had no paycheck. He had told his children that there would be no Christmas that year. Imagine his surprise and gratitude when the school called him and let him know that good Samaritans had left something for his family.

John and I participate in the "Operation Christmas" project done

all over America. You pick up a Christmas shoe box from whatever organization in your community is collecting them. We get ours from our church. You choose whether you are going to fill a box for a boy or girl (ages 2-4, ages 5-9, or 10-14). If you don't get a suggestion list with your shoebox, go online. It will also let you know what things you cannot include in your box. If you don't have someplace in your community to pick up the boxes and lists, maybe your Grange could be that distribution point and the drop off place or maybe your Grange could adopt the filling of these boxes as your own community service project. Samaritans Purse (who oversees the distribution and delivery of these boxes) also has a catalog from which you can purchase a variety of items for these poor families in other parts of the world. They include animals, sending a missionary doctor, feeding children, buying farm equipment, etc. You can also access the catalog online.

If you are unable to stretch your budget to include these types of gifts then I suggest that this Christmas, you give the gift of your time and talents. If you are a great baker, bake cookies to take to nursing homes, or shut ins. Get your Grange together and go caroling to those places. Nursing homes are always in need of volunteers both young and old to play games, spread cheer, and just be a companion for a few hours. Sometimes, my granddaughters will use their dancing abilities and choreograph a dance and entertain at nursing homes.

Helen Steiner Rice writes "Reach out this Christmas and follow in the footsteps of your Savior. Give some of your hugs to someone who lives alone. Give some of your smiles to someone who is having a bad day. Give some of your time to visit with the elderly. Jesus gave all of Himself for you. Can you give of yourself to others?"

Have a glorious and wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. May God bless each and every one of you.

James Seale

~ Celebration of Life ~

It has been a year since James Seale, a longtime member of Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, passed away. His family is hosting a memorial for James December 14 at the Grange hall starting at 1 pm. All of his Grange friends are invited to come help celebrate James' life.

James was a stalwart member of Goldson Grange for close to 25 years. He held several positions through the years and was a strong volunteer, lending a hand to help family, friends, neighbors, and the Grange whenever and wherever needed.

In Memoriam

Elinor Berman
Bellview Grange #759

*Jason Carroll **
Molalla Grange #310

*Helen Cholick **
Sauvies Island Grange #840

*Alton Coyle **
Lacomb Grange #907

Janet Drescher
Fruitdale Grange #379

Beverly Dull
Riversdale Grange #731

*Betty Failie **
The Sandy Grange #392

Rosalie Gardner
Clarkes Grange #261

*Neva Graves **
Deer Creek Grange #371

Barton Griffin
Fruitdale Grange #379

*Lucien Harriman "Mills" **
Lacomb Grange #907

Jane Herman
Mosier Grange #234

Milton Manke
Walterville Grange #416

Julia McBride
Greenacres Grange #834

Mary Lee Padgett
Roxy Ann Grange #792

Lola Pfaff
Fern Hill Grange #592

*Harold Tanner **
Azalea Grange #786

*Betty Van Deusen **
Azalea Grange #786

*James Wade **
Salmon River Grange #516

*William "Bill" Waggoner **
Deer Creek Grange #371

Calvin Welborn
Greenacres Grange #834
North Bayside Grange #691

* These members passed away last spring and were inadvertently left off of an earlier In Memoriam list when the database computer crashed.



*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.*



Bailey Barks

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Well not exactly, but the Hallmark Christmas movies make you think the holiday is already here! But until Christmas is actually here, I'm on my best behavior.

I occasionally let Mom have my place on the couch, I only wake Dad up in the middle of the night when it is absolutely necessary, like a cat walking through the yard and I am trying to be calmer when company comes. OK, none of that actually happens much, I do like my spot on the couch, Dad should want to get up and calm is for old age, which at 10 I am certainly not! But I am starting to slow down a little which reminds me of a little wisdom to pass along to all of you.

Age gracefully! We dogs do not regret the years gone by and obsess over what we did not do, we cope, we adapt, we look for reasons to wag our tails. Sure, there are things we cannot still do, like beat the squirrel to the fence, but we do not focus on that, we know that it is never too late to set another goal or dream a new dream. So, no matter what age you are, remember you can always learn a few new tricks, and you can always set new goals no matter what stage of life you are in. And for goodness sakes, never, ever do the math and calculate your age in dog years!

Have a great holiday season, and tell all my furry friends out there that I wish them great things for the new year. During your month of celebrations and holiday activities please remember that there are dogs, and yes even cats, that are in need of love and forever homes, and if you are able please open your home and your heart to them.

Woof, Bailey

Attention RVerS

Klamath Falls here we come. The 2020 Oregon State Grange Convention will be held at the Klamath County Fairgrounds June 20-25th. Information on hotels was available at this year's convention and will be available on the State Grange website. District #5 now has information about onsite camping, costs and availability. Contact camp host Dean High. Call or Text: 541.591.3300



Meet Us in Klamath Falls - 2020 Did You Know??

1. Upper Klamath Lake is the largest body of fresh water by surface in Oregon. Approximately 25 miles long and 8 miles wide. 61,153 acres. One of the largest lakes in the United States.
2. Klamath Falls is home to the highest concentration of wintering bald eagles in the Pacific Northwest.
3. If you look up the City of Klamath Falls the population is 20,000. If you include the urban growth boundaries it is 42,000. The service area for doctors, dentists, and professional services, the population is approximately 100,000.
4. In 2015 Klamath Falls was chosen as a Blue Zone demonstration community, the first in the Pacific Northwest.
5. Klamath Falls has nearly 300 sunny days each year. We sit at an altitude of 4,100 ft.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

December/January	Nomination of Oregon State Grange officers
December 15	Oregon State Grange Holiday Open House – Salem
December 31	OSG Foundation “Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbursement” request due to the State Grange office
January 18, 2020	Kickoff of Come Together at the Grange – Chapter 2 for State Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen meeting - Sunnyside
January 25, 2020	Nominations for Oregon State Grange Officers must arrive at the state office by 5pm
February 1, 2020	Deadline for applying for Grange Grass Roots Activism Scholarship Registration deadline for Washington DC Experience
March 1, 2020	Candidate Acceptance and Statements for Oregon State Grange Officers must arrive at the state office by 5pm
April 25-26	Oregon Ag Fest – Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem
June 20-25, 2020	Oregon State Grange Convention – Klamath County Fairgrounds, Klamath Falls
August 7-9, 2020	Western Regional Leadership & Youth Conference – Boise, Idaho
November 17-21	154 th National Grange Convention - Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

Notes from the Office

Office Hours:
Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday
8am - 4:30pm
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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 appreciates your help in completing the forms and returning them ASAP if your Grange has not done so. Work has to begin on the 2020 Roster and your Grange does not want to be left out.

2020 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. Second dues reminder notice should go out in early January.

Bonding

National Grange Bonding Insurance premiums are due in December. Information was mailed in October 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 doesn't 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/



Adapting Technology to An Old System

By Joe Stefanoni

National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director

Many of our Granges have record books dating back to their founding that includes dues payments made by members. Even today, collecting dues is a major part of any Grange Secretary's job.

If we are being frank, our dues collection system is antiquated, with members paying a lump sum by cash or check once a year. What if we could offer our members the option to pay their dues semi-annually or monthly with an electronic platform?

The modern consumer, particularly Millennials, are accustomed to paying bills online in monthly installments. Academic research also shows that consumers are willing to pay a higher total price if the installment price is low. So, from a mar-

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 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.

State Officer Nominations

Nominations for the 2020-2022 Oregon State Grange officers must arrive at the state office by 5pm on January 25, 2020. The Oregon State Grange elects officers in even years with nominations happening in Subordinate/Community Granges between November first and January 25th. Any member receiving at least one nomination for an office is eligible to accept a nomination for said office for the Preferential Election ballot. No member may be a candidate for more than one office. The statements and pictures of those members that accept the nomination will be published in a special election issue of the OSG Bulletin and will be mailed to the membership in mid-March. Subordinate/Community Granges shall vote at any regularly held meeting in April and send in their results to the state office by May 5th with results being published in the June Bulletin.

keting standpoint this would allow your Grange to collect a little more in annual dues to support your mission and activities. Consider which sounds more appealing.

Scenario 1:

Telling a young professional that the annual dues for your Grange are \$72 per year.

OR

Scenario 2:

Telling a young professional that your dues are \$6 per month, and they can pay online.

I encourage all of our Granges to consider adopting this technology. It is a valuable tool not only for improving the internal operations of your Grange, but also will be a modern, attractive feature in your membership recruitment efforts.



The Agricultural Report

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Let's talk about TRADE.

Specifically, the selling of our farmer's products from their own fields.

The Grange found its initial national voice during conflicts between our farmers, and the monopoly-based rail lines who shipped their farming products to domestic markets within the USA. In that battle, the Grange was able to help create national interstate commerce laws that finally regulated shipping monopolies, creating fairer shipping terms for these farmers.

Now, in the face of international trade battles, what can the Grange do to stand with our farmers once again?

It is commonly agreed that America's recent trade policies have exploded the imposition of various international agricultural tariffs. These tariffs have been blamed for the plummeting of American farmer produced commodity prices, the implosion of family farms with farm bankruptcies up 13% and the delinquency rates on farm loans at a 6-year high. All factors that are influencing the rising number of farmer suicides.

What do tariffs do to our farmers? Well, let's examine the recent history of locally produced cherry sales. It is a simple tale: In 2017, our regional farmers sold 1,505 tons of cherries to China. After China placed a retaliatory tariff of 50% on cherry imports, our 2019 cherry sales were reduced to 187 tons.

Repeat these figures over a myriad of farm products, (With 25.2 billion dollars of agriculture products sold to China in 2017; we now see 6.82 billion dollars of such sales in 2019.) We are all witnessing a long-term downward trend in agriculture income. Net farm incomes are at a **12-year low**. These are our farmers. How can the Grange influence our national trade policies?

The Department of Agriculture has tried to soften this financial blow to farmers by giving farmers a financial support program. (Placing an additional 28 billion dollars deficit on our national budget.) However, these direct payments to farmers are to be provided by assessing "agricultural products values" using a county by county process within each region. Because these payments will be based upon the number of acres farmed, most of this financial aid will be directed to a small cadre of corporate farms with large acreages covered in high value crops: cotton being the most valuable. Cherry farmers will not fare as well.

Because of the lasting damage tariffs are doing to our trade relationships, this short-term government financial aid means very little to a farmer's economic stability. U.S. farmers and ranchers prefer to be able to sell their goods to consumers around the world rather than receive government aid because of a trade war.



Oregon's 2018 Top 20 Ag Commodities

Greenhouse and nursery products remain Oregon's leading agricultural commodity with an annual value of nearly \$1 billion (\$995,950,000) based on data collected by ODA, sources include USDA National Agricultural Statistic Service (NASS), Oregon State University, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Oregon Wine Board. This is an increase for Oregon's greenhouse and nursery industry up from \$94.7 million last year. Oregon is one of the top three nursery production states in the U.S.

Cattle and calves remain in the second position with a value of production totaling more than \$652 million down from \$695 million the previous year.

The rest of Oregon Ag's top ten list contains many of the same commodities as previous years. Please note, hemp is not included in the ag-

ricultural commodities list. Before the enactment of the 2018 Farm Bill, hemp was not federally recognized as a legal agricultural commodity, therefore data was not collected.

Greenhouse/Nursery	\$995,950,000
Cattle/Calves	\$652,063,000
Hay	\$590,414,000
Grass seed	\$517,406,000
Milk	\$473,297,000
Wheat	\$298,465,000
Grapes for wine	\$208,726,000
Potatoes	\$201,690,000
Blueberries	\$180,730,000
Pears	\$140,966,000
Christmas Trees	\$119,979,000
Onions	\$100,339,000
Hazelnuts	\$91,800,000
Eggs	\$85,136,000
Dungeness crab	\$74,527,000
Cherries	\$70,835,000
Hops	\$69,855,000
Apples	\$55,180,000
Sweet Corn	\$44,492,000
Mint for oil	\$39,523,000



The area for the hedgerow was prepared in early summer by members of Columbia Grange.

