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## April is Grange Month

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**GRANGE MONTH 2017 PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, The Grange celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday throughout the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America during three centuries, advocating for legislative protection for farmers through the Granger Laws in the 1800s; promoting research and education to improve agriculture through the Cooperative Extension Service and Land Grant Colleges and working to expand mail delivery and electricity to rural areas in the 1900s; and encouraging the expansion of broadband Internet service in the 2000s; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active force in thousands of communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange provides leadership, motivation, and education to bring together rural and urban families and offers them opportunities for personal growth and individual expression; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, The Grange promotes service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, Master of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as Grange Month, and further I do encourage the participation of each Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this annual celebration of Grange Month by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in their respective communities.

*Betsy E. Huber*  
Betsy E. Huber, National Master

*Identifying rural interests since 1870?*



## GrangeUp '17 - Already Showing Success at Scholls Grange # 338

Scholls Grange #338 in Washington County was one of the first to receive their banner and box. Doris Thurston, District #3 Deaf Activities and Family Health chair, delivered them on February 1. Before Doris began her presentation, the Master told her, "Getting new members is impossible!"

The Grange served hamburgers, Polish dogs, nine kinds of homemade pie, and cookies and brownies decorated for Valentine's Day. Eighteen vendors sold handmade items, lavender products, and Valentine's Day flower arrangements. The Grange nearly sold out of food, and the vendors were delighted with their sales.

Since Scholls had a Valentine's Bazaar scheduled for February 11, Katherine Luttrell called the State Grange office to request eight more GrangeUp buttons so that all their workers could wear one.

Scholls started the day with 18 members. They received seven applications for membership. One was a Junior, who does not count for the contest, but she will turn 14 before the end of the year. Later her older sister decided to join too. So at the end of first quarter Scholls will have a 38.8% increase assuming all 18 of their current members renew.

That Saturday was a rare sunny day, which brought out members who had been cooped up inside as well as neighbors and even former Scholls residents. The parking lot was full. It was great to see everyone. Attendees were mingling and chatting. Laughter flowed naturally.

Scholls did the Welcoming Ceremony for their new members at their March 1 meeting. One of the new members is reported to be a "real go-getter." She is pushing them to write local businesses for donations to their building projects. Sounds like a Matching Grant Application could be in the works.

"Impossible," you say? Members wearing their GrangeUp buttons were empowered to Engage and Connect. Community members saw the Grange having a fun activity; they wanted to support and assist. Scholls may win a prize in the GrangeUp '17 contest, but even if they do not, they have won big because they have new members, new ideas, and some younger helpers.

See page 3 for more GrangeUp stories

## GrangeUp '17 Kick-Off Held



Above sitting: Annette Naylor, Cookie Trupp and Jeanie Force of the Program Development team along with Sandi Ludi, Jeff Dehne and Bob Ludi of the Membership Committee worked with Communications Team member Marilyn Reiher (standing) to present the script for GrangeUp '17 to the OSG officers, Directors and district Chairmen January 22 as part of the kickoff for GrangeUp '17.



Above: Membership Committee Co-Director Bob Ludi busy making more GrangeUp '17 buttons.

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## The Master's Column

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### GrangeUp '17!

By now I know that most Granges have received their box of GrangeUp goodies and the banner that goes with it. A few will be seeing their representative in April, and a handful may not have been contacted yet. At last count we had only 25 Granges who still had not received their information, and those should be delivered in April.

One thing to note is that your **new members** will be receiving their information, pin and voucher after we receive your first quarter report. Each quarter these will be mailed as soon as your reports come in.

This program has been well received! I have gotten a great deal of positive feedback from our State Officers, Directors and District Chairs who have delivered these boxes. I hope that all of you are working to make sure that your Grange ends the year with a net gain!

### Healthy Grange Workshops

I've scheduled my Healthy Grange workshops for the weekends of May 6-7 and May 20-21. All workshops will start at 10 am, be finished by 4 pm, and include a lunch. With so much time being devoted to the GrangeUp campaign, I did not want to overload everyone with another event, so I have only scheduled four workshops around the state. Unlike the last couple of years, these are not targeting any specific office; rather this is for **every member** to attend, discuss what makes a Grange healthy or unhealthy, and learn ways to ensure that your Grange is healthy and thriving. It will be a time for idea exchanges and for open discussion about our organization. Topics will include membership, buildings, finances, service to the community, and ritual and fraternalism. The schedule is:

- May 6<sup>th</sup> Hurricane Creek Grange,  
82930 Airport Ln  
Joseph 97846
- May 7<sup>th</sup> A Bernethy Grange,  
15745 S Harley Ave  
Oregon City 97045
- May 20<sup>th</sup> Waltevville Grange,  
39259 Camp Creek Rd  
Waltevville 97489
- May 21<sup>st</sup> Central Point Grange,  
436 E Pine St  
Central Point 97502

I know this leaves members having to travel a little more, but I believe the diversity of Granges and Pomona districts will ultimately add to the

discussion and give us all more food for thought. By May I expect we will be enjoying some beautiful spring weather. It will be good for all of us to get out, enjoy the weather and each other!

### Legislative Day

April 18<sup>th</sup> is our Legislative Day at the State Capitol. Our Legislative Director, Mark Noah, is busy putting together an agenda and working to make sure that everyone has a box lunch. We will be starting at 10am. We reserved a larger room to make sure there is plenty of room for everyone. Without a paid lobbyist this year, we all need to be engaged in what is going on at our State Legislature. This is just another step in staying informed.

Everyone should be looking at our current Legislative Policy Handbook. As many of you know we adopted a resolution last year to automatically sunset any policy over 10 years old, unless the decision is made to renew it. Our Handbook is currently over 60 pages. Many of the policies will age out this year unless we reaffirm them. Some of them probably need to sunset, as they are no longer relevant, but others we may want to hold on to. Take time to look through the Legislative Policy Handbook online at the State Grange website ([orgrange.org/legislative/](http://orgrange.org/legislative/)) or pick up a copy on the Legislative Day.

### State Convention

Our annual State Convention is just around the corner. I hope you have made your reservations and plan on being there for the week or at least part of the week. We will be following the same schedule as last year, with the exception that the Memorial Service will be on Monday morning instead of Sunday. Sunday was just too crowded so the Memorial was moved to a time that allows us to pay appropriate tribute to our State Officers, Directors and delegates who have passed in the last year.

Sunday will be the official opening and start of committee work. We will exemplify the Fifth and Sixth Degrees on Sunday night. The Kickoff Banquet and Talent Show will take place the evening prior, and on Saturday afternoon will confer the first four degrees.

If you want to be inspired come on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings

and watch our Juniors and Youth. The Juniors exemplify the Junior Degree on Tuesday and the Youth open the Grange on Wednesday.

During the week, many of the State Grange standing committees will hold conferences and present some great information.

We will highlight the GrangeUp campaign on Monday night. Wouldn't it be great if all our Granges showed a net gain in membership? As with any Grange celebration I expect we will be enjoying refreshments and a lot of fun!

### A little extra.....

This year the FFA convention was held in Redmond, and I had forgotten to make my reservation for the hotel just across the road so I ended up in the Bend area. Saturday night after we wrapped up the booth I went to the Old Mill District in Bend for a little shopping and dinner, and ran into someone I went to high school with. We talked for over an hour about everything under the sun including the Grange, of course. I related that I think this is the Grange's time to shine. With so much discontent in the world, so many differences in politics, and so much disagreement, I told her of our commitment to be brothers and sisters and shared our motto: *In essentials, Unity; In non-essentials, Liberty; and in all things Charity.* She loved it, and I was struck yet again by what great lessons we have.

I'm looking forward to spring weather, my workshops and to hearing about our membership growth!



### 2017 Ag Fest April 29 & 30 Oregon State Fairgrounds

Volunteers needed to work in the Oregon State Grange Booth to help transplant vegetable and flowers starts and talk Grange.

Saturday 8:30 am - 5 pm  
Sunday 10 am - 5 pm

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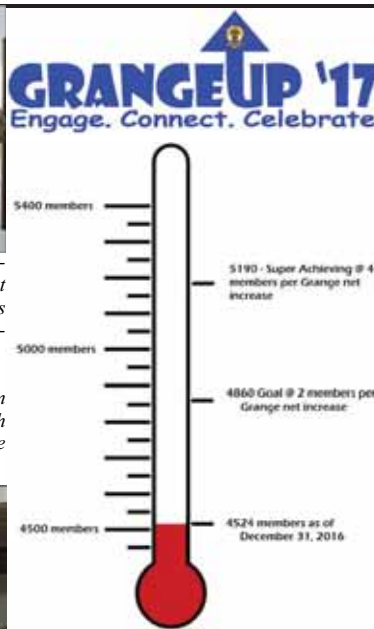
Above: Missouri Flat Grange shows off their banner



Left: Don Kingsborough at Sandlake Grange.



Lexie and Connie Suing at Creswell Grange.



### GrangeUp '17 Thermometer

This thermometer will appear in upcoming issues so we can see how well we are doing in increasing our membership. Let's not just meet the goal but blow the top off. GrangeUp!!!



Above: GrangeUp buttons presented at Fairfield Grange by Jeff and Liz Dehne.

R: Lane Pomona GWA plans GrangeUp event.



Sutherlin Grange members proudly display the Grange 150th banner presented by Linda Pugh.



State Master Susan Noah serving meals to those in line.

## Ag Appreciation Barbeque Held At The State Capitol

The biennial "We Appreciate Oregon Agriculture" Barbeque, one of the most popular meal events for the legislators, their staff members and the public was held March 23rd in the Galleria at the Oregon State Capitol. The menu included barbequed tri-tip, red potatoes, green beans, tossed green salad, rolls coffee and ice cream sandwiches. And it was all FREE, thanks to many donations from various Ag groups.

The Grange appreciates our partners in putting on this lunch: Oregon Beef Council, Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Oregon Dairy and Nutrition Council, Oregon Potato Growers and NORPAC. Estimates were that about 450 people were served

Members of Clarkes Grange #261, Clackamas County, known for their catering skills, cooked the meal. The barbeque was set up at

the back of the state capitol and the aroma could be enjoyed for several blocks. This event is held during the 160-day legislative session and is one of several promotional tools for our organization.



Jim Dumolt, Clarkes Grange, manned the grill.

### UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.

Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	May 6	10:30 AM	New Bridge Grange
Benton #36	April 15	10:30 AM	Summit Grange
Clackamas #1	April 22	10:00 AM	Molalla Grange
Columbia #18	May 6	10:00 AM	Beaver Homes Grange
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30		10:00 AM	TBA
Deschutes #25	May 13	11:30 AM	Midland Grange
Douglas #13	April 22	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange
Jackson #27		10:00 AM	TBA
Josephine #20	April 29	10:00 AM	Illinois Valley Grange
Lane #14	April 8	10:00 AM	Crow Grange
Lincoln #10	May 20	10:30 AM	Salmon River Grange
Linn #12	April 8	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Marion #4	April 11	6:00 PM	TBA
Polk #3	April 15	10:00 AM	Rickreall Grange
Tillamook #9		10:00 AM	TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	April 22	10:30 AM	Stanfield Grange
Wallowa #22	April 8	10:00 AM	South Fork Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	April 22	10:00 AM	Dixie Mountain Grange



### Bailey Barks!

Mom says if you need a good cry read page 134 of *Really Important Stuff My Dog Taught Me*. It's a section entitled "Be a Hero" and is a story of an individual working at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The man is blind and he and his guide dog Salty fought their way to the stairwell after the plane hit. He then unclipped his dog thinking he was going to die and wanted to give his beloved dog a chance to survive, but Salty wouldn't leave and guided his owner down 70 flights of stairs to safety. I don't know why she was crying it's just what we dogs do, we help!

One way you can help us is by bringing donations to State Grange for the Western District Community Service Project at National Grange in November. Each year the hosting

district chooses a community service project and the Western Region, being made up of very cool people, have decided to support pet shelters. If you bring your donations to the State Grange Convention in Florence this June Mom and Dad will make sure they get to Spokane for the National Grange Convention. Or better yet take them to Spokane yourself and watch the National Grange in action. The Seventh Degree will be exemplified on Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>. I hear it's pretty cool!

And remember Bailey's Good Dog Contest. All of the entries will be donated to a local pet shelter. This year I want the Dogs to rule! Cats be warned!

Woof, Bailey



## The Lecturer's Column

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## Are Those Pictures Taken and Your Stories Written?

State Grange Convention is right around the corner and with it comes some contest deadlines. Talent contestants must perform at your Subordinate/Community Grange and your Lecturer must notify me before June 1st that you are entering. The Pen In Hand Writing and Skit Writing may be emailed or sent to me by June 1st.

All other contest entries need to be turned in by **noon on Sunday June 24th**. All of the rules for contests are in the Awards, Contests and Scholarship booklet. There are many categories in the photo contest so there are many opportunities to win.

Don't forget your canvases. Whether your medium is oil, acrylic or pencil there's a category for you. There's still time to paint or draw, let them dry and get them to Florence for State Convention. I am so looking forward to seeing everyone's hard work from the past year.

I had the opportunity to visit four Granges out of my immediate area and present the GrangeUp '17 message. I ventured into Charity

Grange in Harrisburg, and enjoyed a delicious hamburger casserole. Then we got lost on our way back to Eugene. On to Smith River outside Reedsport where we got there in time to partake of their delicious blueberry pancakes. Deer Creek where they had 15 members in attendance and a beautifully decorated hall. On March 1st Wayne Cabler and I ventured over to Midland Grange in Klamath Falls where some icy remnants of snow on highway 140 made me a very nervous driver. The ice was well worth it. I had the best piece of apple pie that I've ever eaten after their meeting. Thank you Louise! The presentation was well received and I know that I will follow up to be able to help others achieve their goals.

