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News about the Grange

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Oregon State Grange Youth Family Campout

More than 30 campers had a fun time at Clear Lake Campground July 6-8 for the 7th annual campout sponsored by the Oregon State Grange Youth. The weather provided perfect sunshine, the lake enjoyed our kayaks and canoes, the campfire saw friendships grow, and our bellies enjoyed some delicious food. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. We look forward to next year and hope to see more new faces at camp!

Sarah Kingsborough



3yr old Rowan Collins spent much of the weekend doing everyone's hair and having her hair done. Also in that picture is Liz Bence and Nicole Gubrud.



Lacy Johnston relaxing at camp, Lacy was this year's Chaplain on the Youth Team and is a new member from Warner Grange in Clackamas County

Degree Work Exemplified at Bellview Grange.

The Grow club was asked to put on the 1st 4 degrees at Bellview Grange in Jackson County on April 15th and the 5th degree as well (also somewhere in Jackson county) at a later date. We said "we'd be delighted" and went about finding grangers who would be able to go. The Grow club couldn't find quite enough people to fill offices, so we asked the Youth department if they'd like to join us. They also said "they'd be delighted" and so 13 of us came down to Bellview and were joined by 4 grangers from Jackson County and we put on the 1st 4 degrees for just under 20 grangers from all over Jackson County. It was a great joy to see so many new grangers, we had a wonderful time, they fed us well, as always, and we hope that we will see many of these new grangers at functions, not only in their own county, but across the state as well.

Fraternally
Connie Suing

Thanks to all the Youth and GROW club members who took the time to travel to Ashland for the four degrees. We had a great day, wonderful traveling weather, and good fun, good friends, and of course good food. Many thanks also to Bellview Grange for hosting and to Joanna Wnorowski-Pecoraro for requesting the degrees.

Susan Noah



Harvest Marchers:
Alexa Suing
Dixie Wafler
Wayne Cabler
Linda Helm



Master: Carol Everman, Overseer: Mark Noah, Lecturer: Susie Kroeker, Steward: Alexa Suing & Steve Kroeker, Ast Steward: Steve Kroeker & Qiana Helm
LAS: Kiri Schnetzky (Sorry, Kiri don't know your new last name yet!)
Chaplain: Cat Thomas, Treasurer: Lorisa Schnetzky, Secretary: Carly Sether
Gatekeeper: Orrin Schnetzky, Ceres: Connie Suing, Pomona: Susan Noah
Flora: Stormie Williamson, EC: Dixie Wafler, EC: Linda Helm, EC: Wayne Cabler

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Enterprise Grange #489
celebrated it's 100th
anniversary on August 4th!

Bulletin Deadline
October issue
Sept. 20, 2012



Susan Noah
Master
Oregon State Grange

The Master's Column

Summer is finally here, and we are certainly enjoying it at the State Office! As the new State Master I am trying to settle into the job and having gorgeous weather for the drive up here everyday really helps. I will have to remember this time next winter, when we might just get a "little" rain.

Being the new Master, I would like to take this time to introduce myself and share a little of what I hope to accomplish, with the help of all of you of course.

I joined Mohawk-McKenzie Grange in Lane County in 1968, and have been a member there ever since. Mark joined in 1973, after we met and he found that I was so involved in the Grange youth activities, that I didn't have many open dates on my calendar. So he joined and got just as involved! Since then we have both been very involved in our local Grange, the Pomona and of course the State organization. We both have made many friends, and have wonderful memories of all our time spent in this great organization. Mark, of course, is the immediate Past Master of the Oregon State Grange, so I have some good help to learn the job. Rounding out the family is our 3 year old Gordon Setter, Bailey who rules the house. You'll probably see her around the State as she travels with us when possible.

Along with taking over the job of running the office I have been very busy with putting a team together to serve the Oregon State Grange. All of our Directors have been appointed and a list of these appointments has been sent to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange. Each Director has been filling their roster with District chairmen and again, most positions are filled and a list will be coming to each Grange in the near future. Your Committee Directors are working hard to put their own teams together to benefit all the Granges. I expect that any Community or Pomona Grange will be able to call on these District chairmen and the Directors, as well as myself for help and guidance. The saying goes that "two heads are better than one" and with your State Officers, Directors, District Chairmen and the rest of the leadership team we have over 100 people working on a State Level to help our Community and Pomona Granges grow and thrive.

Something new this year is a communications team I have appointed to help with both internal communications and external, including electronic media and printed publications. Eventually we hope to start getting more articles into local papers as well as communicate with each other more effectively. The members of this team, Sarah Kingsborough, Marilyn Reiher, Mark Noah and Steve Kroeker, have some exciting news that will be shared in this paper as well.

In the State Office Jan Oleson and Steve Kroeker remain on the job ready and willing to help with any question you may have. Jan is always ready to help with the Quarterly Report and Steve has become quite an expert at dealing with the 990 e-filing. I can't say enough about these two individuals, your State office runs very smoothly thanks in large part to their efforts. Our State Secretary, Phyllis Wilson, has continued on as a State Deputy, as has Derrell Witty, and both are busy in their respective areas of the State.

Turning in a different direction, this past weekend was Oregon's turn to host the Western Regional Conference. The conference was held in Redmond, at Eagle Crest and was attended by about 50 people from five of the Western States. Our Youth Director, Cat Thomas as well as Melissa High and Sarah Kingsborough put together a very complete and informational conference. These conferences started out years ago as more of just a youth conference, but now have grown into a leadership conference that offers something for everyone. Our Lobbyist, Jim Welsh had a short presentation on Friday night dealing with legislative activities. On Saturday, we had workshops presented by Cat Thomas, Mark Noah, Washington State Grange Membership Director Rusty Hunt and National Director of Youth Activities Charlene Esbenshade. Along with the workshops we also enjoyed the competition in the public speaking contests. Youth Director, Charlene Esbenshade hosted along with National Director of Junior Activities, Diane Szkutak. From the Junior entrants up to the oldest in the group, all had a good time and represented their respective States with enthusiasm. Our own Suzy Ramm was the overall Public Speaking winner. Congratulations to Suzy!

It was an enjoyable and fun conference, full of work and fellowship and I want to thank Cat, Melissa and Sarah for their hard work and dedication to this conference.

All in all my first month in office has been inspiring. We have a wonderful group of members and by working together, can and will make the Grange a place for everyone for years to come.

Faternally,
Susan Noah



Phyllis Wilson
Secretary
Oregon State Grange

The Secretary's Column

This year's State Session in Seaside was a glorious week for everyone attending. The weather was almost perfect – not too hot, not too cold and not too windy or rainy. District #3 Grangers were gracious hosts and provided so many "extras" to welcome everyone. Staff member Jan Oleson and I had a "secret room" where we could hide out to perform our duties when session was not underway. We had been told that it was where the convention center stored its wine....we searched every corner, but found not a drop!!

I want to extend my thanks again to Eva Frost and her sister Evelyn Hudson for the plant they gave to me. It is now in its second stage of blooming! Their thoughtfulness reminded me of a favorite bumper sticker: "Random Acts of Kindness".

The Secretaries Conference was attended by many and offered a bit of humor regarding following directions on the back page of the Grange quarterly reports. I had used a copy of a Greenacres Grange quarterly report in reviewing this task for secretaries. The back very clearly states "PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY". It was pointed out by Sister Louise Holst that the information included on this report was in cursive and not print. Guess that secretary cannot follow directions....and that secretary would be me!!!!

On a serious note.....it is often VERY difficult for the office to interpret the information on quarterly reports because of names and addresses not being written legibly. Please write with care!!

The Myrtle Grange, here in Myrtle Point where I live, and the Upper Applegate Grange in Jackson County have been reorganized this summer. Reorganization efforts can

not be accomplished overnight. It takes community networking and many hours to reorganize successfully. Myrtle has about 20 members now, including four (4) former members. Upper Applegate started with 33 members and has added more.

I will not be working in the office as I have in the past. Master Susan Noah has re-appointed me as a State Deputy, assigning me to the Granges along the coast and the southern part of the state and wherever else needed. If you need to call me, please call my home at 541-572-4117 or email me at pawilson1@myfrontiermail.com.

It is my pleasure to continue as your State Secretary and to address your questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

Faternally,
Phyllis A Wilson

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Community Service Report

Brothers and Sisters:

I am writing to introduce myself to you as the new Community Service Involvement Director of the Oregon State Grange.

For now, there will not be many changes made in the way the Oregon State Grange collects community service information, but I will work to make the process as painless for you as I can, and I would appreciate any input on the way the information is collected and on the community service books.

The information we collect is of great value not only to higher levels of the Grange but to your Grange. It shows that you have spent time fulfilling the objectives of our great Order, that you have given and received from your community, and from each other.

The Community Service books and forms tell a story of what you have done as a group, and also reflects the fun and inspiration you have had doing it. I am not asking for every Grange to put together a large notebook chronicling every detail of the year, but at least a written record and the semi-annual and annual reports to show what you have accomplished. And if you are able create a full notebook to share with other Granges at Pomona and State Session it would be greatly appreciated.

