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National Grange Lecturer Tom Gwin Welcomed to Oregon

Tom Gwin, National Grange Lecturer and President of the Washington State Grange will be the National Grange Representative at Oregon's Convention. Brother Tom was elected Lecturer of the National Grange in 2023 at the 157th Annual National Grange Convention.

He is a member of Humptulips Grange #730, where he is Secretary; Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange #28, where he serves as Lecturer and Family Living Director. He has been the Washington State Grange President since 2015.



He is a 5th generation Grange member. His family was honored for six generations of Grange membership in 2017 as part of the first class of Grange Legacy families to be recognized by the National Grange. Tom is a GROW Club member and served on the 1990 National Grange Youth team. In June he will receive his Golden Sheaf certificate representing fifty years of continuous Grange membership.

On Monday afternoon of convention he will be presenting a talk on the National Grange Project Sustenance program and how your Grange can become involved.

Tom is a retired manager of the Washington State Fair. He previously served on the Washington State Fair Association board for 8 years. He has been 4-H leader for 35 years, Junior Grange Leader and Junior Camp Director. He enjoys gardening both flowers and produce. Away from Grange he enjoys spending time with his brother Jerry and his family – Aaron, Jake, and Kennedy, and his mother Davona.

Tom will be with us for only a few days as Washington's State Grange Convention starts on Wednesday. Take this opportunity to visit with our neighbor to the North.

District 4 Welcomes Grangers to Corbett

It's "Mountains, Trees and Dreams" as the members of District 4 welcome you to this year's Oregon State Grange Convention. The convention site is the Corbett Grade School in Corbett with all scheduled meals on site.

The convention begins on Saturday, June 21st and runs most likely through Wednesday, June 25th. Cannot get away for that many days? No problem. You will find the schedule starting on page 9of

this issue. Check it out and see what is happening when you can come. If you are bringing your children or grandchildren, check the schedules specifically for Youth/Young Adults and Juniors on pages 11 & 12.

Returning this year will be several workshops and presentations, some during the early morning and others schedule throughout the days. Of special interest to those new to state convention will be a conference

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GWA: Project Sustenance Convention Food Drive

The GWA Committee will be holding a food drive to support the Oregon Food Bank at the 2025 Oregon State Grange Convention. Funding for food banks has been greatly diminished and the overwhelming need across the state of Oregon makes this an excellent undertaking for Project Sustenance.

The GWA Committee is taking immediate action to address this enormous need by collecting non-perishable food items or monetary donations in Corbett this year. Please consider bringing something to donate in support of this cause.

All donations will be distributed to the Oregon Food Bank or other food banks across Oregon. Cash/ Checks (*made out to the Oregon*

State Grange or directly to the Oregon Food Bank) may be dropped off at the GWA room to any committee member

With the focus on Project Sustenance, the GWA Committee believes that Oregon Grange members will rise to the occasion to make sure that the hungry in our communities are supported.

Top items needed at food banks

- **Canned Proteins:** Chicken, fish such as tuna and salmon
- **Canned Beans:** black, garbanzo, black-eyed peas, and pinto
- **Canned Meat:** SPAM and ham
- **Peanut Butter** and other nut butters
- **Pantry Staples** flour or sugar, condiments, olive oil, spices: garlic powder, minced onion, oregano, basil, salt, pepper, and cinnamon, brownie mixes
- **Canned Vegetables:** Colorful and nutrient-dense, these are always in high demand.
- **Pasta & Pasta Sauce**
- **Formula & Baby Food**



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The President's Column

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This year's convention is in Corbett, in the beautiful Columbia Gorge area, at the Corbett Elementary School, from June 21-26.

Our annual convention is approaching, and I encourage you to attend. This is the highlight of the State Grange year, and an opportunity to meet other Grangers and see what other Granges are doing. It is easy to feel inspired about your Community Grange, and get involved. For many the State Grange seems remote and difficult to fathom. Attending a State Grange Convention will provide valuable insight into the purpose and working of the State Grange which leads to a greater understanding and appreciation of the Grange as a whole.