Also as a sidebar my youngest daughter Qiana Helm graduated from boot camp and is an Airman in the United States Air Force. So proud she is continuing her service not just to her Grange family but to the whole US. (See Qiana's story on page \_\_).

Can't wait to see everyone in Florence, with their stories completed.

**Play On!**  
*A Comedy*  
by Rick Abbott

Springwater Grange  
24591 S Wallens Road, Estacada  
Corner of Springwater and Wallens Rd.

For Reservations Call  
503-630-6238

Dinner Theater \$25.00  
April 7 & 8, 2017 6:30pm

Matinee \$10.00  
April 8, 2017 2:00pm

Benefit Performance \$10.00  
April 14, 2017 7:00pm

*With Permission of Samuel French*

## Lane County "Plays" Again

It is play time again in Lane County. Ten Subordinate Granges have been busy practicing their one-act plays and show time is almost here. Each night there are three plays staged, one from the host Grange and the other two from visiting Granges. Each Grange hosts once and visits a couple of times.

All performances start at 7:30pm with short breaks between the plays. The host Granges provides refreshments after the completion of all three plays. Each play lasts 20-30 minutes. While the performances are free, donations are always welcome. For more information contact Lane County Pomona Lecturer Ann Rawlins, 541-726-6098 or 541-801-9179 - larawlins@gmail.com

### Play Schedule

Date	Host Grange	Other Granges Presenting
April 13, Thursday	Jasper #532	Goshen Creswell
April 17, Monday	London #937	Crow Jasper
April 19, Wednesday	Creswell #496	Dorena Irving
April 21, Tuesday	Goldson #868	Jasper Irving
April 24, Friday	Goshen #561	Walterville Crow
April 25, Saturday	Dorena #835	Mohawk-Mckenzie Walterville
April 26, Sunday	Irving #377	Goshen London
April 27, Monday	Crow #450	Mohawk-Mckenzie Goldson
April 28, Tuesday	Walterville #416	Goldson Creswell
May 1, Monday	Mohawk-Mckenzie #747	London Dorena

Multnomah Grange 71 presents ...  
**BlueGrass**  
The LAST Concert of the season!!!  
**Concert 7:00pm**  
**Sat, May 6, 2017**

**The Loafers**  
Our host band the Loafers bring a fresh batch of bluegrass favorites and fiddle tunes to the Grange. Always featuring the duets of Mike Stahlman and Dave Elliott and Aaron Stochek on fine rhythm and lead guitar anchored by Dee Johnson on Bass.  
<https://www.facebook.com/theloafersbluegrass>

**Sunny South**  
We welcome Sunny South to the grange for their first appearance featuring Steve Reischman on guitar and vocals. Three members of the original Sunny South help create the trio and quartet singing that Sunny South was known for. Tygh Trachsel, Dave Elliott, and Mike Stahlman reunite in this traditional style bluegrass band.  
More info: [davescapov@yahoo.com](mailto:davescapov@yahoo.com)

Doors Open 5 PM  
• Bluegrass Jam Session 5 to 7 pm  
• Snack Bar  
• Record Table

Suggested Donation:  
\$10.00 adults  
\$5.00 kids 12 & under

Event Location:  
Grange Hall,  
30639 SE Bluff Rd.  
Orient Neighbor-  
hood of Gresham

Presented by **Multnomah Grange 71**, a non-profit organization, provided with the aim of hosting local musicians at our historic Grange Hall and inviting everyone to community events here.

For info: 503-577-8517 and visit ... [Facebook.com/MultnomahGrange71](https://www.facebook.com/MultnomahGrange71)

## Springwater Players Perform

The Springwater Players present "Play On". It is a behind the scenes comedy about a play that goes terribly wrong. This is the first play directed by the father, daughter and daughter team of Vernon, Jennifer and Tabitha Souders.

The play opens Friday April 7 and runs through Friday April 14 with four performances. Dinner theater will be Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8 starting at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15. A matinee follows on Sunday, April 9 at 2pm; tickets are \$10. The final performance on Friday evening April 14 will be a benefit performance with dessert benefitting the Estacada Food Bank. Tickets for this evening are also \$10.

The Springwater Grange is located at 24591 S Wallens Rd in Estacada. Reservations are required for all evening performance. Please call 503-630-6238 to reserve your spot.

## In Memoriam

<i>June Waite</i> Beaver Homes Grange #517	<i>Ted Bulczak</i> Little Deschutes Grange #939
<i>Doris Stennick</i> Beaver Valley Grange #306	<i>William "Bill" Beard</i> London Grange #937
<i>Dorothy M Lucas</i> Buell Grange #637	<i>Imogene Blevins</i> Myrtle Creek Grange #442
<i>Marion Hughes</i> Central Point Grange #698	<i>Virgil Stearns</i> Myrtle Creek Grange #442
<i>Melvin Christensen</i> Columbia Grange #267	<i>Lee Ora Witt</i> Myrtle Creek Grange #442
<i>William "Bill" Jones</i> Columbia Grange #867	<i>Michael Adevai</i> Riversdale Grange #731
<i>Ethel Smith</i> Columbia Grange #267	<i>Elinor Wiley</i> Sauvies Island Grange #840
<i>AB Sanborn</i> Eagle Point Grange #664	<i>Scott Colony</i> South Fork Grange #605
<i>Mary Kollerler</i> Irving Grange #377	<i>Howard Whittington</i> Spencer Creek Grange #855
<i>Nona Shearer</i> Springwater Grange #263	



*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.*

## Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

<b>April 18</b>	OSG Legislative Day State Capital, Salem
<b>April 23-26</b>	NG Legislative Fly-In - Washington, DC
<b>April 29-30</b>	Oregon Ag Fest - Oregon State Fairgrounds - Salem
<b>May 1</b>	OSG & Foundation Scholarship Applications must be postmarked to State Grange office
<b>May 6</b>	Healthy Grange Conference - Hurricane Creek
<b>May 7</b>	Healthy Grange Conference - Abernethy
<b>May 15</b>	Entries for Youth Ambassador/Young Patron, Oregon Teenager Award, Youth Booster Award, Sign-A-Song and Public Speaking contests must be sent to State Youth Director
<b>May 20</b>	Healthy Grange Conference - Walterville
<b>May 21</b>	Healthy Grange Conference - Central Point
<b>May 25</b>	Deadline to submit resolutions for state convention
<b>May 31</b>	Deadline for Sign Reimbursement Project
<b>June 1</b>	Agriculturalist of the Year must be postmarked or emailed to State Agriculture Director
<b>June 1</b>	Annual Community Service Report, Volunteer of the Year and Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer, and Teacher of the Year nomination must be postmarked to State Community Service Director
<b>June 1</b>	Junior Photography entries must be emailed to State Junior Directors
<b>June 1</b>	Lecturer's Talent Contest participants must send form to the State Lecturer
<b>June 24-29</b>	Oregon State Grange Convention - Florence
<b>August 4-6</b>	Western Regional Leadership & Youth Conference - Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, Buena Park, California
<b>November 7-11</b>	151st Annual National Grange Convention - Spokane, Washington
<b>December 4</b>	150th Anniversary of the Grange

## The Chaplain's Corner



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Ah, Spring!

It's such a beautiful day, and even better when the weatherman said that although we will still have rain, the big storms are nowhere to be seen. Today, the Geese flew over; the daffodils, the plum trees, the forsythia, and the quince are all blooming. Everywhere you look, you can find God's beauty and evidence that spring is here.

I love the part of the 6<sup>th</sup> degree when the Master says at the end of the dark scene, "eternal did I say eternal? No! Not eternal, for the voice of God will again command, let there be light." At which time the lights come on and winter is over - the spring with the emerald carpet spread before us is here.

When I see everything that is dead

come back to life, it reminds me of Jesus and how he rose from the dead after three days. If Jesus had not come back to life, our faith as Christians would be pointless, and we would still be under the penalty of our sin. However, Romans 4:25 tells us that Jesus "was raised to life for our justification". Today we can be right with God because of Jesus.

Spring always arrives when things are at their worst. Just when it seems hopeless, the landscape of life seems bleak; God can transform it into a glorious garden of color and fragrance. There will be many cold and wet seasons ahead, both in nature and in our lives, but God sent his son to cover our sins and assure us that spring will always arrive.

## Winona Granger Leads Annual Memorial Day Commemoration Cemetery Clean-up a Grange Project

Brother Dale Potts, a member of Winona Grange #271 in Washington County, founded and continues to organize a Memorial Day observance each year that attracts hundreds to the Tualatin's historic Winona Cemetery hour-long program. Both the Grange (founded in 1895) and the cemetery (founded in 1900) are named for a little girl named Winona who died before 1900 and was the daughter of Grange Overseer James. R. C. Thompson.

The ceremonies begin with a flyover, flag raising by an honor guard, an opening prayer, patriotic songs, comments from elected officials, remarks from veterans and a traditional reading of "On Flanders Field" by a VFW Auxiliary leader.

Attendees then adjourn to the city park for a free barbecue sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. Potts serves as chair of the Winona Grange Veterans Committee.

In addition to Brother Thompson, eight other charter members of Winona Grange are buried in Winona Cemetery: first Grange Chaplain Edward Byrom, Elizabeth Byrom, George Galbreath, Wm. Jurgens, Rosa Jurgens, Louis Jurgens, Rawlinson Potts, and John. L. Smith.

Grange members will help ready Winona Cemetery for this annual observance by cleaning headstones and trimming the grass round them. A new Grange project this year will be to pick up flowers and vases two weeks after Memorial Day.



Headstone of J. R.C. (James Rice Chapman) and Martha Thompson in the Winona Cemetery, named for their daughter Winona.



## Secrets of a Secretary

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Secretary ~ Oregon State Grange

### Our Role in Sharing the Grange Mission

"The Grange provides opportunities for individuals and families to develop to their highest potential in order to build stronger communities and states, as well as a stronger nation." National Grange Mission Statement.

When is the last time you read our mission statement? Have you looked through a membership application, the Grange Declaration of Purposes, or our website to see how we are presenting our organization to prospective members? How is your local Grange presenting itself to prospective new members? Who have you talked to recently that would be interested in an organization that develops people to their highest potential? Do you know people who have an interest in making your community stronger? Take a few minutes to reflect on the mission statement and your role in sharing the Grange.

### GrangeUp '17

#### Engage. Connect. Celebrate.

In 2017 all members of the Oregon State Grange are encouraged to focus on sharing our mission. We will do this by engaging our members, connecting with our communities, and celebrating the Grange. In recent months, more than 50 members visited local Granges to encourage each of us to share the Grange opportunity. Those members have had a delightful time at your meetings. They reported being very encouraged by the activities and events the Grange is doing in communities throughout Oregon. We hope to see every Grange increase membership in 2017. We also want to hear about your success! Please share your efforts with the bulletin editor, on social media, and reports to the State

Grange office.

### Quarterly Membership Reports

Secretaries, Masters, and other officers should ensure that the Quarterly Report is completed and sent in to the State Grange office promptly. The Secretary receives the report from the State Grange office along with instructions for completing and returning the forms. The Master will ask "Have the reports to Pomona and State Granges been duly and promptly made?" during the regular order of business at each meeting.

Tips for completing your Quarterly Report:

- Fill the form out in its entirety, but **do not** change membership numbers.
- Report the names and addresses of Subordinate and Junior members gained – and celebrate!
- Report the names of Subordinate and Junior members lost – and make a plan to improve next quarter.
- Read the quarterly report aloud during your meeting so all members are aware of the status of your Grange and who was gained or dropped.
- Review the previous quarterly report to ensure information is not duplicated or missing.
- Include your dues check made payable to "Oregon State Grange"
- Contact the Oregon State Grange office with any questions or concerns.

When we have good communication among local Subordinate/Community Granges and the Oregon State Grange we will be able to grow and share our mission at a deeper level.



## The Agricultural Report

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It's been a busy couple of months. The OSU Small Farms Conference, the Oregon Agriculture Appreciation Luncheon put on at the State Capitol by the Grange, the FFA State Convention, the GrangeUp '17 visits, preparations for the State Session in Florence and Ag Fest.

And speaking of Ag Fest – I hope when this is published I will have all the volunteers Oregon State Grange needs to generously staff the booth on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the State Fairgrounds.

And besides that I have learned about two interesting programs intended to aid the continuance and success of Agriculture in Oregon. Here's what I've learned.

**The Community Food Land Trust** attempts to connect new farmers with affordable land to farm. It is being developed by the Ten Rivers Food Web based in Corvallis. Ten Rivers was founded in 1999 with the goal of "strengthening our locally-based regional food systems" and has recently expanded their mission to "acquire and hold food land in perpetuity within a public benefit land trust." The Trust will provide new farmers affordable access to food production land. Farmers on this land will hold a 99 year Ground Lease with a re-sale formula that assures that the land passes on to the next generation affordably. The Trust will own the land and the farmers will own the improvements made to the land.

They are now accepting donations and encourage interested people to remember them in their estate planning and succession plans. This link further describes this innovative program: [www.tenriversfoodweb.org/tenrivers-community-food-land-trust.html](http://www.tenriversfoodweb.org/tenrivers-community-food-land-trust.html)

The **Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program** was created by a coalition of statewide agriculture and conservation organizations with a common desire to support agriculture and natural resource values in Oregon. This diverse alliance includes the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Sustainable Northwest, and The Nature Conservancy.

These groups worked together for over a year with the focus of developing voluntary tools to keep lands in farming and ranching to support Oregon's economy, healthy rural communities, and healthy fish, wildlife, and other natural resources. The working group strove to develop Incentives to keep farms and ranches in production, and incentives to support fish, wildlife or other natural resource values, using flexible approaches that are tailored to individual landowners, balancing landowner and conservation needs, and leveraging federal money, mostly untapped in Oregon.

A bill to establish this Program has been introduced as HB 3249 and is intended to establish the structures needed to move the program forward.

This link leads to a long summary of the program: <http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/oahp/Documents/OAHP-Legislative-Concept-Summary.pdf>

The Agriculture Committee is planning an interesting Ag Tour for the State Convention and a couple of conferences for your education. See you in Florence!