It is my hope to get to as many areas as I can during the course of my appointment, and I am available by phone, email and letter. If you have any questions or concerns or need help in any way please let me know.

Community Service forms can be found at:
http://www.orgrange.org/community_service.htm

Fraternally,
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Peggy Fine
Chaplain
Oregon State Grange

The Chaplain's Report

First, thank you all so much for allowing me the privilege to serve as your Chaplain. I am loving the job and I feel up to the challenge. So many of you have been great about sending me e-mails or calling me about members who are ill. Please keep up the good work. Also include those who just might need a card because they are feeling low, have a special birthday or anniversary coming up or just need a reminder that we, their fellow Grange brothers and sisters care. Additionally, if you wish to be on the Chaplain's e-mail list, just e-mail me and I will send you updates and concerns. Remember my e-mail address is: johnandpeggyfine@charter.net and my phone is 541-673-0369.

My life is very busy, how about you? I am much busier now than before I retired. Just today, I had to go to a doctor's appointment, fix two dishes for the fair superintendent's meeting, clean house, fix John's lunch, write this article, send several e-mails, work on the upcoming 2012 National Grange Session, meet an old friend for lunch, etc., etc., etc. I know many of you are as busy as I am and with this comes worry and stress. Add to that the economy and the every present anxiety we fill about the future. When I am feeling particularly stressed I read Matthew chapter 6, verses 25 thru 34. It is from the Sermon on the Mount and deals with worry. I need to daily remind myself of what Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or

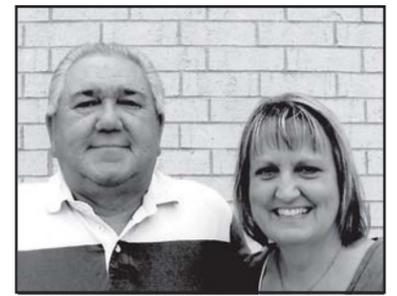
reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" How true that if we follow the Lord, He will look after our every need. He finishes this section by saying, "Seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own". As you all go about your busy lives, I urge you to start your day by reading this passage. Of course, we have to work and do our daily chores, but worry, there is no need.....by seeking first the Lord, everything else will be much easier to deal with.

Since I talked about the potluck, I thought you might like the recipes for the ranch beans I am taking tonight.....

1 small package pinto beans (about a pound)
1 small package small red beans (about a pound)
1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
1/2 large onions, chopped
1 green (bell) pepper, chopped
1 28 oz. can diced tomatoes
1 10 oz can ro-tel
1 tsp. cumin
3 garlic cloves, chopped
fine. salt
pepper
pinch of red pepper flakes - or to taste
1 T smoky paprika
1 t to 1 T Mexican seasoning (I prefer Pampered Chef Blend)
1/4 C chopped cilantro

Soak beans overnight, rinse. Cover beans with fresh water, add tomatoes, ro-tel, cumin and paprika. Simmer on medium heat. In the meantime, brown ground beef. Add onions and garlic and sauté until onions are translucent. Drain off any excess fat and add to beans to cook. Add chopped bell pepper. Add salt and pepper to taste (it will take quite a bit of salt). Depending on heat tolerance add red pepper flakes and Mexican seasoning mix. Cook until beans are tender and flavors are blended. Before serving top with chopped cilantro. I hope you enjoy. This is easily 12 servings but can be divided by half.

God's servant,
Peggy Fine, Chaplain



Membership Report

We are looking forward to serving as State grange Membership Directors for the ensuing term. Cookie and Malcolm set a high bar for us to follow. Many thanks and words of appreciation go out to them from all of us. We hope to continue with the same determination and dedication they had in growing Grange Membership.

It is our privilege to introduce you to our Membership team. They are:

District #1- Joanna Wnorowski-Pecoraro – Bellview Grange - Jackson Co.

District #2- Jeff Dehne – Walterville Grange - Lane Co.

District #3- Sam Keator – Winona Grange – Washington Co.

District #4- Gary Beckley – Boring-Damascus Grange – Clackamas Co.

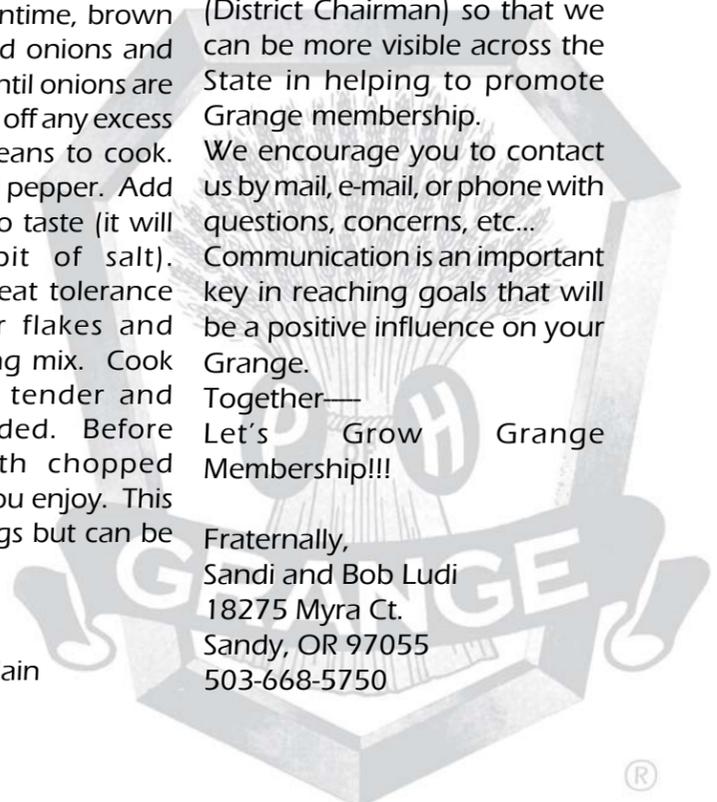
District #5- Louise Holst – Midland Grange – Klamath Co.

District #6- Derrell Witty – Hurricane Creek Grange – Wallowa Co.

Member at Large- Vicki High – Midland Grange – Klamath Co.

Our goal as Membership Director's is to provide training for our team (District Chairman) so that we can be more visible across the State in helping to promote Grange membership. We encourage you to contact us by mail, e-mail, or phone with questions, concerns, etc... Communication is an important key in reaching goals that will be a positive influence on your Grange. Together— Let's Grow Grange Membership!!!

Fraternally,
Sandi and Bob Ludi
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Agriculture Report

At our recent State Session I was asked exactly what does the Agriculture Committee do for the Oregon State Grange. I'm surprised how many Grangers still do not know!

This coming year we will be again doing the Bar-be-que at the State Capitol for legislature and the public. We serve about 500 steak dinners! What a venue to get the name of the Grange out there. FFA annual session which was held in Hermiston this year had 2000 FFA members plus their families in attendance. They enjoyed visiting the Grange booth with the Grange Duck Pond and information on the Grange.

AG FEST this year had 18000 in attendance with most not knowing anything about the Grange. With the help of the membership committee we had an opportunity to give out information about our great organization.

If you have a local agriculture issue in your area be sure to contact our Ag Director, John Fine or one of the committee persons from your area.

The Ag Committee just doesn't work on agriculture issues but was you can see it also has a large outreach to the public and non-Grangers. The possible contact of over 20,000 people just this year! So the next time you are asked to help be sure and say "I'D BE DELIGHTED"!

Fraternally,
Paula Herrick
Oregon State Grange Ag Committee



Dean High
Legislative Committee Director
Oregon State Grange

Legislative Report

I would like to introduce myself; I am Dean High the newly appointed Legislative Director for the Oregon State Grange.

We have many issues ahead of us in the coming Legislative session. We as grange members can be a voice in the legislature. You have the opportunity to get involved on local issues through your community/subordinate granges and in the Pomona Grange, the State Grange and even up to the National Grange in Washington D.C.

I would like to introduce the state committee that has agree to join me in making sure the grange has a voice in the community, state and national issues.

- District 1- Shayla Helm
- District 2- Mark Noah
- District 3- Kiri Ann Daufel
- District 4- Don Kingsborough
- District 5- Phil VanBuren
- District 6- Scott Jacobson
- At-Large- Jane Netboy
- State Lobbyist- Jim Welsh

If any of us can assist you and your granges to build our voice and membership, please let us know. It would be our pleasure to assist in booster nights and/or open houses to let the people of the community know that the grange cares and is willing to help.

Fraternally,
Dean High
Legislative Committee Director



Resolutions Approved at the 2012 State Session

Agriculture

AG #3: Oppose Pumped Water Charge

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange oppose any domestic well water metering requirement, and any per gallon or well registration fee associated with the domestic well water metering proposal by the Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Water Resources Commission, or any other entity.

AG #4: Maintaining Traditional Farm Duties for Children

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange and the National Grange vigorously oppose any national regulations and laws that would prohibit farm families from raising and educating their children in the traditional farm duties in a safe and judicious manner.

