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OSG Past Master Dale Morris Passes Away

Dale Wesley Morris, who served as Master of the Oregon State Grange from 1992-1996, passed away on the evening of June 14, 2016 in Eugene, Oregon just a few days before the start of the 143rd annual OSG session.

Brother Morris, a past Master of Irving Grange and of the Lane County Pomona Grange, was installed into office as State Master at the 119th annual session of the Oregon State Grange at North Bend on June 19, 1992 and served two terms of office through June 1996. Prior to serving as State Master he was the District #1 member of the Oregon State Grange Executive committee from 1985-1989. During his time as Master he was a delegate to the National Grange Convention four times and served as a member of the 7th degree team.

In 1995 Oregon Junior Director Brenda Hoag attended the National Grange convention with Dale and his wife Mickey. It was there where they were introduced to "Red Tennis Shoe" day in support of the Junior Grangers. Brenda and Dale both loved the idea so much they decided to bring it to Oregon and in June 1996 Oregon had its first "Red Tennis Shoe" day, a tradition that is observed to this day. Recently Sisiter Brenda wrote "Dale was VERY supportive of the Juniors and he did anything and everything he could to promote and build the program." It was also under his leadership that the Oregon State Junior Grange was chartered in June 1996.

Dale was born January 14, 1917 in Derby, Iowa. On March 28, 1941 Dale enlisted into the United States Army and served 6 1/2 years during and following World War II in the Division called the "Rolling W".



After he completed his service he moved to Eugene, Oregon where he met and married the love of his life, Mickey (Dorothy) Joll on May 3, 1948. He studied engineering while in the army and continued his studies later at universities in Iowa and Maryland. He became involved in the rental and leasing business, specializing in heavy equipment.

He joined Irving Grange in 1975 and became active shortly thereafter. In addition to holding office in both his Subordinate and Pomona Grange, he was chairman of the Oregon Host Committee which made arrangements for the National Grange when the national session was held in Eugene in 1985.

Dale is survived by his three children Michael and wife Annetta, Teresa and husband David, Richard and wife Susan and grandchildren Hannah Soll-Morris, Zachary Hart, and Luke Hart. His wife Mickey passed away July 24, 2015.

Dale was a strong contributor to his community. In addition to his leadership in the Oregon State Grange, he was a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for 72 years. Dale was influential in the development of a number of organizations that provide scholarship funds in Oregon.



L - R: Members of the Rosebud Team from Josephine and Jackson Counties: Wayne Cabler, Maleek Linwood, Alex Coe, Chole Lacrosse, Carmel Valencia, Linda Helm, Darlene Anderson, Erica Anderson, Qiana Helm, Patrick Anderson, Josh Lacrosse and Jacob Yost.

Successful State Convention Held

The 2016 Oregon State Grange Convention wrapped up on Thursday June 23rd after a successful week of policy making, fellowship and beautiful ritual work. Reports and pictures are scattered throughout this issue with pages 12-13 dedicated to color photos. Look for contest winners and resolutions that were adopted in this issue.

990N-Epostcards Revised Directions

There is a change to the directions sent out to Granges in April on how to file the 990N-Epostcards.

The IRS will not be sending you an email stating that your ePostcard has been accepted. Instead you will need to log back in at some future time (wait at least a day or two.) but before September 15th and see if it has been accepted or rejected. Please print out the page showing that your filing has been **ACCEPTED, pending doesn't count.** Put one in your records and send one to the Oregon State Grange, via e-mail or by letter, to be kept in your records at the office. *Below is a sample of what you should see.* If you have any questions please contact Suzy in the office.

A memorial service was held at the Irving Grange on Sunday July 24 in Eugene, where current OSG Master Susan Noah spoke.

Donations can be made to: Sacred Heart Home & Health Hospice, PO Box 569 Eugene, OR 97440. Arrangements entrusted to Lane Memorial Funeral Home.

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The Master's Column

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President ~ Oregon State Grange

What did you all think of this year's State Grange convention? It was quite a shakeup in format, but I think that overall the week went great. Sunday was a little crowded as we tried to fit everything in, but we had three times as many members take the degrees as we had last year, which makes me think it was a success!

Next year the schedule will have a few more tweaks, but overall we will keep the same format. At that point we will have more information about whether this change is working and what else we could do to continue to improve. I felt that we managed to split the week with more Grange ritual up front and the policy work in the days following. By starting on Sunday, even those who could not be there the entire week were able to take part in the important committee work. The more time and diligence we devote to committee work, the faster discussion of the resolutions will be on the floor. With the exception of Budget, all committees were filled on Sunday requiring no additional appointments, something that has not happened in the last few years.

We ended the week with 51 resolutions, many proposing policy for the State Grange and some aiming to clarify or improve our By-laws. The resolves of the resolutions we adopted are printed in this paper. The Whereases are included on the website: orgrange.org/state-grange-information/. Take time to familiarize yourself with the delegates' work at this session.

The final day went by very quickly, and I feel that I did not properly thank the Directors who have served

the Oregon State Grange the past two years. These people have taken their time to travel the State to help build our organization. They deserve way more recognition than they will ever receive. They are:

- Agriculture – Jay Sexton
- Community Service – Eva Frost
- Deaf Awareness & Family Health – Iva May Van Noy
- Education – Lyle Utt
- GWA – Margaret Clute
- Lecturer – Jeanie Force
- Legislative – Dean High
- Membership – Bob and Sandi Ludi
- Veterans – Mark Schnetzky
- Youth – Scot and Clare Jacobson
- Communications Team – Sarah Kingsborough, Marilyn Reiher, Suzy Ramm and Mark Noah
- Program Development Team – Annette Naylor and Cookie Trupp

Some of these individuals will be continuing on in the same role and others in a new one; in either case, I know they will go on working for the benefit of the Grange in Oregon!

Looking forward to the last half of 2016 and into 2017, I hope you are all working on plans for celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Grange. Our organization will turn 150 years old on December 4, 2017 and that is certainly a cause for celebration! The State Grange will be making plans of our own. I hope that you will take part in some of the activities. Ideas that have been discussed are to participate in more parades around the state, encourage Grangers to set up displays at historical societies, universities and libraries, and have a Birthday Celebration at the State Capitol! All

ideas are welcome and invited. Let's make this a wonderful celebration of our pride in the organization.

Also looking to next year, I will be hosting a series of conferences designed to be a "health checkup" for your Grange. We will be discussing what makes a Grange healthy, including membership, building maintenance, finances, service to the community, ritual and fraternalism. If your Grange would like to host one of these conferences, I would welcome the invite. So far no dates have been set, but as with the Master's and Secretary's/Treasurer's trainings, I hope to cover most areas of the state.

I will be meeting with the new Directors in early October to discuss their plans for next year. One question we will be dealing with is how to organize program conferences. Two years ago six Directors traveled the state and held a conference in each district while another committee did their own thing. Last year we divided the Directors into two groups and held two conferences in each district. Each approach had its pluses and minuses. What should we try next? Some think that a whole day event that combines conferences with a trade-show style presentation from committees would be beneficial. Others think that a weekend of leadership and program discussions in a few key parts of the state would have better attendance and bring out new members. What do you think? As they say failing to plan is planning for failure, and I do not want to fail our members. So give me ideas of what you would like to attend, what you want more information on, and how you want it presented.

After the State Grange Convention, I am always filled with positive feelings about our organization, mainly because we have great members who work together, play together and learn together. That is why we have been in existence for nearly 150 years!

New Committee Directors!

This year we have a mix of new and returning Oregon State Grange Committee Directors. I hope that your Grange will take advantage of this leadership and invite one of them or one of their committee members to visit your meeting and help you grow your Grange!

- Agriculture – Jay Sexton
- Community Service/Involvement – Eva Frost
- Deaf Awareness/Family Health – Peggy Jillson
- Education – Lyle Utt
- GWA – Margaret Clute
- Juniors – Elizabeth and Kegan Williams

- Lecturer – Linda Helm
- Legislative – Mark Noah
- Membership – Bob and Sandi Ludi
- Veterans – Jim Clute
- Youth – Connie Suing

Communications Team – Sarah Kingsborough, Marilyn Reiher, Suzy Ramm and Mark Noah

Program Development Team – Cookie Trupp, Annette Naylor and Jeanie Force

The Directors and I have already had a quick meeting following State Session where we discussed the Log Cabin at the State Fair. We have our annual weekend planned to develop programs for the coming year. In addition we will be spending time discussing the 150th celebrations to start taking place next year. 2017 will be a great year. I'm confident that this group of individuals will make it a priority to highlight the Grange and our wonderful accomplishments. Please welcome our new Directors!

Susan Noah, State Master

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143rd Oregon State Grange Annual Session ~ Talent, Oregon

Master's Annual Address, Susan M. Noah State Master

Introduction

While our annual session has been in Jackson County five times in our history, this is the first time we have been in Talent. We have met twice in Ashland, twice in Medford and the last time in 2003 we met nearby in Phoenix. I took my Sixth Degree in Ashland in 1969, and still remember the impressive rosebud team. It is certainly a pleasure to be back in this part of our state. I have no doubt that District #1 will do a wonderful job as our hosts this week.

Like many other State Masters I have taken some time to look back through our records from the last few times we were in this District. It does seem interesting that many of the issues from those years are still being discussed today.

Legislation

“As this is being written the Oregon State Legislature is again considering a sales tax plan to be presented to the voters.” While this could have been written today, these are the words of W.C. Harris, State Master in 1983 at the Ashland convention. This time around though there are differences. Initiative Petition 28 is not actually proposing a state-wide sales tax, but rather a gross receipts tax that would tax Oregon businesses on their total sales, rather than profits. This tax would impose an additional tax rate of 2.5 percent on sales above \$25 million. The tax is estimated to raise an additional \$6 billion per two year revenue cycle according to the report released by the Legislative Revenue Office. If this petition passes, it would be up to the Legislature to decide where the money would be spent, but advocates for the tax say it should go to schools, health care and other underfunded services.

The Legislative Revenue Office report goes on to say that the additional revenue would help to stabilize the state's budget, but it also says that the people who will ultimately end up paying much of the tax will be consumers. They found that the tax would “largely act as a consumption tax on the state economy.” Households making from \$48,000 to \$68,000 will pay approximately \$613 each year. The report also found that the state may lose private sector jobs but will probably see an increase in public sector jobs. Also for this tax to work loopholes that corporations could use to avoid paying would need to be closed, but that may be enough of a deterrent to keep companies from wanting to do business in Oregon.

The Oregon State Grange has historically been against a sales tax because our members see it as a regressive tax. Are we still taking that position? In a report to the Executive Committee Brother Ed Luttrell, our current Lobbyist wrote that the strength of the Oregon State Grange as a legislative force has always been based at the grassroots. He went on to say that we need to set goals for action; we should look for a few issues that we either want to support or oppose, and work to develop a good coordinated volunteer effort to have any impact at the State Legislature. The initiative and referendum process give us a great opportunity to get involved, but in order to move forward on any issue I truly believe that we need good clear specific policy that we agree on.

Voting and Patriotism

As a non-partisan organization you may think that your Grange cannot be involved in the election year political scene, but actually there are many ways that the Grange can be a part of the political process. Recently Clackamas County Pomona Grange hosted a candidates' forum for those running for County Commissioner. I commend Clackamas Pomona for that effort. The fact that we are non-partisan means that we do not support or endorse any candidate for office. We can however offer a forum for all candidates to discuss the issues and to answer questions to inform the electorate. We can also support or oppose ballot issues. Remember that if your Grange differs in policy from the State or National Grange, you must make clear that it is the position of your Subordinate Grange alone, not that of the entire organization. Perhaps your Grange is not interested in taking a stand on any issue but is interested in promoting education. Again it is to our individual benefit and well as that of our communities to inform and educate voters.

And remember that on a personal level being a Grange member in no way calls upon you to give up that inalienable right of every citizen to take an interest in the politics of the day and to influence for good the action of any political party to which you belong. No matter which party you affiliate with, or which candidates you are voting for, do not waste your right to vote. Each of us can make a difference and each of us has the right and the obligation to participate in our democracy.

Education

Consider for a moment what aids kindergartners to flourish throughout their subsequent education. Try to predict which child will finish college and which will have a good job two decades later. Is it the child who knows the ABCs or the child who has a good memory? Recently studies have tracked children from kindergarten into young adulthood and found that the most important predictors of long-term success are not intellectual skills but social and emotional ones. A study published in the American Journal of Public Health tracked several hundred children across the US, from larger cities to rural areas, and rated the children on “pro-social” skills: “Do they share materials? Do they resolve peer problems? Do they cooperate? Do they listen?” The question the researchers set out to answer was do these pro-social skills make a difference as to whether a child finishes college or gets a good job. They did, but the researchers also noted that not all social skills seemed to matter. For example, the children were also rated on aggressiveness, which did not predict whether the child would get into trouble later in life; it was the pro-social skills that shaped the likelihood that they would stay out of trouble later on. Other studies have shown that the real benefit of early intensive programs may be less about cognitive skills and more about boosting interpersonal and emotional skills, things like self-control, perseverance, and conscientiousness that are the building blocks needed throughout life. These skills can be quite malleable, so encourage children to develop them through social play, and role model these behaviors. The optimistic thing about this research is that these skills can actually be taught, learned, and developed; the studies suggest that these skills have really positive long-term outcomes.

To me this research points out the need for our organization. In the past we had Junior Granges where this type of behavior was modeled and encouraged; now we have the 1+ program where you and I are the role models. Everything about our organization suggests working together for our mutual benefit and advancement. As you see we can all make a difference in the life of a child simply by the way we model ourselves as adults. Give them the benefit of these pro-social skills by encouraging and promoting our Junior members.

Agriculture

Of the resolutions we have received only three are specifically related to agriculture, and yet the farmer is facing enormous challenges, and the public is paying more for and demanding more from the food we eat. The Oregon Department of Agriculture website lists the Oregon State Grange under its directory of Agricultural Resources. Our information shows: “The Oregon State Grange comprises families and individuals who share common interests in community, agriculture and cooperation.” On the State level we are continuing to reach out to other organizations who are more directly involved in agriculture to promote the Grange and to be of benefit to our members. If we are to grow and thrive as an agricultural resource in the state of Oregon we need to reach out to families and young farmers across the State.

Our Ag Director, Jay Sexton, hosted a booth this year at the OSU Small Farms Conference. Jay and one of his district Chairmen, June Colony, talked to young farmers from across the State during the two-day conference. The feedback they received was good and they are already planning for the conference next year. We have also received invitations to participate in *Ag First* during the Polk County Fair, something we did the first year, but could not participate in last year, and another invitation from this same group for an Ag-Fest type event earlier in the year. And while we have been steady in our support of the Ag luncheon during the long legislative session at the State Capitol, this year we added a smaller event for the short session and handed out homemade cookies from the Oregon State Grange. Our Lobbyist Ed Luttrell and Ag Director Jay Sexton along with Don Sether and Don Kingsborough took the time to visit with our lawmakers and their staff members to promote the work of the Oregon State Grange. My thanks to them and to the bakers in Clackamas County who took their time to make the cookies!

Our Ag Committee continues to reach out to the public more than any other committee. Our State-wide events include AgFest at the State Fairgrounds, the FFA Convention, the State Fair Log Cabin, and other smaller trade show type events where we have promoted the Grange in various communities.

So although many of our resolutions are not directly related to agriculture, the members of our fraternity are still showing an active interest in the

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Bailey Barks!



I love the summer. The grass is nice and cool on my tummy, my toys that are scattered in the yard aren't soaking wet, and I don't have to stop at the door for a foot cleaning! What could be better than that? The only downside is on the hot summer nights Mom and Dad don't want me to snuggle next to them, but I do it anyway. This time of year we go on walks to the river. Dad wades out and lets me swim in the deeper water and by the time we get back home I'm dry and ready for the couch.

