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## Oregon is a 2020 Distinguished Grange

The Oregon State Grange, for the fifth year in a row, was honored

by the National Grange as a Distinguished State Grange and this year received a plaque to hang on the wall at the state office. It was joined by its neighbor to the north, the Washington State Grange as well as the State Granges of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

In the letter received from National President, Betsy Huber wrote "Congratulations to the Oregon State Grange for qualifying as a Distinguished State Grange for 2020! This is an especially great accomplishment this year because of the many extra challenges of

the pandemic. You can be justly proud of receiving this award in these difficult times."

The Granges were recognized on a special National Grange "Cultivating Connections" Facebook Live program on Wednesday evening September 30. The Granges are normally recognized during National Grange Convention in November. Also honored were Oregon Community/Subordinate Grange recipients.

Honored as 2020 Distinguished Granges were Marys River #685, Benton County; Creswell #469, Lane County; Redland #796, Clackamas County and Springwater #263, Clackamas County. The presentation is available for viewing on the National Grange YouTube channel.

## Oregon State Grange President Re-Elected to the National Grange Executive Committee

The 154th National Grange Convention saw the re-election of two members of the Executive Committee.

Oregon State Grange President Susan Noah was re-elected in an uncontested election to the Executive Committee. This will be her second term. She is currently Secretary of the committee and serves on the board of the National Grange Foundation.



Susan has been a Grange member for better than 50 years and is currently a member of Mohawk-McKenzie Grange in Lane County. Susan graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Arts in Geography. She and her husband Mark have been married for 45 years.

Brother Watson was first elected to the National Grange Executive Committee in 2014. Formerly, he served as the National Grange Special Director for Trademark Protection and Brand Management and National Grange Legislative Director. He is a member of Walpole Grange, along with his wife, Cheri and daughter, Rachel.

Also re-elected was Leroy A. Watson, of Walpole, New Hampshire, who was returned to the position after several rounds of balloting.

## 2021 Roster of Oregon Granges Information to be Collected

Paper work has been mailed to Grange Secretaries to collect information for the Oregon State Grange Roster of Granges. Subordinate and Pomona Granges please check your information and return any changes to the office on the form sent out.

Unlike other years, a 2021 Roster will not be mailed out for the coming year unless requested.



Pomona Granges will be for the in-house mailing lists. With so many Granges either not meeting due to the pandemic, or not meeting in person to have elections, it just does not make sense to publish a new Roster at this time. If your Grange has had an election please complete the form and return it.

But even if your Grange has not changed officers check the email addresses, phone numbers and addresses. Though someone may not have moved, they may have switched from a street address to a PO Box or visa-versa or switched from a landline to a mobile phone. Also check your meeting day and time to make sure the state office has the correct information.



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## The President's Column

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As you read this, we will have less than one month before the end of the dreadful year 2020! I hope and pray that 2021 will be much kinder to all of us, but I do want to congratulate our members for keeping up their attitudes and for reaching out to help their communities. Throughout the year we have seen examples of Grangers helping each other and their neighborhoods. Some by making masks and other protective gear for health workers. Others helped by keeping tabs on their neighbors, making sure that our at-risk population was taken care of. Just a few days ago I received a brief email from a Grange member saying that their Grange had divided their "needy, elder, challenged, jobless, etc." and they were all keeping tabs on their adopted neighbors.... Grangers or not. That is the spirit that keeps us the great organization that we are. Most of us may not have been around for the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic, but the Grange was! I'm sure that our members in the early 1900's were just as helpful as our members today, and just as generous with their time and assets.

As I reflect back on this year, I see examples of growth and development in many of our Granges. As meetings could not be held due to restrictions Zoom became a part of our life and vocabulary. Members

## Local Organization Hopes to Bring the Community Together One Cup of Soup at a Time

Megan Willgoos, KTLV Oct. 30, 2020

PHOENIX, Ore. — A local non-profit organization is hoping to bring the community together after a devastating wildfire season by providing a variety of free homemade soups. The Phoenix Grange, a non-profit that provides locally-oriented programs and activities for children, youth, and adults started the soup initiative last week and will continue it through the end of this year.

"These people (wildfire victims) were given basics, but we wanted to be a supplemental thing that was a real homecooked meal," said Josh Lanthier-Welch, a volunteer with the organization. "Something that really felt welcoming and warming for the soul sort of thing rather than just a brown paper bag full of turkey luncheon meat and bread."

The Grange has been around for 153 years, starting in the 1860s following the Civil War. The organization since then has encouraged people to band together in rural communities and promote the well-being of the community. "There was such a huge disconnect and

all over the state learned new technology and welcomed each other into their homes even as we were apart. Finding the best background for a Zoom meeting, or creating a virtual background became a thing. Meetings were interrupted by kids, animals, doorbells and phones, but as true Grangers we Persevered. As the spring turned into summer, Granges all over the state took the opportunity to meet outside in the wonderful warm weather, and as the leaves started to fall some of our Granges went back to inside meetings, still adhering to social distancing and all wearing a mask.

Now here we are again, shut down and are being asked to forgo the normal Thanksgiving events. Not being with our family or even the Grange family during a holiday is hard, but it would be harder still to know that you had not done all you could to keep loved ones safe. Reach out to each other this holiday season. Connect with each other and with your neighbors, via Zoom, the phone or even just the old-fashioned Christmas Card. We are all in this together and we will get through this together as friends and as a family.

As I attended the first ever "Virtual" National Grange session I saw old friends spend our break times chat

bloody war, there needed to be something," Grange Member Carmel Valencia said.

True to their local first ideals, all of the ingredients in the various soups being offered by Grange members are local and organic. "We decided this was not only something we wanted to do, but we were called to this as Grange members," Valencia said.