AG #5: Sheepherder Visa

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange and the National Grange oppose any effort to change the guest worker classification for sheepherders from H-2A.

AG #6: Agriculture Water Quality

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange participate in the TMDL water quality rule making process in Oregon and advocate for legislation and/or rules that will not only help protect the waters of the state but also provide the agriculture and natural resource producers the ability to continue in their businesses without excessive regulatory requirements that cost them unacceptable time and money.

By-Laws

BL #4: Presenting Nominations for State Grange Offices

Resolved:

That section 2.7.4. of the Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended in the last sentence to read, "however, any member may present a member as a candidate, or present the name of any member willing to serve as a candidate for a Grange office."

BL #5: Allow Alcohol in Grange Halls

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange make the necessary By-Laws changes in accordance with national Grange By-Laws to allow the serving of alcoholic beverages at non-Grange sponsored rentals. A subordinate Grange may or may not elect to allow the serving of alcoholic beverages at non-Grange sponsored rentals. And be it further

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange and the Oregon State Grange Legal Counsel prepare an addendum to be attached to the rental agreement, when a renter wishes to serve alcohol, that requires the renter to abide by all applicable laws and regulations. And be it further

Resolved:

That this addendum be completed and distributed to all Subordinate and Pomona Granges by September 1, 2012. And be it further

Resolved:

That this addendum be revised and redistributed to all Subordinate and Pomona Granges annually, if necessary, as applicable laws and regulations are changed.

BL #7: Oregon State Grange Officer Nominations

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange update its By-Laws to allow any member with one nomination from a Subordinate/Community Grange to be provided the opportunity to formally accept that nomination and enter the Primary Preferential Election. And be it further

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange By-Laws Section 8, Officer Nominations 1.8.1 (a) be revised to strike the words "not less than three" and insert the words "a minimum of one." And be it further

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange By-Laws Section 8, Officer Nominations 1.8.1 (a) be revised to strike the words "three or more" and insert the words "a minimum of one."

BL #9: Dormant Grange Fund

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange By-Laws Section 4.17.6 be revised to include the following language at the end of the final sentence: "or as a source of funds for providing training to Grange leaders including officers and deputies."

Your Name:

Grange Name/Number:

Old Address:

Moving? Let Us Know.

New address:



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Education

ED #2: Career and Technical Education Teaching Licenses

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange lobby state legislators, the Oregon State Board of Education, and the Oregon Attorney General to revise the current OAR Section 584, Division 42 to expand opportunities and use of the Career and Technical Education Teaching Licenses in Oregon schools. And be it further

Resolved:

Remove the requirement of a sponsoring school district and district transfer requirements to secure a CTE 1 license. And be it further

Resolved:

Encourage additional endorsement options with CTE 1 licensure to allow more subjects to be available.

ED #3: National Student Government Day

Resolved:

That the National Grange, with the assistance of Subordinate, Pomona, and State Granges, shall develop a voluntary program focusing on schools and governmental offices to create a National Student Government Day during which high school students will be allowed to temporarily assume the roles of majors, city council members, county commissioners, representatives, senators, and justices of the judicial system. And be it further

Resolved:

The goals of the National Student Government Day shall be to teach high school students about the operations of government, to bring high school students into direct contact with government officials, to familiarize high school students with city, county, and state governmental management and public administration in general.

ED #4: Mascots in Oregon High Schools

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange opposes any mandates or prohibition by the Oregon State Board of Education regarding mascots that represent Native Americans as required by OAR 581-021-0047. And be it further

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange supports the right for local schools and school districts to determine their mascot, school colors, name, and other personalization without interferences from the Oregon State Board of Education.

Environment & Ecology

EE #1: Oppose Expansion of the Wild Rogue River Wilderness Area

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange opposes the passage of House Resolution H.R. 3436 and Senate Bill S.2001, which expand the Wild Rogue River Wilderness, and would create an economic hardship on the people and governments, which are involved in these O & C lands.

Federal Affairs

FA #2: Return Federal Domain Lands to the States Where They Belong

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange support the return of ownership of Federal lands, with the exception of Military and National Park property, to each of the 13 western states. And be it further

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange request that the Oregon Legislature pass a joint resolution in support of the Utah and Idaho lawsuits seeking to use eminent domain against the Federal Government. And be it further

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange advocate that the State of Oregon seek the return of Federal lands to ownership of the State of Oregon.

FA #3: Oppose Passage of Enemy Expatriation Act

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange opposes the passage of Senate bill S.1698 and H.R. 3166 introduced on October 12, 2011. And be it further

Resolved:

That the Grange oppose any restriction on the right to Habeas Corpus.

FA #4: Oppose Passage of National Defense Authorization Act

Resolved:

The Oregon State Grange oppose current law established by S.1867 and H.R. 1540 and request judicial review. And be it further

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange request the Oregon Legislature to, as a body, request judicial review at the Federal level.

FA #5: Postal Reform

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange recognizes the United States Postal Service as a fundamental and critical service, and supports legislation, such as S.1789, the *21st Century Postal Service Act of 2012*, which allows the USPS to remain financially solvent while modernizing and enhancing service to all Americans, without slashing service or penalizing employees.

FA #6: Federal Debt

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange call upon our Senators and Representatives to put aside partisan politics and find ways to reduce Federal spending to equal revenue from taxation. And be it further

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange call upon our President to reduce the executive branch of our government and to show leadership in stopping the growth of the Federal debt.

Financial Affairs

FI #1: Market Vendor Insurance

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange contact the Oregon Insurance

Commissioner to work to restore liability insurance to cover all involved in flea markets, yard sales, bazaars, craft and growers' markets that are sponsored by Granges.

Good of the Order

GO #1: Reinstate the Honor Grange Program

Resolved:

That the Good of the Order Committee urges continuation of the Honor Grange program. And be it further

Resolved:

The Honor Grange program be better publicized in the *Grange Bulletin* and by the State Master, Pomona Granges, and Deputies to increase participation.

GO #5: Membership Cards

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange begin issuing membership cards that are similar in size to a credit card or business card. And be it further

Resolved:

That this happen as soon as the current stock of "odd sized" cards is exhausted.

Grange Programs & Activities

GPA #2: Camper Network

Resolved:

That Granges in Oregon may make available their parking lot to Grange RV travelers. And be it further

Resolved:

That the traveling member must secure permission from the Grange in advance. And be it further

Resolved:

That the Granges who wish to participate may make their participation known through a notation in the roster and in the Grange Bulletin.

Health & Welfare

HW #1: Newborn Drug Screening

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange will introduce legislation to require mandatory drug screening for newborn children in Oregon.

HW #2: Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth

Resolved:

That the Grange endorse the MISSING Angels Bill (MAB) legislation granting a parent the ability to apply to the state Department of Health for the certificate, known as a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth, for their child.

Legislative

LE #1: "No-Contact" Order Violations

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange supports legislation that when the responsible authorities issue a no-contact order to one party in a domestic dispute both parties are required to abide by the terms of the order. And be it further

Resolved:

That the same rules apply to "Restraining orders."

LE #2: Enforce the O&C Act on All O&C Lands

Resolved:

That the National Grange actively support necessary actions that result in the formation of legislation designed to enforce and implement the O&C Act on all O&C lands.

LE #3: Tenth Amendment

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange request the Oregon State Legislature and Governor of the State of Oregon to rely on the Tenth Amendment and hereby reassert its sovereignty and powers not granted to the Federal Government by the United States Constitution.

LE #4: Support Concealed Carry Rights

Resolved:

That the Clackamas County Pomona Grange and the Oregon State Grange support the rights of gun owners with concealed carry permits to keep their personal information private. And be it further

Resolved:

That the Clackamas County Pomona Grange and the Oregon State Grange oppose legislation that restricts concealed-carry permit certified gun owners from carrying on public property.

LE #5: Truth in Pricing

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange and the National Grange lobby the government to enact full disclosure in pricing of telecommunication services whether wireless or ground based as they pertain to the area in which you live.

LE #6: Concealed Carry on Public Property

Resolved:

That the Oregon State Grange opposes legislation that restricts concealed carry permit certified gun owners from carrying on public property.

