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National Grange Legislative Director to Attend State Convention

J. Burton Eller, Legislative Director of the National Grange will be the National Representative to the 2015 Oregon State Grange Annual Convention.

Brother Eller joined the National Grange staff in September 2014. He is a strategic counselor to the agricultural community, where he has represented private, corporate and trade association groups in their legislative and regulatory initiatives and advocacy efforts. He has a career-long involvement in the development of grassroots advocacy. Taking a long view of US agricultural policy, Mr. Eller has a deep passion for protecting the grassroots landowner and producer. From his personal history as an owner of a family farm to his tenure serving as the Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Mr. Eller has been a staunch champion of the agricultural community's right to operate in a free market climate. He believes that when private business entrepreneurs are allowed to thrive in a deregulated environment, they will be outstanding examples in their stewardship of natural resources.

Chief among Burton's priorities is protecting rural America from government overregulation. Examples of this include safeguarding private property rights, ensuring open channels for entrepreneurship, and relieving the burden of estate taxes which endanger the future of family-owned land, farms and small businesses. His successes include twice raising the estate tax exemption level; securing legislation requiring imported meat inspection equivalency to US standards; establishing the Beef Check-Off for research, marketing and promotion of beef products; and facilitating the acceptance of



electronic grading of beef.

Mr. Eller has a distinguished career in the trade association, lobbying and government sectors. His most recent positions include: Managing Partner, Burton Eller Associates; Senior Vice President for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Deputy Under Secretary for the US Department of Agriculture; Director at the Farm Service Agency; President and CEO at the Textile Rental Services Association of America and a Senior Government Relations Counsel at McLeod, Watkinson & Miller. Mr. Eller holds a Masters in Physiology and a Bachelor in Animal Science from Virginia Tech.

He joined Potomac Grange #1 which meets at the National Grange headquarters. And while he doesn't have a long history with the Grange, his "parents met at a corn judging contest sponsored by the local Grange" in Atkins, Virginia. His dad "won the contest, and the girl." He operates a farm in southwest Virginia that has been in his family since 1868 and over the years has been very diversified in its production. It is currently in grass, hay and beef cattle. The farm contains a lot of steep terrain and is not really feasible for cultivated crops. This will be his first visit to the Oregon State Grange.

"The Real Grange Meets the Real West"

District 6 is ready to welcome you to Pendleton for the 142nd Annual Session of the Oregon State Grange June 29 - July 3rd at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Check out pages 9-12 for a full schedule of events including the State Junior Grange schedule. We are expecting several visitors this year in addition to the official National Rep; these include Bill and Lillian Booth from California (see page 12 for more details) and Idaho State Master Don Heikkila.

Idaho to Host Western Regional Grange Leadership Conference

The 2015 Western Regional Grange Leadership conference will be held in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho July 31, August 1 and 2. The majority of the event will be held at Camp Lutherhaven with both opening and closing activities at the Mica Flats Grange Hall.

Several workshops will be offered; presenters include Charlene Espenshade, National Grange Youth Director; Michael Martin, National Membership Director; T. J. Malaskee, Cultural Historian with the Minnesota Historical Society and Overseer of the Minnesota State Grange and Cassidy Cheddar, National Grange Youth Ambassador.

Saturday evening will include the Regional Sign-a-Song and Public Speaking Contests as well as a drill presentation by western regional youth.

Camp activities will also take place including swimming, the challenge course and volleyball. Canoes and kayaks are available and of course campfire songs and activities around the fire.

For those who have time after the conference, "Art on the Green" and Street Fair will be having its 47th Annual Show at North Idaho College, Coeur d' Alene. The Festival will be open until 5pm on Sunday evening. Attendees are encouraged to participate in this

event as it is very interesting.

See page 14 for complete schedule and registration form. Registrations must be in to the Idaho State Grange by **July 15th**.

Notes for those camping:

Campers should bring bedding and/or sleeping bags, AND pillows, towels, washcloth, soap, shampoo, sunscreen, etc. And perhaps an alarm clock or some other method for waking up early, as cell phones do not work well at this camp. Also, in addition to the cell phone issue, Wi-Fi is not available to everyone in camp, so any of the adults who must stay "connected" may opt to book a hotel room instead of sleeping in a cabin. No pocket knives in camp nor food or drink in the sleeping cabins are allowed. The complete camp is "smoke-free", even in the parking areas.

For those wanting to stay in hotels:

It is very important that those who want to book a hotel, instead of sleeping at camp, MUST do that soon, as all hotel rooms in Coeur d' Alene may fill up for that weekend.

The Idaho State Grange will provide coffee, tea and bottled water all day long at the camp, as well as cookies, etc. for the youth activities both evenings. The same beverages will be served at the two meals at the Grange.

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The Master's Column

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Master ~ Oregon State Grange

Are you getting ready for State Session this month? We certainly are busy in the State office, and I know that District #6 is very busy with the last minute details of hosting a week long convention. This year the district chairs of our standing committees made an effort to attend as many Subordinate meetings as possible in order to encourage each Grange to be represented at our annual convention. I hope each of you took that message to heart and have chosen your delegates. Any decision that is made at State Grange deserves to be examined by all. Please make sure your Grange has a voice and a vote.

Just this last month I finished up with the Master's training sessions around the State. 84 of 176, or slightly less than one half of Subordinate Granges were represented, and 10 Pomona Granges or just over one half of our Pomona Granges were represented. Considering that only 38% of our Subordinates were represented at State Session last year I was very pleased with the response. Of the members present most indicated that they would like to see future trainings of this sort for other officer positions and that will certainly be on the agenda for next year, especially for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. The State Grange has an obligation to provide training and support to our Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges. So thank you to the Ganges who opened their halls and provided a lunch for these sessions. I had a great time traveling to each Grange and meeting new people, and I want to especially thank Sister Marilyn Reiher, webmaster and a member of our communication team who helped with each conference. We both appreciated the hospitality we received at each and every Grange.

The matching grant application process is about to open again for the second year. I am still so excited by this program and hope that it will continue on for many years. There have been a few tweaks to the paperwork but the program itself remains largely unchanged. One misconception last year was that it was only for outside work. The goals of this program have always been to improve the appearance and/or the hall functionality. So if your hall needs a new sewer system in order to be usable that would certainly be considered functionality and so would absolutely qualify for a grant. No matter what issue you are faced with go ahead and apply for one of the grants. Priority will be

given for appearance and hall functionality but other requests will be considered as well. The Executive Committee has also made the decision to fund more than 10 grants as long as the total requested stays under the \$50,000 each year. Last year we were able to fund 12 since several of the grantees requested far less than the maximum of \$5,000 per Grange. Grant information and applications will be mailed to each Grange this month, but they are all currently on the website as well. Grants may be submitted between July 1st and September 15th. The Grant Committee will review them in September and make their recommendations to the Executive Committee by October, and they will be awarded shortly thereafter. Grant recipients will have one year to complete their project. 25 grants were requested the first year and we are already receiving phone calls for this year!

As spring passes into summer and we all get ready for our county fairs and community parades don't forget to advertise your Grange. In a world with readily available posters, banners and flyers make sure you let the community know what's going on at your Grange. Along those lines the State Grange is looking for individuals who are interested in helping to create a new plan for the Log Cabin on the State Fair Grounds. As the fair enters a new phase it's time for us to also. Our little log cabin has been the scene of antique displays, promotional materials, creative demonstrations and many more things. Where do we go from here? So far we have a theme, "Grange - We're in your neighborhood" and a few ideas, but we are always looking for new ways to market our Community Granges.

We are also very close to the 150th birthday of the Grange. I have scheduled a "brainstorming" session on Monday night of the convention to discuss how the Oregon State Grange should plan to celebrate in 2017. This is a big milestone for our organization and calls for a big celebration. Plan on attending the meeting to take part in the discussion. Everyone and all ideas are welcome!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the end of this month in Pendleton, where "The Real Grange meets the Real West!"

"We Appreciate Oregon Agriculture" BBQ Lunch Hosted by OSG

The Oregon State Grange's "We Appreciate Oregon Agriculture" BBQ lunch will be held at the Oregon Capitol on Monday June 22, 2015 from 11:30am - 1:00pm in the Capitol Galleria.

This barbequed steak lunch with all the fixings is served by the Oregon State Grange during each biennial legislative session to members of the legislatur, their staff and the public. The Grange partners in putting on this lunch with agricultural commodity groups including the Oregon Beef Council and the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.



Annual OSG GOLF Tournament Planned!

This year Grangers will be golfing (if you can call it that) at Echo Hills Golf Course, in the historic community of Echo just off I-84 at exit 188. That is about 20 miles west of Pendleton, so anyone who is heading east to convention and cutting it close can just drop off their golfer at the course and head on in to the convention center. Just take exit 188 and turn south.

The cost is \$21 for 18 holes, and carts are available at \$25 for the round (\$12.50 per person). First group tees off at 1pm. Be sure to call Mark Noah at 541 726 6106 or email marknoah00@gmail.com to participate. Walk-ups might be OK but better to be safe than sorry. See you in Umatilla County!

ATTENTION Crow Grange Members!

The Grange is developing an email list to keep you informed about everything that is happening at the Grange. Bingo, music, dances, food events, plays, fundraisers & of course Grange meetings—something is usually happening at Crow Grange and you don't want to miss it!

Stay informed—it's easy! Just email Connie Suing, csuing@Hotmail.com to be added to the list

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Little Deschutes Grange #939 Invites You to the 5th Annual Chicken Coop, Garden & Greenhouse Tour

Once again, the Little Deschutes Grange in La Pine, Oregon is organizing their most productive fund-raiser – The Chicken Coop, Garden, and Greenhouse Tour. They invite you to join them and learn the ways their intrepid gardeners have found to produce food locally, despite severe challenges.

Unlike the Western side of the state, where one can throw a seed into the ground and grow just about anything, Central Oregon is high desert. The “soil” is mostly volcanic ash, practically devoid of nutrients. It can, and often does, freeze any night of the year. So, Central Oregonians can be forgiven for thinking that raising vegetables in their backyards was impossible. This tour has opened their eyes.

They sell booklets for ten dollars per car that include a map to all of the host sites, their descriptions, as well as a raffle form to win either a cold case or a chicken tractor. There are about twenty host sites, and this year the tour will be held for two days, featuring half on Saturday and the other half on Sunday. That way, the hosts will be able to join the tour and see their neighbor’s sites as well. Most of the money generated comes from advertising that is sold inside the booklets.

Ticket holders are able to see all the ways chickens are being cared for, acquaint themselves with the differing breeds, and learn how to enjoy their own eggs and chicken gently raised at home. Some of the hosts also raise

rabbits, goats, turkeys and other exotic birds.

Greenhouses are very helpful for raising cold-sensitive vegetables such as sweet potatoes, melons, tomatoes, pole beans, peppers, and cucumbers. Many of the tour hosts have invented ways to heat their greenhouses with heat sinks made with water, sun-facing brick walls, sunken growing levels and more.

Outdoor gardeners use garden blankets on nights that threaten to freeze, or make hoops with covers to shelter their plants. One has converted two old refrigerators into cold cases that produce all their lettuces and stir-fry greens from May through November. Bush beans, squashes, kale, Swiss Chard, parsnips, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, and peas are all grown successfully outside. Heritage seeds and natural fertilizers, such as compost and horse, chicken and rabbit manures are often used to create healthy, non-GMO organic food. In this time of drought and the escalating cost of food, the Grange knows that growing your own food is becoming more and more important to families.

So, take a look at the tour website www.lapinecoopandgarden.com and come to the Chicken Coop and Garden Tour this August 8th and 9th! Last year close to \$4,000 was raised and was split with the local Habitat for Humanity Re-store. This year they are hoping to do even better.

The Agricultural Report

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Agriculture Director ~ Oregon State Grange

The Agriculture Committee has kept busy with work at the FFA convention in Silverton in March. It was my pleasure to award the Prepared Public Speaking Winners with their trophies. For the 79th year the Oregon State Grange sponsored this contest for the members of Oregon FFA. The winner; Shea Booster of Bend, will speak at the State Grange Session. I attended the FFA session for the first time and was impressed with the attendees and the professionalism and enthusiasm of everyone involved. Our Grange booth was attractive, displaying information and photographs demonstrating the activities of Granges. FFA members were enticed with a free Grange raffle of 4 Wilco Gift Cards over the course of the session, and hundreds of participants signed up.