**ROCKFORD GRANGE  
PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday, April 16th, 9am til 3 pm**

Get a jump start on spring planting with all sorts of garden vegetables and flowers!!

**Rockford Grange**  
4250 Barrett Road, Hood River  
on west side of Grange building

Plant Sale will coincide with the Westside Fire Dept's annual Pancake Breakfast

**Join us for two free spring workshops!**

**Pollinator Workshop**

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 6:00 - 8:30pm

Presented by Celeste Mazzacane

**East Multnomah**  
East Multnomah Community Center  
1000 E. Commercial Street, Astoria, OR 97103

**Weeds Workshop**

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 6:00 - 7:30pm

Presented by Jim Wagner

**Columbia Grange #267**  
19100 Grange Road NE, Portland, OR

Sign up today!  
[www.orgrange.org/tenrivers](http://www.orgrange.org/tenrivers)  
(503) 955-5356

## 2017 Oregon State FFA Convention ~ Redmond, Oregon



Several youth members from Terrebonne Grange #663 in Deschutes County helped out in the Grange booth at the Oregon FFA convention. Pictured here: Mary Brott, Veronica Ford, and Allison Forester pictured here with OSG Ag Committee Director Jay Sexton.

### Clarkes Grange Hosts Molalla FFA

Saturday, March 11 Clarkes Grange #261 in Clackamas County, hosted two members of the Molalla FFA chapter who had won at sectionals and were moving on to the state competitions. Attending were Emilie Mendoza in Creed Speaking and Ryan Dunigan in Extemporaneous Speaking. The members enjoyed listening to these two Molalla FFA members give their speeches and wished them good luck at state. The students were happy to have the opportunity. Emilie went on to finish third at state.



Above: Molalla FFA members Ryan Dunigan and Emilie Mendoza

### Warner Grange Was Audience For Canby FFA Speakers

Patty Abell, FFA Advisor at Canby High school requested an audience at Warner Grange #117, Clackamas County, for her students who won at sectionals and were advancing to state in the public speaking competition. On Thursday night March 16th she brought two students with her: Sean Sheveland, a freshman, competing in Beginning Public Speaking with the topic Invasive Species. The second student was Kara Guttridge, a senior, competing in Advanced Public Speaking on the topic of Ag Biotechnology.

Sean went on to place 4th at state as well as to place 1st in the Agriscience Fair in Division III of the Power, Technical, and Social Systems. Kara, a new member at Springwater Grange, also placed 4th at state.



Canby FFA Advisor Patti Abell (center) with her students, Kara Guttridge and Sean Sheveland.

Since 1936 the Oregon State Grange has sponsored the Prepared Public Speaking Contest for the Oregon State FFA. The 2017 finals were held at their state convention March 24-27 at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond. In addition to presenting the public speaking awards, the OSG participated in the Career Show with a booth promoting the Grange and the opportunities it provides when the FFA members take off their blue jacket for the last time.

State Ag Director Jay Sexton along with State Master Susan Noah, Sandi Ludi, Myrna Colvin & Keith Colvin. Jessica Fortmiller (FFA member from Vale Grange) and several youth from Terrebonne Grange: Mary Brott, Veronica Ford, and Allison Forester, spent time talking with the students about what the Grange is and how it fits in with the FFA program.

During the convention, Jay Sexton, OSG Ag Committee Director helped present the banners for the top finishers in the 2017 Oregon FFA Prepared Public Speaking Contest: 1st Lee Wesenburg, Sutherlin; 2nd Andrew Gmirken, Eagle Point; 3rd Mason Dahl, Burns and 4th Kara Guttridge, Canby. Kara is a brand new member of Springwater Grange and is a 6th generation Granger.

### North Clackamas FFA Visits Sunnyside Grange

March 9th there was great conversation and Q&A with North Clackamas FFA when Erika Bergstrom and Mary Mitchellldyer visited Sunnyside Grange #842 in Clackamas County.

Erika, a freshman on the beginning Parli Pro team talked about the contest. Mary, a member of Abernathy Grange, spoke about her Agriscience project on Broiler Chickens. She also talked about the



Above: Erika Bergstrom bills in the Oregon Legislature, regarding funding for FFA. In addition to her project Mary was the Chairman of their Advanced Parli Pro team.



Above: Mary Mitchellldyer

Mary (left) won 1st place in the State FFA Agriscience Fair in her division with her chicken project and her Parli Pro team went on to place third at state. Additionally, Mary Mitchellldyer has just won a full ride scholarship to Oregon State University.

### Molalla Grange Hears From FFA

On February 15 Molalla Grange #310 had the pleasure of hosting five of the Molalla FFA members. There were two individual speeches given - one on the Owahee Canyon being considered as a National Monument and the second on immigration. Then the Ag Issues team discussed the pros and cons of declaring the Owahee Canyon a National Monument. The Ag Issues team went on to place 4th at state.



Molalla FFA Ag Issues Team



## Community Service

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**HOW BRAVE ARE YOU?** Are you brave enough to jump into the cold Columbia River? I took the Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics when the water temperature was 37 degrees. Special Olympics Oregon serves more than 13,000 participants each year, offering 14 different Olympic style sports like baseball, basketball, golf, swimming, skiing and more. These participants need our caring spirit. Fix your eyes on what is needed beyond your Grange doors. Take part in helping a Special Olympics activity. Be the Brave One and give them hope to achieve their potential.

The time is now to send your 2016 **Annual Community Service Report**. The deadline is **June 1**. I read the *Grange Bulletin* and know that many Granges are busy volunteering in their communities. Almost half of the Granges in the state have sent one or more articles to the *Bulletin*. "Thank You" for sharing your activities with us. Now please fill out the report form, which you can download from the State Grange website. Contact me if you have any questions about filling out your Annual Community Service Report.

The Oregon State Grange receives money (\$250) from the National Grange, IF 25% of Granges send in a report. We use this money to fund the prizes awarded for Community

Service Yearbooks.

The **Volunteer Log** form, which is also on the State Grange website, can be used to log member's volunteer hours each month during your meeting. These forms are your backup information and should not be included or attached to the report you mail. Contact me if you have any questions. Please remember to focus on serving your community.

The **Community Service Yearbook** for 2016 must be entered for judging at the State Grange Convention by noon on Sunday **June 25**. Or you may mail your book to me by June 1. All yearbooks will be judged at the convention and certificates will be awarded to all entrants. The first place winner will be sent to National Grange in November. Refer to the *OSG Awards, Contests and Scholarships* booklet for more information.

**Volunteer of the Year** recognizes a member who is a dedicated volunteer in your community. Nominations must be sent to me by **June 1**. Refer to the *OSG Awards, Contests and Scholarships* booklet for more information. The winner will be announced and presented with a certificate and award at the State Grange Convention.

Thanks for your service in your community.



Above: Polar Bear Plunge participants in the Columbia River.



Left: Warren Grange #536 in Columbia County participated in the 2017 Polar Plunge. Members included Eva Frost, Kim Kuiper and Kris Kuiper. They, plus two other team members, earned a total of \$1,640 for Special Olympics at this event.

## Goldson Grange Holds Disaster Preparedness for Rural Residents Event

"In a disaster the government response is to do as much good for as many people as soon as possible," explained Lane County Emergency Manager, Linda Cook, at a March 3, 2017 talk at Goldson Grange. In practical terms, this means that higher density urban areas are targeted first for help rather than more sparsely populated rural areas. Cook stressed the importance of planning to be self-sufficient in a disaster, which is especially important in more rural, hard-to-reach areas.

Cook then outlined what to have on hand in case of a disaster, emphasizing that rural residents should have at least a two-week supply of food, water, and any medications on hand. Food should be what you like to eat, high-calorie and dense so a little goes a long way. For water, have on hand enough drinking water for one gallon per person per day, plus any needed for pets. If you use medical devices such as an electric wheelchair or breathing aid, have replacement batteries or a self-powered generator on hand to recharge them.

List the contacts for family members, friends, and neighbors on paper and laminate it. Have an out-of-area contact as the point person for family members to call rather than trying to



Lane County Emergency Manager Linda Cook stressed the importance of disaster preparedness for rural residents.

all call each other. Keep important papers where they are handy and transportable. In case of evacuation, have a safe way to transport pets and have a back-up place for them to stay. Remember their medications, too.

Goldson Grange Master Lee Cornforth announced that "in its infancy" is a plan to network Granges in Lane County to help as community resources. His vision is that Grange Masters would be contacted and in turn, would activate their Granges to help their communities during a disaster.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Cherry Blossom Buffet

Sponsored by:  
Mosier Grange

Grilled Salmon - Ham  
Main Dishes  
Salads  
Cherry Dessert

**Sunday, April 9, 2017**

**11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Mosier Grange Hall  
(take exit 6/9 off I-84-follow signs)

Adults - \$10.00  
Ages 6-12 - \$2.00  
Under 6 - Free

Proceeds to benefit the Mosier Grange Hall  
as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter

## The Sandy Grange Spring Bazaar

Saturday April 29th from 9am-3pm and Sunday 8am-11am The Sandy Grange, 34705 SE Kelso Rd, Sandy will be holding their Spring Bazaar. Assorted plants and flowers, fresh baked pies and cookies, product reps and much

more! The Grange kitchen will also be serving lunch of chili dogs with the works, chips and soda or bowls of chili. Come, have fun and learn more about the Grange at the information booth about the Grange. Find out how to participate and join.



Lacomb Grange members Maxine Smith and Jadala Coyle served as cashiers and receptionist for the Swiss Steak dinner.

## Lacomb Grange Holds Annual Swiss Steak Dinner

Lacomb Grange #907 held their annual Swiss Steak Dinner on Saturday, February 18. Approximately 75 to 80 people were present. This fundraising event grossed close to \$1000 after expenses, better than half was profit. Raffle prizes were given out while everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner including homemade pie for dessert. Friends, neighbors and visitors enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship. Adding to the enjoyment the Grange signed up two new members, Mary and David Rutherford.

## Warner Grange Hands Out Dictionaries



Warner Grange Master Terry Mize had a table full of dictionaries to pass out to the third graders in Canby.

On Wednesday March 22 Warner Grange #117 in Clackamas County visited third grade classes at Lee Elementary School in Canby. Don Kingsborough explained the Grange, community service as well as what students would find in the dictionaries. Then the students lined up and Terry Mize got busy passing out the dictionaries. Judging by their smiling faces, the students were happy to get the books.



## Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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## Career Change Dogs LYNN "SKIPS" FOR JOY

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enjoying them. Thank you."

### Career Change Dogs

Lynn L. of Oregon, volunteered at Dogs for the Deaf walking dogs, rain or shine, and fostered dogs for Dogs for the Deaf for seven years before deciding to adopt a dog of his own.

After "retiring" from his volunteer work in 2014, Lynn adopted Franz, one of the Career Change Dogs he had fostered, and renamed him Skipper. Lynn takes Skipper everywhere. They've traveled to California to visit family, they've gone to the coast, and sometimes they fish on weekends. Their tradition is their daily walks, and Skipper loves to remind Lynn when it's time to go. During these excursions, Lynn noticed how easily Skipper makes friends as he is always eager to play with dogs of Lynn's friends. Hence, it didn't take long before Lynn decided to adopt a second dog!

When Lynn called Dogs for the Deaf to request a second dog, he learned that Skip, one of the dogs he had previously fostered, was suddenly available for adoption. It was fate, and Lynn was ecstatic!

To ensure that the two dogs got along prior to finalizing the adoption, we arranged for the two dogs to meet. Skip recognized Lynn and was very happy to see him, but when he met Skipper, he got even more excited. The dogs got along instantly and began to play together. Two days later, Skip was placed in his forever home with Lynn and Skipper.

"It is so nice to have two well-behaved dogs that get along so well together," says Lynn. "Their antics make me laugh, and I am really

Career Change Dogs are wonderful dogs who are happy and healthy but just not suited to working for a living. In fact, approximately 75 percent of the dogs who start training do not complete the program. These dogs make loving pets and companions and are looking for their forever homes.

Each of these dogs have been screened for temperament, provided medical care, have been spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and put on a high quality, nutritious diet.

We do not charge for our Career Change Dog adoptions, but we gladly take donations.

Because Dogs for the Deaf is located in Southern Oregon, Career Change Dogs are usually adopted to homes within a three-hour driving distance of our facility. If you live outside the area, we encourage you to visit your local animal shelter when looking for a dog to add to your family.

If you are interested in adopting a Career Change Dog, you can download an application from our website: [www.dogsforthe deaf.org/career-change-dogs](http://www.dogsforthe deaf.org/career-change-dogs) or call the office and we can send you an application. You will be contacted by our staff when we have a dog that might be right for you. Our primary concern is to find the most suitable match for both the dog and the new owner.

If you have questions about our Career Change Dog program, or about adoptable dogs, please call us at 1-800-990-3647 or 541-826-9220 or visit our website at [www.dogsforthe deaf.org](http://www.dogsforthe deaf.org).



Lynn L. with Skip and Skipper - Photo by Dogs for the Deaf/Sena Short



## The Education Committee

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## What Are Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports In Education?

*Intervention, multi-tiered systems of supports, and positive behavioral interventions and support*

Proponents of an educational framework aimed at systematically supporting struggling students throw around those terms all the time, but what do they really mean? This glossary helps cut through the fog.

### What is response to intervention?

Response to intervention is an instructional framework that focuses on addressing problems early with students who show signs of academic weakness. Among its essential components: high-quality education for all students; universal screening so that teachers can spot children who are struggling; targeted, research-based "interventions" of increasing intensity designed to help students improve in problem areas; frequent progress monitoring so that teachers can see how well students are responding to the targeted interventions, and data-based decision making based on the information gathered from that monitoring.