Veterans

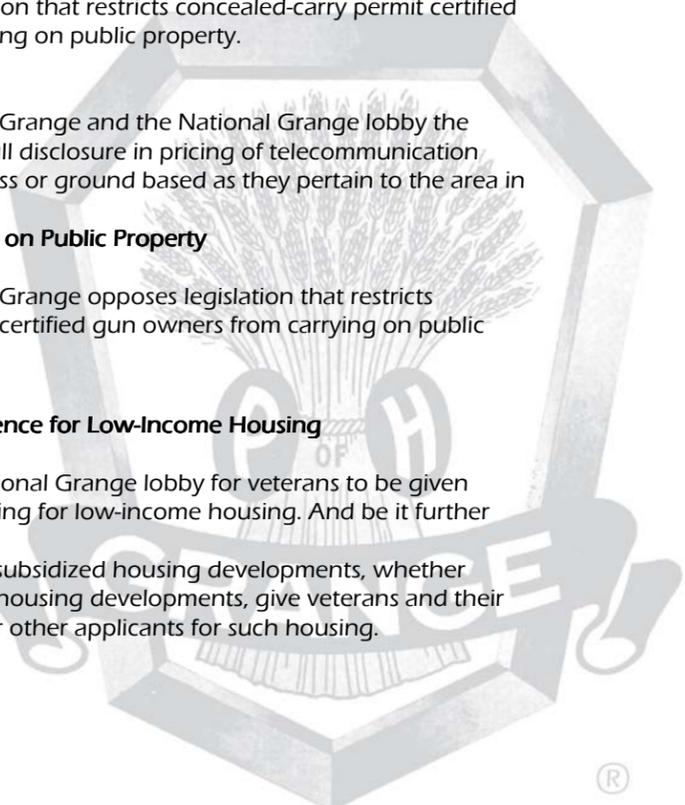
VE #2: Veterans Preference for Low-Income Housing

Resolved:

That the State and National Grange lobby for veterans to be given preference when applying for low-income housing. And be it further

Resolved:

That federal and state subsidized housing developments, whether government or private housing developments, give veterans and their families preference over other applicants for such housing.





The Lecturer's Report

Brothers and Sisters,

This is my first column as your new Lecturer. For any who know me, I tend to take my responsibilities very seriously and I promise I will perform my duties to the best of my abilities, while at the same time, mixing a little fun in! When I was Lecturer for Fruitdale Grange #379 many years ago, I came across a small book entitled "The Grange Master and Lecturer" by Jennie Buell, published in 1922. In it, I found a very meaningful and strong passage entitled the "Grange Lecturer's Creed." It said:

"I believe in the Bigness of the Grange, - in its splendid past and sturdy present; but most of all, I believe in its glorious possibilities for future usefulness. I believe in a program for every meeting. I believe that, as Lecturer, I should love to do my work. I believe that I am entitled to take a large responsibility in realizing my Grange ideals among my own neighbors, and if need be, by fanning breath into dormancy; wringing success from defeat; coaxing strength to grow from weakness; and changing Grange purposes from self-seeking to community building. I believe I am elected to work, - the pleasant, ceaseless work of helping others to do better work in field, home, and state than they have ever done before. I believe the program hour should dominate the Grange and that for good. I believe even the entertainment features of the program should lead to thought. I believe plenty of light, fresh air, music, and good cheer are indispensable parts of every truly successful lecture hour. I believe the lecture hour is the handmaid of the Grange, - not greater than its legislative, co-operative, social, or other department, but the servant of each of these. I believe in appealing to the eye as well as to the ear; to the love of action; to an interest in public affairs; and to a sincere desire to lead an efficient, all-around life in the country. I believe a Grange Lecturer must have hope; exert tact; plan far ahead; often show

more confidence in members than they feel in themselves; keep her program disappointments to herself; and smile. I believe, finally, I should today resolve to beat my own record."

Those are powerful words to aspire to as Lecturer, and they can be modernized to fit the Grange in this the 21st century. I have tried my best to adhere to them over the years, and it is my hope that every Lecturer will read the creed and find within them, a desire to fulfill it to the best they know how.

We have a new Lecturer's committee in place and we started working at the Seaside Session. Many Brothers and Sisters were coming to us and suggesting to us to add contest categories, etc., so we decided to start working right away. We met for the first time as a committee on June 14th, 2012. I want to thank our Worthy Master Susan Noah for her guidance and help when she was still our Worthy Lecturer. She has given me a great start and I know that I have some "mighty big shoes" to fill as Lecturer! The new members of the Lecturer's Committee are:

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We have gone through the 2012 Roster and created an e-mail list of Subordinate and Pomona Lecturer's. We found 120 Lecturer's without a published e-mail addresses and just 57 with e-mail addresses. WOW! It is my intent to stay in touch with you all and to be sending you pertinent ideas and other important items that will assist you in performing your duties as Lecturer. We are also investigating the possibility of reinstating the Lecturer's Retreat and are looking to add a few categories to the contests we have each year, for which we will be looking for sponsors. If your Grange, or any of your members, would like to sponsor any new or existing contest we have, please feel free to contact me. For a new contest, please let me know by October 1st please. A new Oregon State Grange Program Guide will be out in January 2013 and we will need to have all the new information in that Guide as soon as possible.
Thank You

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Oregon State Grange Lecturer's Department State Session Contests & winning Entries

Talent

Variety

- 1st Joanna Wnorowski-Pecoraro, Bellview Grange #759
- 2nd Shala Helm, Oiana Helm and Carley Sether, Phoenix Grange #779 & Clarkes Grange #261
- 3rd Jeff Dehne, Walterville Grange #416

Overall Winner - Joanna Wnorowski-Pecoraro

Photo

Family

- 1st Suzy Ramm, Colton Foothills #831
- 2nd Evelyn Hudson, Warren #536
- 3rd Eva Frost, Warren #536

Pets and Farm Animals

- 1st Judith McCormick, Santiam Valley #828
- 2nd Teresa Jackson, Warren #536
- 3rd Nicole Evans, Myrtle Creek #442

Close-Ups

- 1st Teresa Jackson, Warren #536
- 2nd Suzy Ramm, Colton Foothills #831
- 3rd Suzy Ramm, Colton Foothills #831

Wild Animals

- 1st Kylee Lacey, Warren #536
- 2nd Wayne Cabler, Central Point #698
- 3rd Kylee Lacey, Warren #536

Scenic

- 1st Eva Frost, Warren #536
- 2nd Wayne Cabler, Central Point #698
- 3rd Teresa Jackson, Warren #536

Art	#867 3rd Dorothy Key, Goshen #561
Charcoal, Pencil or Chalk	
1st Jeannie Pingel, Warren #536	Tell the Story - Why I joined the Grange
2nd LaVonna Appletree, Spencer Creek Grange #855	1st Becky Breier, Sunnydale #877
Pen and Ink	2nd Sarah Wilson, Columbia #867
1st Justine Kuiper, Warren #536	Skit Writing
2nd Jeannie Pingel, Warren #536	Humorous
Oil & Acrylics	1st Charles Province, Redland #796
1st Vernon Souders, Springwater #263	2nd Dorothy Key, Goshen #561
2nd Vernon Souders, Springwater #263	3rd Sarah Wilson, Columbia #867
3rd Jeannie Pingel, Warren #536	Program
Pastels	1st Linda Wetzell, Gosghen Grange #561
1st Bernie Wooden, Beaver Homes #518	2nd Theresa Thorud, Leedy Grange #339
2nd Judy Baker, Lacombe #907	3rd Tami Guttridge, Springwater Grange #263
Watercolors	
1st Jeannie Pingel, Warren #536	
Poster	
1st Linda Wetzell, Goshen Grange #561	
2nd Liz Dehne, Walterville Grange #416	
Flyer	
Computer	
1st Kendell Phillips, Illinois Valley Grange #370	
2nd Barbara Mackinnon, Springwater Grange #263	
3rd Theresa Thorud, Leedy Grange #339	
Handmade	
1st Hannele Gauthier, Silverton Grange #748	
Pamphlet	
1st Theresa Thorud, Leedy Grange #339	
2nd Robert Litts, Goshen Grange #561	
3rd Linda Litts, Goshen Grange #561	
Pen in Hand	
Poetry	
1st Kylee Lacey, Warren #536	
2nd Sarah Wilson, Columbia	



Carol Everman
Energy Director
Oregon State Grange

Energy Report

Brothers and Sisters; I have been asked to continue as Energy Director for the coming term. Below is the report I submitted to the State Session in Seaside, with minimal edits.

As usual, there are a lot of controversial topics that touch on energy, so much so that Governor Kitzhaber has labeled energy THE issue for our time. The Governor's ten-year energy plan (the Plan) was released in draft form June 5, after months of meetings among 'stakeholders' and the appointment of an energy advisor. A first leaked draft of the 10-year plan was much

longer and full of specific recommendations. The officially released draft is down to 41 pages and available online at:

http://oregon.gov/energy/AnalyticsReports/Ten_Year_Energy_Action_Plan.pdf

I have 'stakeholders' in quotes because consumer owned utilities had only one representative among those invited to formulate the Plan. That person, from Eugene Water & Electric Board, found little support for common-sense suggestions.

One of the foundations of the Plan is energy efficiency and conservation. While the Northwest Power Planning Council's Sixth Power Plan expects the region to supply 85% of load growth with conservation, the Governor expects us to think bigger, supplying 100% of load growth for the next 20 years through savings from current customers. As proof of the practicality of this, the Plan points to the decrease in total energy use in the last few years. Folks, that wasn't efficiency, that was a recession...and outside the Willamette valley, it's been more like a depression. There's an old story about the farmer who wanted to save money on hay, so he taught his horse to eat air. He had nearly succeeded when the horse went and died on him. In Legalese, they call such unexpected inconveniences a force majeure. In American, we just shrug and say, "Who knew??" National estimates of home power cost savings from conversion to LED lighting look good on paper, but are based on an 'average home' having 100 light bulbs and paying the national average of about 15 cents a kWh.

