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Alice Nowicki Appointed Secretary



Alice Nowicki has been appointed to fill the position of Oregon State Grange Secretary at the January 2015 Executive Committee meeting. Sister Nowicki will fill the position until an election can be held at the annual convention the end of June. She replaces Sister Phyllis Wilson who resigned effective the end of 2014. (See State Master's column for more information).

Sister Nowicki is a member of London Grange #937 in Lane County. The following is her response for information about her.

In the last three years, my “*just say yes*” life philosophy had opened up many opportunities. I have been offered and accepted a new opportunity as your Oregon State Grange Secretary. I take on this position with great enthusiasm.

My roots stem from a small rural Minnesota community. I have a Master's Degree in Education. My elementary teaching experience has been in the United States and Japan. I owned and operated a small business selling medical uniforms and equipment. I retired in 2012 and moved to Cottage Grove Oregon. I enjoy traveling, music, the arts and reading. I have been a London Grange member since 2012. I joined London Grange to make friends and serve my community. I'm currently Pomona Community Service Chair, London Grange Secretary and Membership Chair.

I will serve you to the best of my abilities. I'm looking forward to the new challenge; another great adventure. “*Just say yes.*”

Alice Nowicki



Master's Instruction and Training Sessions Planned for Spring

The State Master's series of training sessions for new and returning Masters/Presidents will continue to be held throughout the State. Invitations for both the Master and Overseer of Community and Pomona Granges have been and will continue to be sent out. Topics to be covered will include: Parliamentary procedure, by-laws, use of the traditional or alternative Manual, being the facilitator of the meeting and dealing with difficult situations. Whether you are a brand new Master/President or a seasoned one State Master Susan Noah believes you will find information available to help you and your Grange. Dates are listed for your convenience so mark your calendars for the event nearest you.

Pomona/District	Date	Time	Grange
Tillamook/Lincoln/Clatsop	February 7th	10am	Fairview
Polk/Marion	February 8th	10am	Scotts Mills
Benton/Linn	February 15th	10am	Marys River
Hood River	March 7th	10am	Parkdale
Deschutes Pomona Counties	March 8th	10am	Little Deschutes
Coos/Curry/West Coast	March 14th	10am	Greenacres
Lane	March 15th	10am	Mohawk-McKenzie
Jackson/Josephine/Douglas	March 28th	10am	Fruitdale
Wallowa	April 18th	10am	Hurricane Creek
Baker/Malheur	April 19th	10am	Missouri Flat
Umatilla/Union/Morrow	May 2nd	10am	Columbia#867

Hands Across the Border March 21st ~ Ontario, Oregon

The 27th annual “Hands Across the Border” get together will be held March 21, 2015 at 1pm at Boulevard Grange #289.

Idaho and Oregon have been taking turns hosting the event since the National Grange met in Redding, California in 1988. The idea was born for Oregon and Idaho Grangers to join together for a social afternoon to share fun, fellowship and – of course – food!! Every year since then a day in



March has been observed with Oregon and Idaho taking turns hosting the event.

This year Boulevard Grange is hosting. The Grange hall is located at 3890 Hwy #201, five miles south of Ontario and a 1/4 of a mile north of Cairo Junction. The Grange hall is wheelchair accessible.

Please RSVP by March 14, 2015 if you plan to attend. Call Val at 541-889-5790 or Karen at 541-889-5809, both have answering machines for you to leave a message.

April Is... Grange Month



April is Grange Month and now is the time to be planning your Grange month activities and celebrations. You want to make the extra effort to invite the community into your hall. Granges throughout the country will be opening their doors to the public for family-oriented events focused on the contributions of the Grange in their communities. Take this opportunity to recognize your Community Recognition Award recipients.

You can also make arrangements with your local Mayor or county commissioners to declare April Grange Month. And remember to share both your plans and the outcome with your local media, on the OSG Facebook page and website calendar as well as the Bulletin.

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The Master's Column

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Master ~ Oregon State Grange

I want to start my article this month by thanking a Granger who has given lots of time, talent and service to our organization. Sister Phyllis Wilson made the decision to resign as our Oregon State Grange Secretary at the end of 2014 for personal reasons. I want to take this opportunity to thank her for the many years she has devoted to helping the Grange. Sister Phyllis has taken on many challenges including the office of State Grange Master. I know she will continue to serve the Grange in any capacity she can. In fact she is currently the Coos Pomona Deputy and has assured me she will continue in that position, and I'm sure her activities in her own Grange and Pomona have not slowed down. So as she takes a breather from the tasks of the State Grange please join me in thanking her for her dedication and devotion to the Grange!

Just as I know we will miss Sister Phyllis, I also know our members will welcome our new State Grange Secretary, Sister Alice Nowicki of London Grange. I certainly appreciate Sister Alice stepping up and taking on this job. I know she will give us the dedication and excellent work we have come to expect!

So 2015 has started out with some changes, but I hope the Oregon State Grange will go on to enjoy a fruitful and productive year. I am starting the year with a series of conferences designed to help the Master or President in the role of the leader of the Grange. The first one went very well, with lots of questions and

answers and good humor! We all learn from the exchange of information, myself included.

In doing research for these sessions I came across information on the principles of leadership. How do you stack up as a Grange leader? Do you have *Courage*? As a leader this is the courage to stand up for your beliefs, to let others know where you stand on issues. Members want to know what you stand for. Do you accept *Responsibility*? This means taking responsibility for your decisions and actions. Being a leader you must take the lumps along with the credit. You provide the opportunity for your members to grow as leaders, you help them to be successful by mentoring them and you encourage them to take care of themselves. Do you offer *Encouragement*? Do you empower others by delegation? You cannot do everything yourself. You must give others the opportunity to try their hand at leading. Ask their opinion, encourage them to take on new challenges and find a place for all your members to display their talents. And finally, do you work toward your own *Improvement*? Teaching others also helps you toward your own goal of personal improvement and learning from the past can often help you with your decisions in the future.

Since I didn't take the opportunity in the December paper to tell you about the National session, I realize I should now. Oregon was well represented, along with Mark and

me and of course National Master Ed Luttrell and First Lady Celia and their son Jacob, we had a representative in the Evening of Excellence, Mary Parrott (along with her sister Dianne), a Youth Officer, Thomas Parker and a Youth Ambassador, Lacy Johnston. Also our State Lecturer Jeanie Force, Membership Co-Director Sandi Ludi and two members of our Communication team, Marilyn Reiher and Suzy Ramm, were in attendance. Suzy spent the week working as a Communications Fellow, and our attending Directors gathered new ideas and information to bring to our members. I'm also pleased to report that most of the resolutions we sent on to the National Grange were adopted or made a part of National policy. Look for a specific report from Mark as part of our Legislative Committee in this paper. The week was very productive, and I thoroughly enjoyed serving as your National Pomona, such an honor!

I'm looking forward to traveling around the state this spring and hope to have the chance to meet and visit with many of you. The conferences are on my schedule, are they on yours?



What did our State Master ask Santa for this year at the holiday open house?

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Bailey Barks!



How are your New Year resolutions going? Did you resolve to walk the Dog more? You do know you should have, right? Getting more exercise should be at the top of everyone's list and what better way to do that than by walking with your best furry friend!

According to MedicineNet.com (yes, Mom helped with the computer stuff) the top ten reasons to walk are:

1. Walking prevents type 2 Diabetes – just walking 2-1/2 hours each week can reduce your risk by 58%.

2. Walking strengthens your heart if you are male.
3. Walking strengthens your heart if you are female.
4. Walking is good for your brain.
5. Walking is good for your bones.
6. Walking helps alleviate symptoms of depression.
7. Walking reduces the risk of breast and colon cancer.
8. Walking improves fitness.
9. Walking in short bouts improves fitness too!
10. Walking improves physical function.

Hippocrates said "walking is man's best medicine" which goes right along with "Dog is man's best friend". So I say combine the two and have a great walk with a great friend!

Woof, Bailey

Mom's note – The above information came from the website MedicineNet.com. For more complete information please check with your own doctor before starting any new exercise routine, no matter what Bailey says!

Garibaldi Songwriter Takes First Place in International Songwriting Contest Country Music Category

LONDON – Garibaldi musician, singer and songwriter Joe Wrabek's song "Playing in the Ruins" took first place in the UK Songwriting Contest Country Music category this month.

"I'd heard, though I'd never been able to prove, that them Brits liked American country music," said Wrabek, whose two-step tune sufficiently impressed the likes of former producers of music by Elton John, Sting, Mariah Carey and Paul McCartney to earn first place in the Country Music category of the contest.

Wrabek is a former government administrator and, for two years, news reporter. Through the years, he has written, performed and recorded his original songs, most of which feature his humorous, story-centered lyrics paired with country music. He plays solo and with local bands Coaster, Deathgrass, the Gospel Trio and Tico Marimba at a variety of local venues, and last year won the Oregon State Grange talent contest, which allowed him to represent the state at the National Grange Competition in New Hampshire.

The UK Songwriting Contest, launched in 2002 in London, is one of the world's longest-running songwriting competitions. Thanks in part to the support of BBC Radio, many of its entrants have received airplay. Other contestants have gone on to write songs for television series, events and major recording artists.

Of Wrabek's winning entry, "Playing in the Ruins," the UK Songwriting Contest website reads, "The winning song in the Country Category this year is 'Playing In The Ruins,' by U.S. songwriter Joe Wrabek. In previous years the Country (category) winners have been classic country songs or pop/country crossover, but this year the judges went for something very different. Joe describes himself as a 'traditional' country songwriter, and this very simple recording reminded Country Music Award-winning UK Songwriting Contest judge and country expert Lucie Diamond of some of the early country artists. The song's very traditional style and recording provides a striking contrast to (its) futuristic post-apocalyptic vision."

For being a first-place winner in the UK Songwriting Contest, Wrabek received free memberships in SongU ("which teaches songwriting," he said) and the International Guild of Songwriters, among other organizations. "As usual with these

contests, the Grand Prize Winner — which they haven't announced yet — gets most of the real goodies," he added.

In a recent blog post, Wrabek wrote:

"The biggest reward, for me, is to have made it this far in what I think is a pretty big competition, with a lot of entrants. I'll add it to the (short) award list in my 'Joe Is Great!' brochure, and do my best to parlay the additional fame into more gigs. And having actually won something — for the first and only time this year — does encourage me to enter more contests. Somebody actually thinks something I did was good."

Of "Playing in the Ruins," Wrabek wrote:

"And it was a fun experiment. Deep Things like the end of civilization as we know it aren't the usual subject matter of country music — but in my opinion, they should be: Since country music is way more literate than most other genres, it's a good vehicle for discussing these things."

Read Wrabek's blog here. <http://joewrabek.wordpress.com/>

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Brother Joe is a member of Fairview Grange #273. He was the 2013 Overall Winner in the OSG talent contest and represent Oregon in the Evening of Excellence at the National Grange Convention in New Hampshire.

The Lecturer's Column



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Congratulations to all the newly elected or re-elected Lecturers. Your position's primary duty is to educate and inform the members in an enjoyable fashion.

Since we are at the beginning of a new year this is the time for planning activities and programs. I hope your Grange has set goals for 2015 and part of that should be how your Grange can impact your community.

What are your goals as Lecturer this year? Having a Lecturer program at each meeting? Planning an Open House?

The new Lecturer's handbook is complete and will be available at our conferences. We will have CD's for the Lecturer's and the handbook will also be available on the Oregon State Grange website.

We have four remaining conferences and I hope to see you at one of them. They are being held at the following Granges: February 21 - Greenacres, February 22 - Salmon River, April 11 - High Desert and April 12 - White Eagle. More information can be found at the State Grange website and elsewhere in the Bulletin.



Lecturer Jeanie Force provides information at the District #3 conference January 17th at Beaver Valley Grange. 24 members attended the conference and came away with great information.

Joint District Committee Conferences Scheduled

The first two of six district conferences were held on January 17 at Beaver Valley Grange and January 18 at Sauvie Island Grange. GWA Director Margaret Clute, State Lecturer Jeanie Force, Community Service Director Eva Frost and Membership Co-Director Sandi Ludi presented the conference. Legislative Director Dean High was the guest speaker at Beaver Valley and State Master Susan Noah at Sauvie Island. A lot of sharing was done and people went away with many good ideas to "Get Involved" and to take back to their Granges.