### Where did response to intervention come from?

The elements that make up what we call response to intervention have been around for decades, but the term first showed up in federal law in 2004, when the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act was last reauthorized. In the special education law, the RTI process was put forward as an alternative method of identifying students with learning disabilities. Congress' intent was to make sure that students diagnosed with disabilities weren't just the victims of poor teaching.

Over the years, the educational framework has grown beyond the special education field. It is now seen as a method of improving instruction and academic results for all students.

### What are the "tiers" in RTI?

Response to intervention is generally conceptualized as different levels of instruction. Tier 1 is the strong instruction that every student in a school should be receiving. Tier 2 includes students who are receiving extra academic support, often provided in small groups. Tier 3 is for students who have severe or

persistent needs who require individualized help.

RTI proponents have said that movement among those tiers should be fluid: A student with acute needs doesn't need to progress through the tiers to get individualized support, for example. And a student who needs some extra support should not miss out on the general instruction that is provided on Tier 1.

### What are positive behavioral interventions and supports?

PBIS predates RTI in its inclusion in federal law; it was first introduced in the 1997 reauthorization of the IDEA as a research-based framework for supporting children with behavior disorders. As with RTI, PBIS operates on tiers. All students are taught certain behavioral expectations and rewarded for following them, and students with more needs are provided increasingly intensive interventions.

### What are multi-tiered systems of supports?

Districts differ in how they use this term. Some use RTI and MTSS as synonyms, for example. But usually, "multi-tiered systems of supports" is used as an umbrella term that encompasses both response to intervention and positive behavioral interventions and supports. Schools implementing MTSS are usually trying to tackle both behavioral and academic concerns at the same time, recognizing that they often go hand in hand: A student who can't understand what's going on in the classroom is more likely to act out, and a student who is grappling with behavior problems is not going to be able to focus on academics.

### How are schools using RTI and PBIS?

School districts have largely adopted the multi-tiered framework as a schoolwide improvement process because of its focus on screening all children, improving overall instruction, and making decisions based on data. RTI has a stronger research base for early reading, however. District leaders say that setting up a multi-tiered framework

## Lake Creek Grange Makes Donation to Local School

Lake Creek Grange #697 in Jackson County started a project this last year of collecting redeemable bottle and cans. Flyers were posted around the community asking for donations and members started picking up cans. The money received from the collected cans is used to help volunteer groups in their area. The community response has been great.

The Grange has been able to help several groups connected with the Lake Creek Learning Center. A group of women in the Lake Creek area volunteer at the school with the Lake Creek Little Gardeners. The students learn about planting vegetables and flowers in the spring,

volunteers tend the garden thru the summer, and then the students harvest the crops in the fall. They also help the students make flower pots to take home as Mother's Day gifts. The Grange was able to donate \$100 this year.

Other projects at the school that the Grange has helped fund include the Smart Readers program, and the walk-a-thon that raises money for the transportation for an end-of-year trip. The Grange sponsored the students on this walk to the tune of \$135.

The Lake Creek Learning Center is a small K-5 school. The two classrooms have about 60 students.



Students at Lake Creek Learning Center made a sign thanking Lake Creek Grange for their support.

## Springwater Grange Raises Over \$3000 at Scholarship Pie Auction

Springwater Grange #263 in Clackamas County held their annual Scholarship Pie Auction on February 24. Sixty delicious, home-made pies were sold by auctioneer Don MacKinnon, assisted by Don Guttridge and Bob Fugate. A fun evening for all, and \$3,011 was raised, all of which will be given to students.

Right: Auctioneer Don MacKinnon gets a bid while Don Guttridge shows off a pie.



for older children and in different subject areas has been more challenging because there are fewer research-based interventions in those areas and because it becomes more challenging with older students to create time for interventions during the school day.

### What does the Every Student Succeeds Act say about MTSS?

The text of the law mentions multi-tiered systems of supports only

briefly, in the context of helping students with disabilities and English-language learners access challenging academic standards. State leaders may choose to use multi-tiered frameworks as a way to organize school improvement efforts in the improvement plans they must submit to the U.S. Department of Education next year.

Sources: RTI Action Network; Center for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Vol. 36, Issue 15, Pages s8, s9. By Christina A. Samuels December 13, 2016. Published in Print: December 14, 2016.

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**Fairmont Grange #252**  
Benton County  
Organized March 1891

Location: 835 North Albany Rd NW, Albany  
Meets: 1st Tues 6 pm; potluck following  
Mail address: 5050 Columbus St SE Unit 108  
Albany 97322  
Contact: Lyle 541.361.8515 uttl@comcast.net

Grange Hall built in 1930 and has always been a Grange.

Best known for: School related events get free rental and they have a Junior Grange group as well as five active Youth/Young Adult members

Other projects: A Grange activity every 2nd Saturday



**Hope Grange #269**  
Benton County  
Chartered March 1, 1894



Location: 27373 Alsea Deadwood Hwy, Alsea  
Meets: 2nd Thurs 7 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 248, Alsea 97324  
Contact: Mary 541.487.7209  
sobrien@casco.net

Best known for: Being a nice event space in Alsea.

Hope Grange met in four other sites, two of which burned, before building their present hall in 1945.



**Marys River Grange #685**  
Benton County  
Organized March 16, 1927

Location: 24707 Grange Hall Rd., Philomath  
Meets: 1st Wednesday 6:30 PM  
Mail address: PO Box 1301  
Philomath, OR 97370  
Contact: Grange Cell - 541.829.2907

Best known for: Support for local food farmers, Farm and Food movie night, Free Game Night, hosting Farm Worker Medical Clinic. The hall was built by loggers from local logs.

Other projects: They are busy modernizing and updating the hall to make it more usable by the community.



**Willamette Grange #52**  
Benton County  
Chartered November 17, 1873

Location: 30012 Hwy 99W, Corvallis  
Meets: 2nd Tues after 6:30 pm potluck  
Mail address: 32551 Joseph Ln  
Philomath 97370  
Currently not available for rentals  
Contact: Jim Gray crftydy495@aol.com

Willamette Grange is best known for being the 2nd oldest continuously chartered Grange in Oregon. The hall was first occupied by the Grange in 1923 and is of Georgian Revival Architecture. Their goal is to make the hall presentable and rentable for public use.

Location: 19854 Summit Hwy, Blodgett  
Meets: 2nd Wed 7 PM  
Mail address: 37516 Marys River Rd  
Blodgett 97326  
Contact: Evelyn 541.456.4567  
evid@peak.org

Best known for: Annual Talent Show, Halloween Dance, Holiday Market and community dances

Quilting location for the Summit Star Quilters. Grange has quilt shows, memorials, lectures, movie nights, dental care clinics. Also does road clean-up 3 times a year.



**Summit Grange #432**  
Benton County  
Re-organized 1920



**Central Grange #360**  
Lane County  
Reorganized 1930



Location: 87200 Central Rd, Eugene  
Meets: 3rd Wed 5:30 pm; potluck 4:30 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 1447, Veneta 97487  
Contact: Jeanie 541.935.2235

They have a Hootenanny Jam and Dance on the 2nd Tuesday, A spring plant sale in April and Herb Festival in May.



**Creswell Grange #496**  
Lane County  
Organize 1913

Location: 298 W Oregon Ave, Creswell  
Meets: 2nd Mon 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 523, Creswell 97426

This Grange is located two blocks from City Center in downtown Creswell. Many community groups meet there. They participate in the Creswell Fourth of July parade with a float and a food booth in front of their hall.



**Dorena Grange #835**  
Lane County  
Organized 1935



Location: 34360 Row River Rd, Cottage Grove  
Meets: Business 4th Mon 7 pm;  
Potluck 2nd Mon 6 pm  
Mail address: 1320 Nikki Pl  
Cottage Grove 97424  
Contact: Erika Peterson Bartlog  
541-946-1681 starranchoregon@gmail.com

Dorena Grange is a Grange in transition! An influx of new members last year joined to save the Grange from closing and to keep this important resource in the community. They are working towards a focus on agricultural and community sustainability and preparedness.

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**Goldson Grange #868**  
Lane County  
Organized December 1936



Location: 23479 Hwy 36, Cheshire  
Meets: 1st Thurs 7 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 120, Cheshire 97419  
Contact: Lee Cornforth 541.998.3079

Best known for burgers. Popular waypoint for annual Highway 36 Yard Sale in June. Monthly community potluck forum talks. Veteran's Day Breakfast, Food Pantry food distribution site.



**Goshen Grange #561**  
Lane County  
Organized 1917



Location: 85628 Dillard Access Rd, Eugene  
Meets: 3rd Mon 7:30 pm, except when Monday is a holiday  
Potluck 1st Monday at 6:30 pm  
Mail address: 85628 Dillard Access Rd  
Eugene 97405  
Contact: Gary Prichard

*Celebrating 100 years this year!*

Best known for: The Goshen Grange Pioneer Cemetery is owned by the Goshen Grange and a historical book is published about the Grange Cemetery.

Other projects: Takes pride in supporting the Veterans in Roseburg; contribute Valentines, Christmas Boxes, Tray Favors, and more. Looking forward participating in a 150 Year Grange Anniversary Party.



Holds a "Raise the Roof" breakfast each month to raise money for a new roof. Members are working to spruce up their hall.



**Irving Grange #377**  
Lane County  
Organized 1908



Location: 1011 Irvington Dr, Eugene  
Meets: 2nd Wed 7 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 40566, Eugene 97404  
Contact: Joanie Kent 541.461.1892

Charter holder for Boy Scout Troop 182, home of Girl Scout Service Unit 67. Holds annual car show in August with their two resident car clubs. Free Zumba classes are offered twice a week, now in the 7th year. Home of the Eugene Scottish Festival, held on Memorial Weekend and Holiday Market the weekend before Thanksgiving. A popular hall for both the community and Grange functions because of size and newness.



**London Grange #937**  
Lane County  
Organizer 1954



Location: 72746 London Rd, Cottage Grove  
Meets: 3rd Fri 6:30 pm  
potluck 1st Fri 6:30 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 1002  
Cottage Grove 97424  
Contact: Dennis Chapman 541.942.9681

Best known for: the London Grange house of terror, quilt making, food boxes, blankets for the homeless

Other projects: London Springs Community 4-H, theme potlucks, Thanksgiving Open House and community potluck, Mother's Day breakfast/flea market, neighborhood watch, Bemis Cemetery project.



**Long Tom Grange #866**  
Lane County  
Organized 1936



Location: 25855 Ferguson Rd, Junction City  
Meets: 3rd Thurs 7 pm  
Mail address: 25040 Jaeg Rd  
Junction City 97448  
Contact: Jo Holzbauer 541.998.5364



**Lorane Grange #54**  
Lane County  
Organized December 10, 1873



Location: 80342 Old Lorane Rd, Lorane  
Meets: 1st Thurs 7 pm,  
Mail address: PO Box 54, Lorane 97451  
Contact: Lil Thompson 541.942.5701

Best known for: Provides a Holiday Dinner for the community, providing a place for the community to gather and/or hold meetings. They are also the Trustees and caretakers of a local historical cemetery located at King Estate Winery.

Other Projects: sponsor spaghetti and Bingo nights, serve meals for community memorial services, host a talent show, support the Rural Arts and their movie night, Siuslaw Watershed Council and Crow-Applegate-Lorane School Board.



**Junction City Grange #744**  
Lane County  
Organized 1930

Location: 1420 Kalmia St, Junction City  
Meets: 2nd Tues 7:30 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 537  
Junction City 97448  
Contact: Kacia Woldridge 541.998.4703

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**Lowell Grange #745**  
Lane County  
Organized 1930



Location: 51 E 2nd St, Lowell  
Meets: 2nd Thurs 7 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 47, Lowell 97452  
Contact: Maggie Osgood 541.937.3759



**Walterville Grange #416**  
Lane County  
Re-organized 1932



Location: 39259 Camp Creek Rd, Walterville  
Meets: 1st & 3rd Tues 7:30 pm; potluck 1st Tues 6:30 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 262, Walterville 97489  
Contact: Jeff Dehne 541.746.9974



**Spencer Creek Grange #855**  
Lane County  
Organized 1936



Location: 86013 Lorane Hwy, Eugene  
Meets: 3rd Tues 7 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 25425, Eugene 97402  
Contact: Malcolm Trupp 541.686.0583



**Mohawk Valley Grange #922**  
Lane County  
Organized 1948



Location: 93727 Marcola Rd, Marcola  
Meets: 3rd Sun 6 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 635, Marcola 97454  
Contact: Thorp & Kelly McClaren  
541.993.3948

Holds Bingo Extravaganza, Road Cleanup, participates in the Lions Club's Music in the Park followed by the Mary Cole Celebration and the Mohawk Valley Music Festival in August.

Best known for: Walterville Community Fair and Parade in September, The Fair has been a favorite fun event in the lower McKenzie Valley for 66 years. Everyone in the community is invited to bring in their garden produce, canning, baking, crafts, art, sewing and antiques for display and judging. The morning starts with a 5K Run/Walk called the Walterville Waddle. Local vendors set up their tables to sell items from brownies to wind chimes. Following the parade there are kids games and a full Chicken BBQ Dinner.



**Crow Grange #450**  
Lane County  
Re-organized March 1921



Location: 85994 Territorial Rd, Eugene  
Meets: 2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 pm  
Mailing address: 86410 Territorial Rd,  
Veneta, Oregon 97487  
Contact: Connie Suing 541.556.2609

Best known for: Annual Chicken n Pickin' BBQ; Bingo on 1st and 3rd Saturday during school year, proceeds provide a scholarship for a Crow High School senior; and their annual Community Thanksgiving Open House and potluck.

Other projects: Senior nutrition meals, Mother's and Father's Day Breakfast, meeting place for Girl Scouts, 4-H small animal group, and a school time Bible class. They have dance classes and an Old Time Fiddlers group that meet at the hall as well.