There are opportunities to learn about the State Grange, contests to enter sponsored by GWA, Lecturer, Community Service and Membership, some of which are open to non-Grange members. There are workshops, luncheons from GWA, the Foundation and Youth, awards for membership gain, Community Service Yearbooks, Honor Granges, and scholarships to be awarded. There will be an auction of both the vocal and silent type, a presentation on Project Sustenance from our National Guest, Worthy National Lecturer Tom Gwin, a memorial service to honor Grange members who passed away since the last Convention, a ceremony to honor veterans, presentation of the Fifth and Sixth Degrees, raffles, displays, line dancing, and of course, work on resolutions. There is something for everyone, and the six days of activity are an incredible value for the \$10 registration fee.

This is where the State Grange defines and clarifies its policies, and

the resolution work is important to the future of the State Grange; it exemplifies our ideals and principles in action. In this age of rampant partisanship, our work serves as a shining beacon to illuminate what is possible when people of disparate regions and beliefs work in tandem instead of opposition.

I have heard legislative work referred to as 'sausage-making,' a reference to how many differing ideas and goals are combined into a final product. I firmly believe however, the quality of that legislative work directly impacts the quality of the end product, just as it does with sausage-making. It's the difference between bologna and boudin blanc. Our Grange encompasses members of all shades of the political spectrum, and all regions of the State, from tiny rural eastern Oregon communities to densely populated urban regions on the western side of the Cascades, which create a variety of different opinions. Despite these differences and divides, we come together to craft policies and bylaws that we feel will best serve the needs of our members and the Grange as an organization, and while there is vocal debate, the spirit of civility and fraternity is never lost.

The benefits extend far beyond crafting good sausage. It leads to greater understanding about concerns and issues facing others, and this is a result truly worth celebrating. Instead of sound bites and cursory news articles influencing our opinions, we listen to people who are impacted by events and decisions and learn to see issues in a different light. This alone is a great reason to consider attending the convention, for it is an experience of incalculable value, not easily found in today's world.

A side effect of this work is the fellowship it creates. As a delegate, I have spoken for my own perspective on issues, and while it may come as a shock to some, it has usually been on the progressive side of issues. Yet, I have also carefully listened to those who speak from a different perspective and worked with them on committees. Understanding and connection create empathy, something this nation needs a great deal more of, and it reduces friction. I have seen members debate vocally, then help those they argued with load out, or go to dinner together. It is, frankly, amazing to see this level of friendship and cooperation from people of differing viewpoints, and again, this is an example the Grange should be proud of. Despite the media message of divisiveness, our Grange convention embodies the message of togetherness.

My first convention was not that long ago; it was the 2018 Convention in Astoria. My wife, Judy, attended the 2017 Convention in Florence and was so enamored of what she discovered, she urged me to attend the following year. As with her experience, it was eye-opening, and inspiring. So much so that I contacted Susan Noah and offered to volunteer for State Grange and consequently became a member of the now defunct Communication Team. At first, I felt somewhat intimidated, especially serving on the Bylaws Committee with both John Fine and Ed Luttrell, but everyone was so welcoming and accommodating that my trepidations soon vanished, and I have been inspired ever since.

The banners we are handing out this year as part of our visitation program contain the message that 'CommUNITY is good for the soul' and while this message is aimed at encouraging your local community to join your Grange, it is just as relevant when it comes to encouraging Community Granges to attend the State Convention. Come, feed your soul with us this June in Corbett!

Let's Visit 2025 Visitation Program

This year Grangers were ask to join together at a District level visitations. The pre-convention schedule is complete but there is still time for you to attend one or more get togethers Post-Convention. All start at 10 am except August 9 at Hurricane Creek.

August 2
 District 1 at Myrtle Creek Grange
 District 2 at Willamette Grange.

August 9
 District 5 at Hurricane Creek 11am

September 6
 District 3 at Fernwood Grange
 District 4 at Rockford Grange.



Above: Jeff Dehne presented Thurston Grange with their banner. The members were wearing their new t-shirt made by member Stephanie Perkins.



L-r: Jeff Dehne presented the new banner to Goshen President, Linda Wetzel and Liz Dehne shared with them information from the March 29th District visitation.

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Celebrate America's 250th Birthday with the Grange

By Lois Barber, *Chairperson*
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The countdown is on! **America's 250th birthday**—also known as the United States Semiquincentennial—is coming up on **July 4, 2026**, and the National Grange is gearing up for a year-long celebration leading up to this historic milestone. Our "America's 250th" work group is hard at work planning ways for everyone to join in the fun, and we want YOU to be part of it!