Columbia #267 Adds Pollinator Hedgerow to Their Grange Hall

Columbia Grange #267, Multnomah County, spent the summer and fall working on their landscape to add a Pollinator Hedgerow.

They started in June to prepare the ground and get rid of the grassy area. First, they mowed and then covered the area with a thick, two-inch layer of cardboard and plastic to hold down the soil and smother the grass and weeds until the rains came in the fall.

Once cooler and damper weather arrived this past fall, Grangers got busy planting pollinator plants to make a hedge. They used the USDA Guide titled 'Hedgerow Planting (422) for Pollinators: Western Oregon & Washington Specifications and Implementations Requirements' as their main handbook to

develop their hedge.



Above: Once the fall rains arrived members got busy planting the selected plants. The bees should be happy with their new food source.



NATIONAL GRANGE
View from The Hill

Long-Awaited Hemp Rules

Everyone in the hemp chain from grower to processor to consumer has been anxiously waiting for the USDA regulations governing industrial hemp that were announced October 29. These regulations will govern the approval of plans submitted by states and Indian tribes for the domestic production of hemp by licensed growers. The rule lays out procedures for tracking land

where hemp is grown, testing concentration levels of THC (the psychoactive ingredient), disposal of non-compliant plants, and sharing information with law enforcement. Interested growers should contact their state department of agriculture for a license. In the meantime, growers of the 2019 hemp crop are struggling to find sufficient processing capacity.

Hemp - The Agricultural Movement

Get your Grange on the list to hold a Community Hemp Talk! The US Department of Agriculture is all ready to educate the nation on the newest crop to possibly save the family farm. Get involved and get informed by educating the community in the process. Invite the industry panel to open up the discussion and create the foundation of knowledge to understand how the Grange might get involved along

with Farmers, producers and consumers. Get in the flow of knowledge exchange. Now is the time for the Grange to check out this agriculture movement and understand the legislation involved in growing this crop.

For more information and/or to set up an educational event at your Grange contact: Misty Burris 541-530-3613.

Launching A New Frontier: The Global Hemp Innovation Center

By Heidi Happonen

Why global?

That's one of the first questions Jay Noller, director of the recently launched Global Hemp Innovation Center (GHIC) at Oregon State University, is asked.

The answer is rooted in both fact and vision.

First, it is "global" because it represents research that is taking place across four countries in North America, Asia and Europe. The GHIC is the epicenter of some of the world's leading pioneers in the science of hemp.

Second, and maybe more importantly, it is a nod to the future of hemp and its potential to solve a host of global challenges - in healthcare, food production, the built environment, and more. The economic and scientific opportunities with a crop that has been illegal for the past 80+ years is nearly immeasurable.

The GHIC is based in the College of Agricultural Sciences, but it includes more than 40 researchers representing 19 different discipline areas in research, teaching and Extension. From food innovation and pharmacy to public health, policy, business and engineering, hemp has created a wave of excitement across the university.

It is rare that a new plant is launched into the entrepreneurial and scientific ecosystem along with all the limitless potential it represents. While that reality is ripe with possibility, it also means there is a lot of work to be done in research.

Starting from Ground Zero

According to Noller, the great challenge of hemp is taking it out of what was largely a black-market system into the scientific and commercial realm.

"As much as anything, our role is to lead a fundamental cultural shift in how we understand and talk about hemp," he said "While legal, it's still not entirely comfortable for people who are unfamiliar with the plant and who may exclusively consider it in terms of its psychotropic properties, which are only a fraction of the application of hemp."

Another aspect of starting from the beginning in research includes the development of terminology and processes that we take for granted with other agricultural crops.

"We don't even have an agreed upon term for measuring hemp fiber," Noller added. "We may know what a bushel of wheat is, but there is no common word or standard measurement yet for hemp grain."

The exciting part of getting in on the ground floor with hemp for OSU and its partners is it provides the university

an opportunity to bring together top-tier research, teaching and outreach that is integral to its land grant mission.

According to Alan Sams, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, "The potential to be a part of defining the future of an entirely new agricultural commodity, in partnership with many disciplines and colleges across the university and partners around the world, is truly unique and exciting."

As the research begins, the 1,342 licensed growers from around the state are eager to see the university take this leadership role as well.

Justin Bordessa, from Hemp Ag Solutions, explained, "It's going to take years of research and development from a university to get the hemp industry on the same level of all the other industries."

Why Now

Oregon State's decision to launch the new hemp center follows Congress' adoption of the 2018 Farm Bill that removed hemp from the Controlled Substances Act and initiated the creation of a framework for hemp to become a fully legalized commodity in the future.

"Hemp has incredible potential across several industries and sectors, including in food and health products and as a fiber commodity," Sams said. "We believe that OSU is uniquely positioned to serve the global need for research-based understanding of hemp as a crop and for its use in new products."

According to the Brightfield Group, an analytics firm that tracks the cannabis industry, the hemp-derived cannabidiol market is expected to grow from \$618 million in 2018 to \$22 billion by 2022.

In addition to the research taking place, the GHIC is also serving as the state's only seed certification service for hemp, providing a valuable service to farmers. While it currently certifies seeds for as many as 48 agricultural commodities grown in Oregon, it is the only university in the nation to certify seed for hemp.

When asked what his immediate goals are for the research and outreach, Noller further explained that the center will initially be focused on how to efficiently and sustainably grow hemp for seeds, for hemp fiber materials that can be used in textiles and construction materials as well as hemp essential oils that have popular health and wellness uses, and hemp grain for use in foods and feed.

As a newly decriminalized crop, there remains much to learn still about the potential it offers. According to Noller, hemp is a unique agricultural commodity because the entire plant can be harvested and put to use. "I like to



Above: Field technician Jake Hoyman uses a plot seeder to plant hemp seed at OSU's Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center. Brother Jake is a member of Lake Creek Grange #697 in Jackson County. Photo provided by Richard Roseburg, Oregon State University

imagine that one could sit in a house made of hemp, eating food made out of hemp, taking medicine made of extracts from hemp, wearing clothes made of hemp," Noller added with a smile.

Four Years in the Making

While enthusiasm for new hemp research is creating buzz in Oregon, Noller and his team have been researching hemp across the globe for more than four years. He has specifically been targeting locations that share Oregon's 45th parallel, prime conditions for hemp production in countries like Serbia and China that have fewer legal constraints on hemp cultivation and production.

In Serbia, for example, Noller has been able to plant hundreds of acres of hemp; within an acre, there are approximately 200,000 plants. With numbers like that, the margin of error in calculating the differences between different hemp trials is negligible. "We have learned a lot already," Noller added. "Enough to make us keenly aware of the fact that we have much yet to learn."

Here in Oregon, the GHIC is conducting hemp trial research at ten experiment stations across the state. The trials serve two key functions.

The first is to develop a foundation for future hemp research at these stations so that the plant breeders, agronomists and others already working there have the opportunity to gain familiarity with the plant. It's as much of a cultural learning curve as a scientific one, since hemp has until now been off-limits.

Second, with these trials underway, the university and its experiment stations will be better equipped to take their science to the farm-- helping growers on their properties better understand challenges they face growing in different soils and climates much as is done with other types of crops.

"We can't just turn on a switch and have the infrastructure and experience to conduct hemp research like we do

other plants," Noller said. "This first year is very much about culturally and structurally setting us up for success so that we can truly make a difference in this new field."

While the research is in its beginning stages, other areas of the college and university have also been looking into hemp. The Department of Food Science and Technology is working with hemp essential oils, the College of Engineering is starting to look at different delivery systems for those oils and the Food Innovation Center in Portland has already started working with food entrepreneurs on products that contain hemp seed.

I Just Have One Word for You

With all the potential and enthusiasm for hemp as a new crop with seemingly limitless potential for new products, I cannot help but be reminded of a famous scene in the 1967 classic *The Graduate*.

Benjamin Braddock, played by a young Dustin Hoffman, is trying desperately to escape the college graduation party his parents are hosting. Suffocated by the well-meaning but overbearing friends of his parents, pressured to answer the question looming over every graduate's mind- "What are you going to do with the rest of your life?" he attempts to duck out when one of his parents' friends Mr. McGuire, pulls him aside:

Mr. McGuire: "I just want to say one word to you. One word. Are you listening?"

Ben: "Yes, Mr. McGuire."

Mr. McGuire: "Plastics."

Maybe hemp won't be as pervasive as plastics. Only time will tell. And certainly, the pervasiveness of plastics came with some unforeseen consequences. However, the point is we stand at the dawn of a new crop that can produce material that hold a great deal of promise across facets of life.

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A Primer for Electronic Payment of Grange Dues

Your Subordinate Grange may be considering allowing electronic payment of dues. It might have noticed at events and fundraisers that some people want to use credit cards. But no one is really sure how they might accomplish this. Especially if your Grange wants to seek out younger members, who are very used to paying for many things electronically, you might want to investigate electronic payment for dues and perhaps even sales at your Subordinate Grange.

At the 2019 Oregon State Grange Convention, a resolution was passed by delegates requesting the State Grange research electronic payment of dues. This article is the result of that research, and the Communications Team would like to share that knowledge. In addition, a handout will soon be available from State Grange presenting the same knowledge in greater detail.

Many Granges are worried about using electronic commerce, fearing identity theft or theft of funds. A large majority of commercial enterprises accept electronic payments successfully, and by being careful, and adopting and following rules for safe practices that follow suggested industry practices, a Subordinate Grange can minimize risk to a very acceptable level. Billions of dollars are safely exchanged every day online and by following some simple guidelines known as 'best practices', a Subordinate Grange can join the twenty-first century.

If your Subordinate Grange decides to accept online payments, you will need to supply the routing and account number of your bank at some point in the setup process. This is usually entered as part of setting up the online payment system account, or on the device that will accept online payments. This is necessary to allow funds to be transferred to your bank account. Usually once this is accomplished, there will be a transfer or two of a very small amount to your account, followed by a correction that reverses the deposit. This is done to ensure the setup is correct. If you do not see such activity, you should review your setup process and ensure your account numbers are correct. But you must provide this information, otherwise it is akin to telling someone to call you, but refusing to provide your phone number. It's just not going to work.

Before we discuss the two options for accepting online payments,

there is one other common feature of both options. No matter which option you decide upon, they will take a small percentage of the payment made in exchange for providing the service. For the systems recommended by the Oregon State Grange, these fees range from 2.6 to 2.9 percent plus ten to thirty-nine cents per transaction. The fees of each recommended option are discussed in more detail in the Electronic Payment handbook, but if your Grange decides to select an alternate payment system, it should research the costs and fees of that system and be aware of them before making a final decision.

The Oregon State Grange recommends using PayPal as an online payment system, and either a PayPal or Square credit card reader. Subordinate Granges are not bound by this recommendation and are free to choose whatever they want, but the Oregon State Grange cannot become familiar with all the options available, so those seeking other options must inform themselves on costs, setup and operation of whatever other systems they may choose.

The first, and most known option are online payment systems. PayPal is the most recognized choice in this category, but there are other options. Payment systems like this are great for placing a link on your Grange web site or Facebook page and allowing people to pay dues, or donate directly to your Grange. One other advantage of a payment system such as PayPal is that a member can potentially create recurring payments, such as five dollars per month for dues, which those on limited resources might find helpful.

The second option is credit card readers. PayPal provides a reader for a small fee, and the Square credit card reader is very popular among small businesses and can be obtained once for free directly from Square. These readers are generally attached to a smart phone or tablet and do require wi-fi, a hotspot or cellular data to process the transaction. The Square reader can save the transaction if there is no internet and process it later, when internet is available. A credit card reader can still be used for dues payments, but the member paying and the member with the credit card must be together. If your Grange has wi-fi, or if you are using the credit card reader with internet access, the most useful

Oregon Communications Fellows

Returning for the seventh year at the National Grange, the Communications Fellows under the leadership of National Grange Communications Director Amanda Brozana Rios, work hard to bring convention news to the delegates and to Grange members at home. Over the ten days they are at the National Convention they learn the ins and outs of effectively communicating a clear message and apply that to interviewing, writing press releases to send to media outlets around the country and to produce several issues of the Patrons Chain during convention.