The Communications, GWA, Lecturers, Community Service and Membership committees will continue to hold joint conferences this spring. Look for your district scheduled below. These conferences are open to all Grange members. Each will start at 10am and a light lunch will be provided. If you missed the one held in your district or have a conflict on your upcoming date, please consider attending one in another district.

- District #1, Sat. Feb 21
@ Greenacres Grange
- District #2, Sun. Feb 22
@ Salmon River Grange
- District #5, Sat. Apr 11
@ High Desert Com. Grange
- District #6, Sun. Apr 12
@ White Eagle Grange

Oregon Junior Granges

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Junior Director ~ Oregon State Grange

In December the Junior Committee was present at the annual State Headquarters holiday party. The Juniors enjoyed decorating miniature gingerbread houses and gingerbread ornaments for the tree. We also collected and donated 23 stuffed animals to SAFE (Stuffed Animals for Emergencies).

The Junior Committee has some great ideas for 2015, but we will need your support! As we prepare more events for our Juniors we are always seeking volunteers. The Junior Committee still has three district seats vacant, and is also looking for volunteers to help with State Session. Please contact me or State Master Susan Noah if you are interested. If you can't be there in body, but would still like to aid

the program you can send donations to the Oregon State Grange, Attn: Junior Department.

As always, be on the lookout for information for our next jamborees. I am currently working with Lillian Booth, National Junior Director to set up a leadership training conference this year. Join us on the Oregon State Junior Grange Facebook Page to get current information on what we're doing or check in at orgrange.org/juniors for news and updates.



Riverdale Grange #731's Junior members Austin, Audrey and Aurianna VanHouten, with their grandpa John Fine, show off a Junior Members Wanted poster at their December meeting.

- BarattaPhoto



Oregon State Junior Program Introduces 2015 Theme

This year the Oregon State Junior Program theme is **"Care. Connect. Celebrate."** The National Grange theme is "Join Us Now In Our Red Shoes".

Displaying kindness and concern for others is one of the noblest attributes a person can possess. Juniors have a great capacity to **care** about their community and environment. What they are often lacking is outlets that foster this attitude. We want to provide more opportunities for Juniors to get involved and give back both as individuals and on a statewide level.

With the individual membership program it becomes especially important for us to host events where Juniors can **connect** with others across the state. Fellowship is a cornerstone of Grange membership and the Junior program is no exception. Friendships formed now can last a lifetime and help Juniors grow into confident adults.

Every day it is important to **celebrate** the successes of all these amazing people. Whether it's the achievement of an individual or the group effort of all, we need to reward and recognize the hard work each Junior puts forth. Adding fun and excitement to what we do ensures happy and well-rounded Juniors.

So come, **join us now in our red shoes!**

The Juniors collected 23 stuffed animals. These were donated to the Oregon Chapter of SAFE (Stuffed Animals for Emergencies) a non-profit organization which collects stuffed animals and other items which are then given to fire and police departments.



Several Junior Grangers had a great time making mini gingerbread houses at the Oregon State Grange Open House, December 14th at the headquarters in Salem.



1+ Junior Program Takes Off in Oregon

By Suzy Ramm
DCI Communications Fellow

Last year the Junior Grange 1+ program was approved, allowing Subordinate Granges to have individual Junior members join their ranks and take advantage of all the Junior Grange has to offer. Several Granges have seen this program as a great benefit.

In Oregon, 32 children have joined the Junior Grange as 1+ members across 18 different Subordinate Granges.

"Once the 1+ Program was adopted at last year's National Grange Convention Oregon got right down to work, figuring out how to implement it in our state," State Master Susan Noah said. "I am extremely pleased with the success of the 1+ Junior Program in our state."

Noah said during the first quarter, a synopsis of the program, the Junior

obligation and two Junior applications were sent to each subordinate Grange.

It was the headline of the Junior Directors column in the March state paper and directions on how to report these new members were included with the quarterly report form when it was sent out.

Soon the State Grange office started hearing from Granges taking in Junior members.

Noah said two Pomona Granges in the state are working to gather the individual Juniors in their local Granges in to Pomona Junior Granges. Expectations are for another one or two to do the same.

"I think it's a really great program that opens the Junior Grange up to more children. I hope when others hear the success we're already seeing in our state, they will work to promote the program in their states as well," Noah said.



Ada Grange #570's newest Junior Grange member is Jordan Williams. Jordan is Ada's third Junior member under the new 1+ Junior Program. Jordan's grandmother, Ada member Kim Holden, stood up with her during the Junior obligation ceremony on December 13, 2014.



Oregon State Grange Junior Session 2015



The annual Oregon State Grange Junior Session will take place in Pendleton, Oregon June 29th through July 3rd. Many activities are planned for the benefit of the Juniors in attendance. These include educational tours, various contests, and the conferral of the Junior Degree by the State Junior Officers.

Participants for all contests must sign up in the Junior Room at the State Grange Convention by **1:00 pm on Monday**. This includes, but is not limited to, talent contest, public speaking, crafts, and creative writing.

We encourage delegates and attending members to visit the Junior Session during the week. There will be many activities that Grangers can take part in and we encourage all in attendance to keep their eyes and ears open for what the Junior Grangers are up to.

State Junior Officers

Children ages 5 to 14 may apply to be on the State Junior Officer Team. **Applications submitted before April 1st to the State Junior Director will be given first consideration. However, applicants will be accepted for all vacant offices until the first day of state session.** The committee will select the State Junior Officers and will inform the applicants of the office for which they have been selected.

All officers will need to attend the State Junior Convention Monday through Friday. **Officers with speaking parts in the opening, closing, and degree work are required to have their parts memorized upon arrival at the State Grange Convention.** For the conferral of the degree Wednesday morning, male officers will be required to wear a solid-colored full sleeve button up shirt, black slacks, and nice shoes. Female officers will be required to wear a solid colored blouse, knee length black skirt or black slacks, and nice shoes.

State Junior Officer Application 2015

Mail completed form to:
643 Union Street NE, Salem, OR 97301
or email to: jrdir@orgrange.org

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Grange: _____

Junior Grange activities I have participated in this year: _____

First Choice of Office: _____

Why I would like to hold this office: _____

(add an additional sheet if you need more space)

Second Choice of Office: _____

Third Choice of Office: _____

I understand that it is my responsibility to memorize my assigned part prior to the beginning of state session and I am committed to achieving this expectation.

Junior Signature _____ Date _____

I understand that my child is required to memorize his/her part prior to the start of state session. I also understand that my child will need to attend state session for the entire week as well as meet certain dress codes for the conferral of the degree on Wednesday. If I have any questions or concerns I will reach out to the State Junior Committee prior to the start of state session.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Junior Grange Game Day



Benton Junior Grange and the Oregon State Junior Grange Committee will be hosting a Game Day for all Juniors. Fun for kids ages 5-14. The event will be at

Saturday April 11th

Fairmount Grange

835 North Albany Rd. NW

Albany, Oregon

Drop off time is 10am and pickup time is 4pm. *(Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the fun.)* Free for all kids!

Activities will include board games,

a Pokémon card game tournament, scavenger hunt, cooperative outside games and prizes. Lunch will be included.

Parents/Guardians: RSVP is required. Please email jrdir@orgrange.org to register your child(ren). Please let us know if your child has any allergies or restrictions. If your child requires late drop off or early pickup include that information so we can ensure they get the most fun from the day and are ready to go when you get there.



Benton Pomona
meets 3rd Sunday ~ 1pm

Fairmount Grange

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Washington-Yamhill Pomona

meets 3rd Sunday ~ 2pm

Leedy Grange

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Lane Pomona

meets 2nd Saturday 1-3

Mohawk-McKenzie Grange

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The Education Committee

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Common Core and College Cost

You may ask what does Common Core have to do with college cost?

repay.

Over fifty percent of Oregon high school graduates have to take remedial courses when they get to college. Tuition and textbook costs have skyrocketed. Taking additional classes will likely cause these students to acquire more debt that will take years for them to

Common Core is a set of clear college- and career-ready standards for kindergarten through 12th grade in English language arts/literacy and mathematics. Adoption of Common Core raises the bar for K-12 education and ensures that a college bound student has the required skills and knowledge.

Forest Grove Grange #282 Gives Dictionaries to Eight Schools



John Knox of Forest Grove Grange #282 is busy handing out dictionaries to third graders in Forest Grove with the help of the principal. Forest Grove Grange passed out 528 dictionaries to the six grade schools in the Forest Grove School District and two private schools in the Forest Grove area. Each year the children look forward to receiving the dictionaries as much as the Grangers do passing them out.

Oregon State Grange Youth Officer Application
Due to the State Youth Directors by March 30th, 2015

Name: _____
Age (on Jan. 1, 2015) _____
Address: _____

Grange: _____
Pomona: _____
Phone: _____ email: _____

What, if any, financial aid do you request from the Oregon Youth Activity Fund? *(Depends upon the availability of funds. Any financial aid acceptance implies you will participate in ALL youth activities.)*

Will you require youth housing? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Will you accept banquet meal tickets? ☐ Yes ☐ No
At this time, have you been designated as a delegate by your Grange? ☐ Yes ☐ No

To assist the state youth team in making youth officer assignments, please share your preference for which offices you wish to be considered for
1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____
Briefly explain your first choice.

List current Grange Office(s) or Committee(s) held. Includes Subordinate and Pomona, please acknowledge any committee chairs.

List previous Grange Office(s) or Committee(s) held. Includes Subordinate and Pomona, please acknowledge any committee chairs.

What Grange contest/activities have you or are you planning to participate in? _____

What National Achievement Awards have you or are you planning to accomplish? *(Applications submitted with a completed National Trivia Challenge or two national achievement awards will receive preference in office assignments ... OSG financially supports the youth officers and, in turn, youth need to support the program at large.)*

*I agree that if I am selected to be a Youth Officer, I will attend all scheduled practice sessions and be prepared to open State Grange Session on Thursday morning. I further agree that **if I have a speaking part, I will have it fully committed to memory and recited to my Pomona or Subordinate Master by June 1st. Failure to prove memorization by June 1st can result in forfeiting your youth office. I will also wear the proper attire for the opening of the Oregon State Grange on Thursday morning. Dress code for the men include: slacks, button-up shirt, jacket, tie and dress shoes. Dress code for women include: floor length dress (preferably with straps) and dress shoes. (Military dress uniform is allowed/encouraged if serving on active duty). If you need help finding these items, please contact the Youth Director. You are expected to participate in the youth activities (delegate work is the priority) and lend a helping hand to any task requested.***

Applicant's Signature _____
Date _____

I affirm the first 4 degrees or welcoming ceremony had been received when this application was signed (initials) _____

Grange Youth & Young Adults

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Youth Directors ~ Oregon State Grange



Wow! Getting used to writing 2015 is a real challenge for me. This year is off to a running start. Here's to all the Youth Chairmen: Please report to your Subordinate Grange meetings the following information:

State Youth Officer Applications will be due to the State Youth Director's by March 30th. The State Youth Officers are ad hoc ambassadors for the Oregon State Grange. They work within their own communities promoting Grange activities, but are also utilized throughout the year at local community events promoting the Oregon State Grange. Some examples are: Community Parades, Celebrations, Open Houses, Conventions, Ag Fest, FFA Convention, and other events as invited by local Subordinate Granges. The State Youth Committee will select the officers based upon their applications. The State Youth Directors will then contact the selected winners. Youth Officers are required to attend the Oregon State Grange Convention, which will be held in Pendleton from June 29th through July 3rd. The State Youth Department will assist with housing during the session and some meals. Please contact us if you have questions.