While we're still finalizing plans, here are some exciting ways to get involved now:

Nominate a Hometown Hero

Do you know an unsung American hero? The Our American Story project is collecting and preserving stories from everyday people who've made a difference. Nominate a friend, family member, neighbor, or community leader to make sure their story is shared and remembered! Submit nominations at america250.org.

Make Sure Your Community is Celebrating!

Contact your town council or city administration to make sure your town is planning its own semiquincentennial celebrations. Let's make this a nationwide party! If your town doesn't have a parade or event planned, make sure your Grange is leading the charge to celebrate our country!

Plan a Grange Celebration!

What's a birthday without a party? Host a picnic, parade, or community gathering next spring or summer to bring people together in honor of America's 250th!

Show Your Patriotism!

You don't need an excuse to be patriotic—it's not a political thing, it's an American thing! Fly your flag. Wear your red, white, and blue. Spread the spirit!

Stay Tuned for More!

Pretty soon, we will launch a Grange webpage where you'll find:

- 250 Ways to Be Patriotic
- Essay & Coloring Contests
- Special Grange Programs
- Bicentennial Memories from 1976
- And More!

Commemorative Items Coming Soon!

We're designing apparel and a challenge coin to mark this incredible event—stay tuned for details!

Got an idea? Want to get involved? We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to Lois Barber from Kansas, Chair of our America's 250th work group, at ksgrangeseecretary@gmail.com

Let's make this a celebration for the ages!

Lecturer's Contest Entries

Entries will be accepted on **Saturday June 21st from noon-5 pm** and **Sunday June 22 8-9am and 10am-noon** in the contest display room at the Corbett Grade School. Use the 2025 Awards, Contests and Scholarship Guide for information which was mailed to members earlier this year or is available on the OSG website.

OSG Awards Matching Grants

Ten Granges in Oregon received matching grants for projects with their halls for a total of \$40,656.06.

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| • Columbia #267 | \$5,000 |
| • Elmira #523 | \$5,000 |
| • Enterprise #489 | \$2,500 |
| • Maplewood #662 | \$5,000 |
| • Pacific #413 | \$981.06 |
| • Rickreall #671 | \$5,000 |
| • Rockford #501 | \$2,175 |
| • Upper Rogue #825 | \$5,000 |
| • White Clover #784 | \$5,000 |
| • Williams #399 | \$5,000 |

This fall is the next opportunity to apply for a grant. Applications are due September 1 and will be mailed with the second quarter report in June.



Benefits the Oregon State Grange Foundation

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

The Lecturer's Column

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Hi everyone! Are you all as excited as I am about the upcoming Oregon State Grange Convention June 21-26 at Corbett Elementary School in Corbett, Oregon? My committee and I have some fun things planned during the week and are thrilled that we will be able to share them with you.

Contest entries will be accepted Saturday, June 21st in the afternoon and Sunday, June 22nd in the morning. This is a great time to be thinking about what you have done over the last year that would fit into the categories in the Contest booklet that you should have received in the mail. The contest book is also on the Oregon State Grange website - www.orgrange.org. All the Lecturer's contests are open to Grange members. Many are also open to non-members. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends who have talent in art or photography to participate and potentially choose to join us later as members.

If you want to enter, but are unable to attend, you can send your entries with a friend who will be coming to the convention. You can also deliver or mail your entries to the State Grange office by June 1st to be brought to the convention to be entered. Every entry needs to have a completed contest form attached with it. There is a template in the Grange contest book, or you can download the forms on the Oregon State Grange website.

I would encourage those entering to complete the forms at home before coming to the state convention. This will make the process much easier for you and for my committee when you are dropping your entries off.

Saturday night after the Kickoff Banquet, we will have our first ever Open Mic Night. I am looking forward to seeing many great acts from you all. I am hoping that

those with talent who may have already won a talent show in the past can share with us again that night. I also am hoping that those of you who don't think you have talent will get on stage and entertain us anyway.

I would like you all to think about what you can contribute that night to making it a fun event for us all. I will likely have an inspirational reading to share to kick things off. But I would love to see this evening as a night where our members share a bit of themselves for the enjoyment of others. Ask a Grange friend to join you on stage if you like. Challenge your State and Pomona Officers to create an act to share. I hope this will be a lot of fun.