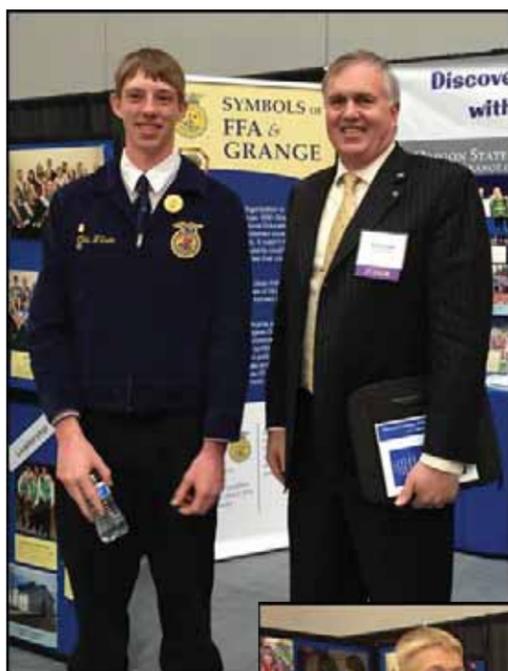
Grangers put in dozens of hours of volunteering at the Oregon AG Fest at the State Fairgrounds in Salem on the weekend of April 25th. Nearly 18,000 people attended this year, mostly young families with parents, kids, and a few grandparents. The Grange booth helped people plant tomatoes, marigolds, or peppers, to take home to grow. Vern and Paula Herrick of Waltherville Grange prepared the flats of over 5000 seedlings, and John Knox brought the soil mix donated by Teufel Products Company. Many Grangers spent hours smiling and helping eager children plant seedlings.

At State Session in Pendleton the Ag Committee will have several activities, beginning with the Agriculture Tour on Sunday June 28th. We’ll leave the Convention Center at 9:00 AM and traveling by bus to the Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center, run by OSU Extension and the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences. Next we will visit a native plant nursery and a fisheries center run by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. We return to Pendleton for a provided sack lunch at a city picnic park, and arrive back at the Session in time for the degree work at 1:00 PM. Please reserve your seat by emailing or phoning me. (*see below*)

The Ag Committee will host two conferences. On Monday, June 29th at 7:30am will be an Update on the Wolves of Oregon. The second conference on Wednesday, July 2nd at 3:30pm will feature a speaker from the Friends of Family Farmers describing the New Young Farmers, their motivations and challenges.

One last reminder, encourage people to apply for the Agriculturalist of the Year Contest. Details are on the website, in the Awards, Contests and Scholarship booklet and have been mailed to all Granges.

Hope to see you in Pendleton.



Left: Cole Wilson, Master of White Eagle Grange and a member of the Pendleton FFA chapter and National Grange Master Ed Luttrell visited in the OSG booth. Brother Ed served as a judge for the public speaking contest.



OSG Ag. Director Jay Sexton presented the banners to the Oregon State Prepared Public Speaking winners at the 2015 State FFA Convention. 1st was Shae Booster of the Bend chapter; 2nd was Joe Matteo of the Sutherlin chapter.

State Ag. Director Jay Sexton presents James Moore of the Hillsboro FFA Chapter with one of the Wilco gift cards offered in a drawing in the OSG booth during the FFA convention.



State Grange AG Tour ~ Sun. June 28

Leave the Pendleton Convention Center at 9am
Return by 12:50pm in time to attend the conferral of the degrees
Lunch will be provided - *Let Jay know of any special meal needs*
Limited to 40 people on a first come basis

Must reserve your spot by June 20

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Membership Matters

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Membership Directors ~ Oregon State Grange

Howdy Grangers!!

Got your bags packed and ready to go to Pendleton for the State Grange Convention? We are looking forward to going and seeing our Grange friends from around the state. Your State Grange Membership Committee met to plan activities at State Session and items to sell to help your members and Granges promote the Grange.

We want to highlight a few things to look for at State Grange:

The Membership Luncheon will be on Wednesday, July 1. Those attending the luncheon will be given a raffle ticket. Each District Membership Chairman has put together a Basket worth at least \$50.00! The drawing for the baskets will take place at the luncheon. You will need to be present to win!!

Would you be willing to pledge to ask three non-members to join the Grange during or after State Grange? If you sign a pledge card during State Grange Session, it will be hung on the wall by the Membership Table. Your name will be put into a drawing for a Pledge Basket (filled with goodies) that will be drawn at the Membership Conference on Friday morning, July 3rd. The conference is from 7:30am to 8:30am. Pledging to ask 3 nonmembers to join the Grange is on the honor system. No

one will check up on you, but we hope each Granger who pledges will take it seriously. You do not need to be present to win! Together we can GROW the Grange!!!!

Another exciting item to mention is that the Membership Committee is collaborating with the Lecturer's Department to create a 2016 Grange Calendar! All photos entered into the Photo Contest at State Grange Convention in Pendleton will be eligible. The Photography judges will select the photos they believe best to represent each month on the calendar. The photographer of the photo will be contacted and will need to consent to the use of the photograph. Each photographer of the photo published in the calendar will receive \$10.00 from the Membership Committee and a photo credit in the calendar. The sales from the calendar will be divided between the Lecturer's and Membership Committees. This is one way to promote the Grange by selling them to non-members highlighting the Photography Contest sponsored by the Grange.

These are just a few of the highlights for the upcoming State Grange Convention. Come by and visit us at the Membership Table!!!

See ya Grange Partners June 28 to July 3 in Pendleton!!



Michael Martin was welcomed at Redland Grange May 10th with a meet and greet followed by a Q and A session.

Grange Growth Tour Visits Six Oregon Granges

The 2015 Grange Growth Tour made six stops over six days in the western side of the state including several along the coast. State Membership Directors Sandi and Bob Ludi give many thanks to Redland, Fruitdale, Mohawk-McKenzie, Ada, Fairview, and Sauvie Island Granges for hosting this year's events as well as to those who

opened their homes for Michael's stay. Michael Martin, National Grange Leadership/Membership Development Director lead very informational and motivational workshops on growing Grange membership! Around 100 Grangers attended the six get-to-getters representing 35 Granges!!!

Creating Member Loyalty

BY MICHAEL MARTIN

National Grange Leadership/Membership Director

Have you thought about how your Grange can create member loyalty? Probably not; most of us assume if you join and fully participate loyalty is inculcated automatically.

However, have you considered that loyal members can make the difference between a Grange that succeeds and a Grange that fails? Just take this fact into consideration: It is those members who come month after month no matter what, who really help your Grange out. So what can you do to make sure you attract faithful members? Here are seven key elements you can use to build member loyalty at your Grange.

1. Loyalty programs.

Creating an awesome loyalty program is one great way to keep your members coming back for more. What does your Grange do to make your members feel special?

2. Consistency.

Members like to know what to expect, and if you can give them this, they'll come back again and again. Make sure your meetings always start and end on time and follow the order of business so every meeting is as orderly as the next. Offering certain special events throughout the year can also encourage members to return; if they know that every spring is the strawberry festival and December is breakfast with Santa, they will be looking forward to these events.

3. Social media.

Your Grange should definitely have a strong online presence. Whether you're using Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, or another social media platform, you need to be sure you're interacting with members, reminding them of your special meetings and activities, and encouraging them to come back often to your Grange.

4. Game nights.

A game night can encourage members to come in on a regular basis. You can host an awesome trivia night (or other game night) that your members will love. By creating social events, you will gain not just *individual* loyal members, but whole groups of friends who love your Grange and come back regularly.

5. Be a part of your community.

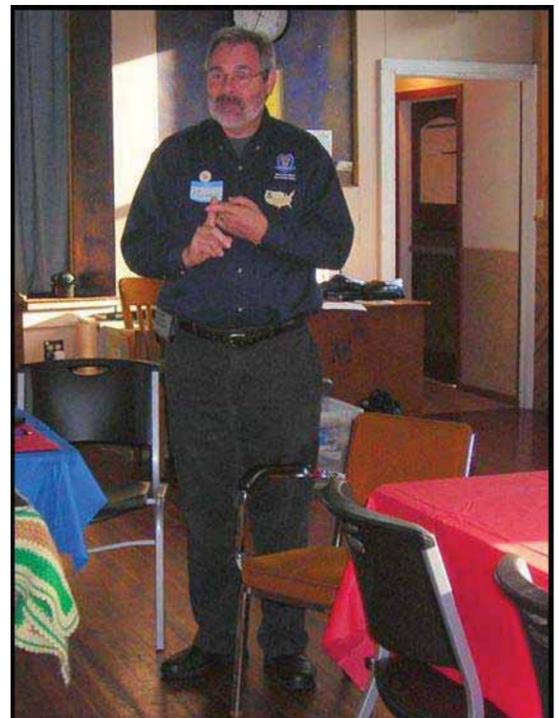
Members are more likely to be loyal if they see your Grange as part of a thriving community. Support local vendors, partner with other organizations, take part in community events, and invite local artists and musicians into your Grange. By showing the community members that you care about them, they are more likely to care about you and support your Grange by regularly coming back.

6. Form relationships.

If you view your members as friends or family, they will see you the same way. Learn members' names, interact with them when you can, and be available to help them have the best experience possible. Make sure all your members feel welcome. And do not overlook the value of the occasional incentive. Whether it is a birthday cake for a loyal member or ice cream sundaes, small gestures of appreciation can go a long way.

7. Great service.

The best way to get build member loyalty is also one of the most obvious. If you do not have great service, it does not matter what else you do, you probably will not be able to get many loyal members. Being friendly, paying attention and keeping members happy are the best things you can do if you want to grow your Grange. Loyal members are the heart of your Grange. By following these tips, you can keep members coming back from generation to generation.



Dr. Michael Martin, Leadership/Membership Director for the National Grange spent six days in Oregon working with Grangers on growing the Grange.

You're a Granger (And you don't even know it yet)

By T.J. Malaskee

Wabasso, Minn—Ask any ol' person off the street what they know about the Grange, and three-quarters of them shrug their shoulders or stare blankly back at you. Grange-what? Some recall the word "Grange" from high school history class. A few even remember it has "something to do with farmers."

A smaller percentage recollect a 1977 episode of Little House on the Prairie, in which William F. Claxton directed a narrative that sends Pa to Chicago for a district Grange convention. In the episode, "Times of Change," Ma throws her arms around Pa with excessively enthusiastic elation when she learns that the Grange has elected him as their local delegate. Oh, Charles!

In Chicago, railroad-men shatter Pa's veneration for the Grange by corrupting the convention with soiled-doves and booze. Nevertheless, in true Michael Landon fashion, Pa gives an impassioned speech that rights the hoodwinked farmers and sets the course of American agricultural history back on track.

Of course, it's all malarkey.

The real Charles Ingalls wasn't a Granger (that we know of). There wasn't a Grange in Walnut Grove (nor in North Hero Township where the Ingalls resided along Plum Creek). Moreover, just why Ma wasn't at the Grange meeting in Walnut Grove, or why no [decent] women were present at the Chicago Grange convention, is a mystery (the Grange, from inception, is an institution that welcomes women).

What isn't malarkey is the fact that for nearly a quarter of a million Americans, the Grange is real. These people are the literal and figurative decedents of Grange men and women who have made-and continue to make-history. The idea

Thurston Grange Holds Open House

Thurston had a good turnout at their open house. Speakers included Lee Wright from Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Research Center in Portland who explained where donated money goes to help the children. Also speaking was Rebecca Larson with St. Vincent de Paul's in Springfield; she explained how the Grange's donations impact the community.

Janet Beckman with the Brattain House Family Center in Springfield then spoke. Thurston Grange donated \$250.00 which went

that farmers and rural Americans can unite with a collective voice guiding their own destinies is a tenet that rings true today.

A 100% non-partisan organization, the Grange is the champion of regulating railroad monopolies for the public good, conceptualizing and strongly advocating for the US Postal Service to institute Rural Free Mail Delivery across the country, advocating for women's suffrage, fighting for the public land-grant college system, partnering with the Cooperative Extension Services to introduce them to rural America, and is one of the first national organization to support deaf education and tackle issues in the hard of hearing community.

Even before the first Farm Bill in 1933, the Grange had a voice in Washington DC, promoting the welfare of farm families and rural Americans. Today, the Grange continues to work with lawmakers, fighting for such issues as rural access to high-speed broadband internet, while employing one of the most well-respected and influential agricultural lobbyists in Washington DC.

The Grange is more than a lobbying organization. For nearly 150 years, the Grange has been America's family fraternity, premier community service group and social institution for tens of thousands of hometown communities.

Walnut Grove-as of yet-has no Grange (though it may, someday). Nevertheless, the Grange continues to grow, and America's newest Grange, Prairie Fire Grange, is blooming in the heart of Redwood County twenty-two miles from the location of Pa Ingalls' fictitious proclamation: "Caroline, I'm goin' t' Grange!"

T.J. Malaskee is the Overseer of the State Grange of Minnesota. and a charter member of Oliver Hudson Kelley Grange..

towards helping troubled teens and families. They offer help to parents with parenting classes and help teens to stay on task and finish school.



Janet Beckman shared info.



The Grange booth had a steady stream of attendees flow through both days.

Ag Fest 2015

April 25th and 26th found Grangers working the Oregon State Grange booth at the Oregon Agriculture Festival in Salem. This is a great show case for the Grange and attracts mostly young families with kids, parents and a few grandparents. Over 5000 tomatoes, marigolds and pepper seedlings were planted by the visitors to take home to grow in their own gardens.



Oregon State Grange Youth Ambassador Lacy Johnston talked with young folks about the Grange.



OSG Master Susan Noah was busy helping young people plant seedlings.