The Oregon State FFA Convention will be held in Silverton on March 21st and 22nd. The Oregon State Grange will have a booth at their convention to pass out information

regarding the Grange and to encourage FFA members to consider becoming Grange members. If your Grange has a FFA Chapter at your local High School, you might benefit from having FFA members join your Grange. Please take a few moments to contact us, so we can have your particular Grange information to pass out to potential members. Why wait for the FFA Convention. You can reach out to your local High School and find out if they have a FFA Chapter. Your Grange can put together some information and present it to that Chapter. Remember, they will most likely not seek you out, therefore you need to be active in your membership recruitment. Another idea would be for your Grange to allow the local FFA Chapter to hold a banquet at your Hall. Getting someone in the door, allows you to begin the recruitment process. Discuss this option at your next Grange meeting.

In closing, please pencil in on your calendar the third weekend in July for the annual Oregon State Grange Youth Campout. We are looking to hold this event at Suttle Lake in Central Oregon. More information will follow.

We encourage you to make the most of each meeting you attend, and try and invite someone new each month to join you at your meeting.

Springwater Grange Youth Host FFA State Officers

In late fall, Oregon FFA State Officers covered the state, visiting all the FFA Chapters in Oregon on their annual Leadership Tour. On November 30th and December 1st it was Colton FFA's turn for a visit. The state officers visit in groups of two. President Ian Oppenlander and Sentinel Meghan Stadel (She was the FFA speaker at last year's OSG convention in Redmond.) visited Colton High School in Clackamas County.

A welcoming potluck with the chapter families was held on Sunday evening. Then the officers went home with Springwater Grange and FFA members Brandon and Thomas Parker. The next day Ian and Meghan provided different workshops for each of the Agriculture and Exploring Career Technical Education classes ranging in topic from teamwork and leadership, to FFA involvement and Supervised Agriculture Experiences.



White Eagle Grange #683 Elects Teen as Master

17 year-old Cole Wilson has been elected Master of White Eagle Grange #683 in Umatilla County. Cole has been a Granger all his life, attending his first state session when he was just 2 days old and then joining the Junior Grange at age 5 and the Subordinate Grange as soon as he could in October 2010. He is the son of Roger and Gail Wilson and Grange is in his blood, being a 6th generation Granger on his mother's side.

Prior to being elected Master he served three terms as Overseer and one year as Assistant Steward at White Eagle. He is currently Assistant Steward at Umatilla-Morrow Pomona.

He started out his Grange officer career serving every year as a State Junior Grange officer, his last year as State Junior Master. Since becoming a subordinate member he has been active in the state youth program and has served as a state officer every year. He is the current youth Steward. In 2012 he served as National Youth Chaplain for the National Convention in Boise. He also currently serves as District 6 representative on the State Grange Education committee.

Cole is a senior at Pendleton High School and will graduate this June. He plans to go to college in the fall and study Agriculture and Diesel Mechanics. He has been in Ag. Mechanics, welding, and metal



Cole Wilson, 2014-15 Oregon State Grange Youth Steward.

classes since his freshman year of high school and has served as a TA (teacher's assistant) for the freshman welding class. He is active in the Pendleton FFA and has gotten his Greenhand, Chapter, and State Farmer Degrees.

Outside of school Cole is employed at Hill Ranches Inc., as a ranch hand and drives truck during wheat harvest. He is also involved with the Pendleton Roundup working behind the scenes for the last four years as an Usher, helping with the horses, and riding in the arena getting the steers and calves out. He gets paid for the Usher job but all his work behind the chutes is voluntary. Additionally, he helps with the parades getting the contestants organized and riding the ATV around giving out water to those in need.

How to Become a National Youth Ambassador

By Karie Blasingame
DCI Communications Fellow

Each year we watch as Horizon Leadership Ambassadors begin the process of competing to become a National Grange Youth Ambassador.

Youth Ambassadors are chosen at National Grange Session and serve one-year terms. Youth Ambassadors assist the youth director by helping plan a workshop to be given at the regional conferences throughout the country, according to National Grange Youth Development Director Charlene Espenshade. They help with get acquainted games at National Session, assist the youth director throughout the week and emcee youth portions of Friday night's event. If funds are available, Youth Ambassadors can be sent to other states to represent the National Grange Youth Department.

At National Grange Session, each Horizon Leadership Ambassador has a personal interview with the judging panel. This year's judging panel included National Grange

Junior Development Director Lillian Booth, Former National Grange Lecturer and New Jersey Delegate Pete Pompper and Iowa State Grange Youth Director Samantha Hanson.

Booth said interviewing the candidates "was a definite opportunity to get to know the youth." "They are bright, intelligent, artistic, talented," Booth said. "I was very impressed by how many bridged the gap between juniors and youth. We need that continuity. My hope is they will continue to grow and step into those leadership skills. They have huge potential."

Pompper said the entire group was phenomenal. Hanson observed the youth throughout session and gave her input to the group. Espenshade said the interview process can be challenging. "Going through the interview is a good thing. It gives [the candidates] skills they need in the real world," Espenshade said.

Each year, winners are announced Friday at the Evening of Excellence.

GWA

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Grange Workers Activities Director ~ OSG



The 2014-2015 contest booklets should be out or is coming soon. A big thank you to those Granges and individuals that are sponsoring contests this year. There are a few changes in sponsors, rules and prize money so be sure to read carefully. My goal is to have similar contests have the same dollar prize money.

A new contest will be **PILLOWCASES FOR OUR TROOPS** sponsored by Gail Wilson.

Rules:

- Pillowcase must be for a standard sized pillow.
- Pillowcases will be judged on workmanship, comfort and appearance.
- Fabric print can be appropriate for a man or woman.

Prizes:

- 1st place \$25
- 2nd place \$15
- 3rd place \$10

Judging will be by state appointed judges.

All pillowcases will be donated to our armed forces stationed abroad. Any purchased pillowcases that are donated will not be judged, but will be gladly accepted. A thank you for serving our country card would be a nice addition to accompany the pillowcase.

I look forward to the next two conferences: District #1 on Saturday, February 21 at Greenacres Grange and District #2 on Sunday, February 22 at Salmon River Grange. Bring your questions and suggestions for our program.



State GWA Director Margaret Clute presents material at the district conference held at Sauvie Island Grange in Multnomah County on Sunday January 18th. 28 Grangers attended the conference and came away with excellent ideas on how to "Get Involved."

Valentine's Day Honey Cookies

Lizzy Bence - Junior member at Warner Grange #117, 1st place in Fancy Holiday Cookies - Winter

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
Combine ingredients in this order:

- Cream the butter and sugar with an electric mixer.
- Add eggs, honey and vanilla and blend until smooth with the mixer.
- Into this mixture, add flour and baking soda.

Mix into a thick dough.

Chill dough until firm, approximately 2 hours.

Pull off small pieces and roll into 1-inch balls.*

Place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, until edges are slightly browned.

Remove from pan and let cool.

Once cooled, frost cookies as desired.

**Lizzy pressed the 1" balls into a Demarle mini-heart pan to get the heart shape.*





The Membership Plan

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Membership Directors ~ Oregon State Grange

Happy New Year!!!!

Has your Grange made a New Year's Resolution to gain at least one new member? In order to accomplish this goal, each Grange should plan activities/events for the year. A suggestion would be to try to plan at least three events during the year, i.e., an **educational event**, a **Grange activity** that brings the community into your hall, and a **fundraiser** to help out your Grange financially. The more that we as Grangers and Granges do to get the Grange name out to the community the more it will help to grow our Grange Membership!

The State Grange Membership Committee recently developed a Membership Idea Booklet that will be available for Granges to use as a guideline to help plan activities for their Grange to ultimately gain new members. If your Grange requests help from the State Membership Committee on the Quarterly Report, a booklet will be sent to your Grange Secretary to share with your membership. We ask that your Grange Secretary share with your

membership chairperson. We ask that your Grange in turn choose an activity, etc. from the booklet, notify the District Membership Chairman that you have made a decision on what activity to implement, and then a member from the State Membership Committee will contact your Grange and work with your membership to develop and plan your activity or event. A huge thank you goes to Cat Thomas, District 4 Membership Chairman for graciously chairing this project. Many thanks also to those who helped her bring this project to fruition. Much time and effort was put into this booklet and is very much appreciated.

Exciting news to share!! Our National Grange Leadership/Membership Director, Michael Martin, will once again be visiting Oregon the week of May 11. More information will be sent to your Grange via mail and will be on the State Grange website and in the next issue of the Grange Bulletin.

Until next time.get your Grange Involved with the Community and let's grow your GRANGE!!!!

Consider Your Grange Legacy

By Michael Martin

National Grange Leadership/Membership Director

So, you are proud to be a Golden Sheaf member of your local Grange. For fifty years or more, you have been the lifeblood of your Grange. What more can you do? You may say, "I've given to the Grange all my life. I've spent untold hours working on the hall, in the kitchen, on the grounds, marshalled innumerable projects. I'm getting too old to give any more."

Have you thought about your personal or familial legacy to your Grange? It is very common for individuals and families to make a planned gift through their estate to support their alma mater, or church, or some charity that has benefited them in their lifetime. Yet, it has become uncommon for Patrons to remember the organization that has, perhaps, been the most important throughout their life – their local Grange.

Maybe you don't even realize you CAN leave a legacy gift to your Grange? There are numerous methods that can be created to continue your positive impact on our Order. Borrowing from a passage of the officer's installation, "Your legacy gift will be held as a memento of your labors long after the

[contributing] hand has crumbled into dust." Let your legacy gift redound to your honor, and let your example inspire others to carry on your wishes and perpetuate our Order.

You may make an outright gift to the Grange during your lifetime:

- Securities (Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds) – Buy low and give high. Gifts of Securities provide both significant tax and financial benefits, including bypassing capital gains taxes and providing income tax deductions.

How can you make a planned gift? INCLUDE the Grange in your estate plans;

- CREATE a gift that pays you income (a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust);
- NAME the Grange as a beneficiary of retirement assets or life insurance.

You can also direct how your legacy gift will be utilized by the Grange. Your gift can include language guiding the purpose and intent of your legacy. So, long after you have gone on to the Great Grange above, your influence can still be felt, to the benefit of future generations of Grangers.

Many state Granges have charitable foundations to which you can make a gift that may also benefit you through lower taxes or increased gift credit. As everyone's situation may vary, it is always advisable to consult your financial advisor or tax preparer for legal advice before making a major financial decision. Contact the National Grange Foundation or your State Grange foundation for additional information.



Memorial Life Memberships

Does your Grange have Memorial Life Memberships as part of the Life Membership fund? Does your Grange receive memorial money at the request of a deceased Brother or Sister or their family? Why not recognize a deceased member and/or convert the memorial money received into a Memorial Life Membership.

A Grange or an individual may purchase a Memorial Life Membership to honor a deceased Brother or Sister. The minimum fee is \$100. However a Grange may set the fee for their Grange at a higher amount. The Oregon State Grange will provide a Memorial Life Membership certificate to either the Subordinate/Community Grange or the individual applicant,

whoever is purchasing the Memorial Life Membership.

Benefits of a Memorial Life Membership are several. It is a way to honor a deceased Brother or Sister, it is a permanent memorial, and it will provide a continuing, although currently small, return to the Grange each year through the Life Membership fund at no additional cost to the Grange itself.

So the next time your Grange has a Brother or Sister pass away consider honoring them with a Memorial Life Membership. Applications are available from the state Grange office and are also available on the OSG website in the forms section under members info.

Lexington Grange #726 Presented With Charter



Lexington Grange Master, Hanna Lankford receives charter from OSG Ex. Comm. member Roger Wilson.

Oregon State Grange Executive Committeeman #3 Roger Wilson presented the Lexington Grange Master, Hanna Lankford, with their new charter at the Grange's January meeting. The membership was excited to receive it. The charter was matted and framed and ready to hang. Lexington Grange was reorganized in July 2014. The meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

Food Roots Board Selects Grangers for Director Positions

Food Roots' Board of Directors announced in early January the selection of program staff member Lauren Sorg as Executive Director and Joel Caris as Development Director. They took over their new positions immediately.

Founded in 2006, Food Roots has helped build linkages among farmers, processors, educators, agencies, nonprofits, farmers markets, schools, youth groups, local government and anyone else interested in making our local food economy stronger. Food Roots also works in partnership with Oregon Food Bank to create venues where our regional stakeholders can discuss big-picture issues related to north coast food and agriculture, and talk collaboratively about how to address challenges and take advantage of opportunities.

