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The Oregon State Grange and Four Oregon Community Granges Recognized as 2016 Distinguished Granges by the National Grange

For the first time the Oregon State Grange received the prestigious Distinguished Grange Award from



National Master Betsy Huber presented OSG Master Susan Noah with Oregon's Distinguished Grange Award.

the National Grange. OSG Master, Susan Noah, was presented the award at the 150th National Grange Convention held in Herndon, Virginia.

The award, which recognizes local and state Granges that faithfully uphold their duties for the year, was given at a special reception held on November 16.

Sister Susan Noah, on accepting the award on behalf of the Oregon State Grange, said, "We are honored to be among those receiving this award. We have a strong tradition of Grange in Oregon."

Several events of the Oregon State Grange influenced the receiving of this award. During Grange Month the State Grange participated in the

28th annual Oregon Ag Fest at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem.

The Oregon State Grange's activity center and display was located in Ag Country which is the heart and soul of Oregon Ag Fest. Over 20,000 people visited Ag Fest this year. Oregon Grange volunteers helped transplant over 5000 marigold, tomato and pepper seedlings into peat pots for visitors to take home and others worked the membership table, handing out literature and talking "Grange" to Oregon families.

"This kind of teamwork and family-oriented activities is what the Grange is all about, and it's a great way to introduce people to the Grange," shared Noah.

Other public awareness activities this year included the February event at the Oregon State Legislature and the OSG Log Cabin at the Oregon State Fair.

In addition to State Grange recognition, four Oregon Community Granges also received the honor, the most in any year for Oregon. For the seventh time, Redland Grange #796 in Clackamas County was recognized, Springwater Grange #263 in Clackamas County received the award for the second year in a row and first time award recipients were Chetco Grange #765 in Curry County and Spencer Creek #855 in Lane County.



Photos: Lindsay Schroeder

Oregon State Grange

Open House

&

Holiday Party

December 11th, 2016

1pm to 4pm

Everyone Welcome!

Juniors come join the fun and celebrate the Holidays with Hot Chocolate and Snacks!

There will be activities and fun for all ages!

Bring your Holiday Spirit!

3:00 pm Santa will drop in for a visit and photos!

Refreshments will be served

Please Join Us!

643 Union St. NE Salem

Right: National Master, Betsy Huber presented Jessie Jo Guttridge and Suzy Ramm with Springwater Grange's Distinguished Grange Award.

GRANGEUP '17

Engage. Connect. Celebrate.

In 2017, Grangers will celebrate 150 years of Grange and as part of it the Oregon State Grange will be offering a new program called "GrangeUp '17, Engage. Connect. Celebrate."

In February and March each Subordinate/Community Grange will be visited by a State Grange representative, who will explain the program in detail as well as bring a box of goodies to aid your Grange in member recruitment.

By the end of 2017 it is hoped that the State of Oregon will be celebrating a net gain in membership as the organization celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Grange itself. Watch for more information in the February/March Bulletin.

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The Master's Column

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As I write this article it is the day after the election, and I am struck by two things. One is that it was a very close race for President, which means that approximately 50% of our citizens are very happy today and approximately 50% are not. How do we go forward as a nation? Will we be divided or willing to work together to achieve our goals? The other thing that struck me was that each citizen contributed to the outcome. Each and every one of us had the ability and responsibility to shape our future for years to come.

When you compare that to the Grange, you see a reflection of our meetings. We are a group of individuals who want the best for our Grange, but sometimes we are divided in what that looks like and what it will take to make it happen. Sometimes we are on the 51% side, and other times on the 49% side. How our Grange handles the outcome could mean the difference in a Grange that moves forward or a Grange that folds or simply fades away.

Are you helping with the responsibility to keep your Grange going and viable? Just as the voters made their choice and took on the responsibility of electing a new leader for our county, as a Grange member you should be taking on the challenges and the opportunities present in your Grange. It is not up to just the Master and other officers; it is up to each of us.

The State Grange cannot run your Subordinate Grange. We can give you the tools for an effective meeting and help with member recruitment, but at the end of the day, the responsibility rests on you as a member. And that is where it should rest. You know your Grange like no other. You know what your Grange offers to new members. You know your community and what service projects are needed. You know the fun to be had at the annual holiday party. You know how your Brothers and Sisters remember you and reach out when you are under the weather. So what better ambassador for your Grange than you!

GrangeUp '17

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Grange Elections

Many Granges are selecting officers for the next year or two-year term, and by the time you receive this

Bulletin, your new officers will probably be ready to start serving your Grange. My request of each Grange is to make sure that your new officers are officially installed. Many officers may be "reprising" their office from the last term, feel that "they've been there, done that" and decide to skip the installation, but as with all our ceremonies, there are lessons to be learned and obligations to be reaffirmed. Just as I come away from our State Convention with a renewed sense of what a great organization we have, when I hear the installation, I better understand my own office, and I strive to perform the duties that are laid out.

Grange Holiday Open House

On December 11th the State office will host our annual Open House! Jan, Suzy and I are ready to welcome Grangers from all parts of the State. The office will be open from 1 to 4 pm. There will be good food, great friends and of course a visit from Santa. Everyone is invited and welcome. Take a break from your holiday preparations and stop by!

Please have a safe and fun holiday season and get ready to GrangeUp in 2017!

Bailey Barks!



I expected to write that Mom and Dad went to Washington, DC and all I got was a crumby T-shirt, but I didn't even get that! They came back late and empty handed. Can you imagine? I guess when you are no longer the puppy in the family, all bets are off.

Which brings me to my comments this month. Be your own champion! Yorkies and Chihuahuas don't waste time wishing they were St. Bernards or Rottweilers. Mutts strut their stuff just like purebreds and no dog compares himself to others to determine his self-worth. Your dog feels valued and worthy just the way he is, always deserving of your love, attention and praise. All you people out there need to take a lesson from your dog. Be your own champion. You are just as worthy as anyone else and just as deserving of love and attention. Do not wait for others to tell you how worthy you are. Own it for yourself!

One more thing, have a great holiday season and don't forget your Dog!

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Oregon Grangers Attend This Year's National Convention



The Oregon State Grange was well represented at the 150th National Grange Convention in November. Fifteen Subordinate members and one Junior made the trip across the country. Pictured above, front row from l-r is: Suzy Ramm, Bulletin Editor; Connie Suing, State Youth Director; Susan Noah, State Master and Jessie Jo Guttridge, National Youth Ceres. Back row: Lexi Suing, Youth Ambassador; Maggie Swartzendruber, National Youth LAS; Stacy Clute; Jim Clute, Veterans Director; Margaret Clute, GWA Director and Mark Noah, Legislative Director. Also attending were from Santiam Valley Grange, Tina Reynolds, Roberta O'Dell, and Riley Reynolds, Junior public speaking contestant; from Willamette Grange, Tim Dehne; and from Phoenix Grange, Camel Valencia, Evening of Excellence participant and her husband Joshua Lacrosse.

Oregon Well Represented In National Convention Activities

Friday evening at the National Grange Convention was the Evening of Excellence; a night devoted to performances by those representing their state or region in talent, public speaking and sign-a-song. Oregon's 2016 Talent contest winner, Camel Valencia of Phoenix Grange in Jackson County, was one of 26 acts to be part of the evening. She played the guitar and sang the song "Sweet Carolina" and did a wonderful job.

That evening also included the announcement of the 2017 National Grange Junior Ambassador Alexandria "Jommi" Tarbell of East Pembroke Junior Grange #1157 in New York. Also announced were the 2017 Youth Ambassadors Kennedy Gwin, Humptulips Grange #730 in Washington and Asa Houchin of Ewing Grange #2082 in Ohio as well as the 2017 Outstanding Young Patron Mandy Bostwick of Pleasant View Grange #1459 in Kansas.



Photo: Lindsay Schroeder
Oregon's Camel Valencia performing during the Evening of Excellence.

LECTURER'S PROGRAM IN A BOX

At the Celebration Banquet on Saturday night the two Lecturer's Program in a Box contest participants who had received exceptional rating (scoring 95 points or higher average across all judges' score sheets) were recognized.

They were Cindy Greer, Master of the Colorado State Grange with her program Celebrating National Root Beer Float Day (August 6) and Oregon's Suzy Ramm of Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County with her program on the Traffic Cone Preservation Society; an excellent program to use leading up to April Fool's Day.



R: National Lecturer Chris Hamp presented Cindy Greer and Suzy Ramm with certificates representing their exceptional rating for their entries in the Lecturer's Program in a Box contest.

2016 Quilt Block Contest



For the second time in four years Jeanne Taylor of Spencer Creek Grange #855 in Eugene received the first place award in the National Grange Quilt Block contest. Squares will be used to make quilts that will be displayed as part of the 150th Anniversary of the Grange in 2017.

National Grange Photo Contest

Suzy Ramm of Springwater Grange won the first place award in the National Grange Photo contest with her picture of the fall color of the popular tree farm at Boardman, Oregon.



The Lecturer's Column

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Ready, Set, Pen in Hand, Write

Six months away from State Grange Convention may seem a long way off but it's not. Get the creative ideas flowing and write a poem. This poem could be about anything that may interest you: a poem about yourself, your family, the moon, sun stars, your Grange. Just put pen to paper and enter this in the Pen in Hand Writing contest of the Lecturer's department.

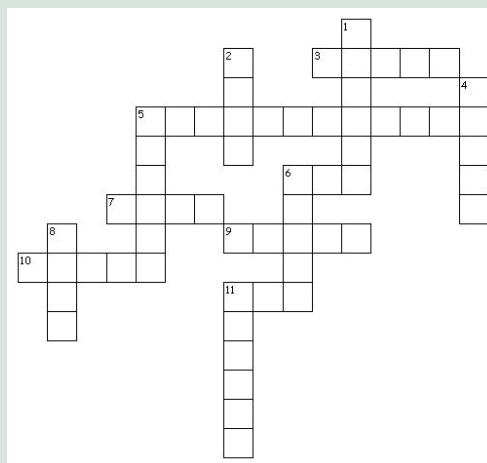
If poetry doesn't interest you maybe you'd like to write a skit to present for your Grange's Lecturer's program. We all have something funny or serious to entertain others. A skit for the Lecturer's contest needs to be no more than five minutes long. As I write this I think back at all the skits that Gold Hill Grange put on back in the early 1990s when I joined the Grange. They didn't get them from books; they made them up and they were hilarious.

Skit writing not your thing either? Well then it's time to write your Grange story. We all have a story

to tell about how and why we joined the Grange. Maybe you were brought by your parents, of course kicking and screaming, and you decided that you might as well sit down and color because your parents said so. Maybe a friend told you about this awesome organization and you came to see for yourself. Then there's that dreaded "came for the cheap insurance and stayed long after the insurance" because of the people and the true meaning of the fraternal order. Whatever brought you many of us would be interested in reading your story.

Those are just three of the contests of the Lecturer's Department and I encourage all of you to consider entering one or all of these contests. The rules for these contests have not changed and will be out in the 2017 *Awards, Contests and Scholarships* booklet soon. Don't forget about taking those photographs for next year's contests but that's another whole article.

Grange Emblems and Degrees



Across

- 3 - This degree symbolizes a storm
- 5 - Used to remove useless and injurious growths from our trees (two words)
- 6 - Used to cut away obstructions in the field and prepare timber for use
- 7 - Color associated with Ceres
- 9 - Another name for shovel
- 10 - The goddess who presides over the sixth degree
- 11 - Emblematic of the cultivation of the mind

Down

- 1 - Implement of the third degree
- 2 - Color associated with flora
- 4 - The goddess who presides over the seventh degree is
- 5 - The goddess who presides over the fifth degree is
- 6 - Mineral of the quartz family
- 8 - Oxen often pull one of these
- 11 - Implement used to pulverize the soil



The Chaplain's Corner

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As I sit to write this article, it is a beautiful November day and Election day. I do not know the outcome but as you read it you surely will. I do know that regardless of who the President-elect is, God is still on his throne. And He is still in control.