A Subordinate Grange should follow 'best practices' when using electronic payments. 'Best practices' are steps that minimize the risk of fraud and your account becoming compromised. An example of a 'best practice' is changing any password associated with electronic payment every six months, and also when responsible parties change positions. Another 'best practice' is monitoring your online accounts as frequently as possible, preferably daily. A more complete list of 'best practices' can be found in the Oregon State Grange documentation for Electronic Payment of Dues, discussed later on in this article.

In addition to best practices, a Subordinate Grange considering electronic payments will also need to consider their own policies. Some of these policies will be concerned with 'best practices', but not all. Some examples of policies to consider that are not best practice related are - Will your Subordinate Grange add a processing fee to cover the cost of online payments? Will your Subordinate Grange allow for monthly dues payments on PayPal? Whereas policies about what device is used and what positions within the Subordinate Grange have access to the payment system passwords are related to 'best practices.' Again, the Electronic Payment of Dues handout supplied by the Oregon State Grange will discuss some common policy decisions that should be considered.

When properly managed and monitored, electronic payments can be a useful tool for Subordinate Granges and are an appealing payment option to potential younger members. They can increase sales and be used for fundraising, extending your ability to take payments from anyone in the world.

The Communications Team is now working on the Electronic Payment Handbook. If your Subordinate Grange is interested in exploring electronic payments, please contact the Oregon State Grange Office and a copy will be sent to you as soon as it is completed.

The Communications Team also hopes to work with the State Grange to design a process to allow ACH transfers, so Subordinate Granges and the State Grange can pay each other directly in the near future.

This year two of the fellows were from Oregon. A first-time fellow was Lexie Suing of Crow Grange #450 in Lane County. She was one of six new fellows.

Returning to the fellow's program as a Senior Fellow was Maggie Swartzendruber of Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County. She was first selected as a fellow in 2018 in Vermont. Since then she has written several articles for the Good Day magazine and helped proof the OSG Bulletin. Maggie was joined by three other returning fellows.



Above: Maggie Swartzendruber interviewing Oregon State Grange Master Susan Noah for the press release on Oregon being named a 2019 Distinguished State Grange and on the Oregon record setting, six Subordinate / Community Granges, to receive the award.



Above: Lexie Suing interviewing Darlene from North Carolina on her Grange's Distinguished Grange award.



L-r: Morgan Bengel of HomePlate talks with Julie Schnetzky of Tigard Grange.

Washington-Yamhill Pomona #2 Celebrates 'Make a Difference Day'

Saturday, October 26, was Make a Difference Day and the Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange #2 celebrated the day with an ice cream social after their quarterly meeting at Aloha Grange.

Aloha Grange #773 was kind enough to let the Pomona Grange use their hall for the day and as stations went out for the meeting upstairs, other members were down stairs decorating the dining room. Peggy Ivy from Washington Grange took over the kitchen, whipping up a lunch that would make even the finest chef jealous. Peggy hardly had the food out on the table before the members started dishing up, piling their plates full. With watering mouths, it appeared the plates were half empty before the patrons even sat down to the table.

The ice cream social followed after the meeting with Winona Grange donating ice cream, chocolate syrup, caramel syrup and cherries. Peggy Ivy sent out invitations and hung flyers, Connie Clark of Aloha

Grange opened the hall and sent out an invite to the neighborhood via "Nextdoor." Sam Keator of Winona Grange had a nice write up in the paper and signs went up outside Aloha Grange hall the day of the social to welcome their guests.

The welcoming committee, to greet visitors as they came through the door were Linda Dorland from Washington Grange and Kathryn Luttrell from Scholls Grange. The Guest of Honor for the special occasion was Morgan Bengel representing HomePlate.

The Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange was able to help HomePlate collect \$1,055.00 in donations and a few individuals signed up as being interested in volunteering.

With teamwork, they were able to make a small difference for a worthwhile cause, as HomePlate is a non-profit that reaches out to the Homeless Youth of Washington County.

Forest Grove Fills Need at Library

When Forest Grove Grange #282, Washington County, learned that the city library was in need of a podium for their meeting room the Grange decided this would be a good way to celebrate the Grange's 150th birthday. With the help of Forest Grove High School Ag teacher, Jami Duyck, the FGHS woodworking class was asked to help make a podium. The Grange paid for the materials.

A big thank you to Forest Grove High school students John Hertel and Cameron Robinson for their work on the podium. They put many hours into this project. The podium is made of white oak and maple; with a melamine laser etched Grange emblem. It is beautiful.

On October 28th, Master Joe Duyck, Jami Duyck and Jim Clute presented the finished podium to the Forest Grove library in recognition of the library's 100th anniversary.



Above - l-r: Forest Grove Library Director, Colleen Winters, thanks Forest Grove Master Joe Duyck for the donation of the podium.

Community Service Involvement

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Greeting Fellow Grangers,

November is a month for giving THANKS for the community all around us.

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

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

December is the month that we are

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

As the new year approaches, we should be taking stock of what we have accomplished this year and getting it documented not only for submission to the State Grange but also to have a record to help maintain our nonprofit status. This is also the time to make plans for next year. You can layout a schedule of what events and projects your Grange will do in 2020 as well as the budget needed to carry them out.

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

Midland Donates to Food Bank



Midland Grange #781, Klamath County, got an early start on their holiday giving by presenting a check for \$100 to the Klamath Lake County Food Bank. Receiving the check was Nikki Sampson, Director of the Food Bank. Midland hopes other Granges will consider donating to their food banks during this holiday season.

L: Midland Grange Treasurer Dennis Pickerill presents check to Nikki Sampson.

Riversdale Grange Collects Food for "Drive Away Hunger" Project

Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County, provided a spaghetti dinner to the public with the only cost being a donation of non-perishable food items during the Riversdale Grange Community Appreciation Day and open house. The Grange collection included approximately 181 items that weighed 175 pounds.

The food collected was given to

the Oakland FFA Chapter as part of their "Drive Away Hunger" project sponsored statewide by Les Schwab Tire in conjunction with local FFA chapters. The Oakland chapter collected items at home athletic events during October and canvassed the community for further donations. The food items collected locally will be presented to the UCan food pantry in Roseburg.



Oakland FFA member and Riversdale Grange member Austin VanHouten accepts the 175 pounds of non-perishable food collected for the FFA "Drive Away Hunger" during Riversdale's open house.

Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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With the fires we read about in California and the likelihood of a destructive earthquake in our lifetimes, Emergency Preparedness is something every family should discuss. According to the US Department of Homeland Security taking the time to plan for emergencies now could have great benefits when an unexpected disruption occurs.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends that your family should have a plan to contact a particular person outside your area and state, which would be unlikely to be affected by a disruption in your area, which all of your family members would know to contact in order to reestablish connection. Local communication may be disrupted, but it is likely that at some point emergency responders would be able to provide commu-

nication at shelters or emergency services centers. The members of your family would all be able to phone the planned out-of-area contact.

FEMA suggests making a wallet sized card that each of your family members can carry to remind them of the preparedness plan contact phone number to call and report their location and status. This card can also list phone numbers of family members and a local meeting place where family members can try to meet up, if an emergency occurs when the family is separated due to work, school, or travel.

More helpful tips can be found by doing an internet search for "FEMA & Emergency Preparedness". Having a plan, and discussing it and practicing can avoid some of the chaos a disruption can bring.

Sunnyside to Host Blood Drive



L-r: Sunnyside Grange Master Sandi Ludi with Beth St. James with the Red Cross.

Beth St. James from the Red Cross Cascade Region gave a presentation for Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County, Lecturer's Program in September in preparation for an upcoming blood drive. Sunnyside Grange is planning to host a Blood Drive on Saturday, February 29 from 10am to 3pm.

Anyone 17 or older can donate whole blood. You must weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in good health. There are a handful of other requirements that most people easily meet.

You can schedule a donation time by going to the American Red Cross website or just show up. Walk in are always welcome. www.redcross-blood.org/give.html/donation-time



Malcolm Trupp, President

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

The "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbursement", will reimburse members up to \$500 for expenses due to hearing issues. To be reimbursed, please mail your request to the OSG office in Salem by December 31.

When you purchase anything from Amazon, if you go through the Foundation on the OSG Web site, the Foundation will receive a percentage of what is purchased. This doesn't cost you anything, benefits the Foundation, and therefore benefits you.

More members are participating in

the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. We signed up several new members during this year's annual state convention. This has resulted in increased benefits to the Foundation.

Contributing to the Fraternal Concerns Fund gives the board the resources to help members during catastrophes that they may experience. Also remember the GASS Fund and the State Master Award Fund. Donations can be made directed to your chosen fund or to the General Fund.

The Foundation Board encourages all the members of Oregon Granges to take advantage of these programs. For more information go to: <http://orgrange.org/oregon-state-grange-foundation/>

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

Clackamas Youth Served Dinner Before Pomona

Clackamas County Pomona Youth and Young Adults held a fundraising dinner on Saturday September 28th at Redland Grange. The dinner was followed by the Scholarship Pie and Dessert Auction and conferral of the 5th Degree to several candidates from Clackamas and Yamhill County Granges.

Funds raised from the dinner went into the Pomona Youth fund to help with their activities and travel. The tip jar for the evening raised \$39 which went to JC Dumolt Junkman of Clarkes Grange. JC traveled to National Grange in Minnesota where she served as LAS on the Youth Officer team.



Above: Cody Dunsmuir and Jessie Jo Guttridge in front prepped potatoes for roasting while Jim J. Dumolt at the back, sliced apples.

L-r: District 4 Youth Chairman Joyce Parker, Jade Naylor, Cody Dunsmuir and Clarkes Master Christy Dumolt serve dinner to those present including Clackamas County Pomona Grange Master, Ed Luttrell.



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 1	10:30 AM	Eagle Valley Grange
Benton #36	January 18	10:30 AM	Summit Grange
Clackamas #1	January 25	10:00 AM	Abernethy Grange
Columbia #18	February 1	10:00 AM	Quincy Grange
Deschutes #25	February 8	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	January 25	6:00 PM	Myrtle Creek Grange
Jackson #27	January 25	2:00 PM	TBA
Josephine #20	February 29	9:00 AM	TBA
Lane #14	January 11	10:00 AM	Central Grange
Lincoln #10	February 15	10:30 AM	Salmon River Grange
Linn #12	January 11	10:00 AM	Morning Star Grange
Polk #3	January 9	6:30 PM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	February 22	10:30 AM	White Eagle Grange
Wallowa #22	January 11	10:00 AM	Hurricane Creek Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	January 25	10:00 AM	Hillsboro Grange



Warren Grange member Eva Frost with the students at Tucker-Maxum School with their new dictionaries.

Dictionaries Presented to School For The Deaf by Warren Grange

Warren Grange #536, Columbia County, presented dictionaries to the Tucker-Maxum School in Portland. Tucker-Maxum teaches hearing impaired children to speak, learn, laugh and sing together and they are ranked among the top schools in the country. They are valued for their innovative service and dedication.

Eva Frost representing Warren Grange presented the dictionaries to a small group of second/third graders. The children were instructed to listen (by using a special mic) and learn about the book they were receiving. Eva showed them the "Longest Word" and the meaning of the word "Grange". They shared their love for the farm and animals. She talked about the last 150+ pages

that shows: weights & measures; the Declaration of Independence; the US Constitution; Maps of the seven continents; information about the 50 states; Biographies of the US Presidents; and facts about the planets in the solar system.

When finished Eva left the room and then discovered she had not taken a picture, so she returned to the class just as the teacher was coming out to find her, for the same reason, to take a picture. When Eva re-entered the classroom, the children were so full of excitement. They had discovered the wonders of the book in just a few minutes. The teacher told the children they would be spending the next few weeks talking and learning about their new dictionary book before taking them home.



"Words for Thirds" The Dictionary Project

Has your Grange thought about sponsoring a school and providing dictionaries to the 3rd graders? To date, more than 32,644,003 students around the world have received dictionaries, thanks to the generous donations from Dictionary Project sponsors.

Nationwide, 959 Granges, in 38 states, have participated in The Dictionary Project since 2002 and have donated 1,035,534 dictionaries. So far, Granges have provided dictionaries to 24,600 students in the 2019-2020 school year alone.

In Oregon there are 811 elementary schools but only 276 are sponsored.