Lauren and Joel share a passion for well-cultivated community partnerships, and they have established strong relationships with community members, farmers, and partner organizations. Both believe strongly in fostering community involvement in the work and mission of Food Roots.

Lauren joined Food Roots in August of 2010 as an AmeriCorps volunteer and quickly transitioned into managing micro-enterprise and local food programming in her most recent role as the Community Food and Enterprise Development Coordinator. In addition to her role at Food Roots, she has served the past three years as Manager of the Tillamook Farmers' Market until resigning at the end of 2014. She continues to work closely with farmers markets in her role as an Oregon Farmers Market Association Board Member.

Lauren is a member of Fairview Grange where her husband Derek serves as Secretary. They, along with Food Roots founder, Shelly Bowe, currently Treasurer of the Fairview, were heavily involved in the reorganization of Fairview Grange in 2013.

Joel joined Food Roots in 2012 as a Board Member, taking on first the role of Treasurer and, more recently, the Vice Chair position. He quickly began leading major initiatives, such as a successful crowdfunding campaign for Food Roots' North Coast Grown program. He has farmed for the past six years and worked within the local farming community since early 2011, growing and raising food and

establishing connections throughout Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. He also currently serves as the Treasurer of the White Clover Grange in Nehalem.

When ask about the relations between a Grange and these types of groups Joel responded, "The Grange has a long history of supporting agricultural and rural communities, often serving as touchstone community institutions. Community food organizations such as Food Roots are working to help rebuild and strengthen rural and agricultural communities and, therefore, make natural partners for local Granges. While Food Roots works to build economic and institutional support for local farm and food ventures, Grange chapters not only can serve as partners in helping to build those supports, they also can serve the critical function of providing social outlets and community support for new farmers, food entrepreneurs, and rural populations as a whole. Working together, we can strengthen rural and agricultural communities from multiple angles, and strengthen each other at the same time."

Derek Sorg, Secretary at Fairview Grange explained that both Fairview and White Clover Granges have an ongoing partnership with Food Roots. Food Roots has in the past hosted workshops and fundraisers at the Fairview Grange and in January did a joint fundraiser with the White Clover Grange. They put on a Pie Day fundraising event on January 24th, along with an accompanying Heritage Pie Making Workshop on January 23rd, led by White Clover's Grange Master, Marie Scovell. According to White Clover Treasurer Joel Caris, the proceeds were split evenly between White Clover (for the new roof fund) and Food Roots.

When the organization's founder, Shelly Bowe was ask about the Grange and these individuals she said "I believe that rural Oregon can greatly benefit from partnerships between Granges, community food organizations and other groups. Many of these organizations share a commitment to agricultural, good food, community and quality of life. It is very exciting to see new leadership stepping up and the opportunities that exist to increase quality of life".

It is exciting to see these Granges and Grangers working with other groups to strengthen their communities.

The Agricultural Report

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Agriculture Director ~ Oregon State Grange

The 2014-2016 Agriculture Committee is made up of the following members:

District 1: Jason Couch, Phoenix #779
District 2: Randi Embree, Keizer #785 and Silverton #748
District 3: Ed Thurston, McMinnville #31
District 4: **Open**
District 5: Jess Holler, High Desert Community #482
District 6: **Open**
At-Large: Vern and Paula Herrick, Waltherville #41

Contact information is available on the OSG website and in the OSG Roster. If you have questions or suggestions for the OSG Agriculture Committee please contact either your district chair or me.

I am still looking for representatives for districts 4 and 6. If you have an interest in Agriculture and would like to serve the Oregon State Grange please contact me to fill the Agriculture Chair in districts 4 and 6. The time commitment is modest, including some email and phone work, and visiting a Grange or two in your district to represent the Oregon State Grange. Please call or write me if you are interested.

These last few weeks the Agriculture Committee has been preparing for

the Future Farmers of America State Convention in Silverton in Mid-March, the Agriculture Appreciation Luncheon at the State Capitol in May, and this year's state session at the end of June. Additionally Ag. Committee Chairs, along with the district chairs of other committees, have been visiting subordinate Granges to encourage them to send representatives to the state session in Pendleton to represent their Grange members.

Recent agricultural news in Oregon includes early indications of lower than average snowpack, although there is plenty of time remaining in the snow year for additional accumulation. State Agriculture officials are developing rules for hemp cultivation with the legalization of its production. The governor may use the results of the GMO taskforce to propose new rules for the co-existence of GMO and non-GMO crops. New partnerships are developing in rangelands supporting managed removal of Juniper, yielding decay resistant wood products, improved rangeland, improved water yield, and improved habitat for both grazing and endangered Sage Grouse.

If there are topics of interest you would like to suggest to the Agriculture Committee please contact us.



Lane Pomona Holds Officer Conference to Start The New Year

On January 3rd, 35 Grange members attended the Lane County Pomona Grange Conference for officers and members at Irving Grange under the direction of Richard Wyant, newly elected Pomona Master. The day kicked off with a costume party followed by a discussion officer duties. Snacks were provided and some lovely color-wrapped rolls of "tp" were dispensed to those in costume.



All agreed that getting together with friends in the Grange is always time well spent.



www.foodrootsnw.org



Cut or potted daffodils will be available for purchase at Long Tom.

North End Grange Holds Chili Feed and Dessert Auction

North End Grange #820 in Wallowa County held their Chili Feed and Dessert auction on Saturday, December 6th. More than 60 people were in attendance. The chili was good and there was a lot of auction stuff. Trees, wreaths and other Christmas items were also for sale. The Grange made over \$1600 from the one night event.



Clackamas Youth to Hold Dinner Before 5th Degree

Clackamas County Pomona Grange youth will be putting on a fundraising dinner from 6-6:45pm on Saturday, February 28 at Milwaukie Grange. A Lecturer's program and exemplification of the fifth degree will follow. The Menu is: meat loaf, oven roasted potatoes, green salad, and cookies as well as a choice of coffee, tea or punch. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Money raised benefits the Pomona youth fund for future activities. For more information check them out on facebook or email them at clackamas.grange.youth@gmail.com

43rd Annual Daffodil Festival Held in March at Long Tom Grange

Celebrate spring with a drive in the country along miles of daffodil-lined rural lanes to Long Tom Grange #866 where you will find the 43rd Annual Daffodil Festival March 21-22. The Grange Hall is located at 25855 Ferguson Road in Junction City. Heralded by Governor Kulonoski as "Oregon's Finest," it includes wagon rides, vendors, huge hot cinnamon rolls, daffodil sales, hot food, a quilt show, raffle, and live music. It is a great family event and admission is free. Parking is available for handicapped at the hall. Others are encouraged to take the shuttle system from the Conser Quarry on Ferguson Road to the Grange Hall. So come, rain or shine.

This year's raffle includes a Generac 2000 watt Inverter donated by Balanced Electric, Inc. This unit may be only 120 volt power, but is just perfect for camping, watching TV when the power goes out, or anywhere you need some portable power. It's easy to start and runs like a champ! You can see this at B & I Hardware in Junction City.



Valentines for Veterans

Each year Goshen Grange #561 makes valentines for the Roseburg VA Hospital. They are then delivered and passed out in person on the day before Valentine's Day. Valentines for Veterans is a National program that is supported by many Granges throughout the country to honor our American Heroes. It is a very good way to say "Thank You" to our veterans. Linda Wetzell and Dorothy Key delivering items.



(L to R) Goshen members Linda Litts, Dorothy Key, and Emily Russell busy making Valentine's for the veterans hospital.

It Was Teddy Bear Toss Time at Hockey Game for Clackamas Grangers



10, 578 stuffed animals hit the ice for a good cause.

Fifty-six Clackamas Pomona Grangers, family and friends attended the Saturday December 6th Portland Winterhawks Hockey game. One of the highlights of the game was the flying Teddy Bears. It was the Les Schwab Teddy Bear Toss where fans are encouraged to bring teddy bears and other stuffed animals to the arena and toss them onto the ice after the first Portland score. That score this year came at just 2 minutes and 56 seconds into the game and set off a cascade of stuffed animals onto the ice. It was a great night of fellowship and fun all wrapped up in a community service project. The fun started earlier in the evening for the majority of the Grangers who met in the Home Depot parking lot in Oregon City and rode in together on a bus. According to the Winterhawks, the sellout crowd of 10,095 threw 10, 578 stuffed animals on the ice. In 2012, Winterhawk fans set a franchise record with 22,392 stuffed animals raining onto the ice. Calgary holds the all-time record with 26,919 set back in 2009. The players will later deliver some of the teddy bears to patients at local hospitals, while the remaining bears are given to local children's hospitals and charities.



Lookingglass Grange #927 Hosts Friday Afternoon Farmer's Market

From Roseburg just a short drive heading west on Harvard Avenue, turning left on Lookingglass Road you will come across the Lookingglass Grange Farmer's Market. Open year around on Friday afternoons from 3-6pm it is held outside during the summer and inside when the cold weather arrives.

At the market you will find Bethany who sells pies, cookies, and bread. Eliee has jams and jellies. Moving on is Heather, who has handmade soaps, etc. Special gifts can be found at Pam's crafts. Interested in ready-made meals or gluten free goodies, check in with Stephanie and save on cooking. But if you want to cook and need fresh vegetables, Tiny is



your man or Ben can hook you up with Blueberries from his Blueberry Farm. Talk with Erin about hormone-free beef and lamb and honey from Cindy. And don't forget man's best friend with doggie treats by Joyce.

Each week there is a recipe tree where you can get free recipes. The market takes debit and credit cards as well as accepts WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (WIC-FMNP) certificates.

Lane County Pomona Grange Wins in Christmas Parade



On December 6th Lane County Pomona Grange participated in the Springfield Christmas parade. This year's theme was "Melodies and Memories" and Grangers depicted it through the song "Jingle Bells" and included a horse drawn sleigh. The float not only took first in the senior division but also received the Golden Wreath Award for best overall depiction of the theme.

Vernon Herrick, left and Susan Noah picked up the award hardware.

Giving Joy to Children National Grange Convention Service Project

By Lindsay Schroeder
DCI Communications Fellow

During the week, members of the National Grange attending the 148th Annual Grange Convention collected stuffed animals as a community service project.

The toys were donated to local children's hospitals in Cleveland and Akron.

"We have been doing a common service project for several years now," 2014 Convention Co-Chair Ed Cochran said. "Across the nation every state has donated to this toy drive."

Located in the Atrium hallway where the session headquarters were held, Ohio provided a cage for the animals to be put in. The animals were on display all week. Delegates were



Oregon State Master Susan Noah prepares to drop stuffed animals into the collection cage at National Convention in Sandusky, Ohio.

encouraged to bring their stuffed animals for this great event and make a youngster's stay more "bearable."

WILLIAMS GRANGE

ANNUAL SEED SWAP

9:30 to 11:30 Sunday March 8

Seed Swap Info: Jonathan Spero 541-846-6845

Pancake Breakfast 8:30 ~11:00 Bluegrass Jam 11:00~1:00

20100 Wms Hwy, Williams. Info: kathybob@oigp.net ~ Jam in cooperation with Chinquapin Center for the Arts



The Legislative Update

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Legislative Director ~ Oregon State Grange



Vickie and I recently took a trip to Virginia, North and South Carolina where we visited important sites of the Civil War. We saw Fort Fisher, Appomattox Court House, and Bennett Farm, where General Johnson surrendered to Sherman. We came home with a better understanding of why our forefathers felt so strongly that they went to war for what they believed.

We all can learn lessons from our history. We all have a voice no matter which side we represent in what happens with our local, state, and national governments. It is time for us to stand up and make our voice heard.

Legislative Day is April 22. We will meet in the Capitol building at 10 am. Our lobbyist is inviting speakers on important issues facing our legislators this session. We will all learn and have an opportunity to ask questions. Everybody is invited, member or not. If you have questions, feel free to contact me or



Monument at Fort Fisher in North Carolina. This fort kept the port of Wilmington open to blockade-runners supplying necessary goods to Confederate armies.

any other committee member.