It's also the time of year for camping trips. I saw on Facebook a picture of Don Kingsborough's good friend (and Dog) Riley sailing along in Don's kayak (*with Don doing the paddling of course*) and I wonder why Mom or Dad has never taken me for a ride in their kayaks? I'll

have to bark at them about that!

In the book *Life's a Bark* by Larry Kay it talks about going on adventures and how we dogs dive in nose first and let our excitement and curiosity overcome any fear. It also talks of how important adventure is for our spirit, body, mind and emotional well-being. So for those of you who need a little encouragement to act like a dog, go to a familiar place and find at least one thing that you never noticed before and marvel at that. Bring that curiosity to your next real adventure. You will feel better and have more fun. Now you are starting to think like a Dog!

Stay cool this summer!

Woof, Bailey

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roots of the Grange. As I tell prospective members, we are not all producers of agriculture, but we are all consumers.

Health and Welfare

Over the past few years we have been part of a group that receives regular updates on any issues that relate to Medicare in all its parts. Back in 2013 the National Grange awarded a Champion of Seniors award to Representative Kurt Schrader for his help with the Medicare program. As State Master I presented his award on behalf of the National Grange at the Oregon Translational Research and Development Institute (OTRADI) Bioscience Incubator in Portland. Touring the facility was extremely interesting, and the Oregon State Grange received recognition via the National award.

Since that time we have been contacted several times to join with other organizations in opposition to changes to the Medicare system. These include urging the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to reject proposals to increase patient out-of-pocket costs and co-pays for low income beneficiaries under the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D). and to cut care and treatment of patients with some specific debilitating diseases.

Currently we have very little policy on the Medicare program in any form, and yet I know that this is a program that touches many of us. Both of my parents received Medicare benefits, so even though I am not enrolled myself I know firsthand of dealing with the Medicare system. I know how frustrating changes to this program can be, with or without an advocate to help. I believe that we need policy in place to support the Medicare system, especially parts that deal with drug benefits as well as the Medicare Advantage program that helps millions of seniors manage their myriad health problems.

Conclusion

As we start the week of our 143rd annual session, we must keep in mind what sets the Grange apart from other organizations. From our Declaration of Purposes, it is our resolve to "*labor for the good of our order, our county and mankind.*" This week we have been given work that will shape the Grange and could shape our county. We will be called upon to deliberate on many issues, to listen and learn, to comment and ask questions. Please do not hesitate to discuss the merits of any resolution and give them each the attention it deserves. A Grange felt the need to write a resolution, because they felt that something could or should be changed. Honor their labor by your careful consideration of their work.

Let me conclude by thanking the delegates who are here today. You are setting the policy that will affect each and every Grange and the members therein. I commend you for your dedication to this effort. The week will soon be over, and we will have adopted or rejected many new resolutions and ideas. But no matter what side you take on any issue, remember that we are all here to work together to make our Grange, our State and our Nation a better place.



The Lecturer's Column

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Lecturer ~ Oregon State Grange

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for putting your confidence in me in nominating and electing me Lecturer of the Oregon State Grange. As I was running back and forth at State Session in Talent this past June, Dick Wanker said that he and Annette would like to nominate me for Lecturer. I said it would be an honor for them to do so. I went back to the kitchen and kept getting the meals done in a timely manner, really not thinking about the upcoming elections.

As I always exercise my privilege to vote I made sure that I got to the room on time. I did not vote for myself thinking that others with far more officer experience and name recognition would ultimately be chosen. I was much more excited that a newer member from Phoenix Grange had won the talent contest and would be heading to National Grange in November and now here I am trying to draw on my writing skills from long ago to tell you about myself.

I joined Phoenix Grange in 1994 less than a year after arriving in Oregon. Thank you to Esther Baxter and a

good core group of hard working members who kept me motivated to keep our Grange going. I involved my children in Juniors and they've grown into beautiful caring adults that know about the importance of community service.

I still work full time as a pharmacy technician at Wal-Mart. I wear Grange pins on my work smock and never miss an opportunity to tell my customers about the Grange. Some people are amazed that Grange halls do more than hosting Zumba and wedding receptions.

Probably by the time you receive this paper the Western Regional Conference will have taken place in Portland. I will have attended so that I can inform you of more ideas for programs in your own Granges. I will endeavor to learn about this important position and share this information.

Now I need to get down to serious business and get the district chairs filled, so that we can continue the contests and send Grangers to perform all over the country and show them our Oregon spirit.

Quentin Borba, Sandlake Granger Named Pioneer of the Century

Quentin Borba of Sandlake Grange recently received the honor of Pioneer of the Century from the Tillamook County Pioneer Association. Quentin will celebrate 75 years of Grange membership next year and is a pillar in the community. He was nominated for his long history of community service.

In high school he belonged to the FFA and in 1946 went to their convention in Kansas City. That started him off in his community service. His life has been involved in this community and what he could do to make life better. When he gets involved in an activity, he does it for years, not just a short time. Some of his many activates have been 4-H leader, Boy Scout leader, volunteer fireman for 18 years, soil and water conservation board for 17 plus years, planning commission for 21 years, ESD school board for 35 years and a Grange member forever. He has been active in the pioneer association for many years, serving as Vice President and President of the Pioneers and serves on the museum board as their representative.



Quentin Borba and Sarah Kingsborough in the 2016 Clover's Day Parade.



2016 Lecturer’s Contest Results
From State Convention

Art
Charcoal, Pencil or Chalk

- 1st Alicia Nilsen
Goshen #561
- 2nd Alicia Nilsen
Goshen #561
- 3rd T. Parker
Springwater #263

- Oils and Acrylics
- 1st Sarah Kingsborough
Sandlake #546
 - 2nd Alicia Nilsen
Goshen #561
 - 3rd T. Parker
Springwater #263

- Water Colors
- 1st Zoe Alawan
Bellview #759
 - 2nd Alicia Nilsen
Goshen #561

- Flyer: Computer Generated
- 1st Julie Schnetzky
Tigard #148
 - 2nd Lindsay Horne
Winona #271
 - 3rd Lee Cornforth
Goldson #868

- Flyer: Handmade
- 1st Alicia Nilsen
Goshen #561
 - 2nd Linda Wetzell
Goshen #561
 - 3rd Linda Litts
Goshen #561

- Poster: Computer Generated
- 1st Kim Schettig
Beavercreek #276

- Poster: Handmade
- 1st Debbie Fiscus
Fairfield #720
 - 2nd Linda Wetzell
Goshen #561

- Pamphlet
- 1st Debbie Fiscus/Vicki
Cunningham
Fairfield #720

- Program
- 1st Vickie Weathers
Creswell #496

Photography

- Close ups
- 1st Diane Parrott
Parkdale #500
 - 2nd Suzy Ramm
Springwater #263
 - 3rd Loni Schofield
Ada #570

- Family
- 1st Marissa Schindell
Warren #536
 - 2nd Suzy Ramm
Springwater #263
 - 3rd Aleshia York
Warren #536

- Grange Activities
- 1st Suzy Ramm
Springwater #263
 - 2nd Diane Parrott
Parkdale #500
 - 3rd Vicki Cunningham
Fairfield #720

- Holidays
- 1st Amy Andersen
Sunnyside #842

- Oldies/Goodies
- 1st Diane Parrott

- Parkdale #500
- 2nd Vicki Cunningham
Fairfield #720
- 3rd Suzy Ramm
Springwater #263

- Pets/Farm Animals
- 1st Suzy Ramm
Springwater #263
 - 2nd Diane Parrott
Parkdale #500
 - 3rd Jasarah Fiscus
Fairfield #720

- Potpourri
- 1st Lonie Schofield
Ada #570
 - 2nd Amy Anderson
Sunnyside #842
 - 3rd Julie Schnetzky
Tigard #148

- Scenic
- 1st Rebecca Smith
Columbia #867
 - 2nd Diane Parrott
Parkdale #500
 - 3rd Suzy Ramm
Springwater #263

- Wild Animals
- 1st Amy Andersen
Sunnyside #842
 - 2nd Jasarah Fiscus
Fairfield #720
 - 3rd Amy Andersen
Sunnyside #842

Overall Photo Winner
Lonie Schofield Ada #570

- Writing
- Pen in Hand: Poetry
- 1st Sara Wilson
Columbia #867
 - 2nd Sara Shoemaker
Columbia #867
 - 3rd Theresa Thorud
Washington #313
- Pen in Hand: Tell the Story
- 1st Theresa Thorud
Washington #313

- Skit: Humorous
- 1st Robert Templeton
Washington #313
 - 2nd Jesse James O’Dell
Santiam Valley #828
 - 3rd Sara Wilson
Columbia #867

- Talent
- Vocal
- 1st Carmel Valencia
Phoenix #779
 - 2nd Jimmy Schaper
Dorena #835
 - 3rd Sarah Kingborough
Sandlake #546

- Instrumental
- 1st Sam Keator
Winona #271
- Variety
- 1st Joe Wrabek
Fairview #273
 - 2nd Riley Reynolds & Jesse
James O’Dell
Santiam Valley #828

Overall Talent Winner
Carmel Valencia Phoenix #779



Secrets of a Secretary

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Secretary ~ Oregon State Grange

Thank you to everyone who brought their talents to Talent, Oregon last month for our annual State Grange convention. I am honored to have been elected Secretary this year, as I celebrate 25 years with our awesome organization. Attending the annual convention has always been a tradition for me and my family. It’s wonderful seeing Grange friends that I only see once or twice a year. The work of the delegates to set policy for the Grange is an important part of what formed the Grange and keeps us actively connected with our communities. The contests, workshops, speakers, and other activities make the convention a fun and worthwhile experience. Definitely mark your calendars to attend next year’s convention in Florence starting the weekend of June 23, whether just for a few days or the entire week.

This month’s Secret - The Secretary has much more influence on their Grange than we all may realize. The Secretary is the holder of the minutes and records of the Grange, and tells

our story. Be honest and be thorough with your minutes so they are a true record of the work of your Grange. When you receive communications from the State Grange office or other Granges in your area, share those communications with your members promptly and positively. Speak positively and encourage your members to get more involved. You’re their Secretary. You’re a leader. You can influence your Grange to be even greater than they already are!

If you have questions regarding paperwork or procedures, please contact the Oregon State Grange office staff. They are the experts on all the forms that Granges must complete such as quarterly reports, demits, bonding, tax exemption, applications, etc. The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8am-4:30pm. Remember to also use your online resources at www.orgrange.org.

Enjoy the rest of your summer my fellow Grangers!

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	Aug 13	10:30 AM	Missouri Flat #612	
Benton #36	Oct 15	10:30 AM	Hope #269	
Clackamas #1	Oct 22	10:00 AM	Springwater #263	
Columbia #18	Nov 5	10:00 AM	Beaver Valley #306	
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30	Oct 22	10:00 AM	TBA	
Deschutes #25	Aug 6	11:30 AM	Midland #781	
Douglas #13	Oct 22	6:00 PM	Riversdale #731	
Jackson #27	Sep 10	10:00 AM	TBA	
Josephine #20	Oct 29	10:00 AM	Fruitdale #379	
Lane #14	Oct 8	10:00 AM	Mohawk-Mckenzie #747	
Lincoln #10	Aug 20	10:30 AM	TBA	
Linn #12	Oct 8	10:00 AM	Lacomb #907	
Marion #4	Oct 15	10:00 AM	Silverton #748	
Polk #3	Oct 15	10:00 AM	Buell #637	
Tillamook #9		10:30 AM	TBA	
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Aug 27	10:30 AM	Picnic-Boardman Marina hosts Greenfield #579	
Wallowa #22	Oct 8	10:00 AM	North End #802	
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 22	10:00 AM	Washington #313	

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The Chaplain's Corner

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Annual Convention Report

"Take your talent to Talent" is the theme of this year's convention. Very clever (thanks to Wayne Cabler). But I think the theme of this year and every year should be to take our talent with us wherever we go and use it. You may hear the saying "God given talent" and just brush it off but it truly is. God gives us all talents. Since He made us all different we all have different talents.

I can hear some of you now saying you don't have any talents but you do. Sometimes it is later in life that we recognize the talents we have. I had an aunt by marriage who was looking for something to keep her busy and out of the house after her husband retired. After looking at the local community college catalogue she decided to take a seniors water color painting class. She had never painted before in her life. It turned out that at the age of 67, she discovered her talent and her passion. She took more classes and became a proficient and wonderful artist. Her art was displayed in the homes of family and friends and became a treasure to them and a great memory after she was gone.

A friend from high school who never took an art class and couldn't draw a stick horse did the same thing when her kids started school. She is now a successful professional artist whose work sells for far more than I could ever afford. Grandma Moses began painting earnestly at age 78. I know of many men and women who have taken up cooking, running, singing and playing instruments as adults.

Maybe none of these is your talents but I am sure you have a talent. Maybe it is a kind and caring heart that you share with others in need. Maybe you have the gift of conversation and can talk to strangers and make them comfortable.

In 1st Peter 4:10, the Bible states "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." What a powerful verse. We can never use our talent or give enough to match God's grace, but we can use our talent as a tiny portion of grace for another. God's grace is so much more, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that any of you can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in

Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do", Ephesians 2:8-10.

Truly the degrees and work of the Grange instill and encourage us to do good works, to help one another through the labors and perils of life.

This year, I have sent many cards and visited with the sick. This is my talent – to be able to serve those in need. And I know many of you have the same talents. I want to encourage every Grange member to use your talents, especially to serve others. Maybe it's a phone call to someone who hasn't been to Grange in a while. Maybe it's sending a card or a letter. Maybe it's volunteering to do the Lecturer's program at the next meeting. Maybe it's teaching a basic computer class at your Grange or inviting a friend of yours to Grange to share their talents and skills. Maybe it's a note to a widow or widower in the Grange who is lonely. God gave each of you talents; it's never too late to develop them and especially to share them.

I have enjoyed serving as your Chaplain this year. I have had some great suggestions for a memorial team that will travel around when a Grange member requests a Grange funeral or remembrance. It's a beautiful ceremony and a drill team would make it especially impressive. Several members would like to do this to offer their talent in a time of great distress, to honor those who have already received their plaudit, "well done good and faithful servant".

I have also had the pleasure to travel to other Granges this year that requested a state officer. What a great time. I learned so much of what they were doing and I was able to share some of the things our Grange does. Mostly, I was encouraged that we have young people interested in being Grangers. This year, our Grange has added three teenagers as well as three Junior 1+ members. The Grange I visited had mostly young (20-30) year old members. This is such a good sign for the Grange and I encourage all of you to do your best to encourage new members. Use those God given talents of yours to bring new members in.

In closing, thank you again for your trust in me and allowing me to serve you.

In Memoriam

Kim Huff
Ada Grange #570

Sherrill Hebener
Mosier Grange #234

Larry Brown
Cherry Park Grange #667

Bonnie Pierce
North End Grange #820

Charles Smith
Columbia Grange #267

Douglas Freeman
Oak Grove Grange #198

Ethel Smith
Columbia Grange #267

Carole Coreson
Parkdale Grange #500

Dale Morris
Irving Grange #377

Gladys Grammer
Parkdale Grange #500

Harold Christie
Milwaukie Grange #268

Mary K Phines
Redland Grange #796

Louise Trapp
Missouri Flat Grange #612

LaDauna Hartzell
Redmond Grange #812



*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.*



*Thank You to all the brothers and sister
at State Session that signed the card to
our family upon the death of my mother.
Also thanks to all the Subordinate and
Pomona Granges that also sent cards,
and for the many phone calls.*

*Fraternally,
Janet Oleson
Abernethy Grange #346
Clackamas County*



The Memorial Service was held on Sunday June 19th under the direction of Oregon State Grange Chaplain, Peggy Fine. The Memorial Drill team made up of members from district #1 honored past officers, delegates and committee chairmen/directors.

