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## Delegates Authorize Sale of National Headquarters to Move Forward

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NG Communications Director

Following months of emotional and passionate discussion, a decision has been made regarding the National Grange headquarters.

A roll-call vote on Wednesday afternoon showed a clear majority in favor of selling the building, located at 1616 H Street NW in Washington, D.C. "It was a necessary step," said National Grange President Betsy Huber. "It was an emotional decision - I understand that. But our mission is not to operate a building as landlords. We need to dedicate more of our efforts and money to Grange programming rather than managing a building."

Delegates, assembled in Wichita, Kansas spent many hours debating the pros and cons of retaining the headquarters building, and what to do if a decision was made to sell.

In her report to the Delegates, Operations Coordinator Samantha Wilkins pointed out that the structural and maintenance issues the building has faced over the past few years are just the beginning. "We all love this building," but she advised that continuing discussion would force the Grange to spend on a building that is no longer in prime shape. She advised that the history and sentimentality behind the National Grange Headquarters are not strong enough reasons to face mounting debt from taking on consistent maintenance problems.

Following the vote, Grange members nationwide are now grappling with the question of "where do we go from here?"



Delegates and past Delegates have expressed concerns of allowing a debt to be paid for by the next generation of Grangers. National Grange Executive Committee member Leroy Watson said the sale is not necessarily going to be a fast process. "It's not like we're going to put a sign out front that says 'building for sale,'" he said, noting that there is a "specific universe of potential buyers" who are looking for a building like the National Grange owns. Watson noted that the resolution on which the Delegates voted requires the National Grange to work with a licensed real estate firm, in the same way Community Granges are required to do when they sell a Hall.

National Grange Vice President Phil Prelli said that the Executive Committee is challenged to "best use the net proceeds from the sale to do the proper job in running our National Grange."

Watson pointed out that the building has been an investment for the past 60 years, and the proceeds from the sale will be an investment for the next 60 and beyond. "It's about getting a return on the investment that [we] can use to help support the mission of the organization," he said.

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L-r: Oregon Grangers at this year's National Grange Convention included Jay Sexton, JC Junkman, Susan Noah, Mark Noah, Jessie Jo Guttridge, and Sam Keator.

## Oregon Grangers Attend the 2021 National Grange Convention

A small but mighty group of Oregonians attended this year's National Grange Convention in Wichita, Kansas. Serving as delegates were Oregon State Grange President Susan Noah and her husband Mark Noah, OSG Legislative Director. Also attending were OSG Vice President Jay Sexton and OSG Executive Committee member position #2 Sam Keator. Representing the OSG Youth and Young Adults department were Co-Director JC Junkman and National Youth Chap-

lain Jessie Jo Guttridge who additionally represented the Western Region in Grange Baseball.

Next year's National Grange Convention will be held in Sparks, Nevada November 15-19, 2022 and hosted by the states of the Western Region. It is expected that there will be a much larger crowd from Oregon for several reasons including travel distance and the Oregon State Grange will be conferring the Sixth Degree as part of the convention.



**Happy Holidays**  
From the staff of the  
**Oregon State Grange**  
Susan, Suzy, Steve and Carol

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## The President's Column

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In the December 2020 Bulletin I started my column by saying that the “dreadful year 2020” was almost behind us and that I hoped for a better 2021! I guess I can safely say that “you don’t always get what you want!” But in reality, I do believe that we are doing better every day. Granges are at least able to meet in person and to allow their halls to be rented. We are also opening up to Grange potlucks, fundraising breakfast and dinners, although perhaps on a smaller scale than in the past. But we are starting to open up again, and that is bringing us together. We also held a great convention in Wallowa County last June. A convention which allowed us to adopt new policies for the year and to send some of those on to the National convention for their consideration. Our legislative chairman, Mark Noah, has commented in his column what happened so I will not repeat that here, but I will say that most of our resolutions fared quite well. We also had a presence at the State Fair this year, with a slightly reduced crew, but the fair goes were appreciative of our laid-back corner of the fair. So, while 2021 hasn’t been quite back to our old normal, Grangers are getting geared up for a better 2022!

### Grange Growth Summit

Several years ago, the National Grange held a series of “Grange Growth Summits” and our National Membership Director, Sister Amanda Brozana Rios, announced that she will be bringing those back with an “Ala carte” menu of ideas to choose from. I was excited by the possibility these represent and

have booked Amanda for March 25-27. Currently this is still a work in progress, but I am asking that your Grange consider sending a couple of members, a current leader and a leader “on the horizon”. Sunnyside Grange in Clackamas County will be our host and since this may involve an overnight stay the OSG Executive Committee is working to help with funding for attendees. Meals will be provided on site and we will find a hotel close to the meeting place and that information will be sent to each Grange before the event. Mark your calendars and come to learn about topics like:

- What is your Grange’s Purpose and how do you use it to build capacity?
- Member Appreciation and cultivating a positive environment
- Generational differences and how to use them to our advantage
- How to tell your Grange story to others
- The roots of our success and how to teach the values of the Grange and live them out loud
- Civility and conflict resolution.

Amanda gave a wonderful presentation at our State Session in June on what we consider important in the Grange, so I expect that each attendee will find this weekend beneficial and worthwhile for you and you’re the growth of your Grange.

### National Session

National session was a mixture of the pleasant and the sad this year.

The delegates did eventually vote to sell the National headquarters and it was not an easy decision. At least now that the decision is made, we can start moving forward and think about the future. Of course, first we need to actually sell the building, but once we have a buyer we will need to decide where to move to. Our legislative work in the Nation’s capital is important and through the leadership of Brother Burton Eller, our Legislative Director and our National President Betsy Huber, our profile has gone steadily upward and hopefully we will only grow stronger through the Grange Advocacy organization. So, I know we will have to have a continued presence in the DC area, but some are thinking that we need to look elsewhere in the county as well. Do any of our members have a strong opinion on this subject? If so reach out and let me know.

Sister Betsy Huber was re-elected as our National President but our National Vice President is now Chris Hamp from our neighboring state of Washington! Nice to have a little more representation from the west coast on the National Executive board.

I was very pleased to accept one of the 2021 Cultivator of the Year awards from the National Grange. This is a new award from the Membership department and it recognizes the work that all of us have put into membership growth in Oregon. Our hard work these past four years is being recognized, and I know we are so close to another year of net gain. Even the pandemic can’t keep us down!

My wish for the holiday season is that all of us will be healthy and happy, and that our homes and Grange halls be filled with friends and family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## National Grange Cultivator Award New For 2021 - Oregon in the First Class

This award celebrates individuals or Granges who have inspired membership resources and growth, im-

plemented programs that strengthen members’ bonds to the Grange and provide mentorship or leadership

training opportunities. “Specifically, Susan Noah and the Oregon State Grange received this award because of the investment made into membership recruitment and development. The program is robust and doesn’t just take into account one element of getting new members or making members happy, but is multifaceted. Not only is Oregon State Grange doubling-down on recruitment efforts of local Granges by providing necessary supplies to increase visibility, but they are also ensuring members feel connected to the larger Grange organization,” said Amanda Brozana Rios when ask about the award.



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Above: National Grange Membership Director Amanda Brozana Rios presented Oregon State President with a 2021 Cultivator Award.



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## News from Wichita

By OSG Vice President Jay Sexton

I am in Wichita, Kansas attending the 155<sup>th</sup> Annual National Grange Convention from November 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. As I write this, the decisions being made here have not yet been publicly released, but there is still news from this meeting of Grangers.

The National Grange Membership Director Amanda Brozana Rios has been hard at work. She has developed several brochures designed to address situations common at our Granges. Several are meant to introduce and inform people new to the Grange. These explain our purpose, our history and traditions, and give a rundown of "what to expect" at your first Grange Meeting.

A second set of brochures is designed to offer a short monthly quote from our ceremonies which could be read and discussed for less than five minutes, perhaps in the Good of The Order portion of

our meetings. The purpose of these quotes are to inform new members, who may never have seen degree work, about the lessons in our ceremonies. As Amanda says, this is a way to help new members become new Grangers.

I am really excited by these new resources which the National Grange is developing, and I feel these materials will help our Oregon Granges tell their story and encourage new people to join and to understand Grange. Grange is a rich and valuable community resource and these new materials will help us share information with new members and new members-to-be.

*Editor's note: These items are available from the National Grange. Additionally, some or all will be available shortly from the Oregon State Grange office. Watch for details in the February/March issue of the Bulletin.*

## Buy a Candle for the 150th Cake

It is now less than two years until the Oregon State Grange reaches the sesquicentennial mark. Buy a candle and be a part of the celebration.

In honor of our anniversary the Oregon State Grange will be placing a monument on the Oregon State Capitol site that honors disabled veterans and funding for this will come from the sale of the candles. The cake will have 150 candles and each candle costs the amount listed

on the candle (the 1st candle costs \$1, the 150th candle costs \$150, with each denomination in-between). Candles may be purchased in any order until all 150 candles have been sold. So far 49 candles have been purchased by individuals and Granges for a total of \$2377.

If you are interested in purchasing a candle, please let State President Susan Noah know and the candle of your choice will be reserved for you.

Candle	Buyer
1	Mark & Susan Noah
2	Joyce Parker
3	Joyce Parker
4	Fruitdale Grange
5	Robert O'Dell, Jr.
6	Joyce Parker
7	Fruitdale Grange
8	Rockwood Grange
9	Robert O'Dell
10	Carol Everman
12	Linn Pomona
13	Roberta O'Dell
14	Fruitdale Grange
15	Oak Grove Grange
20	Aloha Grange
23	Phoenix Grange
25	Vickie High
26	Jesse O'Dell
27	Riley & Tina Reynolds
30	Warren Grange
31	Donna Sepull

Candle	Buyer
34	Tami & Don Guttridge
35	Santiam Valley Grange
36	Ken Naylor
37	Shirley Naylor
39	Megan Schofield
40	Warren Grange
41	Yankton Grange
44	P & L Schofield Family
46	Sandlake Grange
50	Louise Holst/Phil Van Buren
51	Rockwood Grange
52	Willamette Grange
55	Cookie & Malcolm Trupp
56	Beaver Valley Grange
66	OSG Executive Committee
69	Doris Irene DeGnath Meredith
76	O'Dell Family
77	Clackamas Pomona
87	Spencer Creek Grange
91	Walterville Grange
93	Mohawk-McKenzie Grange



L-r: Matthew Dehne, Charene Dehne, Liz Dehne and Jeff Dehne, members of Walterville Grange.