Our lobbyist reports that several bills of interest to Grange members were assigned to committees before the legislative session began. If you would like more information on a bill go to www.oregonlegislature.gov.

Legislative Committee Members

- District 1 - Harold Johnson
- District 2 - Mark Noah
- District 3 - Orrin Schnetzky
- District 4 - Don Kingsborough
- District 5 - Phil Van Buren
- District 6 - open (any volunteers?)

Mark your calendar!

Legislative Day at the Oregon State Legislature
Wednesday April 22, 2015.
Watch upcoming mailings to Granges as well as the April issue of the Bulletin for more details.



Appomattox Court House in Virginia where Confederate General Lee surrendered to Union General Grant.

Rodney A. King, CIC, AFIS
Corporate Secretary
Grange Insurance Association



NOTICE OF 2015 ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 1st day of October 2014.

Results of Oregon's Resolutions at 2014 National Convention

Reported by Mark Noah, one of Oregon's Delegates at National Convention

Here's a recap of how Oregon's resolutions fared at the 2014 National Grange convention last November. At this level a resolution can be adopted, amended, rejected (the term National uses is 'Adverse') or it can be returned to the Grange that sent it, same as at our State convention.

However, National has several additional options. Each committee writes an annual Policy Statement, and instead of outright adoption the intent of a resolution can be included as a sentence or two in this statement. It isn't exactly the same as 'Adopted' but it is a positive outcome and is reported as 'Policy Statement' by the committee. If a committee believes the intent of a resolution is already represented in the National Grange Legislative Policy, the report is 'Present Policy' and there is no need for the delegates to vote on it again.

If a resolution addresses an issue that is not relevant to national issues or the National Grange, it can be returned to the original state as a 'State Issue.' And of course, if two or more similar resolutions are submitted, one will be considered to 'Cover' the others and an affirmative vote on that one means the others just vanish—they are 'covered' by the first one.

So, how did we do? I'll use the numbers National assigned so you can find them later in the 2014 National Grange Journal of Proceedings. OR-220 'Support

Legislation to Prevent Confiscation and Registration'(Deer Creek) and OR-606 'Respect for the Flag in Grange Promotional Materials' (Washington-Yamhill Pomona) were considered Present Policy.

OR-011 'Label RGBH Milk' (Deer Creek), OR-012 'Labeling Foods that Do Not Contain GMOs' (Forest Grove & Riversdale) and OR-014 'Revoke Patents on Terminator and Traitor Seeds' (Deer Creek) were all included in the Ag Committee's 2015 Policy Statement.

OR-218 'Oppose Full-File Credit Reporting' (Santiam Valley) and OR-219 'Satellite TV Freedom of Choice' (Deschutes Pomona) were reported Adverse and rejected by vote of the delegates.

OR-013 'Sustainable Use of Spent Grains' (Mohawk-McKenzie) was adopted. OR-402 'Support for Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients' (Forest Grove), OR-507 'Explore Issuance of Commemorative Coin Honoring Grange's Sesqui-centennial' (Frog Pond), OR-508 'Increase Identification of Grange Licensees' (Springwater), OR-711 'Easily Fastened Seatbelts for All' (McMinnville) and OR-712 'Increase Railroad Safety Standards for Oil shipments' (Mohawk-McKenzie) were all 'Adopted as Amended.'

All in all, a good showing by the Oregon State Grange!



It is Time To Write Resolutions

Has your Grange started working on resolutions for the next State Grange Session in June? Surely there is something the members of your Grange would like to see added, revised or otherwise changed locally, state wide or at the national level. Remember that resolutions should start at your local Subordinate/Community Granges, then be sent on to the Pomona level before being sent to State. The advantage to sending the resolutions on to Pomona, rather than directly to state, allows for them to be considered by a larger audience and to educate others as to what the resolution is about. Further most of the delegates from a Pomona will be knowledgeable when those resolutions are presented at State Grange.

This year's legislative session has quite a variety of topics to discuss and maybe vote on. Many of them that are rejected or not voted on will

return with the next session. Are these issues that the OSG has a policy on? If not should we have one? Now is the time to write those resolutions. It is difficult for the OSG to support or oppose a bill if there is no policy.

But remember not all resolutions need to concern state wide or national issues. Is there a project or issue in your local community that you wish to bring forward for discussion? Has your Grange adopted a resolution that you can send on to your local officials? And you can send an article about the stand your Grange took to the Bulletin.

There is information on the State Grange website as to how to write a resolution. Look under Departments and select Legislative. Also feel free to contact any member of the Legislative Committee for help as well.

Postal Service Cuts Ill-Considered

By Postal Regulatory Commissioner Ruth Y. Goldway

Last week, the U.S. Postal Service reduced its service standards for First-Class mail, and eliminated nearly all overnight letter mail delivery. Most mail will be delivered in two to three days — longer if weekends and holidays are involved. During 2015, more than 80 processing plants serving small cities and rural areas throughout the nation will be closed in the Postal Service's push to shrink its network.

The Postal Service has achieved considerable success in removing costs from the system during the last six years, at a time when mail volumes were in decline. This latest round of operational cuts, however, threatens the very integrity and concept of Universal Service — the Postal Service's primary obligation under the law.

These measures will result in a two-tier patchwork network in which service to smaller cities and rural areas will be degraded much more than major urban areas. This despite the fact that the law requires that postal customers in all areas be provided prompt, reliable and efficient services. The law also mandates that the Postal Service shall provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service to rural areas, communities and small towns where post offices are not self-sustaining. Under the law, the Postal Service is required to give the highest consideration to the requirement for the most expeditious collection, transportation, and delivery of important letter mail.

While we have experienced increased access to electronic

communications options, particularly in metropolitan areas, a great many American homes and businesses rely upon the mail. It remains essential that all Americans can rely on a fundamental communication service and avenue of commerce that provides equal access and prompt service to all, regardless of region. Binding the nation together is the founding principle of the Postal Service's mandate.

The Postal Service is moving ahead with these changes despite three cautionary reports: a March 2013 Management Advisory Report; a September 2012 Audit Report issued by its Office of Inspector General, and an Advisory Opinion produced by the Postal Regulatory Commission in 2012.

The Inspector General in his reports called on the Postal Service to carefully evaluate actual measured cost savings and service impacts for the network changes implemented in 2013 and 2014; to accurately and fully disclose to mailers and other stakeholders the savings resulting from closed facilities, and to provide a more reliable estimate of future changes during the notification process.

In its 2012 Advisory Opinion, the Commission pointed out that by identifying the productivity levels of plants and by basing closures and processing rearrangements on measurable efficiency gains, the Postal Service could do better than in its original plan: save more money, maintain higher service standard levels and keep more plants operating.

In fact, the Commission's analysis indicated that the Postal Service could undertake significant network improvements and reap large cost savings while preserving most current service levels. As a result, the Commission urged the Postal Service to carefully review the first set of plant closings and service standard reductions before embarking on this second phase of closures and further reducing service.

Unfortunately, the Postal Service has not taken those important steps.

- First, the Service has not publicly identified the impact on revenue and profit from the proposed changes.
- Second, the Postal Service has not disclosed a robust, reliable figure for savings obtained from the first set of consolidations.
- Third, the Service has not identified projected savings from the second phase of consolidations.

An essential role of the Commission is to help ensure that the Postal Service provides adequate transparency and accountability, particularly where there may be a gap in the public record. I believe that such a gap exists with regard to the proposed plant closings.

In August, 51 senators signed a bipartisan letter asking the Postal Service to delay these announced service changes and plant closings because of continuing uncertainty over the impact on the public. The following month, 160 House members asked for a moratorium on the plant closures, expressing

concerns over slowed mail.

At a time when the Postal Service is proudly promoting its Sunday delivery and same day package delivery offerings in major cities, it should not be impairing service in other parts of the country. The Nation depends on a Postal Service that provides as consistent a level of service and pricing as possible to all Americans.

Before proceeding with these changes, the Postal Service should - at the very least - offer well-supported projections of the impacts on operational efficiency and solid estimates of financial savings before hastily embarking on this new round of cuts and closures.

Above is an article sent to the National Grange from the Office of Postal Regulatory Commissioner Ruth Y. Goldway. The National Grange also opposes reductions of service to rural America. A sustainable and prospering postal service is a necessity for rural America; and we urge the USPS to vigorously pursue ways to keep the same quality service it presently provides. Goldway has served at the Postal Regulatory Commission since 1998 and was Commission chairman from 2009 to 2014. If you have any questions about this article or would like to get in contact with the office of Ruth Goldway, please contact the National Grange at (202) 628-3507 or email us at nationalgrange@nationalgrange.org.

Creswell Grange Celebrates in December

The Creswell Grange hosted an Open House and Christmas Holiday Dinner on Saturday December 13 at 1pm. Along with food the dinner provided live music and singing was heard. Raffle baskets and door prizes were given out along with twelve fruit plates to the "Meals on Wheels" program.



Creswell Grange is located downtown at 298 W. Oregon Street and early in December participated in the city lighting events. Our Sisters and Brothers at Creswell Grange wish a Happy 2015 to all Grangers.



Toledo High School diploma for Hester Hill from 1910.

Documents Found at Headquarters

This winter while doing some cleaning a couple of certificates were found. If they are for a member of your Grange, someone who was a member of your Grange or you know the family whose relative is mentioned on them, please get in touch with the state office. If they are not claimed, they will be donated or otherwise disposed.



Degree of Flora certificate for John A. Coovert from 1911.

The first one is a Toledo High School diploma, dated the 27 of May 1910 for what appears to be a Hester Hill. The second one is a Degree of Flora certificate for a John A. Coovert dated the 16th day of June 1911.



The Chaplain's Corner

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Chaplain ~ Oregon State Grange

Brothers and Sisters,

It is a particularly depressing January day. It's foggy with .3 miles visibility, 39 degrees and quite chilly. It's a good day to stay inside by a fire and read a book. But this is not an option for many. Many are looking for somewhere warm to sleep tonight and where to get the food for their rumbling bellies. Our local news reported that the need for food has risen every year since 2008, the supply has not. Everyone remembers the Salvation Army, local food banks, mission, s pantries and others at Christmas but from now until April their shelves are very low.

The USDA released a report in 2014 which states that 31% or 133 billion pounds of the available food supply at the retail and consumer level in 2010 went uneaten. Estimated value in 2010 was \$161.6 billion and is now \$165 billion. On top of the waste of food, the US spends \$1 billion a year just to dispose of the food waste. Nearly 50% of all food ready for harvest never gets eaten for various reasons:

- 1) Farming – 7% gets stranded in the fields because it does not meet standards for shape and color.
- 2) Processing and distribution loses a large chunk due to lack of buyers and food spoilage.
- 3) Retail and grocery stores toss out \$15 billion worth of unsold fruits and veggies and \$2300 a day in foods that are nearing the expiration or sell by date. This food is good well past the date but consumers don't like the looks of it and stores don't want to be associated with selling it.
- 4) Food Service – Diners leave 17% of food on their plates, largely due to the super-size amount of food on it. 10% of food gets tossed because of

inflexible food rules. For example, McDonald's throws out French fries every 7 minutes.

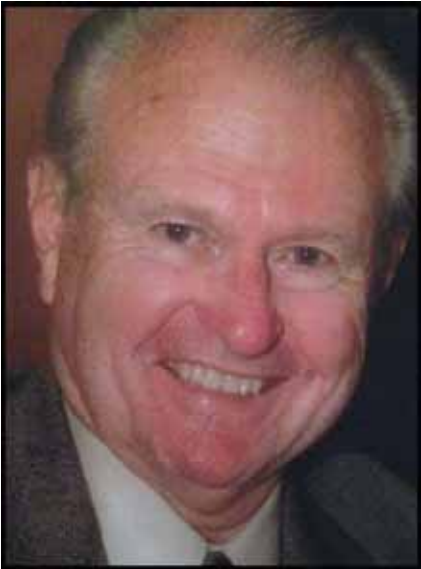
5) Households throw out 25% of the food they bring into the home. Most goes unrecycled and ends up in the local dump. All in all Americans throw out 50% of their food. I find all this information so wrong at so many levels.