To see if the school in your area has a sponsor, check The Dictionary Project website (www.dictionaryproject.org). There are schools with only one or two students to those with 100 plus scattered all

over the state. If interested surely your Grange could find one to fit your budget.

Thirteen Oregon Granges have provided dictionaries to third graders in the last year, sponsoring from one to five schools each.

Thank you to these Oregon Granges listed on the Dictionary Project website as having provided dictionaries to third graders in the last year:

- Boulevard Grange #389
- Clarkes Grange #261
- Columbia Grange #867
- Forest Grove Grange #282
- Irving Grange #377
- Lacombe Grange #907
- Lorane Grange #54
- McMinnville Grange #31
- Santiam Valley Grange #828
- Sauvie Island Grange #840
- Springwater Grange #263
- Warner Grange #117
- Warren Grange #536



The Education Committee

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Greetings Fellow Grangers,

By now each Grange in Oregon should have the wonderful informative calendar from Ag in the Classroom. Again, this year, we are a sponsor of the Literacy Program which starts in March of 2020. I encourage all Grangers to become involved with this program. You will be getting more information in January with exactly what you can do. As a sponsor we need participation from Grangers in their own communities. This is a great outreach to children in your local schools.

We also don't want to forget our involvement with the Words for Thirds Dictionary Project. National Community Service Director Pete Pompper reported across the nation more than 1,036,000 dictionaries have been given to third graders.

Here's hoping you all have a wonderful holiday season. I am looking forward to working with you on the Literacy Program. Please give me a call at 541-741-1046 or email me at vpbears@q.com with any question you might have.

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: _____	

Oregon State Grange Grant Recipients

A Bubbling Building Problem

Maplewood Grange #662, Clackamas County, had a problem. Paint would not stick to the siding. Carefully prepped, sanded and painted pine siding and in three years, bubbles were baaack!

The Oregon State Grange had the answer, or at least cash for the answer. The weather side of Maple-

wood is now the proud bearer of Hardiplank siding. The project to tear off the old siding and replace it with similar looking but much more durable and lower maintenance Hardiplank siding had its beginnings three years ago on Maplewood's list of needed capital improvement projects.

While saving money for the project on the five year plan the Grange put in a couple of grant applications and scored in 2018. With the materials funded, work crews were signed up and organized for a late spring project. Farm chores interfered a bit however, and the project actually went to construction in early July. They were worried about the heat, until it started raining on them. After things dried out the project went smoothly and was substantially complete in about a week. Still some detail work to do on windows that got refinished at the same time but the siding is great!



Above: the old bubbling siding was removed from the Grange hall and replaced with Hardiplank siding. Below: what a difference it makes.



Above: The reroofing of North Bayside Grange allowed TPO from the barrel section to tie into that of the drainage area, providing a secure seal that should hold for years to come.

Oregon State Grange Matching Grant Program

Each year Granges around the state are encouraged to apply for a matching grant of up to \$5000 to make improvements to their real property. The program is designed to help improve the standing of a Grange in its neighborhood, address external appearance and functionality of the hall and prop-

erty. The objective is to improve the exterior "curb appeal" of Subordinate Grange halls, which will make the Granges more attractive to the public, including potential members.

Applications are accepted July 1 - September 15th of each year.

A Flat Roof Gets An Upgrade

Over the years since North Bayside Grange #691, Coos County, started renting the Grange hall, numerous leaks had formed in the roof. Slowly, but surely, with each rainy season, more water would seep in from the roof, causing damage to the wood and an odor that pervaded the building. The bathroom, stage, and dance areas were all affected, alongside extensive damage to the wood in the upstairs area. As the leaks became worse, even the vents began to pour water under heavy rain!

Originally built in 1949, Grange members were surprised to discover at the beginning of this project that the roof had never once been serviced or repaired! Much of the original construction remained intact, with dates clearly pointing to its origin. In discovering this, they knew it was time to fix the problem; not only in stopping the current leaks, but in a repair that would help ensure the roof would remain strong for many more years to come.

The first phase of the project was funded by donations. Focusing on the immediate problem, their roof-er set to work repairing the drainage area of our flat roof. The Grange hadn't truly realized the extent of the damage until the drainage area was opened, and they could see just how pervasive the dry rot had become! He replaced all of the wood, then lined the drainage area with TPO and sealed

it with cap metal. The Grange saw immediate improvements. However, this was only the first phase of the repair, and help was needed to secure the rest.

North Bayside Grange was honored to receive a matching grant through the State Grange, finally closing the gap in funds necessary and beginning work on the roof's barrel section. This reroofing allowed TPO from the barrel section to tie into that of the drainage area, providing a secure seal that should hold for years to come. Now, it can rain all it wants, and not a drop of water comes through. It was exactly what the Grange needed to appeal to the community, and has had a strong, positive impact on their events.

The Grange could not have finished the roof without the assistance of grant funds from the State Grange. With that, they would like to thank Susan Noah, Master of the Oregon State Grange, for forming the grant program. Not only have North Bayside benefitted tremendously from this program, but other Granges have benefitted as well.



Above: the damage to the roof was more than the Grangers expected and took a lot of rebuilding.



Left: the roof already for the TPO.

Oregon State Grange Grant Recipients

New Storage For Beavercreek Grange

Beavercreek Grange #276, Clackamas County, received a grant for \$5000 to help purchase five shipping containers to replace the shed back of the Grange hall. The barn/shed that was built in the 40's or 50's was finally giving out with the walls in the back deteriorating so bad that plywood was put on the inside to try to keep the animals out.

Beavercreek has three other non-profits that use their hall and they needed storage along with the Grange and the Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1's 5th degree trailer.

The shed is down. The containers have been placed on site and are very full. Grangers spent about 200

volunteer hours tearing down the shed piece by piece. One of their members wanted to save the wood as he is planning on using the wood to build an old town style village. There were a lot of nails to be pulled from finishing nails to size 6 D.

The road closest to the Grange was being re-surfaced and they were very fortunate to have the contractor donate 40 yards of crushed asphalt, which was spread out over the area.

Beavercreek Grange wants to say thanks to everyone that helped with all aspects of this project.



Above: five storage containers now provide dry, rodent free storage for Beavercreek Grange, the nonprofits that use their hall and Clackamas County Pomona Grange.



Left: Pulling nails was one of the many projects involved in taking down the old shed.

Leaky Roof Needed Fixed ASAP

Willamette Grange #52, Benton County, received a grant to replace the roof on their almost 100-year-old hall. On November 8th, 2019 just as soon as the knew they were receiving a grant they started cov-

ering the leaking roof before the winter rains set in! See picture below.

Thank you, OSG and the OSG Grant Committee!



Eagle Point Refinished Floors

Eagle Point Grange #664, Jackson County, received a grant from the Oregon State Grange to resurface and seal the hardwood floors including the stage area.

floor and applied the second floor finish at no cost.

The project required the removal of the old finish that was remaining on the floor and applying a new multi-coat finish to protect the wood floors from continued wear and potential food and drink stains. Unfortunately, the first application of the multi-coat finish did not set up correctly and had to be removed and reapplied. The second application worked as expected. The company that did the original work stood behind their work and re-sanded the



Above: beautiful, shiny floors were the final outcome.

Below: a major graduation event was one of the first events held on the newly resurfaced floor:



2020 OSG Grants Awarded

The Matching Grant Review Committee met on Sunday, October 27th and reviewed the grant applications. The Committee made recommendation to the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee to award grants to eleven Granges which were approved.

Receiving grants this year are:

- Willamette Grange #52
- Santiam Valley Grange #828
- Lake Creek Grange #697
- Macleay Grange #293
- Union Hill Grange #728
- Redland Grange #796
- North Bayside Grange #691
- Goldson Grange #868
- Scholls Grange #338
- Pacific Grange #413
- McMinnville Grange #31



GWA

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The purpose of what is now Grange Workers Activities has not changed much since the first committee was started. In 1910 it was called "Woman's Work Committee." They changed the name to Home Economics Committee. The Home Economics Committee was designed "to develop a better and higher womanhood among ourselves; to enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes; to protect and strengthen the interests of the farm home; to promote, through the Grange, the health and well-being of the families in the community."

Today our purpose reads: The GWA centers on the home and family interests. Our program supports agriculture, health, finances, food preparation, and education. We promote the home environment and concerns of the family and our community.

Elmer McClure, Master of the Oregon State Grange in January 1954 wrote "Grange halls of today must be modern in their facilities and comforts to encourage membership, attendance and participation in Grange activities." This has not changed. May we be mindful of the needs and accomplishments of our Grange, Grange families and

people and places in our community. This time of year is a good time to reflect on the programs that your Grange has been doing and where you would like to see your Grange be involved. As you plan for the coming year and years ahead think of ways you can improve your Grange community. I find it interesting to read through past minutes as sometimes it sparks an idea for now or for the future.

I found in reading through past HEC records a piece about Grange Etiquette.

1. Attend regularly
2. Be there on time
3. Take the whole family
4. Be attentive. Go to learn not whisper or sleep
5. Be thoughtful of the comfort of others
6. Always remember that visitors are the guests of the members. Treat them as you would a visitor in your home
7. Be a booster in whatever your Grange sponsors
8. Never rush for the door after closing as though the Grange were on fire. Be sociable.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The 2019 Oregon State Grange Cookbook Makes Great Gifts

There are still plenty of the Oregon State Grange cookbook, *Tastes for All Seasons*, available. These books make great presents for that cook on your gift list. Orders received in the State Grange office by **Tuesday December 17th** should make it back in time for Christmas gift giving.

The cookbooks sell for \$15 each and debit/credit cards can be used by calling the state office, Tuesday -Thursday for those last-minute purchases.



2019 Tastes for All Seasons Cookbook

# of Cookbooks	_____ x \$15	_____
Postage	1-2 cookbooks \$2.75 or	_____
	3-4 cookbooks \$3.50	_____
	Total	_____
Name	_____	
Address	_____	
City	St	Zip
Phone	_____	

Send order form with check* made payable to:
Oregon State Grange
643 Union St NE
Salem, OR 97301

*Make checks payable to the Oregon State Grange

2020 National Grange Theme: "Cultivating Connections"

During the 2019 National Grange Convention, Master Betsy Huber, announced the theme for 2020 is "Cultivating Connections." Huber encouraged Granges to use the theme during Grange Month and throughout 2020 to present the Grange to residents in their communities "so they can see the myriad of things we do and realize how they can be a part of Grange and contribute their own talents to our efforts," she said. Watch for more information on using the theme in upcoming issues of the Bulletin.





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Junior's Winter Activity Sheet





Washington DC Experience
for Grange Juniors, Youth, and Young Adults

March 7 - 11, 2020
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- Receive legislative training
- Meet your representatives
- Tour Washington DC
- Become an advocate

\$150 Registration Fee
(Scholarships Available)
Travel and lodging on your own

For more information: nationalgrangeyouth.org | nationaljuniorgrange.org

Juniors, Youth and Young Adults Washington DC Experience

The National Grange Youth, Junior and Legislative Departments invite Youth, Young Adults and Juniors to come to us in Washington, DC March 7-11, 2020 for the Washington DC Experience. The purpose of the Washington DC Experience is for Junior and Youth/Young Adult aged Grangers from across the country to come together and learn about how the Grange functions on the legislative side. Youth and Juniors will be educated on the many ways in which Grangers and other citizens alike can advocate on issues they feel important to shape public policy and communities in which they live.

During the Washington DC Experience, Grangers are invited to get an up-close and behind the scenes look at what government is and how it operates in Washington, DC. Junior and Youth members, along with their leaders/parents, are invited to attend the Washington DC Experience. Junior and Youth Leaders accompanying must adhere to the National Grange Child Protection Policy.

Grangers will attend briefings with important information pertaining to the Grange Legislative Department. Plans will also include meeting with governmental departments (such as Department of Agriculture and Department of Education) meeting with Congressmen and Senators from your state and a tour of DC to be included.

Just as the Grange Declaration

of Purposes suggests, the Grange will ensure that the Grange Youth, Young Adults and Juniors "take a proper interest in the politics of one's country" so they might become the informed and involved citizens required to move America forward and to guarantee a better society for future generations.