**Siletz Valley Grange #558**  
Lincoln County  
Re-organized 1923



Location: 224 Gaither St, Siletz  
Meets: 2nd Mon 6 pm; potluck 5:30 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 52, Siletz 97380  
Contact: Michelle Schaffer 541.444.1023

Events and projects: Regularly hold Bingo on 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings. St Paddies Dinner and silent auction, Saturday sales, Christmas bazaar

They have been busy making upgrades to their hall. See page 24 for their story.



**Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747**  
Lane County  
Organized 1930



Location: 3055 Willakenzie Rd, Eugene  
Meets: 1st & 3rd Wed 7:30 pm  
Potluck 3rd Wed 6 pm  
Mail address: 3700 Babcock Ln #11  
Eugene 97401  
Contact: Sandra Noah 541.485.4922

They meet in the historic Wilakenzie Grange Hall. A dog friendly Grange, they are a strong supporter of Dogs for the Deaf and other animal charities. Planning to hold classes on preservation of historical information and emergency preparedness.



**Salmon River Grange #516**  
Lincoln County  
Re-organized 1937



Location: 5371 Salmon River Hwy, Otis  
Meets: 1st Mon 7 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 175, Otis 97368  
Contact: Lyle Vance 541.418.1157

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**Sunnyridge Grange #898**  
Lincoln County  
Organized 1941

Location: Annabelle's home: 224 Pioneer Mountain Loop, Toledo 97391  
*Temporary meeting site*  
Meets: 3rd Fri 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm  
Mail address: 20063 Siletz Hwy, Siletz 97380  
Contact: Judy Brown 541.265.5809



**Lacomb Grange #907**  
Linn County  
Organized 1945

Location: 34100 E Lacomb Rd, Lebanon  
Meets: 2nd Fri 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm  
Mail address: 41978 Clark Smith Dr  
Lebanon 97355  
Contact: Waldo or Maxine Smith 541.258.3259

Check out the story on their Swiss Steak Dinner on page 9.



**Buell Grange #637**  
Polk County  
Organized 1924



Location: 5970 Mill Creek Rd, Sheridan  
Meets: 2nd Sat 19 am  
Mail address: 8445 Harmony Rd  
Sheridan 97378  
Contact: Randy Crowe 503.831.1422

Buell is a small Community Grange located in west Polk County. They serve a grand breakfast on the second Sunday of each month, with exceptions for May which is Mother's Day. That month the breakfast is on the third Sunday. They take a break for the month of August.



**Santiam Valley Grange #828**  
Linn County  
Organized 1935



Location: 1140 5th St, Lyons  
Meets: 1st Fri 7:30 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 236, Lyons 97358  
Contact: Roberta O'Dell

Known for: Best hamburgers in the Willamette Valley

What is unique: Located in the heart of Lyons; received the distinction as being one of the buildings that helped Lyons grow.

Other projects; Flea Markets, Dinners, Breakfasts, Haunted House, Easter Egg Hunt.

They recently planted 480 Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar seedlings in the grove where they had previously logged.



**Western Star Grange #309**  
Linn County  
Re-organized 2008

Location: 30423 Tangent Dr, Albany  
Meets: 3rd Thurs 7 pm; potluck 6:30 pm  
Mail address: 30213 Harvest Dr SW  
Albany 97321  
Contact: Tom Maguire 541.752.9155

### 2017 Host Granges

Each year the Granges in the Oregon State Grange Convention host district are asked to provide a current picture of their hall and a brief summary of their activities and items unique to them. Those that respond get a write-up; those that don't get just the basic information listed and a picture if there is one in the OSGB files.

District 2 is made up of the Granges in Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion and Polk counties. This issue contains information on all but Marion County and a few Lane County Granges, which will appear in the June/July issue of the Bulletin.



Enjoy learning a little about the host Granges and "Sea and be Seen in '17" in Florence, Oregon.



**Morning Star Grange #311**  
Linn County  
Organized 1902

Location: 38794 Morning Star Rd NE, Albany  
Meets: 1st Tues 7 pm; potluck 6 pm  
Mail address: 5208 Davidson St SE  
Albany 97322  
Contact: Sandra Decker 541.926.3646



**Charity Grange #103**  
Linn County  
Organized 1874



Location: 33275 Bond Butte Dr, Harrisburg  
Meets: 1st Fri 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm  
Social night 3rd Fri 6:30 pm  
Mail address: 25712 Powerline Rd  
Halsey 97348  
Contact: Cindy Clark 541.990.1738



**Oak Grove Grange #198**  
Polk County  
Organized 1885



Location: 2760 Oak Grove Rd, Rickreall  
Meets: 2nd Thurs 7 pm; potluck 6 pm  
Mail address: 22704 Business 18  
Willamina 97396  
Contact: Jency Rosasco 971.237.3230



**Rickreall Grange #671**  
Polk County  
Organized 1926



Location: 280 Main St, Rickreall  
Meets: 3rd Sun 2 pm  
Mail address: PO Box 133, Rickreall 97371  
Contact: Cheryl Phillips 541.745.7274



*Malcolm Trupp, President*

At the Oregon State Grange Foundation meeting last fall, we decided to join the Fred Meyer Community Awards Program. This program is part of Fred Meyer's program to give back to the community. If you have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card, you can link it to the Oregon State Grange Foundation. The Foundation will receive dividends proportional to your purchases at Fred Meyer. The monies come from Fred Meyer profits not from you.

If you are interested, you can log on to Fred Meyer's website at [www.fredmeyer.com](http://www.fredmeyer.com). On the right hand side click on "Welcome Sign In". The site will ask if you are "new to Fred Meyer?" and if you want to create an account. If you already have an account, go ahead and sign in. After signing in go to the bottom of the page and click on "Community Awards Program." Go down to Are You Customer? And click on "re-enroll or link your Reward Card Now". "Under search" type in "Oregon State Grange Foundation." The Foundation should come up and select it for you.

At the fall meeting we established the Grangers Attending State Session (GASS) Fund which was introduced in a previous Bulletin. This fund was set up to recognize Grangers who have passed away. Remember this fund when you are memorizing you past Grange members.

Our hope is that members or Granges throughout the State will donate to the fund and it will grow over the years.

Remember to attend the Oregon State Grange Foundation luncheon on Sunday, June 25 at noon. We will have more information on the two topics above at State Session.

The Mission of the Oregon State Grange Foundation is to promote the Ideals of the Grange Within and Without the Boundaries of the State of Oregon. Please donate to the Foundation. For more information go to: [www.orgrange.org/members/OSG\\_Foundation](http://www.orgrange.org/members/OSG_Foundation)

## G W A

*Margaret Clute*  
margaretclute@yahoo.com



*OSG Grange Workers Activities Director*

In the 1950-60s members of the Oregon State Grange GWA won national awards in the Coats and Clarks Needlework and Simplicity Sewing contests. Since the 1940s White Satin Sugar has been involved with the GWA. Starting in the 1940s they awarded electric appliances to winners of a popular Canning contest. White Satin Sugar has been supporting GWA by donating sugar for the annual OSG Convention. Everyone likes winning a bag of sugar either at the GWA conference or luncheon. Start planning now to attend this year's OSG Convention in Florence, Oregon June 24-29.

This is the time of year that Grangers are busy sprucing up their Grange halls for events to be held in the months ahead. What a great time to involve the whole family as Grange is a family affair.

I read in Good Day, the new magazine from the National Grange, a few events that are celebrated in April: Grange Month, Keep America Beautiful Month, Lawn & Garden Month, Pecan Month, Easter and Arbor Day. May: Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Foster Care Month,

Older American Month, Salad Month, Blood Pressure Month and the fourth week is Emergency Medical Services week.

Thank you to those sponsors who have sent in your contest sponsorship monies for this year contests. Remember sponsors May 1, 2017 is the due date for payment for your contests.

Applications for the GWA scholarship are being mailed to your Secretary or can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/scholarships](http://www.orgrange.org/scholarships). The deadline is May 1, 2017.

### A Recipe for a Good Day

Take two parts of unselfishness and one part of patience.

Work together.

Add plenty of industry, lighten with Good Spirit and sweeten with kindness.

Put in smiles as thick as raisins in plum pudding and bake by the warmth, which streams from a loving heart.

If this fails to make a good day, the fault is not with the recipe but the cook.



## Lane Pomona GWA Meeting

The Lane County Pomona quarterly GWA Business Meeting was held at Indulge in Springfield on February 22nd. Seventeen members representing twelve Granges were in attendance. Among other items of business discussed was the upcoming State Grange Convention and the GWA contests being held there in June in Florence.

The site of the meeting was the Indulge Antiques store. In addition to antiques and craft items, the business has an eatery and bakery and does catering for luncheons, parties and high tea.



*Lane Pomona GWA members enjoy the food and atmosphere at Indulge.*

**Community Chili Challenge**

# CHILI COOK-OFF

**BROWNSMEAD GRANGE FUNDRAISER**

**Date: Sat April 15th - Tax Day      Time: 5 PM - 7 PM**

Event: Chili & Corn Bread and Chili Dog Feed  
 Cost: \$10 - Adults (\$8 - Grange Members)  
 \$5 - Kids 12 and under

Enter the competition by bringing at least 2 quarts of homemade chili in a warmer (crockpot) along with a 3"x5" card listing ingredients and spice level (Mild, Med, Hot)

**WIN GREAT PRIZES**

**Test your chili skills against the Head Chiefs of LOCAL RESTAURANTS this year!**

**See who has the BEST Chili!**

**COME ON DOWN AND JOIN US!**

For more information  
**Email: [BrownsmeadGrange@gmail.com](mailto:BrownsmeadGrange@gmail.com) Phone: (503) 458-8229**



## Oregon Junior Grangers

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Oregon State Grange Junior Directors



The National Junior Grange Director has developed a 12 Month Meeting Guide to help Junior leaders plan their year. In each issue of the Bulletin we will be printing the next two months of suggestions to help with your planning. Each month's suggestions include badges to work on, a low-cost craft you could do, a suggested project or Grange related activity and many other ideas.

### May

The month of May is a time to celebrate culture!

**Badge:** DN 18- Dancing- Encourage JRS to join together and celebrate culture! May is Cinco de Mayo so join one another in learning a traditional Mexican dance.

**Hands-on:** Learn the 'Mexican Hat Dance'

**Craft:** Create papier mache maracas <http://www.kinderart.com/sculpture/maraca2.shtml>

**Grange:** Since we have spent time dancing let us learn all together the proper march to open the Grange and escort guests to the

Master's station.

### June

The month of June begins to warm up and we think of the fun times we will be having over the summer months.

**Badge:** TUA 16- Ocean Discovery Let us join together to discover the Ocean.

**Hands-on:** As a group make a Sand Bucket Dessert:

[www.cooks.com/recipe/pp61j556/sand-dessert.html](http://www.cooks.com/recipe/pp61j556/sand-dessert.html). Sit in a circle. Have the first person create a story about the ocean. The next person then adds a word or sentence. Continue around the circle with each person adding something to the story

**Craft:** Create a 'Straw Fish' [www.freekidscrafts.com/straw-fish/](http://www.freekidscrafts.com/straw-fish/)

**Grange:** Pretend that our National Grange Master Betsy Huber was a mermaid. How would she conduct a Grange meeting? Pretend you are all mermaids and mermen and swim through the opening of the Grange.



## 2017 National Junior Grange Awareness Award

### New Junior Grange Program For 2017

The Awareness Award: Each year a theme will be selected and all Juniors are encourage to help bring awareness to the issue by following some program guidelines. This year's theme is *Honeybee Awareness*. Each Junior that successfully completes the requirements for the Awareness Award will be awarded a certificate at National Grange Cession during the Junior Grange Breakfast.

Complete the following tasks to receive your 2017 Awareness Award!

- 🐝 Talk to a local beekeeper about why honeybees are good for us
- 🐝 Create a flyer to raise awareness about honeybees. And place the flyer in your Grange hall, local businesses, or grocery stores.
- 🐝 Encourage friends, family, and neighbors to not use toxic chemical pesticides
- 🐝 Find out what plants honey bees are drawn to and plant a small (or large) garden. Or help a local gardener or small group plant a garden.
- 🐝 Speak at your Junior Grange and/or Subordinate Grange about the importance of honeybees!

Submissions for Award:

- 🐝 Submit a copy of your flyer
- 🐝 Any written testimonials about your efforts to bring awareness
- 🐝 Junior Leader must submit a letter stating your efforts.
- 🐝 Submit pictures of your efforts to bring awareness! (Talking to neighbors, at your Grange meeting, hanging flyers, etc...)

All articles submitted MUST have the Junior's Age, Name, Grange Name & Number, State, and Mailing Address.

The Awareness Awards will be presented during the Junior Grange Breakfast at National Session. If you are unable to attend National Session we will mail your certificate.

For additional information: [www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/awareness-project/](http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/awareness-project/) and check out the Honeybee activity items on the next page.

## Washington State Grange Invites Oregon Juniors to Grange Camp

For several years now Oregon has not had a Junior Camp during the summer. Once again this year the Washington State Grange is inviting Oregon Juniors to attend one of their camps. Last year one Oregon Junior Granger attended camp in Washington. There are six Junior Grange summer camps scheduled for locations around Washington State. Prompt, early registration is the best way to secure a spot at the camp of choice and to avoid late fees.

Each camp will feature a week of fun activities including music, hiking, swimming, special programs, games, crafts and Junior Grange instruction. It is not necessary for children or their parents to be Grange members to register for a camp. Eligible ages are 9-14.

Although each camp is administered separately, each requires a signed medical permission slip from parents, a completed registration form and pre-payment of camp fees. Prices range from \$140-180 depending on the camp and time of registration. Pamphlets for each camp are available from camp coordinators (contact information is listed below). They are also available on the Washington State Grange website, [www.wa-grange.org](http://www.wa-grange.org).

