



April is Grange Month

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GRANGE MONTH – CELEBRATE, CONNECT, AND GROW!

WHEREAS, April is Grange Month! A time to celebrate our legacy, embrace new opportunities, and showcase the incredible impact of the Grange in communities across America; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 160 years, the Grange has been a beacon of service, leadership, and unity, bringing together individuals and families who share a passion for making a difference; and

WHEREAS, the Grange is growing, evolving, and thriving, fueled by the energy of its members who create solutions, build friendships, and strengthen rural communities through action and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Grange Month is the perfect time to open our doors, welcome new members, and inspire the next generation of leaders, ensuring the Grange remains a vibrant force for good for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, this is a time to ignite our passion for advocacy, service, and fun, from hosting community events and launching new projects to connecting with neighbors and celebrating the bonds that make the Grange so special; and

WHEREAS, together, we stand strong, dream big, and build brighter futures, carrying forward the Grange's mission with enthusiasm and determination; therefore be it

RESOLVED, I, Christine E. Hamp, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April as Grange Month and invite every member, friend, and supporter to celebrate, engage, and grow with us. **Grange Strong – Today, Tomorrow, and Always!**

Christine E. Hamp

Christine E. Hamp
President
National Grange

GRANGE STRONG



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Volunteers Needed!!!

Please sign up



2025 Ag Fest
April 26 & 27

See page 2 for signup details.

Let's Visit 2025 District Visitation Program

As promised, this year will see a revision on our Grange visitation program. Instead of visiting individual Granges, we are asking that you join us at a District level visitation. In addition to receiving information from State Officers and Directors, this will provide you a chance to visit with Grangers across your District, and hopefully you will forge new connections that will benefit all involved.

Each Director will present a short discussion of approximately twenty minutes on projects, contests, or the focus of their committee this year.

In addition, the President or Vice-President will provide a short message providing information on the new National Grange Project Sustenance, the proposed Leadership Conference to be held in 2025, the 2025 State Convention, reiterating the importance of 990 filings, the Let's Visit and Geo-Grange theme for this year and a recap of the resources the State Grange can provide to assist Community Granges. Promotional banners and items will be provided.

To date, hosting Granges have graciously agreed to provide lunch to attendees. If you attend, please consider giving them a donation, and also give them a hearty thank you!

Visitations will begin at 10AM (except August 9th) and we have designed the following schedule.

Pre-Convention Visits

March 29
District 2, Santa Clara Grange – President, Community Service, Education and Veterans
District 4, Skyline Grange –

Vice-President, Membership, Lecturer, Youth and Juniors

May 31

District 5, Missouri Flat Grange – President, Membership, Agriculture, GWA, Education and Legislative

June 7

District 1, Fruitdale Grange – Vice-President, Lecturer, Legislative and Membership

District 3, Beaver Valley Grange – President, Agriculture, Community Service, Deaf Awareness and Family Health, GWA and Veterans

Post-Convention Visits

August 2

District 1, Myrtle Creek – President, Agriculture, Community Service, Veterans and GWA

District 2, Willamette Grange – Vice President, GWA, Lecturer and Membership

August 9

District 5, Hurricane Creek 11am – Vice-President, Agriculture, Community Service, Deaf Awareness and Family Health, Lecturer, Education and Membership

September 6

District 3, Fernwood Grange – Vice-President, Membership, Lecturer and Legislative

District 4, Rockford Grange – President, Community Service, Deaf Awareness / Family Health, Education and GWA



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The President's Column

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Shortly after I became a Grange member, I began to hear the comment "They aren't 'Grangey' enough." I learned, over time, this expression indicated a Grange which may not open in ample form, or elects to meet around a table, or doesn't use the opening ceremony.

Ceremony is an important part of the Grange, but is that *really* the heart of what being a Grange is about? Our traditions and ceremonies are a vital link to our past, and help teach ideals and principles, yet I'd like to put forth a different idea. It is not our ceremonies that truly define us. It is the actions that carry forth the ideals and principles into the public that define what is 'Grangey.' Performing the ceremonies, without striving to live up to the ideals is, in fact, not being 'Grangey.'

As State President, would I rather see an isolated Grange, with no community interaction that does the seating drill and opens with the traditional ceremony, or a Grange that is active and welcoming with its community, yet meets around a table? Long term Grangers have a special place in their heart for our ceremonies, but I would rather see a Grange involved with its community. I believe those Granges face a brighter future.

By no means do I intend to disparage our ceremonies. I find insightful lessons and worthwhile observations of great value contained within them. However, they do not define a Grange until they are acted upon. They are but a step to a larger goal.

Obviously, my hypothetical question used two extremes, and reality is not that clear cut. We do have traditional Granges that are involved in their community, as well as modern style Granges that do not interact much with their community. It's not an either/or choice of ceremony vs. community engagement. I exaggerate to illustrate the importance of being a Grange by showing it to your community.

I would like to change the conversation of being 'Grangey enough' to look past the outer layer of tradition, and instead, to encompass the actions of a Grange. Tradition is important, your actions are vital. I encourage all our Granges to be active in your community and to be a benefit to it. That is the fulfillment of the promise of being a Grange.

I would also like to impress upon our Granges the importance of using the opening and closing cere-

monies. By IRS tax law, we are a fraternal 501c8 organization. One requirement of this classification is to have a formal opening and closing ceremony. As with filling out your annual community service report, these things help support the tax-exempt status of a Grange.

Another vital component of maintaining that tax-exempt status is the annual filing of your 990 form. At the recent National Leadership Conference in Santa Rosa in February, this was an informative topic for me, and I would like to pass on what I learned.

After three years of not filing a 990 form, the IRS will automatically revoke the tax-exempt status of an EIN, which is unique to each Grange. This means that Grange will be responsible for paying income tax on all earnings. Currently, there is no connection between the IRS and counties, but with the advancing speed of technology, this will almost certainly change. When it does, that means a revoked Grange will also be liable for property taxes on the hall and grounds. The IRS and other tax collectors do not forget, so these taxes will accumulate, along with potential fines for not filing.

Lest you think this is not going to happen, I will point out we currently have five Granges that have lost their tax-exempt status.

I learned it is also possible to recover that tax-exempt status. It requires submitting a completed IRS 1024 form, and the payment of a \$600 filing fee. Yes, that is expensive, but think about the income tax, property tax and possible fines as an alternative, and it sounds incredibly cheap.

I am reaching out to them and hope to work with them to reinstate their tax-exempt status. I thank those Granges who have responded to the State Office to start the reinstatement process. We will provide all the assistance we can, as it is to the benefit of the State Grange, as well as the impacted Community Granges.

The first time a status is lost, and a 1024 filed, the IRS tends to be more lenient, possibly forgiving past taxes and fines, but subsequent filings for reinstatement will not see such leniency. Hence the vital importance of filing this form annually.

While the 990 form itself is simple, the authentication process of establishing an ID.me account to access the IRS website can be intimidat-

Ag-Fest 2025 Come Have Fun

Ag-Fest is one of the premier agricultural education events in the State of Oregon, and the Oregon State Grange has not only been a long-time sponsor, but we've also helped kids and adults alike discover the joy of transplanting their own seedlings and the friendly nature of Grange members. This year we are also providing attendees with some online information about how to best care for their new plant.

The work is simple, yet so beneficial. In exchange for helping people plant starts and talking with them, you have a chance to ignite a passion for growing flowers and vegetables. If you can put soil in a peat pot or transplant a seedling, talk to people, or show them how to water a plant, you have the skills needed to help!

The Oregon State Grange is looking for people to help:

Friday April 25
 10am-1pm? Setup
 Saturday April 26
 8:30-11:30am
 11:30am-2:30pm
 2:30-5pm
 Sunday April 27
 10:30am-12:30pm
 12:30-3pm
 3-5:30pm
 5:30-6:30? Clean up

Ten to twelve volunteers are needed per shift, so sign up with some Grange friends, and then enjoy the rest of Ag Fest! Volunteers have free admission and parking and can wander Ag Fest before or after their shift. Over 100 booths celebrate all aspects of Agriculture and this very family friendly event attracts over 20,000 visitors.

Please contact Sonny, Steve, Suzy or Shelsea at the State Grange office, 503.316.0106, or email president@orgrange.org. if you would like to volunteer; hope you will be "delighted to help."



Consequently, the State Office has offered to file 990 forms for Community and Pomona Granges, as they are by IRS definition a 'subordinate' unit of our organization. If you wish to take advantage of this service, please contact Suzy Ramm at the State Office.

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, District Visitations are starting, and Ag-Fest will be held April 26-27 in Salem. I encourage and invite you to participate in these events, and also to participate in the Geo-Grange fun contest we are promoting. I hope to see you somewhere in the State in the coming months!

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Grange Month 2025

By Philip J. Vonada, National Communications Director
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April is recognized as Grange Month by the National Grange. It is a time when Granges across the country showcase their community impact, honor members, and welcome new friends through open houses and special events. On social media, Grangers show off their Grange pride during Spirit Week or highlight their projects and events.

But just because April has officially been designated for this purpose doesn't mean the spirit of Grange Month has to be confined to a single page of the calendar. In fact, any month—whether it marks an anniversary, a local festival, or simply a renewed energy within the Grange—can be a time for your Grange to shine.

For some Granges, another month may hold even greater significance: Maybe your Grange was chartered in July, or your town hosts its most significant event in September; maybe December is when you feel the strongest connection to your community through holiday service projects. Whatever the case, "Grange Month" is not just about a time of year, it's about an attitude and a commitment to engaging with your community year-round.

Keeping the Spirit Alive All Year Long

The enthusiasm that surrounds Grange Month can serve as a launching pad for activities that sustain excitement and engagement throughout the year. April's open house can become an annual tradition, where members invite guests to learn more about the Grange and get involved. If your Grange typically plans a recognition night for community leaders, why not use that as inspiration to spotlight dedicated individuals every few months?

Every month presents new opportunities for service, education, and advocacy. With its connection to National Heart Month, February might be the perfect time for a CPR training class. August, a peak time for agriculture, could highlight local farmers through a farm-to-table dinner or an agricultural awareness event. When you think about it, every season provides an



opportunity to showcase the values that the Grange upholds.

A Personalized Approach to Community Engagement

Each Grange and community is different, so celebrating Grange Month at the right time for your Grange is key. Have conversations about what might work best for your members and neighbors. If your town's annual fair is in August, consider making that the focus of a Grange-hosted community event, with a Grange exhibit and member drive. If school starts in September, that might be the perfect time to launch an essay contest or supply drive, working with the local PTA.

The important thing is that your Grange remains visible and active. It's easy to generate momentum in April when other Granges celebrate, but sustaining that energy requires thoughtful planning and consistent outreach.

A Call to Action

At its core, the Grange is about service. Whether it's through fundraising, legislative advocacy, or educational programs, we exist to strengthen rural and small-town communities alike. By extending the spirit of Grange Month beyond April, we reinforce our commitment to the community around us and ensure that our neighbors know they can rely on us in every season.

Grange Month is more than just a moment—it's a mindset. By making every month an opportunity for outreach, service, and celebration, we strengthen our Granges and deepen our ties to our communities.

So this year, take Grange Month beyond April. Make it personal, make it relevant, and most importantly, make it impactful. No matter when you celebrate, the Grange's message of community, family, and service remains the same, and that's something worth sharing every single month.

If you want to make it "extra" official and personalized for your Grange, work with your local or state legislators to get a proclamation for your Grange. Be sure to invite these officials to your events so they can see the tremendous impact your Granges have on the local economy and the people who make your community unique.

Remember: Every month should be Grange Month. Let's make it happen!

Participate in Grange Spirit Week April 13-19. See details on page 20

The Lecturer's Column

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Happy Spring to my brothers and sisters in the Grange! Longer days and warmer weather are finally here. Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth not only for nature, but also for our Granges. April is officially "Grange Month." This is a great time to celebrate agriculture and Grange history. It is also the perfect time to welcome our community into our halls to participate in all we have to offer by hosting an open house. We have so many opportunities for our members to learn, help in the community, advocate for legislation, and teach others. The Grange is a secret that we need to be sharing with our local communities.