As this is the "Holiday issue", I am quoting Helen Steiner Rice whose message and poem are appropriate for the season and very timely for the challenges our country currently faces.

"Christmas is unique in that it celebrates an event that changed both the world at large and individual hearts of men and women. On the larger scale Jesus' birth turned the world around Him upside down. Herod, in a panic to protect his power sent his men to murder all the infant baby boys in and around Bethlehem. He mistakenly thought he could kill the Messiah before He could become a threat. Fortunately, Jesus was not killed by Herod's men. An angel warned Joseph in a dream, and he took Mary and Jesus to safety.

Though the world of that time was unreceptive, there were those who were praying – righteous men and women like Simeon and Anna who presided over Jesus' dedication. They were praying for God's deliverance, for the appearance of the Messiah, for the redemption of Israel. And God was listening. He heard and answered their prayers.

Our world today is in turmoil. Our nation is divided. God has been locked out of our schools and government institutions. We see violence and brutality all around us. Injustice is the rule rather than the exception. The world at large has rejected Jesus, but there are those who are praying.

There is no better time than the Christmas season to offer prayers to God on behalf of our nation. Commit yourself to a specific prayer time each day. Anna and Simeon were richly blessed for their faithfulness. They were allowed to hold the Christ child, knowing that He represented redemption for Israel. You will be blessed as well, dear friend."

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past
 Our hope in years to be –
 Look down upon this present
 And see our need of Thee
 For in this day of unrest
 With danger all around,
 We need thy hand to lead us
 To higher, safer ground
 We need Thy help and counsel
 To make us more aware
 That our safety and security
 Lie solely in Thy care....
 And so we pray this Christmas
 To feel Thy presence near
 And for Thy all-wise guidance
 Throughout the coming year...."

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.



Joe Canaday was always busy whether scrambling eggs or serving pan-cakes at the State Grange Convention Benefits Breakfast.

In Memoriam

Brandon J. Heilman
Abernethy #346

Virgil Kesterson
Kellogg #811

Karen Garboden
Creswell #496

Dorothy McGlothlin
Mapleton #584

Joe Canaday
Crow #450

Leland Hackwith
Missouri Flat #612

Bill Fisher
Dorena #835

Frank R (Dick) Kizer
Morning Star #311

Bernice Fisher
Dorena #835

Bethel Croghan
Rockwall #679

Don Hammond
Eagle Valley #656

Ora Hockett
Spencer Creek #855

Dixie Wafler
Enterprise #489

Ruth Kangiser
The Sandy #392

Robert Loan
Frogpond #111

Lena Emil
Woodburn #79



*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.*

Former OSG Treasurer Leaves Us

Joe Canaday, a member of Crow Grange #450 and former Treasurer of the Oregon State Grange passed away on September 20, 2016 at the age of 86 at his home in Crow, Oregon.

Joe was born in Crow on August 11, 1930 to Opal Wooley and Marion Canaday. He married Leah Millman on April 9, 1950 in Cove, Oregon. They built a home in Crow, Oregon where he grew up and worked as a logger for most of his life.

Joe had many passions including music, photography, painting, and reading. He was very involved in the Grange. He was the Master of the Crow Grange for more than 20 years. He took every opportunity to volunteer as well. He served as OSG Treasurer from 2006-2012 and many Grangers remember him flipping pancakes and scrambling eggs at the Benefits Breakfast at State Grange Convention.

Joe is survived by his wife Leah, son Mike Canaday, and daughter Janet Canaday, his sisters Arlene Jeffers, Tiny Ramp, Janet Alley and brothers Norman Canaday and Leo Canaday.



Joe Canaday speaking to delegates upon receiving his past state officers pin.

He was preceded in death by his sons David Canaday and Larry Canaday, and his sister Elaine Reynolds. He had seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, as well as 18 additional children, he referred to as his great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Crow Grange on Sunday, October 9th with many, many Grangers in attendance.





Customers line up for Rockford's Fill Your Pantry Farmer's Market.

Rockford Grange #501 Holds "Fill Your Pantry" Market

The second annual "Fill Your Pantry" market at Rockford Grange, Hood River County was again a huge success with 28 farmer-vendors and approximately 850 or more counted customers. Farmers were thrilled with the turn-out and happy with their sales.

Besides the vendors, the OSU Extension Master Food Preservers did demonstrations and advised customers about best food-storage practices and a Sherman County Extension agent ground grain for customers. The Spring Creek Bluegrass Band entertained customers who enjoyed homemade soups, breads and desserts downstairs. A children's activity area was busy with kids doing art projects.

Thirty-three Rockford member volunteers were complimented by customers for being helpful, professional and organized. The members were everywhere in their new snappy blue T-shirts, ready to assist customers. It was heard more than once that, "Grangers are such good people." Rockford also picked up three new members. (Marys River Grange, are you counting?) The event was covered several times in the local newspaper. Rockford Grange is so grateful to their community for all the support to their Grange and the farmers.



Proud Rockford Grangers show off their new T-shirts to promote membership.



Grange Insurance Association
Seattle, Washington



Notice of 2017 Annual Policyholders' Meeting

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 22nd day of September 2016.

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The Agricultural Report

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As this Bulletin goes to print the Agriculture Committee is promoting the Grange at the Women in Sustainable Agriculture Conference in Portland.

Around 400 women are expected to attend the three day national conference with tours, workshops, talks, and speakers. Most of the attendees will be from the Pacific Northwest, but many states will be represented.

We will have an attractive display and interesting people they can talk with about the Grange. We plan on giving interested people the contact information for the Oregon Grange nearest their home, and for people from other states we will provide them what we can find on the internet

to connect them with their own state's Granges.

Early next year we will have an Oregon State Grange table at the OSU Small Farms Conference and another table at the Oregon FFA State Session. All three of these efforts will put Oregon State Grange in contact with hundreds of people.

I would like to welcome Jessie Jo Guttridge to the Agriculture Committee where she will be the District 4 chair. We still have a vacancy in District 3, so if you or someone you know in District 3 is interested in agriculture and would like to volunteer to help the Oregon State Grange please send me an email at agdir@orgrange.org.

Clackamas Pomona Grange Hosts Dinner with County FFA Advisors

On October 9th Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 hosted the advisors of the five FFA chapters located at the county high schools along with the Master and spouse of each of the sixteen Granges of the Pomona for an informational dinner. The representatives of 12 of the 16 Granges attended and sat with their local FFA chapter advisors together better acquainted.

After dinner former National Master Ed Luttrell facilitated the discussion, sharing the Pomona Grange's goals:



Above: Ed Luttrell facilitated the discussion.

During discussions between the advisors and members one of their needs was meeting places for their activities as some of the school districts charge the chapters for after hour use. Additionally, the Oregon Association of Agricultural Teachers will be having a bill presented in the 2017 Oregon Legislature to get funding for vocational agricultural education. Granges need to be looking at ways to step up and support this legislative action.





Community Involvement

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Grangers Help Students in Need of Clothing

Sharing successful ideas with others may spark new Grange projects for next year. Marilyn Reiher volunteered to write the column for this issue. If you would like to share your ideas with others, please email them to me.

Did you know that many kids in Oregon do not go to school because they do not have clean clothes or appropriate shoes? The Beaverton School District alone has more than 2,000 students who are homeless. Their family may be living in a car or older kids may be on the streets by themselves.

Granges have long supported food banks and pantries. Now several Granges are making clothing a priority because how can a student concentrate on their lessons if they are cold or poorly dressed?

Clothing Closet

When my class reunion toured North Bend High School, we saw the Clothing Closet, which was the biology room in our day, now filled with shirts, jeans, coats, toiletries, and prom dresses. There was also a double clothing rack inside the main entrance. The Principal said that any student can take any items they need. He credited Donna Gould, a Life Member of North Bayside Grange, with keeping the Closet supplied. Her kids are grown so how does she do this? Donna explained that she goes to yard sales, and if they have items that students would wear, she asks what the seller plans to do with what is unsold. If there is no plan, Donna returns and takes the leftovers to the school. She has also become a "super shopper," reading the ads and finding the best quality underwear for the cheapest prices. In 2016 she made the Clothing Closet her personal project, donating over \$1,000 of her own money, and she graduated from Marshfield High School. But her husband Dave was my classmate and their kids also graduated from North Bend.

Caring Closet

Behind the Tigard Grange hall is a clothing bin where community members can leave garments 24/7. Tigard member Jessica Cousineau takes the donations to the Caring Closet for the Tigard-Tualatin School system. School counselors refer needy students and their entire

family to the Caring Closet, which is located behind Tigard High School. The Closet is set up like a store, but shopping is by appointment. During the 2015-16 school year, the Closet served 1,825 students, a 12% increase from the previous year. In addition to the Tigard Grange collection site, the Caring Closet has a "Stuff a Bus" donation challenge and posts messages on Facebook for items they need, like 13W women's shoes, a man's waterproof jacket for a bike commuter, and new or gently used blankets.

Shoes for Kids!

Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass sponsored a Sock Hop to raise money for their "Shoes for Kids!" project. Entry was \$5 per person. The Hop featured hula hoop, limbo, dance off and costume contests. Other groups sold appropriate food (BBQ, cotton candy, and root beer floats) and displayed classic cars. The Hop was a huge success, but they did not raise enough money to satisfy the need. So Fruitdale Master Jill Hamm appealed to the community and received generous donations from the Grants Pass Active Club and an individual. As a result Fruitdale Grange gave \$25 gift cards honored by two local shoe stores to families with children ranging from Head Start to 12th grade. Each recipient child had to accompany a parent to pick up the card. This year Fruitdale Grange raised over \$6,000 and provided new school shoes to 240 children!

HomePlate

Leedy Grange in Cedar Mill is partnering with HomePlate, Washington County's only non-profit provider of drop-in centers and street outreach for young people experiencing homelessness. Leedy's hall has a large barrel where members, renters, and those who attend their functions can leave donations. They printed a list of most needed items (not only clothing, but bus tickets, gift cards, backpacks, seasonal items, and hygiene products) that they put in their booth at the Washington County Fair. Admission to the December 10 Holiday Dance will be free if attendees bring donations for HomePlate.

Right: Organizing donations in Tigard Grange's collection bin; left front Junior member Erin Grant, back Sharon Cousineau; front right Jessica Cousineau and back Kristin Grant.

Winona Grange Members Make A Significant Difference In Their Community

Four members of Winona Grange in Tualatin made the finals for Tualatin Chamber of Commerce awards for 2015 service contributions to the community with two winning their respective categories. Executive Committee member Larry McClure received the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award and Veterans Committee Chair Dale Potts was honored with the 2015 Outstanding Community Service Award. Master Sam Keator was a runner-up for 2015 Business Leader of the Year and active member Carolyn Horne was a finalist for 2015 Spirit of Tualatin honors.

Each year the Tualatin Chamber recognizes excellence in business and volunteerism throughout the Chamber and the entire community. Award Categories included: Business Leader of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Best Networking Event of the Year, Chamber Volunteer of the Year, Outstanding Community Service: Small/Medium Business, Outstanding Community Service: Large Business, Spirit of Tualatin.

Steve White of RE/MAX upon presenting Dale Potts with his award, told Potts, "I gotta tell you, you're the type of person that when I get to see you, you make me a better man just simply looking at you." And Potts responded "This is really a wonderful community."