### Camp Wooten June 25-30

Camp Wooten State Park  
2711 Tucannon Road  
Pomeroy, WA 99347  
Deena Stalling  
509-521-1340  
[Campwooten1@gmail.com](mailto:Campwooten1@gmail.com)

### Camp Morehead July 9-15

Camp Morehead  
27600 Sandridge Road  
Ocean Park, WA  
Camp Director: Tom Gwin  
360- 987-2361  
[tgwin@techline.com](mailto:tgwin@techline.com)

### Camp David Junior Grange

**Camp: July 9-14**  
Camp David Jr.  
1452 Camp David Jr. Rd.  
Port Angeles, WA 98363  
Camp Director:  
Chrissy Amundson  
360 452-8028  
[Grandpas\\_twerp@hotmail.com](mailto:Grandpas_twerp@hotmail.com)

### Camp NEWA July 23-29

2580 Pend Oreille Lake Road  
Colville, WA 99114  
Camp Director: Carol Evans  
[19wazzu74@gmail.com](mailto:19wazzu74@gmail.com)  
509-535.1165

### Camp Mayfield July 2-8

Mayfield Lake Youth Camp  
394 Winston Creek Road  
Mossyrock, WA 98564  
360- 985-2972  
Camp Directors: Jennifer & Marvin Oliver  
Jennifer: (253) 906-6078  
[Jen&marv@yahoo.com](mailto:Jen&marv@yahoo.com)

### Camp Cornet Bay August 6-11

Cornet Bay Junior Camp  
400 W. Cornet Bay Road  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277  
Camp Registrar: Kathy Moynihan  
253-350-1807  
[moynihammom@gmail.com](mailto:moynihammom@gmail.com)  
Camp Director: Janelle Lierman  
425-407-3199  
[jmlierman@hotmail.com](mailto:jmlierman@hotmail.com)

Financial assistance is available for Oregon Juniors through the Oregon State Grange Foundation. Contact your district trustee or Jan in the state office for more information.

## Goshen Grange #561 Pie Auction



Goshen Grange's 1+ Junior Grangers Tenaya Morton and Jerald Clark (pictured above with Mary Lambert, left, and Sandy Kintz) helped with the Grange's second annual Pie Auction on Sunday March 5th. About 45 people from eight Granges: Lacombe, Goshen, Creswell, Jasper, Santa Clara, Goldson, Walterville, and Mohawk McKenzie participated in the Pie Auction with 35 pies auctioned off resulting in \$700 in proceeds.

## Broadband Helps Rural Americans Connect – Online And In Real Life

Burton Eller  
National Grange Legislative Director

A recent study by Bryan Whitacre, Professor and Extension Economist at Oklahoma State University, found that rural communities' access to broadband internet services is changing rapidly as more and more people are accessing mobile internet on their smart phones.

A major problem is that most mobile connections aren't fast enough to meet the official Federal Communications Commission definition of broadband. Therefore, download speeds are almost as important as connectivity. Then, once connectivity and adequate speed are established, the next challenge is to get our neighbors to adopt and actually use the technology; this last step is a critical component to benefit rural America. These are the issues the National Grange works on every week.

Whitacre's research revealed a benefit of rural broadband he hadn't planned on: increased levels of civic engagement even among those rural users who normally more engaged

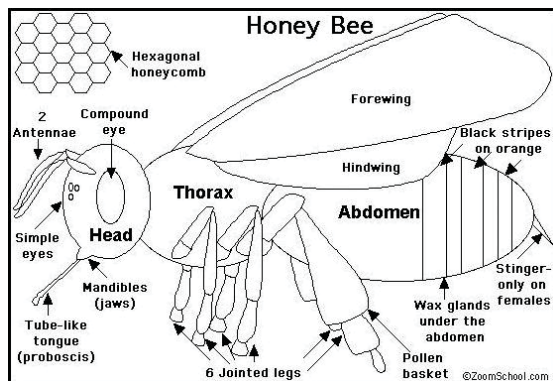
than their urban counterparts anyway.

*As a demographic population, rural vs. urban residents historically:*

- Vote more often than their urban counterparts
- Are more likely to volunteer
- Work with community members to fix a local problem
- Are more aware of what their neighbors are doing
- Believe they have a larger stake in their local community

However a clear and consistent pattern emerged in the study. States with high percentages of rural residents who subscribed to broadband showed even higher levels of civic activity. Residents of states like Massachusetts and Connecticut where about 80 percent of rural households are connected were even more likely to join an organization, discuss politics with family and friends, or other civic engagement.

## Honeybee Awareness Activity Items



## Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director



We are in the middle of the 2017 Legislative Session and issues are coming up regularly that are of interest to Grangers, and the Grange as an organization. As you may know, Jim Welsh included the Grange in his client list as a lobbyist in Salem but Jim retired after the last full legislative session in 2015. For last year's short session, past OSG Master Ed Luttrell was available to work for the Grange for a few weeks. This year we have not had the luxury of full-time or even part-time (as Jim was) representation in the capitol building, so we must use the tools at our disposal to stay aware of pending legislation and to spread the word amongst our brothers and sisters to rally opinion and connect with our legislators.

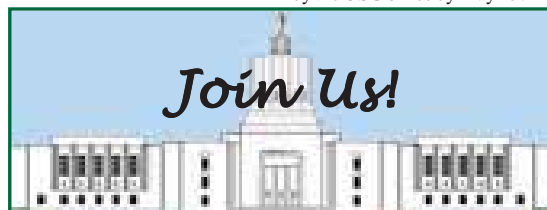
In these efforts the internet is our ally. Type OLIS.leg.state.or.us into your search browser and you will be connected to the Oregon Legislature's Citizen Engagement page, where you can click on 'Bills and Laws' at the top of the page and you'll find a link to 'How to Find a Bill'. Look for the link to '2017 session' and you'll find a search page that will let you type in a keyword (like nonprofit, or property tax, or water, etc.) It will then generate a list of senate or house bills. There are bills under consideration that

could impact the property tax exemption for nonprofits, limit the deductibility on state taxes of mortgage interest, and change the tax status of farmlands - just to name a few. We must be vigilant and involved!

Be aware, the deadline for submitting resolutions for the 2017 State Grange is 30 days prior to the start of the session, so this year that will be May 25. Any resolution introduced later than May 25 will be subjected to a preliminary vote to accept for consideration and could be rejected without discussion!

This year at the State Convention we will be taking action on the resolution from last year that requires us to discard any policy older than ten years, unless specifically re-adopted by the delegates. The Agriculture and Natural Resources sections of the Legislative Policy Handbook have already been updated by delegate action at previous conventions, but everything else in our policy book is subject to this sunset if it exceeds ten years. The OSG Legislative Policy handbook can be reviewed online at [www.orgrange.org/legislative/](http://www.orgrange.org/legislative/). If your Grange wants to submit a resolution to retain a policy that is set to expire, be sure it is received by the OSG office by May 25!

## Join Us!



## 2017 Grange Day at the Legislature

Tuesday, April 18th

10am - 2pm\*

Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, Oregon

\* Please contact Mark Noah at [marknoah00@gmail.com](mailto:marknoah00@gmail.com) or 541-953-4155 if you are interested in a box lunch. Cost to be determined.

Represent the Grange, meet your state legislators, learn about the law making process, see the capitol building, connect with other Grange members, introduce non-Grange friends to our legislative work, and much more!

Please RSVP to Mark Noah  
541-953-4155 or [marknoah00@gmail.com](mailto:marknoah00@gmail.com)  
for box lunch by April 14th

### Box lunch contains:

Sandwich, salad, whole fruit, & cookie

Sandwich options: turkey, ham, roast  
beef or veggie delight

Please specify when you RSVP





## Membership Matters

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Sandi Ludi-sandiludi5@aol.com

OSG Membership Directors

### Got the GrangeUp '17 Fever?

Hearing all the positive feedback from Grangers around the state when introduced to this Membership Campaign is exciting! Let's keep the fever going—encouraging one another to get out into our communities to invite prospective members to join us in our Grange activities. Our Grange doors as well as our own hearts need to be open to gaining new members. We need to ENGAGE more DO-ERS to join us to help GROW our Granges. One way that we can CONNECT with the community is to partner with other groups. Holding events with other groups can be very beneficial and advantageous for all involved. It's a great way to get the name of the Grange out to the community!!

Linda Short is our new District #4 Membership Chairman. She is a member of Rockford Grange in Hood River County. She agreed to let us share what activities her Grange is involved in and you will see the many ways her Grange partners with other groups in their community:

- Partnered with Parkdale Grange at the Hood River County Fair - shared a booth and table.
- Partnered with other groups and hosted a Warming Shelter for those in need.
- Partnered with other groups in hosting a Community Disaster Preparedness Class.
- Folklore Society hosts a 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Dance (Oct. to May) at their Grange hall.
- Partners with the Gorge Grown Food Network with a wintertime film series showing films related to growing food.

Their Grange provides soup and popcorn. They show four films over four months.

- Crop Talks are held from February to September. It's a monthly event focusing on farmers/growers about the "Good, Bad and Ugly" of raising crops. In the summer months they host Farm Dinner tours and provide education while partnering with OSU and the Extension Service.
- Fill Your Pantry: One day Farmer's Market which partners with OSU Extension, Wasco County Extension, Gorge Grown Food Network and local farmers.
- Seed Swap: One day Seed Swap and Grange Open House.
- Plant Sale: One day Seedling Sale in conjunction with the local Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast during the county's Blossom Festival. (see page 6)
- Country Living Class Series: Year-long program featuring classes on basic skills (gardening, canning, cheese-making, etc.)
- Provided guest speakers at other organizational meetings

Rockford Grange acquired about 11 members in six months time!! Way to go!!

This is only one success story. If your Grange has a success story to share—please email us! We will be sharing GrangeUp '17 stories at the Oregon State Grange Convention this coming June in Florence. We want to CELEBRATE your Grange's successes as well!!

GrangeUp '17 Engage. Connect. Celebrate!!



Above are members of Westside Grange. Seated is a three generation Grange family. From l-r: are Krystal Albertson, Florence Albertson and Steve Albertson. Back row are l-r: Mike Shults, Mary Margaret Shults, Nancy Albertson, Merilee Richardson and Bob Richardson.

## Selling the Grange

By Jay Sexton

I am not an expert at creating new membership in a Grange, however, I have a perspective that may be helpful to all Grangers wanting their Grange to outlive them.

I did not grow up in the Grange. I became a member of Marys River Grange in Philomath to help a friend who was working to "Save the Grange", after it had voted to close. For me the Grange was a mystery. I do not think I had ever been in the hall, before I joined.

After joining I read the history of the Grange and of my local Grange. However, the more I knew the more I liked it. My Grange had not attended the State Convention in many years, and I have gone to every State Convention since I joined in 2010. Grangers speak their beliefs on resolutions but do not hold grudges after the vote is taken. Though I was new, I was a Granger.

The community oriented, non-denominational, non-politically affiliated nature of the Grange was an attraction. I became Lecturer, and later Master, and I share my appreciation of Grange with our members. I recruit members mentioning our hall's interest in local healthy food, re-localization of food, community resilience, and our support of direct connection between growers and consumers. I relate our history of community support, our 80 year old hall built by volunteers using local logs, and how they support our continued success with their yearly membership—less than a dollar per week.

I mention the long Grange history of full support for women, farmers, and rural communities. How our halls are used for dances and dinners, weddings and memorials, game nights and presentations. I explain that Grange has always been a community organization, not a farmer's organization, and that everyone has an interest in agriculture, needing food to live. Grange supports the advancement and elevation of our member's characters, and with this goal I encourage our members to suggest uses for the hall which they, and others, might appreciate or enjoy. A yoga class? Pie baking gatherings? An extension program about garden soil health? 4-H meetings? **It's up to you!**

New members must feel valued, and listened to, as full partners, not second class citizens. All new members are going to be like no other member your Grange has ever had. New members will not be the same as your old members. You have been keeping your hall healthy to hand it into the trust of new members, just as it was placed in your hands by those that came before. Let it be perpetual.

## Westside Grange Members Presented Membership Awards

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, four members of Midland Grange #781, Klamath County, took a road trip to Lakeview to surprise the members of Westside Grange #854 in Lake County with Membership Recognition Awards. The travelers were Louise Holst, Phil Van Buren, Dennis Pickerill and Bonnie Sims.



OSG LAS Louise Holst presents Florence Albertson with her Golden Sheaf certificate.

certificates for 18 years of membership. Also receiving certificates were Mike and Mary Margaret Shults with 4 years and Krystal Albertson with 3 years of membership.

Receiving awards but not present were Bud and Alma Lamb - 25 year certificate and 40 year seal and like the Richardsons have been members for 46 years; Glen Martin received a 25 year certificate, he has been a member for 38 years; Teresa Lucas and Fayetta Stemes with 12 years of membership and Raymond Cain who has just been a member for one year.

The night started with a wonderful potluck dinner hosted by Westside Grange. Following the dinner was their meeting. Before the meeting closed Louise Holst, Oregon State Grange Lady Assistant Steward and District 5 County Deputy, awarded Florence Albertson with a Golden Sheaf certificate from National Grange recognizing 50 years of Grange membership. In reality she has belonged for 53 years.

But that wasn't the only award. Bob and Merilee Richardson were awarded their 25 year certificate and 40 year seal but they are getting close to their Golden Sheaf, having belonged for 46 years. Steve Albertson, Master of Westside Grange and Nancy Albertson received

## Armed Forces Day 2017 Saturday, May 20th

Armed Forces Day in the United States is celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to the men and women who currently serve in the United States' armed forces, be it active duty, National Guard or reserves. In this issue we are recognizing some of our Grange members who are currently serving.

### Qiana Helm U.S. Air Force



Qiana Helm, a member of Phoenix Grange #779 in Jackson County joined the U.S. Air Force in December 2016 and graduated from boot camp on February 17, 2017. She is currently enrolled in Tech School at Lackland Air Force Base studying to become part of the security forces with a goal of being part of the K-9 unit in the future. In mid-March she received word that she got her first choice in duty stations and will be heading to Ramstein Airbase in Germany.