The first commandment (Matthew 22:36-39) is "You should love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is you shall love your neighbor as yourself." This commandment to love your neighbor appears 11 times in the Bible. How can we as a nation and as individuals justify ourselves as loving and caring when we are thoughtless in food waste while our neighbors go hungry?

I know what I can and plan to do as an individual – eat and use what we buy or if we buy something we find we don't like, take it to the Mission. We already recycle skins, seeds and other parts or fruits and vegetables that are inedible, but how about writing resolutions that remove the threat of being sued by vendors for donating out of date foods to Missions and other organizations. How about all those Oregon Grangers who can afford to, donate a bag of groceries to your local food bank. They are in desperate need. Look around and see what you can do. Don't wait for someone else to organize and carry out a food drive – you do it. God will bless you and you can think about something other than the gloomy Oregon winter weather.

Last Grange Mutual Insurance President Passes Away

Philip R. Yount, a 20+ year member of the Oregon State Grange, passed away November 11, 2014 peacefully at his home in Tigard. Brother Phil first joined the Grange at Tigard #148 in October 1992 and in 2000 was a charter member of Fanno Creek Grange #962, the latest Grange organized in Oregon. At the time of his death he was a life member of the Oregon State Grange.



He was born February 7, 1937, in Grinnell, Iowa and graduated as valedictorian of Brooklyn High School in 1955 and then from Parsons College with a degree in business. He joined Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance, first as a data processor and ultimately serving as president of the company. In 1956, Phil married Mary White and was blessed with three children, Jo, Mary Beth and Douglas. In 1989, Phil married his wife, Donna.

In 1992 Phil accepted a job with Grange Mutual Insurance Company and moved to Oregon. In 1997 he was promoted to President and CEO, retiring from the company when it closed in 2002. In January 2004 he was selected to fill the District 35 vacancy in the Oregon House of Representatives and served through the general election that fall.

As a member of Tigard Grange he served as Master, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee member. He also served as Secretary at Fanno Creek and from 2006-2012 he represented District #3 on the State Grange Membership committee. Along with these officer positions, he was Tigard's building caretaker, cleaning, renting and repair manager.

In the letter Julie Schnetzky, Secretary wrote on behalf of the Tigard Grange #148 she said "Brother Phil enjoyed his Grange family and taking care of our building. We will miss his persistence to ,get the job done right', his guidance, fellowship and friendship."

In addition to Grange, Phil was a devoted member of the Beaverton Nazarene Church, serving on the Board, participating in mission trips to Ukraine, Chile and elsewhere and donating countless hours to the church and its community.

Brother Phil is survived by his wife, Sister Donna; daughters, Jo Pearson and Mary Beth (Gerald) Mueller; three stepdaughters; a brother; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Douglas in June 2012; a sister; and his parents. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 16, 2014, at Beaverton Nazarene Church. Donations may be made in Phil's memory to the Beaverton Nazarene Church for future distribution to charitable causes, or to a charity of your choice.



In Memoriam

Frank Faught
Barlow Gate Grange #157

Jean Coffman
Clarkes Grange #261

Gerald Marshall
Clarkes Grange #261

Marvel McConnett
Dorena Grange #835

Betty Jones
Eagle Valley Grange #656

Frieda Obrist
Fairview Grange #273

Stephan Swartz
Harding Grange #122

Leona Speelman
New Bridge Grange #789

Mary Jo Grider
Olney Grange #793

June Tallman
Rickreall Grange #671

Charles Case
Rogue Grange #767

Edith Hoffman
Sunnyside Grange #842

Philip Richard Yount
Tigard Grange #148

Martin Larson
Walterville Grange #416

Laura Olson
Walterville Grange #416

Marjorie Wold
Washington Grange #313

Ella Mae Wroe
Washington Grange #313

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.

Community Involvement



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Community Service and Involvement Director
Oregon State Grange

Dear Grangers,

As your new Community Service-Involvement Director, I will be making a few changes to Oregon's program to bring it into line with the National Grange guidelines. The new Community Service program and **revised forms** were sent to your Grange Secretary in December. You can also go online to www.orgrange.org/community-service-involvement/ to print the revised forms.

What are the needs in your community? The area each Grange serves has different needs, but our purpose is the same "To give back to our community." I am a full-time volunteer in my community, and I am excited to help promote our Community Service projects and the benefits of serving others. Grangers have a long and proud history of making things happen.

The **Semi-Annual Report** will be discontinued. This report collects good information if your Grange wants to track your individual contributions, but this data is not needed at the state level. Therefore, it will no longer be required from each Grange.

The **Annual Community Service Report** is very important. The Oregon State Grange receives prize money (\$250) from the National Grange, IF 25% of Granges send in their report. Therefore, all Granges are strongly encouraged to participate. A **copy** of this report goes in your Yearbook and will be judged at the State session. All participating Granges will receive a recognition certificate for their Annual Report and Yearbook. The first place winner of the **Community Service Yearbook** will be sent to National Grange. The book should include pictures, documentation and/or news articles showing your Grange projects. You may have one large project or many small ones, but your interaction in your community will let people know that "you are the Grange."

For the **Volunteer of the Year** program your Subordinate Grange will mail the nomination to the Director (me) for judging. In the

past, the forms went to the Pomona Grange for review before being sent to the Director, but with fewer Pomona Granges, we have taken that step out.

In the past nominations for **Community Recognition Awards** were sent to the State Director, but this program should be your recognition of your local firemen, policemen, teachers, or first responders in your area. Your Grange should recognize more than one person from your community at several different events. Pictures of the event should be taken and submitted to your local newspaper and/or Grange Bulletin. One of the National Grange judging criteria for the Annual Report and Yearbook is publicity of Community Service projects.

The **Annual Food Bank Drive** will also be changing. Rather than transporting items to the State Grange Convention, your Grange should donate money or food to your local food bank and log the donations on the Annual Community Service Report as one of your projects. The Grange with the highest donations logged on their Annual Report will be recognized at the State Grange Convention.

I hope that you plan to attend the District Conference in your area. I look forward to answering your questions about these changes and discussing projects your Grange can do to make an impact in your community.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce my new Community Service District Leaders:

District 1: **open**

(Please contact me if you are interested in helping from District 1)

District 2: Lil Thompson
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District 3: Rosalea Peters
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District 4: Kathy Assad
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District 5: Louise Holst
Midland Grange

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District 6: Glenabell Lewis
Missouri Flat Grange

Salmon River Grange Had Been Busy

Fall has been very busy for Salmon River Grange #516. They distributed seventeen Thanksgiving food boxes to low income families, complete with turkey, ham, and all the trimmings. Overseer Lyle Vance oversaw this very much appreciated project. In December there were two Christmas potlucks, one for the bingo players and another for Grange members and families.

Friday evenings are family night where member Valerie James brings her karaoke machine to the Grange hall. Members and friends sing and dance to Country, Christmas or

other songs. She has thousands of songs. Additionally, the hall is busy one morning and one afternoon a week when member Sandra Hachtel gives yoga instruction.

Hall maintenance is always on the "to do" list. The office ceiling was repaired and new sheetrock, paint and carpet installed. The back room is slated for the same treatment. Lyle and Barbara Vance volunteered to manage a Thrift Store in that room to raise money for more repair projects and to fund some start-up youth programs.

Leedy Grange Collects Items for the Sunshine Pantry In Beaverton

Leedy Grange #339 in Washington County has been manning a booth at Cedar Mill Farmers' Market. While at the booth they collect school supplies, sundries (like toilet paper), canned food, and fresh Farmer's Market produce to benefit the Sunshine Pantry.

The Sunshine Pantry provides food, amenities, housewares and clothing to people struggling within Beaverton, Tigard, Hillsboro, and Forest Grove areas. The Farmers' Market opens each year on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend and runs through the end of October.



Rosalea Peters and Virginia Bruce working at the Grange booth at the Cedar Mill Farmers' Market.

London Grange #937 Presents Four Golden Sheaf Awards

At their annual Thanksgiving Open House Potluck and 60th Anniversary Celebration, Dennis Chapman, 62 year Grange member, Milan Chapman, 58 year Grange member, Carole Chapman 50 year Grange member and Leslie Chapman 50

year Grange member were presented Golden Sheaf Awards. Together they represent 220 years of Grange membership. There are currently three generations of the Chapman family in London Grange.



l-r Dennis Chapman, Leslie Chapman, Carole Chapman and Milan Chapman.



First Four Degree Team Members Need for State Session

Brothers and Sisters,

The Worthy Master has asked if I would oversee the degree teams that will demonstrate the four degrees at the State Grange Session. I am asking for volunteers to be part of these teams.

Team members will need to memorize their parts and be willing to take part in one practice. The reason for memorization is simply that there are three goals for our degree work this June.

First is to effectively communicate the lessons of life that are contained within the words of the various charges. Often the officer will gain a deeper understanding through their effort that exceeds the benefit to the candidate.

Second is that the conferral of the degrees is a performance, where body language, expression, and various symbolic items combine to make the candidate a participant in the degree.

Third, the officers of this degree conferral will serve as examples to their fellow members and may in the future become advisors and teachers to other Granges seeking to confer one or more degrees.

At this point it appears that we will attempt to form two teams, a first and second degree team and a third and fourth team. To facilitate travel, the 1st & 2nd team will likely hold their one practice in the Lane County area and the 3rd & 4th team will meet for their practice in Clackamas County.

Any member wishing to participate on a team needs to contact me. Please let me know what part you wish to do. Those wishing to only do one degree will be considered as well. For those who wish to participate, but do not want to memorize a part, there are several parts that are needed which do not require a speaking part.

The first four degrees of the Grange set the stage for what we experience of Grange culture. It is exciting to have the opportunity to be a part of the conferral of the degrees in Pendleton this June. The chance to participate in the four degrees on Sunday and then witness the fifth and sixth degrees on Wednesday is wonderful.

To volunteer to serve on one of these degree teams, please contact me. List your preferences for degrees and officer positions. Please encourage any of your fellow members, who you believe would be willing to learn about our Grange ritual, to participate . No experience is needed, only the willingness to learn.

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Fraternally Yours,



Ed Luttrell



UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS				
<i>Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determind and/or changed.</i>				
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place	
Baker #24	May 2	10:30 AM	New Bridge #789	
Benton #36	April 18	10:30 AM	TBA	
Clackamas #1	February 28	6:00 PM	Milwaukie #268	
Columbia #18	May 2	10:00 AM	Deer Island #947	
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30	April 25	10:00 AM	Ada #570	
Deschutes #25	February 14	10:00 AM	Little Deschutes #939	
Douglas #13	April 25	6:00 PM	Riversdale #731	
Jackson #27	March 14	10:00 AM	TBA	
Josephine #20	May 30	10:00 AM	Deer Creek #371	
Lane #14	April 11	10:00 AM	Central #360	
Lincoln #10	February 21	10:30 AM	Sunnyridge #898	
Linn #12	April 11	10:00 AM	Santiam Valley #828	
Marion #4	April 18	10:00 AM	Macleay #293	
Multnomah #15			TBA	
Polk #3	April 18	10:00 AM	Rickreall #671	
Tillamook #9	April 18	10:30 AM	TBA	
Umatilla #26	February 28	10:30 AM	Columbia #867	
Wallowa #22	April 11	10:00 AM	Hurricane Creek #608	
Washington-Yamhill #2	April 25	10:00 AM	Aloha #773	