Gregory Bartels 2016 OSG Agriculturalist of the Year

Gregory Bartels, a member of Tigard Grange #148 in Washington County was selected as the 2016 Oregon State Grange Agriculturalist of the Year. Normally Jay Saxton, OSG Ag Director likes to present the award during his report at convention, but since Gregory was unable to attend because he was attending a Christmas tree Convention in Portland at the same time it was presented to him at his home Grange.



When the award was presented to him at Tigard Grange’s regular July meeting most of the members were there and they were very proud of Gregory for all his hard work and dedication to Agriculture and the Christmas tree business. Gregory is a vital member of his Grange.

Brother Bartels has been in the Christmas tree business for over 45

years: as a grower, wholesaler, and as a retailer. Known as the Christmas Tree Man, he works with groups that are having Christmas tree lots as a fundraiser for their organization. He teaches everything a group needs to know to have a successful lot. Congratulations Gregory!

Mohawk Valley Community Grange Holds “Spring Fest!”

On April 16th, Mohawk Valley Community Grange #922 in Lane County had their annual Open House, dubbed “Spring Fest!” It was a fun event! The Girl Scouts came and helped folks to plant their own hanging baskets. The troop also planted some to give to people in Marcola.

There was music from Tony Farque and Friends on the front porch. They were super and brightened the already beautiful day. Inside was a funny skit put on by Grange members and a most amazing Silent Auction. The Auction brought in \$600+ for their scholarship fund and people acquired some really great

stuff. Some of the goodies included a sailing trip plus lunch on a nearby lake, garden carts, eight hours of gardening help, meals at the Roadhouse, and a night at the beach plus much more. The Grange wants to say a **huge Thank You** to all the donors and auction participants. It was a great success!

And then there was the food. Grangers do know how to potluck! The Grange provided the spaghetti with either a meat sauce or a vegetarian sauce, as well as barbecued chicken from the grill; salads and lots of sweet things for dessert rounded out the table. A good time was had by all!



The Marcola area Girl Scout Troop were busy helping folks plant their own hanging baskets during Spring Fest at Mohawk Valley Community Grange.

Right: Brother Ed Thurston, McMinnville Grange checked out some of the equipment on this year’s Ag tour.



The Agricultural Report

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After a whirlwind State Session with an interesting Ag Tour, three Ag related conferences on wolves, forest management, and Friends of Family Farmers, I’m finally catching my breath. Now, after a term as Ag Director, I feel like I’ve got a handle on the job and I’m starting to think of new things to do.

One idea I may try is a new contest for innovative solutions for agriculture, gardening, or home problems. Grangers could submit their solutions, with a brief description of the problem and the solution, possibly with a clear photo of the idea. I’m still thinking about how to organize this, but I’m hoping it might be an interesting occasional

feature in the Bulletin.

We are looking forward to the Grange Log Cabin at the State Fair and next year’s OSU Small Farm Conference. At both of these events we get to interact with hundreds of people and talk about the Grange, encouraging people to check out their local Granges.

If you have any agricultural information that might be of interest to Grangers, or a question about Ag I could try to answer for you, please write or email or call; my contact info is below.

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Above: a bus load of Grangers started off the State Session this year with a tour of local area agriculture. The tour visited one of Quail Run Winery’s vineyards (below), followed by stops at an organic family farm and Rogue Creamery – makers of world renowned cheeses.





Community Involvement

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The **Volunteer of the Year Award** was presented to three outstanding Grangers during this year's State Session.

David McBride of Hurricane Creek Grange has used his computer savvy to build a website to showcase his Grange. He is a handy man of all trades, undertaking the job of updating the outdated Grange By-Laws, landscaping the Grange yard, renovating the front porch, leveling and graveling for support beams, finishing and giving the siding a new face lift. He volunteers for the annual Stockholders' Dinner for the Wallowa County Grain Growers and serves meals for the local Community Connection. He is also an active handyman and server at his church.

Phil Van Buren of Midland Grange is busy all year as local Santa with a happy smile and lending a hand for his Grange, his Masonic lodge and Eastern Star activities, serving as a proud veteran and helping the disabled, giving rides to appointments and volunteering in his community. He greets people at dinner parties and events with a handshake and a "ho, ho" smile to spread his cheer. He generously gives of his time, money, talents and heart to benefit many and expects nothing in return.

Kris VanHouten of Riversdale Grange is active in her community as 4-H Leader for several small animal groups, youth leader in her church and active in her Grange. After the tragic shooting at Umpqua Community College, she initiated a project to recognize the first responders that were impacted by the event. She managed the baking

and distribution throughout Douglas County of over 300 dozen cookies and continued this project for over six months. In her spare time she is a mom of three children and serves as chauffer, hair dresser, and adult chaperone. She home schools her children and is active in their sports activities.

Oregon State Grange receives prize money (\$250) from the National Grange if 25% of Granges send in their **Annual Community Service Report** and/or **Yearbook**. **YES, we made it!** Thank you for your participation in this program. All participating Granges will receive a recognition certificate for their Annual Report and/or Yearbook. Your certificate will be mailed to your Grange. The first place winner is Ada #570. They received \$100 prize money, and their yearbook will be sent to National Grange in November. Second place is Crow #450; they received \$75. Third place is London #937; they received \$50. Fourth place is Walterville #416; they received \$25.

Oregon is one of the few states that does not require non-profits to report volunteer hours to maintain their non-profit status, but with rules becoming tighter for non-profits, this could soon be a requirement. Everything counts as volunteer hours on your **Annual Report**, when you volunteer for your Grange and/or within the community. This includes the time spent at your Grange meetings planning activities as well as during the events themselves. Many Pomona Granges participate in their county fair and other functions that involve members and non-members. I invite Pomona Granges to fill out an annual report for the 2016 year.



L - R: David McBride of Hurricane Creek Grange in Wallowa County; Kris VanHouten of Riversdale Grange in Douglas County and Phil Van Buren of Midland Grange in Klamath County shared the OSG Volunteer of the Year award.



L - R: State Grange Community Service Report/Yearbook winners: 3rd place London #937, 4th place Walterville #416, 2nd Crow Grange #450 and 1st Ada Grange #570 with Director Eva Frost.

A year ago National Grange introduced the "Dick Patten Community Service Person of the Year Award" to recognize a **Law Enforcement Officer (LEO)** and **Firefighter (FF) of the year**. This year they added the **Teacher of the Year**. We all know that these public servants do an outstanding job of serving our community. Your Grange may have recognized one or more of them at your event this year. Application forms have been sent to each Grange and can also be found on the State Grange website. Send your nomination to me by **September 15, 2016**. Your application will be judged, the first place winner from each category will be sent to National Grange to be judged, and winners announced at the National Session in Washington, DC this November. Please feel free to attach pictures, news articles or supporting paperwork, if you have them.

I challenge each Grange to help alleviate hunger in your community by supporting your local **food bank**. Have you noticed more people wandering the streets with their belongings in a backpack? Small towns never used to see or hear of families sleeping in the park or under the trees. Now schools have trouble tracking kids who don't have a home address. Food banks are stepping up their programs to make sure that

kids have a healthy breakfast and lunch. They continue these meals through the summer months to ensure that kids don't go hungry.

Most food banks are grateful for your extra garden produce or fruit from your trees as well as non-perishable goods. Track the money, time or food your members donate to your local food bank and log the information on your 2016 Annual Report.

At the State session I did a conference on "Map your neighborhood and Shelter in Place." Building a disaster plan for your family and your community will strengthen your readiness when the 'Big One' happens. It is hard to think clearly when disaster strikes. The first 60 minutes are the "Golden Minutes" that could save your life. Knowing what to do in the first hour of a disaster may help you save a life, reduce the severity of injuries, and reduce the amount of damage your neighborhood sustains. Having a plan will help you take care of your loved ones. Know your neighbors so that you can find out what their needs are and how you can help. Create a gathering spot where you will all meet, so you can evaluate who is missing or injured. Remember, "Be smart, not scared."

Thanks for your service.

Right: OSG Lecturer Jeanie Force and Deaf Awareness and Family Health Director Iva May Van Noy presented Jess Reichmuth of Dogs for the Deaf with a check from the Oregon State Grange for \$1,500 following their conference. The joint conference of the two committees featured a demonstration by Jess and a dog named King.





The Education Committee

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Oregon's 'Equity Lens' Frames Schools' Take on Bias

By Denisa R. Superville

With children of color making up a growing share of Oregon students, state education officials five years ago took another hard, long look at how those students were doing. What they saw was sobering but not surprising: Despite attempts to close achievement gaps between students of color, immigrant students, and low-income students and their more affluent white peers, wide disparities persisted in student performance on state tests, graduation rates, school attendance, and college-going rates. So Oregon tried a different approach. In 2011, education agencies adopted an "equity lens," a public policy statement explicitly acknowledging the salience of race and ethnicity in contributing to disparate student outcomes and committing to narrow achievement and opportunity gaps from cradle to career through a focus on race and ethnicity.

Envisioned as a kind of "guiding document" to focus discussion and action on achievement gaps within the state and between Oregon and other states, the equity lens was unusual for its time. It lays out a set of beliefs that sees students' second language as an "asset" to be celebrated and advocates culturally responsive supports for English-language learners and embracing students' history.

The lens also calls for addressing the overrepresentation of children of color in special education and their underrepresentation in Advanced Placement and gifted and talented programs. Recognizing that achievement gaps begin early in life, the policy also emphasizes access to high-quality prekindergarten. It seeks to ensure that teachers are focused on equity and it expects educators to think deeply before making major decisions about who will be disadvantaged by those decisions, whether those stakeholders were included in the process, and if not, why.

"We needed to make sure that we had diverse opinions and thinking that would advantage all kids, not just my kids," said Robert Saxton, a former deputy superintendent of public instruction at the Oregon education department when the "equity lens" was adopted. Now, the state is still struggling to close achievement gaps and the equity lens is seen as a very-much alive educational equity tool in that state, say those involved in its creation.

Expanding Infrastructure

The new lens built on other state equity initiatives that were already underway, said Pat Burk, an education professor at Portland State University, who has also held leadership positions in the Portland public schools and the state education department.

Those efforts included:

- Development of tests aimed at providing fine-grained data on how students were doing on specific test items.
- A review of state educator-licensing standards that led to changes to integrate cultural competency and equitable practices into teacher- and administrator-preparation programs.
- Partnering with the state's four largest districts to work on their equity and diversity challenges.

Because of those actions, an infrastructure was already in place in some districts by 2011 to put the policies into practice. As a result, some districts were able to continue to focus on equity even as state financial contributions toward district-level equity work diminished during the Great Recession, Burk said.

At the state level, education officials use the equity lens as a criteria for disbursing grants. Districts seeking grants must show that their programs would address achievement gaps. The state education agency also uses the lens to seek additional funding for programs for traditionally underserved populations, including for the creation of education plans for African-American and American Indian/Native Alaskan students, Saxton said.

But the achievement gaps are proving difficult to eradicate. In the 2014-15 school year, for example, only 33.1 percent of Hispanic students and 32.4 percent of African-Americans in grades 3-5 were at Levels 3 or 4—the top two levels—on the state's English/language arts exams. That compares with 67.6 percent for Asian students and 57.6 percent for white students. "I think we will see some differences in outcomes over time, but it's going to take a while," Saxton said. "We know what the results are going to be if we don't do anything.

We don't know what the results are going to be when we do something different." Burk said tackling the policy first was the right step.

Persistent Gaps

Change will not happen by "leaving something to the goodwill or personal motivation of a particular leader, or principal, or classroom teacher," he said. Some districts adopted the equity lens in whole or in part. Some use it in making hiring decisions.

Even so, the state has made less progress than it expected in creating a more-diverse educator workforce to serve its increasingly diverse student population. In a 2015 report to the state legislature, the state education department conceded that while it had increased the number of culturally and linguistically diverse teachers in the system, the state needed to do more. In the 2014-15 school year, students of color made up 36 percent of the state's K-12 student enrollment, yet only 8.5 percent of teachers were nonwhite. Latinos—the largest minority group—accounted for 22.4 percent of state K-12 enrollment that year but only 3.9 of teachers.

Eugene Superintendent Gustavo Balderas, a former English-language learner himself, said it's important that students of color have both high-quality teachers and teachers who look like them and understand their language and culture. "There is a strong need for modeling—it's not just me saying that, the research backs this up," said Balderas, whose district is working with universities to build a more-diverse pipeline of teachers from its current students.

As signs of progress, Oregon officials point to individual districts, schools, and programs that have gaps in specific areas. State officials hope to learn from them and scale up their successes. Districts like Forest Grove, which is part of the district network already working on equity and diversity challenges, have ingrained the equity lens into their hiring practices. They now ask specific scenario-based questions of potential employees to ascertain whether they are committed to working with students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. Others have hired equity coaches to work with teachers.

The Woodburn district, about 35 miles from Portland, has one of the state's highest Latino graduation rate. Eighty percent of its 5,729 students are Hispanic. Chuck Ransom, the district's superintendent, said the outcome resulted from strategies pushed in the mid-2000s that were not always popular with the community, which had to be convinced that the district was not serving all its students equally.

We had a lot of conversations about equality of opportunity and equality of outcomes, and helping people to understand that it's not enough to say that everybody has the same shot," he said.

Those initiatives included the development of a K-12 dual-language program that allows students to receive instruction in their best language and graduate as fully bilingual. He also credits the district's decision to break up the comprehensive high school into four smaller schools, which allowed teachers to provide more individualized attention to students. The small-schools model provided "a structure that supported the strategies that worked," he said.

Addressing Native American Students

The development process for the state's American Indian/Alaska Native Education State Plan also reflects efforts to address the needs of specific populations while involving them in the decision making, state officials said.

Representatives from all nine federally recognized Native American tribes in the state were invited to meet with state education officials to provide input on the plan. In those discussions, the tribes asked the education department to appoint a liaison between the department and the tribes, said Modesta Minthorn, the education director of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The state appointed April Campbell, a former education director for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, to that position. "That, in and of itself, was a big accomplishment—getting a seat at the table and getting the tribal voices included," Minthorn said.

The plan centers around increasing attendance and graduation rates, providing culturally relevant professional development for school district staff, increasing and retaining Native American teachers, and "implementing historically accurate and culturally embedded" Native American curricula in schools.

The state now plans to work with districts to change policies so that students who are absent for cultural ceremonies can get credit for their absences. Native Americans have the highest absenteeism rates in the state, in part because districts do not recognize time off for cultural celebrations and ceremonies, Minthorn said. "If we were perfect, we wouldn't have these gaps," she added. But "together, with the state, and the local school districts, and the tribes, we are all on the same page saying, 'We can do better, we have to do better.'"