## Walterville Family Honored as a Grange Legacy Family

The Emmerich/Sloan/Dehne family of Walterville Grange #416, Lane County was recognized at the 2021 National Grange convention as a six-generation Grange family. They are the ninth Oregon family to be acknowledged.

The search for their family's Grange history turned up some very nice surprises. They had known that Jeff's great grandparents and uncles were Grangers as well as an uncle on another branch of the family tree. The story started in 1910 when Walterville Grange was first organized. Mathias and Katherine Emmerich (Gen 1) were charter members. Probably due to problems dealing with WWI and the Great Depression the Grange closed. In 1932 it was reorganized and two of Jeff's Great Uncles were members: Frank Emmerich and Matt Emmerich. At about this same time Uncle William Dehne was a member of Fort Rock Grange #758 in Lake County.

The surprise came, while digging through the records at the State

*R: Jeff Dehne's Great grandparents Mathias and Katherine Emmerich and family.*

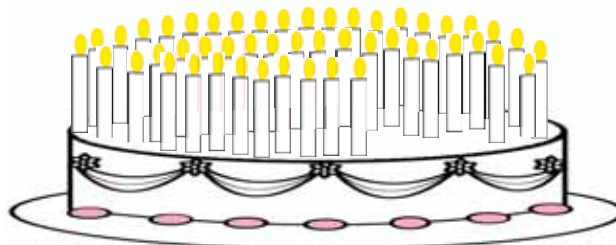


## Sale of Headquarters

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ing in traditional stocks and bonds "will generate additional income for Grange operations to sustain and even to grow our programs," Watson added. These funds "can make a difference in the future of our organization," Prelli said.

The decision to move forward with the sale of the National Grange Headquarters certainly has an emotional effect on Grangers. The National Grange Executive Committee is now tasked with the responsibility of making the best decisions and solid investment choices to positively affect programming and the future of the Grange.



## The Chaplain's Corner



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When thinking about writing this column, Christmas music filled my mind. Growing up, life sure wasn't perfect but a lighted tree and a warm fireplace felt like tidings of comfort and joy. Here we are near the holiday season and it's been nearly two years since we really celebrated. Comfort (in a good mask) and the joy of gathering with friends and family is in sight.

I was thinking one afternoon of what a comfort and a joy some version of normal would bring and that refrain from "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" got stuck in my head, you know how that happens.

All of this swirling around in my mind with the idea of comfort and joy coming back to me. "God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay..."

This season is celebrated for the birth of Christ but also for the return of the life giving sun assuring our survival. We are reminded of the importance of the fruits of the earth and by extension the return of this light in our formal Grange opening. This season of the return of the light is full of opportunities for us to rejoice.

We're blessed in this season if we can remind ourselves to return to a more hopeful vision and to build upon the messages that are all around us this season of the return of the light and a light heartedness that coming together can bring.

Chanukah is a celebration of the light provided by a small portion of oil maintained for eight miracu-

lous days. A small group of Jewish freedom fighters defied the accepted notion that the powerful armies against them were invincible and that attempting to struggle was immensely unrealistic and utopian. Think about the Grange movement standing up to the powerful interests of the day. And still we remain.

Yet, as Chanukah celebrates, the spirit of the people, connected and energized by their connection to the faith that saw God as the Force of Transformation in the universe, was more powerful than technology and armies. Our spirit of looking out for one another will be more powerful than the virus we've confronted these past two years.

The birth of the child Jesus also evokes the hopeful possibilities of a world that had been conquered by the Romans. That this child, born in poverty and homelessness and among animals to parents who would flee and become refugees in Egypt, has frequently renewed hope for those who themselves have little grounds to believe that their own suffering will soon end.

Our work is still cut out for us, caring for the widowed and orphans and keeping our temptations in check. The good tidings is that there are many people of many faiths who are capable of holding the hopeful and loving and justice-oriented instincts that were there in 1867 to welcome a community of folks who have Faith in God, who nurture Hope, dispense Charity and who are noted for Fidelity. And that is a tidings of comfort and joy.

## In Memoriam

Sue Arthur  
Creswell #496

Paul Bennett  
Elkhorn #908

Stan Chapman  
Creswell #496

Elsie Cornelius  
Jasper #532

Howard Daggett  
Liberty #613

Kenneth Delaney  
Camas Valley #521

Maxine Hicks  
Midland #781

Cleda Jones  
Willamette #52

Maryane Kemp  
Walterville #416

Sue Komming  
Mt Vernon #659

Inez Locken  
South Fork #605

John V Lorenz  
Sunnyside #842

Michael Matchulat  
Lorane #54

Robert McCumber  
Mt Vernon #659

Emily Mellick  
Columbia #867

Allen Moore  
Pine Grove #356

Tom Oaks  
Bellview #759

James Ogle  
Thomas Creek #851

Irene Sherwood  
Walterville #416

Marion Sitter  
Myrtle Creek #442

Agnes Snauer  
Dorena #835

Dean Snauer  
Dorena #835

Rita Snyder  
Hurricane Creek #608

Henry Stevens  
Myrtle Creek #442

Ruth Straus  
Central Point #698

Warren Weathers  
Lowell #745



*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.*

## Enjoy Bluegrass at Multnomah Grange

Multnomah Grange #71, Multnomah County, and the Oregon Bluegrass Association will be hosting live Bluegrass Concerts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month starting at 7pm. Relax with a cup of coffee and a treat and enjoy some great live stomping Bluegrass. A \$10 donation for adults is encouraged.

to the program. Snack bar opens at 6:30pm.

The Grange will be following State protocol for COVID. To see which bands are playing each month, check out the Multnomah Grange Facebook page.

Concert starts a 7pm with a jam session in the lobby from 6-7pm prior

Multnomah Grange is located at 30639 SE Bluff Rd, in the Orient neighborhood of Gresham.

## Save the Date!!!

### Grange Growth Summit March 25 – 27

Friday evening through Sunday noon  
 Sunnyside Grange Hall

Presented by Amanda Brozana Rios  
 National Grange Membership/Leadership Director

For current Grange leaders and leaders "on the horizon"

Topics will include:

- Civility and Conflict Resolution
- What is your Grange's Purpose and how do you use it to build capacity?
- How to tell your Grange story
- And more!

Watch for more details in upcoming mailings and the February Bulletin



**NATIONAL GRANGE**  
**156th ANNUAL SESSION**  
 HOSTED BY THE WESTERN REGION  
 CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, WA,  
**NOV 15-19, 2022**  
**NUGGET CASINO RESORT**  
**SPARKS, NV**





Above l-r: many folks a stomping, Bellview Grange's way of threshing the grain. Pictured here are: Chris Hardy, Karen Potts, Gwen Oaks, and Wendell Fitzgerald.

## Ashland's Bellview Grange Threshes Heritage Wheat By Stomping

On Saturday, October 23, members of Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County, threshed Termoki wheat originally from Kazakhstan. After the threshing (*loosening the hull from the grain*) the seed was separated from the hull by winnowing, which lets the lighter hulls blow away.

These heritage or landrace grains have origins in ancient civilizations where they made their first connections to human civilizations. A few of these varieties are being grown at the Grange Demonstration Garden, but many are grown by Grange member Chris Hardy of Hardy Seeds on acreage in Ashland, Oregon.

### Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

- December 1** Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officer information due to the state office
- December 31** Oregon State Grange Foundation - "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imburement" request deadline. Send to the state office
- January 25** Nominations for Oregon State Grange Officers must arrive at the state office by 5pm
- January 31** 4th Quarter Reports Due to the State Grange office
- March 1** Candidate acceptance and statements for Oregon State Grange Officers must arrive at the state office by 5pm
- March 1** Deadline for first 2022 Matching Grange applications. Must be post marked by March 1 or if emailing, completed application must arrive by March 1.
- March 25 - 27** **Grange Growth Summit** Presented by Amanda Brozana Rios, National Grange Membership/Leadership Director at Sunnyside Grange
- June 18-23** Oregon State Grange Annual Convention Talent Middle School ~ Talent, Oregon
- November 15-19** 156th Annual National Grange Convention - Sparks, Nevada



Above: The McMinville Grange #31, Yamhill County, the oldest Grange in Oregon just got a new paved parking lot. It really makes the Grange look a little more presentable and the dancers, market venders and customers, and renters love it. The next step is to get it lined so parking is more identifiable.



## The Agricultural Report

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### A Conservation Corps is not a new idea. A Sustainable Farm Food Corps (SFFC) is.

A regional Sustainable Farm Food Corps (SFFC) would enable the recruitment, education and on the ground training of young adults who wish to remain within their community, and who have strong interest in creating all aspects of a localized sustainable food system. Not only could a SFFC graduate create a reliable source of income from growing and marketing fresh food products to their neighbors, but they would also moderate climate change by reducing the fossil fuel consumption required to move food products to and from distant markets.

My own local population offers a strong marketplace, however, there is not enough sustainable agricultural production or marketing structure to supply us with the foods we demand. Over 7,000 people live in our remote, eastern Oregon county. We are 60 miles away from an interstate highway system.

Agriculture makes up a large portion of our economic activity, and yet most of our food travels across that highway system and into our county. If only \$3.00 per person was spent daily on a local food product, we would daily circulate \$21,000 within our community. At years end, that figure would have grown to seven million and six hundred sixty five thousand dollars!

For this small agricultural community, that is a life changing amount of money! Unfortunately, we can't harness those funds because we are not facilitating the identification and training of a younger sustainable farming and marketing work force, and because we do not have the product storage and marketing infrastructure

needed. The interruptions of national supply lines have been highlighted during these months of Covid pandemic restrictions. Not only is it more environmentally costly to move food products to populations, but the folly of transporting food products long distances is on display! Why are we shipping carrots from California to eastern Oregon populations, when our local soils and growing season will produce carrots easily!