Crow Grange Held Mother's Day Breakfast, Next Up Is Father's Day

Crow Grange held their annual Mother's Day breakfast on Sunday May 10th. We keep building every year, this year we serve about 80 people and they all said the food was great. Thanks to the cooks Joe Canaday and Dan Suing and the rest of the crew Ruth Teafatiller, Connie and Danny Suing for all of their hard

work with this event. Next up is Father's Day breakfast on June 21st



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 determined and/or changed.</i>				
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place	
Baker #24	Aug 8	10:30 AM	Elkhorn #908	
Benton #36	July 18	10:30 AM	TBA	
Clackamas #1	July 25	10:00 AM	Clarkes #261	
Columbia #18	Aug 1	10:00 AM	Big Eddy Park	
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30	Aug 15	10:00 AM	TBA	
Deschutes #25	Aug 8	10:00 AM	Westside #854	
Douglas #13	Jul 25	6:00 PM	Myrtle Creek #442	
Jackson #27	Jul 11	10:00 AM	TBA	
Josephine #20	Aug 29	10:00 AM	Sunny Valley #916	
Lane #14	July 11	10:00 AM	Jasper #532	
Lincoln #10	Aug 15	10:30 AM	Salmon River #516	
Linn #12	Jul 11	10:00 AM	Charity #103	
Marion #4	Jul 11	10:00 AM	Woodburn #79	
Polk #3	Jul 18	10:00 AM	Buell #637	
Tillamook #9		10:30 AM	TBA	
Umatilla #26	Aug 22	10:30 AM	Boardman Marina	
Wallowa #22	July 11	10:00 AM	Liberty #613	
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jul 25	10:00 AM	Winona #271	



The Lecturer's Column

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Brothers and Sisters,

The Lecturer's committee is really hoping to meet new friends and of course to see some familiar faces at convention this year.

Remember to bring your entries to the Lecturer's room on Sunday afternoon or Monday morning before noon.

The Talent Contest is on Tuesday June 30 in the evening; we want to see lots of entries this year. It is not too late to get your performance perfected!

We are still selling raffle tickets for the Quilt. I have received some entry tickets from Grangers and you can still send them to me until June 15. I want to make sure we get them included with the other tickets, since we will be drawing for the quilt winner at State Session. (Color picture of quilt is available in the Bulletin on the OSG website.)

Another exciting item to mention is that the Membership Committee is collaborating with the Lecturer's Department to create a 2016 Grange Calendar! All photos entered into the Photo Contest at State Grange Convention in

Pendleton will be eligible.

The Photography judges will select the photos they believe best to represent each month on the calendar. The photographer of the photo will be contacted and will need to consent to the use of the photograph. Each photographer of a photo published in the calendar will receive \$10.00 from the Membership Committee and a photo credit in the calendar. The sales from the calendar will be divided between the Lecturer's and Membership Committees. This is one way to promote the Grange by selling them to nonmembers highlighting the Photography Contest sponsored by the Grange.

See you at Convention!!



PLEASE PRINT

Raffle Ticket for Quilt - Lecturer's Dept.
\$1.00 each 6 for \$5.00

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____ Grange _____

Please send checks (made out to Oregon State Grange) & completed entries to:
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London Grange Performed In Lane Pomona Play Festival



London Grange members performed the play "Statistically Speaking" written by Dennis Chapman as part of the Lane Pomona play festival. The players were Alice Nowicki, Ken Schwieger, Milan Chapman and Dennis Chapman. They had a great time developing their theatrical abilities!

GWA

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Grange Workers Activites Director ~ OSG



What a wonderful spring day! I'm sitting outside soaking up some sun as I write this article. In fact I do believe it's warmer outside than in. Hope your weather is as nice in your part of the state. Flowers are blooming and the grass is growing. When I traveled to Bend and Pendleton last month I made note of the green grass on the hills. I don't think I have traveled to Eastern Oregon in early spring to see how green it can be. I must go mostly summer and fall and the scenery is usually brown.

I am getting ready for State Session; hope you are too! We are looking forward to receiving many entries in the contests. Is your entry ready? It's not too late to make something. Remember this could be a way to encourage your non-Grange friends to join and participate in our great organization. Just ask!

THANK YOU to the sponsors who sent in their monies before May 1st. Sure makes it easier to know the money is in and I don't have to worry about it. For those who have not sent yours in yet please do as it is hard to fill the prize money

envelopes at the last minute.

Our GWA luncheon will be Tuesday, June 30th at noon. The GWA conference will be on Thursday, July 2nd at 7:30am. Sue Dumolt is coming to demonstrate the art of jewelry making as well as help you make a necklace. It should be fun.

I would also like your input on what you think state GWA should do besides contests. I know we are involved in all aspects of Grange and our activities overlap but if there is something you think GWA should do let me know. I am open to suggestions.

When I attended the Lane Pomona Quarterly GWA meeting I was looking through an old program and came across this little saying.

A look may be forgotten
A word misunderstood
But the touch of the human hand
Is a pledge of brotherhood

Looking forward to seeing many of you at State Session in Pendleton, June 28-July 3.

4th of July Pinwheel Cookies

Sara Wilson - a member of Columbia Grange #867 in Umatilla County was the 1st place winner in the Holiday Cookies - Summer at the 2014 OSG GWA contest.

Ingredients

1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 tsp salt
3 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp cinnamon
blue and red food coloring

Instructions

In a bowl mix the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Stir in the vanilla and the eggs. Sift the flour, salt and cinnamon together. Add the flour mixture a cup at a time. Stir until combined. Once mixed, divide the cookie dough into thirds. Add red to one portion and mix then blue to a second portion and mix. Flatten each portion into a square about 1/4 inch thick. Refrigerate the three squares of cookie dough for 30 minutes, until firm.



Remove the cookie dough from the fridge and cut each square in half, setting one rectangle of each color aside.

Stack the rectangles on top of each other (red on bottom, white in the middle, and blue on top). Using a rolling pin, lightly press the layers together.

Then, carefully roll the layers into a log, as tight as possible. It is important to avoid any air pockets.

Repeat with the remaining three rectangles.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Slice into rounds about 1/4 inch thick. Place the disks on a greased cook sheet about 1/2 inches apart.

Bake for 8 minutes, until the white layer is a light golden color. Remove and cool on a wire rack.

Lake Creek Grange Hosted Volunteer Fire Fighters

On the second Sunday of the month you will find the members of Lake Creek Grange #697 in Jackson County serving breakfast and hosting a Farmers Market. On April 13th, 2015 they hosted the volunteer members of the Lake Creek Rural Fire Department and their families to a breakfast of biscuits and gravy, pancakes, waffles, ham, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea and juice.

A good time was had by all and it gave everyone a chance to meet new neighbors and renew old friendships.

In addition to the breakfast, the Grange held a raffle for a fishing trip for four donated by Dwight Pech in his new boat. Charlie Stanley, a Lake Creek Grange member since 1937 drew Rich Bandy's winning ticket.



Members of the Lake Creek Rural Fire Department enjoyed breakfast at the Grange.

Below: Dwight Pech, boat owner, Charlie Stanley and Rich Bandy.



Tigard Grange Hosts Mid-Week Market

Tigard Grange is very excited to announce their Wednesday mid-week farmer's market now through August 26. Located on Highway 99W this will be a great little market for their community to stop and get fresh local products on their way home.

Many vendors bring the fruits of the surrounding agricultural land. This weekly gathering features fun, food and entertainment, locally grown



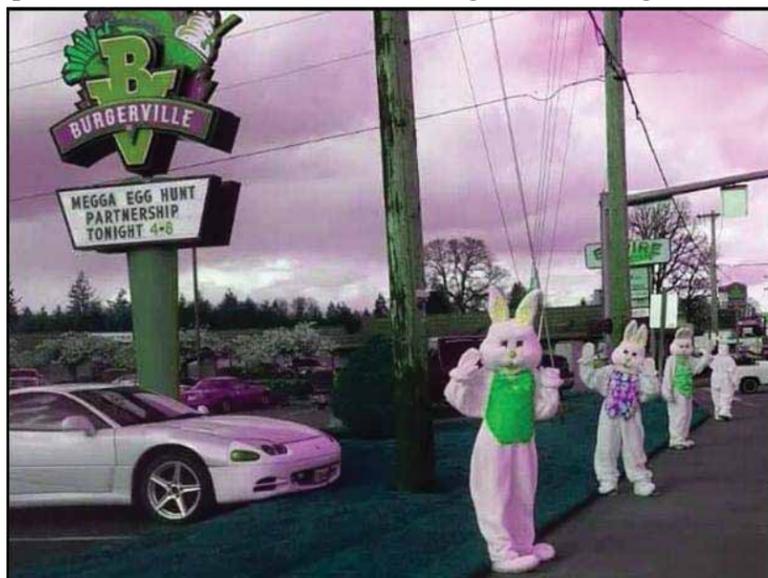
fresh fruit & vegetables, flowers, plants, honey, baked goods and more.

Warren Grange Participated In Burgerville's "Partnership Night" To Support mEGGa Egg Hunt

Warren Grange #536 helped support the mEGGa Egg Hunt Fundraiser by serving at the St. Helens Burgerville on Tuesday March 24th, from 4-8pm as part of Burgerville's "Partnership Night", a collaborative event with the mEGGa event organizers. Ten percent of all sales that evening were donated to the mEGGa Egg Hunt. The 15th Annual mEGGa Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 4, 2015; at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. The gates opened at 9:30am with the hunt starting at 11am sharp and wrapping up by 1pm. This was a FREE community event, run 100% by volunteers.

This annual community sponsored event has become a tradition for many families and relies on the joint

Bunnies greeted patrons at the Burgerville "Partnership Night."



Community Involvement



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Oregon State Grange

National Grange just introduced a NEW program, the "Dick Patten Community Service Person of the Year Award," to recognize a **Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) and Firefighter (FF) of the year**. We all know that these public servants do an outstanding job of protecting our community. Your Grange may have recognized one of these individuals at several of your events this past year. Application forms will be sent to each Grange and can also be found on the State Grange website. Send me your nomination by **August 1, 2015**. Your application will be judged and the first place winner from each category will be sent to National Grange to be judged and winners announced at the national session in Lincoln, NE this November. Please feel free to attach pictures, news articles or supporting paperwork, if you have them.

Our State Grange **Community Recognition Award** program recognizes a local fireman, policeman, teacher, first responder or others. This program continues whether you enter in new National Grange program or not. Recognizing more than one person shows your Grange cares about individuals that perform outstanding service for your community. Pictures of the event should be taken and submitted to your local newspaper and/or the Grange Bulletin.

Did your Grange send in the Annual Community Service Report? For those of you who did not get the word, or thought it was too late to send in your report, you are in luck! I am extending the deadline from March 31 to the first day of the State Grange convention, **June 29** by noon. If you mail your report, make sure it is postmarked by **June 20**.

The Oregon State Grange receives

prize money (\$250) from the National Grange if 25% of Granges send in their report. All participating Granges will receive a recognition certificate for their Annual Report and/or Yearbook, and they will be judged at the State Grange session. The first place winner will be sent to National Grange in November.

You may choose to send in just a report, and that is OK, but if you are entering a yearbook, you must include a copy of the report in your yearbook. Your yearbook should also include pictures, documentation and/or news articles showing the Grange projects that are listed in your Annual Report. This is not a history book, but community service activities for 2014.

For the **Volunteer of the Year** program, the deadline was May 1. I am sorry to say that I have not received very many nomination forms. I hope you start thinking about who you would like to nominate for next year.

The **Annual Food Bank Drive** has changed. 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 your Annual Community Service Report as one of your projects. The Grange with the highest donations logged on their 2015 Annual Report will be recognized at the 2016 State Grange Convention.

Most of us, as Grangers, donate or volunteer hours of service within our community. This is a good way of "Giving back to the Community" and expanding your involvement within your community. Several of the members of my Grange take part in the mEGGa Egg Hunt each year. We have over 200 volunteers (25 members and 175 non-members) that give of their time each year to "Give back to the Kids." This FREE event is totally managed and planned by volunteers. Over 2400 kids show up for the egg hunt for candy and prizes, face painting, 4-H petting zoo, horseback rides, coloring contest, plant-a-seed, 4-H archery demonstration, and free popcorn. Our members wear their name tags to show they are from the Grange and working with others in our community.

Remember to share your Community Service or Grange activities with your local media, the Grange Bulletin and social media. We love hearing what you are doing.



Legislature Action

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The End is in Sight

OSG hosted a splendidly attended Grange Day at the Capitol on April 22. We heard from Rep. Esquivel about the Veterans legislation passed this session; Dave Hunnicutt of Oregonians In Action on land use legislation; Scott Dahlman, of Oregonians for Food & Shelter on agriculture challenges; and Senator Kim Thatcher on the firearm legislation this session. We had Rep. John Lively of Springfield and Senator Hansell of eastern Oregon visit and talk about what they were working on this session. It was a very enjoyable day at the Capitol and I thank all who worked to make the event possible and those who attended.