Hotels and RV Parks for State Con-vention June 29-July 3 in Pendleton

Hotels/Motels	Room Type/ Rate	Pool	Pets	Cont'l Breakfast	Wifi	Notes
America's Best Value Inn 541-276-1400 www.americasbestvalueinn.com		outdoor	yes	yes	yes	3 blocks off Main Street
Best Western Plus 541-276-2135 www.bestwestern.com		outdoor	yes	yes		Just off I-84 at exit 210
Econo Lodge 541-276-8654 www.econolodge.com/			yes			Just off I-84 at exit 210 - Kitchenettes available, microwave & fridge in room.
Hampton Inn 541-276-3500 www.pendletonhi.com		indoor		yes		Just off I-84 at exit 210 - Pendleton's newest hotel
Holiday Inn Express 541-966-6520 www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/	\$109.95 + Tax	indoor	pet	yes		Just off I-84 at exit 210 - In room fridge & microwave, coffeemaker
Knight's Inn 541-276-3231 www.knightsinn.com	1 Queen \$59.00 2 Beds \$69.00		yes	yes	yes	1 block off Main Street Attached to Stetson's House of Prime,
Motel 6 541-276-3160 www.motel6.com	\$49.99 + Tax	outdoor	yes			Just off I-84 at exit 210 Kids stay free, microwave & fridge in room. Laundry facility
Oxford Suites Pendleton 541-276-6000 www.oxfordsuitespendleton.com	King- \$111.00 2-Queens \$114.00 Exec King \$114.00 Ox. King \$130.00	indoor	yes	yes	yes	Closest to Convention Center, take exit 209. Free Manager's Reception which includes Soup, Salad and 2 free beer, wine or soda of choice (every night except Sunday). Microwave and fridge, Exercise room, laundry facility.
Pillars Motel 541-276-6241						Located on the east end of city limits. Close to hospital.
Red Lion 541-276-6111 www.redlion.com/pendleton		outdoor	yes		yes	Directly off I-84 at exit 210.
Relax Inn 541-276-3293			yes	yes	yes	3 blocks from Main Street Newly remodeled, in room coffee maker, microwave & fridge
Rugged Country Lodge 541-966-6800 www.ruggedcountrylodge.com			yes	yes	yes	East edge of town by hospital - Completely remodeled with Pendleton Wool accents and down bedding.
Super8 Motel 800-800-8000 www.super8.com		indoor	yes	yes		Just off I-84 at exit 210
Traveler's Inn 541-276-6231 http://pendletontravelersinn.com/		outdoor	yes	yes		3 blocks off Main Street
Travelodge 541-276-7531 www.travelodge.com			yes	yes	yes	4 blocks off Main Street - All rooms have microwave & fridge.
Bed & Breakfasts						
NEIGH-bors Horse Motel Bed & Breakfast 541-276-6737		Just on the West edge of Pendleton this newly built barn, with the horses downstairs (or in the field) and you upstairs. Small apartment has kitchen, bath, bed & living room. Breakfast provided. Pet friendly.				
The Pendleton House Bed & Breakfast 541-276-8581 http://www.pendletonhousebnb.com/		1 block to downtown. Pet friendly. Offers sumptuous full breakfast with Starbucks coffee and evening wine & cheese.				
The Riverwalk Bed and Breakfast 541-377-9470		1 block to downtown. Full breakfast and light refreshments in the afternoon. Personalized menus available.				
RV's						
Pendleton Convention Center RV Parking	\$18 per night	100+ spaces available on site, electricity hook ups only, no reservations needed. Sewer pump outs availale for \$25.00. Showers available in Convention Center. For more info contact: Derrell Witty c6witt@eoni.com 541.426.3039				
The Lookout RV Park 541-276-6014 www.goodsamcamping.com		Just off I-84 at exit 207. All pull-throughs. Full hook-ups. Daily, weekly, monthly rates. 20-30-40 amp service. Private bathrooms, laundry facility.				
Pendleton KOA 541-276-1041 http://koa.com/campgrounds/pendleton/		Off I-84 at exit 210. 100 spaces. Daily, weekly, monthly rates. Laundry & showers. Full hook-ups. Tent camping.				



Skyline Grange Plans a B u s y Spring

Skyline Grange #894 may be small, but they are an energetic part of their semi-rural community and they are off and running with their annual spring events. First up is the Pancakes, Etc. Brunch on Sunday, February 22, serving from 9:30-11:30am.

Their 12th annual spring Garage Sale is Friday, March 13 from 9am to 7pm and Saturday, March 14 from 9am-5pm. The sale includes items donated by 35-40 local households. Sale items include everything from practical to the zany.

And do not miss their 10th Tree & Native Plant Sale on Friday and Saturday, April 3-4, 9am-5pm. All stock comes from licensed nurseries.

They strive for quantity and quality at reasonable prices. The bare root section includes fruit-bearing trees, shade trees, and ornamental shrubs and trees- all compatible with the 'wet' side of Oregon. In the native section you will find a large selection of forbs, shrubs and trees that can either be pre-ordered or bought during the sale.

For more information about these events or to get a Native Plant pre-order form, email skylinegrange894@msn.com.

When you come, bring some non-perishable food items for the Oregon Food Bank collection box. Skyline Grange is located at 11275 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland, OR 97231.

Warren Grange Host Holiday Event

Warren Grange partnered with the Columbia River Fire and Rescue to host a South Columbia County Koffee Klatsch, on November 21st, to kick off the holiday season. The Chamber sponsors an hour coffee and snacks for the local business twice a month. Sixty Chamber members were in attendance and shared their business activities and

community involvement. The local St. Helens band (about 65 high school kids) played Christmas music and promoted their band fundraising activities. The fire department promoted their annual "Toy and Joy" activities, "The Raindeer Run" and the "Food Bank Drive" which the Grange helps to support.



L-R: Merle (Santa) Pence; Eva Frost, Warren Master; Linda McDougale, Chamber President; Jay Tappen, CRFR Chief.

White Clover Grange #784 Holds Christmas Bazaar



The 2014 Christmas Baazar at White Clover Grange Hall is a community Christmas celebration for residents of Tillamook county.

Farm merchants and local crafters helped folks prepare for the holiday season. For many it is a time to see old friends and meet new ones. The benefit sausage luncheon sold out and pies aplenty found new homes.

Kay Stolz of Manzanita won the leg of lamb raffle donated by Lances' Farm Fresh Vittles...Kay promised to share!

Tillamook Co. Cultural Coalition Awards \$8,000 for Local Projects

White Clover Grange One of the Recipients

TILLAMOOK, Ore. – The Tillamook County Cultural Coalition recently announce its 2015 grant recipients, all of whom shared about \$8,000 in available funds.

TCCC Board members said that with 12 grant applications requesting more than \$22,000, selection was a daunting process. The seven approved applications went to the following local organizations and projects:

- Tillamook Junior High School Permanent Mosaic "Welcome" installation was awarded \$1000.00 to assist in this project.
- Community Action Team, Inc. – Tillamook Head Start was awarded \$1000.00 to assist in the "Music Together in Head Start" program.
- Nesko Women's Club was awarded \$900 to assist in its 90th Anniversary Celebration and printing of a historical booklet.
- White Clover Grange was awarded \$1500 to assist in a

historical photo display of the Grange.

- Christine Harrison, Beth Hope, Connie Vincent, Bruce Vincent and Dennis Worrel were awarded \$1400 to assist in a summer Pop-Up Show for an art show/fundraiser.
- The Pacific City Dorymen's Association was awarded \$1500 to assist in purchasing a traveling copy of "Launching through the Surf: The Dory Fleet of Pacific City Exhibit."
- Tillamook Association for the Performing Arts – TAPA was awarded \$1000 to assist in its marquee renovation project.

Grant awards are made possible with funds from The Oregon Cultural Trust. The Tillamook County Cultural Coalition is one of 45 county and tribal coalitions. It is made up of a volunteer board which funds local education, community arts, heritage, environment and traditions projects that meet the TCCC's established criteria.

White Clover Grange's Plans for Grant

White Clover Grange's project is to preserve the history of the Grange and the surrounding areas farming industry. The project has four goals: to create a permanent photo display in the White Clover Grange Hall, to create a portable display and present it at local venues, to produce oral histories of Grange members, archived in digital and print form and to create a one page history handout to accompany displays.

Photographer and oral historian Travis Williams, assisted by White Clover Grange volunteers, will be seeking photos of the White Clover Grange history (1897- present), the Grange Hall, built in 1921, and associated farming history. Williams will create a permanent photo display for the Grange Hall as well as a portable display for presentations to the community. Williams and volunteers will produce oral histories of Grange members to be archived at the Grange and at the Nehalem Valley Historical Society. This

project synthesizes photos and information currently dispersed, much of it held in private homes and individual memories, and makes it available in an attractive and durable form to local residents, school children and visitors. Educating the community about North County farming heritage, particularly the central role of the Grange in that earlier life, provides a firm basis for maintaining a healthy agricultural economy.

The audience to be served by this project include residents and visitors of all ages and occupations who attend events at the White Clover Grange such as the Holiday Bazaar, dances, 4-H events, weddings, family reunions, memorials, and meetings of homeowners groups and conservation organizations. The community may view the Grange presentation at the Manzanita Farmers Market, the Tillamook County Fair, community groups and local schools.



Karen Ellis, with her grandchildren, from Bay City won the Christmas Quilt raffle.

OSG Executive Committee Minutes - October 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on the above date by Master Susan Noah with Overseer Celia Luttrell, Secretary Phyllis Wilson and Executive Committee members Malcolm Trupp and Don Sether in attendance. Absent was Roger Wilson. A quorum was declared. The opening prayer was led by the Secretary.

MINUTES: Malcolm moved, Don 2nd to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2014 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Current Reports – Reports are essentially completed through July. Celia has been concentrating on the investment account transfers.

Membership Reports – With figures compiled by staff member Jan Oleson, the reports covered various membership totals such as affiliate members and family plans, Granges with delinquent quarterly reports, loans & notes receivable and dormant Grange expenses. The report showed 176 Granges at the end of the 3rd Quarter and 19 Pomonas.

Moss Adams Investments Update – Scott Barker from Moss Adams Wealth Advisors joined us and provided information on the transfer of our assets into Charles Schwab. There was discussion on realized and unrealized gains and losses.

Audit – Moss Adams is almost finished with this audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bandon Grange – Reorganized July 15th with 15 people. Phyllis will mentor for one (1) year.

Lexington - Reorganized July 10th with 22 people. Making improvements to building and parking lot. Clarann and Derrell Witty will mentor for one (1) year.

Rockford Grange – The building now belongs to the Grange and there is a 99- year grounds lease. Attorney fees total \$8,573 with Rockford asking OSG to assume 50% of the total owing. Malcolm moved to pay up to 50% of the \$8,573 attorney fees through September 30, 2014. Don 2nd. Motion carried. Funds to come from legal fees in the operating budget.

Recess from 12:10 to 12:55 for lunch

NEW BUSINESS:

Idaho State Session – Susan will attend as the National Grange rep.

Matching Grant Awards – Ten Granges were chosen for grants with the committee recommending two (2) additional Grange applications be approved. \$50,000 had been set aside for grant funding, and adding but only \$32,000 will be needed for the ten. There were 25 applications submitted.

Applicants selected included:

Grange:	Grant Amount:	Work to be Done:
1. Illinois Valley	\$4,999.41	Exterior repairs, roof, wheelchair ramp, emergency exit
2. Eagle Valley	\$2,158.00	Replace 20-year-old picnic tables for Grange park
3. Rockford	\$4,989.18	Exterior re-painting, exit railings, handicap ramp, first floor lighting upgrading
4. Fairview	\$2,200.00	Parking lot, landscaping, signage
5. Pacific	\$4,251.00	Replace damaged windows in restrooms, entry room, porch, new toilets, ramp
6. Silverton	\$1,219.00	Face lift to interior, new fire extinguishers, kitchen work
7. Elkhorn	\$5,000.00	Roofing, repair siding, insulate attic
8. Lorane	\$5,000.00	Replace rusted and failing metal roof
9. Hurricane Creek	\$1,750.00	Beautification project, gravel parking lot, front porch
10. Greenacres	\$2,020.00	New windows, replace dry rot
The committee recommended adding:		
White Clover	\$5,000.00	Re-roof ½ of worn composition roof
Junction City	\$5,000.00	New roof

Malcolm moved to accept the committee’s recommendation for the ten (10) Granges. Celia 2nd. Motion carried. Don moved to accept the two (2) additional applications, Malcolm 2nd. Motion carried.

American Income Life – A letter, dated June 16, 2014, had been received from Forest Grove Grange member Jami Duyck expressing concerns with the experiences they had with American Income Life. Susan has discussed these concerns with the company agent.