The SFFC graduates are needed to continue and to increase our sustainable farming production, and the regional marketing of produce, fruits, meat and fiber which are currently being produced and marketed by a limited number existing farmers with an average age of 58.

Small is successful. The 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture reveals that 88% of American farms are classified as "small." These small farms are responsible for 58% of the nation's direct to consumer sales. 85% of small farmers sell within 50 miles of their farms, and 90% of gross Farmers Market sales are kept by the farmer. Women farmers are 38% of these direct sales, and organic farmers are more likely to be women.

Would a SFFC graduate be able to make a living solely as a small farmer? Nationally, 64% of small farmers have a second job. I find this statistic supportive of the SFFC program. If a socially disadvantaged worker can only find a minimum wage job, and is also keeping 90% of her farm's gross sales at a weekend farmers market, SFFC can greatly improve her financial security.



### 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 5	10:30 AM	Eagle Valley Grange
Benton #36	Jan 15	10:30 AM	TBA
Clackamas #1	Jan 22	10:00 AM	Abernethy Grange
Columbia #18	Feb 5	10:00 AM	TBA
Deschutes #25	Feb 12	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Feb 22	6:00 PM	TBA
Jackson #27	Jan 22	1:00 PM	TBA
Josephine #20	Jan 29	10:00 AM	Redwood Grange
Lane #14	Jan 8	10:00 AM	TBA
Lincoln #10	Feb 19	10:30 AM	Siletz Valley Grange
Linn #12	Jan 8	10:00 AM	TBA
Polk #3	Jan 13	6:30 PM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Feb 26	10:00 AM	TBA
Wallowa #22	Jan 8	10:00 AM	TBA
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jan 15	10:00 AM	Scholls Grange



## Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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## Home Maintenance that Improves Your Health

We don't always associate home maintenance and repairs with our health and wellbeing. Additionally, we normally think of performing maintenance and repairs to our homes in spring or summer months, rather than the dead of winter, but environmental factors that are worsened with winter rains and cold temperatures provide good reasons for homeowners to perform two simple tests.

**First, test your homes for radon in the winter**, when temperatures are coldest, and houses are closed to the outside air. This is the time of the year that the radon concentration in your house will be at its highest. By testing now, you can find out what is the worst radon exposure you and your family are experiencing.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is produced in soil and bedrock and is found all over the United States. Radon is formed by the natural decay of the mineral uranium which breaks down to form radon gas (OHA, 2020). Radon gas is colorless, odorless and tasteless and is relatively harmless until it begins to break down.

Once radon begins to break down it produces radon decay products that emit radioactive alpha particles. These particles can become inhaled and trapped in the lungs, where they cause irreparable damage to lung cell DNA. Prolonged exposure to these carcinogens causes increased risk of lung cancer. Radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer among smokers and the leading cause among non-smokers (BEIR VI).

Radon gas is emitted from soil and building materials and travels through cracks and gaps in your house, or through contaminated ground water and is then released indoors when you use your drinking water. Most radon enters buildings when it is drawn in by the slightly lower air pressure indoors, caused mainly by heating and ventilation systems.

Radon tests can be purchased from most home supply stores including Home Depot, Lowe's and True Value Hardware Stores. Findings show the most accurate radon test kits are those that test for 90 days or more. Be sure to read the instructions completely and avoid placing your test kits near open windows,

heat sources or heavily trafficked areas.

**Second, have your well water tested**, if your property has experienced forest fires in the area, seasonal flooding or other damage to your well or well head.

Bacteria are always present throughout the environment, and wells that are: (1) not properly sealed; (2) become damaged during storms; or (3) are in areas that are overloaded with flood waters are vulnerable to outside bacteria, nitrates (fertilizers), and other contaminants. The only way to tell if your drinking water is safe is to have it tested at a certified laboratory. Harmful bacteria, parasites, and viruses are invisible to the naked eye, so water often looks, smells and tastes the same.

There are a number of factors to consider when you are deciding which tests you want. For example, if there are children in the house or if someone is expecting, there are specific contaminants to test for. Typically, well water is tested for basic water potability (drinkability), coliform bacteria, nitrates, pH, sodium, chloride, fluoride, sulphate, iron, arsenic, selenium, uranium and pesticide contamination.

Water test kits are not as easy to take as radon tests. Water test kits have precise instructions on how to collect the water sample. Some water sample collection requires precise handling. Great care must be taken to disinfect the faucet or spigot and to not let bacteria in the sample or to touch the inside of the collection bottle lid. Additionally, some samples may require that they be delivered to the lab within a certain time, and/or must be kept at certain temperatures until testing begins.

For this reason, you may choose to employ a water testing professional. A list of certified water testing labs and water testing professionals can be found online at the Oregon State University Well Water Program and at Oregon Health Authority Well Water Safety Program. Well water testing, if done by a professional, can cost anywhere from \$150.00 to \$400.00, and it is recommended simple water testing be conducted once a year and more in-depth testing if you have experienced any fires, flooding or other types of weather damage.

## Working Hard vs. Working Out: What's the Difference and Does It Matter?

Hard physical work may burn more calories and work certain muscles harder than leisure-time physical activity because most job-related physical stress calls for short bursts of strength and activity, but only working out exercises the muscle that matters the most, the heart.<sup>1</sup> Although many people view exercise as a weight-loss strategy, it plays an important role in whole body health.<sup>2</sup>

Most leisure-time exercise, such as biking, swimming and walking will raise the heart rate moderately and keep it up for a longer time than other types of exercise. For those whose job involves physical labor, the heart may be among the muscles strained and this can lead to bad health consequences.

People who experience heavy work-related physical strain, have five times higher odds of having coronary heart disease those whose jobs have no physical strain.<sup>1</sup> Among all workers, regular leisure-time physical activity, such as walking or biking, for as little as two hours per week, can lower the odds of developing heart disease and helps to reduce heart disease among those engaged in hard labor.<sup>1</sup>

Across the spectrum of physically demanding jobs, the value of leisure-time physical activity is clear, it reduces the odds of coronary disease by reducing levels of the body's stress hormones, such as adrenaline and cortisol, and by stimulating the production of endorphins, the body's natural pain killers and mood elevators.<sup>3</sup> The crucial difference between working hard and working out, as far as your body is concerned, are the different muscle demands. While working hard, your muscles are engaged in isometric work that creates tension in the muscle and causes the body to release stress hormones as opposed to working out, when your muscles are engaged in endurance training and the body's response is to release endorphins.

The take home message here is that there is a difference between these two types of work and the long-term effect to your health. It is important for those who work physically demanding jobs to spend time allowing their bodies to work in a full range of motion that keeps the heart rate up for 15 to 20 minutes. Even as little as one hour of walking per week drives down the odds of developing heart disease.<sup>1</sup> In addition to reducing your risk of heart disease, regular leisure-time physical activity positively affects your mood and boosts your immune system.<sup>1</sup>

So, regardless of how physically demanding your job is, you still need to take a walk, go for a bike ride or swim a few laps. It's the type of

work and movement that keeps your body healthy. If you're ready to add working out to your schedule, here are a few things to keep in mind: (1) don't get intimidated by different kinds of messaging and (2) keep it simple and build a routine that gets your heart rate up for 15 to 20 minutes, four or more times per week.<sup>4</sup> All types of exercise offer health benefits and you will be more likely to continue if you choose a type you enjoy. Also, try to mix it up. Just like eating a balanced diet, you need to work your muscles and body in a variety of ways. Different types of physical activity offer different health benefits. Here are a few suggestions of different types of exercise, the benefits received and some suggestions for more remote areas or very busy schedules:

**Aerobic physical activity** offers cardiovascular benefits, but activities need to be done at a high enough intensity (you can still talk while you walk, but just barely) and performed long enough to improve heart and lung health. Examples are walking, jogging, dancing, biking, playing basketball or soccer and swimming. As simple as this sounds, performing these activities can be difficult if you live in rural areas or don't get off work until after dark. Alternatives to try are marching or jogging in place while watching TV, using an elliptical machine or treadmill or jumping rope.

**Muscle strengthening activity** increase muscle strength, endurance and power. Examples are using weight machines, free weights, resistance elastic bands and performing Pilates. Alternatives to try are performing push-ups, sit-ups, and squats, climbing stairs, and exercises that work the core like planking.

**Flexibility and balance training** are activities that stretch and lengthen muscles to the point of tension and improve body control and stability. Examples of exercises that increase muscle elasticity and range of motion are performing lunges or static body stretches, or doing yoga, or Tai chi. These activities are easily modified for most people and as little as eleven minutes of stretching per day has been shown to have demonstrable health benefits.

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## Charity Navigator Recognizes DBL With High 98 Score

### Along With Top Four-Star Rating for Record 8th Consecutive Year

CENTRAL POINT, OR – In early July 2021, Dogs for Better Lives (DBL) received Charity Navigator's highest level 4-star mark, for a record eighth consecutive year. This 4-star rating is the highest mark a 501(c)3 nonprofit can receive from Charity Navigator, America's largest and most respected independent charity evaluator.

In addition to the annual star rating, Charity Navigator also provides a score of up to 100, recognizing a nonprofit for its strong financial health and a high commitment to accountability and transparency. DBL received a score of 98.12 (out of 100) for its most recently completed fiscal year, 2019-20, which runs July–June. For FY 2018-19, DBL had received a score of 96.88.

This score places DBL at the top for 4-star animal charities in the state of Oregon and #2 in the nation when compared to similar service dog organizations.

"This recognition at the highest level is especially meaningful as it signifies DBL's adherence to best practices for fiscal stewardship while executing our mission in a financially efficient way," stated President and CEO, Bryan Williams. "10% of the 10,000+ non-profits reviewed annually, receive this top 4-star score, which speaks volumes for how fiscally responsible DBL is and continues to be, while being great stewards of our donor dollars."