As the 2015 Legislative Session moves toward an ending date it is obvious the legislative environment has become more contentious. Now with the May Revenue Forecast there is an infusion of extra revenue to fight over or to celebrate over, and, the possibility of a Kicker check to the taxpayers!

The Forecast is, of course, good news and an indicator of better economic times. However, we are a long way from the economic healing we need, especially in many rural sections of the state. Furthermore, there are several large looming issues that are not being mentioned by those in the majority. Those issues are the needed legislative response to the court's action on the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and the preparation needed for the Medicaid population now receiving 95% federal funding, ending soon. The PERS hit to local government and schools could be over \$1 Billion in the 2017-19 state budget cycle and the Medicaid hit could be as much as \$2 Billion.

The good news for the state budget and taxpayers is that the K-12 Budget could see the needed increase to \$7.5 Billion, without tax increases in this 2015-17 budget cycle. However only time will tell whether or not Oregon can continue on the path of revenue expansion with the new laws being established in this Legislative Session providing new benefits for employees and increased costs to employers. And, for those employers and businesses left in the state the need for a new Transportation Funding Package is only being discussed. However, if it comes into play very soon it could help mitigate a continued advancement toward cleaner fuels

at all costs with an agreement that removes some of the "Clean Fuels" timeline mandates and blending requirements.

Some other good news is that the threatened hike in minimum wage is still not on the table. However "paid sick leave" will be passed and signed by Governor along with HB 2007 (Unlawful Employer practice for taking action against employees for wage discussions of any kind) and changes to Workers Compensation for employers adding up to a 5% increase.

The House Committee on Revenue will probably pass HJR 12 and HJR 20 to the House Floor for a very one sided vote. These two House Joint Resolutions will roll back some of the constitutionally-limited property taxes (Measured 5 and 50) approved by the vote of the people in 1992 and 1998.

On the agriculture side of the issues the antibiotics legislation, intended to limit the use of antibiotics and encourage citizen law suits against farmers and ranchers using antibiotics on their farm animals, is sequestered in Senate Rules and hopefully not moved to the Senate Floor for a vote. And, on the subject of aerial application of pesticides Oregonians for Food & Shelter has lead the way working with Sen. Edwards, Rep. Clem and Rep. Witt in two separate work groups to produce language to be placed in one bill, HB 3549, which would require nine new concepts to hopefully resolve some of the issues faced by those needing to do aerial spraying on agriculture crops.

The effort continues to advance the Oregon State University Statewide Public Service Programs (SWPS) that the agriculture and forestry industries have come to rely on, such as OSU Extension and the research laboratories. The \$16 Million identified for new and expanded programs was placed into legislative concepts in 2014 and now faced with the challenge of a very continuous legislative session and a new Governor.

2015 Oregon State Grange Legislative Day At The Capitol



Representative Sal Esquivel, District 6, was the first speaker of the morning and shared information related to bills on Veterans issues that are being discussed this session.

Legislative Update

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Brothers and Sisters,

were very much appreciated.

Thank you all for coming to the Legislative Day at the Oregon Capitol. We had a great turnout of members and non-members.

It was also great to see Representative John Lively, District 12 and Senator Bill Hasell, District 29, who stopping by and gave us words of wisdom. We appreciate their visits.

Thank you to Representative Sal Esquivel, District 6; Dave Hunnicutt, Oregonians in Action; Scott Dahlman, Oregonians for Food and Shelter; and Senator Kim Thatcher for taking time out of their schedules be a part of our program. The discussions about the issues they are dealing with in the legislature

Additionally, the support of the State Grange office staff for putting together packets was greatly appreciated. Thank you.

I encourage everybody to attend state session in Pendleton the last week in June.



This group was the majority of the Grangers that attended OSG Legislative Day at the Capitol.



Grangers listen attentively to one of several speakers that addressed issues currently before the state legislature.



142nd Annual Session Oregon State Grange

June 29-July 3, 2015

Pendleton Convention Center
1601 Westgate
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Tentative Schedule

Saturday June 27

1pm Golf Tournament – contact Mark Noah (541) 726-6106 – Echo Hills Golf Course. Exit 188, 20 miles west of Pendleton. 18 holes with cart \$39.50

Sunday June 28

9am-12:50pm Agriculture Tour – Meet at Convention Center lobby at 8:45, tour will visit the Columbia Basin Agricultural Experiment Station and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Native Plant Nursery. Box lunch will be provided at the Roy Raley Park, and tour will return in time for the First Four Degrees. (*Preregistration required. See page 3*)

11-12 noon Memorial/Worship practice – Session Hall

1pm Credentials Committee Meeting – Lobby

1-4pm Exemplification of the First Four Degrees – Open to all members – Session Hall

2-5pm Registration for Delegates, State Officers & Directors, Deputies, State Committees, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and Visitors – Lobby

- Hospitality – Maps, information – Lobby
- GWA entries accepted – Rooms 1 & 2
- Lecturer's entries accepted – Rooms 1 & 2
- Community Service books/reports accepted – Rooms 1 & 2

3:30-5pm Junior entries accepted – Room 7

5:15-6:15pm Memorial Service & Worship Service – Session Hall

6:30-8:30pm Kickoff Banquet “Just Horsing Around” - Dining Room
Introduction of State, Youth & Junior Officers. Recognition of 50 year or more members. *All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1*

8:30pm Assignment of Deputies – OSG Gatekeeper, Jessie O'Dell – Session Hall

8:45pm State Officers Practice - Session Hall

Monday June 29

7:30-8:30am Ag Conference - Open to all members – Room 3 - Wolves in Oregon by Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Wolf Task Force Chair Todd Nash

8am-Noon Registration Open - Lobby
• Hospitality – Maps, information, messages – Lobby

9am-Noon GWA entries accepted – Rooms 1 & 2
Lecturer's entries accepted – Rooms 1 & 2
Community Service books/reports – Rooms 1 & 2

9am-1pm Junior entries accepted – Room 7

9am Opening Drill by OSG Officers, (lineup by 8:45) – Session Hall
Opening in the 6th Degree (then lowered to 4th Degree)
Roll call
Adoption of the Official Program

9:30am Introduction of Host Committee Chair: Clarann Witty
Introduction of Pendleton Convention Center Manager – Kathy Marshall
Welcome by Pendleton Mayor – Phil Houck
Response by Overseer Celia Luttrell
Welcome by the Pendleton Ambassadors
Report of the Division of Labor Committee
Notice of proposed By-Law changes & late resolutions
First Report of Credentials Committee

11am-Noon State Master's Annual Address
Assignment of portions of Annual Address by Division of Labor Committee
State Master's Good of the Order Address
Assignment of portions of Good of the Order Address by Division of Labor Committee
2016 Budget Committee Report
Introduction of Session Committee Chairs
Closing in 4th Degree – OSG Overseer Celia Luttrell

Noon-1:30pm OSG Foundation Luncheon – Dining Room
All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating available for meeting portion



Monday June 29 *continued*

- 1:30–5pm Registration Open - Lobby
- Hospitality – Maps, information, messages – Lobby
- 2pm All exhibit areas closed for judging
- 2–3pm Orientation: Delegates & Session Committee Chairs – Session Hall. Marilyn Reiher, Progress Committee Chair & Mark Noah, Vice Chair, State Master – Susan Noah
- 3–5pm Session Committee meetings in assigned areas
- 5:30–7pm Dinner Break ~ Sponsored youth dinner and conference – Dining Room. Topic will be “So You Want To Start A Youth Program.” *Tickets are free but you must reserve your seat by June 1st via the meal ticket order form.*
- 7pm 5th Degree Practice – Team members Only - Session Hall
- 7–8pm Secretary’s Conference - Open to all members – Room 3
- 7-8pm Deaf Awareness/Family Health Conference - Open to all members – Room 4 – Speakers on topics of Oregon Telecommunication Devices Program, New Born Children Hearing Testing and Domestic Violence.
- 8–9pm Brainstorming Session for 150th Grange Anniversary Celebration – Open to all members - Dining Room

Tuesday June 30

- 7–9am Grange Benefits Breakfast – Complimentary– Roy Raley Building at the Round-up Grounds (Ask Hospitality Desk for map and directions)
- 7:30–8:30am Youth Officers Practice – Session Hall, under leadership of Ed Luttrell
- 8am–Noon Registration Open - Lobby
- Hospitality – Maps, information, messages – Lobby
- 8:30–9:30am Legislative Conference – Open to all members - Room 3 – George Murdock, Chairman of the Umatilla County Commissioners
- 8:30–9:30am Workshop – Nancy Murray, OSG Attorney - Open to all members - Room 4
- 10-Noon Opening Drill by OSG Officers, (lineup by 9:45) – Session Hall
Opening in 4th Degree
Roll Call
Reading and adopting Monday’s Journal
OSG Attorney – Nancy Murray
Nominations for Secretary
Resolutions
- Noon–1:30pm GWA Luncheon – Dining Room
All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will available for program portion.
- 1:30–5pm Registration Open - Lobby
- Hospitality – Maps, information, messages – Lobby
- 1:30–4:30pm Session Reconvenes
Resolutions
Officers and Directors Reports
- 4:30pm Closing in 4th Degree – Derrell Witty, State Deputy
- 4–6pm Final Election of State Secretary - Delegates Only – Room 3
- 4:30–5:30pm Junior Degree Practice– (*closed to all but Junior Degree Team Members*) - Session Hall

Tuesday June 30 *continued*

- 4:30-5:30pm Lecturer’s Conference – Open to all members – Happy Canyon Area – Speaker from the Pendleton Underground Tours
- 5–7pm Dinner Break – Enjoy the Pendleton area restaurants – Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange
- 5:45pm Sound check – Talent Contestants, Public Speaking entrants and Junior Talent – Session Hall
- 7:30 pm Talent Contest – State Lecturer, Jeanie Force – Session Hall
Public Speaking Contest and Sign-A-Song Contest – State Youth Co-Directors, Scot & Clare Jacobson
Presentation of Honor Grange Awards – State Master, Susan Noah
Announcement of Agriculturist of the Year & Community Service Volunteer of the Year

Wednesday July 1

Red Tennis Shoe Day to Honor our Juniors Red, White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans

- 7:30–8:30am Community Service Conference – Open to all members – Room 3 – “Preparedness in your Home and Community” – Are you prepared for an emergency, tragedy, disaster or the big earthquake? Learn some basic preparedness skills.
- 7:30–8:30am Youth Officers Practice – Session Hall
- 8am–Noon Registration Open – Lobby
- Hospitality – Maps, information, messages – Lobby
 - 5th & 6th Degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before the Degree begins
- 9am Junior password or \$1 Junior Degree ticket required for entry
Opening Drill by OSG Officers (Lineup at 8:45)
Opening in 4th Degree
Roll Call
Reading and adopting Tuesday’s Journal
Insurance Association Board President – D. Thomas McKern
Election Report
Session at ease during Junior Degree
- 10:15–Noon Junior Degree – State Junior Officers – Session Hall
Tribute to Veterans – Session Hall
- Session called to order
- Noon Closing in the 4th Degree – Suzan Fors, Baker Pomona Master
- Noon–1:30pm Membership Luncheon – Dining Room
All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion.
- 1:30–7:15pm Registration Open – Lobby
- Hospitality – Maps, information, messages – Lobby
 - 5th & 6th Degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before the Degree begins
- 1:30–3pm Communications Workshop & Conference – Open to all Members - Room 3 – Ways to Market and Promote your Grange.
- 2–3pm Rosebud Practice – (Closed practice) – Session Hall
- 2–3:30pm Veterans Conference - Open to all members – Room 4 – County Veterans Senior Officer (CVSO) will be guest speaker.
- 3–4pm Sixth Degree Practice – (*closed to all but OSG Officers*) - Session Hall

Wednesday July 1 *continued*

- 3:30–4:30pm Ag Conference – Open to all members – Room 3 - Friends of Family Farmers, Deputy Director Leah Rodgers presents “Who are the New Young Farmers?”
- 5–6:15pm Exemplification of 5th Degree – Session Hall
- 5–7:15pm Final 6th Degree Ticket Sales - Lobby
- 6:15–7:30pm Dinner Break – Enjoy the Pendleton area restaurants – Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange!
- 7:45pm Exemplification of 6th Degree – Session Hall
State Officers and Rosebud team
Feast (Ice Cream) – Dining Room

Thursday July 2

- 7:30-8:30am GWA Conference - Open to all members – Room 3 – Hands on jewelry making by Sue Dumolt.
- 7–8am Youth Officers Practice – Session Hall
- 8am–Noon Registration Open – Lobby
 - Hospitality – Maps, information, messages – Lobby
- 9 am Opening Drill by OSG Youth Officers (lineup by 8:45) – Session Hall
Opening in 4th Degree
Roll Call
Presentation of State FFA Prepared Public Speaking winner – Shea Booster.
Presentation of Umatilla Tribal Youth Chief – Kelsey Burns
Goodie Baskets drawing
Reading and Adopting Wednesday’s Journal
- Noon–1:30pm Youth Luncheon - First Christian Church downtown – Main St.
All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion.