Another leg of the Plan is a move to cleaner sources of electricity. The Plan shows over half of Oregon's electricity mix was supplied by carbon fuels in 2010, with a goal of getting to 75% non-carbon fuel sources over the next decade. Of course, full requirements customers of Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), like PUD's, Co-Ops and Municipal electric systems already have over 90% non-carbon fuel mix. Unfortunately, those of us with already-scrubbed energy

supply should not expect to be able to avoid the new layers of scrutiny and control the plan calls for, through the Strong Project Officer model and interdisciplinary teams called for in the Plan.

The third leg of the Plan deals with transportation—a prominent part of this is conversion to electric vehicles. I would invite each of you to think about how many \$40 LED light bulbs you're going to need to install so that charging your Leaf doesn't increase your kWh usage.

COAL & LNG

The proposed export facilities for coal from Montana and Wyoming are commerce issues and not the purview of this committee. LNG terminals, originally proposed for import, are now being re-imagined as export facilities for gas from the Bakken fields. The price of natural gas has fallen sharply over the recent past and growth of an export market will undoubtedly lead to an increase in the domestic price. I would caution you, however, to think about just how low a price is sustainable. Natural gas used to be just an inconvenient byproduct of oil production, burned off at the wellhead. Without access to a wider market, gas wells will be capped until the price rises to a profitable level.

BIOFUELS

This is a bit of a political catchall term, encompassing cellulosic ethanol, used vegetable oil, wood waste, manure, algae and other unattractive feedstocks. Any of these can become the next big thing when the cost of other methods of disposal becomes punitive enough. I have difficulty with the concept that if I throw a stick of alder grown on my property in the furnace to heat my home, that's pollution. But if I load it onto a truck and transport it to an approved plant to be burned and turned into electricity to heat my home, that's green.

Fraternally,

Carol Everman, Energy Director

GWA Report

As the new GWA Director, I guess I should do a quick introduction. I'll try not to bore you. I am Mary Parrott. I am living in Parkdale which is in the upper Hood River Valley. I have been a Grange member for 24 ½ year and still have a lot to learn. I retired from teaching. In my 33 years I taught first, second and third grade. I take after my Grandma Mary Parrott as I love gardening. I take after my Grandma Irene Godfrey as I love arts and crafts and travel. My parents knew what they were doing when they named me Mary Irene. I am the oldest of 5 children so I can be the Mother Hen and bossy as well.

I would like to announce the new District Chairpersons:
District 1- Alice Putman
District 2- Jan Hallman
District 3 - Julie Schnitzky
District 4- Diane Parrott
District 5 Joan Profit
District 6- Val Richmond

At the State Grange session in Seaside I spent some time admiring the wonderful entries in the GWA contests. What talented members we have. I so appreciate them sharing their beautiful work with the rest of us. I just wished there was enough baked goods for everyone to sample. Oh well, they did look delicious. I am so pleased to submit the winners of each contest. A job well done!

GWA Contest Winners from State Session will be published in the next issue!

Mary Parrott
OSG GWA Director

New e-Bulletin for The Oregon State Grange

The Communications Team for The Oregon State Grange is excited to announce a new communication vehicle for members and officers of all Granges in Oregon. The new e-Bulletin is a monthly newsletter that will be sent via email to members who opt-in with a valid email address. This is in addition to and will complement the paper bulletin that is distributed via mail 6 times each year. The e-Bulletin will focus on educational articles on Grange to support officers and committee chairs, promote upcoming events, and share photos of Grangers working in their communities. The e-Bulletin will launch on September 1st and will be emailed to anyone who has opted in. The deadline for articles or information to be included in the e-Bulletin will be the 15th of the prior month. Please send your articles, photos, or events to: communications@orgrange.org. Articles and information submitted for the paper Grange Bulletin or e-Bulletin may be shared among the Communications Team and Bulletin Editor, and will be posted in the best place. To opt-in to the New e-Bulletin, please send an email to: communications@orgrange.org with the words "opt-in" in the subject line.

Bailey Barks

Hi I'm Bailey, a three year old Gordon Setter who owns Mark and Susan Noah. They of course see it differently, but we dogs know the real truth. To all my canine friends, I'm looking forward to meeting you and to meeting your people as well. Look for me when Susan comes to visit, I'll be the good looking one with the long black hair!

Remember to meet each day with hope and expectation, forget any hurt or slight from the day before. By doing so, you set a good example for your humans!

See you all around the Grange Hall

Woof,
Bailey



Bailey, Editorial Columnist at large.

Youth Report

The campout at Clear Lake is but a memory for 2012. We had around 50 people drop in over the weekend for some fun and fellowship. We had great weather and lots of water time.

Western Regional's is also a memory as I type this report. We are pleased that Suzy Ramm, Colton Foothills Grange in Clackamas, represented us so ably and won the 'best of show' for prepared speeches and will represent Oregon and our Western Region at the Night of Excellence during National Session in Boise ID. Thank you to Lorisa Schnetzky for leading the icebreaker on Friday evening. A huge statement of appreciation to Sarah Kingsborough and Melissa High. It takes a lot of hard work and endeavors to bring a successful Western Regional to the Grangers attending and you ladies made it look easy.

The next immediate adventure for the youth is hosting a day at the log cabin during the Oregon State Fair. We will be presenting a workshop on Geo-Caching that day. This year the youth decided the demonstration should highlight an interest they participate in.

Youth are always wishing out loud for opportunities to connect with each other. You can send me a note for youth activities in your granges at osg.youth@gmail.com and I'll blast it to our youth contact list. You can also invite youth by noting your activity on the youth facebook page, just search for Oregon State Grange Youth and leave us a note.

Until next time, encourage a youth,
Cat Thomas

Western Regional 2012

The Western Regional conference was the first weekend, August 3-5th, at the Eagle Crest Resort. The conference was kicked off Friday evening with a welcome statement by State Master, Susan Noah. At various times over the weekend about 55 people attended. It was a time to reconnect with friends in other states, make new friends, recharge our Grange batteries and acquire new ideas to take back to their granges for implementation.

Workshops included elevator speeches, how to become more involved in the legislative process, and connecting grange and your community. Sixteen people came together to create a drill demonstration while four others created a generational panel. Through the panel we explored the different perceptions of the generations by asking them questions. Their answers revealed there are some distinctive differences between generations but also some common threads that can be built upon. Honest communication and listening are the tools for all generations to work cohesively together.

Saturday evening was the speech competition. We are pleased that Suzy Ramm, Colton Foothills Grange in Clackamas County, had the Best of Show prepared speech and will represent the Western Region at National Session.

The collective opinion was the conference was beneficial. New ideas and new ways of responding to old problems were uncovered. Attendees left looking forward to the next regional conference in 2013.



Workshop at Western Regional Conference, a full room!

139th Annual State Session Photo Review.

Special thanks to Christy Dumolt, Connie Suing, Liz Dehne and the rest of the Grange "Photo Journalists" for taking such great pictures this year!

SEASIDE — OREGON —



Assistant Steward Steve Kroeker and Lady Assistant Steward Connie Suing (prom) escort State Representative Debbie Boone to the Master's station during Monday's opening ceremonies.



State Senator Betsy Johnson had very kind remarks about the Grange stating that we were on the "cutting edge" and how our Grange halls were part of the glue that held communities together. She mentioned the reflections of a rural life and growing up in a Grange family that had been published by our Winona Grange member Loyce Martinazzi in "The Oregonian". She received a standing ovation following her comments.



Mayor Don Larson welcomed us to Seaside and told how impressed he was by our beautifully decorated stage and the state officers' attire. The Seaside Convention Center, he said, is the "life" of Seaside and considered to be its main industry. He promised good weather – at least through our first session day.



Master Mark Noah opens the 139th annual State Session Monday morning in the Sixth Degree. He was already counting the days and hours until he vacated this position at 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 14.



Representative Debbie Boone welcomed us to Seaside and to Clatsop County and reminded us that we were about as far west as we could get. She contradicted Mayor Larson, however, and felt we would have sunny days the entire time we were in Seaside.



Committee members are hard at work reviewing their assigned resolutions. There were 40 resolutions presented prior to session, plus late resolutions and those written by committees.



The photo division of the Lecturer's contest had several entries in the "Close-Ups" category. Here are a few of the entries.

GRANGE



Membership Co-Directors Cookie and Malcolm Trupp presented many awards for membership achievement at their conference. They served in this role for six years exemplifying their duties with outstanding leadership and professionalism. They promoted "fellowship, leadership, community and service" during their tenure.