As I write this article, the Oregon State Grange committee directors have just met to coordinate visits to each of the districts. This will be a new program in which members can hear about what is happening in the committees at the state level. You will learn about contests, scholarships, community service projects, how to increase membership, youth and Junior programs, and many other important programs at the state level. This will also be a chance to ask questions about different departments and will hopefully give local Granges some new ideas to work with. Keep an eye out for the district visitation schedule. We will be meeting in each district twice, once before the state convention, and once after. I am excited that I will be able to travel around the state and meet many of you.

Now is a great time to start thinking about the state convention in June. I hope many of you will be able to join us during the week. My committee and I are in the process of finalizing workshops, preparing for contests and the Open Mic Night, putting together the song book for the week and making sure we have all our ducks in a row. I hope you can participate in some way. The contest book is in the mail, by now you may have already received it. Look it over and see if there are items you can enter. Just a reminder that the art and photography contests are open to nonmembers as well. This is a great opportunity to encourage friends who are not yet members to be part of our group. If you are unable to attend the State Convention, ask a friend who is coming to enter them in the contest for you. I am excited to see all the talent we have in our membership participating this year.

Looking ahead, the Oregon State Fair will be in late August and early September. The Oregon State

Grange runs the Log Cabin during that time, and it is our job to talk to people who stop by about the Grange. This year, each State director is responsible for their own day at the fair. The Lecturer's committee will be hosting on Saturday, August 23rd. I will need nine Grange members to help me that day. You will receive free fair entry and will be reimbursed for parking. Shifts are each a few hours long and allow participants to enjoy the fair the rest of the day. If anyone is interested, please contact me at sjones1273@hotmail.com and I will add you to my Log Cabin crew.

Lastly, I am hoping to put together a Lecturer's Idea book to hand out to all Subordinate and Pomona Grange Lecturers, but I need your help. I am looking for fun games, program themes and readings, speaker topics, etc. I would love to include ideas that allow Juniors and Youth to be a part of the program. Let me know what you are doing at your local Lecturer's programs so we can all share them with others. We all can use a little inspiration occasionally and I would love to hear how you all are sharing your own wisdom, humor, and inspiration in your own Grange halls with our members. Send ideas to sjones1273@hotmail.com.

Spring is a great time for planting, and so...

The Vegetable Garden

First plant five rows of peas

Patience
Promptness
Preparation
Perseverance
Purity

Next plant three rows of squash

Squash Gossip
Squash Criticism
Squash Indifference

Then plant five rows of lettuce

Let-us **Be Faithful to Duty**
Let-us **Be Unselfish**
Let-us **Be Loyal**
Let-us **Be true to Obligation**
Let-us **Love One Another**

And no garden is complete without turnips

Turn-up **For Important Meetings**
Turn-up **With Good Ideas**
Turn-up **With a Smile**
Turn-up **With Determination**

To make everything count for something good and worthwhile.

Live in District 5? Want to serve on the State Lecturer Committee? Let Susie know. She needs you.

The Chaplain's Corner



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*The faithful love of the Lord never ends!
His mercies never cease.
His faithfulness is great.
His mercies begin afresh each morning.*

Lamentations 3: 22-23.

The first degree in our Grange teaches the lesson of faith. Speaks of Spring, youth, and seeds. The scene is a farm in the springtime, a new beginning, and a fresh start.

Each morning brings us a new chance to grow, to love, and to live in the light of God's grace. The dew on the grass, the first rays of sunlight, the song of the birds—each of these is a reminder of the blessings that come with a new day. Just as the earth renews itself, so too can we find renewal and strength in the love and mercy of our Creator.

As we go about our daily lives, let us carry this awareness with us. Let us remember that we are never alone, that we are constantly surrounded by the promise of new beginnings and the unwavering faithfulness of God. In every challenge we face, in

every moment of doubt, there is an opportunity to turn to Him and find the support we need.

Let us also be conduits of this divine mercy and grace to others. By showing kindness, forgiveness, and understanding, we can be the instruments through which God's love is extended. Each act of compassion, no matter how small, is a testament to the endless mercies we receive and a chance to share the blessings bestowed upon us.

May we always be grateful for these blessings and strive to be a source of positivity and hope in the lives of those around us. For in doing so, we honor the faithfulness of the Lord and reflect His boundless love.

Blessings!



2025 Western Regional Conference Hamilton, Montana ~ May 15-17

The Montana State Grange invites Grangers to the 2025 Western States Regional Leadership to be held May 15th -17th 2025 at the Corvallis Grange #17, 130 Dutch Hill Rd, Hamilton, MT 59840 & Rocky Mountain Grange Hall, 1436 S 1st St, Hamilton, MT 59840. The two Grange Halls are located 6.6 miles apart and we will be utilizing both halls.

The registration Fee will be \$75 per person for those registering before April 15th and \$85 for registration after April 15th.

Registration includes Lunch & Dinner on Friday and Dinner on Saturday. Online Registration will be available soon - they will not be able to accept credit cards, plan to pay by check or cash.

Schedule

Thursday May 15th
Corvallis Grange Hall
Registration opens at 5:30pm, at the Corvallis Grange hall. Later that evening will be get acquainted activities followed by an ice cream social.

Friday May 16th
Corvallis Grange Hall
Breakfast Friday morning is on your own with the welcome and opening remarks at 8:30 am at the Corvallis Grange hall.

Silent Auction Opens
8:00 AM Registration Open
8:30 AM Welcome & Opening remarks
9:00 AM Combating Volunteer Burn Out – Christina Webster, Shipmates Team
10:00 AM Locating & Applying for Grants – Jan Manning - Whitepine Grange
11:00 AM Screen Addiction – Melissa Porcaro – Whitepine Grange
12 noon Lunch – by Corvallis Grange
1:00 PM National President Chris Hamp
2:00 PM How about Making Marshmallows? - Mary Gehl, Corvallis Grange
3:00 PM Connecting with home-steaders – Vic Stevens, Shipmates Team

4:00 PM Fermentation – Erin
6:00 PM Dinner – Rocky Mountain Grange Hall – By Rocky Mountain Grange
7:30 PM A Grange Hall Square Dance - Rocky Mountain Grange

Saturday May 17th Corvallis Grange Hall

Breakfast on your own
8:00 AM Parliamentary procedures – Joe Stefenoni, California State President
9:00 AM The Scott & Vic Show TBD - Scott Lyle & Vic Stevens, Shipmates Team
10:00 AM Thinking about trying Bee Keeping? Scott & Marie Nicholson
10:45 AM Tour - Hamilton Farmers Market w/ Ravalli County Museum - Lunch on your own

Saturday Afternoon Rocky Mountain Grange Hall

1:00 PM We are the Dream Keepers – Amanda Brozana, NG Membership Director
2:00 PM Mental Health Awareness – Jaycee Jette, Avon Grange
3:00 PM National Programs – Tom Gwin, National Lecturer
4:00 PM Open Conversations with State Presidents

Saturday Evening Corvallis Grange Hall

6:00 PM Dinner @ Corvallis Grange – Silent & Live Auction Results
7:30 PM Reframing Grange History for Grange Strategies in Recruitment – Shipmates Team
8:30 PM Songs of the Grange – Brevy Waldon

Questions? Contact Scott Nicholson
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Updates and hotel information available on the Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference Facebook.

In Memoriam

Marie Bellingham
Natal #302

Howard Gabel
Lacomb #907

Robert Brashear
Azalea #786

Marion Grant
Natal #302

Mary Christman
Natal #302

Robert Johnson
Thomas Creek #581

Ronald 'Ron' Farmer
Ada #570

Allen Lisoski
Eagle Creek #297

Warren Scaggs
Olney #793



*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.*

2025 Lane County Fair July 23 - 27

The dates for the 2025 Lane County fair are July 23 – 27 and the registration deadline for Grange booth and Ag Focus displays is Friday June 13. The Grange Cookie Day and the Kid's Veggie Dress Up contest day is July 23. The entry day for open class land products and quilt block contest is Monday July 21.

Contact Coordinators: Ken Schwieger (ken.schwieger@gmail.com) or

Alice Nowicki (alice.nowicki@yahoo.com) Phone 541.942.6148 who will complete the registration forms and Best of Show sponsorships for your Grange and answer your questions.





McMinnville Grange Member Crowned Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador

The Oregon Dairy Women proudly announce the crowning of the 2025-2026 Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador, Cydney Stables. Representing Yamhill and Polk Counties, was named the 2025-2026 Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador, during a ceremony Tuesday night at the Oregon Dairy Farmers Convention.

Stables, 22, a member of McMinnville Grange #31 in Yamhill County, is the daughter of John and Carla Stables. A 2021 graduate of Amity High School, Stables is a fifth-generation dairy farmer with deep-rooted ties to the dairy industry. She grew up working on her family's dairy farm and her grandparents' dairy in Banks. She exhibited dairy cattle in both 4-H and FFA.

Stables is currently a senior at Graceland University in Iowa, where she is studying Agricultural Business, Business Administration, Communications, and Economics with a



minor in Plant and Animal Science. After graduating this spring, she hopes to pursue graduate degrees with career aspirations in extension services or higher education.

Cydney will spend the next year traveling throughout Oregon, attending fairs, town meetings, and public events as a representative of Oregon's dairy farmers. She will also visit schools across the state, educating students about life on a dairy farm and the nutritional benefits of dairy products.

Upon being crowned, she received scholarships to support her educational pursuits. Outgoing Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Mackenzie Mitchell received \$15,600 for her year of dedicated service, during which she personally educated over 10,000 students about the dairy industry at schools and community events.

Oregon Dairy Women (ODW) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization with the main objective to promote the dairy industry. The ODW mission is to promote greater use of all dairy products through outreach and educational programs.

Cydney Stables (left), 2025-2026 Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador. Photo Credit: Hannah Preston, Moments by Hannah Photography

Below: Cydney (center) was one of the Junior Executive Committee members at the 2008 OSG convention.



The Agricultural Report

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PROJECT SUSTENANCE and THE GENERATION'S PROJECT are born from the same need to be relevant in our communities.

If you have not gone to the National Grange site and clicked through to the Project Sustenance (P.S.) pages, you really should. You will be guided along to a menu of actions that are possible and also guidance in instigating these programs. There also is a great new P.S. logo in pdf form for your use.

So, bring this up at your next meeting. Begin your participation in the National Grange Project Sustenance. My South Fork Grange has held dozens of successful classes under the similar Generation's Project. Your communities will also respond positively to your programs. I also believe that your Granges will experience an uptick in member-

ship due to these projects.

The Agricultural Committee has \$700.00 in our current Director's Fund to spend, and I want to support these programs by sending this money back out to ten Subordinate/Community Granges in order to support Project Sustenance. Please bring these ideas to the State Convention. I will have application forms there to apply for a \$70.00 grant towards your program.

We are needed in this world, so step up and make a difference in your community.



South Fork Grange recently held a couple of Generations Project classes. Left: are students learning about pie making.

Below: attendees of the lamb slaughtering class with their butchered lamb. The Grange holds several classes a year and many are free and open to all county residents; all ages are encouraged to attend.



Community Service Involvement

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OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



Springs has sprung:

Greetings everyone. Are we getting excited yet! Well, I am. Looking forward to reading all your Community Service reports and what your Grange and members are doing in the community.

One of the many benefits of doing Community Service is it gets you out and gets you involved in your neighborhood. This allows you to discover what is needed and how you can fill that need by living the **Grange Mission**. You will make new friends as well as gain new members.

When you read this, I should have your CS reports and will be enjoying reading about all that you have done in 2024. When you have completed your report, it is a good time to plan activities for 2025. You may also want to review 2024 plans and see if they need updating for the new year.

Remember to nominate a Community Service Volunteer of the Year, your local Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter and Teacher for

Fifty-four Cats No Longer Able to Add to the Cat Population

Morning Star Grange # 311, Linn County, hosted a 'no cost' cat spay and neutering clinic on Tuesday March 18. The Grange teamed up with Northwest Spay and Neuter Oregon, a 501c3 non-profit organization organized in 2024, to make spaying and neutering affordable. Northwest Spay and Neuter contracted with Oregon Mobile Veterinary Services, Inc. to provide the neuter services at Morning Star Grange. The event was successful

this Year Awards. Also nominate a youth or young adult member ages 14-25 for the Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service Award. You can find the forms on the Oregon State Grange website in the Community Service Department.