Qiana joined the Junior Grange at age five. She graduated to the Subordinate level in 2006. She was State Youth Master in 2011 and served as OSG Pomona from 2012-14. Prior to joining the Air Force she had been working as a model and has traveled to nine countries.

### Brandon Gubrud U.S. Army



Brandon Gubrud joined Crow Grange in Lane County as a Junior at the age of five. He is a Corporal in the U.S. Army serving as an Ammo Team Chief on a 777 Howitzer gun crew as part of Charlie Battery, 2nd Battalion 12th Field Artillery Regiment. He was deployed in Afghanistan in 2012-2013.

### Arianna Newton U.S. Navy



Arianna Newton, an Abernethy Grange #346 member since February 2015, is proudly serving in the U.S. Navy as an Aircraft Structural Mechanic. A graduate of Oregon City High School, Class of 2012, she joined the U.S. Navy on the delayed entry program.

Ari left for boot camp in June 2016 at the Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois. She attended "A" school in Florida where she learned the basics of aircraft maintenance. From "A" School, she went to her current duty station in Washington. Ari is now deployed with her squadron and is expected to return in the next few months.

### Al Partain U.S. Army National Guard



Al Partain, a member of Macleay Grange #293, Marion County since the fall of 2014, began serving in 1988 as M-Day with the National Guard as a Heavy Equipment Operator and Demolitions. He has worked forest fires, floods and civil construction projects and made multiple humanitarian trips to Jamaica.

In 2000, Al went on Active Guard as an E-5 Supply with the E2-162nd Combat Infantry, then with Joint Force Headquarter, HHC 2-162, RTI. In 2006 Al was promoted to E-6 and in 2017 he was transferred to Administration with the 1249th Engineer Company in Salem.

## Veterans

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Oregon State Grange Veterans Director



Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, started as an event to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War. After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women who died in any war or military action. Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May each year and will be celebrated this year on Monday May 29th 2017.

It is traditional to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff from dawn until noon. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service and volunteers place a small American flag on each grave in national and local cemeteries as a special recognition.

Memorial Day has become less of a remembrance and many choose to hold picnics, sports events and family gatherings on this weekend. My hope is that Granges and Grange members will in some small way join

with other organizations in recognizing Memorial Day even if it is just for the couple of hours prior to noon.

On another note: Providing quality health care in a rural setting is challenging, given limited availability of skilled care providers and inadequate access to care. Even more challenging will be the VA's ability to provide treatment and rehabilitation to rural veterans, including women veterans, who suffer from the ongoing global war on terror, traumatic blast injuries and combat-related mental health conditions. Gaining access to the nearest facility providing services can prove even more of an obstacle, since the nearest facility may be a community-based outpatient clinic that may not offer these services.

Remember our Veterans in all walks of life; they need our support.



### Tamra Helm Mishler U.S. Air Force



Tamra Helm Mishler, a member of Phoenix Grange #779 in Jackson County joined the U.S. Air Force in May 2010. She has achieved rank of Tech Sergeant.

She is married to Christopher Mishler, an Oregon native and an Air Force member since 2004, who she met while stationed in Nebraska. Both work in Computer Communications. Tamara, Chris and sons Tony and Avri Rae were deployed to Ramstein Airbase in Germany in July 2016.

Tamra joined the Junior Grange in 1997 and became a Subordinate member in 2002.

### Brandon Parker U.S. Army National Guard



Brandon Parker, a member of Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, joined the National Guard in August 2016, graduating from boot camp at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in October. He is currently studying unmanned vehicle maintenance (Drones) at Fort Huachuca in Arizona. Upon completion of schooling he will be attached to the Washington National Guard unmanned vehicle maintenance division in Yakima.

Brandon first joined as a Junior Granger at the 2005 State Grange Convention, moving up to Subordinate membership in the spring of 2011. He served as National Grange Youth Steward in 2012.



## 2017 Grange Scholarships

### Marcel “Muzzy” Mandel Memorial

**Who is eligible?**

An Oregon Grange member or the child or grandchild of an Oregon Grange member who has graduated from high school or completed a GED.

**Where can the scholarship be used?**

The scholarship is to be used for undergraduate work while attending any institute for post-high school education.

**What is the application process?**

The application form will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/scholarships/](http://www.orgrange.org/scholarships/). All sections must be completed. Up to two additional sheets may be attached. The application must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation, one of which is from a Grange member.

**Who selects the recipient?**

Board members of the Oregon State Grange Foundation will review applications and select the recipient. The winner will be announced at the annual Foundation Luncheon held during the Oregon State Grange Convention.

**How much is the scholarship?**

The amount of this scholarship is based on the interest earned on Brother Mandel's bequest. The scholarship will be paid to the recipient with proof of enrollment. The request for payment must be submitted before the end of May of next year.

### Mary Helen Sauter Ramm Memorial

**Who is eligible?**

A female undergraduate student who is returning or has returned to college after a five year or more break and is an Oregon Grange member in good standing. Previous Ramm scholarship winners are not eligible.

**Where can the scholarship be used?**

This scholarship is open to all qualifying students but priority will be given to students majoring in Education, History or Family History/ Genealogy.

**What is the application process?**

1. Complete the application form, which will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/scholarships/](http://www.orgrange.org/scholarships/)
2. Include a statement of need, goals and personal information that does not exceed 500 words. It should include:
  - Leadership positions you hold/have held in organizations in your school and community.
  - Participation in community service activities in your community.
  - List awards or honors received in the past five years.
  - Your family situation (husband/children/ grandchildren, etc.).
3. Copies of previous college transcripts (does not need to be certified) and letter of acceptance if you are not currently in school.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a member of your Grange

**Who selects the recipient?**

The Oregon State Grange Foundation selects the winner with input from the Ramm family and reserves the right not to award the scholarship in any given year. The winner will be announced at the annual Foundation Luncheon held during the Oregon State Grange Convention.

**How much is the scholarship?**

\$250 will be paid directly to the winner upon proof of registration and can be used for any college expenses.

### Charles E. Spence Memorial

**Who is eligible?**

An applicant must have been a Grange member in Oregon for at least two years.

**Where can the scholarship be used?**

The applicant's choice of school.

**What is the application process?**

An application form will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/scholarships/](http://www.orgrange.org/scholarships/). Send the completed application, plus one additional page if necessary, along with a letter of recommendation from the Master of your Subordinate/Community Grange.

**Who selects the recipient?**

The Oregon State Grange Executive Committee will review applications

and select based on:

- Scholastic ability
- Grange involvement
- Community service
- Subordinate/Community Master's reference
- Financial need

The winner will be announced at the annual State Grange Convention.

Your presence is requested although not required.

**How much is the scholarship?** \$500

### Grange Workers Activities (GWA)

**Who is eligible?**

An Oregon Grange member, who by September 1 will have completed at least one year of college, business school, nurses training, or vocational education. Graduate students and previous GWA scholarship winners are not eligible.

**Where can the scholarship be used?**

A check will be made out to the school where you are enrolled and can be used only for tuition. You must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours fall term.

**What is the application process?**

An application form will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/scholarships/](http://www.orgrange.org/scholarships/).

**Who selects the recipient?**

The State Grange GWA Director and District Chairpersons select and announce the winner at Oregon State Grange Convention in June.

**How much is the scholarship?**

Two \$400 scholarships will be awarded.

**For all of the above scholarships** the completed application must be sent to the Oregon State Grange office, 643 Union St NE, Salem, OR 97301 postmarked no later than **May 1**.

### National GROW Club

**Who is eligible?**

A Grange member in good standing who is a full-time student enrolled in a college, university, community college, technical institution or trade school.

**Where can the scholarship be used?**

The recipient can pay educational expenses at any college, university, community college, technical institution or trade school.

**What is the application process?**

Complete the application, which can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/scholarships/](http://www.orgrange.org/scholarships/), answering all questions and providing the required attachments. The total application including attachments must not exceed ten single-sided pages. The complete application with all required attachments must be sent in one package.

**Attachments include:**

- Official transcript: Graduating high school seniors must submit their high school transcript. Those who have completed any semesters of college and are currently enrolled in college must submit an official college transcript.
- One letter of recommendation from a leader in your Subordinate/Community Grange, who is not your relative.
- One letter of recommendation from your State Master.
- One Letter of recommendation from a source other than a relative.
- Signed statement by applicant and guardian.

**When is the deadline?**

Complete applications with attachments must be mailed to the National Youth Director postmarked no later than **September 1**.

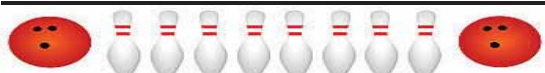
**Who selects the recipient?**

The National GROW Club Board will select a recipient based solely on the application. The chosen recipient will be notified by October 1. The scholarship winner will be announced at the GROW Club event during the National Grange Convention.

**How much is the scholarship?**

At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded if funds are available.

Also check with Granges in your local area as many give scholarships.



## Ada Grange #570 Supports Siuslaw School Bowling Team

The Siuslaw High School Bowlers of Florence and their coaches assisted during Ada Grange's January 21st Bingo night. Ada's proceeds of \$290 from bingo card sales and the 50/50 raffle were donated to the bowling team. Many of the bingo players also donated their winnings.



Above: Siuslaw HS Bowling team members and their coaches.

**2017**  
**Keeping Oregon Warm**  
 A part of the "Keeping the West Warm"  
 a project of the Grange Youth and Young Adults in the Western Region

**The Oregon State Grange Youth and Young Adults are collecting stocking caps, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, etc... both purchased and homemade for distribution to the less fortunate in District 2**

Items are to be brought to the Oregon State Grange Convention in Florence June 24-29, where they will be displayed before being sorted for distribution.

For More information contact:  
 Connie Suing, State Youth & Young Adult Director  
 541-556-2609  
 csuing@hotmail.com



Above: Goldson Grange member Becky Cornforth, a Master Food Preserver, demonstrated how to make Strawberry Jam.

Right: Jim Kusz from North Lincoln County Fire and Rescue shared a "Go Bag" and what to put in it.

## Grange Youth & Young Adults



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OSG Youth Director



I love State Grange Convention, seeing all of my Grange friends and meeting new ones. It will be here before we know it. I hope that many of you plan to come to at least part of session and that by the time you are reading this Bulletin that we have a full slate of Youth officers.

We have many things to look forward to. There are quite a few deadlines in the Awards, and Contests Guide that are coming up soon. Applications for the Oregon Teenager Award, the Horizon Leadership Ambassador and Young Patron application, Youth Booster, Sign a Song and Public Speaking contests are due to the State Youth Director by May 15. Some of these contests extend to the Regional conference (which is in Buena Park, California in August this year) and onto National Convention (which is in Spokane in November this year).

Have you been involved somehow in your Grange's "GrangeUp '17" programs yet? This year is going to be really exciting as we come up to our 150th birthday. Become an active part of this celebration. April is Grange month. Help plan a fun activity for your Grange during the month.

We had seven members at our Young Adult/Couple conference on March 11th. I want to say a big THANK YOU to Salmon River Grange for hosting us and providing

homemade clam chowder for lunch. We had a great time. We learned a lot about emergency preparedness from Jim Kusz from North Lincoln County Fire and Rescue, including what to put in a "Go Bag". Becky Cornforth, a Master Food Preserver taught us how to make Strawberry Jam, it was very good. Pat Heard talked to us about social media dos and don'ts and Joyce Parker talked with us about how to write a good resolution and why they are important. Thank you again to everyone who was able to be there.

Remember we want to "Keep the West warm". Bring handmade or store bought hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, and socks to State Convention and we will distribute them where they are most needed. We have been told that these items are often forgotten and really appreciated.

Finally, we will have six Goodie Baskets at this year's State Convention. These raffle baskets are made possible by donations from all six districts and the money made from the Goodie Basket Raffle allows our Youth to travel to the Regional Conference and the National Grange Convention to represent our great State.

Looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces at State Convention and remember to ask a Youth to help. I know they will be delighted.





# OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - October 30, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8am by Master, Susan Noah. In attendance was Master Susan Noah, Secretary Sarah Kingsborough, Ex. Committee #1 Jeff Dehne; Ex. Committee #2 Don Sether; Ex. Committee #3 Roger Wilson. Overseer Celia Luttrell was absent. State Deputy Carol Everman joined the meeting at 8:45am.

## Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the previous Executive Committee Meeting on July 31st, 2016 were read and approved with minor corrections.

## Financial Reports

- Accounting Review – We reviewed copies of the current financial statements to the committee.
  - The Mandell Hall Improvement fund was added to the balance sheet with the \$30,000 allocated for the Grange sign project. Only two Granges have requested funds for their signs thus far. The deadline is May 31, 2017. We will encourage more Granges to participate, possibly with a Bulletin article.
- Investment Review - Scott Barker from Barker Wealth Advisors. Scott has been working within the Oregon State Grange's investment policy to manage our investments in recent years.
  - We've had a 6.1% growth in our portfolio YTD. Our portfolio is approximately half stocks and half bonds. The cash accessible is sufficient to manage our anticipated needs in the next year, and we can contact Scott if anything changes. There will of course be some volatility based on the election and regular cycles.
- State office reports - Jan Oleson submitted a written report including membership totals, delinquent reports/dues, and loans to Granges.
  - We had a net increase of 35 members in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Woohoo!
  - Granges with delinquent dues and loans were reviewed and discussed.
  - Surveys were sent to all Granges regarding music licenses. If Granges play any kind of music for events (unless it is in the public domain), a license is required. The National Grange is working on getting a license that covers all Granges.
  - A list of life members was reviewed and discussed. There are currently 976 life members. Some Granges have dropped life members, which should only occur upon the member request. Some life members were from Granges which are now dormant. Additional accounting and organization will continue with the life membership to ensure it is managed appropriately. Don moved and Jeff seconded that the OSG office require a written request from the life member when the quarterly report indicates they have requested to be dropped. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to the dropped member and the Secretary of the Grange after the OSG office receives the quarterly report.
- The Visa and MasterCard bills were reviewed per audit procedures.