Larry McClure was the first recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award. This award category was created to celebrate the Chamber's 35th anniversary. "He volunteers and is never known to say no to anything," said Chamber Chief Executive Officer Linda Moholt of McClure. "He's the Energizer Bunny that just keeps on giving, and it's one of the reasons that we do so well in our local community, our region and our world." McClure said he prefers to be "behind the scenes," and he gave credit to a number of other longtime volunteers with whom he works. "We enjoy all the work we do," he said of himself and his wife. "Thank you very much for this recognition."



Dale Potts (left) and Larry McClure from Winona Grange #217 in Washington County won Tualatin 2015 community awards for their work in local community organization.



Siletz Valley Grange to Vote on Meeting Date Change

Siletz Valley Grange will be voting at their January 12th meeting to change their meeting dates from the 2nd Thursday to the 2nd Monday of the month beginning with the February 2017 meeting. This is a by-laws change and all members are encouraged to attend and let their voices be heard.



Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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OSG Deaf Awareness ~ Family Health Director

Deaf Awareness Is Family Health

One benefit of writing at the last minute is sharing the latest news. According to the *Journal of Neuroscience* (November 2, 2016), exercise may help prevent age-related hearing loss. In studies with mice, researchers found that sedentary mice lost structures that are important in the auditory system at a much higher rate than their exercising counterparts. The structures of the inner ear are high energy-using organs that benefit from the increased oxygen circulation that exercise provides. Since about 70 percent of those 70 and older suffer some hearing loss, here's yet another reason to stay physically active as much and as long as we can.

Focus On Us

One of the most frustrating consequences of hearing loss is how background sounds interfere with what we want to hear. If you've ever tried to unwrap a cough drop

to avoid interrupting a performance onstage, you know how hard it is to avoid distracting others with unwanted sounds. Let's be mindful of this when we're tempted to have side conversations or search through our notes. Perhaps the predictable order of a Subordinate Grange meeting tempts us to multitask, but if we pay attention to our surroundings everyone will enjoy being present.

The DAFH District Chairs are:

- District 1: Lynn Johnson
Ada #570
- District 2: Genie Harden
Spencer Creek #855
- District 3: Doris Thurston
McMinnville #31
- District 4: Sen Speroff
Skyline #894

I'm eager to find committee chairs for Districts 5 and 6. Please let me know if you are interested or can recommend a fellow Granger.

Clarkes Grange Deliver Dictionaries

Members of Clarkes Grange #261 in Clackamas County passed out dictionaries to the Clarkes Grade School 3rd graders for the 9th year in a row. Always so much fun watching the children's faces light up when you tell them the dictionary is theirs to keep.



Clarkes Grange Master, Christy Dumolt explains to the students what can be found in their dictionaries. In the background a couple of their longest time members as well as one their newest members took part in the event.



Ada Junior member Taylor loves to help serve.

Ada Grange #570 holds Scholarship Fundraiser

On October 1 Ada Grange #570 in Lane County held their annual Scholarship breakfast.

Approximately \$668 was raised for the Harley Huff Sr. Memorial Scholarship fund. One or two scholarships are given out each year. The breakfast is held each October.



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Oregon Rising Report Outlines Vision for State's Schools

After months of work, results were made public on September 27 from an unprecedented survey through the Oregon Rising campaign. The survey relied on input from more than 10,000 Oregonians, through a series of community meetings and online questions. The survey asked Oregonians to share their vision for schools, without regard to the costs.

Respondents from all walks of life said they want a well-rounded education for their children, more electives, more demanding offerings in the arts, and math, science, tech and engineering. They also want vocational education, and more opportunities to learn new languages. They want smaller class sizes and more personal attention to students.

Oregon Rising is a joint effort between Oregon School Boards Association, the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators and the Oregon Education Association. Betsy Miller-Jones, OSBA's executive director, noted that the survey results show a clear alignment between what the public wants for schools and the needs identified by the nonpartisan Quality Education Commission.

"We expect that this Oregon Rising report will continue to rally momentum around fully funding our schools," Miller-Jones said. "OSBA's advocacy efforts in 2017 will directly address fair, sustainable revenue reform to pay for the schools our children need, and deserve."

Complete survey results can be found at *What Oregon Said* on the Oregon Rising website.

www.oregon-rising.org/What-Oregon-Said

What Oregon Said

In a two month time period, 10,894 Oregonians each took at least 15 minutes and spoke their minds and opened their hearts to share their dreams for education. When the results were processed, tabulated and analyzed, what we heard was remarkably simple.

The gap between what Oregon students need and what we are giving them is far too large. The gap needs to be closed. People offered many solutions. The most common were:

- 1) **Add teachers and staff** to make classes smaller and provide an education that better engages students so that they are better able to learn what they need to succeed.
- 2) **Broaden what we teach.** Move beyond science to technology and engineering (STEM/STEAM). Restore art and music. Offer hands-on experiences. Provide vocational and career technical opportunities. Offer more reading and writing. Teach civics and culture.

And with a broader education students become better engaged. Students are all interested in a variety of subjects. Imagine if every child had that favorite class, that favorite teacher, to help pull him or her through the rough spots that every student experiences.

That would surely improve graduation rates, improve motivations and set Oregon students up for success.



Above: A hall full of happy eaters is always a good sign.

G W A

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Jim and I are back from our trip to New Zealand. We had a wonderful time making memories with our daughter Stacy. Now as I write this article, I'm on a plane headed for Niagara Falls, New York to meet Stacy again. We are going to the National Grange Convention in Washington, DC and we're doing some sightseeing on the way. Memory making!

As GWA members we make memories for our Grange family as we participate in Grange activities whether that be cleaning and decorating our hall, entering a contest, hosting a function such as Christmas party, or helping another committee with their project.

November and December are busy months due to the holiday season with many bazaars, Grange parties and family times together. I know many of you will be baking goodies for the season. Be sure to save the recipe and re-make it for one of the baking contests. That goes for crafts and sewing projects too.

I still have bookmarks for sale. They would make a nice gift. Completed bookmarks are \$10, a kit to make your own is \$5, and a

Grange charm by itself is \$3.

I have been working on our contests for 2017. As of right now I still need sponsors for two of the contests: Table Runner (sponsorship cost is \$50) and Potluck (sponsorship cost is \$30). Please let me know ASAP if you as an individual or your Grange can sponsor one of these so I can have your name printed in the Awards, Contests and Scholarships booklet. We may not have these contests next year if no one volunteers. Thank you to the sponsors who responded to my letter and especially to those who have already paid. You've made my job easier.

I just received a note from Gail Wilson that she mailed four boxes of pillowcases to our troops. They should arrive by Christmas. What a nice gift. Thank you to all who took part by either making or purchasing pillowcases. I know they will be greatly appreciated.

May this holiday season we remember those close to home and those far away.

Merry Christmas to you all.

2017 National Grange Convention



Fairfield member Angelica Herrera Clark is shown standing behind her jewelry table at the Fairfield Grange bazaar. She designs and makes Aztec inspired and other styles of beaded jewelry.

Magazine Premier Will Be Good Day

By Karie Blasingame
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The shortest month of the year will bring about one of the biggest new things in our Grange communications arsenal. Good Day, a hard-copy quarterly publication, will hit mailboxes this February. A subscription only based magazine costing \$14 per year will include great features, the latest information about the Grange, contests, programs, benefits and more. This publication is made possible because "grant money has been obtained to provide the start-up funding," stated National Grange Master Betsy Huber in her Master's Address at the 150th Annual Session of the National Grange.

At the Virginia State Grange Convention, delegates voted to provide a subscription for each subordinate Grange for the first year of publication. "The hope is that each Grange will see what it is like, enjoy it and order it for themselves next year," said Jimmy Taylor, Virginia State Grange Master. "We've got to get it in people's hands for them to know they want it," Taylor said.

In addition to the magazine being a

communication and advertising tool for Granges, Huber hopes, "you will use it as a membership tool to show all the great things Granges are doing and the various opportunities people have as a member of the organization."

The Good Day magazine will be self-supporting through advertising and subscriptions. Granges can submit stories for approval and pay for advertising in the magazine. Don't forget to fill out your Good Day Magazine subscription cards and get them submitted before the first issue. You don't want to miss a copy.

Make it a Good Day!

As a Grange member, for only \$14 a year you can receive our new quarterly magazine and enjoy great features, the latest information about the Grange, contests, programs, benefits and more!

Name: _____
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Mail subscription card to National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Fairfield Grange Holds Successful Craft Bazaar

At the Fairfield Grange Craft Bazaar and Open House on November 5, many visitors browsed the fifteen tables, sampled the soup, coffee and cookies, and took in the sights of their historic building. Some visitors that had grown up in the area and had been members, took this time to reconnect. They excitedly looked through the old scrapbooks and minutes of Grange meetings as far back as 1932, finding names of relatives and friends from days gone by.

A visitor who had gone to Fairfield Grange dances told the current members that when their small children got tired during the dance, they would lay them on the benches along the wall and cover them with coats to let them sleep while the parents continued dancing.



Grange Master Dave O'Neill meeting the newest member of Fairfield's Grange family for the first time. They decided "little Gabriel" was destined to be a Gatekeeper or a Steward.

Redmond Grange Celebrates Members Service to the Grange

On September 25th, Redmond Grange #812, held an award ceremony to commemorate membership and service milestones. Ed Luttrell, former State and National Master presented the awards.

"Several times the Oregon State Grange changed the face of Oregon," Ed Luttrell reminded the members present. He gave a brief history of the Grange, starting from the founding by eight people, and how the Grange worked to uplift the American farmer. Women from the inception of the organization in 1867, were allowed full membership. Many became Grange leaders. As for the Redmond Grange, it was rebuilt after a fire burned the building to the ground over

a decade ago. It was rebuilt, and operates to serve the community today.

The membership milestones celebrated (and one credited for anniversary this July) were Diane May-35 year pin, Marilyn Redmond-60 year seal and pin, Geri Van Matre-50 year Golden Sheaf Certificate and pin, Rena Dunlap-25 year Silver Star Certificate and pin, Roger Brown-30 year pin, Chuck Agee-40 year seal and pin, Jack Sweeny-50 year Golden Sheaf certificate and pin and Lois Sweeny-60 year pin and certificate. Additionally, Leonard Luttrell was presented with his Past Master's pin. Those presented awards cover 350 years of service to the Grange.



L-R: Cathy Shores, Redmond Grange Master; Diane May; Ed Luttrell, Marilyn Redmond, Geri Van Matre, Leonard Luttrell, Rena Dunlap and Celia Luttrell.



Sunnyside Grange Presents Golden Sheaf Certificates



Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County, presented 50 year certificates at their 80th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 23rd. Presenting the certificates was Celia Luttrell, Oregon State Grange Overseer. Receiving their certificates were Sunnyside members Bob Ludi and Bob Force. Sister Celia also presented a certificate to Gary Furgason member of Winona Grange in Washington County, Bob Ludi's brother-in-law.

Above l-r: Celia Luttrell presenting certificates to Gary Furgason, Bob Ludi and Bob Force. Left: Bob Ludi and Bob Force show off the 80th anniversary cake.

Riversdale Grange Holds Open House

Ted Damewood was selected to receive the 2016 Community Citizen Award in recognition of his service to others for many years. Even while still in high school, Ted distinguished himself as a person who was always willing to assist with many school projects. After graduation, he joined the Glide Fire Department as a volunteer and has served the Glide community in various ways. Through his work in the department he became the Assistant Chief and presently serves as the department Chief. Although his many obligations with the fire department require extensive time commitment, Ted still has time to give back to others. He assists with many activities in the Glide community and supports other organization in Douglas County including the Grange.