Sunnyridge Grange Sale Request – In a letter received at the office on September 24th, members were requesting permission to sell the Grange

property as they can no longer maintain the property and building. They have received a purchase offer of \$35,000. Susan sent them a letter explaining the procedures for selling Grange property and asked that someone from their Grange attend today’s meeting. There was no response. Don offered to check out the property in about two (2) weeks.

Bellview Grange – Don moved to accept a request from its Trust Fund in the amount of \$3,189 to reimburse the Grange for work already completed. Malcolm 2nd. Motion carried. The work included excavation work underneath the building for easy access to plumbing and maintenance to the HVAC system.

Listing of Dormant Grange Properties – Don moved, Malcolm 2nd to accept the recommendation of the Master to list Carver Mountain, Highland, Elk City, Mud Springs and Crowfoot with a real estate firm. Motion carried.

Youth Co-Directors – Scot and Clare Jacobson have been appointed to these positions.

Community Service Director – Pat Heard has resigned.

Phoenix Grange Request – The Grange is requesting approval of a “Master Plan Construction Agreement” with the Phoenix Urban Renewal Agency. The Grange has applied for a grant to upgrade the exterior of its hall and the agreement is a requirement. Malcolm moved to approve the agreement between the Phoenix Urban Renewal Agency and Phoenix Grange. Don 2nd. Motion carried.

Transfer of Money for Working Capital - \$25,000 was transferred into the OSG checking account on September 26th from an investment account.

National Grange Appeal to Granges – Granges have been sent letters from National Grange asking for donations to help with legal fees for trademark protection and challenges facing National Grange due to an ongoing situation with California State Grange. Don moved to donate \$3,000. Malcolm 2nd. Motion carried.

By-Law Changes Regarding State Officer Voting – Discussion centered on a resolution approved at State Session which would eliminate the primary preferential election of state officers. The Secretary mentioned that the definition of a family membership in our current by-laws is not the same as the definition in the National Digest. We use the words “husband and wife” whereas the Digest uses the word “couple”. Susan will contact the National Master as to whether or not the Executive Committee can go ahead and make this change.

2015 Calendar of Events – The Communications Team is partnering with directors to compile an OSG 2015 calendar of events and presented a written proposal today for consideration. Don moved to accept the proposal to purchase 200 calendars with money to come from the Leadership/Membership Fund. Malcolm 2nd. Motion carried. Each Grange will receive a calendar and others will be available at \$5 each.

Redesigning the Program & Activities Guide – The current guide includes contests and programs. Directors want two (2) separate documents. The “program” document will be entitled “Get Involved” and would last more than one (1) year and could be used as a membership recruitment tool. The “contest” document would be reformatted and sent out the first year to every member and, possibly, a few to each Grange. Don moved to accept this proposal with the money to come from the Leadership/ Membership Fund. Malcolm 2nd. Motion carried.

Jan’s Office Computer – Don moved to have her computer upgraded as necessary. Malcolm 2nd. Motion carried.

Request from OSG Flora – Sister Cookie Trupp asked that OSG pay for the cost of the new gowns and then have the individual lady officers repay OSG. General consensus of the group was to allow this practice if needed.

Purchase and Sale Agreement Between Property Owned by Boring-Damascus Grange and Metro – It was emphasized that this is not the property on which the hall is located. Metro’s Natural Area Programs has approached the Grange to purchase approximately three (3) acres of property at a price of \$185,000. Notice was given to members of a special meeting held this past October 3rd regarding this offer. Malcolm moved to approve the sale of the property to Metro for \$185,000. Don 2nd. Motion carried with Celia abstaining from the vote.

Incorporation Status of Granges – About half of the Granges which had lost their corporation status are now up-to-date. Letters will be sent to those needing attention.

DECISIONS MADE BY E-MAIL:

- Authorization to allow Springwater to accept an offer of \$125,000 on the Colton Foothills building.
- Decision to allow Springwater to explore the idea of carrying the contract on Colton Foothills, making sure they received input from attorney on any possible drawbacks.
- Permission to allow Phoenix Grange to use some of its trust funds to apply for a matching grant from the Phoenix Urban Renewal Agency.
- Permission for Lexington to withdraw \$5,648.52 from its trust

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fund for various projects.

- Permission for Lexington to withdraw \$165.00 from its trust funds to purchase new manuals.
- Decision to purchase new brochures and rip cards with payment coming from the Leadership/Membership Fund.
- Permission for Sandlake to withdraw \$1,797.98 for windows and gutters/downspouts.
- Re-authorization of the loan to National Grange and agreement to the promissory note.

MASTER'S REPORT:

Columbia (Multnomah County) – Susan has heard rumors about the possibility of this Grange closing. Kitty Thomas, who is serving as Multnomah County deputy, will follow-up on this.

Bellyview – Received a call about sponsorship of plays in the hall and if the Grange would be liable for any unpaid bills. Our attorney was contacted and said that an agreement must be in place.

Dorena – The BLM office in Lane County wishes to purchase a small strip of the property. Paperwork will be forthcoming.

Elmira – Delinquent in dues and loan payments. A new member might bring some energy into this Grange.

Goshen – Neighbor wants tree that is close to property line removed for his fence. Our attorney has been in contact with neighbor's attorney.

North Fork – Title report received. Still not conclusive about water rights. Attorney has been provided with name and address of person who granted the rights.

Roxy Ann – Declared dormant. Carol Everman has been down there to pick up charter and other items. Many want to rent the hall.

Southfork – Our attorney and their attorney have been in contact with one another. Our attorney waiting to hear back from their attorney.

Multnomah Pomona – Reorganization/revitalization meeting scheduled from 1:30 to 3:30 October 26th at Rockwood Grange.

Jasper – Settled for \$60,000 to \$65,000 with the Grange's insurance company having to pay ½ of this amount. Settlement down from the \$7 million originally requested.

Retreat in Spring – Possible Lecturer's retreat or maybe a retreat for whoever wants to attend. Lecture programs, writing resolutions, legislature, fund raising, membership, social events. Maybe in early March. Camp sites being checked on.

OFFICER/DEPUTY REPORTS:

Carol Everman – In a written report dated September 13, Carol provided the following information:

- Greenfield – will attend November meeting
- Gold Hill – Neighbors using parking. Lots of keys – some work, some don't.
- Roxy Ann – Considering doing a neighborhood survey
- Pine Forest – Might move to an evening meeting. Hall was rented 14 days in Sept.
- Wickiup – Joint meeting of Wickiup and Brownsmead. Confusion on times and days of meetings.

Derrell Witty – In a written report dated October 11th, Derrell provided the following information.

- Hurricane Creek applied for a TNC LOP tag for next hunting season and will be selling raffle tickets on an elk tag.
- North End – 2 new members.
- South Fork – Seeking land for a new hall
- Liberty – will attend November meeting
- Elkhorn – New windows upstairs. A renter is helping with work on the hall. Great community support on fund raisers
- Vale – no change
- Lexington – 5 new members at last meeting.

Malcolm Trupp – Real estate agent receives about one inquiry each month. One caller wanted to know about a zone change and was referred to Lane County Planning Dept.

Phyllis Wilson – Water source situation with neighboring sportsmen's club. Bandon will work on a vision/mission statement focusing on youth (food, gardens, cooking, nutrition).

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The January, 2015 meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, the 17th.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis A Wilson, Secretary



2014 National Grange Communications Fellows monkeying around before the delegates arrived in Sandusky, Ohio.

DCI Communications Fellows Cover National Grange Session

In the December issue of the Bulletin and again in this issue you have seen articles written by people identifying themselves as DCI Communications Fellows. What is a Communications Fellow you might ask? They are Grangers from around the nation that covered events, wrote stories and took photos of newsworthy events at the annual session of the National Grange.

This year's Fellows team was made up of five Grangers from across the country. They were nominated by their State Master and if they made the cut filled out an application in August. The application asked for a person's contact information, Grange and communications background as well as what communications equipment they could bring with them. Additionally, an applicant was asked to write a couple essays: question one was "Who is your favorite person in the Grange and why?" The second was "What is most important to you to get out of this program?" so the National Grange Communications Director could see a sample of the applicant's writing. Your editor was fortunate to be selected as one of the fellows for the 148th Annual Session of the National Grange.

This year's Communications Fellows team members were Debbie Gegare of Wisconsin, Karie Blasingame of Illinois, Christopher Szkutak of Massachusetts, Suzy Ramm of Oregon and Lindsay Schroeder of Pennsylvania. They covered everything going on Grange wise at the convention site; committee meetings, the session where the setting of Grange policy for the next year happened to celebrating the accomplishments of Granges and Grange members, the team worked hard long into the night documenting

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There were so many different stories that deserved to be covered during the week, according to Amanda Brozana, this year's communications fellow's coordinator and past Communications Director of the National Grange. "The communications fellows are essential in crafting the stories, taking photos and assisting with the digital messaging of the National Grange this week," Amanda added.

In addition to producing a daily newsletter for the delegates and members attending the session and maintaining a constant stream of information on the National Grange Facebook page, the stories and pictures were made available to State Granges to publish in their own newspapers and newsletters and on their websites when they got home from convention.

Each year grants are applied for to fund the team. This year's fellow's team was sponsored by the DCI Group. DCI is an independently-owned public affairs organization based in Washington, DC. They work with a variety of organizations to tackle policy and communication challenges. This organization has also had a long-standing relationship with the National Grange, supporting many different Grange programs.

This was the first time a Communications Fellows was selected from Oregon to and other Oregon Grangers should take advantage of this program in the coming years. Let State Master Susan know if you are interested in applying for a future team.

2014 DCI Communications Fellows team l-r: Amanda Brozana, Communications Fellow's coordinator, Bryan Marchefsky, National Grange Communications Manager, Christopher Szkutak, Debbie Gegare, Suzy Ramm, Karie Blasingame and Lindsay Schroeder were recognized at the Saturday evening banquet.

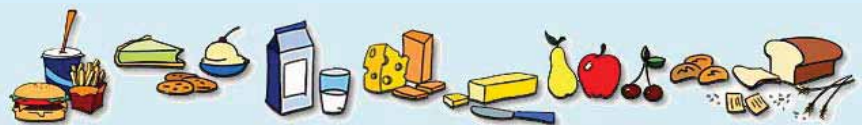


Midland Grange Supports Food Bank

As part of the Midland Grange #781 Community Service program \$350.00 was collected for the Klamath Lake County Food Bank. The donation was made just before Christmas. With that amount of money the Food Bank is able to buy 3,500 pounds of food for people in need. Midland Grange also made a \$50.00 donation to the Herald and News Senior Christmas Party. The local newspaper sponsors parties for those in Senior Living facilities. Gifts are given to the residents during the Christmas parties.



Dennis Pickerill (L), Treasurer of Midland Grange presents Dave Sampson of the Klamath Lake Food Bank with the check for \$350.



Sunnyside Grange #842 Honors Members for Years of Service

Sunnyside Grange honored several of their members for their many years of service to the organization at their November meeting. National Master, Brother Ed Luttrell was on hand and presented the awards.

Lou Hekking received his Silver Star for 25 years. Getting 40 year seals were Martie Erwin, Kathy Hekking, Jeanie Force, Sandi Ludi, Bob Ludi and Allan Mackey. Also getting 40 year seals but unable to attend were Bob Force and Cheryl Carmin. Lee Schneider received his 60 year seal as did Robert Hatz who was unable to attend.



National Master Ed Luttrell presented Lee Schneider with his 60th years of membership award.



l-r National Master Ed Luttrell, Martie Erwin, Kathy Hekking, Jeanie Force, Lou Hekking, Sandi Ludi, Bob Ludi, Lee Schneider and Allan Mackey



Marys River Grange Hall Reaches 80 Years

Marys River Grange #685, in Philomath, Benton County, will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the completion of their hall this July. Chartered in 1927, the Grange started building the hall a few years later on donated land, completing the project in 1935. Originally built with log walls, some design features resulted in structural rot that required substantial re-construction. Removal of three gables, relocation of the main entrance, addition of bathrooms, kitchen, and junior room, have resulted in today's hall floorplan. The Grange will announce an open house and anniversary celebration for later this year.

Valentine's Dance for the Family



Valentine crafts for the Children

Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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