The Alameda Fire took more than 1400 homes and structures and although the fire was part of the inspiration to hold this event, it is not directed solely to fire victims. The members emphasized the importance of creating a welcoming community for all those in need during these difficult times. "I don't care who you are or where you've come from. I don't care if you have everything in the world or if you slept outside last night," said Grange Member Megan Murray Jones. "A warm bowl of soup and a loving hello can change anyone's experience throughout the day."

Jones lost her partner after moving to Southern Oregon to live on the farm her partner dreamt of for years. She

ting with each other as though we were right there together. We might have been separated by thousands of miles but the laughter and friendship brought us all together.

We voted on policy, we acknowledged those who had passed away this last year and we discussed our goals, our triumphs and our failures. I am pleased to say that Oregon led the nation in net gain! It was a small gain, but even a small gain is something to be celebrated. The National year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> so this shows a net gain between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. It doesn't look like there will be a net gain as of December 2020, but as we turn the corner into 2021, I'm confident that we will move forward as a stronger organization, one who has survived two pandemics! Hopefully as winter turns into spring, a vaccine will be available and we will once again be able to *Come Together at the Grange*.

I know Thanksgiving will be over by the time this is published, so I can only say I hope that you had a safe and happy Thanksgiving. I hope all of our members keep in mind the bounty that we receive from the land and think of all the ways we can be grateful and give back as we come to the end of difficult year.

My hope for all of us is that 2021 will be a brighter and better year, and that we will once again come together as friends and family.

Have a safe holiday season!

says without the community support of the Grange, she wouldn't have gotten through this heartbreak. "Without the friendships and the love that we've had around us, our lives would be very different," Jones said.

Valencia, also widowed, echoed the sentiment noting that when she first got involved in the Grange community, she wasn't ready to talk about her grief but that quickly changed. "Being able to go there [the Grange] and just be welcomed and be encouraged to come back to life was important," Valencia said.

Jones said there is something about a bowl of soup that connects to her personally as well. She said when she was younger and living in San Francisco, she could not afford much but ingredients to make soup.

"A simple lentil soup would keep me fed for days and it kept me comforted and there's something about bringing the blood flow to the body that can just create elation," she said. The members are encouraging everyone to come down and grab a bowl of soup.

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## The Lecturer's Column

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Leadership is a group collaboration – the following information is from the book Spirit of the Grange and could be used as a Lecturer's Program.

Leaders grow from tiny seeds just like plants. They sprout and grow into a beautiful full flowering of their true nature. They share the garden, leaving space for the other flowers to grow also, and do not take over the flowerbed with their specialness, big size and bright colors. They make sure that new seeds are always being sown for another crop of flowers to follow.

In Hope – we seed our Grange Leadership garden with many kinds of flowers; the many different members who want to make something of their Grange.

In Faith – we tend them with Love, we allow them each to grow, according to their Character. We water and cultivate with Charity, Generosity, and Gratitude.

We will be rewarded with a Gar-

den of many flowers – many different flowers, many Leaders each with Strength of character ... many colors in Unity and Fidelity ... not merely one huge flower that shadows the place, and offers neither grace nor longevity. We will enjoy a vision of beauty, together.

We want to develop every member of the Grange as a Leader in some capacity ... each then becoming available to the rotation of leadership in turn. Involve all participants in the opportunity to share and guide the process of our work. This results in a circle of equals sharing companionship in a sustainable manner.

Rotating leadership offers rewards of new ideas, methods and style that revitalize any group and helps keep away stagnation or imbalances of power.

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.



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SANTIAM VALLEY GRANGE 4928

## Ada Donates Bottled Water

Ada Grange #570, Lane County, has continued Community Service donations during the Covid-19 pandemic. In spite of canceling all their fundraising activities they were able to make several of their usual donations.

Unusual this year (and hopefully not needed again next year) was donations of bottled water during the Sweet Creek Fire in Mapleton and some was also sent to the Springfield area during the Holiday Farm Fire.

Right: Ada Grange Secretary Linda Pugh with carts of bottled water to be sent to fire areas.



## McMinnville Grange Enjoys New Outdoor Structure

There has been a need for an outdoor platform to be built for the members and guests of the McMinnville Grange #31, Yamhill County. Tom and Shelly Rector, members of the Grange, volunteered to build the structure which can be used in nice weather for dancing, weddings, concerts and social events. They donated the materials and labor, and built a wonderful platform that is nestled in the trees behind the Grange.

People have already requested renting the outside stage for many events in the McMinnville community. It is well built, with lighting for day and night time enjoyment. It has two entry points; one opens up to a fire pit that can be used for different occasions. The Grange is grateful and thanks Tom and Shelly for their hard work in making this possible, as it is a wonderful addition for their active Grange.





# The Chaplain's Corner

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How are you doing this Holiday season?

How is your spirit?

It's all right—you can be honest.

Are you feeling exhausted? Worn down or overwhelmed by the tragedies across our country and world? Frustrated by stories of corruption and greed on the daily news? Are you holding heartbreak, anger, even fear? It's okay not to feel cheerful. This has been an especially difficult year for so many.

One of the things that gives me hope and strength when fear and despair move into my heart is the traditions as Grangers that we share. "In essentials, unity. In nonessentials, liberty. In all things, charity."

I find hope in these principles that have guided us for 150 years. Showing up for human worth and dignity, showing up to protect the precious resources of the earth, showing up in service to our communities.

And I find courage in the knowledge that we are in this together.

There is comfort in being part of a community like the Grange. For although our beliefs and rituals of this season vary, we are united by the traditions of our Grange ritual. This time of year, we can think about how those traditions bind us in mutual respect.

When you're feeling down, remember that you're not alone. You are part of a national community that cares about you and your well-being. You are held by a Hope greater than any one of us.

So, lean into this community and this hope. Lean in to the hope of who we are together.

We are mindful that there are so many beautiful traditions of this season and in the turning of the year. May you find moments of joy and gratitude, moments of peace and beauty, and the courage and strength that comes from faith and community to carry you in to the New Year.