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2016 Oregon State Grange GWA Contest Winners

Baked Goods & Candies

Fancy Holiday Cookies

Sponsor: Catherine Johnston

Spring

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
2nd Galen Jones, Columbia #867

Summer

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Fall

- 1st Galen Jones, Columbia #867
2nd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Winter

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Drop Cookies

Sponsor: Dorena Grange #835

- 1st June Lines, Phoenix #779
2nd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
3rd Bonnie Sims, Midland #781

Junior Drop Cookies

Sponsor: Linda Pugh

- 1st Aahron Martin, Beavercreek #276
2nd Tenaya Morton, Non-Member
3rd Jade Naylor, Clarkes #261

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Sponsor: Beavercreek #276

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
2nd Galen Jones, Columbia #867
3rd Jennifer Roberts, non-member

Bar Cookies

Sponsor: Jasper #532

- 1st Janice Hallman, Keizer #785
2nd Priscilla Phillips, Illinois Valley #370
3rd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Peanut Butter Cookie

Sponsor: Greenacres Grange #834

- 1st Janice Hallman, Keizer #785
2nd Priscilla Phillips, Illinois Valley #370
3rd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Crackled Top Ginger Cookies

Sponsor: Catherine Johnston

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Unbaked Cereal or Made In Pan Cookies

Sponsor: Greenacres #834

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
2nd Emily Russell, Goshen #561
3rd Diane Parrott, Parkdale #500

Peanut Butter Candy

Sponsor: Goshen #561

- 1st Gary Prichard, Goshen #561
2nd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Fudge

Sponsor: Beverly Doescher

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Divinity

Sponsor: Beverly Doescher

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Peanut Brittle

Sponsor: Beverly Doescher

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
#867

Sweet Rolls Yeast Only

Sponsor: Clarkes #261

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Muffins Any Kind

Sponsor: Clarkes #261

- 1st Ann Dickson, Clarkes #261
2nd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
3rd June Lines, Phoenix #779

Gluten Free Baked Item

Sponsor: Mary & Robert Parrott

- 1st Sue Sether, Molalla #310
2nd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
3rd Diane Parrott, Parkdale #500

Fruit and Vegetable Bread

Sponsor: Coos-Curry-West Coast Pomona

- 1st Dorothy Key, Goshen #561
2nd Emily Russell, Goshen, #561
3rd Gary Prichard, Goshen, #561

Cupcake Challenge

Sponsor: Susan Noah

- 1st Bonnie Sims, Midland #781
2nd Sarah Kingsborough, Sandlake #546
3rd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Decorated Cake

Sponsor: Linda Helm

- 1st Doris Reid, Columbia #867
2nd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Canning

Jam (any fruit not berry)

Sponsor: Phoenix Grange #779

- 1st Suzy Ramm, Springwater #263
2nd Tyra Yost, Deer Creek #371
3rd Barbara McCormack, Hurricane Creek #608

Jam (berry)

Sponsor: Phoenix Grange #779

- 1st Tammie Phillips, Illinois Valley #370
2nd Roy Barto, Illinois Valley #370
3rd Jim Dumolt, Clarkes, #261

Jelly (any fruit not berry)

Sponsor: Marilyn Reiher

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
2nd Nancy Slagle, Parkdale #500
3rd Janice Hallman, Keizer #785

Jelly (berry)

Sponsor: Marilyn Reiher

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
2nd Linda Pugh, Ada #570

Fruit Butter

Sponsor: Goshen #561

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
2nd Linda Pugh, Ada #570
3rd Becky Cornforth, Goldson #868

Pickles Dill Cucumber

Sponsor: Springwater #263

- 1st Janice Hallman, Keizer #785

Pickles Sweet Cucumber

Sponsor: Springwater #263

- 1st Janice Hallman, Keizer #785
2nd Dorothy Key, Goshen #561

Bread & Butter Cucumbers

Sponsor: Springwater #263

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Relishes - Mixture of Veggies

Sponsor: Springwater #263

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
2nd Sue Dumolt, Clarkes #261
3rd Janice Hallman, Keizer #785

Miscellaneous Pickle Other Than Cucumber

Sponsor: Springwater #263

- 1st Nancy Slagle, Parkdale #500
2nd Tammie Phillips, Illinois Valley #370
3rd Janice Hallman, Keizer #785

Salsa Red

Sponsor: Margaret Clute

- 1st Tammie Phillips, Illinois Valley #370
2nd Roy Barto, Illinois Valley #370
3rd Karrina Dolymples non-member

Salsa Green

Sponsor: Margaret Clute

- 1st Nancy Slagle, Parkdale #500

Canned Meat

Sponsor: Goshen #561

- 1st Terry Honn, Parkdale #500
2nd Sue Dumolt, Clarkes #261
3rd Dorothy Key, Goshen #561

Canned Beets

Sponsor: Margaret Clute

- 1st Janice Hallman, Keizer #785
2nd Dorothy Key, Goshen #561
3rd Sen Speroff, Skyline #894

Canned Carrots

Sponsor: Margaret Clute

- 1st Dorothy Key, Goshen #561

Canned Tomatoes

Sponsor: Margaret Clute

- 1st Roy Barto, Illinois Valley #370
2nd Tammie Phillips, Illinois Valley #370
3rd Dorothy Key, Goshen #561

Canned Vegetables Misc.

Sponsor: Margaret Clute

- 1st Jim Dumolt, Clarkes #261
2nd Becky Cornforth, Goldson #868
3rd Dorothy Key, Goshen #561

Canned Vegetables Misc.

Sponsor: Margaret Clute

- 1st Jim Dumolt, Clarkes #261
2nd Becky Cornforth, Goldson #868
3rd Dorothy Key, Goshen #561

Canned Peaches

Sponsor: Marilyn Reiher

- 1st Janice Hallman, Keizer #785
2nd Tyra Yost, Deer Creek #371
3rd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Canned Pears

Sponsor: Marilyn Reiher

- 1st Dorothy Key, Goshen #561

Applesauce

Sponsor: Marilyn Reiher

- 1st Vicki Cunningham, Fairfield #720
2nd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Crafts

What to Do With Worn Out Jeans

Sponsor: Sunnyside #842

- 1st Kathy Hekking, Sunnyside #842
2nd Patty Bunch, Central Point #698
3rd Mary Parrott, Parkdale #500

Jewelry

Sponsor: Goshen #561

- 1st Sue Dumolt, Clarkes #261
2nd Debbie Fiscus, Fairfield #720
3rd Janis Mohr-Tipton, Applegate Valley #839

Pin Cushion

Sponsor: Linda Pugh

- 1st Debbie Fiscus, Fairfield #720
2nd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
3rd Vicki Cunningham, Fairfield #720

Handmade Woven Baskets

Sponsor: Clarkes #261

- 1st Linda Silva, Deer Creek #371
2nd Debbie Fiscus, Fairfield #720
3rd Elvaree Fine, Hurricane Creek #608

Small Wooden Article

Sponsor: Phyllis Wilson

- 1st Betty Prichard, non-member
2nd Robert Parrott, Parkdale #500
3rd Alicia Nilson, Goshen #561

Touch of Oregon Wood

Sponsor: Jan Oleson

- 1st Roger Fiscus, Fairfield #720
2nd Marilyn Martin, Eagle Creek #297
3rd Howard Huey, Abernethy #346

Metal Art

Sponsor: Phil Van Buren

- 1st Roger Fiscus, Fairfield #720
2nd Alicia Nilson, Goshen #561
3rd Debbie Fiscus, Fairfield #720

Recycle

Sponsor: Hurricane Creek #608

- 1st Vickie Weathers, Creswell #496
2nd Alicia Nilson, Goshen #561
3rd Diane Cunningham, non-member

Potluck

Sponsor: Myrt and Evan Powell

- 1st Geraldine Gruschella, Clarkes #261
2nd Janis Mohr-Tipton, Applegate Valley #839
3rd Joanne McBride, Hurricane Creek #608

Bailey's Good Dog Gift Package

Sponsor: Bailey & her people (Susan & Mark Noah)

- 1st Linda Silva, Deer Creek #371
2nd Shirley Gilman, Redland #796
3rd Linda Litts, Goshen #561



GWA Contest Winners, continued

Here Kitty Gift Bag

Sponsor: Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn & their family (the Parrotts)

- 1st Diane Parrott, Parkdale #500
- 2nd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
- 3rd Mary Parrott, Parkdale #500

Textiles

Pillowcases for our Troops

Sponsor: Gail Wilson

- 1st Beth Ness, Upper Rogue #825
- 2nd Marty Holdsclaw, Upper Rogue #825
- 3rd Mary Parrott, Parkdale #500

Crocheted Doilies

Sponsor: Goshen #561

- 1st Myra Boyd, Riversdale #731

Crocheted or Knitted Afghans

Sponsor: The Parrott Family

- 1st John Fine, Riversdale #731
- 2nd Jan Melcher, Eaglecreek #297
- 3rd Dee Paullin, Abernethy #346

Miscellaneous Crocheted Items

Sponsor: Cookie & Malcolm Trupp

- 1st Myra Boyd, Riversdale #731
- 2nd Dee Paullin, Abernethy #346
- 3rd Beverly Reid, Columbia #867

Table Runner

Sponsor: Clarann and Derrell Witty

- 1st Jeanne Taylor, Spencer Creek #855
- 2nd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
- 3rd Debra Fiscus, Fairfield #720

Embroidery

Sponsor: Julie Schnetzky

- 1st Sara Wilson, Columbia #867
- 2nd Maxine Renken, Triangle #533
- 3rd Dee Paullin, Abernethy #346

Counted Cross Stitch

Sponsor: Parkdale #500

- 1st Shirley Gilman, Redland #796
- 2nd Elaine Chapman, London #937
- 3rd Emily Blankeship, non-member

Plastic Canvas

Sponsor: Beaver Creek #276

- 1st Roberta Leuer, Warren #536
- 2nd Debbie Fiscus, Fairfield #720
- 3rd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Special Stitchery

Sponsor: Jackson Pomona #27

- 1st Geraldine Gruchalle, Clarkes #261
- 2nd Nancy Slagle, Parkdale #500
- 3rd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Quillow

Sponsor: Forest Grove #282

- 1st Linda Litts, Goshen #561

Apron

Sponsor: Beaver Creek #276

- 1st Diane Parrott, Parkdale #500
- 2nd Elvaree Fine, Hurricane Creek #608
- 3rd Bev Bush, Clarkes #261

Hot Pad or Mitt Crocheted/ Knitted

Sponsor: Bailey Noah

- 1st Nadine Reed, Jasper #532
- 2nd Myra Boyd, Riversdale #731
- 3rd Elvaree Fine, Hurricane Creek #608

Hot Pad or Mitt Any Kind of Fabric

Sponsor: Bailey Noah

- 1st Nancy Slagle, Parkdale #500
- 2nd Laurene Brown, non-member
- 3rd Maxine Renden, Triangle #533

Purses and Totes

Sponsor: Malcolm and Cookie Trupp

- 1st Sara Myers, non-member
- 2nd Nancy Slagle, Parkdale #500
- 3rd Betty Prichard, non-member

Baby Quilt machine by one

Sponsor: Sauvies Island #840

- 1st Diane Parrott, Parkdale #500
- 2nd Tracy Walters, Skyline #894
- 3rd Betty Whitehead, Hurricane Creek #608

Baby Quilt tied by one

Sponsor: Sauvies Island #840

- 1st Debbie Fiscus, Fairfield #720
- 2nd Linda Litts, Goshen #561
- 3rd Sara Wilson, Columbia #867

Embroidered Baby Quilt

Sponsor: Waltherville #416

- 1st Nadine Telschow, Fairfield #720
- 2nd Debbie Fiscus, Fairfield #720
- 3rd Doris Reid, Columbia #867

Quilt Hand Quilted By One

Sponsor: Siletz Valley #558

- 1st Debbie Fiscus, Fairfield #720

Quilt Machine Quilted By One

Sponsor: Siletz Valley #558

- 1st Jeanne Taylor, Spencer Creek #855
- 2nd Maxine Renken, Triangle #533
- 3rd Elaine Chapman, London #937

Quilt Tied By One or a Group

Sponsor: Siletz Valley #558

- 1st Debbie Fiscus, Fairfield #720
- 2nd Goshen Grange Members #561
- 3rd Linda Litts, Goshen #561

National Quilt Block Contest Experienced Individual by Machine

- 1st Jeanne Taylor, Spencer Creek #855

GWA

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State convention was a great time for reconnecting with friends and meeting new friends. Thank you to all who entered the contests. We have very talented bakers, crafters, canners, knitters, crocheters and quilters! Our GWA conference was well attended and the bookmark was a hit. If you are interested in ordering kits or already made bookmarks, let me know. Kits are \$5 and bookmarks are \$10. This would be a good activity for a GWA or Lecturer's program.

I donated blankets to the Ashland Hospital and premie hats and afghans to the Neonatal ICU at the Rogue Regional Medical Center. I received a nice thank you from Michelle Cathcart RN saying that the babies and their families so appreciate the warmth and great thoughts that have gone into making these items.

Also the youth and Juniors delivered four "Bailey's Good Dog Gift Packages" to Dogs for the Deaf in Medford. Jim and Sue Dumolt

delivered nine "Here Kitty Gift Bags" to the Jackson Animal Care in Talent. Everyone was grateful for these items for the animals.

Now is the time to be thinking of what you will enter in next year's contests. As you do your canning, remember to save a jar for next year.

Heads up, calling all quilters for the National Quilt Block contest for 2017! The block pattern is Spiderweb Star to be done in blues and greens with accent colors of greens and browns with accent reminiscent of earth and agriculture.

Anyone or Grange wishing to be a sponsor of a new contest for 2017 please let me know by September 1 with name of contest and rules. Please look at the current contests to see what the award monies are so to keep them unified. Thank you.

Enjoy your summer activities. On pages 10-11 are the winners of the contests.



Margaret Clute delivered the blankets that were entered to the Ashland Hospital. The GWA thanks those Grangers who made these. The nurses were excited to receive these for the patients.

Jim Dumolt delivering the Hello Kitty gift packages to the Jackson County Animal Care in Talent.



The Youth and Juniors delivered the Bailey's Good Dog Gift Packages to the Dogs for the Deaf during their field trip.

143rd Annual Session of the Oregon State Grange Held In Talent

Sixth Degree



Oregon State Grange Officers: Master, Susan Noah; Overseer, Celia Luttrell; Lecturer, Jeanie Force; Steward, Wayne Cabler; Assistant Steward, Phil Van Buren; Lady Assistant Steward, Louise Holst; Chaplain, Peggy Fine; Treasurer, Sarah Kingsborough; Secretary, Alice Nowicki; Gatekeeper, Jesse O'Dell; Ceres, Beverly Doescher; Pomona, Eva Frost; Flora, Cookie Trupp; Executive Committee Dist. 1, Malcolm Trupp; Executive Committee Dist. 2, Don Sether; Executive Committee Dist. 3, Roger Wilson; Musician, Claudia Boswell.



Court of Flora: Flora, Cookie Trupp,; Attendants, Paula Herrick and Pat Heard; Ceres, Beverly Doescher; Attendants Sue Westbrook and Jessie Jo Guttridge; Pomona, Eva Frost; Attendants Margaret Clute and Roberta O'Dell.

Fifth Degree



Fifth Degree Team: Master, John Fine, Riversdale #731; Overseer, Wayne Cabler, Central Point #698; Lecturer, Linda Helm, Phoenix #779; Steward, Maggie Swartzendruber, Riversdale #731; Asst. Steward, Malcolm Trupp, Spencer Creek #855; Lady Asst. Steward, Cookie Trupp, Spencer Creek #855; Chaplain, Kris VanHouten, Riversdale #731; Treasurer, Marilyn Reiher, North Bayside #691; Secretary, Sue Westbrook, Myrtle Creek #442; Gatekeeper, Janis Mohr-Tipton, Applegate Valley #839; Ceres, Qiana Helm, Phoenix #779; Pomona, Rachel Nordstorm, Sunny Valley #916; Flora, Beverly Doescher, Azalea #786; Ex Comm. #1, William Wagner, Deer Creek #371; Ex Comm. #2, Maleek Linwood, Phoenix #779; Ex Comm. #3, Sherry Overstreet, Illinois Valley #370; Musician, Claudia Boswell, South Fork #605; Specter, Jeff Dehne, Walterville #416; Ceres' attendants Carmen Valencia, Phoenix #779 and Chloe Lacrosse, Phoenix #779; Pomona's attendants Ruth Monical, Sunny Valley #916 and Sheila Martinez, Sunny Valley #916; Flora attendants Grace Hays, Abernethy #346 and Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater #263.