Travel and lodging costs are the responsibility of the attendees with a \$150 registration fee to cover some meal costs and tours. The Registrations Due by February 1. Registration available online www.national-grangeyouth.org

Want to participate but don't have the funds? Scholarships are available. Potomac Grange #1, who meets in the National Grange office building in Washington, DC sponsors the Grange Grassroots Activism Scholarship.

Any Youth, Young Adult, or Junior that has applied to attend the Washington DC Experience is eligible to apply for the Grange Grassroots Activism Scholarship. The scholarship application with supplemental materials will be submitted to the National Grange Youth Director and will be passed along to the National Grange Legislative Director and Potomac Grange #1 for selection. Two travel/lodging scholarships, not to exceed \$800, will be awarded. **Application deadline is February 1.** For more information contact OSG Junior Director Peggy Jillson or OSG Youth Director Connie Suing.



Oregon Junior Grangers

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It's Your Grange's Lucky Day!

they'd like to.

Juniors are welcome at our Grange meetings, but suppose they actually show up! Are you ready for your lucky day?

Many people focus better when they have something to do with their hands. At the beginning of the meeting, pass out small containers of Play-Doh, a few pipe cleaners, Legos, or plastic canvas and a yarn-threaded needle. You or your Junior suggest a theme, and the creativity begins! Show off the finished creations during the Lecturer's program. Juniors who have completed their project could assemble new activity kits for the next meeting.

Many children expect to spend the time "waiting for the grownups to get done" by playing on a cell phone. Perhaps they can use the phone's camera to take photos instead, and you may already have a Grange scavenger hunt list floating around your Grange hall. This is a great way for Juniors to become familiar with our regalia and the names of offices. Save really nice photos to be entered in Grange contests, state or national. Show them the Junior page in a recent copy of the Oregon State Grange *Bulletin*. There's usually an activity right there for them to try, and they or their families just might want to contact the Junior Department for more information.

For the very young, some clean toys with limited loudness potential will be welcome. Older children who aren't ready to take part in the meeting itself may enjoy puzzles or toys with lots of parts if they have a quiet corner for play. Make sure they know they're welcome to join in for part of the meeting if they decide

Once a Junior feels comfortable with your Grange, ask them to sit in for an absent officer, maybe just for opening and closing of the Grange. Lots of encouragement but only one person giving instructions is a good rule to follow. Juniors usually love to learn our Grange traditions. Encourage them to help set up and remove regalia before and after the meeting, explaining as you go along what the items are used for and why we have them.

Last year during the Grange Connections campaign we provided a simple paper craft kit to make a display holder for Junior membership brochures. It's great to have some eye-catching art to revitalize a Grange bulletin board. A selection of monthly activity pages can be downloaded from the Oregon State Grange website and the Junior Grange Merit Badge Manual is also available online. Just don't depend on coloring and paper crafts to keep kids' attention for long. Your new Juniors will want more engagement. As their interest in Grange grows, it's time to show them the Junior Program Guide. The activities and contests are aimed to expand knowledge of the Grange as well as exploration of agriculture and citizen responsibility.

In several states the Junior Grange is providing leadership in animal husbandry clubs through the Grange Youth Fair Program that compete alongside 4-H and FFA. This is a whole new opportunity that I hope to bring to Oregon Granges. Our goal will be for Juniors to have their own meetings with their own officers, and it will be wonderful, but there will always be a place for Juniors at Subordinate Grange.



LOOKING FOR A JUNIOR PROGRAM?

GOOD DAY! MAGAZINE WRITING CONTEST

Junior submissions welcome on the topic: "If I were President..."

Send submission as a Word document attachment along with short bio of Junior author by Jan. 31, 2020 to communications@nationalgrange.org

For more information, see Good Day! magazine or contact Amanda at communications@nationalgrange.org or by calling (301) 943-1090



Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director

As the holiday season approaches, your Legislative Committee is looking past all the festivities to the upcoming interim or short session of the Oregon Legislature where several issues will command our attention. We adopted a resolution in 2018 and again in 2019 that specifically supports Josephine County's efforts to see their vote to ban GMOs recognized by the State of Oregon. This would require an amendment to Oregon Revised Statutes, and Amy Wong of Our Family Farms has developed a proposal for the upcoming session for which we will draft a letter of support. This June we adopted a resolution proposing that the Oregon legislature use the power they reserved to themselves to create special agricultural districts for the purpose of restricting GE crops. Our lobbyist John DeHaas will be meeting with interested parties about these issues.

Your OSG Legislative committee will also be looking for opportunities to express the Oregon State Grange's opinion on other issues that were the subject of recent resolutions, including calling for limits on the use of the Emergency Clause by the Oregon legislature and opposing the new Transit Tax imposed by the Oregon legislature last year.

Oregon sent 15 resolutions to the National Grange delegates this year. Some members may count success solely by whether a resolution is adopted but I believe that often, just bringing an idea or issue forward for discussion is a positive outcome because it is a step in the right direction or a start to the conversation. We did see several of ours adopted, while others were dealt with in the various ways National has of 'working' a resolution. National Grange committees and numbering are different than ours of course, so I am going to try to give Oregon's resolution number, the Grange where it originated, National's designation and action.

Our resolutions Ag 2 from Riversdale, *Industrial Hemp*, and Ag 3 from Hurricane Creek, *National Educational program about organic products*, were renumbered AG 124 and AG 123 respectively at National and were both considered already to be existing policy of the National Grange. Our LE14 from Bellview, *Prohibit Glyphosate Use on Public Properties*, was numbered AG 125. It received an unfavorable committee recommendation and was lost.

Our TU2 from Marys River, *Advocate for Rural Broadband*, assigned Citizenship 315 at National,

received an unfavorable committee recommendation and was lost. It was felt as written this would reduce or eliminate incentives to develop any broadband at all in rural areas. LE5 from Santiam Valley, *Oppose Lowering the Voting Age*, was renumbered CI 316, received a favorable recommendation and was adopted. LE 10 from Springwater, *Student Ag Protection Act*, renumbered CI 316; favorable recommendation, and adopted. VE 1 from Creswell, *Veterans Anti-discrimination*, assigned as CI 318 and determined by committee to be already National Grange policy. VE 2, Creswell, *Veterans to Farm*, assigned as CI 319, was amended in committee and also by the delegates and ultimately adopted as amended.

Oregon's CO2, Walterville, *Make all one-time use plastics reusable, recyclable or compostable*, was assigned as Conservation 407. The committee considered this to already be National Grange policy. This resolution might be worth recycling, because I see general support for recycling in the NG Conservation Committee policy but nothing specific. Our CO7, Bellview, *Weather Modification Technologies*, was assigned CO 408 and the committee added language related to this issue to their annual Policy Statement: "The National Grange supports transparent disclosure of details of any environmental testing and/or modifications being conducted by any governmental agency."

Oregon's EH 2 from Marys River, assigned as Education & Health 520, *Advocate for Ban on Direct to Consumer Advertising of Prescription Drugs*, received a favorable committee report but was rejected by the delegates on the floor. Our EH9 from Springwater, *Mandatory Immunization for K-12 School Attendance*, assigned EH 521, received an unfavorable committee report and was rejected. It appears the policy of National is more lenient in regards to mandatory immunization. Our EH 3 from Benton Pomona, assigned EH 522, *Require Prescription Bottle Label have Large Print...*, was reconsidered by the committee thanks to the efforts of OSG Overseer Jay Sexton who was in attendance. It was amended by committee, sent to the floor with favorable report and was adopted as amended.

Good of the Order 6, Mohawk-McKenzie, *Membership Status*, was assigned as Grange Law #710. The committee chose to insert language in their annual Policy Statement about retaining membership in gen-

eral, but did not really address the point of the resolution.

LE11, Clackamas Pomona, *Harsher Punishment for False Accusations of Crimes*, was assigned as Labor/Judiciary/Transportation #810. The committee report was unfavorable and the resolution lost.

All in all, it was a busy National Grange session and some of our resolutions did get a lot of discussion. Jay's experience shows the value of attending these committee meetings as a non-delegate. You won't be able to vote and you have to ask permission to speak, but generally participation is encouraged and you can provide background

information or additional research to support your resolution.

The results of the actions of the delegates to this National Grange session will be found in the Journal of Proceedings. As with the Oregon State Grange, the intention is always to make the proceedings available as soon as possible but it is a big job and takes some time. Look for the JoP to be posted on the National Grange website soon. This is the only place where the complete legislative policies of the National Grange are easily found and for writers of resolutions it is well worth a word-search to see if your idea is already policy, or to identify National Grange policies you'd like to change.

National Grange Fly-In 2020
First in the Nation Primary

TENTATIVE DATES: FEBRUARY 7-9, 2020
MANCHESTER & CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grangers stay in the state capital of Concord to receive issue briefings and learn about the origins of "First in the Nation" primary and the many early historical events there. Participants then travel to Manchester where all the campaigns will be headquartered.

Grangers will have the opportunity to work on the campaign or campaigns of their choice for a day, then visit the headquarters for national and international media which will be reporting on the candidates.

These dates are tentative until New Hampshire officially announces what we currently expect to be their voting date: February 11. Fun fact: If another state happens to announce an earlier date for their primary, New Hampshire can set their vote earlier on order to remain first in the nation.

State Master and Directors Make Plans

In October the Oregon State Grange Directors as well as members of the Program Development and Communications teams met with State Master Susan Noah in Central Oregon for a weekend of sharing ideas, planning the 2020 Membership program and a little fun. State Overseer Jay Sexton led a group in play-

ing disc golf and more than once "Don't hit the tree...or the car" was heard.

The weekend was productive. The program will be unveiled in January so watch for details in the February/March 2020 issue of the Grange Bulletin.



Standing l-r: David McBride, Bob Ludi, Joanne McBride, Jay Sexton, Mark Noah, Peggy Jillson, Connie Suing, Margaret Clute, Teresa Cernac, Jim Clute, Louise Holst and Judy Hays-Eberts. Sitting l-r: Sonny Hays-Eberts, Susan Noah, Sandi Ludi, Liz Dehne and Suzy Ramm

Advocating For Those Who Gave Everything

Nicole Thill-Pacheco
Friday, September 27, 2019

Every year on the third Thursday of September, elected officials, members of the firefighting community, friends and family all gather at the state capital to honor Oregon firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

The Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony is held in Salem at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, where an inscribed wall stands in honor of those who have lost their lives.

Every year, the Hales and Hudson families from Columbia County travel to Salem to take part in the ceremony to honor their loved one — Robert Hales.

Robert Hales was a volunteer firefighter and EMT with the Scappoose Fire District when he suffered a heart attack following a long firefighting shift in 2008. His family honors his memory by attending the ceremony, but they are also actively helping other families remember other firefighters who have died.

Earlier this year, Evelyn Hudson, Robert Hales' aunt, advocated for a legislative change to allow the names of fallen firefighters to be included on roadside memorials.

Throughout the recently concluded legislative session, she also helped rally supporters of the bill to speak in the House and Senate on key voting days and encouraged the public to support the change.

The Oregon Department of Transportation approved roadside memorials to honor fallen members of the armed forces in 2013 and followed that action with an amendment in 2015 to include public safety officers. The bill allowing firefighters' names to be included will take effect Jan. 1.

This year, the gathering in Salem also included a special presentation by Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, who gave Mary Hales, Robert's wife, a signed copy of the bill.

COURTESY PHOTO - Sen. Betsy Johnson, Evelyn Hudson, U.S. Rep. Brad Witt, Mary Hales and Eva Frost pose for a photo following the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony in Salem on Thursday, September 19. Johnson presented Hales with a signed copy of a bill that was passed in the 2019 legislative session to allow the names of fallen firefighters to be included on roadside memorials.

Mary Hales said she was surprised to be part of the ceremony in that way since the change in the law wasn't about her. "But I'm very glad that the bill passed and I was really just a little surprised," Mary Hales said. "If anyone should have been presented with it, it should have been Evelyn because she did so much work on it." Hudson said she also was touched by the gesture at the ceremony. "It was great. It was an honor. All we wanted to do was get the message out," Hudson said.

During this year's ceremony, Kimberly Lightley, a fire and aviation management specialist with the U.S. Forest Service, who also specializes in risk management, was a guest speaker for the event. Lightley survived the deadly 1994 South Canyon Fire that killed 14 firefighters, including nine of the Prineville Hotshots.