Many blessings of comfort and joy to you and your families this Holiday Season and in the New Year.



## In Memoriam

Don Bohnert  
Central Point Grange #698

Marion Bohnert  
Central Point Grange #698

Melvin Brady  
Beaver Homes Grange #518

Herman Bremer  
Clarkes Grange # 261

Margaret Crisp  
Redland Grange #796

Leeroy Herman  
Mosier Grange #234

Adin Hester  
Maplewood Grange # 662

Dwayne Johnson  
Columbia Grange #867

Anita Rinehart  
Walterville Grange #416

Janet Sato  
Boulevard Grange #389

Walter Saunders  
Eagle Valley Grange #656

David Stumbo  
Sunny Valley Grange #916



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

# Notes from the Office

Office Hours:  
Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday  
8am - 4:30pm  
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### Bonding

National Grange Bonding Insurance premiums are due in December. Information was mailed in November from the state office related to coverage and premiums. The bonding year runs 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/Community Grange shall bond its Treasurer and Secretary." The National program covers not just your Treasurer and Secretary but all your officers and members.

### 2021 Dues

Notices of Dues due were to be sent

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.

### 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 Report**. They must request to be dropped. Fourth Quarter Reports are due to the state office by January 31.

## Grange Legacy Family Matriarch Passes on to the Grange Above

Anita Maple Rinehart, age 100 and a member of Walterville Grange #416, Lane County, passed away on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Springfield. At the 2019 National Grange her family was honored as a Grange Legacy family, for having five or more continuous generations of members in the Grange.

She was born February 21, 1920 in Monkland, Oregon, now a ghost town, close to Moro in Sherman County, to Dell E and Vinita M Benson. In 1925, the family moved to the Walterville area where several relatives lived. Anita was the great-granddaughter of the first settler on the McKenzie River, Alexander Stormont.

During WWII, Anita moved to Los Angeles and worked for the Douglas Aircraft Company grinding on doors for the B-17 Bombers. She met Irving L. Jones who was also at Lockheed Aircraft as a riveter, until he enlisted in the Army. Irving and Anita were married in Ft. Benning, Georgia on July 3, 1942, where he was training to be a paratrooper in 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. Irving died during the invasion of Normandy on June 8, 1944 and is buried in St. Laurent, France. Anita with their infant son, Gordon, returned home and resumed college, finishing her B.S. in Home Economics degree in 1947.

After college, Anita met Norman J. Rinehart and they were married on March 17, 1948 and at the same time joined Walterville Grange as did his parents. Norman had a turkey farm which they slowly converted from turkeys to laying hens, eventually increasing the chickens to 10,000

layers before retiring in 1970.

In 1950, Norman and Anita began the Walterville



Community Fair in a vacant chicken house, which continues to this day at the George Milligan Community Hall and home of Walterville Grange. She was always very active in the Grange and was elected Master in 1985 serving through 1988. She was the second female elected Master. She passed her love on to many family members.

She is survived by her children; Gordon (wife, Beulah) of Tualatin, Alan (wife, Nancy) of Marcola, Carol (husband, Gary Morehead) of Creswell, Denise Bishop of Springfield, and Leslie (husband, Chad Kozinski) full-time RVers; grandchildren Vinita Bishop, Paula Williams, Sarah Bonnin, and Rachel Boost; and great-grandchildren Brandon Rinehart, Katelynn Halvorsen, Cody Boost, Jordyn Boost, Noah Boost, AJ Williams, Meagan Williams, Layton Williams, and Tyler Manthei, the current Master of Walterville Grange.

Sister Anita was interred during a private event with family present. A celebration of life will be held later. Memorial donations may be made to the Walterville Grange Scholarship Fund or McKenzie Fire District.



Grange member Laura Zambrano, dressed as a knight, led her Tai Chi class also in costumes at Pleasant Grove Grange on October 30.

## Tai Chi at the Pleasant Grove Grange Brings Better Balance

It's not something you see every day. A knight in armor leading a cowgirl and others in Halloween costumes through the flowing movements of an ancient Chinese art.

On Friday, October 30, Grange member Laura Zambrano wrapped up a Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance session, a twice-a-week class she has been leading on the front lawn of Pleasant Grove Grange #475, Union County, since August. The classes work to improve balance and coordination and are beneficial for all ages.

Tai chi is a Chinese exercise that incorporates breathing, body movement and meditation. The class focused on a simplification of one of the styles of tai chi. Zambrano also teaches a tai chi class at the Grande Ronde Retirement and Assisted Living. "The elderly need exercise the most," Zambrano said. "This year, with COVID, the elderly are unable to go anywhere or do much exercise. And this is a type of

movement specifically to (help prevent) elders from falling."

The class of four students, met outside the Grange for an hour to go through the forms. The outdoor location and space allowed for proper social distancing and fresh air.

Carol Messinger, a Granger and former dancer, said she appreciates having a way to continue moving even if she can't dance anymore. She said the class has given her a better sense of how to use her body correctly. "For me it was a challenge getting here and doing (the) movement."

While the three-month-long class concluded with that Halloween costumed session, a new round of classes began on Monday, November 9. Held every Monday and Friday, the current set of classes will continue to be outside as long as the weather permits. To allow for proper social distancing, the class is limited to nine students.



Even with the problems COVID-19 has caused, Ada Grange #570, Lane County, has managed to continue many of its community service projects. This fall they collected and donated school supplies (600 items) to the Siu-law Elementary, Middle and High Schools.



## The Education Committee

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Greetings Fellow Grangers,

Hope this finds you all well in these strange times. Education of our children and young adults has become a trial for the teachers and the students. At home instruction is now the new normal. I feel extremely sad for the kids and their lack of social interaction with their friends and classmates.

of your home. It's easy to get started. Go to: [oregonaitc.org/programs/literacy-project/](http://oregonaitc.org/programs/literacy-project/)

1. Determine the Classroom to visit virtually.
2. Order the materials through Ag in the Classroom.
3. Visit a classroom virtually!