Thursday July 2 *continued*

- 1:30–5pm Registration Open - Lobby
 - Hospitality – Maps, information, messages – Lobby
- 2pm Session Reconvenes
Past State Officers & Directors Presented Resolutions
- 4:30pm Invitation by District #1 to visit in 2016
Invitation by District #2 to visit in 2017
- 5–7pm Dinner break – Enjoy the Pendleton area restaurants – Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange!
- 5–7pm GROW Club Dinner - TBA
- 7pm Session Reconvenes,
Resolutions continued
Officer & Director Reports
Silent Auction closes – 7pm
Oral Auction
Closing in 4th Degree – Scot Jacobson, Umatilla/
Morrow Pomona Master

Friday July 3

- 7:30–8:30am Membership Conference – Open to all members - Room 3
- 8–9am Registration Open – Lobby
- 9am-Noon Opening Drill by OSG Officers, (lineup by 8:45)
Opening in 4th degree
Roll Call
Reading and Adopting Thursday’s Journal
Final Report of Credentials Committee
Installation of Oregon State Grange Secretary
Recognition of 2015 Host Committee Members
All other unfinished business - Resolution of Thanks
Authorization of OSG Executive Committee to approve Friday’s Journal
Closing the 142nd Session in the 4th Degree by OSG Master

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

Hotels	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 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.

Hotels	Room Type/ Rate	Pool	Pets	Cont'l Breakfast	Wifi	Notes
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 available for \$25.00. Showers available in Convention Center. For more info contact: Derrell Witty cwitt@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.



Oregon State Grange 141st Annual Convention Tentative Junior Schedule



76th Annual Session ~ Oregon State Junior Grange

*We will be collecting new books and kids shoes for donation over the course of the week.
Donation bins will be located outside the Junior Room and Session Hall.*

Sunday, June 28th

3:00p – 5:00p Junior Contest Entries Accepted

12:00p Junior Room Open (Setup)
3:00p Junior Registration Opens
5:00p Junior Room Closes
6:30p Kickoff Banquet (All Junior Officer tickets paid for. Note: We will have a few extra tickets for non-officers.)

Monday, June 29th

9:00a – 1:00p Junior Contest Entries Accepted

8:00a Junior Room Open
9:00a Introductions and Overview of the Week
9:30a Ice Breaker Activity
10:00a Installation of Officers
11:00a Opening the Grange and Degree Practice
12:00p Break for Lunch

12:15-12:45p Free Sack Lunches for all Juniors at Roy Raley Park

1:00p Drill Practice
1:30p Free Time
2:00p Degree Practice
3:30p Grange Focus: Legislative
3:00p Snack Time
3:15p Merit Badge Activity
(distribute sashes for those without)
3:45p Grange Focus: Agriculture
4:15p Grange Focus: GWA
5:00p Dinner Break

5:15p-5:45p Free Sack Lunches for all Juniors at Roy Raley Park

Tuesday, June 30th

8:00a Junior Room Open
9:00a Opening the Grange and Degree Practice
10:00a Grange Focus: Veterans Affairs
10:30a Grange Focus: Communications
11:00a Talent Contest
12:00p Break for Lunch

12:15-12:45p Free Sack Lunches for all Juniors at Roy Raley Park

1:00p Drill Practice
1:30p Free Time
2:00p Degree Practice
3:00p Snack Time
3:15p Grange Focus: Community Service
4:00p Merit Badge Activity
4:30p Degree Practice in Session Hall
5:30p Dinner Break

5:45p-6:15p Free Sack Lunches for all Juniors at Roy Raley Park

7:30p Talent Show

Wednesday, July 1st

Red Tennis Shoe Day Juniors

8:00a Junior Room Open
9:00a Group Pictures
10:15a Junior Degree and Tribute to Veterans in Session Hall
12:00p Lunch Break
12:15-12:45p Free Sack Lunches for all Juniors at Roy Raley Park
1:00p Grange Focus: Our Adult Counterparts
2:00p Merit Badge Activity
3:00p Snack Time
3:15p Free Time / Creative Time
5:00p Dinner Break

5:15p-5:45p Free Sack Lunches for all Juniors at Roy Raley Park

7:00p Junior Room Opens – Pajama Party/Game Night
(Note: Parents/Guardians are expected to pick up their Junior(s) immediately following the end of the 6th degree)

Thursday, July 2nd

8:00a Junior Room Opens
9:00a Opening the Grange
10:00a Grange Focus: Deaf Awareness
11:00a Grange Focus: Education
12:00p Break for Lunch

12:15-12:45p Free Sack Lunches for all Juniors at Roy Raley Park

1:00p-4:00p Junior Tour
4:00p Free Time
5:00p Dinner Break

5:30p-6:30p Junior Workshop presented by Lillian Booth at White Eagle Grange (43828 White Eagle Rd) Dinner will be provided.

7:00p Water Fight at Roy Raley Park

Friday, July 3rd

8:00a Junior Room Opens
9:00a Opening the Grange
9:30a Farewell Activity
10:00a Cleanup
11:00a Free Time
12:00p Break for Lunch

*Note: Schedule changes may occur over the course of the week.
Please check the daily schedule posted outside the Junior Room or our Facebook page for the most current information.*

National Junior Grange Development Director to Visit State Convention



Lillian Booth, National Junior Grange Development Director and her husband Bill will be attending the Oregon State Grange Annual session. They plan to arrive on Tuesday following their own state Grange convention. While here Lillian will be presenting a Junior workshop during the dinner time on Thursday evening at White Eagle Grange. Dinner will be provided. Lillian was raised on a cattle ranch in a very small town. She went to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as an Ag Business Management student. She and Bill have been married 34 years and it was a “Grange marriage.” They have three daughters – Amanda, age 31; LoRee, age 29, and KayLynn, age 26. Lillian joined as a Junior Granger at

age 7. She is the current Secretary of the State Grange of California and Bill served as State Grange Master from 1989 to 1993. They have both served in numerous positions in the Grange in local, county and State levels. When it comes to Grange — the statement “been there/done that” is more apply applied in their house as “Been there. Done that. Bought the t-shirt, hat, plate, belt buckle, bolo tie, scarf, pin, necklace, earrings and jacket”. But that doesn’t mean that there isn’t something new around the corner

and they keep looking forward to what’s next. It has been many years since they have been to the Oregon State Grange session and are looking forward to seeing friends and making new ones. She will be back in Oregon for the Junior Grange Leaders Enrichment Workshop, August 15-16th. She will provide hands-on training for all Grange members wanting to learn more about how to add and incorporate Juniors into their Granges.

The Chaplain's Corner



Peggy Fine
johnandpeggyfine@charter.net
 Chaplain ~ Oregon State Grange

Greetings,

I can't believe another year has almost come and gone before I will meet with many of you face to face again at Convention. If you have never attended I urge you to come. You will meet so many new friends and be able to put people's names with faces. I do much better with faces than names anymore but always recognize a friend.

This year's convention will be different. The Master has asked me to combine the church service on Sunday with the Memorial Service. So on Sunday we will have about a 20 minute church service which will be old time hymns and a fun sing-along. The rest of the hour will be devoted to the Memorial Service where we honor the past State Officers and Delegates. I urge you to attend. So many of these people served as our mentors and role models. It is only right that we in the Grange give them a final goodbye.

As we travel through our busy world we strive to achieve more – recognition of our work, a greater social placing, financial achievement which will lead to more possessions, more wants, more striving for greater achievement. Do you sometimes feel you are on a treadmill? Chasing the American Dream, more, more, more and of course we believe if you have more you're happier. But, in

fact, that's not true. Our church is a very nice church with most members upper middle class. But one of the things we do is support a mission in Guatemala. Twice a year we send a missions team. This spring, 19 of our youth earned the money to go to Guatemala and work in the mission for ten days. You should hear their testimony for yourself and see the light in their eyes. Even though all but four people on the trip got sick almost immediately upon reaching their destination, they were amazed by the people (natives) there. They had nothing and they were they happiest, most generous people these young adults had ever seen. Never a complaint about their conditions, hard labor and what they didn't have. They were grateful and eager to share everything they had, especially the love of God. After ten days of working side by side they had learned a lesson that most adults never learn.

Money can't buy you happiness. In fact the Bible tells us "it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God". Matthew 19:24. It's not because God doesn't love the rich person, it's because the rich person feels no need to have God in his life. So I urge you in your quest to get ahead that you put your real energy where it will count – not in the things of this fleeting life but in an eternal one.

In Memoriam

Helen Field
Ada Grange #570

Joe Bergh
Myrtle Creek Grange #442

Elizabeth O'Brian
Enterprise Grange #489

Hazel Mecham
Pleasant Grove Grange #475

JoAnna VanNatta
Fern Hill Grange #592

David Willey
Quincy Grange #321

Joanne Derr
Garfield Grange #317

Dick Unruh
Rickreall Grange #671

S Ailene Severtsen
Garfield Grange #317

Robert King
Russellville Grange #353

Patrica Youngberg
Garfield Grange #317

Clare Hekker
Sauvie Island Grange #840

Jeannie Crabtree
Goshen Grange #561

Rodger Tabor
Sauvie Island Grange #840

Caroline Crader
Harding Grange #122

Margaret Shearer
Springwater Grange #263

Joyce Richards
London Grange #937

Clarence Barnes
Warner Grange #117

Margaret Ontko
Lookout Mt Grange #741

William Reedy
Warner Grange #117

Louise Leininger
Mosier Grange #234

Peter Reynolds
Washington Grange #313

Cora B Dickason
Fairmount Grange #252
Marys River Grange #685

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.



Riversdale Grange Junior member assists another young person in planting a plant.



Riversdale members Mark Baratta, John Fine, Debbie Clark and Myra Boyd assisted young people to plant plants during the "Growing in the Grange" Kids Planting Day.

Riversdale Grange Organizes Grange Month Activity

Riversdale Grange, in cooperation with Roseburg Coastal Farm and Ranch and The Plant Warehouse, sponsored a Grange Garden Zone event. The event, on April 26, 2015, was held in conjunction with National Grange Month. Eleven Riversdale members, including three Junior 1+ members, assisted children planting plants to take home.

An estimated 50 childrenpart-

icipated in planting marigolds, bell peppers and violas during the two hours of the Grange Garden Zone. The planting took place at the front entrance to the Roseburg Coastal Farm and Ranch store. Nis Jessen, the store manager, commented at the end of the day that this was a "really neat activity and we need to make sure this happens again next year. Riversdale Grange is planning for a larger crowd next year.



Grange Youth & Young Adults

Scot & Clare Jacobson
Youdir@orgrange.org

Youth Directors ~ Oregon State Grange



State Session is upon us! We hope that you, or someone from your Grange, is planning on attending State Session in Pendleton, Oregon. We know that the District 6 Committee is working hard on making this a wonderful experience for all those who are planning on attending.

The Youth Conference will be held on Monday evening. The topic will be "So You Want to Start a Youth Program." We will be focusing on steps your Grange will need to take in order to attract, initiate and KEEP Youth Age members in your Grange. Some of these ideas and suggestions may be a challenge for your Grange to undertake. We will give you the "tools" and the "Tool Box," but it will be up to you and your Grange to make it happen.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Youth/Family Campout that will be held at Suttle Lake the third weekend of July. This is a time to visit, refresh, and enjoy the company of Grangers from throughout the state. We will have some frank discussions on what is working, and what is challenging at your Subordinate Grange, your Pomona Grange, and on the State Grange level. Please bring your "Thinking Caps" and suggestions for improvements to each of these particular areas. The focus is to

make Grange fun and a place that people want to be. Working together, it WILL make a difference.

Plans have been made for the Western Regional Conference. Check out information located on page 1 and elsewhere on this page. It has been posted on the Oregon State Grange website and will be on our Facebook page. We would like to arrange for carpooling, if possible, to save on expenses.

If your Grange is doing activities that involve Youth members, we would love to hear about them and perhaps see a picture or two. Positive activities can be shared and have the added value of encouraging other Granges to try your event, or perhaps an event similar. We have personally encouraged local Granges to participate in community functions such as parades, informational booths, and fundraisers. Please feel free to contact us for further information.

As summer begins, school ends, and vacations begin. We look forward to seeing you during the summer. If your Grange is interested in having us come and visit with a Lecturer's Program, we are willing. Just contact us.....

We are looking forward to seeing you at State Session in Pendleton.