## Unfinished Business

- Western Regional
  - There was positive feedback and good attendance from other states. Joe Stefenoni's workshop on membership was very well received. People liked that we included workshops and information for more than just the youth in our region; it truly is a leadership conference.
  - The final expense for the OSG was \$2390.86.
- Elk City Grange – escrow account opened to start the sales contract with Jim Salisbury. We received \$20,000 on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. The Grange sign has still not been removed as it is behind a pile of blackberries and not easily accessible.
- By-Law changes were mailed out in early September.
- Proceedings from State Grange Convention were mailed in late August.
- Restraint of Title Work – Still need to cover the following counties: Baker, Clackamas, Crook, Jackson, Curry, Lake, Malheur, Josephine, Marion, Tillamook, Washington and Wheeler. Others have been filed and are on record. The OSG office will provide the documentation to the Executive Committee and we will get the remaining deeds recorded.
- Willakenzie Grange electrical upgrade work has started. This was authorized by the Executive Committee last spring.

## New Business

- 2018 Convention Hosting in District 3. They met on October 29<sup>th</sup> and made a few decisions. The convention will be at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Marilyn Reiher and Eva Frost will be the co-chairs of the planning committee. The next meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of February.

- The Ink Spot took our old equipment and they gave us a \$2000 credit against future work.
- Holley Property – Received a request from the purchasers and the lot line adjustment was done. A piece of the property was sold.
- Banners – The directors reviewed the banners at their retreat. They prefer the patriotic background. Susan will order the next time she sees a 40-50% deal. Don moved and Roger seconded that we order banners without grommets. Motion passed.
- Employee Handbook – Discussed changes for the employee handbook for 2017. We will have 4 non-exempt employees next year. Sarah will send a copy of the employee handbook to everyone for final approval and distribution to employees by the end of the year. Vacation will be based on the calendar year.
- All employees will receive 3 paid sick days / 24 hours annually to be used for medical injury or illness. Employees can accrue up to 12 paid sick days / 96 hours. Accrued sick time is not paid out upon termination.
  - 0-2 years employed receive 1 week / 3 days paid vacation
  - 3-5 years employed receive 2 weeks / 6 days paid vacation
  - 6+ years employed receive 3 weeks / 9 days paid vacation
  - 2 weeks of vacation time can roll over into the first quarter of the next year. Vacation time is not paid out upon termination.
- Holidays paid will include: New Year's Day, Christmas, and Thanksgiving every year. Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day will be paid if they fall on a regularly scheduled day.
  - Don moved and Jeff seconded that we pay for Christmas and New Year's Day always and other holidays only if they fall on a work day. Don moved to amend the motion to include Thanksgiving with the always paid for category of Christmas and New Year's Day. Motion passed.
- Mud Springs Grange – Offer of \$100,000 which is lower than the \$160,000. Don moved and Sarah seconded to allow the \$100,000 sales price, but not accept the offer under the current terms for the OSG to carry the loan, the borrower needs to provide their own financing.
- National Grange Loan – Amortization schedule has been updated due to a request to extend the interest only term of the loan an additional year. The payments are currently set for interest only until the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017. Don moved and Roger seconded that we offer an additional extension to the National Grange for one more year of interest only payments. Motion passed.
- North Howell Grange and Gold Hill Grange have both been dormant for some time and there doesn't appear to be interest in reorganizing there. Sarah made a motion and Roger seconded that we sell both Grange properties. Motion passed. Buzi Nelson will put these on the market.
- Holiday Schedule – Don moved to close the office, with pay, on the Thursday before Christmas and the Thursday before New Year's Day. Susan has vacation scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.
- Center for Non-Profit Stewardship Conference on Nov. 5th. Susan, Mark and Marilyn are attending and will be able to attend most of the workshops offered.
- Lobbyist – The budget for 2017 was reduced for the lobbyist. We need a plan for communications, help, and support to maintain the Grange's good relationship with the state legislature. There will be a short column in the Bulletin to announce that we are looking for volunteers to support the legislative committee and our lobbying efforts.
- Matching Grant Awards – We reviewed the committee recommendations for the 26 Grant applications received for the 2016-2017 year. Don moved and Roger seconded to approve 13 Granges to receive a total of \$49894.50. Motion passed.
 

● Fem Hill	\$5000
● Rockwall	\$5000
● Spencer Creek	\$5000
● Warner	\$5000
● Multnomah	\$5000
● Garfield	\$5000
● Vemonia	\$5000
● Buell	\$4000
● Redmond	\$3000
● Skyline	\$2659.19
● Fort Rock	\$2794.50
● Midland	\$1500
● Abemethy	\$941.75
- GrangeUp '17 – A new campaign for membership is in development by directors and committees. It will be launched in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and lead to a membership drive in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Sarah moved and Jeff seconded to allocate \$10,000 from the leadership/membership fund

## 2017 Oregon State Grange Convention Meal Ticket Order Form

Florence Event Center

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grange Name & No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday dinner and Sunday through Wednesday lunches are available for purchase. All meals are on site at the Florence Event Center.

In the boxes below, write in the total number of meal tickets per meal. Total the daily meal costs on the right and enter the grand total at the bottom. Mail completed order form and total amount by June 1st. Meal tickets will not be available for purchase after June 1st. All meal tickets will be picked up at State Convention.

Mail to: Peggy Jillson - 987 Tivoli St. ~ Eugene, OR 97404

**Please return order form with check payable to the "District #2" by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Day	Meal	Menu	Tickets		Daily \$ Total
			# of tickets	per ticket cost	
Sat 6/24	Kickoff Banquet	Swiss Steak		x \$16.00	
				x \$10.00	
Sun 6/25	Foundation Luncheon	Chicken BBQ		x \$14.00	
				x \$8.00	
Mon 6/26	Membership Luncheon	Lasagna		x \$14.00	
				x \$8.00	
Tue 6/27	Grange Benefits Breakfast			Free	0.00
	GWA Luncheon	Baked Ham		x \$14.00	
				x \$8.00	
Wed 6/28	Membership Luncheon	Baked Potato Bar		x \$12.00	
				x \$6.00	
* Child apply to those 10 and under			Grand \$ Total		

Please indicate any dietary needs such as diabetic, vegetarian, gluten-free or allergies:

**Orders must be received by June 1st.**  
**No tickets available on site.**

## Lane Pomona Grange Holds Scholarship Dinner

Lane Pomona Grange held their annual Prime Rib Dinner on February 11th. One hundred and five people enjoyed the meal held at Dorena Grange. This dinner is a fundraiser for the Lane Pomona's Scholarship fund. Profits from the dinner, including the raffle and donations netted \$1,574.

Each year Lane Pomona Grange gives a \$1,000 scholarship to any Lane Pomona Grange member or their child or grandchild who has a least one year of college completed. You can get more information on this scholarship at the Lane Pomona Facebook page or the OSG website. Lane Pomona also gives \$400 in scholarships to Lane County 4-Hers each year.

Ken Schwieger, Lane Pomona

Grange Master, Alice Nowicki and Bill Anthony spent hours decorating Dorena Grange in a 'carnival' theme. Adding to the theme were carousel critters on loan from Judy Cash, owner and co chair of The Cottage Grove Carousel Project. Friends of the CG Carnival Project are searching for a place in historic downtown Cottage Grove to place the 36 foot in diameter, 30 animal carousel with a 1928 Wurlitzer Band Organ. Members of the committee informed diners about the project during the meal.

Others working on the dinner included Mark Noah, who prepared the dinner as well as Grangers from Crow, Irving, Waltherville, Mohawk -McKenzie, Lorane, Dorena and London, all helping make this annual event a success.



## OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - continued

to the budget for the Grange UP program. Motion passed. The Membership committee will need to provide the budget and reports to the Executive Committee. This budgeted amount includes materials, travel, awards, etc.

### Decisions Made Via Email

- Agreement to loan Abernethy Grange up to \$12,500.00
- Agreement to allow Sandlake Grange to withdraw \$754.42 out of their trust funds for repairs, insurance, and other miscellaneous items.
- Agreement to allow South Fork to withdraw \$7,794.11 from their trust funds for work on the hall.
- Agreement to allow Springwater to withdraw \$11,900.00 from their trust funds to allow them to replace windows, repair the foundation and some sidewalk work. They also requested \$400 from their funds to be split between Jessie Jo Guttridge and Riley Reynolds to help them with their trips to National Grange.

### Conference Call

Conference call on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regarding financial support for Riley Reynolds to attend the National Grange session as a Junior Public Speaking winner. Riley will receive up to \$1500.00 to cover up to 2 airline tickets, hotel, and registration fees.

### Grange Reports

- Tillamook Pomona has attempted to have two meetings this year which have not resulted in official meetings. The three Granges within Tillamook County will be discussing and voting at their Subordinate Granges what they wish to do in regards to merging with another Pomona or staying alone.
- Marion Pomona is looking to combine with Polk Pomona. The two Pomonas will discuss and vote as they consider combining.
- Applegate Valley Grange is struggling and considering closure.
- Chenoweth property is in process to transfer to the owner since that

was not done at the time of sale.

- Fernwood in Newberg is now closed as of this month.
- Goshen continues to work with their neighbors regarding the property line and trees.
- Hillsboro was sent a letter regarding their quarterly reports and dues being more than 3 quarters behind. The OSG will set up a meeting with members regarding their future.
- Milwaukie was sent a letter regarding their quarterly report and dues being more than 3 quarters behind. The OSG will set up a meeting with members regarding their future.
- Salmon River has a number of activities going on in their hall and is in need of more sufficient storage and organization for their bingo and flea market.

### Deputy and State Officer Reports

- Azalea Grange – Carol is working with Azalea to improve membership and participation as they have been considering consolidation or closure. They invited community members and had more than a dozen people attend a soup dinner and meeting.
- Gresham Grange – Carol provided an update regarding Grange hall usage and their membership.
- Rickreall Grange – Carol continues to support Rickreall. They've elected new officers and are optimistic for improvement in 2017. They are still working through their property issues.
- Mapleton Grange – They seem to be doing well and moved their meeting dates to accommodate members.
- Pleasant Valley Grange – They are starting to improve and are receptive of the assistance from Carol. There are plumbing problems that they are working through.

### Next Meeting

Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am.

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.



The new storage building stands ready to house items donated for Little Deschutes Grange's September sale.

## Little Deschutes Grange #939 Builds Storage Building

In the spring of 2016 Little Deschutes Grange #939 in La Pine, Deschutes County, started a building project. It had been determined that the Grange needed to have a storage building to store items that are donated to the Grange. These items come from garage, moving and estate sales. The items are collected year around and the Grange has a very large sale in September. This sale is very important to the well-being of the Grange as it raises a good share of the funds needed through the year to support the Grange.

Brother Dave Coen was in charge of the building project. After getting the plans all done and going through the process of getting the permits from both the county and the city, the construction started. The timing was not the best as most of the local contractors were tied up during all the summer month. But the Grange made do and construction was completed by mid-summer.

inside work; installing the insulation, ceiling wallboard and the shelving that will provide for lots of storage. The building is 14' wide by 40' long with fire proof walls, inside and out. The sides and roof are covered with tin. With this project now completed the Grange is now ready for this coming summer when most of the stuff for their sale is collected.



Brother Sam McClellin took over the

## Lookingglass Grangers Work to Keep Local School Open

On Tuesday February 14 Lookingglass Grange #927 in Douglas County discussed their support for the Lookingglass Elementary School. The members showed overwhelming support to do whatever it takes to keep the Lookingglass School open.

They sent in a letter to Superin-

*With lots of shelves the Grange will be able to collect a lot of stuff.*

tendent Kevin Miller of the Winston-Dillard School Dist. in "support of the continued operation of the Lookingglass School...for the students and families of the Lookingglass area." On March 8, the Winston-Dillard School District Board unanimously approved rebuilding of the gymnasium that burned in a fire late last December.

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.

Mail to: Oregon State Grange, 643 Union St NE, Salem OR 97301  
office@orgrange.org

## Siletz Valley Grange Receives Grants to Repair and Upgrade Hall

The Siletz Valley Grange #558, Lincoln County, received a \$15,000 grant from the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians (CTSI) in February 2016. The grant was to replace the roof on the Grange hall building, a roof that had been in place since the building was built in the early 1950s. The Siletz Valley Grange membership was able to raise an additional \$2,899 by holding a dinner and silent auction and private donations. The aluminum roof was replaced with a Laminated Lifetime Class A composition roofing shingles and secured in a high wind pattern. The total cost came to \$16,445 so the remaining dollars were used to install new gutters.

Another grant was received from

the Lincoln County Economic Development Fund for \$8,000 to replace the natural gas furnace (the old one was 25 years old) as well as to purchase paint and sealer for the concrete structure. This spring volunteers will strip the interior of the building, apply a sealer for concrete block and re-paint. In the summer of 2017 they will seal and repaint the exterior. Siletz Valley Grange Master Michelle Schaffer has been busy writing grants these past few years and with continual persistence the grants came in. Because of her work the Grange just received another grant from the CTSI to replace their wind and rain damaged front doors, install front porch lighting (for safety) and to rent the scaffolding and other equipment to paint the building.



Siletz Valley Grangers show off the \$15,000 check from the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians. Pictured l-r: Michelle Schaffer, Sue Eatherly, Rose Esbenshade, Ray Bisel and Larry Hammons.

# SPRING

## Craft Fair

### Chetco Grange in Harbor

### Saturday April 29

### 10am-3pm

(across from Wild River Pizza)

### Food available for sale!!!

Table rental is \$15 per table

(tables & chairs provided)

Table rentals benefit the Chetco Grange

Please call Scott 541-254-1958 to  
sign up for a table space