Any questions contact Brittany Capellini at [brittany.capelli@oregonstate.edu](mailto:brittany.capelli@oregonstate.edu) or phone 541-737-1318.

Ag in the Classroom is offering a different approach to their literacy project this year. It will be primarily virtual. They are asking for volunteers who are comfortable using Google Meets or Zoom. The presentation takes 20-25 minutes and can be presented from the comfort

In 2019 the literacy project was possible by the help of 766 volunteer and it impacted 253,907 students. We as Grangers can be a help to this project; let's get involved even if it's virtually!

Take care and stay safe!



Above: Third graders at Enterprise Elementary School show off the Dictionaries they received; notice the masks. Most of the students send the Grange thank you notes which are posted on the Grange's bulletin board for all the members to see and enjoy. This class' teacher, Tori Corak said in her Thank you to the Grange "We will start using them next week. They will be perfect to help us on spelling, vocabulary, and reading lessons. Every year the 3rd grade crew looks forward to getting our dictionaries. THANK YOU for remembering us."

## Hurricane Creek Provides Dictionaries

Every year Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, distributes Student Dictionaries to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the county. This year due to COVID-19 they had to make some adjustments to the presentations.

instead of presenting them to each student the books were taken to the schools' office so the teachers could hand them out. The Grange members missed the personal contact but the safety of the children was the top priority.

The Grange contacted the schools for a list of student names so each book could be personalized and

Hopefully next year will resume normality.

## Grange Insurance Association - Seattle, Washington Notice of 2021 Annual Policyholders' Meeting

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

This meeting may be moved to a virtual setting as we continue to monitor the pandemic. Please consult our website [www.grange.com](http://www.grange.com) as the meeting approaches for further announcements and potential virtual registration instructions. All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Brian J. Allen, CPCU, ARM, AFIS  
Corporate Secretary, Grange Insurance Association



Above: Children enjoyed Trick or Treating at Creswell Grange



### Creswell Holds Drive-by for Halloween Fun

Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, passed out candy to local children during a drive-by Trick or Treat event on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. 120 little ghosts and goblins visited the Grange hall, which is located on a main street in downtown Creswell.



Right: Cars pulled up and children jumped out at to Trick or Treat.



### Characters Showed Up at Springwater's October Meeting

With a clown running the Zoom video app Springwater Grange held their October meeting on Monday

evening October 26<sup>th</sup>. Also present were a crayon, a witch, a Rosy the riveter, and assorted other characters among the seventeen members attending the meeting. Lecturer Peggy Hartwig had asked the members to pop on to Zoom dressed in their Halloween costumes to add a little fun to the meeting.



### Bailey Barks

My Thanksgiving this year was spent at the Emergency Vet, and I have to say that their cooking is not nearly as good as Dad's. I have a problem with my lung, a problem that I can't pronounce (or spell), but the good vets got me in for a quick surgery so I now have a smaller lung, but I bet that I'll soon be back barking at

Mom and Dad and all of you! For right now, have a warm and safe holiday season and take care that you do not end up in the emergency room! So, stay safe, wear your mask, pet your dog or cat, and be grateful for your friends and family!

Little woof, Bailey



A report was given on the dictionaries to the third graders at the three local elementary schools. This year the Grange was unable give them out directly to students but delivered them to the school offices and they will be sent out with the classroom work.



Above: a scary clown greets visitors at Santiam Valley Grange.

## Santiam Valley Grange Holds Mini Haunted House

Due to COVID-19 Santiam Valley Grange #828, Linn County, had to cancel its annual Haunted House, but with the help from the community they set up a Free Mini Haunted House with Trunk or Treating. Using several props and a Haunted Tunnel, children from the surrounding communities attended to receive a little spook and treats.

Santiam Valley usually holds a haunted house (or haunted Grange hall) for a couple of weeks starting in mid-October with age appropriate options of spooky and scariness.

The Grange and community are looking forward to resuming their normal haunted House next year.



More than 50 children attended Morning Star Grange Children's' Halloween Party.

## Morning Star Grange Hosts Children's Halloween Party

A family fun event was held on October 10<sup>th</sup> by Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County, for members of their community. The Children's' Halloween Party was well attended by more than 50 children from the surrounding community. Pumpkins, donated to the Grange by Bill Case Farms, were provided to 53 children at no charge.

The hall was arranged with tables

set up along the sides serving as individual activity stations. At station #1 each child was provided with a Halloween-themed small tote bag. Station #2 featured a game with prizes to be added to the tote bag. Station #3 allowed the children to have their picture taken in their costumes against a spooky background. (The parents liked this.) Station #4 featured a game with the prize being a choice of one

### Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

December 1	Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges officer information due to State Grange office
December 31	OSG Foundation "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbusement" request due to the State Grange office
January 31	4th Quarter Reports Due to the State Grange office
March 31	State Community Service Reports due. Send to the State Grange office, post marked by March 31.

### 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	Feb 6	10:30 AM	Eagle Valley Grange
Benton #36	Jan 16	10:30 AM	Fairmount Grange
Clackamas #1	Jan 23	10:00 AM	Milwaukie Grange
Columbia #18	Feb 6	10:00 AM	Fern Hill Grange
Deschutes #25	Feb 13	11:30 AM	Terrebonne Grange
Douglas #13	Feb 13	6:00 PM	Myrtle Creek Grange
Jackson #27		1:00 PM	TBA
Josephine #20	Jan 30	10:00 AM	TBA
Lane #14	Jan 9	10:00 AM	TBA
Lincoln #10	Feb 20	10:30 AM	Salmon River Grange
Linn #12	Jan 9	10:00 AM	TBA
Polk #3	Jan 14	6:30 PM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Feb 27	10:00 AM	TBA
Wallowa #22	Jan 9	10:00 AM	Hurricane Creek Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jan 16	10:00 AM	Kinton Grange

Some Pomonas have canceled or may hold their meetings via tele-conference, Zoom or other virtual meetings. Please contact the Pomona Grange for most up-to-date information and be safe.