Distinguished Pomona Grange: In the last two Bulletins we encouraged participation in this National program. The following is how you can submit your application.

Option 1 – Online
Please complete the application and attach all supporting documents using the online form, www.national-grange.org/distinguished.

Option 2 – Email
Please complete the application and send with all supporting documents via email to distinguishedgrange@grange.org.

If you have questions as to whether something your Pomona Grange has completed will qualify or meet a requirement, please contact distinguishedgrange@grange.org prior to the September 1 deadline.



with a total of 54 cats fixed, six females and 48 males.



Above: Several varieties of homemade soups were offered for the tasting and enjoying.

“The Soup is On”

On Sunday afternoon February 16, Molalla Grange #310, Clackamas County, invited the community to a soup supper. Several varieties of homemade soup were available from which to choose. Good fellowship, fun and a meal was shared by all.

The event was so successful that a second one was scheduled for March 30.

R: Clackamas County Pomona Master Joyce Parker talks with Molalla Mayor Scott Keyser as he enjoys some soup. He later dropped off his application for membership.

Pancakes Support 4H Club

Morning Star Grange # 311, Linn County hosted a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 1, to benefit the Valley Livestock 4-H Club in Jefferson. A meal of pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs and beverages went for \$10 a plate for adults with 5–12-year-olds paying \$7 and children 4 and under free. A profit of \$583 was made to support the club

Eleven members of the Valley Livestock 4-H Club bussed tables and helped with clean-up after breakfast. Additionally the breakfast attracted 4-5 children that were interested in joining the club and talked with club leaders. Jeff and Brooke Mulkey and Amy Goulter-Allen.



Senior Services Van at Goldson

Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, was pleased to have Lane Council of Governments Senior and Disability Services van parked out front of the building offering their services in February and again in March. The program was well received and people in need were given assistance with various applications, renewals and updates. Free health coverage was offered

by the state of Oregon, along with ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon) and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), putting healthy food within reach. Goldson Grange is grateful to be able to help those in need get the assistance they need. For more information go to www.lcog.org/sdslane or call 541-682-3353.

GRANGE CRAFT FAIR

Join us at the
EAGLE POINT GRANGE HALL
5 South Shasta Ave

May 10th
9am to 4pm





Stay Active. Have Fun. Get Covered.

Grouper + **NATIONAL GRANGE**

Did you know? Group activities - like service projects, club meetings, youth programs, and even having lunch with friends - are now being covered by many health plans, much like gym memberships are covered.

It's true. Enter the National Grange's partner, **Grouper**. Grouper works with health plans that offer their members activity benefits. These benefits, which begin with a \$50 annual payment, encourage you to stay active, engaged, and healthy through group activities.

Youth Art Contest for Suicide Prevention

Much of the early partnership-building efforts, while the DAFH committee was preparing for the Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange Mental Health Awareness Fair, were occupied with making sure that there were resources and mental health professionals at the fair to help provide support to children and youth who are undergoing mental hardship. The committee was very fortunate to meet Dr. Diane Kaufman, founder/director of the Hold On Campaign for Suicide Prevention. Diane is a poet, artist, and humanism-in-medicine award-ee. Diane originated the idea for the Oregon's "Create Resilience Youth Art Contest for Suicide Prevention."

The "Create Resilience Youth Art Contest for Suicide Prevention" is funded by a grant from the Oregon Council for Child and Adolescent

Psychiatry and is an outreach component of the Hold On Campaign for Suicide Prevention. The Hold On Campaign uses the power of art to educate, connect, express, and heal. The contest asks youth to creatively share their ideas on how to improve youth mental health. That creative expression could be a poem, story, essay, song, visual art, photography, dance, and more. Cash awards will be given for the top three winning entries plus two honorable mentions.

The contest is open to Oregon youth ages 13 - 21 years of age. Entries are accepted May 1st through August 1st and winners will be announced September 10th (World Suicide Prevention Day). For detailed information and to enter the contest please see: <https://www.holdoncampaign.org/youth-mental-health-campaign>.

Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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OSG Deaf Awareness and Family Health Director



Hello Grangers and welcome back. In our last issue we were discussing mental health and on Saturday, February 22nd, we had our Mental Health Awareness Fair for the Washington-Yamhill Pomona. It is our intention to use this work as a template and then be able to duplicate the event across the state, using local resources and professionals where they exist, and perhaps asking some professionals to travel to our more outlying Granges and Pomonas.

We had three speakers for the event, Andy Wallace from Washington County Older Adult Behavioral Unit, who spoke about the courage and commitment it takes to build a healthy self; Lacey Plasker from Yamhill County Older Adult Behavioral Unit, who spoke about the dangers of loneliness and how she believes loneliness is the first downhill step towards depression and other mental health issues; and Teana Edwards, from L8dytee Coaching LLC, who spoke about eCPR, and learning how to turn trauma into healing. We also had fifteen mental health exhibitors who provided representatives to answer questions, educational materials and other promotional giveaways.

As the DAFH committee planned the event we tried to think of everyone who might be impacted by a mental health issue. In the beginning our brainstorming conventions were primarily lists of all the mental health conditions we knew affected someone in our personal lives. We came up with 72 mental health conditions or issues that affected someone that one of the five of us knew. We had some very sobering meetings as we came to terms with how huge and impactful mental health issues are in our community.

Armed with our list of mental health issues, we then tried to find speakers, representatives, educational materials, whatever we could find that could help an individual make a choice about treatment or give them the name of someone to contact. All of this information is being compiled into binders that will be available at State Convention this year at the DAFH table. The DAFH committee is also available to help you put on a Mental Health Awareness Fair in your area/Pomona.

I feel this event was a success on multiple levels, but one of the more surprising outcomes was the enthusiasm of the exhibitors as they shared information, contacts and more with each other. At one point,

one of the exhibitors came up to me and expressed just that. He said they didn't often get a chance to meet and exchange ideas and that they were thoroughly enjoying themselves. It had not occurred to us, (DAFH) that we might be offering a mini-conference to our mental health care providers, so yet another benefit to this event.

Finally, I wanted to speak just a bit about loneliness as well. I believe Lacey is right. When it comes to mental health, loneliness is the root of all evil, and fortunately for us, it is a root we know how to dig out. The Grange was formed for two primary reasons: first, to increase the educational opportunities for rural families (primarily in the form of increased agricultural production) and second, to decrease the social isolation endured by rural families. Even as early as 1867, we knew that loneliness is a killer, and we took steps to combat it.

Towards that end, I am still investigating the Grouper offer to reimburse membership dues to the Grange members. Many members have taken advantage of this program, and some have even been reimbursed for their yearly dues already. When I first tried to enroll in the Grouper program I was denied because they said my plan did not have a "physical activity component." I had to give them my Medicare information so I assumed that was the "plan" they referred to. When renewal time came in November, I purposefully asked for a plan with a physical activity component so I could try again to find out about Grouper and be able to guide other members who needed help. Unfortunately, I am still the member who needs help. Even though I have a physical activity component, it may be my zip code that is the problem now. I suspect, only rural zip codes are qualifying, but I can't yet confirm this. While I am still working on this, the answer won't come in time for Suzy to go to press on this issue.

If you are interested in trying to sign up, please look for your email from the National Grange on December 12, 2024. You will be directed to this website and asked to enter basic information so they can verify your eligibility: <https://app.hellogrouper.com/p/grange>. I urge everyone who does qualify to take full advantage of the benefits. It isn't often that we have public health programs designed specifically for rural populations so we need to show engagement to keep them coming.

The Education Committee



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OSG Education Director

One of the best ways to effectively help students learn Civics is to go to the website <https://civicslearning.org/> It used to be called the Classroom Law Project. According to their website the following is a short part of their history.

Civics Learning Project began in 1973 as the Tri-County Law Related Education Project, dedicated to ensuring that young people in Oregon knew how to participate in the state's distinctive model of direct

democracy and be active community members. By 1976, the Oregon State Bar had created an Ad Hoc Committee on Law Related Education that partnered in this work. In 1983, Civics Learning Project was incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit, and founding Executive Director Marilyn Cover was hired.

The site includes events, Scholarships, student programs and professional development.

Lane Pomona Grange Scholarship

Lane Pomona Grange will be offering a \$1,000 scholarship for a deserving college or vocational student, second year or beyond, enrolled in six units or more, who is a member of, or the child or grandchild of a member of Lane Pomona Grange or of any Lane County Subordinate Grange.

The Grange's Scholarship Committee will give preference to active members of Lane Pomona Grange and/or of a Subordinate Grange in Lane County. Applicants must be enrolled in 6 or more units. Community involvement and/or personal commitment and responsibility will be considered by the committee. Decisions of the committee will be final, and the scholarship may or may not be awarded, depending on the quality and number of applicants.

Check with your local Grange or email Lane Pomona Grange lanepomona14@gmail.com to receive a copy of the application. It

is available *only to Grange members and their families*. Please encourage your qualified students to apply.

Awarding of the scholarship will be the responsibility of the Lane Pomona Grange Scholarship Committee, to be appointed by the Lane Pomona Grange Master on an annual basis. Applicants and/or recipients may reapply in subsequent years. The scholarship will be paid to the student's account at the educational institution they are attending, upon receipt of proof of enrollment for the next term after the scholarship award. Scholarship recipients are asked to be present for recognition at the October Pomona Grange meeting following their award or at the Annual Lane Pomona Grange Scholarship fundraising dinner. The Scholarship Committee will announce the recipient at the July 2025 Pomona meeting.

Scholarship Application Deadline Is May 15 Each Year

Clackamas County Pomona Grange Charlie Bowser Memorial Scholarship

The Clackamas County Pomona Grange will award one or more scholarships in memory of Charlie Bowser. This scholarship is available to Grange members, children, and grandchildren of Grange members of a Community Grange located in Clackamas County, Oregon. This scholarship can be awarded to a person more than once as long as they show proof of admission.

The primary Scholarship will be \$1000.00. Additional scholarships may be given in unspecified amounts. Money will be paid directly to the winner(s) upon showing proof of enrollment in a higher education school.

Check with your local Grange or email Clackamas Pomona Grange Scholarship Chairperson: Sandi Ludi 503-310-2620 sandiludi5@aol.com to receive a copy of the ap-

plication.

Applications must be submitted by mail to the Clackamas County Pomona Grange Scholarship Chairman no later than **July 1**. The Selection Committee of the Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 may request a personal interview with applicants.

The Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 at the regular meeting in July will approve the winner(s) and alternates. All applicants will be notified by August 15. The Pomona reserves the right to not award this scholarship in any given year. **Application - Deadline July 1**

Charlie Lee Bowser and his wife Minnie joined Abernethy Grange in 1979 where he served in several offices including Master/President. He also served as a member of the



Oregon State Grange Foundation Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Grange Foundation will be held on Sunday June 22, 2025 at 12 noon at the Corbett School District Multipurpose Room in Corbett, Oregon.

The annual meeting will include reports on the operation of the foundation for 2024, announcement of scholarship winners and the election of the Region 5 Trustee. All fourth-degree members in Good Standing of an Oregon Grange are invited to attend the meeting. You can attend the meeting even if you do not purchase a ticket for the luncheon.

Tickets for the luncheon need to be purchased in advance. See page 10 for the meal ticket order form.



OSG Foundation Offers Junior Grange Leadership Scholarship

The Board of Trustees of the Oregon State Grange Foundation is pleased to announce a new Junior Grange Leadership Scholarship.

The Leadership Scholarship is open to all junior age (5-14 years old) Grange members, including the children and grandchildren of current Oregon State Grange members. The Scholarship's purpose is to provide financial assistance to Juniors who attend Grange events including National Grange Convention, Oregon State Grange Convention, Western Regional Leadership Conference, Junior Grange Camp, and other Junior Grange activities.

Awards can be given multiple times during the year. Priority will be given to new applicants, but no limit will be placed on a member receiving the award more than once. An application form must be submitted at least 30 days prior to an attended event.

Within 30 days of the attended

Executive Committee of Clackamas County Pomona Grange.