Memorial Drill Team: John Fine, Riversdale #731; Wayne Cabler, Central Point #698; Bill Waggoner, Deer Creek #371; Jim Westbrook, Myrtle Creek #442; Orrin Schnetzky, Tigard #148; Beverly Doescher, Azalea #786; Rachal Nordstorm, Sunny Valley #916; Janice Mohr-Tipton, Applegate Valley #839; Maggie Swartzendruber, Riversdale #731; Sue Westbrook, Myrtle Creek #442; **OSG Officers:** Master, Susan Noah; Chaplain, Peggy Fine; Secretary, Alice Nowicki; Flora, Cookie Trupp.



Musician: Claudia Boswell, South Fork #605; **Song Leader,** Ben Boswell, South Fork #605

1st ~ 4th Degree Teams: Alexa Suing, Crow #450; Ben Boswell, South Fork #605; Bud Dumolt, Beavercreek #276; Cathy Assad, Redland #796; Celia Luttrell, Boring-Damascus #260; Claudia Boswell, South Fork #605; Connie Suing, Crow #450; Don MacKinnon, Springwater #263; Don Sether, Molalla #310; Jeff Dehne, Walterville #416; Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater #263; Jim Dumolt, Clarks #261; Kitty Thomas, Harding #122; Louise Holst, Midland #781; Mark Noah, Mohawk McKenzie #747; Orrin Schnetzky, Tigard #148; Phil Van Buren, Midland #781; Roger Wilson, White Eagle #276; Sam Keator, Winona #271; Susan Noah, Mohawk McKenzie #747; Harvest Marchers - Dick and Annette Wanker, Redland #796; Howard and Judy Huey, Abernathy #346; Ken and Shirley Naylor, Clarks #261





Junior Grangers

2016 Oregon State Junior Grange Officers: Master Audrey VanHouten, Riversdale #731; Overseer Terry Elliott, Ada #570; Lecturer Josh Jacobson, Columba #867; Steward Cameron Herrick, Walterville #416; Assistant Steward Ethan Utt, Fairmount #252; Lady Assistant Steward Aurianna VanHouten, Riversdale #731; Chaplain Riley Reynolds, Santiam Valley #828; Treasurer Zachary Jacobson, Columbia #867; Secretary Alaia Sherman, Deer Creek #731; Gatekeeper Sam Bence, Warner #117; Ceres Alissa Yost, Deer Creek #371; Pomona Delilah Lenz, Mohawk-McKenzie #747; Flora Jade Naylor, Clarkes #261; Executive Committee Anastasia Williams, Fairmount #252; Brooklyn Yost, Deer Creek #371; Cameron Jacobson, Columbia #867

OSG Youth and Young Adults



2016-17 OSG Youth Ambassador
Alexa Suing



2016 Oregon State Youth Officers: Master: Mikela Heimuller, Warren #536; Overseer: Qiana Helm, Phoenix Grange #779; Lecturer: Orrin Schnetzky, Tigard #148; Steward: Alex Coe, Phoenix #779; Assistant Steward: Grace Hays, Abernethy #346; Lady Assistant Steward: Maggie Swartzendruber, Riversdale #731; Chaplain: Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater #263; Gatekeeper: Patrick Anderson, Deer Creek #371; Treasurer: Elias Utt, Fairmount #252; Secretary: Briana Herrick, Walterville #416; Ceres: Payton Miller, Lexington #726; Pomona: Chloe Lacrosse, Phoenix Grange #779; Flora: Erika Anderson, Deer Creek #371; Executive Committee: Jacob Yost, Deer Creek #371; Maleek Linwood, Phoenix #779; and Alexa Suing, Crow #450.

Officer Installation Team



Above - Installation Team: Installing Officer Jim Dumolt, Clarkes #261; Master, Sue Dumolt, Clarkes #261; Emblem Bearer, Annette Naylor, Clarkes #261; Regalia Bearer, Allen Naylor, Clarkes #261; Marshal, Christy Dumolt, Clarkes #261; Marshal, Jeanie Force, Sunnyside #842; Musician, Bob Force, Sunnyside #842 and Chaplain, Margaret Clute, Forest Grove Grange #282.

Retiring Officers Honored

Below - Retiring Oregon State Grange Officers: Gatekeeper Jesse O'Dell; Steward Wayne Cabler; Lecturer Jeanie Force; Ex. Committee member Malcolm Trupp; Flora Cookie Trupp; Ceres Beverly Doescher and Secretary Alice Nowicki pictured with State Master Susan Noah. After installation of the newly elected officers, State Master Susan Noah presented Past Officers pins to these retiring State Officers. Thank you for your service to the organization.



More convention pictures to appear in the October issue



Alexandra Herrera-Clark celebrated her graduation from Gervais High School with her family and friends and with fellow Grange members of Fairfield Grange.

Fairfield Grange Member Receives Scholarship from Foundation

Alexandra Rose Herrera-Clark was selected as the 2016 Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Scholarship winner by the Oregon State Grange Foundation. Alexandra, her parents Librado and Jonetta Herrera-Clark and her sisters are members of Fairfield Grange #720 in Marion County.

She is actively involved in her Grange since joining in 2013. She serves as an officer and entertains her Grange with reports of her school, dance club and youth events in the community. She participates in local blood drives and has donated many pints of blood. She is a member of the Aztec dance troop Huitzilopochtli and through hard work has risen through the ranks to become one of their leaders.

She is a 2016 graduate of Gervais High School and will be attending the Oregon Culinary Institute this fall majoring in baking and pastry management. Her long term goal is to eventually get her business management degree and have her own bakery.

She celebrated her graduation with her family and friends and with fellow

Springwater Grange Awards Scholarships

Springwater Grange #263 in Clackamas County holds a Pie Auction each February to raise funds for second year or more college students. This year they were able to give three scholarships to deserving students.

The first one went to Tobias Armus of Colton, Oregon. Toby just completes his freshman year at George Fox University in Newberg. He is studying Mechanical Engineering and made the Dean's list spring term. Upon graduation his goal is to help in the design and production of prosthetics

He was a 2015 graduate of Colton High School where he was the Valedictorian of his class. In addition he is active in the Boy Scouts of



Grange members at Fairfield Grange.

The Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Scholarship was created with funds donated to the Oregon State Grange in memory of Mr. Mandel from the sale of the old Sherwood Grange Hall. Mr. Mandel, who served for many years as the Agriculture Chairman for the Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange, gave very detailed reports, which are captured in their minutes. It has been said that if you wanted to write a history of agriculture in Washington County during that period (mid-1980s-1990s), you wouldn't have to Google anything, just read his reports.

America and archived the rank of Eagle and in his local community church.

The second scholarship went to a two-time recipient, Elyssa MacKinnon Kelley of Juno, Alaska. She is the granddaughter of Don and Barbara MacKinnon who are longtime members of Springwater Grange.

A 2014 graduate of Thunder Mountain High School, Elyssa is studying Medical Assisting at the University of Alaska Southeast.

The second scholarship went to Jennifer Marshall Landis. See Clackamas Pomona on page 15 for her background.

GWA Awards Two Scholarships

Two GWA scholarships for the amount of \$400 each were awarded this year to Brianna Loughridge of Clarkes Grange #261, and Alexa Suing of Crow Grange #450 to continue their college education.

Brianna will be a sophomore at Clackamas Community college this fall. She is taking lower division courses and is working towards a bachelor's in Business Administration. She plans to use her business skills to help other people. She wants to be financially secure enough that she can have the resources to help troubled youth, and serve in an organization whose mission is to raise money to help families facing a serious crisis, such as a terminally ill family members.

Brianna is the daughter of Craig and Suzanne Loughridge and she her parents and three brothers and sisters are members of Clarkes Grange in Clackamas County. She participates in her Grange's fundraising activities, including helping with breakfasts and catering events as well as assisting with annual community-wide picnic sponsored by her Grange.

The second GWA Scholarship went to Alexa Suing. She received her Associates of Arts Transfer Degree this spring from Lane Community College and will be returning there this fall to take classes in Early Childhood Education.

She has been an active Grange member for eight years and has served as an Oregon State Grange Youth Office and as delegate to state convention from her Grange. Last year she represented Oregon in

Grange Jeopardy and in Impromptu Public Speaking contest at the Western Regional Youth Conference. Previously she had been a Youth Officer at the National Grange convention.

June was a big month for Alexa Grange wise. In addition to receiving a scholarship; she was elected Steward of the Oregon State Grange and was selected as the 2016-17 OSG Youth Ambassador. She will represent Oregon in November at the National Grange convention in Washington, DC.

Alexa is the daughter of Dan and Connie Suing and she, her parents and brother and sister are members of Crow Grange #450 in Lane County.

The Grange Workers' Activities (GWA) Scholarships are supported by donations from the Subordinate/Community Granges throughout the state. To be eligible, the applicant must be a Grange member, who by the time the tuition scholarship is awarded in September has had at least one year of college and is registered for 12 credit hours.



Alexa Suing receiving her scholarship certificate from OSG GWA Director Margaret Clute.

OR Students Win GIA Scholarships

Grange Insurance Association is pleased to announce that Harris Lackey of La Grande, Oregon was awarded the Top Vocational Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.

McKenna Chandler of Silverton, Oregon was awarded a Grange Insurance Association scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. Cole Chandler of Silverton, Oregon was awarded a Grange Insurance Association scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Both McKenna and Cole are repeat winners and attend Pacific Lutheran University.

Each year Grange Insurance Association awards scholarships to deserving applicants. The applicant or their parents must be policyholders of Grange Insurance Association. In all, 28 scholarships were awarded this year among the 53 applications received.

The quality of applicants was exceptionally high again this year and the Company is extremely pleased with the caliber of students who applied for our scholarships. It is always a difficult process to make the selections when all the applicants are so highly qualified. An announcement will be made in the late fall regarding the program for the following year, and we encourage you to watch this paper for information on the application process for next year's program. Grange Insurance Association has made scholarships available since 1965. They may be used at any accredited school or college and are offered throughout GIA's operating territory, which includes the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, and Washington. The Home Office of Grange Insurance Association is in Seattle, WA.

Ada Grange Presents Harley Huff Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Ada Grange #570 held their annual Award Presentation Program during their May meeting. At that time a \$500 Harley Huff Sr. Memorial Scholarship was presented to Lila Pattison, a senior at Mapleton High School. Lila intends to pursue a Bachelor's degree in nursing and to go on to earn a Master's as a Nurse Practitioner Midwife.



Ms. Pattison was chosen for her outstanding community service work. The scholarship is awarded based on the applicant's involvement in community service projects and activities and on financial need. 2016 marks the 24th year that Ada Grange has given the Harley Huff Memorial Scholarship.

Clackamas Pomona Awards Charlie Bowser Memorial Scholarship

This year's recipient of the Charlie Bowser Memorial Scholarship was Jennifer Marshall Landis by Clackamas Pomona Grange at their July meeting.

Ms. Landis a 1992 graduate of Molalla High School. She is the daughter of Jim and Wanda Marshall and all are members Clarks Grange #261.

She is studying to be a Physical Therapist Assistant through Carrington College. She and her 10 year-old daughter currently make

their home in Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition to her job at the Red Rock Hotel and Casino, she volunteers at NECP (a rehabilitation center) as well as the Three Square Food Bank.

The Charlie Bowser Memorial Scholarship is given each year in memory of Mr. Bowser who was very supportive of Grange youth and would help them out where ever needed. He and his wife were one on the early Youth Boosters recognized by the Clackamas County Grange Youth.



L-R: Brett Keller, Colton Egger, Katelyn Mitts recipients of the Edna Graf Memorial Scholarships and Jessie Powell who received the Olive Erickson Endowment Fund Scholarship.

Sauvies Island Grange Awards Seven Scholarships To Island Residents

Sauvies Island Grange #840 awarded several college scholarships at their May meeting. Recipients of the \$500 2016 Edna Graf Memorial Scholarship were Brett Keller, Colton Egger, Katelyn Mitts, Cody Fazio, Audrey Davis, and Elizabeth Wiley. This scholarship fund was established in 1981 by the Grange Workers Activities and is dedicated to the memory of Edna Graf, an ardent Grange member and unofficial greeter to newcomers on the island who served as secretary of the Grange for almost fifty years. The Grange awards six of these scholarship each year.

They also award the \$1000 Olive Erickson Endowment Fund Scholarship to Jessie Powell. Qualifications for all the scholarships are: student applying must be a resident of the island, have completed high school and been accepted to the school they wish to attend, be it a college, university, community college, trade school, nursing school or other professional school.

Barlow Gate Grange Awards \$25,000 In Scholarships From The Lenore Walters Scholarship Fund

Barlow Gate Grange #157 awarded nine scholarships from the Lenore Walters Scholarship Fund to South Wasco County High School seniors and past graduates. The combined awards total \$25,000 and are for the 2016-2017 academic year. These students not only maintain high GPAs, they also are involved in community service where they live and/or go to school. Their letters of recommendations from teachers, professors and community members speak highly of their work ethic, their positive personalities and their dreams for the future.

Awards were given to Jeremy Hoover (\$5,000) who is entering his Senior year at Multnomah University, Brody Myers (\$3,000) who will be entering his first year at Central Oregon Community College, Devan Dammann (\$3,000) who will be entering his first year at Central Gorge Community College, Cheyenne Emerson (\$3,000) who will be entering her sophomore year at Eastern Oregon University, Tucker Nannini (\$3,000) who will be entering his second year at Klamath Community College, Lisa McNamee (\$3,000) who is entering her sophomore year at University of Portland, Roxanne O'Neal (\$3,000) who will be entering her second year at Lane Community College, Cassandra Davis (\$1,000) who will enter her freshman year at Western Oregon University and Travis Hayes (\$1,000) who is entering his first year at Central Oregon Community College.



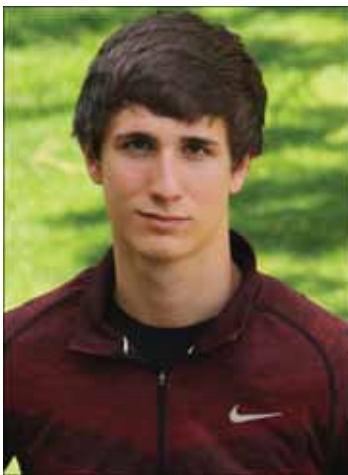
Jeremy Hoover



Brody Myers



Cassandra Davis



Devan Dammann



Roxanne O'Neal



Cheyenne Emerson



Tucker Nannini



Lisa McNamee



Travis Hayes

FOUNDATION BOARD

The Oregon State Grange Foundation held their annual meeting on Sunday of the Oregon State Grange Annual Session. The menu was chicken breast in mushroom gravy, rice pilaf, vegetables, salad, and dessert prepared by Linda Helm and her crew during our luncheon meeting.

The Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Alexandra Rose Herrera-Clark. Alexandra is active in Fairfield Grange #720 in Marion County. She plans to attend Oregon Culinary Institute and major in baking and pastry. We wish her well and a successful future. (see page 14 for more information)

We did not have any applicants for the Mary Ramm Scholarship. Please encourage the students in your Grange to apply.

The Treasurer, Wayne Cabler, reported a strong financial position for the Foundation. He encouraged members to contribute to the many funds we administer. A form was handed out for members to designate where they want their donation applied. We have eight different funds. Wayne does an excellent job taking care of and investing the Foundations money.