Western Regional Grange Leadership Conference Agenda

Friday, July 31

- 1-5pm Check In-Mica Flats Grange
- 3:30-5pm Youth Drill Practice
- 5:30pm Get Acquainted Dinner-hosted by Mica Flats
- 6:50pm Travel to camp
- 7-7:30pm Receive Cabin Assignments
- 8pm Welcome-Campfire Songs at Camp's Amphitheater
- 9pm Youth Social and Snacks- Sunset Room
- 9pm State Master's Social-Retreat Center Lounge
- 10pm Quiet on Camp Grounds

Saturday, August 1

- 8:30am Breakfast in the Camp Dining Hall
- 9:15am Welcome by Don Heikkila, Master, ISG
- 9:15-10:15am Workshop by Charlene Espenshade - "Participate, Invest and Invite -PI Squared" Chapel
- 10:15am-12noon Beach/Outdoor Time
- 12:30pm Lunch in the Dining Hall
- 1:15-2:15pm Workshop by Michael Martin, "Secret ? No! Just Unwritten Work"
- 2:15-3:15pm T. J. Malaskee, "Creating Enthusiasm in the Grange" and "Grange and Western Region Historical Highlights"
- 2:45-3:45pm Corinne Johnson "Team Building for Youth"
- 3:15-4:15pm Workshop by Michael Martin, "Grow Your Grange: Impact Your Community- It's Up to You and Me."
- 4:15-5:15pm Volleyball/Beach/Outdoor Time
- 5:30pm Dinner in the Camp Dining Hall
- 6:30-8:30pm Charlene Espenshade, Regional Sign-a-Song, Public Speaking Contests and Drill Presentation
- 8:30-9:30pm Workshop by Michael Martin, "How Does Your Grange Compare to Other Granges"
- 9:30pm Vespers and Youth Activities
- 10pm Regional Master's Meeting-Retreat Center Lounge
- 10pm Quiet on Campground

Sunday, August 2

Pack up, tidy cabins, sign out with camp staff.

- 8:15am Breakfast at Mica Flats Grange (option on Regist.)
- 9am Devotional Time
- 9:30am Wrap up
- 10am Thank you for attending and have a safe trip home!
- 11:30am Depart from the Coeur d' Alene Resort

GET YOUR NEW T-SHIRT

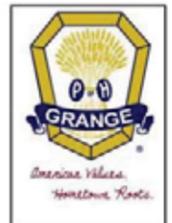


Gray with navy lettering and new Grange Youth logo
 Sizes: M - L - XL - 2XL - 3XL and 4XL
 Price: \$16.00 per shirt
 Plus \$5.00 if you want them shipped to you

To place an order contact:
 Scott and Clare Jacobson
 youdir@orgrange.org
 1717 Southgate PL. ~ Pendleton, OR 97801
 541-278-0615

Shirts will also be available at state convention in June

2015 Western Regional Grange Conference
 Camp Lutherhaven Coeur d'Alene, ID
 July 31, Aug 1-2, 2015
 Registration Form
 (Deadline July 15, 2015)



Name _____ (one form per person)
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____
 Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Grange Name: _____ #: _____
 Conference Registration: Mica Flats Grange 7465 Kidd Island Bay Rd, Coeur d' Alene, ID

Saturday Only Package with Meals - No lodging Included:				Totals	
___ Adults \$60.00	___ Youth (12-21) \$50.00	___ Child (4-12) \$43.00		_____	
Lodging and Meal Package: (Under 4 Years/Free)					
___ Adults 22+)	\$60.00	___ Youth (12-21)	\$50.00	___ Child (4-12) \$43.00	_____
1 st night	\$30.00		\$22.00	\$15.50	_____
2 nd night	\$30.00		\$22.00	\$15.50	_____
Optional Challenge Course (Per hour-two hour limit) ___ Adults \$8.00 ___ Youth \$5.00 NA _____					
Sunday morning Breakfast at Mica Flats Grange \$6.00 (all ages) _____					
Total Amount Due to: Idaho State Grange (Checks or Money Order-No Credit Cards) _____					

Please make checks payable to Idaho State Grange and mail to: Jeannie Billmire, 1574 E Pembroke Dr. CDA, ID 83815
 Arriving by Air: GEO Spokane International Airport (about a 45 minute drive to camp) Please let us know if we can advise you about transportation alternatives. Rental cars are plentiful in Spokane. Commercial shuttle service to Coeur d' Alene is available list at the airport.
 Dietary/Accommodation Restrictions: We will be eating at the camp cafeteria. If you have special dietary restrictions you must e-mail the request directly to Camp Lutherhaven by July 15 at: <http://www.lutherhaven.com/dietary/>. The camp is about 11 miles from downtown Coeur d'Alene. Note: The camp does not allow pets or smoking on the premises. The Coeur d' Alene Casino is about 20 miles south of the camp and may be an alternative to staying at Coeur d' Alene motels. It is located at: 37914 South Nalkwaga, Worley, ID 83876 800 523-2464
 NOTE: This is Art on the Green Weekend in Coeur d' Alene and rooms are very limited. For information-Program: Don Heikkila 208 659-3389 idhofinn@idohmail.com; Camp/Youth Activities: Martha Cook 208 765-8230 mazarmanor@aol.com; Registration/General CDA Information: Jeannie Billmire 208 659-1049 jebandson@roadrunner.com; Idaho State Grange Office 208 888-4495 idhstaterange@westoffice.net; Camp Lutherhaven Website: <http://www.lutherhaven.com/> Camp Lutherhaven 3258 West Lutherhaven Road Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-1327 Phone:208 667-3459



Clackamas Youth “Keeping the West Warm”

Clackamas County Pomona Grange Youth have voted to participate in the “Keeping the West Warm,” a project of the Grange Youth and Young Adults in the Western Region.

Calling their project “Keeping Clackamas County Warm” they will be collecting stocking caps, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, etc... both purchased and homemade for distribution to the less fortunate in Clackamas County.

Items can be given to any Clackamas County Grange Youth and Young Adults or brought to any Clackamas County Pomona meeting between now and the October meeting where they will be displayed before being sorted for distribution.

For more information and updates check their Facebook page “Clackamas Pomona Grange Youth.” Or contact Clackamas Pomona Grange Youth Chairman Thomas Parker, 971-281-0257 or jparker@colton.com.



June Junior Jamboree Planned For District #1

The next Junior Jamboree is scheduled for Sunday, June 14 from at 1pm - 5pm at Riversdale Grange in Douglas County. This will be one last get together for the Juniors before state convention.

Hosted by the State Junior Committee this will be an amazing day of fun for kids ages 5-14.

Parents/Guardians: RSVP is requested but not required. Please email jrdir@orgrange.org to register your child(ren). Please let us know if there are any allergies or restrictions we should be aware of. We look forward to seeing the Juniors in the area.

Oregon Youth Receive NGYA Awards

Thirty-two Oregon youth qualified for 2013-2014 National Grange Youth Achievement Awards. *These awards were earned for activities and projects from June 2013 through August 2014.* They represent eleven Granges scattered throughout the state, some from each of our six districts. Some of the awards were for Grange activities such as state youth officers and members of the Rosebud team, and community service projects, as well as participation in public speaking, talent, Lecturer’s and GWA contests. They also includes awards to those who wrote resolutions and worked them through the system and for those who served as delegates from their Granges to state convention or worked as mentors with the Junior Grangers.

Additionally, awards were earned outside of the Grange by those who exhibited at their county fair, participated in local talent and theater productions, and other community activities. In general the higher the level the contestant competes or more complex the project, the higher the color of the award, starting with Sapphire, then Emerald, Silver, Ruby and Gold with an occasional copper award thrown in the mix.

The Achievement Awards are not limited to those of youth age (14-35) but can be earned by any Granger. For more information and to see what awards you might qualify for, check out the Achievement Awards tab on the National Grange Youth website. www.nationalgrangeyouth.org.

John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award

Alexa Suing - Gold
Alexander Coe - Gold
Angela Hascall - Gold
Brandon Parker - Gold
Breanna (Hays) McKay - Gold
Cole Wilson - Gold
Ericka Anderson - Gold
Erin McCormack - Gold
Grace Hays - Gold
Jacob Yost - Gold
JC Dumolt - Gold
Jim Dumolt - Gold
Kiri Daufel - Gold
Lacy Johnston - Gold
Lorisa Schnetzky - Gold
Madelyn Harmon - Gold
Orrin Schnetzky - Gold
Patrick Anderson - Gold
Quinton Coe - Gold
Thomas Parker - Gold

Drill Achievement Award

Allison Forester - Emerald
Brandon Parker - Emerald
Breanna (Hays) McKay - Emerald
Erin McCormack - Emerald
Heather Loughridge - Emerald
Janika Jordan - Emerald
JC Dumolt - Emerald
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Emerald
Jim Dumolt - Emerald
Lacy Johnston - Emerald, Silver
Madelyn Harmon - Emerald
Mary Brott - Emerald
Meriah Ford - Emerald
Thomas Parker - Emerald, Silver
Vanessa Ford - Emerald
Veronica Ford - Emerald

Caroline A. Hall Achievement Award

Alexa Suing - Emerald, Silver
Alexander Coe - Emerald
Angela Hascall - Emerald
Brandon Parker - Emerald,
Copper
Cole Wilson - Emerald
Ericka Anderson - Emerald
Grace Hays - Emerald
Jacob Yost - Emerald
Lacy Johnston - Emerald, Copper
Madelyn Harmon - Emerald,
Copper
Mikela Heimuller - Emerald
Patrick Anderson - Emerald
Qiana Helm - Silver
Thomas Parker - Emerald, Silver,
Copper

John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award

Alexa Suing - Silver
Alexander Coe - Silver
Brandon Parker - Emerald
Cole Wilson - Silver
Lacy Johnston - Silver
Madelyn Harmon - Silver
Mikela Heimuller - Silver
Orrin Schnetzky - Silver
Qiana Helm - Silver
Quinton Coe - Silver

Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge Award

Lacy Johnston
Thomas Parker



Heather Loughridge of Clarkes Grange received her National Grange Youth Achievement Award for Drill at the Clackamas County Awards Dessert.

Oliver Hudson Kelley Public Speaking Achievement Award

Alexander Coe - Silver
Angela Hascall - Silver
Bandon Parker - Silver
Cole Wilson - Silver
JC Dumolt - Silver
Lacy Johnston - Silver
Madelyn Harmon - Silver
Mikela Heimuller - Silver
Orrin Schnetzky - Silver
Thomas Parker - Silver, Ruby

Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Award

Angela Hascall - Sapphire
Brandon Parker - Sapphire, Silver
Cole Wilson - Sapphire, Silver
Ericka Anderson - Sapphire
Jacob Yost - Silver
JC Dumolt - Sapphire
Lacy Johnston - Sapphire
Madelyn Harmon - Silver
Mikela Heimuller - Sapphire
Thomas Parker - Sapphire

William Saunders Agricultural Achievement Award

Brandon Parker - Emerald
Cole Wilson - Emerald
Emily Bence - Emerald
Grace Hays - Emerald
Jacob Yost - Emerald
Jennifer Souders - Emerald
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Emerald
Mary Brott - Emerald
Patrick Anderson - Emerald
Thomas Parker - Emerald



District 4 Youth Chairman Joyce Parker presented Springwater youth, Thomas Parker and Jessie Jo Guttridge, with their National Grange Youth Achievement Awards as part of their Grange month activities.

2015 LANE COUNTY FAIR

The Lane County Fair will be held July 22 through 26 in Eugene, Oregon at the Fair Grounds. **Wednesday, July 22 is Grange Day.** Grangers can get in at a reduced rate by presenting the coupon below at the ticket

booth when purchasing tickets. This is good only on Wednesday, July 22nd. Copies of the coupon will not be acceptable. Please cut the coupon out of the Grange Bulletin and save it for July 22.

LANE COUNTY FAIR
GRANGE DAY, JULY 22, ONLY
 ADMIT
TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE
 OR
HALF PRICE




Visit the Grange displays in the Auditorium

On Grange Day the Lane Pomona Grange and the Lane County Fair will sponsor a Veggie & Fruit Dress Up Contest. All contestants (age 10 years and younger) who have a Dress Up Veggie or Fruit will get in FREE up to 1:00 pm on **Grange Day**.

Contest Rules

- A. Contestants must be 10 years or younger. One entry per person. Contestant will get in FREE on Wednesday until 1:00 pm if they bring in a dressed up fruit or vegetable.
- B. The Contestants will be divided into four categories according to age:
 - Category 1: 2, 3 and 4 year olds
 - Category 2: 5 and 6 year olds
 - Category 3: 7 and 8 year olds
 - Category 4: 9 and 10 year olds
- C. The Entries must be submitted between 11am and 2 pm on **Wednesday, July 22.**
- D. The Entries must be submitted at the Grange area inside of the Auditorium (the building East of the Main Fair entrance off of 13th Avenue.)
- E. The judging will be conducted by three Pomona Grange members.
- F. The Judging will be based on such attributes as originality, imagination, presentation, and appearance.
- G. Winners will be posted Wednesday, July 22 by 3:30 pm in the Grange area.
- H. The top three winners in each category will receive the following:
 - First Place - \$25 plus a season pass to the Fair.
 - Second Place - \$15 plus a two day pass to the Fair.
 - Third Place - \$10 plus a one day pass to the Fair.

Each entry will receive a Participation Ribbon and several Honorable Mention Ribbons will be given out in each category.

Please come join us and bring your Dress Up Veggie or Fruit. Cookies, punch, and coffee will be provided. For more information contact: Malcolm Trupp, Lane County Fair Grange Coordinator, MalcolmandCookie@aol.com



Cindi Ramsey received School Teacher/Staff award.