This huge white bear appeared everywhere at session, usually accompanied by its best friend Susan Noah. The bear was a prize from the Lecturer's Dept. with members purchasing tickets to help pay expenses for the talent contest winner to attend National Grange convention this November in Boise.



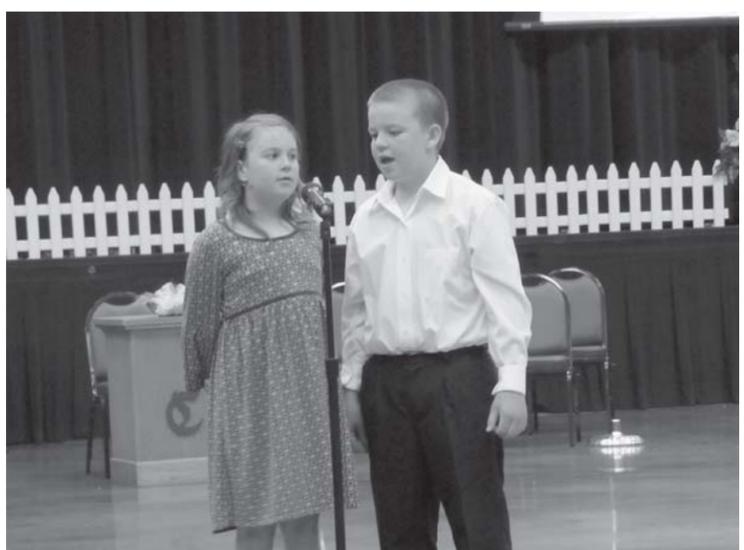
Many Granges were recognized for membership growth at the membership conference. These folks proudly receive certificates for their Granges. There were 56 Granges, out of a total of 179, that had a net increase in membership.



A beautiful hula dance by Bellview Grange Master Joanna Wnorowski-Pecoraro entertained members at the annual Talent Contest. Joanna will represent Oregon during the "Evening of Excellence" at National Grange convention in Boise this November.



A surprise presentation honored former State Master Phyllis Wilson during the membership conference. A plaque with all of her Grange pins and Master's gavel had been designed by her son unbeknownst to her. She had commented to her son that she could not find any of her pins and he reminded her that she was getting older and probably had just forgotten where she had put them!!!!



Junior Talent Show participants were Samantha and Dustin Shorts, grandchildren of Jesse and Deloris Stiltner, members of Eagle Valley Grange in Baker County. Samantha and Dustin were visiting from Kenmare, North Dakota.



"And the Beat Goes On".....the gals from the youth department danced up a storm and encouraged younger girls to join in the fun. We all enjoyed this entry in Tuesday evening's Talent Program.



D. Thomas McKern, president of Grange Insurance Association, was presented as a Distinguished Guest and complimented us on our Grange work stating that he has always been impressed with what we do and that we never cut corners. He told us that storms throughout the nation in recent years have caused "tough times" for the insurance industry but money earned from investments has helped overcome underwriting costs. Hail storms, such as those in Colorado and Wyoming, have caused dramatic increases in some premiums.



Steward Riley Reynolds helps present the American flag during the Junior Degree on Wednesday morning. This young man is the son of Tina Reynolds and the grandson of Roberta O'Dell and the late Robert O'Dell. Along with Uncle Jesse O'Dell, Santiam Valley Grange has always been well represented at State Session by this family.



Audrey Van Houten and her brother Austin Van Houten served as Lady Assistant Steward and Assistant Steward to lead the Juniors during the exemplification of the Junior Degree at its 73rd annual session. This year's theme was "Plant a Seed and Watch Us Grow".



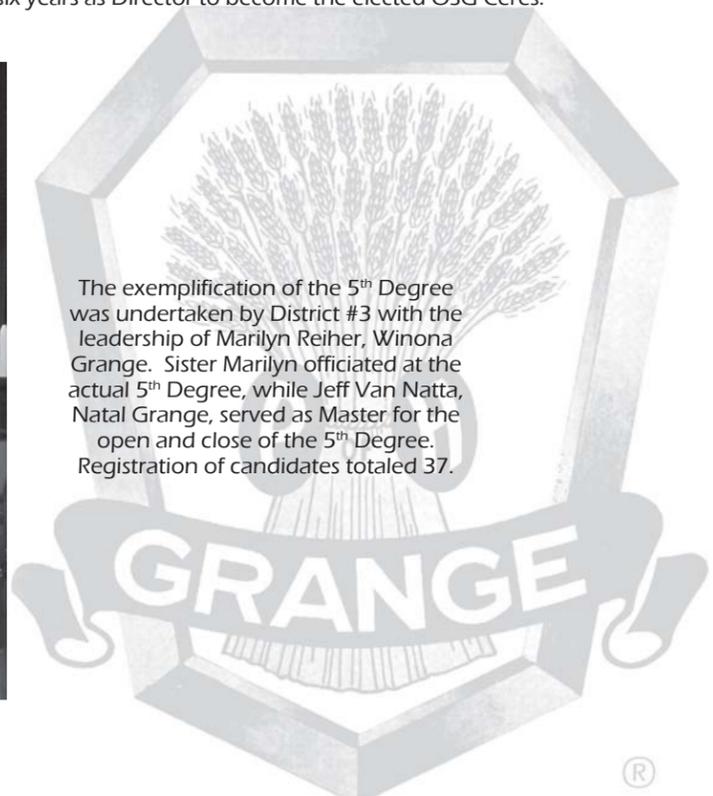
Junior Secretary Luke Henderson gets some help from a "much older Junior" Granger, Jim Westbrook of Myrtle Creek Grange. Luke, his brother Jake and their mother Tammy Henderson represented Elkhorn Grange.



Austin, Audrey and Aurianna Van Houten present the flag during the Junior Degree. They are the children of Kris and Ross Van Houten and grandchildren of Peggy and John Fine – all members of Riversdale Grange.



Piles and piles of donated items for GWA were on display during the GWA luncheon. Director Bev Doescher officiates at her Wednesday luncheon. Sister Bev retired after six years as Director to become the elected OSG Ceres.



The exemplification of the 5th Degree was undertaken by District #3 with the leadership of Marilyn Reiher, Winona Grange. Sister Marilyn officiated at the actual 5th Degree, while Jeff Van Natta, Natal Grange, served as Master for the open and close of the 5th Degree. Registration of candidates totaled 37.

Entries for the GWA food preparation contests are lined up for judging and display. Members entered their specialties in fruit butter, pickles, salsa, canned meats & fish, vegetables and fruit. These contests were sponsored by Goshen, Springwater and Illinois Valley Granges as well as Kendell & Tammie Phillips.



Junior Co-Directors Liz Dehne (left) and Peggy Fine (right) stand proud with their Junior members. The Juniors were busy all week with craft projects, practicing for the Junior Degree and Talent Program, movie and game times, watching the Rosebud Drill, field trips, swimming and picnics.



Jeff Van Natta, Natal Grange, displays a hand-painted saw for the oral auction. He along with auctioneer John Fine and spotters Don MacKinnon, Wayne Cabler, Phil Van Buren and Austin Van Houten helped raise \$2,575 from auction items for various Grange programs.



Rosebud Team members pose after the Rosebud Drill, which was one of the highlights of State Session. Eva Frost (top right), Warren Grange, served as coach. She was assisted by Jim Clute, Forest Grove Grange. Candidates receiving their Sixth Degree that evening totaled 58.



Phil Van Buren, OSG Steward, shows off an item for the oral auction and does his best to entice bidders to "spend all their money" for this item. He just would not accept a debit or credit card of any kind though!!



State officers, along with National Grange Master Ed Luttrell (top center), are shown following their exemplification of the Sixth Degree. Brother Ed served as the Master for this Degree. Attendants (not shown) were Alexa Suing and Qiana Helm – Ceres, Jan Oleson and Judy Huey – Pomona and Gloria McCuchen and Louise Holst – Flora.



Youth Master Breanna Hayes and OSG Master Mark Noah seem to be having a very serious conversation during State Session. Is Sister Breanna "amazed" at Brother Mark's comments? Or is she thinking "I really have to do all that as Youth Master?" She is a member of Abernethy Grange.



OSG Youth Officers opened the fifth and final day of the 139th session Friday morning led by Cole Wilson (left) and Mikela Heimuller (right). This followed many grueling hours of early-morning practice during the week. Their performance was outstanding and they received a standing ovation following their work. Youth Director Kitty Thomas gave them a "2 thumbs way, way up".



OSG Youth Secretary Kiri Schnetzky Daufel calls roll Friday morning. Sister Kiri is a member of Tigard Grange.



These sharp-looking young men include OSG youth officers (left to right) Assistant Steward Cole Wilson, Lecturer Alex Coe, Steward Brandon Parker, Overseer Jim Dumolt, Gatekeeper Quinton Coe and Treasurer Levi Fitzpatrick.



Elegant and happy were these young ladies (left to right) Youth Exec. Committee member Carly Sether, Youth Chaplain Lacy Johnston, Youth Pomona Shala Helm and newly-elected OSG Pomona Qiana Helm.