Mary Hales and Hudson both said they found her to be inspirational. "It was very touching," Hudson said.

While the ceremony takes place annually, a granite memorial inscribed with the names of fallen firefighters stands year-round in Salem near the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Public Safety Academy.

"I think it's hard to understand, until you actually see the names inscribed and touch a name that's familiar to you, how meaningful it is to have that," Mary Hales said. She added that having roadside memorials will be a way for people to see the name of a loved one on a roadside near where they live, and not just memorialized in Salem, where it may be hard for some people to access.

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Lobbyist for the Oregon State Grange



Hello Grangers

I hope your fall events have been going well. As for the "goings ons" at the Oregon State Legislature things have been a little crazy.

In an attempt to repeal a new state law allowing undocumented immigrants to get Oregon driver's licenses HB 2015 has hit a snag.

Oregon Secretary of State Bev Clarno on Tuesday, October 22nd, halted a proposed ballot initiative to walk back House Bill 2015, saying it doesn't comply with requirements stated in the Oregon Constitution. The bill, passed earlier this year, allows Oregonians to present forms of ID that don't prove a person's legal immigration status in order to get a driver's license. The licenses will not be available until January 1st, 2021.

Renew Oregon hopeful for action, but ready for a ballot fight!

Renew Oregon says that if Oregon lawmakers don't pass a climate deal, they'll be ready to take it to voters next fall. When clean energy advocacy group Renew Oregon announced they were submitting three initiative petitions to finish the work left uncompleted by the Oregon legislature around climate action in the 2019 session, many felt the coalition was merely hoping to pressure lawmakers into action.

On Wednesday November 6th, they proved otherwise, announcing that in just 23 days they had gathered 6,000 unique signatures from 25 counties in support of their ballot measures which call for Oregon's economy to be completely carbon free by 2050. This is ongoing story and I will keep you all updated as it comes in.

Governor Brown Behavioral Health Advisory Council meets

October 24th marked the first meeting for the Behavioral Health Advisory Council established by Gov. Kate

Brown to make policy recommendations for improving care for Oregon's adults and teenagers dealing with mental illness and substance use disorders.

The 35-member council includes legislators assigned to committees on mental health, as well as mental health advocates and industry professionals from across the state. While the meeting was not open to the public, Brown said this initial meeting pulled back the curtain on the harsh reality that the state's jail system is currently the major provider for Oregonians dealing with severe mental and behavioral health issues. Moving quickly away from that method, she said, is the aim of this council.

"When we closed down the Dammasch Hospital (in 1995) the goal was to provide community services. We've honestly just created another institution and it's one behind bars," Brown said. "We have to change that. We have to make sure that folks with serious and persistent behavioral health issues have the support and services they need regardless of where they live."

Greg Walden's political legacy

Oregon is assured of having a new member in Congress in 2021. Unless Rep. Greg Walden changes his mind. The Republican from Hood River stunned a whole lot of folks around the country by announcing he would not seek re-election from Oregon's 2nd Congressional District. Barring something bizarre happening, he would have been a shooin, as will whichever Republican wins the May 2020 party primary to replace him. Democrats have little chance in a district that is mostly rural and covers almost two-thirds of Oregon.

Walden's legacy will be more procedural than legislative. In terms of policies, he worked well with Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden to protect timber payments to counties — in their various forms — over the years. He was also a strong advocate for natural resource-based industries in his district and across the state. We will just have to wait and see what happens.

I hope all of you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and will have a very Merry Christmas.

Happy Trails





Membership Matters

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The National Grange is gathering demographic information in order to identify potential membership benefit offerings. This process triggered my thoughts about the age of our Grange members. Knowing the average age of our members, I began to consider what our Grange membership might be in ten to twenty years from now. Obviously, many of our Granges are comprised of wonderful older members, but in ten years . . . well, it is time to focus our membership drive on younger folks.

As we prepare to begin this new year of 2020, it is a great time to expand efforts to increase the number of Juniors in our Granges. The Grange has always sought to be a great organization for families and individuals of all ages. It actively encourages programs for Juniors to grow, develop, and have fun. Oregon Granges that have an ever-aging membership roll should consider plans this year to increase their outreach and offerings to young people who can become enthusiastic Grange members to support the future.

Our Oregon State Grange Junior Director, Peggy Jillison, is doing a great job with Junior Grange



members. The Juniors lucky enough to attend the State Convention have a wonderful time learning, making friends, and having fun. Implementing these goals at the local level will definitely encourage Juniors in our Grange as well, and if it is possible to have them attend the State Convention, they will become even more involved in the Grange.

A first step in developing Junior activities in your Grange is to find a Granger interested in working with the children. Individuals working with the juniors need to have a background check completed. The National Grange recommends using the "Safe Gatherings" company. Peggy Jillison can assist in contacting a background check company. A great option for adding juniors to your community Grange is the "1+ Junior Grange" program. There is more information about this program on the National Junior Grange website: www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/.

If our Granges can have outreach programs to gain young families as new Grange members, these programs can also add Junior members. We need to remember to have activities for the younger members to help them become involved and have fun. I believe that an important way to keep our Order perpetual is to enhance our efforts in developing young members.



Left: Juanita Eggers, a Rosie the Riveter, with Patrick Dearth. She rode in a car loaned to the Grange for the parade by Hertz Car Sales.



OSG Makes Appearance in Albany Veterans Day Parade

Grangers got together on Monday the 11th of November to celebrate Veterans Day. Arriving around 10am, Grangers started decorating two pickup trucks and a trailer. By about 11:15am they were finished. Then the waiting began. At #143 the OSG entry was about midway in the parade that started at 11am.

Leading off the Grange entry was Martin McClure and Margaret Clute who walked the approximately 2-mile parade route carrying the Grange banner. Followed by Jim Dumolt in his pickup truck decorated with flags and Grange Veterans' banners. Close behind Jim was a Mustang GT convertible driven by Everette Lowery, with Juanita Eggers, a 92 year old Rosie the Riveter. She was so much fun and wow the stories she told were so funny and interesting. She is quite the lady and was very excited to be part of the Grange entry. She asked if we will do it next year and if she could be in the parade again.

The Mustang was followed by Dan Michaelson driving his pickup with a trailer of hay bales for Grangers

to sit on. The trailer was decorated with nine flags on 8ft poles and Grange Veteran banners; it really was a site to see. On board the trailer was veteran Patrick Dearth and veteran, OSG Gatekeeper and Veterans Committee Director Jim Clute along with state Grange Bulletin editor Suzy Ramm and Mary Lowery. All waved flag and hands and thanked hundreds of veterans along the route for their service.

It was a very beautiful day for the parade and all involved had a lot of fun. The State Grange entry was well received by all along the route and both Masters of Ceremonies had a lot of good things to say about the Grange as the entry passed the reviewing stands. Although Grange member participation was low this year plans are to make an even better entry for next year and get more participation from our Grange Brothers and Sisters.

Thank you to all our Veterans for everything you have done for us and our great country. You make us proud to be Americans.



L-r: Dan Michaelson, Mary Lowery, Patrick Dearth, Juanita Eggers, Jim Dumolt, Everette Lowery, Martin McClure, Margaret Clute, Jim Clute and Suzy Ramm take a break from decorating the vehicles for the parade.



Jim Clute and Patrick Dearth wave from the trailer.



Freedom is not free was one of the themes expressed on the Douglas County Pomona Grange float.

Douglas County Pomona Grange Has Veterans Day Parade Float

Douglas County Pomona Grange #13 participated with a float in the Douglas County Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2019. Pomona Grange members decorated a trailer to honor those who served in defending this country's freedoms. Sue Westbrook, Pomona Grange Veterans Committee Chairman made signs to define the multiple generations of Grange members who have served in the military. This multiple generation celebration was the theme for the 2019 parade.

Flags representation the branches of the military were provided by Sean Burris and were prominently displayed on the trailer along with the American Flag and the POW/MIA flag. Members from Riversdale and Azalea Granges and a veteran daughter of a Grange member rode on the float.

This year's Grand Marshals were representatives from generations of military families representing the parade's theme "Celebrating Multi-Generational Military Families."



A salute to generations of military wives and family members was included on the Douglas County Pomona Grange float.



James Clute, spoke at the Lane Pomona veterans dinner.



Veterans

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This year Grange members had entries in two different Veteran Day parades that I know of, Roseburg with thirteen Grangers on a float and Albany with eleven Grangers on a float, two pickups and a new sports car with a 92-year-old "Rosie the Riveter." See the two articles submitted by Grangers from those areas. The weather was beautiful and all had a good time. Thank you to all who participated.

As we near the end of another year, it is always a good time for reflection. We here in the United States of America are truly blessed in many ways. Be it living conditions, health, health care, or just the simple freedom to move about. The down trodden from around the world still come here in hopes of a better life. We may complain and have our differences, but still the benefits we give to the needy in

America are better than what the working class of many other nations even hope for. As we gather this holiday season, pause with your family and friends before you give thanks and reflect on what we here in America really have. Then when you are ready to ask a blessing, include some thoughtful praise to the one true God whom our founding fathers repeatedly and boldly exalted as creator of the universe and everything in it. For it is he alone who really protects us.

As I go about my daily life the willingness of complete strangers to extend a word or action of appreciation is a stark contrast to the attitudes that still exist. I know there are differences forced upon us when ideas get in the road, but when ideologies are not the motivating factors, kindness can show through.



Lane Pomona Grange Veterans Dinner

On Saturday November 9th, Lane Pomona Grange hosted a holiday meal to honor local Veterans. Twenty Grange members and three volunteers from Junction City, worked to prepare a special meal of turkey, ham and all the fixings at Irving Grange with great desserts provided by Cookie Trupp of Spencer Creek Grange.

A special thank you to Liz Dehne and Louise McClure who directed about ten volunteers in decorating the dining area. Peggy Jillson and Stan Garboden did a great job coordinating the kitchen crew. Jeff Dehne served as the Master of Ceremonies with Patrick Dearth as the overall coordinator for the dinner.



Above: Rosie the Riveter, Dolly Marshall, spoke about her time working in the ship yard.

Speakers at the dinner were Dolly Marshall, a Rosie the Riveter, who shared her experiences and those of other Rosies building ships and planes, etc. to help with the war effort, and James Clute, OSG Veterans Director.

Following the meal, the leftover turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans and desserts were delivered to the Eugene Rescue Mission.

L: 40-50 Granges members and guests enjoyed the Lane Pomona Veterans dinner and program.



Grange Youth & Young Adults

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First of all, I want to say how proud I am of our Oregon Youth and Young Adults. Anytime I go somewhere representing the Grange I hear absolutely wonderful and positive comments about our Young Grangers. These are our leaders of tomorrow but more importantly our leaders of today. We are in good hands.

We just got back from the National Grange convention in Minneapolis where our Youth shined like they always do.

Maggie Swartzendruber and Lexie Suing hit the ground running and didn't stop for the ten days they were there serving as Communications Fellows. They both wrote wonderful stories, took some great photos, and made sure we all had our daily dose of Grange news under our doors each morning.

JC Dumolt Junkman did a wonderful job as LAS of the National Youth Officer team, opening early Friday morning with a smile on her face and pep in her step.

Riley Reynolds participated in many workshops and represented the Western Region in Grange Baseball where he placed 4th. Great job Riley.

Lexie Suing presented her sign a song "Crazy Train" as part of the Evening of Excellence and also represented the Western Region in Grange Baseball. I'm happy to say that Lexie took 1st place in the inaugural National Grange Baseball contest. Way to go Lexie.

Fun was also enjoyed. We had the opportunity to go to the famous "Mall of America" and do a little shopping. It is really big and has a small Amusement park in the middle. The youth tour took use to the Oliver Kelley Farm. It was amaz-



JC Dumolt Junkman using a flail to separate oats from their shafts at the Oliver Kelley farm.

ing to me to be at the same place as one of our founders and see a working farm, both traditional and modern. Oliver Kelley was quite an innovative farmer who wasn't afraid to try new concepts. Some worked, some didn't, but he definitely persevered.

As we look forward to the new year there will be changes in the program and new contests coming up next year. I'll talk about them in my next column.