Ada Grange Presents Awards

Ada Grange in western Lane held their annual Award Presentation Program during their May 9th meeting. Education Chairman, Georgia Garrett, presented Ada's Annual School Teacher/Staff appreciation award to Cindi Ramsey, a third grade teacher at Siuslaw Elementary School. Cindi has been a teacher for 23 years.

Christy Webster received her 25 year membership pin and certificate. Barbara Harter received her 40 year membership pin and a 50 year pin was presented to Betty Huff.



New Bridge Grange #789
Baker County
Chartered 1931



Location: 43108 Main St, New Bridge
 Meets: 3rd Thurs 7 pm
 Mail address: PO Box 1124, Baker City
 Rental contact:
 Joe 541-893-6622

New Bridge Grange was organized at the New Bridge School House on May 19, 1931, with twenty-one charter members. Later, the pool hall was rented and in 1937 the building became the New Bridge Grange Hall. Immediately a kitchen was built on the back and an anteroom on the front, the hall was wired and a stage, benches and tables were built. The hall is located 3 miles north of Richland.

There are many regular activities held at the Grange, such as morning walkers, chair exercises, senior meals, quilters and crafters day, line dance, community book exchange, and bingo. The Grange also sponsors a variety of other events, such as New Year's Day potluck and white elephant bingo, a community yard sale, fall bazaar, funeral dinners, and an ice cream social, free to the community, with a community "Volunteer of the Year" being awarded to a local citizen. Our Grange members have also hosted dinners for local organizations and families. The hall is rented for many meetings and family events.



Bailey Barks!



I'm taking a time out from my daily routine of stealing Mom's shoes to encourage all my friends to enter my "Good Dog" contest this year. Margaret Clute, the GWA chairman has been busy getting ready all her contests for State Session and I want "Bailey's Good Dog Contest" to outshine them all. Of course Tom and Huck, Mary Parrott's two cats probably want to see their contest take home the honors, but, do I have to say it again "Dogs rule and Cats drool!" Remember the donations all go to a local animal shelter, for those Dogs and Cats who are awaiting their forever home.

Walk in Jacksonville. You guys have no idea how much fun this is. Each year we get up early to make sure we have plenty of time for the Dog Walk. Last year I took third place in the costume contest, and the MC said I was his favorite! If it hadn't been for that little Golden Retriever dressed like Wonder Woman who knows what might have happened. This year the theme is "Rockin Rover" and I think I'm, wearing a Poodle Skirt! I'm not sure I understand so I think I'll just go back to what I do best, stealing mom's shoes and waiting for my ransom payment. Have a good State Grange Session and don't forget your dog treats!

By the time this is printed I will have helped with the Dogs for the Deaf

Woof, Bailey



L to R-Membership awards were presented to Christy Webster, Betty Huff and Barbara Harter.

Members not present to receive their membership awards were John Carnahan, 25 years; Pam Clark, 40 years and Dixie Dick, 65 years.

Master Linda Pugh presented one of two Harley Huff Sr. Memorial

Scholarships, the second scholarship will be presented at Siuslaw High School's annual Scholarship Award Night May 28th. Pictures and write up will appear in the August/September issue of the Bulletin along with other scholarship winners.



Hurricane Creek Grange master Heather Tyreman and County Commissioner Mike Hayward draw the winner of a landowner preference elk tag sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, Sunday, March 14. Tyson Shirley of Nampa, Idaho, won the tag.

Grange Gains Nicely Through Elk Tag Drawing

On Sunday, March 14, the Hurricane Creek Grange held its monthly meeting in conjunction with a potluck and a special event, the drawing for an elk landowner preference tag sponsored by The Nature Conservancy. Wallowa County Commissioner Mike Hayward attended the gathering and officially drew the winning tag with a surprising twist.

The Grange is quite active these days and the fundraiser was a complete success. Every year The Nature Conservancy lets out a certain number of big game tags to local service organizations or to public institutions to raffle off. Last year, in June, the Hurricane Creek Grange applied to the Conservancy to be one of the local organizations to raffle tags and was selected.

For the Grange it was a perfect fit. Grange secretary Clarann Witty took on the assignment and got the ball rolling. The Grange received 400 tickets to sell at \$25 apiece. Witty arranged for promotion of the sales and took phone calls the past few months from ticket buyers. She said she had a lot of fun talking with callers about hunting.

Several times during the March 14 gathering, attendees expressed their hope that someone local would win the tag. After an imaginary drum roll, Commissioner Hayward reached

into the ticket barrel and drew the ticket with Tyson Shirley's name on it. Shirley currently resides in Nampa, Idaho, but he grew up in Wallowa County. So, the wish for a local winner did in a sense come true.

When Shirley was called to let him know he had won the tag, Witty said, "He was tickled to death." The surprising twist surrounding this year's winning ticket: Shirley also won last year's local drawing for the TNC elk tag. The 2014 tickets were sold by Wallowa Resources. The fundraiser was a success with all tickets sold. The Grange's profit exceeded \$7,500.

Current Master for the Hurricane Creek Grange, Heather Tyreman, said the Grange greatly appreciates the money. For the last few years the Grange has undertaken a number of projects to improve its hall. The building's electricity has been upgraded, a new well has been put in and connected, there's a new handicapped ramp, and the building is newly painted. Tyreman said more projects are scheduled. "This really helps when we need matching funds for other projects. We're here for the future and we have a long-range view," she said.

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Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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What is Alzheimer Disease?

It is an illness of the brain in which large numbers of nerve cells die. It starts with indications of forgetfulness and progresses to the need for total care. Sources for information and help with care giving are:

- Aging and Disability Connection of Oregon
1-800-441-4038
- Alzheimer's Help Line 24/7
1-800-272-3900

Professional assistance may be necessary in making decisions relating to the care of persons affected by Alzheimer's and such help is available through the organizations listed above.

Look for morning and noon walking groups to be scheduled during State Grange by Deaf Awareness and Family Health. With all that sitting it is good health to do some exercising.



Ryan M. Dudley
President &
Chief Executive Officer
Grange Insurance Association

Greetings to all of our Policyholders and friends in the Fraternal Grange; I hope 2015 is off to a good start for you. As we prepare for another great summer I wanted to share some information with you about Highway Safety. With lower gas prices this year a lot more drivers are going to be on the roads and that leads to more traffic, more congestion and unfortunately more accidents. Because we all drive so much we tend to forget that the average vehicle on the road is around 4,000 lbs and that much mass moving at speed can cause a lot of damage and unfortunately in some cases fatalities.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Association publishes comprehensive information on traffic fatalities by type of vehicle and by cause of accident. The numbers below come from their 2013 Traffic Safety Performance Measures report. Please see their website www.nhtsa.gov for additional information. I have added statistics regarding the 2013 population for each state to put things more into perspective.

State	Total Fatalities	In Rural Areas	Alcohol related	Total Population	Approximate Fatalities/100,000
California	3000	39%	29%	38,802,500	77
Colorado	481	51%	30%	5,355,866	90
Idaho	214	82%	58%	1,634,464	131
Oregon	313	65%	34%	3,970,239	79
Washington	436	51%	34%	7,061,530	62
Wyoming	87	83%	29%	584,153	149

There are things you can do to protect yourself and to avoid doing harm to others:

- Avoid speeding as almost one-third of all fatal accidents involve speeds higher than posted.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Keep your eyes on the road and avoid distractions such as phones. A text message is a poor reason for the loss of a life. This also includes other distractions such as eating, drinking or other activity that diverts your focus from driving.
- Do preventive maintenance on your car including tire pressure and checking for thread wear.
- Know if the vehicle you are driving has "blind spots" (almost all vehicles do) and how to check these by changing the angle of view in your mirror (by leaning forward).
- Use your signals before you begin your lane change giving drivers the chance to recognize your intentions.

In closing I want to extend wishes to everyone for a wonderful and safe summer. Please remember to drive safely and defensively, and I want to thank all of our Policyholders for choosing to place their insurance with Grange Insurance Association.

Barlow Gate Grange in Wamic

Saturday and Sunday July 4th and 5th

Annual Breakfast 730am - 1100am

Hotcakes, Biscuits & Gravy, Hash browns

Eggs, Ham, Sausage links, Coffee & Juice.

ADULTS \$ 7.00 Children 7 yrs and under \$5.00

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OSG Executive Committee Minutes - January 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Master Susan Noah and opened with a prayer by Don Sether. Present were Master Susan Noah, Overseer Celia Luttrell and members of the Executive Committee Malcolm Trupp, Don Sether and Roger Wilson.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and one correction was made. Under a request made by Flora Cookie Trupp make a notation that there were no objections made if the Oregon State Grange paid for the 6th Degree formals up front to then be paid back by individual lady officers. A motion was then made by Malcolm Trupp and 2nd by Don Sether to adopt the minutes as corrected. Motion was then carried.

Financial Reports

Susan Noah announced that we would have speakers joining us later this morning; Kelly Bosch from Moss Adams, who has been doing our recent audits, as well as Scott Barker from Etesian Wealth Advisors who is handling our investments. Susan and Celia both spoke about the new Charles Schwab statements that we had been receiving on our investments. There are problems locating necessary information from these statements which we need in order to track and disburse realized gains. Celia may have to meet with the investment firm in order to complete the accounting from August onward. There are questions that have to be addressed about realized gains, especially in August. Susan also noted that \$75,000 had been transferred from the investment accounts to the Oregon State Grange checking account in order to cover year end obligations as well as the Grant Program disbursements.

Unfinished Business

The Worthy Master covered work that Steve Kroeker had been doing at the State Grange office in coordination with our attorney Nancy Murray on the restraint of title for properties held by Subordinate Granges. There are 10 counties that are now ready. She said that they are making good progress and getting some good information on various properties around the state. This work is being funded from the sale of the Lake Creek Grange property, which is now in the Reverted Grange funds. Susan hopes that this project will be completed early this year.

Matching Grant Program - Susan Noah went over the Oregon State Grange Grant Tracking form. This form summarized the Granges who were awarded these funds. The initial paperwork has been mailed out to each Grange and all have been returned with information on start dates of their projects. The report

contained detailed information on money that has been disbursed to date. None of the quarterly reports for work completed have been received, but these should be starting to come in soon. The Executive Committee felt that this is going to be a very positive program for the Granges in Oregon.

Rose Espenshade will be joining us later today to discuss a sale of Grange property request so more information could be provided to the State Executive Committee.

New Business

Susan Noah reported on the Carver Mountain property. Buzi Nelson, a Granger and realtor in Clackamas County is working on the sale of this property. There have been quite a few showings and Buzi feels pretty good about an eventual sale. Buzi Nelson also submitted a written report on Crowfoot, Mud Springs and Highland. She is working on getting these all actively listed. Highland might pose some problems that may need to be addressed.

It was announced that Eva Frost, from Columbia County, would be the new State Grange Community Service Director.

The Worthy State Master reported that she had asked for a ruling from the National Master on what constitutes a couple for Family Membership purposes. This was then clarified in our by-laws before they were sent out to each Grange so that we would not be in conflict.

Suzy Ramm, Oregon Grange Bulletin Editor, would like to purchase Acrobat Pro. She is looking at not the most recent program, but an earlier version that would cost approximately \$400. The newest version would have to be bought on a monthly fee plan. This will help with clarity and appearance of the Bulletin in our final printed copy. A motion was made by Malcolm Trupp and 2nd by Don Sether to approve the purchase of Acrobat Pro for approximately \$400. After discussion the motion carried.

Kelly Bosch from Moss Adams, who is the accountant that has been working on our audit, was introduced to the committee. She distributed copies of the audit completed for year ended 12-31-2012 and 12-31-2013 as well as the Financial Statements. She reported they had filed two tax returns for us. She briefly outlined the team from Moss-Adams who have been working on our records. She said there were no significant weaknesses noted. Kelly said they should have a report ready to present at our State Grange Session. Recommendations that she

shared were discussed. She stated that ours had been a clean audit and she was impressed and very pleased by how the books were structured and the reporting systems we use. There are sufficient check and balances in our accounting that minimizes risk.

Kelly also went over the Financial Statements and accompanying notes. Appreciation for everything Moss-Adams and Kelly have done for us during this audit, including the review of our financial records, was expressed by the committee members. She was thanked for meeting with us today and we look forward to working with them in the upcoming year.

Meeting next with the committee was Scott Barker from Etesian Wealth Advisors Inc. who is acting as our investment advisor. It was noted our funds are still with Charles Schwab even though we have changed investment advisor companies. Susan Noah shared changes we might see in funds incoming from different property sales, and some funds that might have to be disbursed in the near future. Scott covered balances and activities over this past quarter. Scott also pulled addendum information to look at the market trends overall and how our investments are performing. He summarized individual funds and ask if there were any concerns in what we are currently holding. He said there do not appear to be any issues at this time. He had suggestions on how to improve and stabilize our financial outcome. There might be something we can do in the bonds we hold and perhaps to reduce our international and energy exposures should be considered. Discussion on how this might trigger income/loss, realized/unrealized gains was held. Discussion was also held on bond holding and maintaining an AA rating. Scott recommended that we view the rating of our overall average be AA and not that each individual position be AA. Other investment strategies that would be in keeping with our investment policy were discussed.