Dogs for Better Lives' mission is to professionally train dogs to help people and enhance lives while maintaining a lifelong commitment to all dogs we rescue or breed and the people we serve. As an award-winning nonprofit, DBL is focused on rescuing, breeding, professionally training, and nationally placing Assistance Dogs at no cost to clients. Currently DBL places in three programs; Hearing, Autism, and Facility Dogs.

## Scholarship Applications Available Now for Columbia County Students

The Deer Island Grange #947, Columbia County, is now accepting applications for the Don Coin Walrod Scholarship. This is a scholarship is given to a Columbia County High School senior. Applicants may attend a trade school, community college, or university of their choice, but must major in agriculture, education, forestry, or animal science.



"Based on DBL's consistently high-level ratings, people continue to trust that their meaningful donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity, when they decide to support DBL," noted Board Chairman, David Hollingsworth. "At the end of the day, we know that our donors are doing their due diligence in utilizing Charity Navigator as one of their key resources, in deciding to support DBL."

In the beginning of 2020, DBL announced that 100% of donations are going towards programmatic services. Thanks to the generosity of our Guardian Society donors over the years, the annual interest from DBL's endowment of more than \$11.5M, will cover administrative overhead and fundraising moving forward. The Guardian Society is made up of donors that have placed DBL in their estate plans and committed to supporting the organization upon their death.

"All nonprofits with paid staff need to find creative ways to cover administrative and fundraising expenses," stated DBL Vice President of Development, Harvey Potts. "Being able to tell our valued donors that 100% of their donations are going towards programmatic services, is further helping to fulfill our mission and be even better stewards of their dollars."

*Dogs for Better Lives is a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focusing on the professional training and placement of Hearing Assistance Dogs, Autism Assistance Dogs, and Facility Dogs. Accredited by Assistance Dogs International (ADI) since 1977.*

Dogs for Better Lives  
10175 Wheeler Road  
Central Point, Oregon 97502  
www.dogsforbetterlives.org

Applications are available from each of the Columbia County High School Counselor offices and must be post marked by April 1st, 2022.

They should be mailed to:  
Don Coin Walrod Scholarship,  
64556 Columbia River Highway,  
Deer Island, Oregon 97054

## Community Service Involvement

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OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



### Making a Difference in the Community

It looks like we are returning to *normal* slowly.

I still have some of the Certificates that were given at State. I intend to visit those Granges and I hope to do it soon.

Some Granges are doing Bazaars, Sales, Breakfasts and other things earning money to make donations for their favorite community service project. I hope you are enjoying the events and meeting lots of future Grangers.

As you are planning for next year 2022, here are some ideas to help your community:

- **Serve in a Soup Kitchen:** Soup kitchens are always looking for volunteers to help serve food and cook meals or even greet some of the regular patrons.
- **Spend Time at Summer Camp:** Summer camps offers great opportunities for children and adults alike.
- **Assist Your School:** Schools are always looking for volunteers. Volunteering at a local school is a great way to interact with younger minds and give back to the community.
- **Help Out at a Homeless Shelter:** Giving your time to those who are going through

unfortunate times in life can make a difference.

- **Help in a Food Bank:** Volunteering at a food bank or local food pantry may consist of donating food, purchasing food with a budget and delivering food to those in need.
- **Maintain the Environment:** Take a moment to imagine a beautiful local park or clean a highway. You and/or your Grange can adopt a section of the highway to clean up the roadside ditches. Another way to keep the earth clean and beautiful is by planting trees in your neighborhood.

In preparation for the 2022 State Session take a good look at the Award, Contests and Scholarships booklet which will be coming out after the first of the year and submit entries and enter contests. You can gather members of your Grange together for a work party and lunch to complete the entries together.

As the Director of the State Grange Community Service Department, I appreciate all the service that your Grange and all our fellow Grangers do to make our neighborhoods better. We continue to support our 'Home Town Values' with our 'Community Roots'.

## Barlow Gate English Class Student Becomes New American Citizen

When Lourdes Hernandez attended English classes at Barlow Gate Grange #157, Wasco County, she told members that part of the reason she wanted to improve her English was so she could become an American Citizen. During an applicant's citizenship interview they must demonstrate that they can speak and read in English.

Grange Secretary, Jane Van Vactor, made Lourdes flash cards of US Government and US History in preparation for the possible 100 questions that could be ask on the civic's test she would have to take. Lourdes would have to provide the answers in English along with answering 50 personal history questions in English.

On June 22, 2021 Lourdes took her tests and interview and she passed. The actual ceremony was held on July 12. Lourdes wanted to become a US Citizen so she could vote and feel freer to express herself. She wants to be involved in community service and help others



in the Latino community. She is also looking forward to applying for a US Passport so she can travel and visit family in Mexico.

She and her husband Erlindo move to Wamic 27 years ago with their four children ages 4-14. All the children graduated from South Wasco High School and received a college education. Sons Paco and Erlindo are executive chefs and manage restaurants, daughter Blanca is a bookkeeper and daughter Evelin is a weather reporter on Univision news.

Lourdes is grateful for the help of the Grange to achieve her goal.



# GWA

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The Grange Worker Activities (GWA) committee is busy at work and we are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful entries at State Convention next June. Everyone is welcome to enter, both members and nonmembers. Please remember, non-grangers must have a sponsor. The rules for all contests will be in the Awards, Contests and Scholarship booklet that will be coming out early next year.

destinations and to medical facilities. They are optional for local, individual or small group awards.

- **Dog and Cat Gift Baskets** - Baskets must contain at least four items and are donated to host district animal shelters.
- **Additional Items are:**
  - **Dementia Fidget Sleeves**
  - **COVID 19 Masks (2 categories)**

Some of the projects the GWA is supporting that contest items are donated are:

- **Preemie Afghan and Hat** - Knitted or crocheted to be donated to a local hospital in the host district (unless requested to be returned).
- **Pillowcases for our Troops** - All pillowcases will be donated to our armed forces stationed abroad or to a Veterans Shelter. Purchased pillowcases may be donated but not judged. A "Thank You" for Serving our Country" card signed for the members of the Oregon State Grange will accompany the pillowcases.
- **Pillowcases for Quilts of Valor** - A presentation case is like gift wrapping for a Quilt of Valor. Presentation cases are always required for QOVs going to the overseas

Remember we are also collecting **Pull Tabs**. Once a year, at State Convention, all the tabs are gathered together and are sold at a recycling center. Then the funds are donated to local hospitals, etc. in the host District to meet local needs.

Also, Oregon's Youth and Young Adults has the **Keep Oregon Warm** project. Several years ago, the Oregon Youth and Young Adults accepted the challenge from Washington State Grange's youth to participate in "Keeping the West Warm" by collecting winter wear (gloves or mittens, hats, stocking caps, scarves, and socks). These items, either handmade or store bought, are brought to the State Grange Convention in June and then shared to local shelters in the host district.

Thank you all for your generous donations to local communities.



Customer traffic was steady at Silverton's Holiday bazaar.

## Silverton Grange #748 Hosts Holiday Happiness Market

Like many Oregon Granges, the Silverton Grange #748, Marion County, is recovering from a dearth of events during the Covid pandemic. Thanks to Sister Randi Embree, however, a successful craft fair created a very popular fall re-opening event on November 6-7.

Ends (unique handmade gifts), Suns and Roses (jewelry) and Still Life with Cat Studio (art photography). Bryan and Eliza Heath, and 9-year-old daughter Scarlett, offered hand blown glass Christmas ornaments and magic potion bottles, and had almost sold out by Sunday afternoon.

Embree, active in several Granges including Silverton and Macleay over the years, reached out to many of her contacts on the craft fair circuit to organize a weekend Holiday Happiness Market which drew lots of customers.

Other areas represented were Macleay, by Hamilton Farms (sweets and gifts), 3D Metal Art Envy (artistic metal work), Passionate Pickler (delicious pickles!); Albany, by Thistle and Whisk Bakery; Corval-



Randi Embree with her fruit cakes, shrub and other baked items.

With booths lined up inside the Grange (with masks and distancing required) as well as in the parking lot, the vendors sold from 9 to 4, Saturday and 9 to 3 Sunday. Despite several healthy downpours and wind gusts, the customer traffic was steady both days, and a great boost to the holiday income of numerous local craftspeople and food folks, as well as the Grange treasury.

lis by Sunflower Inspirations (Gaia wraps, willow baskets); Salem by Art by Jody (visual arts) and Turner by Grammy's Girl Foam Creations.

Quizzing the vendors on Sunday, they were unanimous in saying they had steady traffic and great sales, both days, despite the variable weather. Silverton vendors included Urban Relics Design (jewelry), Celia Stapleton (fabric creations), Amber Bones and Stones (jewelry), Brush Creek Soap Company, Porch Light Trading Co (Candles) Audz N

Randi Embree, who did a great job of organizing the vendors, sold out her amazing fruitcakes and other food items on Saturday. She noted that "This fall holiday fair seems to have filled a need between Halloween and Thanksgiving. Maybe we should do more of these in the future!"



Even with the rain the outside vendors did well.





### Notice Of 2022 Annual Policyholders' Meeting

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022 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.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 17th day of November 2021.

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



## How to Winterize Your Home and Car Before Cold Weather Hits

By Insurance Blog ~ November 15, 2021

While getting your home and car ready for the winter isn't likely on the top of your list of fun fall activities, doing so can help prevent costly damage and protect your family from danger. Here's how to winterize your car and your home, so that you can enjoy the winter months.

### How to Winterize Your Car

Wondering how to prepare your car for winter? There are plenty of car winterization tips that can help you keep your vehicle running smoothly throughout the cold months. In fact, they can even help keep you and your family safe on the road!

- Put on your snow tires or chains
- Check and maintain your tire pressure
- Install winter wipers
- Replace your wiper fluid with freeze-resistant wiper fluid
- Consider switching to thinner oil
- Get your battery tested
- Maintain the correct anti-freeze/water mixture to prevent fluid from freezing in your radiator
- Check your rear window defroster
- Keep your gas tank full
- Pack an emergency kit with a flashlight, flares, matches, blankets, leather gloves, hats, a small shovel, a bag of sand, jumper cables, an ice scraper, extra antifreeze, water, and snacks

### How to Winterize Your Home

Looking for tips for winterizing your home? Completing this home

winterization checklist can help prevent expensive damage and unnecessary insurance claims.