Below: A child receiving a Halloween-themed small tote bag at the party.



of several varieties of candy bars. Station #5 featured bags of treats. Station #6 featured free pumpkins and face decorating kits to be used on the pumpkins.

After the event excess bags of treats

were donated to three group homes in the Albany area.

A good time was had by all the children and family members that attended this free to the community event.



## The Agricultural Report

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Carrot sticks for all!!!!!!

The fall cover crop seed has been sown, the hay is in the barn, the root crops and apples are in the walk-in cooler, and the ewes are in the pastures with their chosen rams.

And now that those pastures are under 6 inches of snow, this farmer's mind has turned outward from the farm and towards our local elders and school children.

Our Grange has been too quiet, with our members keeping safe at home, and our community turning away from public gatherings.

However, we are here to serve our community and serve we must. In our case, our Grange is partnering with our local church to turn my farm's abundances into meals. Friday and weekend meals-to-go for our local school children, and Tuesday "Meals on Wheels"/Book mobile will be delivered to local shut in elders.

If our Grange members take some



## Winona's Seed Project Grows

Last spring vegetable seed packets were said to be as scarce as toilet paper, yeast, and canning jar lids. Winona Grange #271, Washington County did not expect to have their seed project in 2021.

First the supplier for the last eleven years informed them that they would no longer provide the Grange with packets. So, this fall the Grange emailed twenty seed companies and received a variety of responses from eleven. One sent 500 packets and 29 bags of seed - mostly things not grown nor eaten in Oregon.

Larry McClure, Winona's Secretary, tried a different approach and hit the jackpot. Larry buys his seeds at Bi-Mart so he called their corporate office and was referred to the warehouse manager in Eu-

of the food I have squirreled away in my walk-in cooler, freezers and cupboards, then add our beautiful, new Grange kitchen that is not being used due to the COVID-19 pandemic, multiply it all with the Lostine Presbyterian church's funds to buy the bags, the soup containers, the flour, sugar, eggs, and other "extras", we can help the many local families trying to stretch budgets reduced by job losses, or by children home schooling. How?

We can simply feed them. (Of course, all this will be done with masks on, and strict sanitation.)

As farmers, we are used to an abundance of squash, corn, kale, potatoes.... having more than we can eat in a winter is common. The least we can do is to take the extras to the food banks.

But, how about all of our Granges stepping up to feed our communities some "Take-out" dinners? (Remember that Community Service also builds Grange memberships.)

ly hold 200. In 2020 the Grange

supplied 93 community gardens, ten Granges, six seed swaps, four schools and eight other groups that promote gardening.

Winona's email list of community gardens in Oregon needs to be updated. To add the one near you, please send their email address to info@winonagrang271.org. If your Grange wants to be notified



## Deadline for Hearing Impaired Re-imbursement Drawing Near

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.

Members, as the year ends, 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.

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.

## Shopping Rewards Benefit the Oregon State Grange Foundation

amazon smile

AmazonSmile



You shop. Amazon gives.

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

## Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/

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



Left: a sampling of the vegetable and flower seed packets. Below: Winona Grange President Marilyn Reiher takes a bag of vegetable seeds to sort.



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when Winona Grange's website is ready for ordering, send your email to this address.

The Grange expects to update their website. www.winonagrang271.org, with ordering information and shipping costs around the first of the year. They hope to start shipping in early January so gardeners can get vegetable starts planted early.





## Spencer Creek Barbeque a Sell Out

The Spencer Creek Grange #855, Lane County, held its 36<sup>th</sup> annual Chicken BBQ fund-raiser October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and for the first time as a "Drive-In, Take-Out" no contact event.

The event was a success in its new format, as they sold out of the mouth-watering BBQ'd chicken within the first 90 minutes! Unfortunately, many would-be customers had to leave empty-handed, but declared

"we will be back earlier next year!"

The event raised almost \$1,500, and the Spencer Creek Grange membership decided to donate 100% of the event proceeds to benefit the victims of the recent Holiday Farm fire event. The donation will be made to The Hope Project, a local Lane County non-profit dedicated to quick response needs, large and small.



Spencer Creek members, masks in place, and ready to sell their BBQ'd chicken halves.

## Midland Donates to CVMA

On July 4th members of the Combat Veterans' Motorcycle Association held their annual Liberty Poker Run fundraiser. The ride was a huge success. Phillip Van Buren a member of the group and the Grange awarded a \$1,000.00 check from Midland Grange #781, Klamath County, to the CVMA group's president.

The mission of the CVMA is to provide support to those who have

defended our country and freedoms. The focus is to help veteran care facilities, provide warm meals, clothing, shelter and guidance or a simple "Thank You" and "Welcome Home". Money raised by the CVMA is used to help veterans in Klamath and Lake Counties, who need help paying their utilities, medical needs, to buy groceries, for car repairs or whatever else they may need.



Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA) Chapter Commander William Maddalena (l) receives a \$1,000 check from Phil Van Buren (r).

### Grange Youth & Young Adults

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Hello to all,

Many of you know us but we want to introduce ourselves to those who may not.

Christy is a third generation Granger. Her parents met at a Grange dance and they were State Youth Chairmen the year she was born (which was longer ago than she wants to admit). She was raised in the Junior Grange and really enjoys doing the ritual and floorwork. She has taken all seven degrees multiple times and has been a court attendant more times than she can count, as well as being on multiple Rosebud teams over the years. She works full time for OHSU and is the current Master/President at Clarkes Grange #261 in Clackamas County.

JC is a fourth generation Granger. She was three weeks old at her first state session and has only missed one since. She held multiple offices as a Junior at Beaver Creek Junior Grange and later Kinton Junior Grange and has held multiple offices as a Youth officer at state session and was the National Youth Officer Corp LAS last year. As a teen she was the Oregon State Grange Teenager of the Year. She has also received all seven degrees, taking the last one in 2019 in Minnesota. She has been on multiple Rosebud teams and has helped to write the drill the last three times District 4 was in charge. She enjoys writing drills and helping out when needed.