In recognition of her ongoing efforts on behalf of Riversdale Grange, Myra Boyd was selected as the Grange Member of the Year. Myra serves as the Treasurer of Riversdale Grange and co-chairman of the membership committee. She is also instrumental in the organization of the Grange sponsored Antique Sale and the annual Garage Sale. Myra is also valued for her assistance at the Grange breakfasts and the tri-tip dinner.

The Grange Member for Public Service award for 2016 was presented to Kathleen Shaw. Kathi was recognized for her service to others in the Grange and the



Presentation of Community Citizen Award to Ted Damewood.

community. She has served the Grange as the Community Service Chairman, serves her church and other activities in the community. She has directed the Grange's efforts to assist Casa de Belen in their efforts to serve young people in Douglas County.

Fred Rhodes was recognized for 50 years of continuous membership in the Grange, first at Evergreen and presently at Riversdale. Fred will receive a certificate from the National Grange and a 50 year pin in acknowledgment of the achievement.

These awards were presented as part of the Riversdale Grange annual open house October 23, 2016. The program also included musical entertainment by Mark Baratta and an inspirational reading by Austin VanHouten, Riversdale Grange members. The Grange served a free spaghetti dinner to nearly 40 members of the community to thank them for their continued support. The Grange requested donations of canned food that they gave to the Les Schwab and FFA Drive Away Hunger program. The Grange collected 55 pounds of food which included 130 items. The food collected was delivered to the local food bank by the Oakland FFA chapter.



55 pounds of food were collected.



Above: GROW Club members Margaret Clute, Christy Dumolt and Jessie Jo Guttridge served ice cream sundaes at Sunnyside Grange's 80th anniversary..

Granges Across the State Are Busy Rebuilding, Repairing

White Clover Gets New Windows

Exciting news! Clatsop Community College's historic preservation program held their Window Restoration workshops at White Clover Grange in Tillamook County this fall. The workshops were held on two weekends, October 28-31 and November 4-6. These classes are a win-win, providing needed window renovations for White Clover Grange at a reduced cost while providing an important hands-on educational opportunity for their community.

The classes, offered at the 1921 White Clover Grange Hall designed by A.E. Doyle, were Wood Window Restoration 1 and 2 where students learned the history and terminology of wood windows and gained knowledge and skills to document and restore historic wood windows. These classes can be used towards an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, a One-Year Certificate or a Career Pathways Certificate.



Redland Grange Adds New Safety Railings To Hall



Redland Grange #796 in Clackamas County spent several hot days in late summer and fall installing new safety railings inside and outside of their hall. After installation volunteers primed and painted them. Next up are roof repairs and completely covering the SW side parking area with crushed concrete.



Bridge Grange Fixes Entry Doors

The Bridge Grange #730 in Coos County used the OSG Matching Grant Program to fix a water leak and improve a few small things around the building. Jim and Gail Heidel did an excellent job renovating the exterior doors. The doors are original to the 1965 building and the exterior was peeling and had extensive water damage. Luckily this Grange has talented members that were able to save the doors.

In addition, they had a technician fix the large commercial gas stove so that it is fully functional. The Grange purchased a full size refrigerator (the previous one froze food). With the

combination of these two fixes it is hoped the Grange Hall will be more desirable for holding community events. The largest project, fixing an underground water leak, is still not completely finished. It is proving to be very difficult due to water lines not being marked, plumbing imbedded in the slab foundation and tree roots growing over the surface.

In addition to the work done with grant money they have replaced old carpeting with new vinyl flooring in the main hall and have given a fresh coat of paint to the room. They are excited to show off all of their new improvements at their annual Christmas dinner this year!



Renovated doors welcome visitors at Bridge Grange.

Walterville Celebrates New Roof

Walterville Grange #416 in Lane County celebrated the completion of their roofing project with a Spaghetti Feed and Roof Party on Friday November 4th.

The \$37,000 project lunched at the Community Fair in 2015 was funded with a combination of grants, donations and fundraising at this year's fair. The work began on August 15th and is now complete. The project involved replacing the metal roofing on the back 75% of the building as well as the back porch cover and the entry to the kitchen area.

In addition to Spaghetti Feed, a special celebratory cake was enjoyed by those attending.

Other OSG Grant Recipients

Santiam Valley Grange #828 in Linn County replaced their roof.



Enterprise Grange #489 in Jackson County installed siding.

Tigard Grange Updates Their Hall

The members of Tigard Grange #148 in Washington County have been busy these last few years and it shows now, on the outside. Thanks to two generous grants from the City of Tigard for capital improvement and a wonderful matching grant from the Oregon State Grange, Tigard Grange has finished a few major improvements.

On the inside, they have remodeled the restroom areas allowing one to

be handicap accessible. They have completed the painting of the entryway, restrooms and main hall.

On the outside they had a new large French drainage system put in hoping to stop the basement from flooding and replaced the plywood panels on all the basement old window coverings. Then in July they pressure washed and painted the exterior, adding a touch of new coloring.



A beautiful new paint job graces Tigard Grange Hall

and Sprucing Up Their Halls, Outside and Inside



Ash Butte Grange #802 Holds Events In New Hall

The Ash Butte Grange #802 in Jefferson County has made big leaps of progress in the rebuilding this last year. Due to the generosity of private donors, two grants and numerous donated man hours the insulation, drywall and most of the electrical are done.

They had a few stumbling blocks and unexpected events held at the hall that stopped everything. Then they had to regroup and start again. One was the loss of Daisy Thornton, their oldest member at 92 and biggest driver and supporter in getting a new building. It had become her goal in life to see a new building put in place.

They were in the beginning stage of a big push on the inside of the building and everything was cleared, cleaned and decorated with bare rafters, temporary heat as it was

snowing and a lot of help from Grange and community members for her memorial and dinner with standing room only attendance.

When spring arrived they went back at it hard and completed most of the electric, insulation, drywall and the false front. Drywall was finished and they had one day to get it cleaned, dried and decorated for the annual Easter breakfast celebration. The members and community were very pleasantly surprised at how far the building has come. They are still in need of heat, trim, plumbing, built in cupboards and counters but now have tables and chairs and benches due to a wonderful donation from Lookout Mt. Grange #741 which consolidated with Terrebonne Grange. They are pretty much at a stand still now due to lack of funds but hope to be back at it again soon.



Community Easter breakfast celebration held in Ash Butte Grange.

Marys River Grange Has New Face

Marys River Grange #685 in Benton County has completed much needed repairs on the inside and outside of their hall. A moisture damaged connecting storage room was gutted, insulated, and refinished inside, and the most weather beaten exterior face of the hall was stripped to the studs, insulated, and re-sided with a long lasting lap. This new "face" will greet all visitors to the hall with a New First Impression. Thanks to the OSG Matching Grant Program!



Barlow Gate Grange Has New Look

There's a "new" building in Wamic. Actually, it's a building that is 111 years old, but it is looking younger these days because of some generous grants and some hard working volunteers. The Barlow Gate Grange has been washed, scraped, caulked, primed, painted and trimmed thanks to a grant from the Oregon State Grange. Countless matching volunteer hours and donations enabled the Grange to acquire the funding to bring this old building back to life!



Basil Beeler (Wamic Rural Fire Department) builds walkway between hall and utility trailer.

In addition, another generous grant from Wasco Electric Co-Operative made it possible to refurbish the older storage trailer used by the Grange to keep furniture and materials needed for yearly activities safely stowed away. The trailer was gutted, scrubbed, secured with a new door, repaired and painted. A covered walkway was constructed between the Grange Hall and the newly renovated storage trailer.

Local contractors Basil Beeler and Terray Harmon helped make these



Above: Brenda Hoover painting the dark green trim.

changes possible. Judy Ewing at the Wamic Store helped the Grange purchase the paint at a discount. Barlow Gate Grange members, along with some South Wasco County High School students put in many hours needed to prepare the buildings for the final touches!

The BG Grange celebrated its new look at its annual July 4th breakfast. This year over 600 guests were served. Lines waited patiently to join other diners in the hall. Diners spent time "neighboring" with their long time friends and getting to know new friends. The Grange also be showed off its new look at an Open House celebrating the 142nd Anniversary of the Barlow Gate Grange on Saturday, September 10th.

Many thanks to their volunteers, the Oregon State Grange and Wasco Electric Co-Operative for helping make our historic building come to life!



Legislative Update

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Oregon sent 13 resolutions to the National Grange to be considered at the 2016 Convention in Washington, D.C. Following is a quick score-card report; for full details, watch for the Journal of Proceedings of the 2016 National Session on the website. To save words I'll list the National Grange number first (they all start with OR for Oregon) and then our OSG committee and number and the originating Grange in parentheses. When you look these up in the National Grange proceedings, you will only see National's number.

OR-117 (AG-4, Bellview), opposing the Trans Pacific Partnership trade agreement, was covered by National AG Committee Resolution 130 which took a more general approach by calling for specific restrictions and safeguards to be included in any such agreements.

OR-125 (AG-3 from Benton Pomona), was amended slightly and adopted. OR-408 (FA-5 from Springwater), opposing an Owyhee Monument, was adopted with amendments. OR-409 (FA-1 from Fort Rock), State Supervisory Powers over Public Lands, was reported as unfavorable by the National Conservation session committee and the resolution was rejected. OR-410 (OSG Environment & Ecology session committee resolution EE-1) titled 'The Value of Water' was considered Present Policy by the

Conservation committee so no further action was required.

OR-503 (HW-3 from the OSG Health & Welfare committee) concerning Medicare Part D, was amended in the National session Education & Health committee by removing the words 'low income' and adopted by the delegates. OR-513 (ED-2, Benton Pomona) would require civics courses in schools; the Ed & Health session committee made minor edits and adopted the resolution as amended.

OR-703 (GO-3 from Sunnyside), OR-708 (GO-1 from Crow) and OR-713 (GO-10 from Santiam Valley) all concerned electronic attendance/voting at meetings and all were covered by Grange Law committee resolution 721, which was adopted. This resolution calls on State Granges to develop specific policy on these issues and to report their policies to National Grange.

OR-833 (FA-2, Deer Creek) regarding investigation of climate skeptics, received an unfavorable report from the National Labor/Judiciary/Transportation session committee, and the resolution was rejected. OR-827 (FA-3, Deer Creek), regarding gun owner liability, was included in this committee's annual Policy Statement. OR-820 (FA-4, Deer Creek) regarding religious law, was determined to already be the policy of the National Grange.

Oregon State AS. Makes Hole-In-One

On September 26th Oregon State Grange Assistant Steward Phil Van Buren in his 53rd year of golfing, on the 53rd hole of a 72 hole, one day tournament, made his very first Hole-In-One! And to make it even better he made it with an Oregon State Grange golf ball. This took place at the Indian Camp Golf Course in Tule Lake, California on hole #6.



Phil Van Buren with his lucky golf ball, an Oregon State Grange ball.

Grange Policy – What It Is and How It's Created

By Nathan Strawder
Trafjone Communications Fellow

In a time where policy is driven by partisan politics, the influence of money, and the power of few, Grange Policy shines above the rest as a prime example of what democracy is all about. Long before policy is set, it originates as an idea at the local level. It passes through the ranks of being crafted, discussed, and adopted by majority vote at the local Grange, the State Grange and finally the National Grange. This year 115 resolutions filled the Delegate Binders. They originated in communities spanning this great country and sought to become Grange Policy. The Grange is an organization run at the grassroots and this is grassroots at its finest.

On Saturday November 12th, Burton Eller, Legislative Director of the National Grange, took time to speak to this year's Communications Fellows. He explained to the Communication Fellows that the Grange's non-partisan grassroots nature of creating policy allows the Grange to walk into the offices of Senators and Representatives on both sides of the political aisle.