It was so great to see so many different Youth at summer events including their local county fairs, FFA and 4H events and taking a shift or two or more at the Log Cabin during the State Fair. I've had the pleasure to talk to many of our Youth about what they do outside the Grange, whether it's for a day, a week or a season.

Here are a few examples:

- Tyler Manthei takes part in many events with Lane County Sheriff's Dept and Search and Rescue.
- Breanna McKay helps coach wrestling at Oregon City High.
- Riley Reynolds is involved with many theatre productions around the Forest Grove area.
- Briana and Cameron Herrick work on their family's farm in Walterville.
- Austin VanHouten shears sheep and shows sheep, goats, and rabbits for FFA and 4H at Douglas County and Oregon State Fairs
- Audrey VanHouten shows sheep, goats, and rabbits also and competes annually in the Miss Douglas Teen pageant.
- Lexie Suing participated in the Veterans Stand Down in Eugene, passing out clothing and visiting with Veterans.
- Jessie Jo Guttridge worked in the Clackamas County Pomona Grange cookie booth and served several shifts in the Log Cabin.

These are just a few things our youth do. I got this information by talking with these Grangers for 5 minutes. I know there are many more great examples and if anyone would like to share them, we would love to hear about them.

I love this time of year when we have so many open houses, bazaars at our halls, Christmas programs etc. Please remember to let your younger Grangers take part in even and even head up the event. they like to be active and involved.

2020

Keeping Oregon Warm

A part of the "Keeping the West Warm"
a project of the Grange Youth and Young Adults
in the Western Region

The Oregon State Grange Youth and Young Adults are collecting stocking caps, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, etc...

both purchased and homemade
for distribution to the less fortunate
in District 5

Items are to be brought to the
Oregon State Grange Convention in
Klamath Falls June 20-25,
where they will be displayed
before being sorted for distribution

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Above - l-r: Thursday evening's Youth and Young Adult costume party; the Oregon group being "Portlandia" with flannel shirts and beanies. Lexie Suing, Christy Dumolt, Alex Junkman, Riley Reynolds, Tina Reynolds, Connie Suing and JC Dumolt Junkman.



Left: Oregon's JC Dumolt Junkman serving as LAS of the National Youth Officer team which opened convention on Friday morning. In addition, as LAS, she provided the exit drill.

Oregon's 2018-19 National Grange Youth Achievement Award Recipients

In 2019 forty-two Oregon Youth and Young Adults received a total of 123 seals, spread over eight certification categories. Better than 1200 seals were earned nation-wide.

Caroline A. Hall Achievement Award

Sapphire - Grange plays, Emerald - community service projects & fair booths, Silver - Grange or community talent contests, skits, Gold - organize community talent show

Briauna Herrick - Emerald
Courtney Croy - Emerald
Elizabeth Bence - Emerald
Jade Naylor - Emerald
JC Junkman - Emerald
Jennifer Souders - Gold
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Emerald
Jim J. Dumolt - Emerald
Kendra Guttridge - Emerald
Lexie Suing - Emerald
Maggie Swartzendruber - Emerald
Maryssa Yager Petersen - Emerald, Copper
Matthew Dehne - Emerald
Riley Reynolds - Emerald
Stacy Brown - Emerald, Copper
Tyler Manthei - Emerald
Veronica Ford - Copper

Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Award

Ruby - Worked with Juniors at State Grange

Courtney Croy - Ruby
Jade Naylor - Ruby
JC Junkman - Ruby
Kailey McKay - Ruby
Kate McClain - Ruby
Veronica Ford - Ruby

Drill Achievement Award

Sapphire - drill presentation at your Subordinate/Community or Pomona Grange; Emerald - Youth Officer opening and closing drill, Rosebud drill or Memorial Service drill team; Silver - regional youth drill team; Ruby - drill writing

Breanna McKay - Emerald
Briauna Herrick - Emerald
Carly Itami - Emerald
Cheniqua Coleman - Emerald
Cody Dunsmuir - Sapphire, Emerald
Courtney Croy - Emerald, Ruby
Grace Hays - Emerald
Jade Naylor - Emerald
JC Junkman - Emerald, Ruby
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Sapphire, Emerald, Ruby
Jim J. Dumolt - Sapphire, Ruby
Kailey McKay - Emerald
Kiri Ann Schnetzky - Emerald
Lexie Suing - Emerald
Maggie Swartzendruber - Emerald
Mikela Heimuller - Emerald
Riley Reynolds - Emerald, Silver
Tyler Manthei - Emerald
Tyler Maricich - Emerald
Veronica Ford - 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, develop an agricultural enterprise

Alishia York - Emerald
Alexandra Herrera-Clark - Emerald
Audrey VanHouten - Emerald, Ruby
Austin VanHouten - Emerald, Ruby
Breanna McKay - Sapphire
Brian Schofield - Emerald
Briauna Herrick - Sapphire
Cameron Herrick - Sapphire
Cody Dunsmuir - Sapphire
Courtney Croy - Sapphire
Elizabeth Williams - Sapphire
Jaycee Turner - Sapphire
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Sapphire, Emerald
Kate McClain - Sapphire
Kegan Williams - Sapphire
Kendra Guttridge - Emerald, Ruby
Kiri Ann Schnetzky - Emerald
Mary Brott - Emerald
Mary Mitchelldyer - Sapphire, Emerald, Ruby
Matthew Dehne - Sapphire
Morgan Eipp - Sapphire
Riley Reynolds - Emerald
Tomy Jones - Emerald
Tyler Manthei - Sapphire

Oliver Hudson Kelley Public Speaking Achievement Award

Ruby - participation in regional public speaking contest

Riley Reynolds - Ruby
Lexie Suing - Ruby

John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award

State Youth Officers

Breanna McKay - Gold
Briauna Herrick - Gold
Cody Dunsmuir - Gold
Courtney Croy - Gold
Grace Hays - Gold
Jade Naylor - Gold
JC Junkman - Gold
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Emerald, Gold
Kailey McKay - Gold
Kiri Ann Schnetzky - Gold
Lexie Suing - Emerald, Gold
Maggie Swartzendruber - Gold
Mikela Heimuller - Gold
Riley Reynolds - Emerald, Gold
Stacy Brown - Gold
Tyler Manthei - Gold
Veronica Ford - Gold

Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge Award

Complete Trivia test with an 80%+ score

JC Junkman
Lexie Suing



Twelve Youth and Young Adults from around the country competed in Grange Baseball at the National Convention.

Grange Baseball Contest Held

This year Grange Jeopardy morphed into Grange Baseball with contests at the state, regional and national levels. Oregon kept up its recent tradition by having contestants again make it to the national contest. Questions come from: current National Grange roster. Subordinate manual. Youth programs. Past Jeopardy and trivia challenges and Grange history books. Each question is a single, a double, a

triple or a homerun depending on their difficulty.

The top three contestants in each of the six regions were eligible to compete at the national level. The Western Region was represented by Riley Reynolds and Lexie Suing from Oregon and Georgia Clark from Washington with Lexie placing first and Riley placing fourth in the field of twelve contestants.



Above: Riley Reynolds (l) at bat anchored the Blue Agate team which won 7 to 3. Waiting for her turn at bat was Lexie Suing (r) who played for the Golden Sheaves and won the overall contest.



Above - Oregonians at Saturday evening's Celebration Banquet at National Grange, clockwise from bottom: Alex Junkman, JC Dumolt Junkman, Christy Dumolt, Lexie Suing, Joshua La Crosse, Carmel Valencia, Maggie Swartzendruber, Riley Reynolds, Tina Reynolds and Connie Suing.

John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award

Emerald - wrote and supported a resolution, Silver - served as delegates from their Granges to state convention, state legislative day of National Fly-In

Cody Dunsmuir - Emerald, Silver, Ruby

Jessie Jo Guttridge - Emerald
Kailey McKay - Silver
Lexie Suing - Silver
Maggie Swartzendruber - Silver
Mikela Heimuller - Silver
Orrin Schnetzky - Ruby
Riley Reynolds - Ruby
Tyler Manthei - Silver
Veronica Ford - Silver

OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - May 27, 2019

Master Susan Noah called the meeting to order at 9:10am. Members present were Jay Sexton, Sarah Kingsborough, Sam Keator, John Fine, and Louise Holst.

Prior Meeting Minutes from March 30, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports

- We reviewed and discussed the April 2019 financial reports.
 - Investments show gains of \$24,577 for the year.
 - Additional discussion was held on the various invested funds and how we are reporting unrealized gains. We will review this again later this year and consider updating our investment strategy going into 2020.
 - Audit is still continuing. Their onsite visit happened at the end of April. Follow up questions have all been answered. Not sure if they have any further questions. They are hoping to have a draft statement for me within a few days, then it goes through their review process.
- Membership reports were reviewed showing the Gains/Losses for the first quarter which was a loss of approximately 100 members.
- Receivables & dues payments, including past dues, were reviewed and discussed.

Unfinished Business

- State Grange Convention facility payment of \$5,000 has been sent. We will have a final recap following the session.
- State Grange Cookbooks are progressing for the state fair sales. We discussed sales price of \$10-\$15 and including the year in the title. Cost breakdown:
 - 300 \$3.49 each \$1,047.00
 - 400 \$3.18 each \$1,272.00
 - 500 \$2.96 each \$1,480.00
 - Jay moved to approve the purchase of 500 cookbooks. Louise seconded. Motion passed.
 - John moved to pay for the cookbooks out of the budgeted funds for the state fair log cabin, and earnings will go back into the budget. Sam seconded. Motion passed.
- Come Together at the Grange – most boxes have been delivered; there are still a few remaining. A new campaign was discussed at the Directors meeting on May 11th for next

year, including best practices to make it more successful.

- Ag Luncheon at the state capital was held on May 17th, and it was successful as usual. Clarkes Grange cooked and volunteers from various Granges served lunch. 2021 is tentatively scheduled for April 14th.
- Sponsorship fee was sent to

Fruitdale Grange for the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce event.

- Account change - we have checks and deposit books on the new Umpqua Bank account and are starting to transition usage to the new bank.

New Business

- Final Schedule for State Session was reviewed.
- 68 resolutions were submitted to the Oregon State Grange prior to the deadline. They were reviewed and assigned to committees for consideration at the 2019 Oregon State Grange Convention.