Charlie was born on 24 December 1921 in Adrian, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania and passed away on 7 May 1991 in Portland, Clackamas County, Oregon. He is buried at Willamette National Cemetery.

He and Minnie were strong supporters of the Pomona Grange Youth and Young Adults program and the Pomona Grange and his family chose to honor his memory with this scholarship.

event, the applicant must write a 50-100 word report on the event and what they learned at the event. Parents are encouraged to help with the writing and mailing of this report. The report must be provided to the Oregon State Grange Foundation who will provide the report to the editor of the OSG Bulletin for inclusion in the Bulletin. Submission of the report shall serve as permission granted for publication in the OSG Bulletin.

Applications and event reports will be reviewed at quarterly meetings of the OSGF Board of Trustees. Successful applicants will be notified of their award and the funds will be paid after the review.

Application forms are available on OSG website or by emailing foundation@orgrange.org.



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www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/

Add/update the Community Organization on your account information page to Oregon State Grange Foundation - FM650

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Meet the District #4 Granges that are our hosts for the 2025 Oregon State Convention.



Abernethy #346
Clackamas County
Organized 1904

Location: 15745 S Harley Ave,
Oregon City 97045
Meets: 1st Mon 7:30 pm
potluck 6:30 pm

Best known for: venue for square dancing.
Other projects: venue for vintage radio and vintage auto groups



Beavercreek #276
Clackamas County
Organized 1896

Location: 22041 S Kamrath Rd,
Beavercreek
Meets: 1st Sat 1 pm, potluck noon

Best known for: Feeding the community. 1st Saturdays Breakfast, St. Patrick's, Day Dinner Mother's Day Breakfast, Christmas Dinner and Tree Lighting.
Uniqueness: partnership with Scouts, Lions, Welch Church, and Hamlet of Beavercreek



Harding #122
Clackamas County
Organized 1874 (Re-org 1886)

Location: 21552 S Fischers Mill Rd, Estacada
Meets: 2nd Tuesday 6:30 pm

Best known for: turkey dinner, monthly drive-by meals
Other projects: community flea market; Easter egg hunt.

Highlights of Convention Schedule 152nd Annual Convention Corbett Grade School @ Corbett June 21st – 26th

The convention this year will be In-person and Zoom will also be available. Committee meetings about resolutions will be held prior to the convention via Zoom in the last week of May & first week of June.

<p>Saturday June 21st</p> <p>8:30 am Ag-Tour – leave from Columbia Grange #267 (See page 11)</p> <p>1 pm Registration</p> <p>5:30 pm Kick-Off Banquet, Open Mic Night & Honor Grange Awards</p> <p>Sunday June 22nd <i>Wear your Grange pins/buttons</i></p> <p>9 am Opening in the 6th Degree, lowered to 4th @ 9:15</p> <p>11 am State President's Annual Address</p> <p>12 noon Foundation Luncheon, followed by annual meeting</p> <p>4 pm 5th Degree – Exemplified by the GROW Club</p> <p>7:30 pm 6th Degree – Exemplified by the State Officers</p> <p>Monday June 23rd</p> <p>9 am Memorial/Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 am Opening in 4th Degree</p> <p>12 noon Membership Luncheon</p> <p>1:30 am Resolution Work</p> <p>2-3 pm Project Sustenance – Presented by Tom Gwin, Lecturer of the National Grange</p> <p>5:30-7 pm Final Election of State Officers</p> <p>5:30 pm Dinner Break</p> <p>7-9 pm Social Time/Grange Trivia, Country Line Dance Instruction and Dance</p>	<p>Tuesday June 24th <i>Wear Red Tennis Shoes Support Jrs Red, White, Blue Day Honor Veterans</i></p> <p>6:30 am Benefits Breakfast – @ school - no charge</p> <p>9 am Opening in 4th Degree</p> <p>10:30 am Presentation by State Junior Grange</p> <p>12 noon GWA Luncheon</p> <p>1:30 pm Tribute to Grange Veterans</p> <p>2 pm Resolution Work</p> <p>5 pm Dinner Break</p> <p>5:15 pm GROW Club Dinner ~ Columbia Grange #267</p> <p>7 pm Silent and Oral Auctions</p> <p>Wednesday June 25th <i>Wear Green to Support our Youth!</i></p> <p>9 am Opening in 4th Degree by State Youth Officers</p> <p>9:30 am Oregon Dairy Princess</p> <p>12 noon Youth Luncheon and Goodie Basket drawing</p> <p>2 pm Recognition of Past State Officers</p> <p>Thursday June 26th *</p> <p>9 am Opening in 4th Degree</p> <p>10:30 am Thank you to District #4</p> <p>11 am Invitation by District #5 to visit in 2026</p> <p>1:30 pm Installation of Officers</p> <p>* All Thursday items may be moved to Wednesday depending on the number of resolutions. See June Bulletin for updates.</p>
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Boring-Damascus #260
Clackamas County
Organized 1893

Location: 27861 SE Grange St,
Boring
Meets: 3rd Tues 7 pm;
potluck 6 pm Mar, Jun,
Sept, & Dec

Best known for: Strawberry Waffle Breakfast, Anything Goes Sale, Holiday Craft Sale, Tree Lighting, Town Hall Meetings and Candidate Forums.
Other projects: Park Committee for Boring Station Trailhead Park, Adopt-the-Road, and the BBQ for Boring-Dull Day Park Social.



Eagle Creek #297
Clackamas County
Organized 1901

Location: 24491 Old Eagle Creek Rd, Eagle Creek
Meets: 3rd Sat 12:30 pm
potluck 12 noon

Best known for: flea markets
Other projects: Easter egg hunts and Valentine's Day Dinners



Frogpond #111
Clackamas County
Organized 1873

Location: 27350 SW Stafford Rd,
Wilsonville
Meets: 4th Thurs 7:30 pm
meeting;
potluck 6:30 pm frogpond.
i8.com

Best known for: having Oregon's first female Grange Masters, Lydia Carter.

at Clackamas County Veterans Village.

2024 National Grange in Action



Garfield #317
Clackamas County
Organized 1902

Location: 33460 SE Divers Rd.,
Estacada
Meets: 4th Wed 8:30am
Website: Garfield-Grange.com

Best known for: quilting: hosts the oldest hand quilt club in USA dedicating quilts to veterans, Ronald McDonald House, Dornbecher Hospital, fire departments, The majority of the Grange members are quilters.
Other projects: repainting Hall's exterior of the Grange building.



Clarkes #261
Clackamas County
Organized 1893 (Re-org 1926)

Location: 19396 S Unger Rd,
Beavercreek
Meets: 2nd Sat 7:30 pm;
potluck Sep-May 6:30pm

Best known for: catering to small private events and Grange breakfasts & dinners
Other projects include: bought Cuddle Cot for local hospitals; supports "Share the Love" at Molalla High School, new playground at the local elementary school; dinners to homeless vets

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Maplewood #662
Clackamas County
Organized 1925

Location: 25480 S Hwy 99E,
Aurora
Meets: 4th Sun 4:30 pm;
potluck 3:30 pm

Best known for: the dance floor for square dancing, folk dancing and Zumba.

Other projects: Wild Hog Dinner & Dance; Christmas field trip, donations to school & homeless causes. Use by Boy Scouts & team dancing



Milwaukie #268
Clackamas County
Organized 1894

Location: 12015 SE 22nd St,
Milwaukie
Meets: 3rd Sat 7:30 pm;
potluck 6:30 pm

Uniqueness: unusual renters besides square dance group, has Academy of European Arms (medieval martial arts), gold digger and canary clubs

Other projects: community dance; thank you party for renters



Molalla #310
Clackamas County
Organized 1874

Location: 127 Grange Ave, Molalla
Meets: 3rd Wed 7:30 pm;
potluck 6:30 pm

Best known for: being a great rental venue in the middle of town, raising revenue for charitable giving.

Other projects: two scholarships yearly, free use of the hall to the food bank, the gleaners association, the Red Cross.

2025 Oregon State Grange Convention Meal Tickets Order Form

Name: _____
Grange Name & Number: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____

Saturday dinner and Sunday through Wednesday lunches are available for purchase. All meals are onsite in the Corbett School District multi-purpose building. Salad bar will include proteins and fruit. In the boxes below, write in the total number of meal tickets per meal. Total the daily meal costs on the right and enter the grand total at the bottom. Mail completed order form and total amount by June 1st. Meal tickets will not be available for purchase after June 1st. Salad Bar tickets can be purchased on-site. All meal tickets will be picked up at State Convention. Meal questions contact Joyce at 503-502-6188.

Mail to: Dist. 4 Host Committee, Kim Schettig, Treasurer
10400 SE Cook Ct # 86, Milwaukie, OR 97222

Return order form with check payable to "District 4 Hosting" by **June 1st**. Pick up your tickets from the host district when you check in at the onsite registration table.

Day	Meal	Menu	# of tickets	Price per ticket	Daily \$ Total
Sat 6/21	Kickoff Banquet	Tri-tip Garlic Potatoes Zippy Green Beans Salad Carrot Cake	Adult	X \$20.00	
			10 & under	X \$10.00	
Sun 6/22	Foundation Luncheon	Lasagna Bread Vegetable Dessert	Adult	X \$15.00	
			10 & under	X \$8.00	
		Salad Bar Only - one time through		X \$10.00	
Mon 6/23	Membership Luncheon	Chicken Potato Salad Coleslaw Cookies	Adult	X \$15.00	
			10 & under	X \$8.00	
		Salad Bar Only - one time through		X \$10.00	
Tues 6/24	Benefits Breakfast	Pancakes Eggs Sausage		X Free	
	GWA Luncheon	Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Dessert	Adult	X \$15.00	
			10 & under	X \$8.00	
		Salad Bar Only - one time through		X \$10.00	
Wed 6/25	Youth/Young Adults Luncheon	Pulled Pork w/ barbeque sauce Baked Beans Vegetable Dessert	Adult	X \$15.00	
			10 & under	X \$8.00	
		Salad Bar Only - one time through		X \$10.00	
All meals include beverages			Grand Total		

Orders must be received by June 1st.

No meal ticket sales on site.

Salad Bar tickets can be purchased on-site.



Redland #796
Clackamas County
Organized 1931

Location: 18131 S Fishers Mill Rd, Oregon City.
Meets: 2nd Thurs 7 pm;
potluck 6 pm

Best known for: community service, including Love One Food Pantry, Bazaars, GWA Kitchen Brunch

Projects: classes, road clean-ups, farmers market, donations to Redland School



Springwater #263
Clackamas County
Organized 1893

Location: 24591 S Springwater Rd, Estacada
Meets: 4th Mon 7:30 pm;
potluck 6:30 pm, except 3rd Mon May & Dec

Best known for: Strawberry Social Community fair in the fall, monthly breakfasts

What is unique or different about your Grange? Pie auction for scholarship with over 120 scholarships given since 1993

2024 National Distinguished



Sunnyside #842
Clackamas County
Organized 1936

Location: 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd, Clackamas
Meets: 2nd Thurs 7:30 pm;
potluck 6:30 pm

Best known for: well maintained hall, supportive programs for the local school, Girl Scouts, FFA chapter

Uniqueness: an urban Grange



The Sandy #392
Clackamas County
Organized 1909

Location: 34705 SE Kelso Rd, Sandy
Meets: 2nd Sat 7:30 pm except 3rd Sat September;
potluck 6:30 pm

Best known for: their bingo games and the food collected for the Community Action Center.

Uniqueness: don't rent out the hall



Warner #117
Clackamas County
Organized 1874 (Re-org 1882)

Location: 10100 S New Era Rd, Canby
Meets: 3rd Thurs 7:30 pm;
potluck 6:30 pm

Best known for: fundraising to supply many hospitals with Cuddle Cots

Other project: free venue to Scouts, dance troop, theater group

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Parkdale #500
Hood River County
Organized 1913

Location: 7375 Clear Creek Rd,
Parkdale
Meets: 1st Mon 6:30 pm; Pot-
luck 3rd Monday 6:30
pm

Best known for: opens its doors
to the community and many
groups like OSU Extension and
garden clubs

Other projects: making berry pies- a
lot!