A wide variety of resolutions have

been submitted this year that deal with current issues each American faces and sees in the news.

The Convention Committee on Agriculture had resolutions concerning Agri-Tourism, Urban Agriculture and the Grange's role in improving the health of honeybees.

The Convention Committee on Education and Health discussed resolutions deciding the Grange's stance on the definition of the term "Natural" used in food labeling. The Committee also discussed the Grange's role dealing with the widespread opioid and heroin crisis that exists in the United States.

Over the week the Communication Fellows kept their eye on the resolutions included in the Delegate Binders and watched the process of each Convention Committee's review of resolutions throughout the week. They also asked delegates who had been tasked with the responsibility of choosing the direction of Grange Policy how they worked to ensure that the policies approved best represented the Grange's membership and how they worked to ensure the Grange can continue as a driving force in non-partisan political action.

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

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

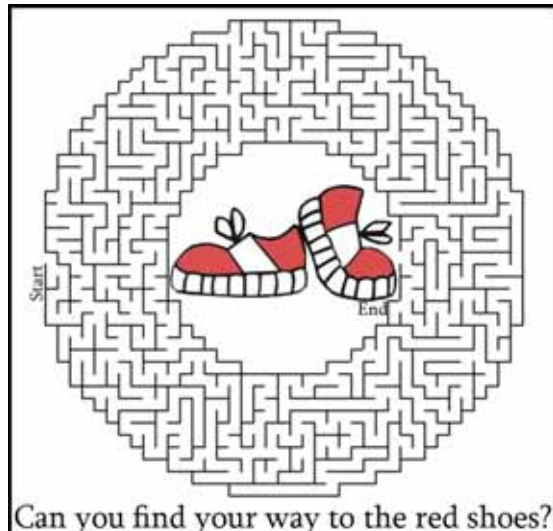
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Feb 4	10:30 AM	Eagle Valley #656
Benton #36	Jan 21	10:30 AM	Marys River #685
Clackamas #1	Jan 28	10:00 AM	Eagle Creek #297
Columbia #18	Feb 4	10:00 AM	Quincy #321
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30	Jan 28	10:00 AM	TBA
Deschutes #25	Feb 11	10:00 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Jan 28	6:00 PM	Myrtle Creek #442
Jackson #27	Jan 14	10:00 AM	TBA
Josephine #20	Jan 7	10:00 AM	Redwood #760
Lane #14	Jan 14	10:00 AM	Dorena #835
Lincoln #10	Feb 18	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Jan 14	10:00 AM	TBA
Marion #4	Jan 10	6:00 PM	Fairfield #720
Polk #3	Jan 21	10:00 AM	Oak Grove #198
Tillamook #9		10:00 AM	TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Feb 25	10:30 AM	TBA
Wallowa #22	Jan 14	10:00 AM	Hurricane Creek #680
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jan 28	10:00 AM	Hillsboro #73

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

- December 1** Roster information for Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges for 2017 was due to the State office. Also state directors and committees
- December 11** OSG office Holiday Open House - Salem
- December 31** Bonding for 2017 due to the State office
- January 22** State Grange Directors and Standing Committee conference - Eugene
- March 4** Deputy School - Tualatin
- June 24-29, 2017** Oregon State Grange Convention - Florence
- December 4, 2017** 150th Anniversary of the Grange



December Junior Activity



Can you find your way to the red shoes?



Multnomah Grange 71 presents ...

BlueGrass

Concert 7:00pm
Sat, December 3, 2016

The Loafers

The Loafers return to our grange with a fresh batch of songs and instrumentals. Loafers feature Mike Stahlman, Aaron Stoeck, Dee Johnson and Dave Elliott and specialize in exciting instrumental work and duets with Mike and Dave. Always included, our favorite fiddle tunes, vocals and waltzes to share with folks. <https://www.facebook.com/theloafersbluegrass>

Grass Station

Grass Station brings together noted local musicians in a new northwest group on the bluegrass scene. Jeff Smith contributes original material, vocals and drivin' mandolin. Peter Schwimmer brings his own recognizable banjo style and adds harmony vocals. Josh Adkins is a young bassist already showing great promise. Jared Widman rounds out the quartet with solid guitar and outstanding vocals. Featured: their own original material and a new take on traditional tunes. <https://www.facebook.com/The-Grass-Station>

Doors Open 5 PM

- Bluegrass Jam Session 5 to 7 pm
- Snack Bar
- Record Table

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

Event Location:
Grange Hall,
30639 SE Bluff Rd,
Orient Neighborhood
of Gresham 97080

Sat, January 7, 2017

The Loafers again open the show, and **Sunny South** with Steve Reischman is the featured group. A really special show to kick off the new year.

Multnomah Grange 71 Bluegrass Series 2016-2017 will offer concerts on the first Saturday of each month through May 2017.

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

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



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Oregon State Grange Junior Directors



Santiam Valley Junior Member Competes at National Grange

Riley Reynolds, a Junior member of Santiam Valley Grange #828, competed in the National Junior Grange Public Speaking Contest on Friday afternoon November 18th at the National Grange Convention in Herndon, Virginia with his speech on the Dust Bowl.

Contestants were judged on time, body language, eye contact, volume, content and preparation. They were also asked questions at the end of their speech. When the dust settled and the winners were announced Riley finished second.

In addition to his speech, Riley's drawing in the Creative Art Contest placed third. The Juniors were to use the theme for the year, Junior Grange - Growing Across the Nation and draw or paint a picture showing what the theme meant to them.



JG Activities at National Grange Convention

Special Junior Grange activities were schedule on Friday and Saturday of National Grange Convention. Friday morning started with a tour of Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum including an IMAX movie, lunch at McDonalds and a visit to Sully Plantation Historic Site in the afternoon. After arriving back at the hotel it was time for the Junior Grange Public Speaking contest



Riley Reynolds competing in the Junior Public Speaking Contest.

followed by "Get Acquainted Games." Late in the afternoon the Juniors visited the delegate session where they demonstrated the Junior 1+ Obligation Ceremony. Oregon's Riley Reynolds served as one of the marching candidates for this demonstration.

Saturday morning was the Junior Grange Breakfast. Awards for the different contests were handed out as well as special talent presentations by the Junior Grangers. The rest of the morning included Junior Grange activities and workshops followed by a swim party in the afternoon.

below: Riley participating in the Junior Talent Show.



Jr. Public Speaking winners flanked by the 2016 and 2017 National Junior Grange Ambassadors.

Some Reflections Before I Go

By Joe Stefenoni,
former National Grange
Leadership/Membership Dir.

This is the last article that I write for you as your National Grange Membership/Leadership Director. In August, I began a new journey pursuing a Master's Degree at Oklahoma State University in Agriculture Economics, and I will be unable to continue serving you, our members effectively as your Membership/Leadership Director.

Over the last year I have had the unique and exhilarating opportunity to travel this country, meeting with Grange members and working with them to build a stronger organization for the future. This has truly been an inspiring experience for me personally and as a Grange member, and I will be taking these experiences to help develop new programs for my own Grange.

I would like to share with you my final thoughts and reflections based off of my experiences over this last year.

I would like to lead with this statement: membership growth doesn't happen because of a singular local, state or national director; it happens because of the combined efforts of all of us as members of this great organization. We are each responsible for the promotion and growth of the Grange, this truly embodies the grassroots nature of our Order.

I have often heard that a Grange did not bring in new members because the membership chairperson didn't bring in any new members. During his Inaugural Address in 1961, President John Kennedy famously said "...ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country." To shamelessly paraphrase the late President, ask not what the Grange is doing for you, but instead what are you doing for the Grange?

Next, I say to our members: don't abandon the core of our principles as outlined in the ritual. In that same vein, don't abandon the ritual! Our ritual is a way to teach the foundational values of the Grange, but also it teaches leadership within the Grange. Our ritual provides a common bond with all the other Granges and Grangers in the country. In my travels, I could always rely on the fact that when I walked into a Grange meeting, I knew what to expect because of what was learned and done through ritual.

Many say that ritualism is outdated and irrelevant, however my observations have shown me the exact opposite. Now more than ever we should be promoting the our



teaching of the lessons of faith, hope, charity and fidelity as presented in our degree work. The lessons of our degree work also apply to recruiting new members and organizing new Granges. Successful membership recruitment and successful Grange organizing is all about perseverance. I issue this challenge to each of our Grange leaders: find a way that the ritual fits into the lifeblood of your Grange and begin teaching the lessons of the Grange.

Of all the Granges that I have visited I have seen that the most successful Granges are the ones that interact with their communities, open the doors of their Grange to those who are not yet members and work in cooperation both within and without the Grange. As you and your Grange leaders plan out a calendar of events for your Grange, find ways to connect with your community. Also, be relevant to the community that you serve.

If you're unsure of the issues of importance locally, host a forum for community members to come to the Grange and talk about how to make your community better. Then, invite them to join the Grange to work towards bettering your community together. Being active does not always mean hosting events for hundreds of people; being active can mean being connected with your community and engaging them in the life of the Grange.

Within our Community Granges we need to remember to educate, train and empower the next generation of leaders. For anyone that attended a conference, meeting or seminar at which I presented you will remember me telling you to look around your Grange and ask the question "who's next?" By this I mean that if you look around your Grange meeting and cannot identify potential future leaders, then you need to train members so that they will feel confident in assuming a Grange office when the time comes.

The motto of the National Grange is



Membership Matters

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OSG Membership Directors

Season's Greetings Grangers!

As the year is coming to a close it's exciting to see what 2017 will bring for your Grange!

Wouldn't increasing your membership be exciting? More members to help with Grange fundraisers such as breakfasts, dinners, bazaars, etc. or to plan events at your hall like candidate forums, community fairs and dances. The list is endless.

An exciting announcement to help your Grange "GrangeUp '17" is on its way. Look for more details to be coming soon regarding this new statewide Membership drive!

We are delighted to report that the Grange Calendar sale is going great!! They are selling out the Grange doors!! This fundraiser helps the State Lecturer's Committee send Talent Winners from Oregon to National Grange. Once they get to National they will represent us at the Evening of Excellence which showcases talent from all over our Nation! It is quite an honor indeed. Thank you to those Grangers and/or Granges that have purchased calendars. It is extremely appreciated!

Our new State Membership Team is as follows:

- District 1 — Jill Hamm, Fruitdale Grange, Josephine Co.
- District 2 — Jeff Dehne, Walterville Grange, Lane Co.
- District 3 — Sam Keator, Winona Grange, Washington Co.
- District 4 — Linda Short, Rockford Grange, Hood River Co.
- District 5 — Myrna Colvin, Terrebonne Grange, Deschutes Co.
- District 6 — Derrell and Clarann Witty, Hurricane Creek Grange, Wallowa Co.
- Member-at-Large — Cat Thomas, Harding Grange, Clackamas Co.

Please feel free to contact us or your district chairman if you need any Membership help, have questions, or concerns.

Many thanks and much appreciation goes to past District 1 Chairman, Bill Waggoner and District 5 Chairman Ruth Cholin who served on our team this past term.

Here's wishing you all a blessed Christmas. And for your Grange, new members in 2017!!



"Esto Perpetua", in Latin meaning "Let It Be Perpetual"; this is the model we should be aspiring to when training and mentoring the future generations of Grange leaders. It is also important to remember that our Grange offices are not life terms. When we as Grange leaders feel indispensable or that no one could execute the position as well as we do, then it is time to train a replacement so that our Grange can continue to be perpetual.