I just found out that we have permission to have a Karaoke machine if someone wants to use it. I am working on finding one to use that night. Contact me by 2pm on Saturday of the State Convention in the Lecturer's display room if you would like to participate, however I am not going to be strict about entrants and if the spirit moves someone to share during the event, feel free to let me know and we will make a spot for you on stage.

The Open Mic Night will not have judges; however, we will allow the audience to vote for their favorite Junior, Youth, and 36 and older entry and a \$50 Amazon Gift Card will be presented during convention on Monday to the winners.

Other events that the Lecturer's committee will be putting on during state convention are a workshop on how to create a Lecturer's program as well as a line dancing class. Check the schedule in this issue of the Bulletin for dates and times.

Looking forward to seeing many of you this year in Corbett!



The Chaplain's Corner

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Ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.

Job 12: 7-10

As I was reading through my devotional book titled "Be Still and Be Blessed" by Natasha Marcellus, the above Bible passage reminded me of the theme that is woven through the Sixth Degree of our Fraternal Order.

Creation, with all its intricacies, is an incredible gift. So much of it could have been left out, but God is an artist. Do we truly need sunsets and craggy mountains? What about crashing waves on rocky shores or trees that tower to the skies? Do we need so many types of wildflowers or such fluffy clouds? God could have created the earth to look like whatever he wanted. It could have been highly efficient, utilitarian, or even chaotic. He created the earth to reflect his character, making it perfectly good. Everything he created points to him. It declares his glory and the works of his hands. It teaches us that he values beauty and delight.

In the face of such awe-inspiring beauty, we are reminded of our connection to the divine and the importance of stewardship. Each element of creation, from the smallest flower to the grandest mountain, serves a purpose in the grand tapestry of life. This awareness calls us to nurture and protect the world around us, recognizing that in our care for creation, we honor the Creator.

Moreover, these moments of natural wonder offer us solace and reflection. The serene stillness of a sunset or the gentle rustling of leaves in a forest can be profound teachers, guiding us towards a deeper understanding of peace and harmony. As we immerse ourselves in the splendor of creation, we find opportunities to meditate on our own lives and the blessings bestowed upon us.

Let us take time each day to appreciate the beauty that surrounds us, to listen to the lessons whispered by nature, and to embrace the joy that comes from recognizing the divine artistry in every aspect of our world.



In Memoriam

Ron Bangert
Triangle #533

Cab Clark
Lowell #745

Keith Colvin
Terrebonne #663

Melva Grizzell
Redland #796

Jim Harrison
Pine Forest #632

Raymond Kosydar
Siletz Valley #558

Art Moir
Fern Hill #592

Kenneth Payne
McMinnville #31

Doug Powell
Lowell #745

Ray Rebmann
Lacomb #907

Karen Redhead
Triangle #533

Robert Richardson
Westside #845

Sharon "Sue" Sebring
Beaver Homes #518

Richard Swanson
North Bayside #691



*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.*

Past Oregon State Assistant Steward Joins the Grange Above

Keith Alton Colvin, a member of Terrebonne Grange #663, Deschutes County, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2025, surrounded by family. He was born on April 2, 1939, to Alton and Mary Jane Colvin in Washington State. He married Myrna Tyler on July 8, 1961, at Chehalis in Lewis County, Washington.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by children, Teresa Brott and Philip; and grandchildren, Nathan Brott and Mary Brott.



A lifelong Granger, Bother Keith joined Oakview Grange #311, Lewis County, Washington on December 4, 1952. Over the years he was a member there he served as Gatekeeper, Steward, Assistant Steward, and Overseer.

On May 25, 1971, he, and Myrna along with his parents, demitted to Oregon, joining Fair Oaks Grange #684, in Douglas County, where they spent twenty-four years before demitting to Terrebonne Grange. He held several offices at Fair Oaks, including Master. He also served as Master at Terrebonne Grange for several years and as Deschutes County Pomona Grange Master from 1997-2002. He was also a member of the OSG Agriculture

committee representing District #5.

In June 2004 he was elected as Oregon State Grange Assistant Steward along with his wife Myrna as Lady Assistant and they served until June 2008.

A memorial service was held on April 12, 2025, at the Terrebonne Grange hall and Terrebonne draped the charter in April. Oakview Grange in Washington also draped their charter in memory of their past member.