Pine Grove #356
Hood River County
Organized 1905

Location: 2900 Van Horn Dr,
Hood River
Meets: 1st Tues 7 pm

Best known for: Responsible for the
beginning of the Blossom Day
event in Hood River County

Uniqueness: Pine Grove Grange
shares like-name with Pine
Grove Granges in New Hamp-
shire and Washington State.



Rockford #501
Hood River County
Organized 1913

Location: 4250 Barrett Dr,
Hood River
Meets: 1st Wed 6 pm;
potluck 5:30 pm

Best known for: being a dancing
Grange! Folk and square dances
and classes in both.

Other projects: participates in Seed
Share, a plant sale, Fill Your
Pantry Market, a Filmfest and
Lecture series. Affordable rent,
hosting food co-ops

Columbia Gorge Ag Tour

Columbia Grange #267 is excited
to be hosting the Ag Tour for this
year's convention and working
with Ag Director June Colony,
on this favorite convention ad-
venture. Two mini buses, which
holds 20 people will be used along
with carpooling if needed, to tour
local farms and other agricultural
businesses.

The theme of this year's tour is
Agriculture and Community and it
will include a morning tour leav-
ing from the Columbia Grange
Hall, 37493 NE Grange Hall Rd.
Corbett, followed by lunch and a
"Meet the Farmers Get Togeth-
er" after the tour. Lunch of a sal-
ad mix and finger foods will be
served at the Grange hall.

The Ag Tour will include farm an-
imals, produce, blueberry, CSA,

farm stand, and lavender farms.
The tour includes not only farm-
ers sharing their operations, but
also farms active in community
support and education through
farming and rural life; all with
great stories to share about agri-
culture's role in rural community
life and health.

The afternoon Meet and Greet
will host other local farmers not
on the tour as well as local orga-
nizations including Multnomah
County Soil and Water Conver-
sation and Helping Hands, a food
bank that works out of the Colum-
bia Grange Hall.

There are two buses that hold ten
people each so act now if you want
a seat on the bus. The Grange will
work with additional registrants
to arrange carpools.

OSG AG Tour Saturday, June 21

Meet at the Columbia Grange #267 at 8:30am.
Return to Grange hall where lunch will be provided.

The tour will visit at least six local farms in the Corbett area. First 20
registrants will get a seat on the buses. Others will be accomodated in
carpools. You must reserve your spot by **June 1st**.

For reservations contact: Columbia Grange via email or by mail:
Email: columbiagrang267@gmail.com
Subject line: State Convention Ag Tour
Mailing Address: Columbia Grange #267
Attention: Sara Grigsby ~ State Convention Ag Tour Registration
P.O. Box 299, Corbett, OR 97019

Questions? Need Help? Email sara@healthysystems.net
Subject line: State Grange Convention Ag Tour

Name _____
Grange _____
Email _____
Phone _____



Cherry Park #667
Wasco County
Organized 181925 (Re-org 2004)

Location: 1002 Lambert Rd,
The Dalles
Meets: 2nd Sun 1pm - contact
to confirm

Best known for: country music jams



Ramsey Park #352
Wasco County
Organized: 1905

Location: 81184 Dufur Valley Rd,
Dufur
Meets: 4th Sunday 2 pm dessert

Best known for: pie

Other: 2024 hosted a rabbit and
cavy show in August



Barlow Gate #157
Wasco County
Re-Organized 1928

Location: 56960 Market Rd,
Wamic Valley
Meets: 1st Thurs 6:30 pm

Best known for: Known for 4th of
July breakfast, food classes, Me-
morials, Kristie Naranjo quilt
show

Community offerings: facilities
offered for monthly spay/neuter
clinic; as a location for the
fire service work keeping the
area vegetation fire safe; coffee
hours; community potlucks.



Mosier #234
Wasco County
Organized 1889

Location: 900 4th Ave, Mosier
Meets: 1st Tues 7 pm; potluck
3rd Tues 6:30 pm

Best known for: Blossom Day Buf-
fet and cherry sales

Other projects: support communi-
ty farm-related meetings, din-
ners for funerals, birthdays &
weddings, scholarships, Mosier
Community School Garden, local
family shelter, and provide
goody boxes for local service-
men & for Mosier School.

Resolutions Deadline

This year's deadline for sub-
mission of resolutions by
Community/Subordinate
Granges is April 23, 2025; 60
days before State Convention.

That means they must be at
the office in Salem by then,
not postmarked, so make sure
they are mailed in plenty of
time or email for speed as long
as they are signed and the seal
can be seen.

It's "Mountains ~ Streams ~ Dreams" in District 4



Gresham #270
Multnomah County
Organized 1894

Location: 875 NE Division,
Gresham
Meets: 3rd Sun 2 pm

Best known for: flea markets

Other projects: Donate to Gresham Senior Center and support members in need.



Multnomah #71
Multnomah County
Organized 1874 (Re-org 2013)

Location: 30639 SE Bluff Rd,
Gresham
Meets: 3rd Mon 7 pm;
potluck 6 pm

Best known for: blue grass music

Other projects: donations to causes, such as Peace Tree Vietnam for land mine removal.



Rockwood #323
Multnomah County
Organized 1902

Location: 18303 SE Stark St, Portland
Meets: 1st Fri 7 pm; potluck 6 pm

Best known for: friendliness, unity among the members and tasty potlucks!

Uniqueness: We are an urban Grange

Other projects: annual Christmas dinner for needy families. Providing an affordable location for three churches and two 12-step programs.

Zoom Schedule 2025 Convention Session Committees

This information is included with the Pre-Registration packet which your Grange will receive in April, but having this information earlier will help delegates better evaluate what committee they may wish to serve on, and also so non-delegates are able to see when the meetings are. Non-delegates are welcome to attend and may speak to issues (*the duration and frequency may be limited by the Committee Chair*) but may not vote.

The committees are meeting a week earlier than last year. The fourth week will impact some Granges, but more Granges meet the first week of the month, so this schedule should be less impactful. In addition, should the need arise, it provides additional meeting times.

All meetings will start at 7pm.

Tuesday May 27	Agriculture and Grange Programs/Bulletin
Wednesday May 28	Legislation and Financial Affairs/Insurance
Thursday May 29	Bylaws and Education/Health
Friday May 30	Transportation/Utilities and Conservation
Monday June 2	Veterans and Good of the Order

The link for the Zoom sessions is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83872927663?pwd=6bWJrax5qxrHZvIRk-K1325gLmyGCUm.1>

Call in options will also be available.
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Members who register to serve on a committee will receive an email with their committee's resolutions and a link to the meeting. The link will take you to the main room and you can let the moderator know which committee meeting you will be attending.



Sauvie Island #840
Multnomah County
Organized 1935

Location: 14443 NW Charlton Rd,
Portland
Meets: 2nd Mon 7 pm
Website: www.sauvieisland.org

Best known for: strawberry shortcake to participants for the July 4 Half Marathon run; Pie Auction; Our commitment to our Island community.



Skyline #894
Multnomah County
Organized 1940

Location: 11275 NW Skyline Blvd, Portland
Meets: 2nd Mon 7:00 pm
Website: <http://www.srnpdx.org/grange.html>

Best known for: hard-working members committed to community and strong educational component

Projects: Community Brunches and Soup Suppers; Garage Sales; Tree and Native Plant Sales; free Skyline Living Series of workshops & presentations; hosts townhalls, public meetings by governmental agencies; upgrading the hall to make it more welcoming; affordable rent.



Columbia #267
Multnomah County
Organized 1893

Location: 37493 Grange Hall Rd,
Corbett
Meets: 2nd Tues 7 pm
Website: www.columbia-grange267.org

Best known for: Helping Hands Food Salvage Program – founded originally by Columbia Grange 267

Uniqueness: They have vibrant programming that originates with member/community ideas. They include: Oregon Humanities, Conversation Project, annual pie baking/Variety Show, Holiday Craft Fair

Other projects: rural skills workshops, weekly classes (line dancing, yoga, NIA, New to this year-storytelling workshop, ukulele concert, jug band concert) Columbia Grange are storytelling workshops, a ukulele concert and a jug band concert.



Pleasant Valley #348
Multnomah County
Organized 1904

Location: 17115 SE Foster Rd,
Gresham
Meets: 2nd Thurs 6 pm/ potluck

Best known for: craft bazaars

Other project:s New stairs as Eagle Scout project;



Child Protection Policy National Junior Grange

The National Grange is committed to providing an environment that is safe for Juniors and Youth. This policy is designed to protect our young people, instill confidence in those entrusting us with their children, and protect adult volunteers and staff from allegations that may be unwarranted.

Any individual age 18 and above, in a leadership position working directly with Juniors and Youth under 18, **must** obtain a clean and clear national background check through a company approved by the National Grange Executive Committee. It is highly recommended that the online service Safegatherings.com be used. All reports are kept confidential by Safe Gatherings and are not in possession of the National Grange, and are valid for two years.

If an individual fails the background check they will not be permitted to work with Junior Grangers and/or Youth age Grange members.

Guidelines

Two deep leadership – there should always be at least two leaders age 21 or older at all Junior or Youth functions.

No one-on-one contact – One-on-one contact between adults and Juniors or Youth under 18 is not permitted. If the necessity for one-on-one interactions between adults and children arises, the interaction should occur in an unenclosed area and with the knowledge of another adult.

Child Safety

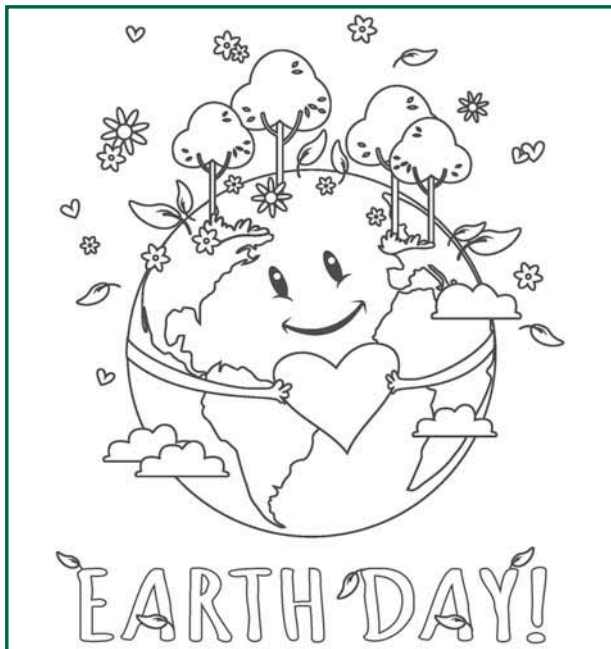
The National Grange and National Junior Grange and Youth Departments encourage you to follow the National Grange Child Protection Policy and obtain a background check through the company "Safe Gatherings" <https://safegatherings.com>.

com as an alternative for having to obtain and find your own background check company. It is highly encouraged to have every person in our organization that is working in a supervisory position with our Juniors and Youth under 18 years of age to undergo this background check through Safe Gatherings as it is a National Background Check program that covers many levels of security checks as well as providing a training on working with vulnerable youth and adults.

The benefits of utilizing Safe Gatherings are

- A No Hassle system: State Presidents, Directors, and Leaders now have the pressure taken off them to make sure these critical steps are taken appropriately in accordance with their state laws.
- Access to Safe Gatherings is simple using the National Grange website www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/child-safety/, and personal information is given only to the Safe Gatherings program. No personal information is shared with or held by the Grange at any level.
- Safe Gatherings provides 4 levels of background checks: Local, State, National, and Sex Offender.
- Safe Gatherings provides Professional Reference Checks
- Safe Gatherings provides training for abuse prevention and ideas on how to appropriately work with minors

When registering one needs to specify 'Washington DC' and National Grange as the company. The Oregon State Grange will reimburse people for successfully completing Safe Gatherings.



Oregon Junior Grangers

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Oregon State Grange Convention is the perfect place to showcase the talents of our Junior Grange members and June will be here before you know it, so now is the time to get your contest entries underway.

Saturday evening of State Session will feature entries for Junior and Youth Public Speaking presentations. The topics and information given by our Juniors/Youth are always so impressive and I look forward to more amazing speeches this year.