- Clean out your gutters and downspouts
- Cut away tree branches that hang over your house.
- Turn off water to outdoor spigots
- Disconnect your sprinkler system
- Drain and store any outdoor hoses
- Bring outdoor furniture indoors
- Bring your grill and propane tank out of the elements
- Make sure you have a snow shovel or snow blower if you do your own snow removal
- Put stakes around the edge of your driveway if you hire someone to plow snow
- Insulate any pipes susceptible to freezing
- Install a water, leak, and freeze detection system like Roost
- When temperatures are severely low, keep a stream of water running in a few faucets to guard against freezing and bursting pipes
- Seal any cracks or gaps around doors and windows
- Service any furnaces, boilers, and chimneys
- Set your ceiling fans to run counterclockwise
- Replace furnace filters

Now that you've winterized your home and car, it's important to make sure you're fully protected through your Homeowners and Auto insurance. Contact an independent insur-



The Oregon State Grange Foundation supports the ideals and principles of the Grange as an incorporated 501(c)(3) organization. Donations to the foundation are tax deductible and can be made to the Foundation by individuals or corporations.

Why Should You Donate?

- **Benefits You.** As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, your donation is deductible from your income taxes. Check with your tax adviser or attorney to find how you can best benefit from your gift.
- **Promotes Grange Ideals.** The Foundation promotes the ideals and principles of the Grange.
- **Lasting Legacy.** The knowledge that your money, property, or possessions will continue working on your behalf far into the future for a cause you believe in.
- **Personal Satisfaction.** You will know that you have helped others with your donation.

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 and directed to your chosen fund or to the General Fund. All Donations for 2021 must be postmarked by December 31, 2021 and mailed to the Oregon State Grange office.

The "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Reimbursement", 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. The form is available on the Oregon State Grange website. <http://orgrange.org/oregon-state-grange-foundation/>

The Foundation Trustees wish all Grangers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Membership Matters

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Another year is quickly reaching its conclusion. This season greets us with some wonderful holidays: giving thanks, remembering Christmas, and celebrating a coming new year. It is a season of thankfulness and resolution. The time is appropriate for Granges to take the opportunity to reflect on blessings of the past, and to develop plans for the future.

For the membership improvement of the Grange, this close of the year is a perfect time to thank the members of your Grange for their efforts in strengthening your community, especially active volunteers, new members, and officers. Members always appreciate being recognized for the donated time and talents they have invested to serve the community and the Grange.

As the new year begins, many folks consider plans for the coming year. Resolutions can sometimes be difficult to keep, but still provide goals for improvement. As Membership

Director for Oregon State Grange, I wish to challenge each Grange to resolve to strive for at least a 5% growth in new members this year. This goal is very achievable. Our organization has so much to offer – we just need to let our communities know and invite them to join.

It is a good to time to plan your Grange's financial goals, to consider needed hall improvements, and to seek new ways to be a benefit to your community. Another planning tool for Grange accomplishments, are the Oregon State Honor Grange and National Distinguished Grange awards. A Grange can use the qualifications for these awards as guidelines for New Year's Resolutions.

So, remember to show your thanks for the blessings and gifts of the past, and to look forward to a wonderful new year with resolutions to make our great Order even better.



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### DOES YOUR GRANGE NEED HELP?

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

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

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



**GROW stands for Go Right On Working!!!**

## National Grange Honors Granges With Net Gains in Membership

The National Grange recognized Granges who had net gains in membership for both 2019-20 and 2020-21 at this past month's National Grange convention. The National year runs from July 1 – June 30. Seventy-eight Oregon Granges had a next gain in one of the years and **fourteen Granges** had net gains in membership both years. Congratulations Granges and let's keep up the good work.

Ada	# 570	2020-21	Fort Union	# 953	2019-20	Rockford	# 501	2019-20
Aloha	# 773	2019-20	Frogpond	# 111	2019-20	Rockwall	# 679	2019-20
<b>Ash Butte</b>	<b># 802</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Fruittale</b>	<b># 379</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	Russellville	# 353	2019-20
<b>Azalea</b>	<b># 786</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Garfield</b>	<b># 317</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	Salmon River	# 516	2020-21
Barlow Gate	# 157	2019-20	Goldson	# 868	2020-21	Santiam Valley	# 828	2019-20
<b>Beaver Homes</b>	<b># 518</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	Goshen	# 561	2019-20	Sauvies Island	# 840	2019-20
Beavercreek	# 276	2019-20	<b>Hope</b>	<b># 269</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	Scholls	# 338	2020-21
Bellview	# 759	2020-21	Hurricane Creek	# 608	2020-21	Silverton	# 748	2020-21
Bridge	# 730	2019-20	Irving	# 377	2019-20	Sixes	# 856	2019-20
Brownsmead	# 822	2020-21	Kinton	# 562	2020-21	Skyline	# 894	2019-20
Buell	# 637	2019-20	Lacomb	# 907	2019-20	<b>Smith River</b>	<b># 585</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
Central	# 360	2019-20	Lake Creek	# 697	2020-21	South Fork	# 605	2019-20
Central Point	# 698	2019-20	London	# 937	2019-20	Spray	# 940	2020-21
Clarkes	# 261	2019-20	Long Tom	# 866	2019-20	<b>Springwater</b>	<b># 263</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
<b>Coburg West Point</b>	<b># 535</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	Lookingglass	# 927	2019-20	Sunnyside	# 842	2019-20
<b>Columbia</b>	<b># 267</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	Mapleton	# 584	2019-20	The Sandy	# 392	2019-20
Columbia	# 867	2019-20	<b>Marys River</b>	<b># 685</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	Thurston	# 853	2019-20
Creswell	# 496	2020-21	McMinnville	# 31	2019-20	Tigard	# 148	2020-21
Deer Creek	# 371	2019-20	Milwaukie	# 268	2020-21	Upper Rogue	# 825	2019-20
Eagle Valley	# 656	2019-20	Mohawk-Mckenzie	# 747	2020-21	Vernonia	# 305	2019-20
Enterprise	# 489	2019-20	Molalla	# 310	2019-20	Washington	# 313	2019-20
Fairfield	# 720	2019-20	New Bridge	# 789	2019-20	White Clover	# 784	2020-21
Fairmount	# 252	2020-21	Phoenix	# 779	2019-20	Wickiup	# 722	2019-20
<b>Fernwood</b>	<b># 770</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	Pine Forest	# 632	2019-20	<b>Willamette</b>	<b># 52</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
Forest Grove	# 282	2020-21	Redland	# 796	2019-20	Williams	# 399	2019-20
Fort Rock	# 758	2019-20	Rickreall	# 671	2019-20	Yankton	# 301	2019-20



## Ada Recognized 50-Year Member

On Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>, Ada Grange #570, Lane County, Secretary and Oregon State Grange Ceres Linda Pugh visited Georgia Garrett and presented her with her Golden Sheaf certificate, representing 50-years of continuous Grange membership along with the 50-year pin.



Right: Ada member Georgia Garrett with her Golden Sheaf certificate and pin.

## Wolf Creek Grange Celebrate 100 Years

The story of the Wolf Creek Grange #596, Union County, is one of community service, dances, fairs and family activities. On Sunday, October 24, Wolf Creek Grange of North Powder celebrated its 100th year of operation. The hall is a gathering place for a number of community events and activities and it has a stable membership of 20-25 men and women.



"It is an amazing group," said Grange Master Carol Bouchard. She said its members bring the community together in a manner that binds it in everlasting fashion. "They help make this a village, not just a group of houses," Bouchard said.

The Wolf Creek Grange hall is perhaps the most popular meeting place in North Powder. It is the site of exercise classes, weddings and city council meetings; the weekly distribution of fresh food and other items provided by the Fresh Food Alliance operated by Northeast Oregon Food Bank; and a Lunch Bunch program where lunches are served by the Grange each Friday to the community. The rent paid by the groups involved in many of these events helps keep the Wolf Creek Grange on solid ground financially.

People are likely drawn to the spacious hall's warm and inviting atmosphere because it is so well kept and well decorated. Another plus is that it is centrally located and easy to reach. The site is a far cry from its original location near Wolf Creek, 8 miles northwest of North Powder, where it was destroyed by a fire in the early 1940s.

The Wolf Creek Grange purchased its present hall in 1957, a building that previously housed a number of businesses, including a meat market and a mercantile store. If the Grange had remained in the Wolf Creek Reservoir area instead of moving into North Powder, it might not be as popular a meeting place as it is today. "People like to go to places that are convenient to get

to," Bouchard said.

The Wolf Creek Grange was the 596th chartered in Oregon but today it is one of only about 160 in the state. Wolf Creek Grange is actively involved in community services projects including a free medical equipment loan service program through which donated items, such as wheelchairs and walkers, are lent free of charge to anyone; college scholarships given annually to local youths; and a community dinner served each year the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Wynn Nielsen, a member of the Wolf Creek Grange, said the community work done by the Grange is a reflection of the many wonderful people who live there. "North Powder is just a special place," he said.

People visiting the celebration had the opportunity to learn about the Wolf Creek Grange history and the dances and fairs it once put on by looking at scrapbooks and old photos and reading copies of North Powder's old newspaper, The North Powder News, which was published at least into the 1930s. People reading copies of the 1930s editions of the old newspaper learned that North Powder then had a gas station, Hutchinson Service Station, an auto repair shop, Newman and Keeney Garage, and a pharmacy, Ferguson's Drug Store, which sold candy for 60 cents a pound. Visitors also had a chance to step back in time musically, by joining in the singing of standards like "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain" and "Old Gray Mare."

## Oregon Junior Grangers



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## Community Service by Junior Grangers

What is the most important Grange community service? You might say that our ability to do what is needed, to adapt and continue to serve, is what makes Grange community service uniquely important. A Grange reflects its community. For Junior Grangers, that means your Grange is there to join in when you find a need and want to help. If your school or church or troop or club are doing a project, be sure to let your Grange friends know. They want to help too!