Susan Noah (left) receives her obligation as the new OSG Master during Friday afternoon's installation ceremony. She is accompanied by Youth Master Breanna Hayes. The installation team was led by Kitty Thomas, who was assisted by John Fine. Ruth Newman, Springwater Grange, served as the musician.



Breanna Hayes (at the podium) helps with awards at the Youth Luncheon on Friday. Assisting her is newly-elected OSG Treasurer Sarah Kingsborough.



Bob Ludi, Sunnyside Grange, issues an invitation to all to attend next year's State Session to be held in Gladstone. District #4 will be hosting this session, which will be held from June 16-21.

More pictures online at: <http://www.orgrange.org/>



Letter from GIA President

I am honored to have been asked to share some thoughts with my fellow Grange members and I want to thank those of you who have chosen Grange Insurance Association for the protection of your property. We are pleased to have you as policyholders and to provide the insurance coverage you need to protect your property and your family. But whether you are one of our policyholders or not, I hope you find these tips for Home Maintenance helpful.

A home is one of the most important and treasured investments a family can make, and like all investments it requires management. Some time and a little money spent each year will protect the equity of your home and also prevent costly repairs. Here are some thoughts and ideas for consideration:

Woodstove/ Fireplace maintenance. A surprising number of major fires start directly or indirectly due to woodstoves and fireplaces.

Tips to help avoid a fire:

- Have your chimney inspected for damage, including the spark arrestor.

- Have your flue cleaned annually to remove any built up creosote.

- Always dump ashes in a metal container and store in a safe place. Ensure that the metal container does not come into contact with any surface that is flammable and, remember that embers can remain "hot" for weeks after being removed from the firebox.

- Store firewood at least 18 inches off the ground and at least two feet from a structure. Or better yet, store firewood at least 15 feet away from the home.

Roofs. The Spring winds can play havoc with shingles plus load your roof up with leaves, limbs and other debris.

- Have your roof professionally cleaned and inspected annually. Licensed professionals have the experience and right equipment (including longer ladders) to do the job properly. If you choose to do this on your own and it is possible for you to safely clean your roof and inspect for damage, you should remove the debris on the roof and in the gutters.

- To avoid moss growth, consider using a moss inhibitor in areas of the roof that are shaded. There are some very good products available that need only be sprayed on, which means no scrubbing or brushing. Existing moss will be eliminated while new moss will be prevented from growing. Be sure and read the label and get one that will not harm flowers in any beds below the roof. Moss can shorten the life of your roof and cause a leak at the most inconvenient time.

Gutters and Downspouts.

- Sometimes simple things can result in the largest problems. Water damage to your roof eaves, soffits and even the inner wall behind your external siding can be the result of

rain gutters that don't fit correctly or are damaged. Blockage caused by debris can also cause these problems. So, now is a good time to cleanout and inspect your rain gutters.

- Did you know that most people misunderstand the purpose of rain gutters and downspouts? Some people think they are to keep water from dripping on your head when you enter your home. Others believe that their purpose is to keep the external siding free of muddy water splash marks. While this water management system does perform those functions, it actually does something far more important. The purpose of gutters and downspouts on your home is to move water as far away from the foundation as possible. Failure to do that can result in moisture getting into your foundation and/or stress on the foundation walls. If your rainspouts don't move water at least 5 feet from your home, they are not doing their job. If your current system drains water a few inches from the side of your home or if water backs up and pools around the downspout from slow drainage, you should talk to your local hardware man, a contractor specializing in gutters and downspouts, or go online to learn more about this very important system in your home.

Attending to problems with any of the above items now will protect your investment and pay you dividends in the future.

I hope you found these tips helpful and that you and your family members have a wonderful year. Finally, I want to again thank all our loyal policyholders for selecting Grange Insurance Association as your insurance provider.

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

Grange Exchange

Clackamas Pomona # 1

Clackamas Pomona has scheduled a special 5th degree for September 30th at 5:30 at Abernethy Grange for grangers who would like to take the degree before National Grange in November, enabling them to take both the 6th and 7th degree in Boise Idaho.

This is our regular county degree day which starts at 2 PM for the first 4 degrees and because the 5th degree required extra preparation in setting up the stage we will only hold the degree if we have candidates. Therefore please let Joyce Parker, Pomona Secretary know by September 10th if you have candidates. No response, no 5th degree!

You may reach Joyce at jparker@colton.com or by phone: 503-824-3390

Central Point Grange #698

A Motion Carried at the June 7th 2012 meeting of Central Point Grange #698 to change our by-laws to move our monthly business meeting from "The First Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m., to "The second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.". This change will be voted on at our next business meeting on Sept 7th 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Jackson Co. Pomona #27

A motion was carried by a vote of Eight (8) in favor & five (5) opposed at the Jackson Co. Pomona #27 meeting on March 10th 2012 to amend our by-laws changing our meeting time from 10:00 a.m. To 10:30 a.m. This change to be put to a vote of the membership at our regularly scheduled meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Sept 8th 2012, at Eagle Point Grange.

Wayne Cabler, Secretary

Jackson Co. Pomona #27

Ada Grange #570 Awards Scholarship

Linda Pugh, scholarship chairperson, recently presented the 2012 Harley Huff Sr. Memorial Scholarship to Dakota Boyd. Dakota is a student of Insight School of Oregon, plans to attend Oregon State University this fall and study Education and Foreign Languages. Dakota was chosen for his excellent service to the community. Due to the generous donations this past year the amount of the scholarship was \$500.

Ada Grange wishes to thank everyone for their donations and support to our scholarship fund this past year. Mark your calendars- Annual Scholarship Breakfast Fundraiser will be on Sept. 29th.

Springwater Grange #263



Springwater Grange member Barbara MacKinnon (in the foreground) is shown with students at an Estacada school who have just received their very own dictionary. Springwater members have supported the "Words for Thirds" program for many years, providing dictionaries for two schools. Other community service projects include a Halloween party, a chili feed in November for the Christmas tree workers and an "adopt a family" Christmas project. The February pie auction for scholarships allowed the Grange to present seven \$500 scholarships this year. Some pie bids exceed \$100. Good work Springwater!!!!



Dakota Boyd, recipient. Linda Pugh, scholarship chairperson

Macleay Grange #293

Macleay Grange member Leslie Herd (right) was recently honored for 65 years of continuous membership. Master Moses Mendzer (left) presented a recognition certificate to Brother Herd, who had joined Chehalem Center Grange (Yamhill County) in May, 1942.



Leedy Grange #339

Leedy is proud to announce their newest members "the Parent family" Michael, Cynthia and their two children Jon & Savannah.

This family is no stranger to dancing. Like many Grange members I know dancing is a big part of their life. In celebration of National Dance Day falling on Saturday July 28th, everyone is invited to Leedy Grange for some light hearted fun. If you have a partner or not the dance floor is calling and chances are a partner will find you.

For more information Google leedygrange.org.

Theresa Thorud

We believe that sponsoring an event such as this is fully in keeping with the Grange intention of supporting the rural community, local economies, animal husbandry, and fresh and wholesome localized food production. We have found that making an event like this fun and entertaining has led to its success. Getting community sponsors and advertisers in the tour booklet has contributed mightily to its fundraising capacity. Feedback from the tour participants has been thrilling.

Join us this year to share in this awesome celebration of rural/small town life. It's inspiring to meet your neighbors and be amazed by what they are doing.

La Pine is about 16 miles south of Bend on Hwy. 97. Stop in at the Chamber of Commerce office in the middle of town or the Habitat Re-store to purchase tickets. Check the website for further information: <http://www.lapinecoopandgarden.com/>

Scholls Grange #338

Scholls Grange Honors 50 Years of Membership and Community Support

On April 20th, Scholls Grange opened its doors in celebration of our members and community who have supported us and contributed to our success these past few years. In true grange style, the evening began with a potluck and more food than we could eat, followed by a short ceremony in which we honored 27 individuals and organizations with certificates and roses.

We also marked a special achievement as Oregon State Master Mark Noah presented Jeannine Schmeltzer with her 50 year grange membership pin. Congratulations Jeannine, and thanks from Scholls #338 for your continued service.



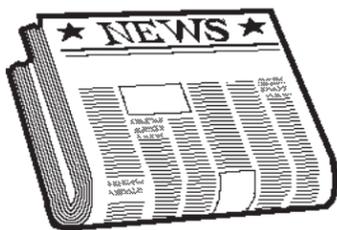
Little Deschutes Grange #939

Second Annual La Pine Coop and Garden Tour

-Pam Cosmo, Lecturer, Little Deschutes Grange #939

Grangers - circle your calendars for Saturday, August 18th. You are all invited to attend the Second Annual La Pine Coop and Garden Tour from 9am until 4pm.. Last year, it was a tremendous success – hundreds of participants that raised over \$3,000 in booklet and advertising sales! We split the profits between the Grange and Habitat for Humanity's Re-store. This year is anticipated to be even better!