Break for lunch

The meeting was called back to order by the Worthy Master. While the committee waited for the arrival of Rose Esbenshade from Sunnyridge Grange discussion on the property was held and specific questions that we might need answered. Joining the committee was Rose Esbenshade, who shared a potential agreement between the Grange and a local community member that they would like us to consider. The gentleman who is interested in buying the Grange building comes from a Grange family. He is interested in purchasing the building, doing necessary repairs that

are badly needed, and letting the Sunnyside Grange use the hall as long as it exists as a Grange.

The agreement would have language that the buyer would retain ownership of the property and would have their full unrestricted ownership once there was no longer a Sunnyridge Grange. The assessment of the Grange property was discussed. The Grange has the use of an older well now but the bathrooms aren't usable. Concerns were expressed about the limitations that this prospective buyer might be expecting that would vastly restrict the Grange's ability to grow and thrive. More information on the use and expectations of the potential buyer, and what he wants needs to be clarified. It was suggested that Susan Noah write a list of our concerns so that Rose could have these to open up a discussion with the buyer.

A motion was made by Malcolm Trupp and 2nd by Don Sether to accept the resignation of Phyllis Wilson as Oregon State Grange Secretary. Motion then carried. This position needs to be filled until the next State Grange Session. At that time an election will be held to fill this position for the remainder of the term. Discussion followed and names of members who had been approached who might have been able to perform the duties were shared. A motion was made by Roger Wilson to appoint Alice Nowicki from London Grange in Lane County to fill the position of Oregon State Grange Secretary until the Oregon State Grange elections in June. This motion was 2nd by Celia Luttrell and carried.

Geoff Horning, Executive Director of the Agri-Business Council of Oregon met with the Executive Committee. He shared a Power Point presentation on the Adopt-A-Farmer Program. He covered some history of the Agri-Business Council and outlined financial obligations their organization faces as the Adopt-A-Farmer Program has grown. They are currently reaching middle schools across the state and thousands of students. They are not only looking for donations but there are other aspects that the Grange and Granges around the state might be able to assist them with. Discussion on dissemination of information and becoming involved through monetary and non-monetary means were reviewed. Mr. Horning was thanked for giving us the time to be with us today and to educate us on what his organization and this specific program can accomplish.

A motion was made by Malcolm Trupp and 2nd by Don Sether that we donate \$2,500 to the Agri-Business Council of Oregon from the

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Leadership/Membership Fund for the Adopt A Farmer Program. Following discussion motion carried.

A suggested proposal from Jeff Dehne was reviewed on how to assist Granges that don't have a musician with a music system. It was noted that the National Grange already has available a digital CD of the Grange songbook. No action was taken at this time.

The Worthy Master outlined the calendar proposal that had been shelved for this year. She said that it had been proposed that calendar pages containing upcoming events could be mailed to each Grange with a suggestion that these be posted on their bulletin boards. Perhaps next year we could expand this idea into a full calendar.

Information on display boards were shared with the Executive Committee. These could be used for more than one event and allow us to share our Grange information in a more professional and useful way. A motion was made by Don Sether and 2nd by Malcolm Trupp to purchase 3 of the 6 sided folding fabric covered display boards with custom headers (cost approximately \$325 each). These funds to come from the Leadership/Membership fund. Following discussion this motion carried.

Decisions made via email were reviewed - These included permission given to Dorena to sell a small parcel of land to Lane County for \$510. Permission given for the sale of the Colton-Foothills Grange hall (this deal eventually fell through). Granted request for the Keizer Grange for \$229.18 from their trust fund for electrical work. Agreement for Fernwood Grange to accept ODOT proposal of \$8,600 for sale of part of their property. Acceptance of request by Lexington Grange for \$4,037 to update their furnace. Acceptance of Fruitdale Grange for \$3,500 from their trust funds for appliances and donation to be made to the Josephine Co. Fairgrounds for a cooling fan. Finally, agreement by the Executive Committee to move our investment management to Etesian Wealth Advisor and to continue on with Scott Barker as our investment advisor.

Grange Reports

Roger Wilson reported that he and Gail had attended meetings of all of the Granges in Umatilla and Morrow Counties except Greenfield.

The Worthy State Master gave her report on Granges: Columbia in Multnomah County - Cat Thomas has attended a couple of their meetings. They welcomed a new group of members in November and she

is helping them with Grange work. Goshen - Nancy Murray, our attorney, is working with them on property issues. North Fork - Still no movement on this property. Mapleton - Carol Everman, State Grange Deputy, also had a report on this Grange. They have some internal problems amongst the membership. Hopefully they can go forward together. Roxy Ann - Carol Everman submitted a report on this Grange. She said she went .to pick up the last of the Grange regalia and found a pipe had burst. The city has shut off the water but there is considerable damage to the hall. Wayne Cabler has the key to the front door and he is looking into costs for repairs. A motion was made by Don Sether and 2nd by Malcolm Trupp to have the plumbing repaired and then to wait until spring to address repairs to the sheetrock and insulation. Motion carried. Southfork - This property sale has been completed. A check for \$34,087.50 was received and placed into a trust fund for them. Strawberry Mountain - Susan Noah had received a call from the Master saying they were considering consolidation with Mt Vernon. Derrell Witty, State Grange Deputy was also told, it might take a year for any of this to happen. Valley Falls - Dusty Counts in Lakeview wants to lease this property to start a community center. The building is deteriorating. Someone in the area thought they had a claim on the building and our attorney at the time was consultee but there seems to be no notation in our files of what happened to this claim. Multnomah Pomona - reorganization is scheduled for Sunday the 18th at Sauvies Island Grange following the district meeting.

A proposal from Warren Grange was reviewed. They are asking for funds from their trust funds to build a new porch on the building they use on the Columbia County Fairgrounds. A motion was made by Don Sether and 2nd by Malcolm Trupp to accept the proposal contingent upon receiving a breakdown of costs prior to the funds being disbursed.

A proposal from Triangle Grange was reviewed. They would like to borrow \$40,000 for building repairs and updates. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Don Sether and 2nd by Malcolm Trupp to loan them funds at 5% interest amortized over 15 years (which would be monthly payments of approximately \$320) Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12. The meeting following this will be June 6th.

Meeting was adjourned 5pm.
Celia Luttrell, Secretary pro-term



Secretary's Column

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Secretary ~ Oregon State Grange

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“And will you succeed? Yes, you will indeed!” (98 and ¾ percent Guaranteed!) Dr. Suess.

Having the necessary tools and information at your fingertips make it possible to complete all the tasks given to a Grange Secretary. Stop and think about this fact; there are 175 Subordinate and 19 Pomona Granges in Oregon State. You are not alone in your endeavors. And you will be successful.

THE GOLDEN SHEAF AWARDS

This award honors 50 and 75 year members. The Attachment J form can be found in your Secretary's handbook page 20 and 21. There is a front and back to this form. (In your handbook - it's two pages). Fill out the front completely with member's names and information and the seal of your Grange in the appropriate spots. Make payment to the NATIONAL GRANGE. Fill out the back of the form. Then submit the completed form to the Oregon State Grange.

Your Grange needs to do **advance** planning for these awards. The Golden Sheaf award form first goes to the Oregon Grange State Office for State Seal, Master's signature and verification. The Oregon State Grange Office completes this form in about two days. Next it goes to the National Grange Office for the final step of awarding the Golden Sheaf. It takes National up to **6 WEEKS** to process this award. So submit this early to be assured that you will be able to present this important recognition to your longtime members at a Grange event. If in doubt about filling out this form, call the Oregon State Grange office for clarification. The Oregon State Grange office is a tool for you to use, contact them if you have any questions about completing this form.

STATE SESSION

By now, you should have received the State Session packet for your Grange. This packet includes the Pre-Registration form, Credentials for delegates, Committee preference form, Memorial form, meal order form and hotel information for Pendleton. Please double check the due dates on this information and submit it to the Oregon State Grange office. If you haven't received this packet, please contact the Oregon State Grange office at (503) 316-0106 ASAP.

The Memorial form is to be

completed if you had a deceased member that served as a State Officer, State Committee Chairperson or Delegate to State Session that has died since our last State Session. This form was due by May 15th but send them in even if they are late. This is **very important** for the Memorial service on Sunday June 28. The names of these people will be read aloud at the service. We want to be as up to date as possible with this information.

You should have also received the Awards, Contests and Scholarship pamphlet along with the contest entry slips and the Agriculturalist of the Year application.

Be sure to review the instruction and due dates on all the state session forms carefully. If in doubt call the State Grange office.

SECRETARY'S STATE SESSION CONFERENCE

I hope you plan on attending the Secretary's Conference; Monday, June 29th, 7:00-8:00pm. I will review and clarify areas that have challenged and concerned Grange secretaries. I hope it will be a good exchange of information and ideas for everyone. One more tool for you.

Be sure to check another tool over, this month's Grange Bulletin, for all the State Session events and special days. Plan to attend! Go prepared to learn, socialize, exchange ideas and to have FUN with your fellow Grangers. See you at State Session in Pendleton.

Just say yes!



Subordinate Granges

Please remember to add the names, addresses and date of birth of your new 1+ Junior members to the back of the quarterly report.





Lexington Grange #726 Shouts A Great Green Welcome to Heppner

On Saturday afternoon March 14th Lexington Grange #726 traveled down Main Street on a float in the Great Green Parade as part of the 33rd Annual Wee Bit O'Ireland Celebration in Heppner, Oregon.

Heppner proclaims to be the heart of Irish country and with a 20-ft shamrock smack in the middle of town, it is hard to miss the

community's Irish heritage.

Lexington Grange let the community know they are there and that they are the "Real Grange."



Columbia County Pomona Grangers Help Save County Fair Stone Monuments

Six stone monuments marked the three front entrances into the old Columbia County Fairgrounds located on Hwy 30 in Deer Island. When the fairgrounds moved to its present location in St. Helens in 1964, the stone monuments were left behind because they were too large to move. Over the years the monuments were vandalized, overgrown by blackberry vines, and hit by a car, which destroyed one.

Each stone monument weighs over 3,000 pounds and is approximately five feet tall and six feet square at the base. In 1990 the Oregon Highway Division declared that the monuments created a hazard and had to be moved or destroyed.

Due to the efforts of the Columbia River PUD, Watters Concrete, the Columbia County Road Department, and a few Columbia County Pomona Grangers, the remaining four monuments were lifted by crane and transported by truck to the present fairgrounds. Two were placed at the South Entrance Gate (Gate 2) and two

were placed at the Parking West Entrance (Gate 4). Once again these stones marked the entrances of the Columbia County Fairgrounds. They were dedicated at the 75th Anniversary of the Columbia County Fair in 1990.

During the dedication Arnold Tarbell, longtime Columbia County resident, Fair supporter and Grange member, gave a short history of these stones. Tarbell believed the monuments were constructed in 1935 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). "When they were in use at the Deer Island site, the monuments had a fancy woodwork arch stretching over the entrance from stone to stone. There was going to be more work done to the arches but due to World War II, they were never finished." Tarbell's memory is the only documented history of the stones.

Many people pass by the monuments as they enter the fairgrounds not even noticing their beauty or history. The two stones at the West Entrance were beginning to fall apart from age and vandalism.

Come One Come All, Salmon River Grange Is 101!

Salmon River Grange #516 is going to celebrate their 100th plus 1 years of being a Grange on June 13th 2015! It's going to be a potluck BBQ. They will have pulled pork, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and much more! So, bring something you like and want to share with the community. The Grange will have sodas and water for sale. If you want to bring your own you are more than welcome. Just no alcohol is allowed at the Grange.



There will be a raffle held for things that have been donated to them. The party starts at 11:00am and goes until 6:00pm! For more information call

Lyle K. Vance, the Overseer of their lovely Grange at 541-418-1157.

They can't wait to see you all there.



Many enjoyed eating at the Daffodil festival.

Daffodil Festival Brings Thousands to Long Tom Grange

Several thousand people gathered in the warm sun and light breeze of a beautiful weekend in March to celebrate spring at the 43rd annual Daffodil Festival.

The festival, held at Long Tom Grange #866, featured daffodils by the bouquet, bulb or pot, as well as the well-loved, plate-size cinnamon rolls, live bluegrass music, wagon rides, hot meals prepared by high school students, and goods from 40 local vendors.

Danuta Pfeiffer, festival chairwoman said about 300 volunteers were working together to organize the festival. "I can't tell you how great it was to have all these people out here," Pfeiffer said, referring to the different community groups helping with the event.

Proceeds from the Daffodil Festival pay for the Long Tom Grange's annual maintenance and help fund local 4-H clubs. There are usually leftover proceeds to donate to local charities and educational organizations.

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These reconstructed stones will be dedicated for the 100th Anniversary of the Columbia County Fair on July 15, 2015.

Your Name: _____ **Moving? Let Us Know.**

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

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

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