However, Wayne has served for ten years and according to the by-laws is not eligible to continue to serve on the Board. Wayne was awarded a plaque in recognition of his dedicated serve.

We elected a new board member to represent District #1 replacing Wayne. Janis Mohr-Tipton of Applegate Valley Community Grange #839 was elected to serve as District #1 representative on the Board.

The Board held a special organizational meeting after the annual meeting and the following officers were elected:

President - Malcolm Trupp
Vice-President - Maggie Peyton
Secretary - Janis Mohr-Tipton
Treasurer - Jan Oleson

I would like to thank the board members and the Grange members for their support of the Foundation.

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.

Malcolm Trupp, President

Billy The Goat Moves From Boring-Damascus To Sunnyside *Makes Visit To State Grange Convention*



Boring-Damascus Grange surprised the members of Sunnyside Grange at their June 9th meeting. Boring Damascus Master, Marlin Marsh, along with four other members presented pro-tem Master, Jeanie Force, with Billy the Goat. Billy can only stay with each Grange for a couple months before he needs to move on to visit another Grange!

What perfect timing. Billy attended the Oregon State Grange Session in June with State Lecturer Jeanie Force. Shortly he will be moving on to another Grange but hopefully that won't interfere with him making an appearance at the Clackamas County fair.



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

While none of us relish the thought of suffering a loss that necessitates filing an insurance claim, there are steps we can all take to prepare for those occurrences to make sure the claim process goes smoothly and that we are sufficiently protecting ourselves, our loved ones, and our property. Whether it be home, farm, business, or auto insurance, it is always a good idea to thoroughly read your policy to ensure that you fully understand what is covered and what is not. Consult with your agent to answer any questions you may have and to make sure you have the coverage you need. In fact, it's a good idea to meet with your agent once a year to assess your insurance needs. After a loss is no time to discover that your coverage is lacking. Being proactive now can prevent a great deal of heartache later.

If a loss occurred today, would you be able to create a comprehensive list of all your possessions? For most people that would be very difficult. You've spent a lifetime accumulating possessions so it's important to take the time now to document them in case of a loss. Not only will this help you create a record of your possessions, it will also help you determine the right amount of insurance coverage you need.

Go through your home, room by room, and create an inventory list of all your property including a description, estimated value, and purchase date. Don't forget the less expensive things and the items in your closets, garage, shed, basement, and attic. Things like clothes, sheets, towels, dishes, tools, books, and media add up quickly. We all know that a picture is worth a thousand words but in the case of your possessions, pictures are worth much more. Take photos or videos as you create your list. You'll be glad you did. Imagine the challenge of trying to create an inventory list from memory after the stress of a fire, burglary, or other loss.

Once you've completed your inventory, make sure to protect it. Store it in a safe place away from your home such as a safety deposit box, at your workplace, with a friend or family member, or maybe on a cloud storage service. The goal is to make sure it survives in case of major damage to your home. This is also a good time to get your important documents out of that old shoe box and store them in your safety deposit box, a fireproof container, or other safe location.

After a loss, there are a few steps you can follow to protect yourself and ensure that the claim process proceeds smoothly:

- ◆ First, make sure you and your family are all safe.
- ◆ Make any temporary repairs to prevent further damage, including turning off the water in the event of a water loss. Keep copies of all receipts for any expenses you might incur. Report the claim to your insurance carrier as soon as possible. Timely reporting will help your claims adjuster resolve your claim more quickly and accurately.
- ◆ Take photos of the scene and damage to document your claim.
- ◆ Don't destroy damaged property, but rather keep it available for possible inspection and documentation.
- ◆ Notify your banks and credit card companies about any missing debit or credit cards.

In the unfortunate event of a loss, having your home inventory at your fingertips will make a difficult time far easier, and following the steps above will make the claim process a breeze.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and safe year!



Sister Jeanie Force introduces Billy to the members at state convention.



Adopted Resolutions That Changed Grange By-laws or Operations

BL #1: Raising Mileage Reimbursement Rate
Resolved: The mileage reimbursement rate for the Oregon State Grange be \$.40 per mile effective July 1, 2016.

BL #2: Preferential Election Ballot for State Grange Officers
Resolved: That section 1.8.1(g) be added to the Oregon State Grange By-laws and read: If no members are nominated for an office or if none of those nominated accept nomination, that office will not appear on the Preferential Election Ballot. Nominations for that office will be accepted from the floor of the State Session and appear on the Final Delegate Ballot.

BL #3: Notification of Amendments Made to Subordinate Grange By-Laws
Resolved: That the second sentence in Section 4.21.1 of the By-Laws of the Oregon State Grange be changed by adding the phrase “or email” in the second sentence. That sentence would then read “All members shall be notified by mail or email or by publication in the Grange Bulletin at least thirty days before the date of the meeting at which a vote will be taken of such proposed By-Law change.”

BL #4: Master’s Salary for the Oregon State Grange
Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange By-laws section 1.15.1 be changed to reflect an annual salary of \$34,000 for the Oregon State Grange Master.

BL #7: Amend OSG By-Laws Section 4.17.6 Regarding Inactive (dormant) Grange Funds
Resolved: That section 4.17.6 of the Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended by renumbering the final sentence as subsection 4.17.6 (a) and adding the words *“and accounted for in a separate ‘reverted trusts’ fund limited to the following uses.”* And be it further
Resolved: That the remainder of the original section 4.17.6 be renumbered as follows:

- “4.17.6 (a)
- (i) Organizing new Subordinate/Community Granges and Junior Granges
 - (ii) Improvements to real property
 - (iii) As a source of capital for making loans to Subordinate/Community Granges
 - (iv) As a source of funds for providing training to Grange leaders including officers and deputies. And be it further
- Resolved:** That the following new sections be added to 4.17.6 (a)
- (v) **As a source of funds to pay for the utilities, maintenance, and property taxes of halls of inactive Granges that have become the property of the Oregon State Grange following the seven-year trust period.**
 - (vi) **If a ‘reverted trust’ consists of a building, the Oregon State Grange may convey said building to another active Grange in need of a meeting hall.”**

The amended section will read as follows:
4.17.6 (a) In the event the Subordinate/Community Grange shall not have been reorganized within a period of seven years, all such property shall become the property of the Oregon State Grange, **and accounted for in a separate ‘reverted trusts’ fund limited to the following uses:**

- (i) Organizing new Subordinate/Community Granges and Junior Granges
- (ii) Improvements to real property
- (iii) As a source of capital for making loans to Subordinate/Community Granges
- (iv) As a source of funds for providing training to Grange leaders including officers and deputies.
- (v) **As a source of funds to pay for the utilities maintenance, and property taxes of halls of inactive Granges that have become the property of the Oregon State Grange following the seven-year trust period.**
- (vi) **If a ‘reverted trust’ consists of a building, the Oregon State Grange may legally convey said building to another active Grange in need of a meeting hall.”**

GO #1: Must be Physically Present to Vote in Grange Meeting
Resolved: That only members who are physically present at a Grange meeting may count as a quorum or vote on issues before that Grange.

GO #3: Digest Amendment: Voting
Resolved: That attendance by electronic means is an option that may be accepted or rejected by any Pomona or Subordinate Grange.

GO #4: Removal of Oregon Grange Policies Opposing Same-Sex Marriage
Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange should remove those policies that contradict the Supreme Court ruling, which affirmed the right of same sex couples to marry nationwide, specifically FA02.04 and LE06.05, both of which are in the “Define Marriage” section of the 2015 OSG Legislative Handbook.

GO #6: Publicize State Grange Resolutions by Issuing a Post-Session Press Release
Resolved: When the annual Oregon State Grange Session has ended, members of the Communications Committee will meet as soon as possible to prepare and distribute a news release announcing the major public policy resolutions that were approved during the Session and likely to be of interest to the general public.

GO #8: Reporting Insurance Policy for Grange Halls
Resolved: That Oregon State Grange modify the quarterly report to include a place for the name of the insurance company, policy number, type, and expiration date similar to the request for corporation and IRS filing.

GO #10: Video Webcasting Grange Meetings
Resolved: The Oregon State Grange for the Granges who choose to, allow video webcasting for those members who cannot attend the meeting through traditional ways to attend through the use of video webcasting and be counted in attendance.

GO#11: Policy Sunset after Ten Years
Resolved: That beginning July 1, 2017, all policies of the OSG Legislative Handbook that are over ten years old shall expire unless they are affirmatively considered and reapproved at State Session. And be it further
Resolved: That State Session committees be advised of any policies due to sunset in the next year.

GPA #1: Support for Age Division of the Grange Youth
Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange Youth and Young Adult Committee increase focus on activities for young adults starting in their 2017 program.

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines	
August 5-7	Western Leadership and Youth Conference - Wilsonville, OR
August 8	Deadline to apply for National Grange Communications Fellowship
August 12	Deadline to apply as a Distinguished Grange
August 12	One-Act Play Contest entries must be postmarked
August 15	Applications for Youth Achievement Awards must be received by the State Grange office
Aug 26 - Sep 5	Oregon State Fair - Signup to volunteer in the Log Cabin
September 1	Deadline to apply for National Grange Youth Officer Team, John Trimble Legislative Experience, GROW Club Scholarship
September 15	Nominations for Dick Patten Fire Fighter and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year must be postmarked to the State Community Service Director
September 15	Deadline for State office to receive Match Grant applications
Nov 15-19	150th Annual National Grange Convention - Washington, DC
Nov 2017	151st Annual National Grange Convention - Spokane, Washington
Dec 4, 2017	150th Anniversary of the Grange

Public Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2016 OSG Convention

AG #3: Support for Cross Breeding

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange advocates for improvement of agriculture products as a result of cross breeding.

AG #4: Oppose Passage of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange oppose the passage of the Transpacific Partnership and direct it lobbyist to actively fight against the passage of this non-transparent international agreement at all state and federal levels.

ED #2: Require Civics Course for High School Diploma

Resolved: The National Grange should advocate for civics classes to be included in high school graduation requirements suggested by the federal Department of Education.

ED #3: Oregon State Grange "Promise of Oregon" Support

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange join and support the efforts of "The Promise of Oregon" campaign to ensure that Oregon's lawmakers continue to prioritize investments to improve the educational outcomes for Oregon's greatest natural resource: our children.

EE #1: The Value of Water

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange promote that water and the water cycle be managed and protected as a resource that is not limited to power production and emphasize its necessity for life.

FA #1: State Supervisory Powers over Public Lands

Resolved: We petition the U.S. Congress to pass legislation to transfer the ownership of all federally owned lands, except National Parks and military reservations, to the state where the land is located.

FA #2: The U.S. Justice Department is Investigating Climate Skeptics

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange requests that the United States Congress tell the U.S. Attorney General, Loretta Lynch, to concentrate on real crime and not stifle free speech and free inquiry.

FA #3: Stop HR 2546 — Mandatory Gun Owner Liability Insurance or \$10,000 Fine

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange is opposed to any legislation to require mandatory gun owner liability insurance or possible fine (as a penalty on an uninsured gun owner).

FA #4: Oppose Religious Law Inclusion into Civil Law of US

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange oppose the addition of any religious law, dogma, or religiously mandated penalties to the civil laws of the United States or any state or territory thereof.

FA #5: Oppose Owyhee Canyonlands Monument

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange oppose the creation of the Owyhee Canyonlands Monument. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange oppose the creation of the Owyhee Canyonland Monument by Presidential Executive Order. And be it further

Resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to Oregon's Senators Wyden and Merkley, Representative Greg Walden, and Oregon Governor Kate Brown.

HW #1: Wapato Facility

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange go on record to support 14355 North Bybee Lake Court, Portland, Oregon, Wapato Facility, to be considered as a hospital and/or transition facility for the mentally ill, with trained and licensed staff for the care, treatment, and stabilization of the mentally ill.

HW #3: Control Costs of Medicare Drug Benefits (Part D) to Low-Income Beneficiaries

Resolved: Oregon State Grange work with other organizations to urge the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to reject proposals to increase patient out-of-pocket costs and co-pays for low-income beneficiaries under the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D).

LE #1: Support for Oregon State Department of Education Matching Bond Program

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange lobby in support of the reauthorization of the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program, the matching-grant program managed by The Department of Education.

LE #3: Emergency Clause

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange hereby reaffirms our support of the Initiative and Referendum process and our belief that the emergency clause is to be used only for true emergencies that cannot wait to go into effect until the 90 days required by statute has passed and that the Oregon State Grange shall support any effort to limit the use of the emergency clause by the Oregon Legislature.

Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director

Well, here we go with a new Legislative Director, wonder what he has in mind?

Here's a thought—maybe the most important thing we can do as your Oregon State Grange Legislative committee is to keep you informed and get you to talking about issues amongst yourselves. Well-informed people develop informed opinions by considering a question from many angles and then they test their opinions by arguing the point, presenting their evidence and listening to the evidence of the other side. Sometimes we agree to disagree, sometimes we adjust our opinion, sometimes we might actually change our mind because of what we've heard. Sounds a little like the State Grange committee meetings and floor debates, doesn't it? Grange is important because we are places where this kind of discussion is encouraged. Our rituals and rules and procedures are aimed at

promoting this careful consideration of questions by people who are addressing each other as Brother or Sister, thereby engaging in civil discourse such as is rare in our society. When called upon to decide a question as a group we know there will be pro and con votes and a majority will win out, but the losers are still our Brothers and Sisters so we still care about their opinion. That is the essence of defending the rights of the majority, and that is fundamental to Grange.

So far, Dean High and Don Kingsborough have agreed to remain on the Legislative committee representing Districts 5 and 4 respectively. Christine Chute from Buell has agreed to be District 2 chair. I hope District 6 can remain unchanged, and that just leaves openings for legislative chairs in Districts 1 and 3. If you're interested, give the State Master a call or drop her an email.



Sessions committees started deliberating the resolutions assigned to them on Sunday afternoon.

LE #5: Cape Kiwanda Safety

Resolved: That we support a new or extended fence, barrier or blockade that will prevent people from going around to the dangerous points on Cape Kiwanda which will save lives and protect this beautiful and natural resource, that signage at Cape Kiwanda State Recreation Area more appropriately reflect the significant dangers of the cliffs including a memorial for those who have lost their lives on the cape, and that information published on the Oregon State Parks website and other travel websites about Cape Kiwanda include appropriate safety warnings.

LE #6: Minimum Wage

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange oppose any further increases in the minimum wage until these

increases have been in effect for a minimum of three years. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange Legislative Committee prepare a report to the delegates on the economic impact of HB 1532 no later than 2020, which will include the labor participation rate, the youth labor participation rate, rate of growth in the economy in the different regions of the state and other information to allow the delegates to revisit this issue with facts and information.

LE #7: Opposition to Sales Taxes

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange is against all taxes based on sales of products or services.



Membership Matters

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OSG Membership Directors

Here are the Membership Award Winners who were announced during the Membership lunch at the State Grange convention in June.

Highest Gain -	Santa Clara Grange #746, Lane Co.	64% gain
Second Highest Gain -	Columbia Grange #267, Multnomah Co.	59% gain
Third Highest Gain -	Harding Grange #122, Clackamas Co.	44% gain
Fourth Highest Gain -	Mt. Vernon Grange #659, Grant Co.	37% gain

These additional Granges with a gain of 15% or higher qualified to be in a drawing for an indoor/outdoor Grange flag.