For 2025, Saturday evening will also be Open Mic Night and is open to all ages. The unlimited imagination and variety of entries our Grangers come up with should make for a very fun and entertaining event. Winners in three separate age groups will be decided by People's Choice votes and receive prizes for their performances.

I just received information about National Junior Grange Contests for 2025 and will get the details out as soon as I can. We will be doing at least 2 projects in the Junior Room at State Grange Convention, so each child in attendance that completes their project(s) will have an entry to be submitted for National Grange Competition.

These are some of the Oregon State Junior Grange contests for 2025: Age Groups for all Oregon State Junior Grange contests will be:

- Ages 5 to 7 yrs old
- Ages 8 to 11 yrs old
- Ages 12 to 14 yrs old

Please use the Junior member's age as of June 15th of the current year to submit entry under the correct age group.

Rules:

- Open to members and non-members
- All Entries must be original work
- Entries must have been completed after June of the previous year
- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year

Awards for all Categories:

- 1st Place \$7 (plus ribbon)
- 2nd Place \$5 (plus ribbon)
- 3rd Place \$3 (plus ribbon)

ART

Categories:

- Hand Drawn Pictures (any subject, any medium, must be at least 3" x 5" and no larger than 8" x 10")
- Nature Art (use items you may

find outdoors, *ie*: leaves, moss, bark, twigs, rocks, flora, seeds etc., must be at least 3" x 5" and no larger than 12" x 18")

- My Pet Drawing (include a photo no larger than 5" x 7" of your pet, then hand draw or paint a portrait of your pet, must be at least 3" x 5" and no larger than 8" x 10")
- Diamond Art (any item, *ie*: picture, keychains, coasters, but can be no larger than 8" x 10" and must have a hard backing for displaying)

CREATIVE WRITING

Categories:

- A. Short Story or Poem – MY HERO (no more than 2 typed 8 ½ x 11 pages, be sure to include what you consider to be your Hero's Super Power and why; may include a drawing/picture of your Hero if desired)

MODELS

Categories:

- A. Free Hand or Kits of any Kind (*ie*: cars, Legos, planes, wooden items, etc., with completed items no larger than 12" x 12")
BE SURE YOUR MODELS ARE DISPLAYED IN A SECURE MANNER TO PREVENT ANY DAMAGE.

Awards are sponsored by ADA GRANGE

The reason I said some of the contests is because there are other contests open to the Junior Grangers listed in the Lecturer's and GWA sections of the Awards, Contests and Scholarship booklet that you should have recently received. So PLEASE be sure to look completely through the entire booklet.

There are still a lot of details to be worked out before June, so look for information about planned activities and field trip(s) for the Juniors in my next column.

Until then, HAPPY CREATING and I can't wait to see all your amazing talents!!!





GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"



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Spring is just around the corner, as is the 2025 State Grange Convention in Corbett! Exciting news is that the GROW club has once again been tagged to perform the Fifth Degree. A slate of volunteer GROW Club members and friends have been assigned their office and are looking forward to exemplifying my personal favorite degree. If your Pomona has not been performing the degree and you have a new Fourth Degree member (or two) make sure they know about the option to take the Fifth (and Sixth) at State Convention! The schedule is similar to last year and they will both be performed on Sunday, which helps for those who cannot attend during the week.

Other business for the GROW Club this year will be decided at our annual meeting held during the dinner break on Tuesday (this is a change from normal). One of the main

items is to determine whether we will offer Ice Cream Socials in the oral auction. This has been a fun event that is held at the bid-winning Grange on their schedule. Perhaps during a 100th anniversary celebration like Hurricane Creek did or a community fair like Willamette Grange used theirs. A variety of GROW Club members have traveled across the state to enjoy local events, ice cream and loads of Grange family time.

Once again, I want to thank all GROW Club members who have shared their story in this column. Hopefully, it answers some questions for people who want to understand who/what we are. Any of those who have not put their GROW Club journey in, are encouraged to let me know you are interested, and we will get your "War and Peace" published! Until we meet again, Go Right On Working!!

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

April 1-30	Grange Month – theme: Grange Strong
April 23	Resolutions for this year's state convention from Subordinate/Community Granges <u>must arrive</u> in the State Grange office no later than April 23.
April 26-27	Oregon Ag Fest - Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem – Volunteers needed
April 30	1st Quarter Reports due to the State Grange office. Deadline for the GIA Scholarship Deadline for Youth Officer applications
May 1	Oregon State Grange and Foundation Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than May 1 990n ePostcard 2024 application opens for most Granges
May 15	Deadline for submitting Convention Committee preference
May 15-18, 2025	Western Regional Conference Montana
May 24-27, 30	Zoom Meetings for Convention Committees
June 1	Deadline to order Convention meal tickets Deadline for Convention pre-registration
June 21-26, 2025	Oregon State Grange Convention Corbett Elementary School - Corbett, Oregon
August 22 – September 1	Oregon State Fair Grange Log Cabin Salem, Oregon
September 15	990n ePostcard deadline for most Granges



Western Star Grange member Tim Dehne once again was the auctioneer for the annual Goshen pie auction while Jeff Dehne showed off the pies

9th Annual Pie Auction Held at Goshen

Goshen Grange # 561, Lane County, held their 9th Annual Pie Auction on March 8. The auction brought in \$1200 from pie sales and donations. Thank You Goshen members. A big thank you also to those who bought pies and made donations.

McKenzie, Mohawk, Walterville and Goshen Granges.



Above: The pie auction was a fun evening and raised funds toward new flooring for the Grange.

Also a big thank you to those who helped and supported Goshen that came from the other Granges. There was 31 in attendance and eight Granges represented: Creswell, Lorane, Jasper, Spencer Creek, Little Deschutes, Mohawk

Springwater's Scholarship Pie Auction

In the end it was a great night for Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, as they held their annual Scholarship Pie Auction on Friday February 28th. The evening started with a potluck dinner followed pie viewing and then the auction.

Below: the more than 70 pies were available for the auction.

Brother Ken Humberston, member of Beaver Creek Grange #276 auctioned off the more than 70 pies to the community members and Grangers in attendance. The auction raised \$4944 for the Springwater Grange scholarship fund which annually awards the Joseph Z Guttridge scholarships for college and the Donald and Barbara MacKinnon Elementary Education Impact Grants which are awarded to elementary educators working in the Estacada and Colton School Districts.



which went for \$210. A Marion Berry pie went for \$150 and there were two Coconut cream pies that went for 130 each.

Top selling pie for the evening was an Apple pie in a 12" cast iron pan



The apple pie in a 12" cast iron pan which went for \$210.



Scholarship Chair, Jessie Jo Guttridge, shows off a pie.

White Clover Holds 15th Annual Pie Day

Members and community surrounding White Clover Grange #784, Tillamook County, have enjoyed some fun events in the last three months greatly enhancing life in their tri-village area.

In December there was their annual holiday bazaar, bringing together area crafters and vendors all offering wonderful and varied gift ideas for attendees. Everything from fresh produce to pottery enticed over 125 people to attend. The Grange volunteer baked goods table outdid itself this year with cookies, sweet breads, scones, and much more!

January welcomed many weekly dance gatherings, celebrations of life, and community crafters who meet weekly to share various crafting skills, techniques, and tips with one another.

By some accounts, early February brought one of the most anticipated events of the Grange building yearly schedule – the annual Pie Day Feast and Pie Auction. Over 60 delicious pies, crafted by local artisan bakers, were served up. 25 pies were auctioned off to the highest bidder, and then the remaining pies were devoured by attendees at the feast pie table, topped off with a dollop of Tillamook ice cream. All for the affordable price of a \$15

admission and less for those 10 and under.

White Clover Grange continues the tradition of community service by hosting spring gardening events, an apple heritage festival in the fall, and an increasing number of locally attended events, along with the continued upkeep of their 105-year-old Grange hall.

The total proceeds from the evening were close to \$13,000. Top individual pies were a Hood River Cherry Pie and Sweet Peach Pie which went for \$320 each. The "Zero Calorie Pie," a paddle auction went for \$1950.




Williams Grange Love Fest With Pie

On February 14th Williams Grange #399, Josephine County, held a Valentine love-fest, a fundraiser, which

was enjoyed by all in their community. After Harmony, Jora and the Love-Buzz Band took a music



Above: Members of the crowd look over the pies.



GWA

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Calling all crafters, quilters, bakers, and canners! State Convention will be here in three short months and the GWA committee is looking forward to seeing all the beautiful entries from our members and friends.

Last year we started a new program of awarding a cash prize to the individual with the most personal entries as well as a cash prize to the Grange with the most entries from members and friends and these awards will continue this year. Talk the programs up in your Grange and bring us lots of entries! The new contest guide should be out by the time you receive this paper. There are a few new contests, so take the time to read through the booklet.

I also encourage you to plan on visiting one of the leadership conferences being offered by the State President, Vice President, and the Directors. I know our Worthy President is sending out notices to each district, check for one the closest to you! The GWA committee will be presenting at: District #2, District #3, and District #5 prior to state Convention and Districts #1 and #4 later in the summer. I believe the GWA will be presenting information on the National Grange's *Project Sustenance*, a program that promotes growing food security as well as self-sustainability and resilience in American hometowns. Of the three pillars that make up this program the GWA will probably focus mostly on self-sustainability and resilience, giving ideas how your Grange can use these tools to reach out to the community



break, folks went downstairs in the Grange hall to the hot soup table, a bake sale and to the Granges fresh savory and sweet pie auction.

Tim Holloway, a comedian extraordinary auctioneer, came out of the woods and into his suit and bow tie to sell the pies. Laura, his wife, made sure all twelve pies were paid for and taken home safely in a box. The Grange gives a big thank you to Nance, Barry, Alan, Jessie, Harmony, Michelle and all the volunteer pie makers and bakers. The Williams Grange Improvements and Repair fundraiser earned \$1,506.00 which they consider this a success, Thank you Williams Grange members and the awesome community!

Examples of Grange programs that help individuals become self-sustainable include career fairs and public speaking contests or exhibitions, sewing and handicraft classes, or programs on upcycling and reuse to reduce waste. Each of these activities enhances individual life skills, and helps individuals cultivate independence, resourcefulness, and the ability to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Equally important is the power of social connections and networking. By nurturing relationships with friends, family, and peers, individuals gain a support system that provides encouragement, advice, and practical help in difficult times.

On a community level, resilience is built through connection, collaboration, and preparedness. When Granges organize local events, such as potlucks, volunteer days, and wellness fairs, they provide opportunities for people to come together, forge friendships, and build trust among neighbors. These gatherings create a sense of belonging and lay the foundation for a strong, supportive community.

Many Granges meet this need by hosting emergency preparedness workshops, community resource-sharing programs, and first aid training.

Come and see what each committee has to offer! Have a great spring and I will see you at State Grange Convention.



L: Auctioneer Tim Holloway, describing one of the pies





Membership Matters

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In the last two Bulletin Membership Columns I have talked about four parts of growing and strengthening Grange membership. These are:

- 1) Promotion – where you make the community aware that your Grange exists with social media, personal communication, and promotion in print.
- 2) Community Engagement – where your Grange participates in parades, social events, fairs, and activities, supports community efforts, and seek partnerships with other organizations.
- 3) Constant Recruitment comes next where your Grange hosts family friendly free events of community interest, and at these events you have a friendly Granger at a table with Grange information, answering questions and asking people to join the membership.
- 4) Member Engagement where the leadership of the Grange personally asks new members to help with various Grange projects, developing friendships and pride in the accomplishments of the Grange.

The Grange Motto is “Esto Perpetua” meaning “Let it be perpetual.” For over 150 years we Grangers have been welcoming new members and passing on our Grange hall keys to new generations. This is fundamental to sustaining a strong and lasting membership.

Because of this, succession is an especially important part of keeping your Grange healthy and strong.

Eagle Point Grange Celebrates 100 Years

On March 26, 1925, Eagle Point Grange #664, Jackson County, was organized and on April 4, 1925, Eagle Point became an official mem-



Above Photo taken in the early 1980s, of the Taylor sisters (l-r Nevah, Mabel and Ethel) who were early members of Eagle Point Grange.