You may have heard the phrase "quiet, peaceful citizens" in the closing of a Grange meeting. Your Grange needs to keep records about their community service because every now and again we have to defend Grange trademarks and nonprofit status by showing how much we have done and are still intending to do. We are quiet and peaceful and busy! Of course, having those records helps us do our favorite events over and over, year after year, as long as our Youth and Juniors want to join those traditions.

Sometimes Granges give a "Cape of Honor" to a member who has given extraordinary service. If you have some construction paper, you can make a "Cape of Honor" cover page for the volunteer community service hours notebook at your Grange. There is a downloadable page for the notebook itself in the Community Service section of

the OSG website. Every member has their own page to record their community service. HINT: A Junior Granger who made a colorful notebook would give their Grange a good start for 2022.

Your Grange should also keep track of the number of nonmembers and hours worked when the community helps with a Grange project. It all seems kind of boring, and nobody likes to brag about all the time they've spent, but this information is useful when a Grange is fundraising or looking for grant money.

There are three kinds of community service to think about. One is the time and effort you give to your Grange to keep the hall and grounds clean and in good repair. The second is your individual community service, with other groups or by yourself. The third kind is community service your Grange does to help others. If we do a good job trying to keep a log of our service, we will probably find more ways to work together.

The Grange is for families. Adults and children do community service together, just as we attend meetings and maintain our halls together. Our most important community service has always been guiding people of all ages to be good citizens.



## Oregon Junior Recognized as a Cape of Honor Recipient

Taylor Elliott, a Junior 1+ member of Ada Grange #570, Lane County, was recognized at the National Grange Convention for her community service work.

The purpose of the Cape of Honor award is to spotlight Junior Grangers that are doing the work of true Grangers and going above and beyond. All Applicants are required to be a Junior Grange member in good standing and keep track of community service hours and projects from September 1 through August 30 of the current year. They must submit a letter "Why they have a passion to serve their communities and what their favorite service project was from the last year", a list of service projects done throughout the year along with how many hours each project took from start to finish and the total number of community service hours completed.

Taylor received a white Cape of Honor Award for completing 28 hours of Community Service. Congratulations Taylor.



Taylor Elliott and her mom, Heather Elliott at the 2021 Oregon State Grange convention.



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### Cash Dash is on for Oregon Candidates for Oregon Governor

An old saying is that "money is the mother's milk of politics." If true, Oregon's candidates for governor are using a sippy cup at this point in the 2022 race. As of Monday, November 1, the Oregon Secretary of State reports 23 campaign finance committees have been registered for the 2022 race: 12 Republicans, eight Democrats, one Independent, and two "non-affiliated."

Only one candidate— Republican Bud Pierce— has raised more than \$700,000. And half of that is from Pierce's contributions to himself. That's a trickle compared to the nearly \$40 million raised in 2018 when incumbent Democrat Gov. Kate Brown defeated the Republican nominee, former Rep. Knute Buehler of Bend.

The 2022 race won't likely be much cheaper. Gov. Kate Brown can't run because of term limits. The open seat has drawn a bumper crop of candidates. Under Oregon's nearly non-existent campaign finance laws and rules, anyone or anything can give unlimited money. Candidates have up to 30 days to report the contributions during most of the campaign.

The loopholes were on display when ex-New York Times journalist Nicholas Kristof announced Wednesday was jumping into the race. His campaign put out a press release on Friday that he's raised \$105,000. But you'll have to take Kristof's word for it. The state website on Monday showed no money going in or out as yet. "Nick for Oregon" campaign staff confirmed it would wait the maximum allowable 30 days before reporting contributions.

There are still some names in the rumor mill officially on the sidelines. Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, a Democrat, has \$163,349 in her campaign committee account. House Minority Leader Christine Drazan, R-Canby has \$163,664.61 in the bank. Both have been the subject of political commentary on who might still get into the race.

The numbers may be stale and squishy and the list of candidates incomplete. But reports as of November 1 shed some light into who is priming the campaign pump and who is running dry. It also shows the outlines of candidate's biggest early contributors.

The campaigns that have raised

\$200,000 this year or have a similar amount already in the bank are:

#### Democrats

**Tina Kotek:** The House speaker announced her long-anticipated bid for governor just before Labor Day. She's raised \$276,149 this year and spent \$48,112, with \$319,155 in the bank (candidates can include money previously raised for other elections). Janet Byrd, of Portland, a strategist for the non-profit Oregon Consumer Justice, topped the early giving, with a personal contribution of \$25,000. Oregon Climate PAC, gave \$20,000. The PAC's top bank-roller is Eric Lemelson, a Dayton winemaker who inherited a fortune built by 550 patents on everything from telecommunications to toys by his father, Jerome.

Kotek has also tapped into the PAC network of Democratic politicians. The PAC of Bureau of Labor and Industry Commissioner Val Hoyle has given \$10,000. Hoyle is running for re-election next year, muting speculation she would jump in the governor's race. Rep. Dan Rayfield, R-Corvallis, gave \$10,000, one of several contributions from state lawmakers. Kotek is the first open lesbian to serve as Oregon House speaker. An early contribution to her was \$5,000 from California Sen. Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, who was the first lesbian to serve as Assembly speaker in California.

**Tobias Read:** Re-elected State Treasurer November 2020, Read announced he would run for governor on September 27. If unsuccessful in the primary, Read would still have two years remaining on his term as treasurer. He's raised \$389,542 and spent the most of any Democrat, with \$182,882 in expenditures. He started the year with \$68,416 and had \$275,793 in cash on November 1.

Read's largest contributions this year have been \$25,000 from the Oregon Realtors PAC, and \$25,000 from Neal Dempsey, managing partner of Bay Partners in San Francisco. Other contributions include \$25,000 from William Bloomfield, Jr., of Park City, Utah, \$15,000 from attorney Daniel Hume of New York, \$10,000 from Bend brewery owner Roger Worthington, and \$10,000 each from Hampton Lumber in Portland, Marquis Companies CEO Phil Fogg of Milwaukie, Long Rock Timber Management of Roseburg, Saxena White Public Accountants of



All Grangers are invited

### OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, December 8th @ 7 pm PST  
 Wednesday, January 26th @ 7 pm PST

Where: Zoom

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

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

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Boca Raton, Florida, and Zapproved CEO Monica Enand of Portland.

#### Unaffiliated

**Betsy Johnson:** The daughter of a lumber businessman and Republican state representative and mayor of Redmond, Johnson followed in her father's footsteps, but as a Democrat. A moderate from Scappoose, she has served in the House and Senate, standing out as a moderate who split with fellow Democrats on some gun control bills, fossil fuels limits, forestry sales and tax legislation. As co-chair of the powerful budget-writing Joint Ways and Means Committee, Johnson was already a magnet for contributions. She's rolling \$524,403 raised prior to this year into her 2022 campaign. She's raised \$65,850 this year and spent \$67,870.

Johnson's largest recent contribution is \$6,000 from the Oregon Beverage PAC. She's received \$5,000 from several contributors, including the Coalition for a Healthy Oregon, a health industry PAC. Portland investor John L. Blackwell, former chair of the Oregon Board of Forestry, gave \$5,000.

#### Republicans

**Bud Pierce:** The Salem oncologist was the 2016 GOP candidate for governor in a special election won by Democrat Kate Brown. Pierce has raised more than any candidate, \$743,285. The total includes \$345,814 he has contributed to his own campaign. He's also the campaign's most prodigious spender so far, with \$556,830 in expenditures. He started the month with \$213,230 in the bank.

Besides his own money, some of the largest contributions to Pierce's campaign are \$100,000 from Moun-

tain West Investment Corp. of Salem, \$26,559 from Richard Withnell of Keizer, and \$25,000 from Frank Timber Resources of Mill City.

**Stan Pulliam:** The mayor of Sandy, near Portland, has been a favorite of GOP activists, winning an online poll taken by Oregon Catalyst, a popular conservative website. He's raised \$506,754 while spending \$286,469 and had \$220,760 in the bank on Monday.

Dean Pollman, a real estate developer from Tualatin, has been Pulliam's biggest backer, giving \$20,000 as an individual and \$25,000 through the Dean Pollman Family Revocable Living Trust. Pulliam also received \$25,000 from Wilson Construction in Canby and \$10,000 from Hayden Homes developer Hayden Watson of Bend.

**Bridget Barton:** The Lake Oswego political consultant and publisher has raised \$354,251 and spent \$94,359, with \$263,591 in the bank.

Her biggest contribution was \$150,000 from Oregon Pathfinder, a non-profit in Lake Oswego, that lists her as its secretary. She's received \$25,000 from the Merlo Corporation, a Portland advertising company. The report includes \$25,000 each from Robert, Tyler and Kyle Freres, of the Lyons-based Freres Lumber. She's received \$25,000 from plywood supplier Murphy Co. of Eugene.

This is just a peek into what the 2022 Oregon Governor's race is shaping up to look like in the amount of money being raised. I hope you all are doing well. Do have the most wonderful Happy Holidays. Will see you soon.

Take Care. Happy Trail



## Legislative Update

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I just returned from an interesting National Grange Convention in Wichita, Kansas, where the big issue was what to do about the National Grange building. For a number of very good reasons the decision of the delegates was to sell, and 'right-size' to a building that better fits our needs. We should realize a significant amount in excess of the cost to relocate, which will be invested as an endowment fund to provide the additional income necessary to maintain and grow the Grange.

The question now is, where shall we relocate? I strongly believe that we need to stay in the greater Washington, D.C. area so our National Grange Legislative team can continue their excellent work on our behalf. Burton Eller and his assistant, Sean O'Neil, are ensuring that policymakers concerned with addressing the needs of the agricultural, rural and generally underserved populations hear from the National Grange about the issues.

Speaking of issues, Oregon sent six resolutions to National Grange for consideration--not bad considering the really low number we had at our convention in June. Other states dealt with similar issues so the overall number of resolutions at National was also down a bit. As I recap actions on our resolutions, I'll mention the originating Grange and our OSG resolution number and the National Grange committee and number.