Union Hill Grange #728	Marion Co.	35% gain
New Bridge Grange #789	Baker Co.	25% gain
Willamette Grange #52	Benton Co.	25% gain
Wickiup Grange #722	Clatsop Co.	25% gain
Marys River Grange #685	Benton Co.	24% gain
Pine Forest Grange #632	Deschutes Co.	24% gain
Central Grange #360	Lane Co.	23% gain
Thurston Grange #853***	Lane Co.	21% gain
Winona Grange #271	Washington Co.	20% gain
Boring-Damascus Grange #260	Clackamas Co.	19% gain
Sunnyside Grange #842	Clackamas Co.	19% gain
Skyline Grange #894	Multnomah Co.	19% gain
Bellview Grange #759	Jackson Co.	17% gain
Lookingglass Grange #927	Douglas Co.	16% gain
*** Winner of the flag		

Below: Members of the cast for the skit performed during the Membership luncheon.




Public Policy Resolutions, continued

NR #1: Protect Livelihood from Wolves Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports policy that a farmer or rancher may shoot a wolf if it is chasing, biting or harassing the livestock (cow, sheep, horse, etc.) or any domestic pet such as dog or cat.	TR #1: Speed Limits in Oregon Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange lobby ODOT to consider posting the same maximum speed limits on our highways for all vehicles, where appropriate.
NR #2: Delisting Wolves Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports the ODFW policy delisting the wolves.	UT #2: 2016 Oregon Energy Bill (House Bill 4036) Resolved: Hydro-electric power should be recognized as a renewable energy source in the state of Oregon, as our bordering states do. And be it further Resolved: The Public Utility Commission must have significant input in Oregon energy planning.
NR #3: Economic Impact to Eastern Oregon Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange policy support allowing farmers/ranchers to be able to shoot a coyote/wolf that is seen chasing, biting, harassing, or harming their farm/ranch animals. And be it further Resolved: A coyote/wolf seen within 500 feet of a farmer/rancher dwelling may be shot.	VT #1: Lottery Funds Resolved: That Oregon State Grange policy supports dedicating a portion of Oregon Lottery monies to fund Oregon Veterans programs and or services.



Oregon Junior Grangers

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We'd like to introduce ourselves as the new Juniors Directors. We're Elizabeth and Kegan Williams. We helped Liz Dehne with the Juniors at State Session in Talent and have signed on to share the role of Junior Director in the years to come.

I (Elizabeth) have been a Grange member for roughly six and a half years, and my husband for around five years. We have been married for five years as of Father's Day this year. We have one child, Anastasia, who is just the right age to head into Junior Grange fun. Our small family has just taken the big leap of purchasing our first home and setting down roots within a quiet neighborhood in Albany.

Starting when I was just five, I began participating in Girl Scouts. I rose through the ranks beginning as a daisy and continuing up into an ambassador. During my time in Girl Scouts, I won an award from the Daughters of the American Revolution for my photography. In 2010, I graduated from West Albany High School. Since high school, I have worked in retail and in housekeeping, but I've put working on hold to raise our daughter.

Within the last year, I have also taken on the role of 2017 State Session host committee chairperson.

Kegan loves to keep busy and earn his keep in the world. He started working at a young age. He took care of a large paper route beginning at the age of twelve. That drive has never ceased. Through high school, Kegan was a part of the local Delayed Entry Program, as well as a volunteer firefighter for Tangent's Rural Fire District. After graduation in 2010, he went on to try his hand at Marine Boot Camp, and although he loved it, his newly acquired views of how he wanted to raise his family just didn't run parallel to him enlisting. Since his return, he has worked mostly as a technical electrician and a wildland firefighter, but he has also had many odd jobs.

We have high hopes for Junior Grange programs all around the state. Some aspirations include hosting camps, festivals, and the like for Grange children. These hopes and dreams will be nothing though without a strong committee to back us, helping to orchestrate all of the great things our children deserve. As it sits right now, we would like to reach out to anyone in the following districts: 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6. If anyone is interested or knows anyone who may be interested in taking on the position of district chair, please don't hesitate to contact us at JRdir@orgrange.org. We'll be happy to send more information and expectations.



2016 Junior Contest Results

Art	Talent
Pencil <u>Age 11-14</u> 1 st Riley Reynolds - Santiam Valley #828 <i>Note: This art entry will be sent to National Grange</i>	Vocal <u>Age 8-10</u> 1 st Delilah Lants - Mohawk McKenzie #744 <u>Age 11-14</u> 1 st Riley Reynolds - Santiam Valley #828
Clay <u>Age 11-14</u> 1 st Riley Reynolds - Santiam Valley #828	Speech <u>Age 11-14</u> 1 st Riley Reynolds - Santiam Valley #828 <i>Note: Riley will compete at Regionals</i>
Painting <u>Age 11-14</u> 2 nd Riley Reynolds - Santiam Valley #828	Variety <u>Age 8-10</u> 1 st Aurianna VanHouten - Riversdale #731 2 nd Josh Jacobson - Columbia #867 3 rd Zach & Cameron Jacobson - Columbia #867 <u>Age 11-13</u> 1 st Audrey VanHouten - Riversdale #731
Recycle <u>Age 5-7</u> 1 st place: Hunter Sherman - Deer Creek #371 <u>Age 8-10</u> 1 st Brooklyn Yost - Deer Creek #371 2 nd Jade Naylor - Clarkes #261 3 rd Allison Fiscus - Fairfield #720	

Grange Youth & Young Adults



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I'm so happy to write my first column for the Oregon State Grange Youth Department.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Connie Suing, and I am a 3rd generation Granger and current Master from Crow Grange in Eugene. My grandparents, parents, brothers and sisters and their spouses, as well as my husband and children have all been members of Crow Grange, so my roots run deep there.

I've attended Grange meetings and events since I was born, became a member of Crow Junior Grange at age 5 and of Crow Subordinate Grange at age 14. I have taken all seven degrees, the highest in Eugene in 1985, resting on my Mom's shoulder after having been in both the 5th degree (court attendant) and 6th degree (Rosebud team member) that were conferred earlier that day.

I was always an active Youth, competing on Degree teams and Drill teams, being a Youth officer, playing on softball and volleyball teams, competing in bowling contests, and representing Oregon in 1997 as the Outstanding Young Adult and as National Youth Ceres.

I am excited to be a part of the Youth team. Six district chairs have agreed to be an integral part of my team.

They are:

Dist. #1 – Erica Anderson
Dist. #2 – Pat Heard
Dist. #3 – Mikela Heimuller and Brenda Hoag
Dist. #4 – Joyce Parker
Dist. #5 – Teresa Brott
Dist. #6 – Gail Wilson
Member at large – Alexa Suing, Youth Ambassador

I am a big fan of electronic communication (e-mail and Facebook mostly) and plan to do a lot of communication that way. I will also be happy to use regular mail as I know there are members who don't have adequate wireless service or who choose not to use it.

Now to the fun stuff.

We had a wonderful officer team at the 2016 State Session in Talent, led by Youth Master Mikela Heimuller. They did an outstanding job opening session on Wednesday morning. Congrats to all of you.

We had contestants in the Folding Display Contest and in the Grange Jeopardy contest. Two of the display boards will go onto National session and we will have a three member Jeopardy team represent us at regionals. Good luck to all. (See complete results below.)

We are pleased to have Alexa Suing going to National session as our Ambassador. She will do a wonderful job representing Oregon. I hope we will have Youth who apply to be National Youth officers. The application is on the State Grange website and must be sent to the National Grange Youth Director with three photos no later than September 1. This is also a fun opportunity. Just ask any of us who have been there.

I look forward to hearing from you. I appreciate input and will strive to make this a fun group.

Look in next Grange Bulletin for possible Youth and Young Adult conferences this fall.

Ask a Youth to help; I know they will "Be Delighted."

Goodie Basket Raffle A Success

3388 tickets were sold during this year's fundraiser for the Youth Travel and Activity Fund. Thank you Grangers and Granges for your support.



1st basket went to Maplewood Grange in Clackamas County.



4th basket went to Peggy Jillson, Irving Grange, Lane County.



2nd basket went Susan Plank of Indiana.



5th basket went to Midland Grange, Klamath County.



3rd Basket went to Angela Sere of Warren Grange, Columbia County.



6th basket went to Bill Wagner, Deer Creek Grange, Josephine County.

2016 OSG Youth and Young Adult Contest Winners

Folding Display Contest

Age Category: 14-21

Individual: 1st - Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County

Group: 1st Brianna Herrick, Walterville Grange #416, Lane County & Payton Miller, Lexington Grange #726, Morrow County

Each first place display is sent on to National competition in November.

Prepared Speech Contest

Age Category: 22-35

1st - Orrin Schnetzky, Tigard Grange #148, Washington County

2016-17 OSG Youth Ambassador

Alexa Suing, Crow Grange #450, Lane County

Will represent Oregon at National Grange November 2016 in Washington, DC

Grange Jeopardy

1st - Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County

2nd - Alexa Suing, Crow Grange #450, Lane County

3rd - Orrin Schnetzky, Tigard Grange #148, Washington County

4th - Maggie Swartzendruber, Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County



Eleven youth and young adults competed in the 2016 Grange Jeopardy Contest at the OSG Convention in June. Contestants answered questions on Grange history and trivia.

Molalla Grange Named State VFW Auxiliary President



Jessie Stober can trace her family's military service back to the American Revolutionary War.

Her three brothers served in the army, navy, and marines. Her father and uncle were army men and she married an air force veteran of eight years and their oldest son served in the air force for twelve years. Now Stober is continuing her family's military tradition as the newly installed Oregon department (state) president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary.

The VFW Auxiliary is comprised of close relatives of and spouses of veterans. Its mission is to serve and advocate for veterans and to help them receive their benefits, pensions, medical care, and other vital services. Stober said that the Auxiliary will do whatever it can to "support veterans and their families."

Stober began her term as state president of the Auxiliary when she was installed at the VFW Oregon State Convention by Jason Carroll, her younger brother and former VFW All-American State Commander. "It was pretty awesome to have my little brother install me," Stober said.

Stober achieved the rank of state president of the Auxiliary after only about a decade of membership that began at Molalla's Post 3973, a short time, considering the process to become president is a six year affair. Prior to becoming state president, Stober served as a department guard and then was a member on the Council of Administration, which makes policy decisions for the Auxiliary.

As president, Stober says that she would like to bridge the gap between the VFW and the Auxiliary. "My big goal is to get a better partnership between the Auxiliary and the VFW," she said, "A team is always stronger than a single person and if you work as a team, you will go ten steps forward instead of one." Stober says she plans to accomplish this goal by

"leading through example" and by facilitating conversation between members of the VFW and the Auxiliary.

Stober is also working to improve services for veterans seeking benefits and pensions. Receiving their benefits is one of the greatest challenges that veterans face. "A lot of people look at all the paperwork and they are overwhelmed," Stober said.

Currently, the Oregon department has only one state service officer with a part-time assistant to help veterans to receive millions of dollars' worth of benefits. "He is very overworked," Stober said. "My special project is to provide funds for the service officer."

While the services that both the VFW and the Auxiliary provide are vital for veterans, Stober recognizes that the sense of belonging membership gives to veterans is just about as important. "They're together and they know what they've been through together. It's the camaraderie," she said.

Throughout the course of her membership, Stober has also noticed how the VFW has been changing. "I see it coming back to being a family organization." In Molalla, children are invited to Auxiliary meetings and many posts provide daycare services for members. "That's the only way we are going to get younger people involved," Stober added.

On Saturday August 13, Stober will be celebrating her homecoming at the Molalla Grange (127 Grange Ave., Molalla) at 9 a.m. and providing instruction to members about policies and changes within the VFW and the Auxiliary. Stober's homecoming will be a family event and children are welcome to attend.

Above all, Stober strives to not lose sight of her goals and to keep with her theme: 'standing strong for our veterans.' "Some people forget what it's all about," she said, "If you aren't here to help veterans and their families, then get out," she added with a laugh.

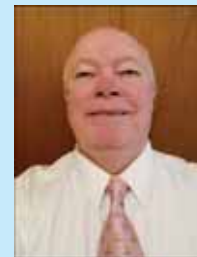
Sister Jessie is an active member of Molalla Grange #310 where she serves as membership Chairman. Her brother Jason and his wife Hahn are also members of the Molalla Grange.

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Veterans

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Honor Flights for South Willamette Valley Veterans

Honor Flight of South Willamette Valley of Oregon is looking for all WWII and Korean War Veterans for future Honor Flights and have ask Granges to help them find eligible veterans. Honor Flight is for Veterans who have not yet visited their Memorials in Washington DC. Top priority is given to World War II Veterans and terminally ill Veterans from all wars, then to Korean War Veterans who served between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, and then Vietnam War Veterans who served between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.

The next Honor Flight for the SWV hub will be held October 6-9, 2016. Positions on an Honor Flight are filled in the order applications are received. For more information check out their website at

swvhonorflight.org or contact Marvin Baker, 594 Empress Ave ~ Eugene, OR 97405. Ph.: 541-686-1939 or 541-913-7310. rekabapap@comcast.net.

For those in other parts of the state information is available at www.honorflighttoforegon.org.

Article information provided by Jeff Dehne, OSG Ex. Comm.#1.



Lexington Grange Receive Flag Flown Over U. S. Capital

On Sunday afternoon, June 26th, Oregon's US Senator Jeff Merkley held a Town Hall meeting at the Lexington Grange #726, Morrow County. The Grange was honored to be asked to host the event and it was well attended by the general public. Many issues were brought up by the crowd that Senator Merkley addressed along with concerns of laws that are being implemented in our area.

Laura Winters, Grange Master, was asked to speak. She spoke about the Grange and how it had been reorganized two years ago. Laura also shared that the Grange members have done a lot of work to the existing building to make it a nice gathering place in their area. Senator Merkley praised the Grange for all they have done to the building and doing so many good things in our communities.

Sen. Merkley presented the Lexington Grange with a United States Flag that has flown over the U. S. Capital. Coffee and goodies were served by the Grange following the Town Hall.

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OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - April 30, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 am by the Worthy Master Susan Noah. A prayer was given by Gail Wilson. Present were Master Susan Noah, Overseer Celia Luttrell, Secretary Alice Nowicki and members of the Executive Committee Malcom Trupp, Don Sether and Roger Wilson.

Guests were Umatilla/Morrow County Deputy Gail Wilson, OSG State Deputy Carol Everman, Mohawk McKenzie Grange Members Mark Noah, Iva May Van Noy, Ann Rawlins, and Katrina Bowser.

Minutes of the January 17, 2016 meeting were read and reviewed. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Financial Reports

- Celia Luttrell presented the current financial reports. An in-depth discussion and review was held on all the current reports.
- Jan Oleson submitted the Fourth Quarter 2015 financial reports on Membership, Loans Receivables, Legal Meetings List, Bonding, Summary of Quarterly Reports ending March 31, 2016. The loan updates showed three Subordinate Granges with late payments. A review and discussion was held on the loans.
- The Executive Committee will review the Visa and American Express bill statements, per the suggestion of the Auditors. Don Sether reviewed the first quarter of 2016 at this meeting.
- Michelle Gall, Moss Adams Auditor, presented an overview of OSG 2014 Audit. The significant audit areas reviewed were Internal controls over financial reporting, Valuation of investments, Revenue recognition and Net asset classification. Ms Gall also provided an audit timeline for the 2015 audit.
- Scott Barker of Barker Wealth Management submitted a First Quarter portfolio report. The report was reviewed and discussed by the Committee. The Grange portfolio year to date performance came in at 2.5%, so far, net of all expenses. The Worthy Master Susan Noah requested Scott Barker to transfer \$75,000.00 into checking to cover expenses.

Unfinished Business

Restraint of Title Work: The Worthy Master Susan Noah will continue with this work with

approximately 10 counties still in need of filing.