Christy has two children, JC and

Jim. JC is married to David Junkman and they have one child so far, Alex, who has attended State Session the last two years. He also attended National session last year. We are excited to take him around the state to see the sites and the different Granges.

We are excited to take this on, but feel that we can do more with a strong team behind us. So far, we only have one confirmed district chair and that is for District 4, we have requests out to others but if you can think of anyone who might be a good fit please let us know at [OSG.youth@gmail.com](mailto:OSG.youth@gmail.com). We want people who are ready to jump in and ready to help, no experience is needed. We would also like to hear suggestions about where you think we should take the program.

With it being 2020 and the current state of COVID there have not been any youth activities in person. We hope that the new year will allow us to meet for activities and competitions. The National Youth have successfully put on virtual events that many have attended. If you have any events that we could attend in a virtual manner let us know and we would be happy to attend!

We are excited to serve as your State Youth and Young Adult Directors and help our young Grangers to grow in any way that we can. Please feel free to reach out to us, email is the best way to reach us. We also have our phones for those of you that would still like to reach out in that manner.



## Ada Grange Collects Items for the Keeping Oregon Warm Project

Ada Grange #570, Lane County, had collected 40 items for the OSG Youth's Keeping Oregon Warm project. At the suggestion of the State Grange Youth committee, the items were donated locally to the Siuslaw Outreach Ser-

vices as nobody from Ada was able to attend the OSG Convention in person this fall in Klamath Falls.





## Oregon Junior Grangers

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**Whistling In A Dark Season**  
Now that singing together is dangerous to our health, maybe you've been enjoying Zoom choral extravaganzas that show up on social media. But in real Zoom meetings I've attended, time delays make even the Pledge of Allegiance sound disjointed. That's a shame because the musical heritage of the Grange holds some very encouraging thoughts. Here's a link to some Grange songs recorded by New York musician Brian Dewan: <https://briandewan.bandcamp.com/album/grange-songs>.

The track "Work" is the traditional opening song for Junior Grange, and its final verse concludes with "For those who give nothing when little they have, when wealthy will do little more." True that!

These two selections from the Junior Grange Song Book have tunes familiar to all. Enjoy!

**Six Health Doctors**  
(Tune: Yankee Doodle)

The best six doctors anywhere,  
And no one can deny it,  
Are sunshine, water, rest, and air  
And exercise and diet.  
These six will gladly you attend  
If only you are willing;  
Your ills they'll mend,  
Your mind they'll clear,  
And charge you not one shilling.

**We Pay Our Dues**  
(Tune: "Jingle Bells")

We pay our dues,  
We pay our dues,  
We pay them with a smile.  
We like to spend our money  
In a way that is worthwhile.  
The dues are small,  
Not much at all,  
We give our time and thought,  
The Grange it teaches many things  
That elsewhere can't be bought.

## Junior Grange Activity Sheet



## Fire Safety Word Search

- |            |             |            |
|------------|-------------|------------|
| Alarm      | Firefighter | Oxygen     |
| Ashes      | Firetruck   | Prevention |
| Burn       | Flashlight  | Rescue     |
| Carbon     | Gas         | Siren      |
| Detector   | Hazard      | Smoke      |
| Extinguish | Lamp        | Survive    |
| Fire       | Monoxide    | Water      |

## Junior Grange Passport Project

By: Kennedy Gwin, National Grange Intern

The State Passports are finished and ready to be completed by Juniors! There are currently passports for all 50 states that will educate as well as encourage Juniors to reach beyond their home state. These passports have a series of activities that ask them to do research about that state with a series of trivia questions as well as learning their favorite thing about the state.

The passport also asks children to write a postcard or draw a picture for the state governor. This idea came in hopes that the state governor might reply and could potentially send items to the Juniors as a gift. Another activity the passport has is to learn about that state's agriculture and then to write or make a recipe with that commodity.

This is in hopes to encourage Juniors to understand the expansive agriculture commodities the U.S. has and how they impact each state. National Junior Grange director Samantha Wilkins said "I am very excited to

have the state passports finished and look forward to future passports being made about bullying, U.S. history, safety issues, and other topics that Junior Grangers want to learn about".

The State Passports are part of the United States category of passports along with Grange Adventures, World Discovery, Career Readiness and American History. Check out the state passports on the National Junior Grange webpage, [www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/junior-grange-passport/](http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/junior-grange-passport/)



## Fire Safety Passport

Career Readiness and Life Skills #6



DIFFICULTY LEVEL 2 stars

**AUDIENCE**

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

**NECESSARY RESOURCES**

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

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

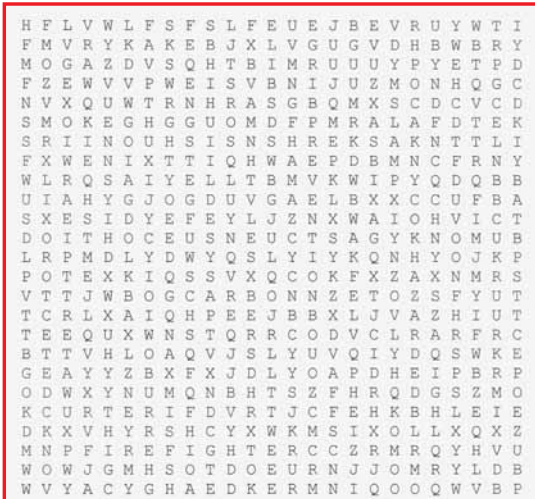
The purpose of this passport is to educate Junior Grangers about Fire safety and what to do in case of an emergency

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon completion, Junior Grangers will be able to:

- Learn about potential hazards in their everyday lives
- Use creativity to learn and engage with the topic
- Learn public speaking skills through presenting
- Learn leadership skills by leading an activity
- Conduct basic research skills and note taking skills as you gather information about this topic

Activities include touring a local fire department and changing the batteries in all the smoke detectors installed in a Junior's home.





## Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director

My 'Report from National Grange' is a little different this year because we didn't actually go there, it was all done by Zoom meeting. As we are all learning, there are benefits to this but there are also costs. We did work through a pile of resolutions though; in fact, I think the total was below average but still substantial—around 100 were submitted from the various state Granges including seven from Oregon.

Here's our scorecard:

**'End Price Gouging for Insulin'** originated at Crow Grange and was adopted by Lane Pomona, and the National Grange Education and Health committee decided to include language from this resolution in this committee's annual Policy Statement. Each committee creates a policy statement that sums up what they think National Grange's priorities should be in that area, but the key word is annual. This focus may not be continued if next year's committee has a different opinion. So, it is best to keep an eye on this topic and it could be worth writing another resolution with a more specific goal.

It is interesting to note that when the National Grange adopts a resolution outright it becomes part of a long list of 'Present Policy' for that subject area, but adding it to the annual Policy Statement might actually get more immediate attention for the issue in the coming year. A committee can spotlight a topic from Present Policy in this year's Policy Statement, but that doesn't automatically happen. This illustrates the need to keep track of our resolutions and policies even after adoption. This also illustrates the value of attending convention in person, because non-delegates can request permission to attend a National Grange committee meeting and could continue to shepherd their idea along to best advantage, but this is difficult if not impossible to accomplish via Zoom because of the limitations of the format.

Getting back to our resolutions, **'Health Care Open Enrollment'** from Washington Grange and Washington-Yamhill Pomona received an 'adverse' committee recommendation (NG's term for unfavorable) and was lost. I was on the Education and Health committee and as I recall, the group just did not see a clear need for this change.

**'Pomona Grange Recognition Programs and Awards'** came from Clackamas Pomona, and it also received an unfavorable committee recommendation and was lost. I

believe there was concern about conserving resources and focusing on Community/Subordinate Granges instead.

**'Support of Law Enforcement Officers'** from Spencer Creek Grange and **'Support for Right to Repair'** from Willamette Grange were each determined to be current policy of the National Grange. One could check these policies to see how close they are to the proposed resolution, if you can find them—Present Policies are printed in each year's National Grange Journal of Proceedings, but these days they are not offered as a stand-alone publication.

**'Citizenship for Veterans'** from Crow Grange by way of Lane Pomona was favorably received and adopted.

**'Change National Primaries'** from Walterville Grange was ruled a 'State Issue' by the National Grange Citizenship and Taxation committee. During the full session I moved to substitute this resolution for the committee's report because it seems obvious that it calls for some sort of federal action. That got the issue on the floor, but ultimately my motion failed. Technically this means the resolution is just returned to Oregon without action, but in fact it means National didn't adopt it in any way so it really lost.

If there had been visitors and in-person meetings there might have been someone from Oregon, maybe even Walterville Grange, who could have attended a committee meeting and argued for a change in our national primary system. This is one of the limitations of a Zoom-only meeting, but there are positives too and we need to consider them now but also in the future, post-pandemic. Especially now when gatherings are limited, Granges can use Zoom to stay in touch with their members. Zoom meetings when necessary, maybe Zoom committee activities between meetings, or just a Zoom social. It is good to see those faces we remember, even if the lighting is bad or the dog disrupts things.

Some of our members just physically can't attend meetings and Zoom allows them to be included, and that will continue to be a good thing post-COVID. But nothing can replace gathering in person, talking in groups, the smell of coffee and the sound of conversations, sitting elbow to elbow for a potluck or just having coffee and snacks after the meeting. We can and should use

## Government Affairs

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## 2020 Election: Dems Dominate Oregon's U.S. House Members

The Cascades roughly divide Oregon's five congressional seats along party lines. To the east is one solidly Republican seat, and to the west four held by Democrats.

**Congressional District 1: GOP Hope vs. Democratic Reality**  
Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-Beaverton sought a fifth term in a seat where she's never received less than 57% of the general election vote and this election was no exception where she received 64.8% of the vote.

The Cook Political Report of Washington, D.C., analyzes congressional districts for overall partisan tilt, regardless of the popularity of the individual officeholder. Congressional District 1 rates a strong Democratic +9 rating. No Republican has won the district since 1972 and Democrats have a more than 82,000 voter registration edge on Republicans.

**Congressional District 2: New names, same district**  
Reapportionment has made this the Republicans' one stronghold in Congress, a district that takes in eastern, central and parts of southern Oregon, often winning with over 70 percent of the vote.

Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, is retiring after 20 years, but the Republicans retained the seat with their candidate receiving 60% of the votes.

**Congressional District 3: A Liberal Lock**  
One of the most heavily Democratic districts in the nation, the Portland-area seat has been held by Democrats since 1954. It has a Cook Report Partisan Index of Democratic +24, among the most prohibitive in the nation. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Portland, was elected for a 14th term with 73.8 percent of the vote in the general election against three opponents.

**Congressional District 4: A Hero Took on the Dean**  
The Cook Political Report rates the district as "Even" among Democratic and Republican partisanship. The district includes parts of southwest Oregon that vote reliably conservative, but are often offset by more populous, liberal areas in

Eugene and Corvallis. There are 188,586 Democrats vs. 163,956 Republicans and 187,238 non-affiliated in the district.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Springfield, and the Dean of Oregon's delegation to Washington, had won seventeen elections going back to 1986. But this time faced an Afghanistan war veteran who received worldwide acclaim in 2015 when he and a group of other off-duty military men risked their lives to subdue a Moroccan terrorist who boarded a train from Amsterdam to Paris with an AK-47 and 300 rounds of ammunition. And while Rep. DeFazio was re-elected it was a close race as expected with his opponent receiving 46.3% of the vote to DeFazio's 51.6%.