Many Granges have had a Secretary, Treasurer, or President in that position for over ten years. On the one hand, this provides the Grange with reliable service, but on the other hand, it is a vulnerability. If a long-time officer is lost in some way there is no other member who knows the skills of the office.

For this reason it is very helpful to have officers not stay in a single office for over a few years. This way new people learn the skills of the office from their experienced predecessor and your Grange will have more than one person able to do the tasks of the office. For the President position it is clear that the Vice President is in training, but for the Secretary and Treasurer there is not a natural trainee.

At your Grange meeting you can discuss the need to have other members spend time with sitting officers to have the office responsibilities explained. Another way to accomplish this is to have the Lecturer's program consist of an officer explaining what they do. For the Secretary, President, and Treasurer this explanation will help members understand the “workings” of the local Grange that may be unknown to them.

New members particularly should be warmly encouraged to accept nomination for officer positions. Sharing the “weight” of the responsibilities of your Grange will make all burdens lighter, build pride and understanding, and together strengthen your Grange for the long

ber of the Patrons of Husbandry. This year, the Eagle Point Grange celebrates 100 years of service to farmers, ranchers and the community.

On June 12, 2025, Grange member Theresa Bereczki will give a presentation about the long and important history of the Eagle Point Grange at 6pm at the Eagle Point Branch Library of Jackson County Library Services (JCLS) located in Eagle Point. Learn how the Eagle Point Grange worked to build roads, telephone lines and community at this special event where Sister Theresa will reveal some of the stories hidden away in the iconic closets of this Grange.

This program is co-sponsored by the Eagle Point Historical Society and the Eagle Point Branch of JCLS thanks in part to an Oregon Heritage grant to the Gold Hill Historical Society. The Eagle Point

Santa Clara Grange

By Rich Morgan, a long time Santa Clara Grange member

Santa Clara Grange has not made it to the Grange Bulletin for many years. To be honest and upfront, we have been on the decline. Over the years, membership has dropped off and community involvement has also followed along those lines. Medically speaking one might say we have been in a coma.

However, medically speaking, we have moved from the coma through intensive care into private room allowing visitors. We have not been released from needs, assistance, and prayer, but things are looking up.

The item that is turning our Grange around is growth and involvement. We are fortunate to have new members come in that are not afraid to step out of the box, get involved, lead by example and push for growth.

One of our members loves to paint and has given much of our hall a face lift. Two new stoves have been purchased for better convenience for hall users. New curtains have been put up giving the hall a fresher inviting look. Table clothes have been purchased giving our dining room a more inviting look. Restrooms have also been updated.

There are several more things in the planning stage to enhance the growth of our Grange and make our hall a more flexible and broader base for potential hall users. There has been much housekeeping and cleanup that helps in the appearance of our hall.

Membership has grown and it seems there are more people interested in joining our Grange. New



Above: The Old Time Fiddlers meet at Santa Clara Grange on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

hall users have come on board including girl scout troops and a cub scout troop. There are also other interested groups that may be coming on board as well. All of these seem to be very favorable of our hall set up and the very reasonable user fees if they should apply.

Because of our low attendance, our meetings have been very informal and around the dining room table. Other than not being at stations, everything else about Grange protocol has been in effect. Probably very soon we will be advancing into the main hall working with our new members on a more formal Grange meeting.

Well, there you have it. Are we out of the woods yet? The answer to that is obviously no. However, things are looking much brighter than they were a year ago. Hopefully, new members, community service groups, and paying hall users will sow the seeds for further growth of membership and involvement in the community.

Your prayers for further revitalization are most welcome.

DOES YOUR GRANGE NEED HELP?

Installation of Officers Degrees (1-4 and/or 5th)
Draping the Charter Presenting the Flag
The Oregon GROW Club offers these and more.

Contact one of the GROW Club board members to get information.

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- John Fine, Dist. 1 - 541.673.0369
- Steve Kroeker, Dist. 2 - 541.974.1724
- Stacy Brown, Dist. 3 - 971.808.6431
- Vacant, Dist. 4
- Gail Wilson, Dist. 5 - 541.310.9655



GROW stands for Go Right On Working!!!

Branch of JCLS is located at 239

West Main Street in Eagle Point and is open daily except Sundays. For more information contact Shari Lawson 541-261-7756 shari_1@yahoo.com or Maureen Battistella 541-552-0743 mbattistella@gmail.com.





Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers

This issue of my column is on Senate Bill 747. Understanding SB 747 and Its implications for agriculture here in Oregon.

I would like to bring your attention to SB 747, a proposed act that has the potential to impact agricultural practices in our region significantly. This legislation mandates individuals who own or have interests in at least 200 acres of irrigated farmland to report their fertilizer usage annually to the Oregon State Department of Agriculture.

By implementing such a reporting requirement, the act aims to foster sustainability and transparency in farming. It also authorizes the State Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environmental Quality to take informed actions based on the gathered data, promoting better

environmental practices.

Furthermore, the act requires the State Department of Agriculture to report findings to legislative committees every odd-numbered year, ensuring that the lawmakers remain informed about agricultural practices and their effects on the environment.

SB 747 represents a start to essential steps toward sustainable farming and responsible agricultural management. Stay informed and engaged as this proposed act moves forward!

My time at the Capitol this year has been very busy, there are several bills that I'm trying to follow, many are Grange issues. Please stay tuned and I will follow up next issue with more information on other bills that may affect us.

Happy Trails

Legislative Update

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This time of year always presents a conundrum to Grangers interested in policymaking—new emerging topics grab our attention, but the Oregon State Grange meets near, or after, the end of Oregon's legislative session so how can we have impact? We need to keep in mind that individual members, and even community Granges, are not restricted by State Grange legislative policy, or a lack thereof, when it comes to expressing their own opinions. However, you must be clear that you are representing your own interests, or the opinion of your Grange as determined by a vote of the members, and not the Oregon State Grange as a whole. Feel free to check with anyone on the OSG Legislative committee if you have policy questions, or you can find the OSG policy handbook at the Oregon State Grange website (orgrange.org) under Information, in the left column, about halfway down, under the Oregon State Grange sub-heading.

cently participated in a Zoom meeting with Alice and other interested parties regarding 3372.

I was able to attend a National Grange Advocacy Luncheon in late January where representatives of the pharmaceutical industry spoke to National Grange leaders and others about the escalating and costly obesity crisis in rural America. They provided compelling information regarding the effectiveness of anti-obesity drugs currently available and would like to see them covered by Medicaid and Medicare, and state public employee insurers. This would be a significant benefit to many, but it may not happen until we see a convergence between increased perception of value and reduced cost. We'll have some related information available on our table at state session, and we should all stay focused on this important issue.

Keeping an eye on the legislative session and how their work matches up to our policy is more than a full-time job but we are all part-timers with many other demands on our time, so the collective assistance of interested Grangers is extremely important to the promotion of OSG interests. I appreciate hearing regularly from Grangers who call, email or forward posts about potential or pending legislation. Our Legislative Zoom Forum invitations currently reach over 50 members and I would be happy to add your name to the list. These meetings have been an effective networking tool and are open to anyone who is interested.

Our OSG lobbyist John DeHaas keeps an eye out for proposed legislation that is reflected in the State Grange policy handbook so that we might express our collective opinion. Water has been a hot topic this year and the first bill to cause a fuss was 3419, which had a lot of detail about metering wells. So far, negative reaction seems to have left that one stuck in committee. Other bills have been introduced and at least one, 3372, aligns with our policy in support of agricultural use of some existing domestic water allotments. We continue to stay in touch with Alice Morrison and Friends of Family Farmers about this, and I re-



2025 Grange Day at the Legislature Thursday, April 24th ~ Starting at 9am Oregon State Grange office 643 Union St, NE ~ Salem, Oregon

The day will start with meeting at Oregon State Grange office at 9am for coffee and donuts and a final agenda. We will either hear a speaker or two at that time, or proceed as a group over to the capitol where we will be able to observe the legislature (if in session) or visit with legislators and staff after which we'll return to the OSG office for a free sack lunch provided by your Legislative Committee (please see RSVP and lunch order form below). If speakers are not available till afternoon, we'll reverse the order.

Carpooling is encouraged as there is limited parking at the OSG office. Additional parking is available around the corner on both Church St, NE and Cottage St,

NE. People can come and go as they see fit, of course.

Sack lunches are available and contain sandwich, salad, whole fruit, & cookie.

Please RSVP with form or email your wishes. Lunches must be ordered by April 18th at the latest.

It is also suggested that you wear your Grange name badge, shirt, jacket and/or hat. This will easily identify you as being with the Grange. Don't have any? A small selection of shirts and hats are available to purchase at the state office. Once the order for the day is known attendees can schedule an appointment with their legislator if they want or drop by and talk to them.

Grange Day at the Legislature

Name: _____ Yes, order me a sack lunch.
 Make my sandwich:
Grange: _____ Meat options:
 turkey ham roast beef
Phone: _____ veggie
Email: _____ Bread options:
 I'll be ther but don't order me white wheat sour dough
a lunch wrap

Please RSVP by **April 18th** to:
Mark Noah
541-953-4155
marknoah00@gmail.com



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 23 @ 7 pm PDT
Wednesday June 11 @ 7 pm PDT
Where: Zoom

The OSG Legislative Committee will lead a discussion on current legislative issues, ballot measures and Grange resolution developing.

Contact: Legislative Director
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Veterans

Patrick Dearth
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Oregon State Grange Veterans Director



Greetings Brothers and Sisters

On the 1st of March I attended the Lane County Pomona Conference. There were a variety of topics that we listened to, but one topic was Quilts of Valor. The ladies who spoke told us how they make the quilts, how each quilt is different and how much care and love go into making each quilt, for each veteran who is receiving a quilt. A veteran has to be nominated, then that nomination goes into a queue; at that point it's like everything in the military, it is a hurry up and wait process. Eventually you get a quilt. As a veteran that has received a quilt, the ceremony is wonderful and as the ladies said no veteran is not surprised when they receive a quilt.

The quilts are given out to any veteran who is touched by war. You could have been loading cargo on a ship or a nurse at a hospital or any number of things that help our country during war time and of course the men and women who do the fighting, all veterans during time of

war are eligible to receive a quilt. So if you know a veteran touch by war you can nominate them.

You can nominate them at any local branch office for Quilts of Valor or email your nominations to me at soudad21@gmail.com or if you want to call me at 541-520-5383, I would be happy to call your nominations in. I'll need the veterans full name, branch of service, date of enlistment and discharge date and rank.

Also a quick shout out to the awesome ladies of Garfield Grange #317, Clackamas County, who have donated five quilted lap blankets. These will be given during a special presentation on Tuesday during state convention to one veteran from each of the five districts. Thank you, ladies, for your wonderful and greatly appreciated donation.

So, please, Granges get the name of your Grange's Veteran of the Year to me as soon as you can. A short application will be arriving with the convention registration materials.



Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange Welcomes Eight New Members

Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange #2 welcomed eight new members with the 5th Degree Obligation at their January 18th meeting! They are Kim Evans, Eric Evans, and Becky Anicker of Dixie Mountain Grange #860 at North Plains; Butch Istook and Mike Parent of Leedy Grange

#339 in Beaverton; and Ron Kelley, Sonya French and Mark Rhaia of Fernwood #770 in Newberg.

The new members are being strongly encouraged to witness the conferral of 6th Degree this coming June at the State Convention in Corbett.



Above: OSG Membership Director Jay Sexton installed officers for Lane County Granges.



Lane County Community Granges Remember Vets With Valentines

Granges from Lane County made over 650 Valentines for Veterans. They were distributed to the Eugene Veterans Clinic, which includes the Roseburg VA Hospital and the North Bend facility. Three hundred and fifty or more Valentines were given to the Lebanon Veterans Home, where there are over 150 residents.

Ada Grange also distributed Valentines to Veterans in their local area. Other Granges that participated in making cards were Creswell, Goshen, Lowell, Lorane, Walterville, Mohawk-McKenzie, and Thurston Granges.

Right l-r: Grangers delivering the Valentines to the Eugene Veterans Center were Brenda Hassler, Liz Dehne, Mary Lambert, and Linda Wetzell.