Mud Springs Grange: A discussion was held regarding the property's status.

Fair Oaks Grange: The property is listed and has had some interest.

Highland Grange: The property was sold as is to the neighbor. The Oregon State Grange has received a check for \$7899.33. Property had no water, and the building is uninhabitable.

North Fork Grange: The paperwork was signed and the Oregon State Grange received a check for \$48,274.00.

Subordinate/Pomona Granges as

Investors: The Committee reviewed the document criteria and suggested changes and addendum of terms of investment with the OSG Grange. It was suggested to add to the application the following: an agreement to terms, list the amount of money sent, approval of Subordinate Grange at their regular meeting and date, and the signatures of the Subordinate Master and Secretary. Don made a motion to accept the proposal as amended. Malcolm seconded it. The motion carried.

Muzzy Mandel Money: The Sign Reimbursement Program proposal was discussed. The Sign program information will be sent out soon. Don moved to send out the information and change the date to May 31, 2017. Roger Wilson seconded it. The motion carried.

Log Cabin: An update was given by Don Sether regarding the completed spray sealing work. He requested assistance with the window work. Mark Noah volunteered to assist with this project the first weekend in June.

Document preservation: Ed Luttrell submitted a written report on the document preservation project. He listed the work completed to date. He also proposed some suggestions and recommendations that would promote and safeguard further preservation work. Don Sether made a motion to accept Ed Luttrell's proposal for the history preservation, which includes opening an account with Amazon to publish two e-books (1873-74 and 1875-76 Proceedings), and that we continue with the Proceedings as the first priority with the newspapers as time and energy permits. Also that each Executive Committee member be given a flash drive with copies of all the files as multiple offsite backups. Malcolm seconded it. The motion was carried.

Update on Lobbyist position: Ed Luttrell submitted a Lobbyist report with suggestions for us to consider.

This report reviewed the following points: Goal setting by the Master, the Legislative Committee and the Executive Committee, finance and manpower suggestions, and that instant communication should be established. He thanked us for the opportunity to work as the lobbyist.

Western Regional: A venue for the Western Regional is still needed. A discussion was held regarding the cost of venues and food service.

Lunch Break: 12:40pm

The meeting was called back to order by the Worthy Master Susan Noah at 1:27pm.

New Business

Boring-Damascus # 260 Request: Boring-Damascus would like to use our stage for a September 11th event. Don Sether made a motion to allow Boring-Damascus the use of our stage. Malcolm Trupp seconded it. The motion carried.

Proposal from Mohawk-McKenzie to take control of Willakenzie Grange Hall: A proposal was presented by the Mohawk-McKenzie # 747 Committee members, Iva May Van Noy, Mark Noah, Ann Rawlins and Katrina Bowser, regarding the Resolution that was adopted at their last meeting. They resolved the following: "that at the end of the 7-year dormancy period for the original Willakenzie Grange #498, that the Willakenzie Grange hall shall be conveyed to Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747 and be it further Resolved, that the Oregon State Grange appropriate reverted dormant Grange funds for electrical work required to bring the wiring of the Willakenzie Hall up to code and for tree trimming and removal to eliminate liability concerns and the Willakenzie Hall property safe for members, renters, and passers-by."

The Mohawk-McKenzie Grange Committee provided history, background and answered questions from the Executive Committee. An in-depth discussion was held with a review of the National Digest and OSG By-Laws. Willakenzie's Dormant Grange listing ends 2017. After an in-depth discussion, the following motions were made regarding this Resolution:

- Don Sether made a motion to establish a usage agreement with normal maintenance from Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747. Roger Wilson seconded it. The Motion carried.
- As electrical work is a needed improvement, Malcolm Trupp made a motion to authorize up to \$ 15,000.00 electrical

improvement on the building to be paid from the Dormant Grange fund and that Mohawk-McKenzie Grange will manage the contract of the electrical work. And there will be two bids given for the electrical work to given to the Executive Board. Don Sether Seconded it. The Motion carried.

- The Executive Board Committee could not act upon their entire resolution at this time.
- The Worthy Master Susan Noah abstained from voting on this matter.

Proposal for purchase of Elk City

Grange: An offer of \$20,000.00 has been made by an interested buyer, Jim Salisbury. A discussion of offer was held. Oregon State Deputy Carol Everman will do an inspection of the property and will research the property tax information. She will report back to Master Susan Noah on her findings. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to sell to Jim Salisbury, the Elk City Grange property for \$20,000.00, with the cash to be received within 30 days, total due upon closing. Roger Wilson seconded it. The motion carried.

Proposal from Lookout Mountain Grange #741 and Terrebonne Grange #663 to Consolidate:

The Consolidation request was reviewed and discussed. Don Sether made a motion to authorize the consolidation as presented with money gained to go into a trust and that OSG County Deputy Myrna Colvin will pick up Lookout Mt Grange #741 Charter and Regalia. Malcolm Trupp seconded it. The motion carried.

Proposal from Riversdale Grange # 731 and Evergreen Grange #460 to Consolidate:

The Consolidation proposal was reviewed and discussed by the board members. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to approve the consolidation of Riversdale Grange #731 and Evergreen Grange #460. Don Sether seconded it. Motion carried.

Marion Pomona #4 and Polk Pomona #3 Proposal:

A discussion was held regarding the proposal of Marion Pomona #4 joining Polk Pomona #3. It was decided that redistricting is a possibility. Don Sether made a motion to send a letter to all ten Granges stating that there may be a redistricting of the Marion Pomona Grange #4 and the Polk Pomona Grange #3 and set a date for a meeting. Malcolm Trupp seconded it. The Motion carried.

Use of Lane Pomona Trailer:

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There will be a usage fee of \$350.00 to utilize the Lane Pomona Trailer for Oregon State Grange Session. The fee was approved. The Oregon State Grange office will be packed up on June 15th.

Installation of new bathroom sink: A new sink was installed in men's restroom by Judson's.

Outside Clean up: A landscape firm has been contacted to weed and bark the flower beds as of this meeting date no call back has been received.

Banners for 150th Anniversary: A discussion was held regarding the need and design of Grange banners for the 150th Anniversary. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to buy banners for every Grange in Oregon. Roger Wilson seconded it. The Motion carried.

Decisions made by e-mail

- Agreement to accept the offer of \$52,000.00 on the North Fork Grange (buyer backed out).
- Agreement to once again accept offer from buyer of North Fork Grange for \$52,000.00-same agreement with only one purchaser, wife no longer involved.
- Agreement to allow Boring-Damascus to withdraw \$6,956.00 from their Trust Fund.
- Agreement to allow Eagle Point to withdraw \$15,720.00 from their Trust Funds for repair of bathroom.
- Agreement to sign another contract with Ed Luttrell for continuing Lobby work on a more limited basis.
- Agreement to allow Fruitdale Grange to withdraw \$7,664.14 from their Trust Fund to make kitchen repairs.
- Agreement to allow South Fork to withdraw \$11,102.22 from their Trust Funds to work on insulation, electrical and new propane furnace.
- Agreement to accept the offer of \$9,000.00 on the Highland Grange from the neighbor. Also agreed to lower asking price on Crowfoot to \$125,000.00 and to pay agent for some clean-up work on the grounds.
- Agreement to allow the National Grange to continue on with the interest only payments for one more year.

Grange Reports

The Worthy Master Susan Noah reported on the following Granges:

- ◆ **Dorena Grange #835:** A letter was received from Joe Snook, Master of Dorena Grange, rescinding their request to

consolidate and an update of their revitalization was given to the Executive Committee. Susan Noah sent a letter of acknowledgement to them.

- ◆ **Goshen #561:** An update was given regarding their status.
- ◆ **Forest Grove #282:** John Knox supplied the Tax Assessors Office with information requested.
- ◆ **Keizer #785:** An update and discussion was held on their status.
- ◆ **Myrtle:** We have closed the Grange and changed the locks.
- ◆ **Rickreall #671:** Carol Everman, State OSG Deputy, presented an in-depth overview of their situation. She will continue working on the situation.
- ◆ **Sixes #856:** A review and discussion was held regarding their Prescriptive Easement request.
- ◆ **Ash Butte #802:** A thank you was received for their grant for the hall improvements.
- ◆ **Lane County Granges:** The Lane County Tax Assessor has contacted several Granges for information regarding their tax exempted status. The OSG Office does have most Granges original applications for property tax exemption. Contact the OSG Office for a copy if you are requested to submit it to the Assessor's office. Another part of the paperwork requested was the Grange Constitution. Please use the National Grange Constitution which points out that all Granges are to have up-to-date By-Laws.

Other

District 2 venue: No venue has been selected yet. Research and site inspections are still ongoing.

Director's Conference: Conference's have gone well with interesting presentations. Attendance was down from last year.

Secretary and Treasurer's Conferences: There are three conferences left.

Western Region National Hosting committee for 2017: Chair Karen Jackson is starting to form committees. An email request went out to all State Officers, Directors, Deputies and Pomona Masters requesting that people contact Susan Noah if they would like to assist. A few people have responded.

At the Western State Masters' Conference, it was decided that Oregon will be performing the Sixth Degree and decorations. Paula Herrick will assist with decorations. Washington will provide the Rosebud Drill. Further discussions at this meeting were to have table

prizes instead of "Goodie" bags.

Site visit for Talent Middle School: The site visit will be May 7th at noon.

Duties of The State Officers handout: An updated and complete "Duties of the State Officers" was created by Marilyn Reiher and Susan Noah. A review and discussion was held on this booklet. **Ad in Growing Oregon:** We paid for the ad in "Growing Oregon" which was authorized by the Executive Committee last year. Jay Sexton and Suzy Ramm will be working on the ad design.

Deputy and State Officer Reports

Silverton Grange #748: Don Sether made a visit upon the request of the Grange's Quarterly report.

Franklin: Malcolm Trupp reported that no offers have been made on the property. Goldson Grange received the officers' stations. Malcolm Trupp also brought up the need to revise the format of the Honor Criteria.

Salmon River Grange #516: Alice Nowicki made a visit upon the request of the Grange's Quarterly Report.

Dorena Grange #835: Alice Nowicki gave an update on the activities at Dorena Grange

Morning Star #311: Alice Nowicki and Linn County Deputy Maxine Smith made a 75 year membership presentation to Dorieta Shumaker.

Oregon State Deputy Derrill Witty Report:

- **Lexington Grange #726:** Derrill Witty attended their April meeting. He found their hall neat, inside and outside. The meeting was held in correct form with 9-10 officers and 3 visitors. They are still learning and willing to listen to new ideas. Derrell Witty explained how roll call is done at the convention and thanked their Master for picking up their items up at the Secretary/Treasurer's conference. Their Secretary was pleased with the information that she received. They are still having Bingo and are now working in their basement. The ladies restroom is finished.
- **Mt Vernon #659:** Derrill Witty attended their meeting after their potluck. Approximately 20 members

were in attendance. Comments were centered around dues. They were encouraged by Clarann Witty to submit resolutions and to attend the State meetings. The hall was not set up in true form, the meeting was around the table.

- **Liberty Grange #613:** Derrill Witty reported that earlier this spring, their Master felt it was a good idea to change keys. Derrill doesn't believe they have had an audit for this past year. They have had a clean-up day and are doing better. They have changed their meetings to the third Sunday at 1:30 pm.
- **South Fork #605:** The membership, with others in the community, have been working hard on the inside doing sheet-rock and painting. Their sewer work is finished. An Open House Potluck will be held May 20, 2016 at 6:30.
- **Hurricane Creek #608:** This membership is doing well. There will be a Farmers and Ranchers listening program on May 10, 2016 at 6-8:00 pm.
- **Wallowa Pomona:** June Colony is the new Master. Derrell Witty and she have been visiting Liberty Grange. They are planning a Grant Workshop for all the Granges in the county.
- **Spray 940:** They are fine. Their Rodeo will be a busy time for them.
- He is planning a visit to Vale Grange.

The main help that he sees in Granges is how to set up their halls, and duties of their Officers. He also suggested a visiting team to assist these Granges with these points. Derrell is also planning on calling Granges in his area to remind them to attend area Conferences.

The next meeting of the OSG Executive Committee will be on Thursday, June 2nd at 8:00 a.m.

Save the Date: Officer's practice will be on June 11, 2016, 10:00 a.m. at Mohawk- McKenzie Grange in Lane County.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Nowicki, OSG Secretary



Barlow Gate Grange 4th of July Breakfast Huge Success

The Barlow Gate Grange #157 in Wasco County held a very successful pancake breakfast on the 4th of July weekend. The hall was full of happy diners and the line to get in stretched out the door and down the road for most of the morning. In this small community of Wamic it takes many members and non members to make an event of this size happen. Lisa Gambee, Wasco County clerk, and other members of the Gambee family are an excellent example. Although non-members, this family for the past few years, have arrived both days of the breakfast to eat and then stay and literally clean the entire hall and kitchen, including mopping! They, along with at least ten other non-Grange members were incredibly helpful to the Grange before, during and after the event.



The line for breakfast stretched way out the door and into the street.

Goldson Grange Has The Best Food At Its Events

The last two week-ends in June were busy for Goldson Grange #868 in Lane County with their 21st annual Car and Craft Show on June 18 and the 52-mile Garage Sale on June 24 and 25. The car show featured 25 classic cars (and one bicycle), which brought a crowd; while the 52-mile garage sale the length of Hwy 36 had hundreds stopping to shop, eat, and use the facilities.

Goldson Grange's kitchen, managed by Grange Treasurer Mary Beckman, was the star of these events. Chaplain Les Roberts barbequed lamb burgers, Les and Gary Sellars made coleslaw, and Beckman made potato salad, along with polish sausage and chili dogs to serve hungry car show enthusiasts. "We sold out of food for the car show," said Beckman. The next weekend, the kitchen crew prepared sausages with chili or sauerkraut for the garage sale crowd. This time the Grange sold out of food on the first day, and had to replenish for the second day. Goldson Grange is becoming noted for its excellent food and out-of-the-ordinary lamb burgers.



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



Ada Master Megan Schofield presented Certificates of Appreciation to: Dana & Kaye Winter, Sid & Betty Norwood, Connie & Richard Robinson and Claudia & Ron Seibert, community members for their continued support and donations to Ada Grange.

Ada Grange Honors Both Grange and Community Members

Ada Grange #570, Lane County honored several community and Grange members at their May meeting. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to community members Dana and Kaye Winter, Sid and Betty Norwood, Connie and Richard Robinson and Claudia and Ron Seibert for their continued support of Ada Grange. They also honored Siuslaw School District bus driver Jeff Gray with the 2016 School Staff Appreciation Award and a Gift Card.



Linda Pugh, Ada Membership Chairman presented member Wayne Bollenbaugh with his 50 year Membership Certificate and pin.

The Grange also recognized two of their members for long-term membership in the Grange. Ron Farmer received his 40 year Membership Seal and Wayne Bollenbaugh was presented with his 50 year Certificate and pin.

Sauvies Island Grange GWA Holds Tea Party In May

The 2016 GWA Mad Hatters Tea Party was held at the Sauvies Island Grange #840 in Multnomah County. A great time was had by all with wonderful fellowship and food. OSG GWA Director Margaret Clute was happy to accept their invitation and enjoyed the afternoon.



Fairmount Grange Hosts VP Of Society Of The Honor Guard

Gavin McIlvenna (pictured at right), current Vice President of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier spoke to a small but interested group about the Tomb of the Unknown, and the Soldiers and the Sentinels who stand eternal watch, at Fairmount Grange in Benton County on Saturday May 21st.

Particular emphasis was place on the Unknown from WW1 and the sentinals themselves who have stood guard since 1926.

For info about the Society check them out at www.tombguard.org.