Finally, there are many people for me to thank, too many for this article, but I would like to specifically thank my family for their support as

I travelled the country and lived out of a suitcase. To past National Master Ed Luttrell for his confidence in me taking on this monumental task; to National Master Betsy Huber and all the National Grange staff for their assistance and advice; to all of the people that opened their homes to me, drove me around their states or fed me a meal; and most importantly, to all of our members throughout the country who are working to bring in new members and making this organization the best that it can be, thank you.

Esto Perpetua.



Oregon Grange Youth Receive NGYA Awards

Twenty five Oregon youth and young adults qualified for eight-nine 2016 National Grange Youth Achievement Awards. *These awards were earned for activities and projects from September 2015 through August 2016.* They represent fourteen Granges scattered throughout the state. Some of the awards were for Grange activities; others were earned outside of the Grange by those who exhibited at their county fair, participated in local talent and theater productions, and other community activities. In general the higher the level the contestant competes at or more complex the project, the higher the color of the award, starting with Sapphire, then Emerald, Silver, Ruby and Gold.

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

William Saunders Agricultural Achievement Award

Sapphire - serve as hosts in the Log Cabin. Emerald - Entries at fairs and Grange GWA/ Lecturer's contest.

Sapphire: Lexi Suing, Carly Itami, Elias Utt, Elizabeth Williams, Jessie Jo Guttridge, Nick Itami, Nicole (Gubrud) Baker and Riley Reynolds. **Emerald:** Jessie Jo Guttridge and TJ Parker

John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award

Emerald - wrote and supported a resolution, Silver - served as delegate from their Grange to state convention.

Silver: Lexi Suing, Chloe Lacrosse, David Wallace, Elias Utt, Elizabeth Williams, Grace Hays, Kegan Williams, Maggie Swartzendruber, Maleek Linwood, Mikela Heimuller and Orrin Schnetzky

Emerald: Jessie Jo Guttridge

John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award

Emerald - memorization of specific parts. Gold - State Youth Officer

Emerald: Jessie Jo Guttridge, Mikela Heimuller, Orrin Schnetzky and Qiana Helm

Gold: Alex Coe, Lexi Suing, Brianna Herrick, Chloe Lacrosse, Elias Utt, Erika Anderson, Grace Hays, Jacob Yost, Jessie Jo Guttridge, Maggie Swartzendruber, Maleek Linwood, Mikela Heimuller, Orrin Schnetzky, Patrick Anderson, Payton Miller and Qiana Helm

Caroline A. Hall Achievement Award

Sapphire - Grange plays, Emerald - community service projects, Silver - Grange or community talent contests, skits, Ruby - plan a workshop, etc. for regionals

Sapphire: Jennifer Souders and Jessie Jo Guttridge

Emerald: Lexi Suing, Jennifer Souders, Jessie Jo Guttridge, Maggie Swartzendruber, and Nicole (Gubrud) Baker

Silver: Lexi Suing, Jessie Jo Guttridge, Orrin Schnetzky, Payton Miller and Riley Reynolds

Ruby: Jessie Jo Guttridge

Drill Achievement Award

Emerald - Youth Officer opening and closing drill, Rosebud drill or Memorial Service drill team. Silver - regional youth drill team. Gold - drill writing

Emerald: Alex Coe, Lexi Suing, Brianna Herrick, Chloe Lacrosse, Elias Utt, Erika Anderson, Grace Hays, Jacob Yost, Jessie Jo Guttridge, Maggie Swartzendruber, Maleek Linwood, Mikela Heimuller, Orrin Schnetzky, Patrick Anderson, Payton Miller and Qiana Helm.

Silver: Jessie Jo Guttridge, Orrin Schnetzky, and Riley Reynolds. **Gold:** Mikela Heimuller

Oliver Hudson Kelley Public Speaking Achievement Award

Silver - participation in State Grange public speaking contest, Ruby - participation in regional public speaking contest

Silver: Orrin Schnetzky and Riley Reynolds

Ruby: Orrin Schnetzky and Riley Reynolds

Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge Award

Completion of Trivia test with at least 80% score

Gold: Lexi Suing, Jessie Jo Guttridge and Maggie Swartzendruber

Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Award

Ruby - Worked with Juniors at State Grange

Ruby: Brianna Herrick, Elias Utt, Elizabeth Williams, Kegan Williams, Jessie Jo Guttridge and Payton Miller



Grange Youth & Young Adults



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As you all read this, Oregon's representatives will have returned from the 150th National Grange Convention in Washington, DC. I'm also certain that we will have posted numerous photos on Facebook, and told you what a joy it was representing Oregon at our National Convention.

What an opportunity for our three young ladies. Any of you can have this same opportunity. We have so many fun and challenging contests, and all you have to do is enter them. And you may be chosen to represent the great state of Oregon next November at the National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington.

Sometime during this holiday season I'd like you to check out the Youth page on the Oregon State Grange website (organge.org/youth/) or thumb through a copy of last year's *Awards, Contests and Scholarships* booklet. See what

interests you. It could be entering the Public Speaking or Sign-A-Song contest. It could be the Grange Jeopardy contest. It could be applying to become a Horizon Leadership Ambassador or a National Youth Officer. There is also the John Trimble Legislative Experience. All of these have possible travel opportunities. I don't know about you, but I love to travel. I love to meet new people and see new things. These contests are one way to do that.

Note: When you receive the 2017 *Awards, Contests and Scholarships* booklet, be sure to check that the rules have not changed. I don't expect changes, but all of these are sponsored by the National Grange.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Until next time, remember to ask a Youth or a Young Adult to help. I know they would "Be Delighted."

Photo: Lindsay Schroeder



Above: National Grange Youth Officers opened session on Friday morning; l-r: AS, Derek Snyder, Pennsylvania; Ceres, Jessie Jo Guttridge, Oregon and LAS, Maggie Swartzendruber, Oregon.

Left: National Youth Officer team.



Right: Lexi Suing dressed as Teddy Roosevelt for the costume party

Left: Lexi Suing, Jessie Jo Guttridge and Maggie Swartzendruber receiving the 2016 Leadership Award for Outstanding Youth. To qualify they must earn achievement awards, complete the Grange Trivia Challenge, participate on a Grange degree team, promote the Grange and be a Grange leader.



Veterans

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Veterans Email Tree

I have been asked what my plans are for the Oregon State Grange Veterans Committee. One idea I have is to set up an email tree.

Before my children were born the encyclopedia published an annual update to stay current. We live in a very different world today. What morning radio and TV reporters call "BREAKING NEWS" often seems days old, because I saw it on my cell phone hours ago. I understand that this may not true for all of us all the time, but it happens more and more often.

When I try to communicate veterans' issues with Grange members via the *Grange Bulletin*, I hopefully reach many of you. But my deadline for each issue is two months before you get it in your mailbox. This is fine for regularly scheduled events, but new or unscheduled happenings require a faster mode of relaying information.

We could set up a telephone tree, but trying to call five or ten members becomes laborious. Many do not answer their phone

because of robocalls and scams. We would need to leave messages and keep track of them. Meanwhile the lonely member would appreciate the call but talk the caller's ear off.

Therefore, my hope is to organize an "email tree" to enable communicating vital information with ease. Even if you only access your email once a month at the library, you will still know what is happening with the State Grange Veterans Committee.

In time my hope is that the Veterans Committee will be able to reach not just Grange members, but vets throughout rural Oregon who are in need of assistance. Some of those vets are likely to be glad to hear from friendly Grangers, who invite them events and activities and ask them to join the local Grange.

To join the Veterans Committee email tree, send an email to VETdir@orgrange.org.

Happy Festival of Lights and Merry Christmas one and all.



Goldson Grange members took the opportunity to visit with the guests.

Veterans Day Breakfast at Goldson Grange, Lane County

Veterans ate free at the Goldson Grange Veterans Day Breakfast, Friday November 11th. A total of 41 guests were fed their choice of pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, and biscuits and gravy, plus juice and coffee.

Eleven Grange members and two community helpers cooked, served, greeted, and chatted with the guests. A special thank you to Grange member Mary Beckman, who arrived at 5 a.m. to start the food, organize the kitchen staff, and oversee serving the meal.



Oregon Grange Veterans

South Willamette Valley Honor Flight - Joe's Story

I was fortunate to go on this journey to Washington DC with the local organization of the Honor Flight Network. We traveled from Portland Oregon on October 7th to Washington, DC and returned on October 9th, 2016.

From the time we arrived for the trip until we returned home we were treated as true "heroes". This group took care of everything: hotel, meals, travel and even entertainment, along with ALL expenses. They even provided guardians for each of us to make sure all of our needs were met. They made sure we found our rooms, knew where all our meals were served, and made the bus on time.

When we arrived in Washington, DC Friday evening we were greeted at the airport by several hundred people clapping and cheering, thanking us for our service to our country. Wow these people are here for us! That was a surprise to all the vets, lots of smiles but also many tears. Then it was off to the hotel for dinner and rest.

Saturday morning we got back on our two buses to go see the memorials. As we proceeded on to the highway we started to hear sirens and see all these flashing lights all around us. Yes, they were there for us! They escorted us everywhere we went the entire day. Police cars and motorcycle Cops. Wow they are doing this for the veterans. We were all very overwhelmed. When we arrived at the different memorials our guardians walked with us so we got to see what we wanted to see. They even helped answer questions that we may have had. We got to see many memorials while we were there, but we got to see our own memorials from the war we served in: WWII, Korean, and the Vietnam War. We had lots of pictures taken of us that day. It was a very long day but we all enjoyed every minute of it.

It was great to spend time and visit with the veterans from the different wars and talk about things that we

have never talked about before, not even with our families, because for the first time we felt it was OK to talk about these things that we have had hidden for years.

Sunday was our journey home. We arrived in Portland to see water cannons on each side of the plane creating an arch over the plane as we pulled up to the gate. As we exited the plane through the tunnel it was very quiet, but as we exited the tunnel into the terminal we were met by military, police, bikers, Native Americans and all at salute and presenting colors accompanied by bag pipes; hundreds of people clapping and telling us "Welcome Home" and "Thanks for your service". From the gate to the front of the terminal, every gate we passed by, every restaurant we passed, every employee we passed including the TSA all stopped, made a path and cheered and welcomed us home. Then we passed security and we met hundreds more people along with our family members clapping and cheering for us and all telling us the two most important things we could have ever heard, as it has been a long time coming.

"WELCOME HOME" and "THANK YOU for Your Service."

I would like to encourage all my Brothers and Sisters in the Grange to please step forward and support the group "Honor Flight Network". If you know a vet please encourage them to apply for the opportunity to make this trip to see their memorials. If you are not a veteran please apply to make the trip as a guardian, or you can donate to your local organization.

Thank you to the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight for the most humble and heart warming experience from my military career.

"Semper Fi," Always Faithful, Joe

Below: Brother Joseph Morneau, Master at Coburg Community Grange #535 in Lane County at the Vietnam Memorial Wall.



Take Honor Flights Vet's Service Recognized

WALTERVILLE: Like many of his generation, Ron Tompkins answered the call to arms for the armed services in World War II. Age for him wasn't an issue, getting his mother to sign off on his enlistment papers when he was nine months shy of his 18th birthday.

Time, however, did have an effect. Coming into the Navy in 1945 he sailed out of San Francisco and arrived for duty in the Philippines. In the Marshall Islands his ship, the USS Petrof Bay, a 7,800 ton aircraft carrier, was part of a fleet being put together for the invasion of Japan. Those plans came to a halt soon after the sailors saw a strange bomber fly over their ship escorted by two fighters.

Ron says that at the time, they had no idea of the significance of what they'd seen, only remembering that the heavy bomber had what looked like a "big torpedo" slung underneath. Another clue that made sense later was chatter on the radio at the time telling people to expect some weird weather.