**Congressional District 5: Oh, So Close**  
Like Congressional District 4 to the south, Congressional District 5 is rated as "Even" between Democrats and Republicans in the Cook Partisan Index. Rep. Kurt Schrader, D-Canby, was elected in 2008 and has won five more terms, but never by more than 55% of the vote. Democrats have just over 27,500 more registered voters than Republicans. It's another district where the Independent Party is a key player, with 25,738 registered voters.

Schrader was re-elected in a close race with 52.3% of the votes. His Republican challenger received 45% and the Libertarian candidate 2.7%

**2022: New Lines and Maybe an Extra Seat**  
This year marks the last time in a decade the current congressional districts will be in existence. Reapportionment, including a possible new sixth seat due to Oregon's population growth, will decide new boundaries for the 2022 election. This is just a look of what's to come in the future of Oregon Politics. Keep in tune and as I hear you will hear.

Do keep safe during this COVID-19 times. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Happy Holidays.

Happy Trail

restricted from gathering and to facilitate meetings and activities in

the future, but Zoom cannot replace the fellowship of the Grange Hall.



## Membership Matters

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Finally, the year 2020 is ending and 2021 is soon to begin. No one expected the challenges that would occur during this year. The pandemic has made traditional Grange meetings quite difficult, but Grangers persevere. Hopefully, your Grange has been able to continue meeting – at least in some fashion. Many Granges have been able to continue to hold meetings utilizing remote communication tools such as Zoom or Google Meet.

As 2021 begins, there is hope that we will soon be returning to a more normal life. I suggest that all of our Oregon Granges reach out to each of their members with phone contacts and offerings of support to

encourage each other.

It has been a real challenge to gather new members during this time, but the best method still seems to remain – ask people to join! Of course, be ready to explain what your Grange offers to the community, how it is a family-oriented organization that works to bring your community together by uniting to help with local needs, and what you enjoy about the fellowship within your Grange.

There are so many areas of support open to us because of the challenges of this year, and these needs can become great opportunities for us to reach more people and involve new members.

## Oregon Has Net Gain for 2019-20 - Leads the Nation

Joseph B. Stefanoni, Director of Leadership and Membership Development for the National Grange recently announced that for the 2019-2020 membership year, the Oregon State Grange achieved a statewide net gain of 54 members, which represents a 1.19% gain. Nationally, the Oregon State Grange led the nation both in net numbers of new members and total number of Granges with a net gain. Oregon is now the third largest Grange state behind Washington followed by Pennsylvania. Brother Joe gives a hearty congratula-

tions to all the Patrons of our state!

The following Community Granges led the state in total membership growth: Long Tom #866 with a net gain of 36, Marys River #685 with a net gain of 19 and Fruitdale #379 with a net gain of 18. Additionally, these Community Granges achieved the largest percentage growth in Oregon: Long-Tom #866 up 156.52%, Barlow Gate #157 up 87.5% and Willamette #52 up 68.75%. Overall, Oregon had 59 Community Granges achieve a net gain.

Grange Name	Net Gain	Grange Name	Net Gain
Marys River #685	19	South Fork #605	2
Fruitdale #379	18	Buell #637	2
Barlow Gate #157	14	Bridge #730	2
Rockford #501	12	Aloha #773	2
Willamette #52	11	Ash Butte #802	2
Skyline #894	11	Upper Rogue #825	2
Washington #313	10	Lacomb #907	2
New Bridge #789	9	Clarks #261	1
Redland #796	9	Hope #269	1
Smith River #585	7	Beavercreek #276	1
Central Point #698	7	Molalla #310	1
Fernwood #770	7	Garfield #317	1
Thurston #853	7	Russellville #353	1
Azalea #786	6	Deer Creek #371	1
Sixes #856	6	The Sandy #392	1
Columbia #267	5	Williams #399	1
Yankton #301	5	Enterprise #489	1
Vernonia #305	5	Beaver Homes #518	1
Central #360	5	Goshen #561	1
Coburg West Pt #535	5	Mapleton #584	1
Lookingglass #927	5	Pine Forest #632	1
Eagle Valley #656	4	Fairfield #720	1
Phoenix #779	4	Wickiup #722	1
Frogpond #111	3	Fort Rock #758	1
Rickreall #671	3	Santiam Valley #828	1
Sauvies Island #840	3	Sunnyside #842	1
McMinnville #31	2	Columbia #867	1
Springwater #263	2	London #937	1
Irving #377	2	Fort Union #953	1

## Ada Honors Long-time Members

Recently Ada Grange #570, Lane County, presented membership recognition awards to two of their long-time members. Receiving his Golden Sheaf Certificate was Richard Huff.



Betty Huff added her new 55-year seal to her Golden Sheaf Certificate booklet.

Betty Huff received her 55-year Membership Seal. Sister Betty has been a very active member of Ada Grange #570 until the past few years due to health issues. She was the Oregon State Grange Pomona, OSG GWA Director and was on the National CWA Committee. She started the Harley Huff, Sr. Memorial Scholarship in 1993 after her husband Harley passed away and Ada has been giving scholarships to local seniors ever since.



Above: Joe Duyck presented James Clute, Margaret Clute and John Knox with 55-year Grange membership pins.

## Forest Grove #282 Honors Members

Forest Grove Grange #282, Washington County, recognized several members at their November 13 meeting for their many years of Grange membership. Beverly Doescher received her Golden sheaf certificate and pin representing 50 years of continuous Grange membership. John Knox and Jim and Margaret Clute each received their 55-year pins. In total these four represent more than 215 years of Grange membership.



Master Joe Duyck presented Beverly Doescher with her certificate and pin for 50 years of membership.

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Moving? Let Us Know.**

**Old Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **New Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grange Name/Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Mail to:** Oregon State Grange, 643 Union St NE, Salem OR 97301