Resolution Committee Assignments

1. Support of Evidence-Based Efforts to Provide Health Care to all Oregon	Education & Health
2. Grange Hall and Property Ownership	Good of the Order
3. Removal of Protections for Non-Native Fish	Conservation
4. Make All One-Time Plastics Returnable, Recyclable, or Compostable	Conservation
5. Emergency Preparedness	Transportation & Utilities
6. Bylaw Change – Section 7 Alcoholic Beverages	By-Laws
7. Advocate for Rural broadband	Transportation & Utilities
8. Advocate for Ban on Direct to Consumer Marketing for Medication	Education & Health
9. Require Prescription Bottle Label have large print purpose and drug name	Education & Health
10. Recycling Wasted Single-Use Aluminum Containers	Conservation
11. Oppose Any Legislation for Medicare for All	Education & Health
12. Oppose Any Legislation for Universal Basic Income/ Guaranteed Income	Legislation
13. Oppose Any Legislation for Free Jobs	Legislation
14. Oppose Any Legislation for Free Housing/ Heavily Subsidized Housing	Legislation
15. Oppose Legislation Allowing Prisoners to Vote	Legislation
16. Oppose Lowering Voting Age	Legislation
17. Oppose Any Legislation for Free College for All	Education & Health
18. Oppose Any Legislation for Free Universal Child Care	Education & Health
19. Oppose Any Legislation for Reparations	Legislation
20. Oppose Legislation Barring Candidates from Ballots for Not Releasing Tax Returns	Legislation
21. Oppose Any Legislation for All Forms of GND (Green New Deal)	Legislation
22. Recognition by Washington County Fair	Agriculture
23. Agriculture in the Schools	Education & Health
24. Court Appointed Child Advocate	Legislation
25. Parent Choice	Education & Health
26. Veterans Anti-Discrimination	Veterans
27. Veterans to Farm	Veterans
28. Term Limits for Some offices in the Oregon State Grange	By-Laws
29. Junior Life Membership Fund	By-Laws
30. Handicap Accessible Doors	Good of the Order
31. Industrial Hemp	Agriculture
32. Student Agriculture Protection Act	Legislation
33. Mandatory Immunization for K-12 School Attendance	Education & Health
34. Make All One-Time Plastics Returnable, Recyclable, or Compostable	Conservation
35. Junior Life Membership Fund	By-Laws
36. Licensed Certified Kitchens to Support Farmers	Good of the Order
37. Term Limitation for Some Oregon State Grange Offices	By-Laws
38. Harsher Punishments for Malicious Accusations of Sexual Crimes	Legislation
39. Removal of Protections for Non-Native Fish	Conservation
40. Highway Worker Safety	Transportation & Utilities
41. Develop a National Education Program about Organic Products	Agriculture
42. Relocation of White Tail Deer	Conservation
43. Oppose and Encourage Repeal of Sanctuary Status	Legislation
44. Log Cabin Fundraising	Grange Programs & Bulletin
45. Revive Oregon State Junior Camp	Grange Programs & Bulletin
46. Renew No Sales Tax Position	Financial Affairs & Insurance
47. Re-institute a Mutual Insurance Company	Financial Affairs & Insurance
48. Oppose Mileage Tax	Financial Affairs & Insurance
49. Reaffirm Support of Open Range Law	Transportation & Utilities
50. Term Limits for Grange Offices	By-Laws
51. OPB Documentary	Good of the Order
52. Amend Constitution to Reverse Citizens United Decision	Legislation
53. Prohibit Use of Glyphosate on Public Properties in Oregon	Legislation
54. Create Accountability for Genetically Engineered Cross Contamination	Agriculture
55. End Patents that Allow Alteration & Ownership of Natural Life	Agriculture
56. Incorporate Indigenous Wisdom in Current Practices	Good of the Order
57. Create a GMO-Free Agricultural District for Rogue Valley	Agriculture
58. Moratorium on Weather Modification Technologies	Conservation
59. Support Creation of an Oregon Green New Deal	Legislation
60. Ban Use of Chlorpyrifos in Oregon	Agriculture
61. Prevent Neonicotinoids from Contaminating Water Sources	Agriculture
62. Prohibit Aerial Herbicide Spraying on State-Owned Forest Lands	Agriculture
63. Support Plaintiffs in Juliana vs. US and their Climate Recovery Plan	Conservation
64. Membership Status	Good of the Order
65. Reaffirm non-discrimination and non-partisanship	Good of the Order
66. Zero waste	Good of the Order
67. Support Josephine County Resolution to Ban GMO Crops, Seeds, and Trees	Legislative
68. Inform Public about adverse health effects from Electromagnetic Fields (EMFs)	Transportation & Utilities

OSG Ex. Committee Meeting Minutes - May 27, 2019 *continued*

Lunch break 12:40pm – 1:40pm

- Spence Scholarship applications were reviewed. Tristan Woodhurst was selected as the winner of the scholarship. John Fine chose to abstain from the selection of the scholarship.
- The budget committee met and created a budget proposal estimating a necessary increase in membership.
 - Jay moved to approve the budget as presented and submit to the 2019 OSG Convention. Louise seconded. Motion passed.
- Our sound system needs additional microphones, preferable cordless microphones and/or lapel microphones.
 - Sarah moved to allocate up to \$1000 from the building maintenance fund to purchase additional microphones. Jay seconded with enthusiasm. Motion passed with 1 opposed.
- Investments were more profitable last year and we retained significant earnings in our general fund. In recent years we've used significant dollars from the Leadership/Membership Fund for various Grange programs.
 - John moved to transfer \$100,000 of retained earnings back to the Leadership/Membership Fund. Sam seconded. Motion passed.
- Meeting venue for 2020 – District 5 has chosen Klamath County Fairgrounds for June 20-25. The cost would be somewhere around \$7,500.00 for the buildings at the Fairgrounds. Lodging available at many local hotels, KOA, and fairground RV sites.
 - John moved to endorse the proposal by District 5 to take our 2020 State Grange convention to the Klamath County Fairgrounds. Sam seconded. Motion Passed with Louise abstaining from the vote.
- RALI Oregon (Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative) wants us to become a partner. We would join the National Grange, other State Granges, and other community organizations in supporting the initiative to safely dispose of prescription medications.
 - Sam moved to partner with RALI Oregon. John Seconded. Motion passed.
- Received \$1,000 donation from Grange Advocacy for participation with National Grange on health-related causes.
- Dormant Granges – Keizer, Upper Applegate, Myrtle,

Western Star, High Desert, Charity, North Howell and Lexington. We've received phone calls about Charity & Western Star regarding interest in purchasing. There also is some interest in reorganization of High Desert.

- District #6 is having an organizational meeting for hosting in 2021 on August 3rd at Missouri Flat Grange.

- Hillsboro – Staying in contact with membership to provide support as needed.
- Redland – discussions with members and officers ongoing.

Next Meetings

June 30th 1:00 pm
October 29th 9:00 am

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.
Sarah Kingsborough, Secretary

Decisions made via email

- Decision to allow Phoenix Grange to withdraw \$799 from their Custodial Funds to purchase projector for their hall.
- Decision to allow South Fork to withdraw \$3,371 from their Custodial Funds to complete some work on their building.

Grange Reports

- High Desert Grange – some interest in reorganization, but a meeting has not yet been set up.
- Rogue – Carol is working with Rogue on upcoming events and membership.
- Long Tom – Discussions with members and officers are ongoing.
- McMinnville – Starting to see new members joining and officer changes.
- Bandon – Carol continues to visit most meetings and they are getting stronger.

By- Law Change Midland Grange #781

Midland Grange #781, Klamath County, will vote on a by-law change to change their meetings from two meetings a month to one meeting a month.

They would meet on the first Wednesday of the month with meetings starting at 7 pm. The vote will be on January 15th, 2020 at our regular meeting.

If the by-law change is adopted, it will go into effect in February 2020.

Submitted by,
Bonnie Sims, Secretary
Midland Grange #781



OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - June 30, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Master Susan Noah. Members present included Jay Sexton, Louise Holst, John Fine, Sam Keator, and Sarah Kingsborough

Prior Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved as edited. State Session – Thursday's Journal was reviewed and approved as edited.

Financial Reports

- Moss Adams representative Ashley Osten reviewed the audit of the 2017-2018 financials. We received a clean review and had a very positive discussion with Ashley regarding our accounting and investments.
 - Sarah moved to start accounting for realized and unrealized investment gains and losses across all funds monthly starting with the June 2019 financial statements. Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Financial reports – May 2019 were emailed to the Executive Committee back

on June 18th and discussed at our meeting.

- Membership numbers were reviewed based on 1st quarterly reports reflecting a loss of members as commonly occurs in the 1st quarter.

Unfinished Business

- North Howell – We received a letter from Marion County regarding the property hearing which occurs on July 10th. The review committee made a favorable recommendation which looks promising for our potential sale.
- Two cordless Microphones & one lapel mic were purchased for State Session based on our discussion at our last meeting. The cost was \$1,011

New Business

- State Session Review – The week went very well, and we appreciate all the volunteers and workers who made it special. Resolutions passed and by-laws changes were discussed.
 - Sam moved to provide

David Wallace with a \$150 gift card to thank him for his work running the sound during the state convention. Jay seconded. Motion passed.

- Loan request from Jasper Grange
 - Sam moved to lend Jasper Grange \$3500 at 5%. Jay seconded. John moved to amend the motion to allow a 5 year term. Jay seconded. Motion passed.
- Request from Oregon Farm to School & School Garden
 - Jay moved to repeat our \$500 donation. Louise seconded. Motion passed.
- Staff Wages were discussed in relation to the Oregon Minimum Wage rate increasing on July 1st. For privacy specific staff wages are left out of the minutes.
 - Sarah moved to increase staff wages as of July 1st, 2019. Louise seconded. Sam moved to amend one of the rates, John seconded,

and the amendment passed. Motion passed to increase wages of all three office staff members not including the Master.

- Sponsorships. We discussed options for soliciting sponsors for State Convention or other State Grange events and projects that may help us offset costs either for the membership or for the Oregon State Grange. We will continue to discuss these options as we start planning for 2020 events.

Decisions made via email

- Decision to repair roof on Western Star, for approximately \$1,000
- Decision to loan Lowell another \$9,000 and extend the payoff to June of 2027.

Next Meeting

Tuesday October 29, 2019 @ 9am
Sunday January 5, 2020 @ 1pm
Saturday March 28, 2020 @ 9am
Saturday May 30, 2020 @ 9am

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.
Sarah Kingsborough, Secretary



The cast of the haunted house in masks and makeup. Most of the volunteer cast and crew are not Grange members but without them there would be no haunted house.

Morning Star Grange's Haunted House Has Eight Day Run

October was a busy month as Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County, held their annual Haunted House for eight days between October 18-31. The Haunted House is a fund-raiser for the Grange and it also brings in non-perishable foodstuffs for organizations that can distribute the food to people in need and/or low-income families. Attendees pay to go through the Haunted House by either donating cans/boxes/packages of food or by paying \$5.00 each.

Additionally, there was a snack table with beverages and goodies that benefits the Grange GWA.

The money paid to enter the Haunted House benefits the Grange by enabling it to pay for major expenses. Previous Haunted House money enabled the Grange to purchase a new furnace, new water heater, two new stoves, and a new refrigerator as well as install new ceiling lights in the basement dining and kitchen area.

The money in the past has also benefited the Jefferson Fire Department, by helping them to purchase perishable foods and toys for their Christmas Box Program. The Christmas Box Program was discontinued this year because the Jefferson Food Pantry now provides

food assistance throughout the year.

Event Facts:

- The Haunted House ran for eight days
- 1,761 people paid to enter, but 41 people changed their minds and didn't go through
- 2,547 pounds of non-perishable foodstuffs were collected
- The food collection was distributed as follows:
 - Albany VFW: 850 pounds
 - Jefferson Food Bank: 911 pounds
 - Eight needy families in the area received food directly from the Grange: 566 pounds
 - Albany Gleaners: 220 pounds
- The Jefferson Fire Department personnel assisted with the Haunted House and received a \$500.00 donation for their support.
- The Snack Table donations for the GWA (after expenses) were \$121.55
- Money for the Grange (after expenses): \$4,800.00

Attendees were offered information about the Grange at the snack table. Many accepted Grange information and some showed interest so hopefully that will lead to a few new members.



McMinnville's Halloween Dance

It was an evening of so much fun for the members, guests and visitors at the Halloween Dance at McMinnville Grange #31, Yamhill County. On Friday evening on October 25th, over 60 people attended in costumes which were both scary and creative.

Prizes were awarded for best costumes. The judges chose three scary witches for the first place. The evening featured live music from the "Country Gents" and a potluck break midway through the dancing.

Cider Press, Chili Feed and Fun

On October 19th, Pleasant Grove Grange #475, Union County, held a fun, family-friendly community event for friends and neighbors in North Union county. Cider was pressed, along with pumpkin carving and games for the kids. The chili was served along with cornbread and rolls, and a salad. All the events and the meal were free.

In addition, the Grange held a fund-

raising pie auction to benefit the Grange. It got more than a little rowdy at times but was fun and everyone had a good time. Some of the pies were even shared and eaten at the event.

Money raised from the pie auction is used for maintenance and improvements of the Grange hall. Their current project is to re-wire a portion of the building.



Chili and cornbread were enjoyed by the community at Pleasant Grove Grange.

Pumpkin Fun at Clackamas Pomona



Littlest pumpkin, biggest pumpkin, best carved pumpkin and even paper plate pumpkins were part of the Lecturer's program at the October 26th Clackamas County Pomona meeting.

Besides awards for the real pumpkins, members got crafty, making Jack-o-lanterns (left) out of orange paper plates and construction paper.

Family Fun at Wolf Creek Grange

Community pumpkin painting and bake sale were held on October 26th by Wolf Creek Grange #596, Union County.

lots of treats and many smiles and laughter.

Youngster and adults picked out their pumpkins, then painted them with wonderful faces and designs with prizes being awarded. The bake sale was a huge success with

Anticipation is high for the next Grange sponsored community event.



Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

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Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

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