Some 350 miles away from where the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan there were no changes or hint of what had happened. Ron remembers typical days being hot and humid and that it "rained every day at about 2 o'clock."

But the flight crew's mission had brought about the end of the war resulting in an armistice. That had an impact on what the men who had recently come to the Pacific Theater would be doing. The main role was to, "Fill in for the guys who had been out there for four or five years." At one point, Ron had a chance to crew with a submarine tender which acted as a traveling supply ship bringing gas, torpedoes & other items out to the subs. However, the brass had other plans.

From a Seaman 1st Class, Ron went on to become the acting coxswain on a ship that was a floating dry dock. One of their most memorable mission went on for 72 hours straight, connected to another aspect of the onset of the Atomic Age - the evacuation of the Bikini Atoll.

"We took all the natives off Bikini before they dropped the test bomb," Ron recalls. Marine landing craft were used to remove all the people living there, along with all their food, goats and other possessions. For some reason the route chosen sent the landing craft over a coral reef, rather than into the harbor entrance. That tore holes in the bottom of the boats, which the men on the dry

dock had to repair, non-stop.

For the next three days they took steel nets, hauled three boats out of the water at a time and repaired them all. "They went out the harbor after that," Ron remembers.

Rather than serving the four years he'd signed up for, the Navy sent Ron and a lot of other veterans home after a year and a half. He soon found work in Oregon's mills, starting work making windows and sashes and winding up as a sawyer before his retirement. Since then he and his wife, Donna, used some of that free time to travel around the country in an RV for 11 years.

It was Donna, though, who happened upon an article in a Grange Bulletin that mentioned a group called "Honor Flight." Established in 2005, around the time the Veteran's Memorial was finally completed and dedicated in Washington, D.C., the group's aim was to sponsor trips for vets to see it. Part of the reasoning was the fact most of the senior heroes from WW II were in their 80s and lacked the physical and mental wherewithal to complete a trip on their own. The Honor Flight group provides the resources and time to send veterans on the three-to four-day trip to the nation's capitol. The trip covers both a vet and a guardian.

Donna felt this would be a perfect way to honor her own husband and filled out an application. Luckily it was approved, confirming the trip Ron took last month. Unfortunately, "They said I was too old to be his guardian," Donna said. However, their daughter was able to make the trip with her dad.

Ron was most impressed when his group visited Arlington National Cemetery and observed ceremonies when wreaths were placed on the graves.

"It was outstanding," Ron says of his trip. "There were thousands of people - mayors, sheriff's deputies, all dressed to the T's at every airport, like Portland and Denver. People were grabbing us by the hand and thanking us for our service. It finally got to me when some young kids reached up and thanked me."

The Honor Flight Network says it has transported over 100,000 veterans of WW II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War to Washington. The group has expanded to include more than 150 chapters serving veterans in 41 states and the District of Columbia.



Tomy Jones, Benton Pomona Junior Grange and Elias Utt, Fairmont Grange carried the OSG Banner during the parade.

Oregon State Grange Participates in the Albany Veteran's Day Parade

Nineteen Oregon Grangers from ages 5 to 86 represented the Oregon state Grange in the Albany Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th representing the Oregon State Grange. The OSG entry consisted of street walkers waving American flags and Louis Holst's white van decorated with bunting and flags with the American flag extended up through the sunroof.

All those participating had a good time and ideas were generated for future parade entries. It would be great if the OSG could participate again next year although there will be a date conflict with the National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington.

The Albany Veteran's Day Parade is the largest west of the Mississippi.



Parade participants l-r: Scottie Dickson, Anne Dickson, Steve Kroeker, Shirley Naylor, Davy Jones, Annette Naylor, Tomy Jones, Ethan Utt, Elias Utt, Jeanie Force, Jade Naylor, Louise Holst, Elizabeth Williams, Anna Williams, Sandi Ludi, and Kegan Williams. Missing from the picture: Phil Van Buren, Jeff Dehne and Suzy Ramm.



Ron Tompkins with the flag he was given that had flown over the Capitol of the United States. He is a member of Walterville Grange #416 in Lane County.

OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - July 31, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9am by Master, Susan Noah.

In attendance was Master Susan Noah, Overseer Celia Luttrell, Secretary Sarah Kingsborough, Exec Committee 1 Jeff Dehne, Exec Committee 2 Don Sether, Exec Committee 3 Roger Wilson.

Carol Everman, State Deputy, joined the meeting around 9:45am.

Prior Meeting Minutes

- ◆ We reviewed the minutes from our previous executive committee meeting and the 2016 State Grange Session. Don Sether moved to amend the previously adopted minutes of Sunday through Wednesday of the 2016 Oregon State Grange session. Roger seconded the motion. Discussion occurred regarding a few grammatical and procedural changes that were necessary. The motion carried.
- ◆ Jeff moved to adopt the minutes from Thursday of the 2016 State Grange session, as amended. Don seconded. The motion carried.
- ◆ Minutes from the previous Executive Committee Meeting on June 2, 2016 were read and adopted as corrected.

Financial Reports

- ◆ Accounting Review - Celia provided copies of the current financial statements to the committee. These were reviewed by the Executive Committee.
- ◆ Investment Review - Scott Barker from Barker Wealth Advisors was not able to attend today's meeting, but plans to attend our next meeting. Scott has been working within the Oregon State Grange's investment policy to manage our investments in recent years.
- ◆ State office reports - Jan Oleson submitted a written report including membership totals, delinquent reports/dues, and loans to Granges.
- ◆ A discussion occurred regarding the list of low membership Granges.
 - We encouraged the state office to email/mail the Pomona Masters and County Deputies to work with the Membership Committee for increasing membership.
 - Granges with delinquent dues and loans were discussed. Don made a motion to move funds from the Dormant Grange Fund to pay the delinquent dues from Myrtle #289. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- ◆ Western Regional meeting will be August 7-8 at the Holiday Inn in Wilsonville. 65 members have registered thus far. Additional members can still register and attend for the full weekend or just Saturday.
- ◆ State Session Recap
 - Schedule - There was positive feedback regarding the activities on Saturday and Sunday that made state session easier to participate in without the commitment to the full week. This change also makes securing a venue easier for the hosting district, and lodging easier for attendees. There were suggestions to have more consistency with open/close times, moving the memorial service, moving conferences around, having some guest speakers/conferences during meals rather than a separate time on the floor. For some attendees Sunday felt rushed, we may consider adjusting the schedule to make our official opening day run smoother. We would like to get more feedback from members and see how the 2017 session goes before making any other major changes.
 - Members - we were happy with the attendance at this year's session. There were quite a few new faces, including a significant increase in members taking the degrees. We also noticed how pleasant everyone was while discussing and debating issues. The mutual respect we have for each other's varying ideas and opinions is one of our assets in the Grange.

The committee adjourned for lunch from 12:30pm to 1:15pm.

- ◆ Eastside Grange - \$14,800.00 was received from the sale of Eastside Grange near Lakeview. Due to the asbestos and other problems with the building the hall was taken down and the property was sold to the local fire department.
- ◆ Elk City Grange - a sales agreement has been drafted with Jim Salisbury and an escrow is being set up.
- ◆ Other properties for sale - Boring-Damascus Grange member Buzi Nelson is the listing agent for a few properties. Buzi has been visiting the three properties she has listed and is starting to see some interest.
 - Crowfoot Grange is sad looking inside. At the agent's suggestion we dropped the price to \$99,000.
 - Fair Oaks is in decent shape. They have nice stations and sashes in the building.
 - Mud Springs is in decent shape and still has dishes and silverware.

- ◆ Chenoweth Grange - Sarah made a motion to research the previously drawn contract with Spee-Dee Haulers, and actively pursue the sale /title transfer of Chenoweth Grange. Jeff seconded. The Executive Committee voted in 2008 to transfer the title of the Grange building to Spee-Dee Haulers, the business owner was a Grange member who owns the land and was leasing the property to the Grange. Motion carried.
- ◆ Oregon State Grange tax return has been completed and submitted. The cost was a little over \$2000.

New Business

- ◆ By-law changes that were made at state session have been typed up and will soon be sent out to Granges.
- ◆ The storage unit was cleared out and items were moved upstairs to the new unit on July 10th. Garbage has been cleaned up, and items we are keeping were organized. The old stage went to Boring-Damascus Grange.
- ◆ Myrtle Point Sportsman Club is interested in the Myrtle Grange property. The Grange just recently became dormant again after being reorganized in 2012. State Deputy Carol Everman reported that the building is in fairly good shape. Don moved that we continue to give consideration into the future of this Grange. Roger seconded. Susan will respond to the letter from the Myrtle Point Sportsman Club to let them know our first option is always to reorganize a dormant Grange and if we decide to place the property on the market we will let them know. The motion carried.
- ◆ The 2018 State Grange session will be hosted by District 3. A few members from that district are starting to explore venues and coordinate with Granges.
- ◆ The office is purchasing two racks for the paper room to store the dormant Grange files on.
- ◆ Out of date equipment was taken by The Ink Spot - they are working on a proposal for offsetting some of our printing costs. The executive committee praised the staff for their work in cleaning up and organizing the office in recent months. It is looking great!
- ◆ Holley property - we received a request from the purchasers of the Holley property to sign off on a lot line adjustment. Our attorney, Nancy Murray, is looking into how this may affect our contract.
- ◆ The OSU Small Farms Conference is in February and our Agriculture Director Jay Sexton is interested in having the Grange as a sponsor. The cost would be \$625 and includes a hosted table to meet & greet attendees. Jeff moved that we authorize the silver sponsorship for the OSU Small Farms Conference from the leadership membership fund. Celia seconded. The discussion about the event included the value of promoting the Grange with the demographic of attendees. The motion carried.
- ◆ Banners - Don moved that we purchase 150th anniversary banners for all of the active Subordinate Granges in Oregon. Roger seconded. A few banner designs were reviewed at the previous meeting and further discussed today. Sarah and Susan will continue to work on the banner design with the tag line of "uniting communities since 1867". Motion carried. When a good sale comes up we'll purchase the banners and work on delivering most through the leadership team to save funds on mailing.
- ◆ Employee Handbook - our auditors are encouraging us to use an employee handbook to ensure consistency in policies with managing employees. An old handbook was located but is very out of date. Jeff made a motion that we work on updating our handbook to implement in 2017. Don seconded. Sarah will review the old handbook and bring back suggestions to the next meeting. Motion carried.

Decisions Made Via Email

- ◆ Agreement to allow Keizer to withdraw \$475 from trust funds for tree work.
- ◆ Agreement to loan Lowell an additional \$11,000 to replace a failed heat pump. Payments will continue at \$600 quarterly with the current 5% interest charge extending the term.
- ◆ Agreement to allow Woodburn to withdraw \$25,000 from trust funds for new siding.
- ◆ Agreement to allow Boring-Damascus to withdraw \$25,975.08 from trust funds to replace windows and remaining exterior doors.
- ◆ Agreement to allow Little Deschutes to withdraw \$15,000 from trust funds for shed project.
- ◆ Agreement to allow Kinton to withdraw \$5,000 from trust funds for operating expenses.
- ◆ Agreement to allow Fruitdale to withdraw \$7358 from trust funds for kitchen work and security system.



The Oregon State Grange Foundation held their last quarterly meeting for the year on Thursday, November 3. The Foundation is in a strong financial position thanks to our Treasurer, Jan Oleson and Financial Advisor, Wayne Cabler. At the meeting we adopted a new fund called the *Grangers Attending State Session (GASS) Fund*.