We actually did fairly well at National. Only one of our resolutions, 'Professional Certification of Service Animals' originally our EH#1 from Creswell Grange and assigned to National Grange committee on Citizenship & Taxation as CT313, received an 'adverse' recommendation. The committee noted that they considered it a 'state issue' because they thought such regulation would be up to individual states. The ADA seems to say otherwise, but Creswell might want to submit another resolution next year that specifies where they think the ADA should be amended. That would definitely be recognized as a federal issue.

The NG Citizenship & Taxation committee had another one of ours, CT312 originally our LE#1 from Lorane Grange, condemning racially motivated violence. National Grange employs more options than we do when dealing with resolutions, and one of those is to add relevant language from the resolution to the committee's annual Policy Statement. In this case the CT committee added the sentence "The National Grange condemns all racially mo-

tivated acts of hate and violence." The policy statements of the various committees help our National Grange legislative team prioritize current issues for the next year, but do not set a permanent policy.

Another resolution that wound up in a National Grange committee's Policy Statement was our TU#1, Headlights on for Safety, from Mohawk-McKenzie Grange, which was assigned to the NG Labor, Judiciary and Transportation committee as their number LJT803. The committee inserted the following sentence in their Policy Statement to cover our resolution: "We strongly support technology that enhances the visibility of vehicles, school buses, construction, farm equipment, rail cars, bicycles, motorcycles, trucks, etc."

Our AG#5 supporting a Farm Corps program was lightly amended by the National Grange Ag committee and adopted as AG108, and our FA#1, No Speculation in Water Rights, was also lightly amended and adopted as LJT804.

The last of our resolutions, TU#2, titled Diesel Fuel, was a bit controversial as it appeared to be contrary to existing National Grange policy in support of biodiesel as an agricultural product. After discussion it was sent back to the NG's LJT committee. It was amended so that it opposed any restrictions on the sale or use of any fuel used in a diesel engine for highway use, and subsequently adopted by the delegates as amended.

Many of our members do not have any broadband service at all in their homes or Granges, and the recently passed infrastructure bill includes significant funds targeted for broadband expansion to un-served and underserved areas. Areas with no service are considered not profitable enough by the big boys, and reaching them will cost more than simply upgrading existing customers. But just as with Rural Free Delivery in earlier times, broadband service to the un-served corners of our states and counties is a necessity in modern times and where private enterprise sees no profit, the need must be addressed by governmental regulation and support. Burton and Sean are working hard at the federal level to ensure that the first priority of any broadband spending should be providing the service to those who have no broadband access. Especially let Sean or Burton know if you yourself are without broadband at home or at Grange.

Finally, and "this just in", on No-

## National Grange Wins Trademark Fight with Oregon Hemp Company

An Oregon hemp company must stop using the "Grange" trademark and destroy advertisements and business cards using that name under a default judgment issued by a federal judge in September 2021.

In May of 2020, the National Grange filed a lawsuit alleging trademark infringement against the Hemp Grange, a manufacturer and retailer of hemp products in Grants Pass.

The National Grange claimed that during a phone call over the dispute in March of 2020, the hemp company claimed its name did not violate trademark protections and "invited plaintiff to bring a lawsuit to enjoin the use of the name."

The Grange argued that "despite being put on notice" of the organization's rights, the hemp company's continued use of the name has "unfairly benefited from the Grange's reputation and goodwill."

A search of the federal court docket determined that the Hemp Grange company's owner was legally served with the complaint last year but did not file a response.

The magistrate judge, Mark D. Clarke said that "no evidence exists" that the Hemp Grange failed to respond to the complaint "due to excusable neglect" and the Grange "is not seeking monetary damages" from the company.

The National Grange's complaint sought an injunction prohibiting the hemp company from using the "Grange" trademark and ordering it to destroy materials that infringed on the trademark.

"Without an appearance by the defendants and their side of the facts or any other countervailing evidence, the factors weigh in plaintiff's favor, and the court cannot find a reason to deny the motion for default judgment," Clarke said.

After reviewing the case, U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken has now found "no clear error" with the magistrate judge's decision and has ordered an injunction against the hemp company's use of the "Grange" trademark.

The company's website is no longer functioning.

## LET US BE



"WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BROAD PRINCIPLE THAT DIFFERENCE OF OPINION IS NO CRIME," AND HOLD THAT "PROGRESS TOWARD TRUTH IS MADE BY DIFFERENCES OF OPINION," WHILE "THE FAULT LIES IN BITTERNESS OF CONTROVERSY."

## Vote on By-laws Change Scheduled

Spencer Creek Grange #855 in accordance with its By-Laws hereby publishes the required 30-day notice of the below proposed amendment to its By-Laws. The proposed amendment was duly presented in writing at a prior regular meeting. The proposed amendment will again be presented to the membership for action and vote during January 18, 2022 regular business meeting held 6:30 pm at the Grange Hall located at 86013 Lorane Highway, Eugene, OR 97405. Passage of the amendment requires a two-thirds vote of the members then present.

Amended Article III: "Meetings"

### Section 1 Meetings

3.1.1 A regular meeting of Spencer Creek Grange will be on the third Tuesday of each month. The regular meetings of Spencer Creek Grange shall begin at 7:00 6:30 pm.



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ember 22, Oregon's supreme court approved the legislature's redistricting plan, which will now take effect January 1, 2022. The new map had detractors in both parties so it must have been a good compromise.

## Two Oregon Grangers Receive National American FFA Degree

Celilo Brun, a member of Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County and Austin VanHouten, a member of Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County, received their American FFA Degree at the 2021 National FFA Convention this past October in Indianapolis.

### Celilo Brun

Celilo is a 2020 graduate of Hood River Valley High School where she had been a member of the FFA since eighth grade. Earlier this year she and her family moved to Wallowa County where she started her own show cattle operation with her family called Hurricane Cattle Company. They are still growing their herd but the goal is to raise high quality show cattle to sell to kids all over the northwest. The move also brought the family on to the Grange and Celilo was a member of the 2021 Rosebud team for the OSG Convention.

During the 2020 Oregon State FFA convention she was elected as the State Treasurer. The officer team takes a year off of school to serve Oregon FFA. Throughout the year of service, they hosted chapter visits, camps, and events via zoom. Along with advocating agriculture through Agriculture business and industry visits, we also planned and held a virtual state convention this past spring.

During the September 2020 Oregon wildfires the state officer team volunteered to help with sheltering displaced animals at the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center in Salem, by assisting with unloading animals as they came in and helping with the creation of pens, supplying bedding and water, and helping the animals get settled. State Treasurer Celilo Brun said "We've done our best to let owners know their animals are being loved as if they were our own."



*Celilo Brun competed at the State FFA convention in the Advanced Public Speaking Competition with her speech "Allowing Agriculture and Fish to Coexist: A Case Study."*

Before joining FFA she was an active member in 4-H. There she showed market swine and was an officer in our club. It sparked my interest in FFA. While in FFA Celilo had two main projects that allowed her to receive this degree. One of which was showing market steers at the Hood River County Fair, Oregon State Fair, National Shows such as Arizona National, and jackpot shows around Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho and Colorado. She was the Grand Champion FFA Market Steer at the Oregon State Fair in 2017, 2018, and 2019 making her the first ever person to win the market steer show three years in a row. These achievements were not accomplished because she bought the best animals, but because all the time she has spent perfecting their feeding programs and all the time spent grooming.

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



*2018-19 Oregon FFA State President Andrew Gmirkin Congratulates Austin VanHouten on receiving his FFA State Farmer Degree.*

### Austin VanHouten

Austin is the son of Ross and Kris VanHouten and the grandson of Oregon State Grange Ex. Committee member John Fine, all are members at Riversdale Grange.

After graduating from High School in March of 2020 Austin began his college education in the fall of 2020 at Umpqua Community College majoring in Forestry. After completing his Associate's Degree, he will be transferring to Oregon State working towards a Bachelor's degree in Forestry and a Master's in Agricultural Education.

His passion for Forestry has been alive since fourth grade and has grown over the years as he watched our forests being mismanaged which resulted in catastrophic





**GROW Club**  
"Go Right On Working"

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Go Right On Working. That is the meaning of G.R.O.W.

Members of this 'club' have earned the right to membership through the honor of representing Oregon at the National Grange by participating in different programs throughout the decades. Although the programs have changed over the years, the privilege and honor is only achieved by earning it.

Over the next few issues, I will ask different members of the GROW club to explain how they got to hold this special honor. My hope is that this will help those who are unfamiliar to understand what it is to be a member of this amazing group of Grangers.

My journey to the GROW club started in 1976. At the spring youth conference, we worked on the FA-FRLSM notebooks. These showcased our Fraternity, Activity, Family, Recognition, Leadership, Service and Membership through pictures, articles and awards in our Grange and community. Anyone who was competing for the title took a written test, and the notebooks were judged at annual session. At that time if you were awarded the "Outstanding Young Granger" at the State Session, you spent the next year (prior to attending National Convention) traveling to Granges and talking about the Youth Programs and representing the State Grange. I attended many Pomona meetings across the

state and traveled to the California State Convention in San Jose. My first time in an airplane.

Then in November 1977, I flew to North Carolina to represent Oregon at the National Convention. It was a whirlwind of activity, and I confess that I probably slept through most of the 7<sup>th</sup> degree, BUT, it was an amazing opportunity and I am so glad that I took part. When I got off the plane back at PDX there was an assembly of a dozen Columbia County grangers there to meet me – it was well after midnight!

I am sure this experience has boosted my participation in various levels, including serving as Pomona Master, District Chair for several State Grange Committees over the years and co-chair of the 2002 National Convention held in Portland, Oregon.

Each year at the State Grange Session this club meets to discuss how to make the Grange stronger and how to help make it happen. As the year comes to a close the GROW club would like to remind you that they are a resource if you would like to have installation at your Pomona level or assistance with putting on the degree work. Call or email me at the contact info above or call the State Headquarters and request assistance from the GROW Club, they will pass your request on. This is an open offer and we look forward to answering "We'd be Delighted!"



wild fires. Austin hopes to make a difference by working to get some of the policies changed on how the forests are managed.