L: Oregon State Grange Vice President Steve Kroeker congratulating Dan Keeley on his National Grange Advocacy in Action award.



Above l-r: Delivering to the Lebanon Veterans Home were Mary Lambert, Brenda Hassler, Linda Wetzell and Liz Dehne. Valentines Day is a National Salute Day for all Veterans.



Lane County Officers Installed

Past OSG President and current state Membership Director Jay Sexton served as the Installing Officer when Lane County Granges held their installation of officers on December 12.

In addition to Brother Jay, the Installation Team was Master Mark Noah, Marshall Peggy Jillson, Emblem Bearer Courtney Gordon, Regalia Bearer Jeff Dehne, and Musi-

cian Linda Wetzell.

Community Grange Presidents installed were Linda Wetzell of Goshen Grange, Ken Schwiager of Santa Clara Grange, Cookie Trupp of Spencer Creek Grange, Ron Lamie of Irving Grange, and Martin McClure of Creswell Grange. Approximately 40 members representing nine Lane County Granges were installed into various offices.

Clackamas Pomona Honored National Grange Award Winners Recipients

During the first quarter Clackamas County Pomona Grange meeting on January 25 National Grange award winners were recognized. State Overseer/Vice President Steve Kro-

eker represented the State Grange and presented the awards.

National Distinguished Granges recognized were Clackamas Pomona Grange for the first time, Redland Grange for 15 years in a row and Springwater Grange for the 9th time. Also, Clarkes Grange received their certificate as a National Grange in Action.



Both the National Grange Advocacy in Action awards came home to Clackamas County. Brother Dan Keeley received the individual award for his work on Grange policy resolutions and chairing the Pomona Legislative committee and the Pomona Grange received the other award for their County Candidates Forum in May.

OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - October 27, 2024

The meeting of the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee was called to order at 9:00am by President Sonny Hays-Eberts. Members present: Vice President Steve Kroeker, Susan Noah, Vickie High, and Joyce Parker. Dean High was also in attendance.

At 10:05am Scott Barker joined the committee and discussed our investments. It was moved by Steve, seconded by Vickie to move \$50,000 from the US Large Cap investment to cash. Motion carried. Scott left the meeting at 10:40am.

the offer to rent the former Mt. Vernon Grange Hall.

Columbia Grange #867 sent a resolution requesting permission to sell their hall to a church that rents from them. Sonny will follow up with them and at this time the sale is not approved.

decision made as follows:

- Illinois Valley Fair Department – Deer Creek Grange Lease
- Approve release of \$25,000 in custodial funds to Mt. Vernon Grange
- Reconsider release of custodial funds to Mt. Vernon Grange in light of closure email
- Denied a request for \$25,000 in custodial funds to Mt Vernon Grange
- Approve Ag in the Classroom Harvest Dinner Table purchase for \$600 – money from Leadership/Membership account
- Elect Jay Sexton as second delegate to the National Grange Convention
- Expired CD – reinvest per Scott recommendations
- Approved a loan to Harding Grange #122 for \$15,000 over 10 years at 5% interest
- Accept the return of grant money of \$5000 from Silverton Grange
- Accept counteroffer on former Lexington Grange Hall of \$19,000
- Authorize the sale of the former Russellville Grange Hall once lien appeal resolved

Minutes

Corrected the August 4, 2024, minutes. Payment to David Wallace was \$420.00. Minutes approved as corrected. Corrected the September 25, 2024, minutes - Move the section on new employee to Executive Session. Minutes approved as corrected.

Rental of Back office – have offer from a counseling group. The Executive committee toured the back office and discussed using some of it for storage. We currently pay \$3000 per year property tax on the rental portion of the building. It was moved by Steve, seconded by Vickie, to reject the rental offer of SOU plus. Motion carried.

Directors met, theme for 2025 will be to encourage Grange Visitations. Plans are being developed to bring Granges together for training in 2025.

Midland Grange sent notice that it will be voting in November 2024 to close.

Financials

- Loan and membership reports were reviewed and Granges with issues were discussed.
- Reviewed Sonny's and Steve's credit card bills for July, August, and September 2024.
- Reviewed and discussed the financial statement thru September 30, 2024

Recessed for lunch from 11:50am to 12:35pm

Sonny reported we had received a \$2000 GRAIL grant to increase our outreach. Discussed what we could use money for to help the Oregon State Grange. It was moved by Susan, seconded by Vickie to purchase a GO Pro camera at a price not to exceed \$500 with the money coming from the GRAIL grant.

Travel to National Grange. Sonny will have meals and banquets paid for in addition to airfare. Jay Sexton will have his hotel and meals covered by the Oregon State Grange as the second delegate. It was moved by Vickie, seconded by Steve to allow \$360 for expenses for Suzy Ramm to attend convention for the induction of the Hall of Fame member from Oregon, money to come from the Leadership/Membership fund. Joyce Parker abstained.

Old Business

- Salmon River Grange- legal work continues on claim against contractor.
- Triangle Lake – needs to have survey completed – Oregon State Grange will pay ½ the survey cost.
- Upper Applegate #839 – reorganized. Vickie moved; Steve seconded to transfer \$13,000 from dormant Grange fund to custodial funds for Upper Applegate Grange. Motion carried.
- Heritage Grant – initial assessment done, ready to start phase 2.
- Employee Handbook – discussed the current Employee Handbook and made some changes. It was decided that Susan Noah would be the person an employee would contact to make an employment-related complaint about either the Office Manager or Assistant Office Manager. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Handbook would be submitted to the OSG attorney for review.

New Business

It was moved by Steve, seconded by Vickie to accept the Grant Committee Report. Following discussion motion was carried. Grants in the amount of \$38,989.43 were approved as follows:

Camas Valley #521 Douglas	\$5,000
Chetco #765 Curry	\$5,000
Eagle Point #664 Jackson	\$5,000
Lake Creek #697 Jackson	\$5,000
Multnomah #71 Multnomah	\$800
Netel #410 Clatsop	\$1,844.93
Redmond #812 Deschutes	\$4497.50
Quincy #321 Columbia	\$1,847
Spencer Creek #855 Lane	\$5,000
Willamette #52 Benton	\$5,000

Discussed travel money for JC Junkman to attend National Grange as the Oregon Young Adult Ambassador. Money was not approved since she did not complete the requirements for the position.

It was moved by Vickie, seconded by Steve to donate \$100 to Wreaths Across America which is the host region's community service project. Wreath Across America places wreaths on fallen heroes' graves. Motion carried.

Motion made by Steve, seconded by Susan to approve all the email

2025 Hosting Committee: Discussed several options, most of what the committee has found is too expensive for the Oregon State Grange. Discussed looking at using a hotel conference space or looking for some facilities outside District 4. No decision was made.

Mt. Vernon Grange Hall – Grange is dormant, had an offer to rent the hall from a church. It was moved by Susan, seconded by Vickie, to reject

Next meetings

- January 18, at 9:00 am
- April 6, 10:30 am

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Fraternally Submitted,

Joyce E Parker
OSG EC – Position 2

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS			
<i>Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.</i>			
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	May 3	10:30 AM	New BridgeGrange
Benton #36	Apr 19	10:30 AM	TBA
Clackamas #1	Apr 26	9:30 AM	Sunnyside Grange
Columbia #18	May 3	10:00 AM	Fern Hill Grange
Deschutes #25	May 10	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Apr 12	6:00 PM	Smith River Grange
Josephine #20	May 31	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Apr 12	10:00 AM	Row River Grange
Lincoln #10	May 18	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Apr 12	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	Jul 8	6:00 PM	TBA
Tillamook #9			TBA
Wallowa #22	Apr	5:30 PM	TBA
Washington-Yamhill #2	Apr 19	10:00 AM	Fernwood Grange



Visit grangerevival.com to register now!



Grange Spirit Week April 13-19

Sunday, April 13

#GrangeStrong Day

Show off what makes your Grange strong! Share a photo, memory, or moment that represents the strength of your Grange family.

Monday, April 14

Service Spotlight Day

How does your Grange give back? Share photos of your latest service projects, acts of kindness, or a story about how your Grange has helped the community. Let's spread the good work!

Tuesday, April 15

Talent Tuesday

Grangers have talent! Whether it's music, art, baking, woodworking, or any other skill, we want to see it! What's a talent that you have honed through the Grange OR you would like to learn more about in the Grange?

Wednesday, April 16

Why I Joined Wednesday

What inspired you to join the Grange? Was it the community,

the mission, or the friendships? Share your Grange journey in a post or video and tag others to do the same!

Thursday, April 17

Grange Apparel Day

Rock your Grange gear today! Post a selfie in your favorite Grange apparel, from vintage shirts to new swag. Let's see that Grange pride!

Friday, April 18

Parade Day

Parades are a tremendous source of community pride and engagement, showing off the great organizations in your hometown. How has your Grange participated? Whether recent or a "throwback," let's show the world how Granges enjoy parades!

Saturday, April 19

Grange Future Day

The future of the Grange is bright! Share what excites you about the next generation of Grange members, upcoming projects, or your vision for the future.

Bluegrass on April 12th and May 10th at the Multnomah Grange #71

Multnomah Grange #71 has a great musical lineup for its final two bluegrass concerts of the season, set for April 12th and May 10th. On April 12th, Sawtooth and Sons will fill the hall with strong family harmonies and driving instrumentals by two original members of Sawtooth Mountain Boys and their sons. Also that evening the duet, Slipshod, performs a broad range of musical styles with Matt Snook on dobro and banjo, and Steve Blanchard playing guitar and mandolin.



ditional bluegrass lens.

On Saturday May 10th, the final show of the season features Sunny South, including Multnomah Grange's own Dave Elliot on mandolin. This well known quartet of veteran bluegrass musicians have standout harmonies and some of the best instrumentals in the region. Rounding out the May 10th show is Dadweed, a Portland trio reimagining pickin' and thumpin' by blending jazz/folk/pop/ R&B with a tra-

All concerts start at 7pm. But all pickers and listeners are welcome when the doors open at 6pm to enjoy a live bluegrass jam in the Grange lobby. The Multnomah Grange #71 is located at 30639 SE Bluff Rd, Gresham, 97080. Suggested cash donation is \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12. A snack bar sells hot dogs, home baked desserts, popcorn and non-alcoholic beverages. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/MultnomahGrange.

Scholls Grange Honored



On January 8th Oregon State Grange Bulletin Editor Suzy Ramm visited Scholls Grange #338, Washington County, to present them with a 2024 National Grange Connector Award. Recipients are selected by National Grange Communications Director Phil Vonada.

The award recognizes their use of YouTube to advertise their events. Check them out at www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqBdnOIZ-ROGmKd5O2P_V_cOszP_Gp-JT0w

Thank You

Chetco Grange #765, Curry County, has been fundraising for the installation of a new heat pump unit. The investment estimated to be around \$16,000 dollars. The heating element is crucial for a viable Grange. We have received local donations yet wish to acknowledge our thoughtful recognition of some of our Oregon Granges who have come forward with donations which we profoundly appreciate.

Here are those who have sent donations:

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| Tigard Grange #148, Tigard | Sunnyside Grange #842, |
| Bellview Grange #759, Ashland | Clackamas |
| Walterville Grange #416, Eugene | Row River (Dorena) Grange #835, |
| Pleasant Grove Grange #475, | Cottage Grove |
| Summerville | Aloha Grange #773, Aloha |
| North End Grange #820, Flora | Kinton Grange #562, Beaverton |
| Rockwall Grange #679, Elgin | Sauvies Island Grange #840, |
| Scholls Grange #338, Sherwood | Sauvie Island |
| Enterprise Grange #489, | Junction City Grange #744, |
| Rogue River | Junction City |
| Molalla Grange #310, Molalla | Mary's River Grange #685, |
| Roxy Ann Grange #792, Medford | Philomath |
| Fern Hill Grange #592, Rainier | Hurricane Creek Grange #608, |
| Deer Island Grange #947, | Joseph |
| Deer Island | Redmond Grange #812, Redmond |

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Westernen, Secretary
Chetco Grange #765
P.O. Box #2537
Brookings, OR 97415

Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

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

Mail to: Oregon State Grange
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