This fund was established as a result of a resolution passed by Lane Pomona Grange. The resolution was written to recognize past state officers and committee persons who have passed away. The recent death of Past Master Dale Morris was a driving force in the resolution. According to the resolution, the income or interest from the fund would pay for the registration (\$25) for a member at State Grange Convention.

Members would donate to the fund in memory of a member versus purchasing flowers or other gifts. When the annual interest from the fund reaches \$25, a drawing at the Annual Foundation Dinner and meeting at State Grange Convention will be conducted. The winner would receive the \$25.

The Foundation's hope is that members or Granges throughout the State will donate to the fund and it would grow over the years.

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: <http://orgrange.org/oregon-state-grange-foundation>.

Ex. Comm. Minutes cont.

Grange Reports

- ◆ Azalea Grange – Carol Everman gave an update on the status of Azalea Grange after her visit earlier in July. They are struggling with membership and upkeep.
- ◆ Fernwood Grange – Susan has been communicating with the Master and will be visiting their meeting in August. Active membership has continued to decline and they are considering closing.
- ◆ Goshen Grange – an update was provided regarding the Goshen property improvements.
- ◆ Keizer Grange – We were excited to see several representatives at the state session. They are doing well and actively working at keeping the hall viable. There has been discussion about re-districting to combine Polk and Marion Pomonas. Susan will set up a meeting with their members to further discuss.

Deputy & State Officer Reports

- ◆ Susan will be traveling for Grange this fall – October to the Maine State Grange as the National officer representative, and November to Washington D.C. for the National Grange Convention.
- ◆ Rickreall Grange – Carol provided an update regarding Rickreall's property.
- ◆ Pleasant Valley Grange – Carol gave an update on the membership focus for Pleasant Valley. They are working hard and are receptive to assistance from the State Grange leadership, which we are happy with.

Next Meetings

- Saturday October 29th
- Saturday January 21st

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

2017 Oregon State Grange Convention June 24-28 Florence Oregon Hotels, Bed & Breakfasts and RVs						
Hotels	Room Type/ Rate	Pool	Pets	Cont'l Breakfas	Wifi	Notes
Landmark Inn 541-997-9030 www.landmarkmotel.com	Queen through Jacuzzi Suite	No	No	Yes	Yes	Spa/Hot Tub 1551 4th Street, .4 miles to Event Center
Best Western Pier Point Inn 541-997-7191 www.bwpierpointinn.com	Queen through King	Indoor Heated	Some		Yes	85621 Hwy 101, 1 mile to Event Center
Le Chateau Motel 541-997-3481 www.lechateauinnflorence.com	2 Queen or King	Pool and Hot Tub	Yes	Yes	Yes	1084 Hwy 101 Located in heart of Florence, .4 miles to Event Center
Economy Inn 541-997-7115		Indoor Heated				3829 Hwy 101 Coffee in-room, 2.1 miles to Event Center
Three Rivers Casino Resort 541-997-7529 www.threeriverscasino.com	\$89 for Deluxe King or Double Queen, Contact Rebecca 541-902-6600 for Mult Room Deals	No	No	No	Yes	Several on-site restaurants, 10 Minutes 1 mile to Event Center, complimentary shuttle service to/from Event Center
Driftwood Shores Resort 541-997-8263 www.driftwoodshores.com	\$126 for single/double occupancy; \$187 for triple/quadruple occupancy	Indoor Heated	No	No	Yes	Ocean View 88416 1st Avenue on- site restaurant, local pet sitters, 5 miles to Event Center
Old Town Inn 541-997-7131 www.old-town-inn.com				Limited	Yes	170 Hwy 101 Complimentary coffee in Room .5 miles to Event Center, Bus every 60 minutes
River House Inn 541-997-3933 www.riverhouseflorence.com/			No			1202 Bay St., in Old Town, walk to Event Center, .6 miles to Event Center
Lighthouse Inn 541-997-3221 www.lighthouseinn-florence.com	\$81 Queen Standard, \$86 Queen Deluxe, \$91 Queen Twin		Selected Rooms	No	Yes	155 Hwy 101 By Port Area microwave & fridge in room. Bus every 60 minutes, Restaurant at end of building, .5 miles to Event Center
Edgewater Cottages 541-563-2240 www.edgewatercottages.com/	Ocean front cottages		Yes		Yes	3978 SW Hwy 101, Waldport, right on beach, kitchens, 32.2 miles to Event Center
Mercer Lake Resort LLC 541-997-3633 www.mlroregon.com/	Cabins					88875 Bay Berry Lane, Cabins, RV Park and fishing boat rentals, North of Florence, 6.3 miles to Event Center
Ocean Breeze Motel 541-276-6241 www.oceanbreezemotel.com/ Villa West Motel 541-997-3457 www.villawestmotelofflorence.com/	King Suites Available				yes	85165 Hwy 101, fridge and micro, South of River, 2 miles to Event Center
Silver Sands Motel 541-997-3459					yes	901 Hwy 101, Microwave, refrigerator, coffeemakers, .3 miles to Event Center
Park Motel 541-997-2634 www.parkmotelofflorence.com/	\$79 single/double; \$89 triple/quadruple. Cabins start at \$149, Two Bedroom Cabins		No	No	Yes	85034 Hwy 101, South of River, BBQ at each cabin, in room coffee maker, microwave & fridge. 2.3 miles to Events Center
Bed & Breakfasts						
Edwin K Bed & Breakfast 541-997-8360 www.edwink.com/	1155 Bay Street	Built in 1914, this restored home is nestled on the coastline. Rest, Relax, Refresh, Renew. Hosts: Marv and Laurie VandeStreek. .6 miles to Event Center				
Blue Heron Inn Bed and Breakfast 541-997-4091 800-997-7780 www.blueheroninnflorence.com	6563 Hwy 126	The Blue Heron is a 1940's country home with gorgeous river views of the Siuslaw River just five minutes from the center of historic Florence. Guests can delight in viewing the herons and other wildlife. 2.8 miles to Event Center				
RV's						
Port of Siuslaw 541-997-3426 http://portofsiuslaw.com/campground/	100 Harbor Street	The Port of Siuslaw operates a waterfront RV Campground, recreational/commercial marinas, and a boat ramp on the Siuslaw River in Historic Old Town. The Port of Siuslaw RV Campground and Marina is located on the River in Old Town Florence, 1st and Harbor Streets. We have 92 sites. Good Sam Club facility. Make Reservations 9 months in advance. \$10 non-refundable reservation fee. .3 miles to Event Center				
Pacific Pines RV 541-997-1434 www.pacificpinesrv.com	4044 Hwy 101	Florence's premier RV park with full hook-up facilities. Large level concrete sites with easy access for big rigs. Strong wi-fi signal in all areas of park. Free cable TV. Large recreation room with TV and pool table. Indoor laundry facility. 2.2 miles to Event Center				
Mercer Lake Resort LLC 541-997-3633 www.mlroregon.com/	88875 Bay Berry Lane	Cabins, RV Park and fishing boat rentals. 6.3 miles to Event Center				
Darlings Marina & RV Resort 541-997-2841 www.darlingsresortrv.com	4879 Darlings Loop	Stay and play on beautiful Siltcoos Lake! Located at the head of the Oregon Dunes and at the heart of unlimited adventure on the central Oregon Coast. Affordable lodging with a million dollar view! Private bathrooms, laundry facility. 6.2 miles to Event Center				
Three Rivers Casino http://threeriverscasino.com/page/502/rv-parking-and-camping	5647 Highway 126	Three nights free, dry camping. 1 mile to Event Center				
B & E Wayside RV Park 541-997-6451	3760 Hwy 101	Good Sam 27 RV Site park, full hook up, WiFi, 2 miles to Event Center				
South Jetty RV Resort 541-997-8296 www.thousandtrails.com	5010 S Jetty Rd	1.9 miles to Event Center				
Woahink Lake RV Resort 541-997-6454 www.woahinklakerv.com	83570 Hwy 101	76 site RV park with full hookup, wifi & TV. Large level pull throughs. On the Oregon Dunes. 5.1 miles to Event Center				
Lakeshore RV Park 541-997-2741 www.lakeshoreriv.com/	83763 Hwy 101 South	Lakeshore RV Park is located just four miles south of Florence Oregon (at mile marker 195) on Woahink Lake. Lakeshore RV Park features pull through sites, full hook-ups, a laundry facility, remodeled restrooms, a recreation hall, showers, and private boat docks for swimming and fishing. 4.7 miles to Event Center				
Jessie M. Honeyman State Park 541-997-3851 www.oregonstateparks.org	84505 Hwy 101 South	Honeyman is the 2nd largest overnight camp in the state. Within its boundaries are 2 freshwater lakes, sand dunes, boat rentals, swimming and fishing! 9 miles to Event Center				
Heceta Beach RV Park 541-997-7664 www.hecetabeachrv.com	04636 Heceta Beach Road	Private, tree-lined RV and tent sites.Short walk to beach. Mini mart, laundry, wi-fi, LP gas and meeting hall.Pets and big rigs welcomed. 5.2 miles to Event Center				

From Haunts to Parties - It was Halloween Fun at the Grange Hall

Ada



Ada Grange #570 in Lane County hosted its Annual Community Halloween Party on October 30th. Ninety-six people from young to old enjoyed the carnival games, costume parade and refreshments.



London



London Grange #937 was converted into a "House of Terror." The animatronics, projections and detailed themed rooms were a huge hit with the many visitors. London Granger Jennifer Bryant designed and directed the four day extravaganza. In addition to the haunting, "Good Witch" Gayle Kahane entertained the kids with puppets and crafts. Above: Ethan and Phoenix Noah set up the Zombie room.

Spencer Creek

Spencer Creek Grange #855 in Lane County hosted a Halloween Family Gathering for families around the theme of Halloween on Sunday October 30th. There were many games and crafts for the younger children, including face painting, spider races, spooky cookie decoration, pumpkin tic-tac-toe with ring-toss, super creepy texture boxes (yuck, what was that stuff anyway?). There was pumpkin carving and contest for the older children and the youngsters with the help of parents, and of course, complementary doughnuts, cider and popcorn was enjoyed by all. Prizes were awarded in-lieu of candy for participation.

In all 20 families with a variety of little ghouls, goblins in tow. Pippi Longstocking even made an appearance! It was a fun filled afternoon for everyone and the Spencer Creek membership will be working to do it again next year as an option for anyone that may be a little too young (scared?) to make it through their legendary Haunted House which is returning in 2017.



Halloween

Dixie Mountain



Great fun was had when Dixie Mountain Grange #860 in Washington County revived their Halloween Party on Saturday evening October 29th. The party featured ghoulish games, freaky fun and frightening food, as well as carved pumpkins and costume contests. It was tons of fun.



Morning Star

Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County held a haunted house in October running eight nights over four weekend. 1813 people came and visited the haunted house and only 88 of those didn't make it through. The income was \$6251.00 and 3289 pounds of donated food! Proceeds from the event benefitted the Jefferson Fire Department's Christmas Food Basket program, the Albany Gleaners and the Grange. On average 30 volunteers worked each night of the event. Thank you to all who made this possible! See you in 2017!



Central Point

Central Point Grange #698, Jackson County had a great time participating in Treats on the Streets in downtown Central Point. Members, many in costumes, had a table out in front of the hall and handed out treats to those Trick-or-Treating the streets on Halloween.



Fort Rock



A festive Halloween happened at the Fort Rock Grange #758 in Lake County with Trick-or-Treaters and party visitors attending the community fun filled event on October 31st. A costume contest, Trick-or-Treating, games, prizes and more greeted the party goers. Additionally, the Grange kitchen sold hot dogs, chili and other refreshments.



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Old Address: _____		New Address: _____	
City/State/Zip: _____		City/State/Zip: _____	
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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			