While at school at Umpqua he will continue his wrestling career and when not in school (summers) he plans to work in the Forestry industry as a wildland firefighter.

An active Granger Austin serves as an officer and committee chair at both the local and Pomona levels and was a delegate to the 2021 State Grange convention, chairing the session's Agriculture committee. As a Junior he served two terms as the Oregon State Grange Junior Master.

Outside of Grange he has been involved in 4-H, serving as an Oregon 4-H Ambassador. In 2019 Austin received his State FFA Degree and was involved in the Oregon FBLA.

### American FFA Degree

The American FFA Degree is awarded at the National FFA Convention and Expo each year to less than one percent of FFA members, making it one of the organization's highest honors. Requirements to earn the honor are lengthy.

To be eligible to receive the American FFA Degree, members must have received their State FFA Degree, hold active membership for the past three years in an FFA Chapter, complete secondary instruction in an agricultural education program and operate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program. Community service, leadership abilities and outstanding scholastic achievement are also required.

In addition to their degree certificate, each recipient receives a gold American FFA Degree key.



## Oregon Youth and Young Adults at National Grange Convention



Photo: Lindsay Schroeder/Little Linds Photos

Above: On Friday morning November 11th the **National Youth officer team** opened the fourth day of National Convention. Oregon's **Jessie Jo Guttridge** (center of photo) served as the Youth Chaplain. She was joined by; **President - Ann Allen, Oklahoma; Vice President - Cory Allen, Oklahoma; Lecturer - Samantha Hanson, Iowa; Steward - Benjamin VanKleeck, New York; Asst. Steward - Matthew Settle, North Carolina; Lady Asst. Steward - Baylor Howerton, North Carolina; Treasurer - Asheton Medlin, North Carolina; Secretary - Annalise Scholten, California; Gatekeeper - Jacklynn Keeton, Oklahoma; Ceres - Carlie Conrady, Oklahoma; Pomona - Autumn Whitaker, North Carolina; Flora - Rachel Edelen, Iowa; EC - Elizabeth VanKleeck, New York; Jordyn Moyes, Iowa and Raimie Freeman, Nevada along with Musician - Jenn Nauss, Pennsylvania.**



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Above: On Thursday November 10th was the finals for **Grange Baseball**, a Grange trivia contest. Each region could have three contestants who had competed at the regional level earlier in the year. The thirteen contestants were broken up into two teams; it was the **Blue Agates** versus the **Golden Sheaves**. Oregon's **Jessie Jo Guttridge** representing the **Western Region** played for the **Golden Sheaves** which handily won the game and **Jessie Jo** was recognized as the individual high scorer, taking first place overall.



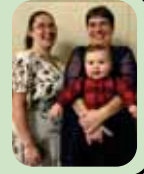
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Above: One of the highlights of convention is the costume party and dance. As they were in Kansas the theme was the **Wizard of Oz** and there were lots of awesome costumes that fit the theme. Both **JC Junkman** and **Jessie Jo Guttridge** participated. Can you find them?

## Grange Youth & Young Adults



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This year at National Session was a whirlwind of activities that kept myself and Jessie Jo very busy. We attended multiple conferences, workshops, a tour, and had lots of time for fellowship. We started the week with youth get acquainted activities and team building games. Then the youth helped with the Quilts of Valor presentation, with each recipient being presented by a youth member. Wednesday ended with the first officer practice.



JC Junkman on the youth tour.

We started the day Thursday with attending session and watched the National officers march in and open session. Our first workshop of the day was presented by Sean O'Neil, the National Grange's legislative assistant. He presented on Grass-roots legislation and how a few consistent, dedicated people could make a difference even at the federal level.

Our next set of workshops were presented by State Youth ambassadors from varying states. We had four of these workshops with varied topics including how our brains work, teamwork participant types, the flag, and a trivia game. Then it was lunch, we were joined by Jay Sexton, Oregon State Overseer.

After lunch we attended a workshop put on by The Peterson Farm Brothers. The eldest brother Greg talked to us about how they come up with the ideas for and then make their videos. He also talked about running their social media and how that is really his full time job. Greg said that he is no longer a full time farmer but still helps out as needed. He leaves the full time farming to his two younger brothers.

Next it was time for Grange Baseball. The team **Jessie Jo** was on won and she took first place overall meaning that she answered the most questions correctly. After dinner we went to the Peterson Brother Concert where they talked about how they got started and they performed along to their videos. To end the night we attended the youth costume party and dance. The theme was **Wizard of Oz** and there were lots of awesome costumes that fit the theme. **Wizard of Oz** was playing in the background and an awesome playlist was going for those who wanted to kick it on the dance floor.

Friday brought the youth opening National Session. They did an awesome job marching in and out with moves that I hadn't seen before. There were moving speeches from outgoing ambassadors and members of the youth team.

After marching out the youth left for our tour and community service project. We went to the **Wichita Botanica Gardens** for a tour and to help with their Christmas light displays. The youth were split into two groups with one taking the tour first and the other volunteering first. The tour took us through their beautiful gardens and had us ride on their horse carousel. After the first session we had lunch and learned more about the gardens. Then we switched with the other group, so that those who had been touring were now going to volunteer, and those volunteering before were now touring. Volunteering for my group meant putting Christmas lights into holders and staking the holders down where we could and putting bricks on it where it couldn't be staked.

When we got back from the tour we had a little down time for dinner, after that it was time for the **National Grange Awards Night**. This included new Youth and Junior Ambassadors being named, regional prepared speech winners presenting their speeches, and National Lecturer awards to name a few. Our new National Grange Youth Ambassadors for the year are **Cole Settle, North Carolina** and **Amber Corrl, Ohio**. Our new Outstanding Young Patron is **Emma Edelen, Iowa**. We can't wait to see what they do this year.

Saturday started with the **Parliamentary Procedure Contest**. There were two teams that participated, one from **New York** and one from **North Carolina**. The team from **North Carolina** was the one to beat as they took first place. Next was time for our last workshop, presented by the outgoing youth team. We did another set of team building activities and used that experience to talk about what are traits that make good leaders. To round out the week we attended the **Grange Celebration Banquet** and then the **Evening of Excellence** which was a great end to the week. We saw the winners of the **State Granges Talent shows** that traveled in, including a spectacular sign a song. It was a great time to be had by all and a perfect ending to the week.





Barlow Gate Grange members serving breakfast, (l to r): Dan Van Vactor, Colette Cox, Mary Alice Jackson, Jane Van Vactor, Susie Mitchell, Lisa Gambee, John Gambee, and Tom McDowell.

## Barlow Gate Grange Serves Meals at Cycle Oregon Event

The Cycle Oregon Tygh Valley Rally was held September 10-12 and 17-19 at the Wasco County Fairgrounds which hosted over 750 cyclists for back-to-back gravel and road courses throughout South Wasco over the two weekends.

To accommodate the large influx of visitors, Cycle Oregon needed help to fill 27 different work shifts ranging from meal service, sandwich making, rest stop assistance, finish line decorations, and parking lot management. Cycle Oregon offered opportunities for local organizations to earn \$400-1000 for easy and fun jobs ranging from 3 to 10 hours. Tygh Valley Rally was a welcome opportunity for the Barlow Gate Grange #157, who hasn't been able to host its traditional July 4th Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the last two years due to COVID.

"Cycle Oregon organized all the logistics and assured safety precautions were met. All we had to do was show up, which was fantastic – just an easy and very fun way to be with our friends and welcome visitors to our community! We've been

able to replenish most of the funds we normally would have raised this year," shared one Grange member.

All told, Cycle Oregon riders pumped nearly \$17,000 in direct payments to local volunteer organizations, small and specialty farmers, and area bands, performers, and speakers. Over 162 staff, service providers and Cycle Oregon volunteers were involved over the course of both weekends. In addition to direct payments into the community, many of the 750 registered Cycle Oregon riders, plus non-riders who came with them, ate meals at local restaurants, shopped at local stores, and stayed in area motels.

During the week, in between the gravel and road course weekend rides, the South Wasco Alliance (SWA) sponsored three area tours to the KW Ranch, Smock School, Barlow Gate Grange, the old White River Store in Tygh Valley, and Pine Grove. Proceeds from the tours went to the Wamic Historical Society, the Barlow Gate Grange, South Wasco Alliance, and local area hosts.

## Springwater Hosts National Night Out

The first Tuesday of August is National Night Out and Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County was excited to again host the community event after not being able to in 2020 because of COVID-19.

The community was invited to come together for hotdogs and ice cream floats. The Clackamas County Sheriff's Department joined in, bringing two K9 units along with some of the cadets. The Estacada Fire Department brought out a big red fire engine and shared information on the tools, etc. the truck carries.



Above: A family enjoying their floats while checking out the fire truck.

Below: Deputy McGlothlin with Grimm talking to some of the Grangers.



## Fort Rock Grange Hall History

On August 14, 2021 at Fort Rock Grange #758 in Lake County, members of Umpqua Joe 1859, Lassen-Lummis 1914, Yerba Buena 1, Las Plumas Del Oro 8, Al Pack-et 100 and Jesse Lee Reno 1422 Chapters of the E Clampus Vitus and The Sam Barlow 33 Historical Society dedicated a monument at the Grange hall recalling the history of the Grange in Fort Rock.

Rock members offered tours of the hall to the visitors.



Above: The plaque mentions the organization of the Grange, the means by which they created themselves a hall and how they serve their community.

E Clampus Vitus is more formally known as the 'Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus'. This fraternal organization has a history that goes back to the Civil War and its mission is to preserve the history of the American West.

The Clampers as members of E Clampus Vitus are known, constructed and placed the plaque leading up to the dedication. Over 500 people attended the event and Fort



Clampers gathered on August 14 to dedicate a monument for Fort Rock Grange recalling the history of the Grange in Fort Rock.

## Santiam Valley Honors Veterans

The Santiam Valley Grange #828, Linn County, paid tribute to Veterans at their November 5th meeting.

Their Lecturer, Josephine Hernandez, had the Table of Honor setup and then explained what everything on the table represented. The Grange



followed that up with a patriotic afghan being presented to their own Veteran, Cecil Hernandez.



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