The Grange is very grateful to the hosts of our tour. They are so generous in their preparations, giving helpful tips, information, and warm hospitality. Some even provide cold drinks or homemade breads and snacks for the crowds. This year we have several new hosts with new approaches to vegetable gardening, greenhouses, and raising chickens. One specializes in raising chickens from Malaysia – the smallest breed in the world. Check out our fun and informative website: <http://www.lapinecoopandgarden.com/> There are pictures of great gardens, produce, and chicken coops. We also are selling goofy Tour T-shirts with provocative slogans.



Deer Island Grange #947

The Deer Island Grange is excited to announce McKenzie Garlock as the winner of the 2012 Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. McKenzie is a senior at Clatskanie High School and will be attending Eastern Oregon University in the fall where she will be pursuing a bachelors' degree in biology with an emphasis on pre-veterinary medicine. Scholarship applications for 2013 will be available from Columbia County High School counselors by March 1st, 2013. Congratulations McKenziel!

Sincerely,

Jani D Remsburg
Deer Island Grange Scholarship
Chairman

Williams Grange #399

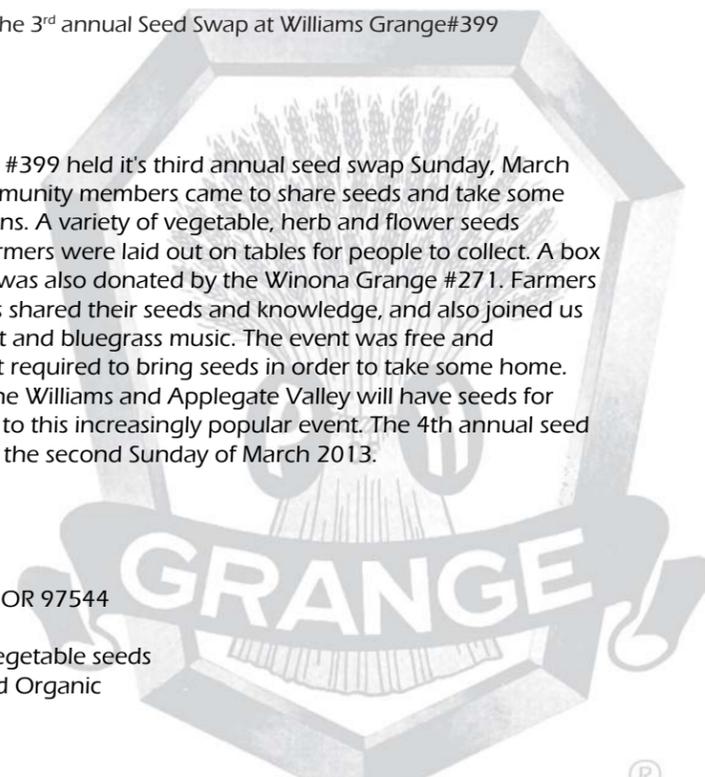


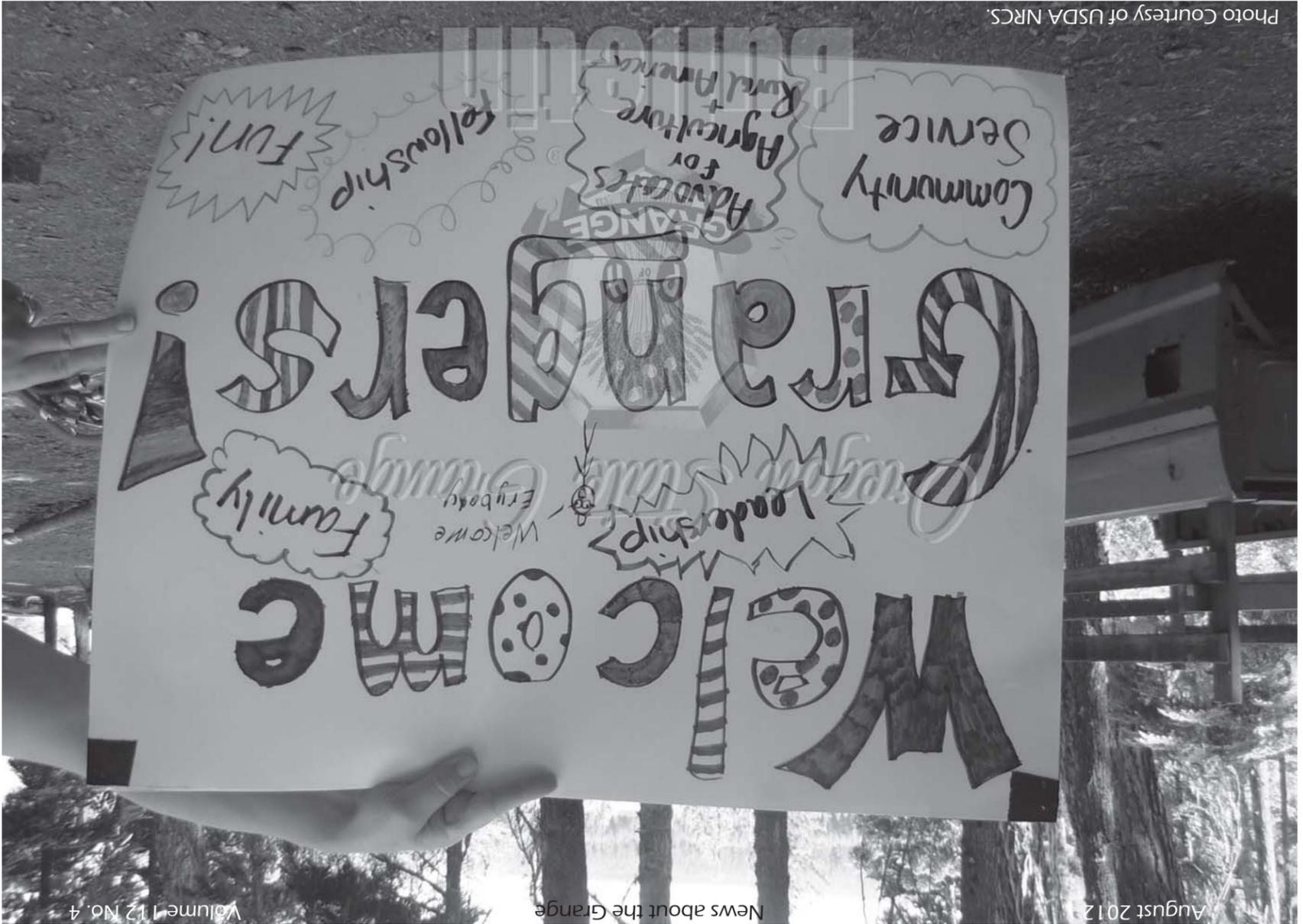
Visitors to the 3rd annual Seed Swap at Williams Grange#399

Seed Swap

The Williams Grange #399 held it's third annual seed swap Sunday, March 11th. Dozens of community members came to share seeds and take some home for their gardens. A variety of vegetable, herb and flower seeds produced by local farmers were laid out on tables for people to collect. A box of Lake Valley seeds was also donated by the Winona Grange #271. Farmers and family gardeners shared their seeds and knowledge, and also joined us for pancake breakfast and bluegrass music. The event was free and participants were not required to bring seeds in order to take some home. Many gardeners in the Williams and Applegate Valley will have seeds for their gardens thanks to this increasingly popular event. The 4th annual seed swap will be held on the second Sunday of March 2013.

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News from Washington County

Before summer slips away without a picnic or two under your belt mark your calendar for Saturday September 8, 2012. Pack up the family for a day in the sun at the First Annual Stub Stewart State Park "Heritage Day." Besides treasure hunts, picnic tables and lots of people the Grange will have a presence during the first "Heritage Day" event. Don't miss the excitement of a fun filled day tucked deep in the foothills of Washington County.

Follow the excitement on Facebook @ Friends of Stub Stewart State Park and Banks Vernonia Trail



The 2013 Oregon State Grange Hosting Committee invites you to enjoy part of the "LAND OF PLENTY" with an Agricultural and Wine Tour of the northern Clackamas County and the Beautiful Hood River Valley.

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WHEN:
Saturday October 6,
2012

WHERE:
Meet at Sunnyside Grange at 7:00 am
Corner of 132nd & SE Sunnyside Rd. Clackamas

WHAT:
The Tour Itinerary goes like this:
Springwater Grange for Breakfast
Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy, Hash browns, Pancakes
Kiyokawa Family Orchards
Parkdale Grange for Lunch
Lunch : Lasagna and salads and dessert
Tour of Wineries and Fruit Stands in Hood River Valley

COST:
\$ 30 per person which includes breakfast, lunch and transportation.
Does not include the fees for wine tasting or the cost of fruit purchases

Tickets must be purchased by September 30, 2012.
Make checks payable to *2013 Hosting Committee*
Please complete the form below and mail to:

Bob & Sandi Ludi
2013 Hosting Committee
18275 Myra Ct
Sandy, OR 97055

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