Condolences can be sent to Myrna and family:

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Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

June 21-26	Oregon State Grange Convention Corbett Grade School - Corbett, Oregon
July 30	1st Quarter Report due to the state Grange office
August 22 – September 1	Oregon State Fair Grange Log Cabin Salem, Oregon
September 1	Entry Deadline for National Grange Contests: Quilt Block Contest Virtual Photo Contest Garden Design Contest Design a Program Contest Publicity Item Contest Grass Roots Advocacy in Action
	Distinguished Grange Program Application Deadline "Grange in Action" application Deadline Grange Legacy Family application Deadline due to National Grange
September 15	990n ePostcard deadline for most Granges
November 8	Leadership Training Conference
November 8-15	159th National Grange Convention
June 20-25, 2026	Oregon State Grange Convention District 5 – Location yet TBD



Jennifer Childress (left) at the Heritage Apple Festival at White Clover Grange in Nehalem. Photo by Trav Williams, Broken Banjo Photography

It is Apples, Apples, Apples at White Clover Grange

White Clover Grange #784, Tillamook County, has been learning about apples. Last October, they hosted the annual Heritage Apple Festival where people were able to learn about the history of apple trees in the Nehalem River Valley and how to use locally grown apples. Tasting of many varieties of apples was held at the festival along with the sale of baked apple treats and the making of cider with an old fashion hand crank press.

The Heritage Apple Festival celebrates the history of the apples in the valley. The Grange is working on a project to know where and who homesteaded the area and apples trees are an indication that a homestead may have been at a location. Many of the old apples trees have been cut down, but the ones that remain tell an interesting story and a number of these trees are over 100 years old. The Grange with support from the Tillamook County Cultural Coalition is taking on oral histories of people and their memories of the apple trees in the valley. A map has been created to indicate the general area where heritage apple trees can be found and elaborate on these apple trees history.

Multi-purpose apples, which can be eaten, are good for baking and store for a long time and are good for juicing. They are a favorite and many heritage apple trees have these characteristics in common. A local community member has started to make hard cider from these heritage apples. David Hendrickson describes the apples as "found" apples because the trees grow wild along roadside and in hedgcs.

The Grange opened its door in March 2025 for an "Apple Grafting Workshop". It was a one-day event, free of charge. Participants learned techniques and took home grafted seedlings. And then on April 5, 2025, the White Clover Grange hosted the second spring grafting workshop that was free and open to the public. A dozen participants spent the afternoon learning how to

graft apple trees.

The art of grafting is an old one. Since many fruit trees do not reproduce the same variety from their seeds, farmers and horticulturalists take scion wood (a young branch from an existing tree) and attached it to a similar sized branch that has roots. The two branches are matched for size (usually the size of a pencil), sliced at an angle, and then taped together. If done well, the two parts will fuse, and a new tree will grow. The scion wood is responsible for the type of apple, while the root stock controls characteristics such as the height of the tree, vigor, and disease resistance.

The Grange featured heritage apple varieties from their community that were grafted on to semi-dwarf disease resistant root stock. Materials were provided, though some participants also brought scion wood from their own beloved trees. Skills were developed and by the end of the day the group had grafted 100 new apple trees. Next year they will try pears!

This was followed by their Spring Festival in mid-April, which highlighted local products, seeds exchanges, soil sampling, and many other gardening subjects. The Grange's focus on the Spring Festival as not a fund-raising event but more of an educational time of sharing.



David Hendrickson in his cidery. Photo by Chelsea Yarnell

Community Service Involvement

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Our motto: Making a Difference in the Community

As I am writing this, 40 Granges from 15 counties submitted reports for this year: 2024:

Baker (1)
Clackamas (6)
Clackamas County Pomona
Clatsop (1)
Columbia (1)
Deschutes (1)
Douglas (3)
Jackson (1)
Lake (1)
Lane (16)
Lincoln (1)
Linn (2)
Multnomah (1)
Tillamook (1)
Wallowa (2)
Yamhill (1)

Thank you to all the Granges that have so far submitted their Annual Community Service Report. I am looking forward to receiving **more** 2024 Annual Community Service/Involvement reports by June 1st. From the reports that I have received, I tallied the hours that Grangers and non-Grangers have put diligently into the Community: Grangers did **86,262 hours** and for the non-Grangers: **18,939 hours**.



Lane Pomona Collects Coffee for Veterans

At the April 12 meeting of the Lane Pomona Grange #14, Subordinate/Community Granges and Grangers brought a total of ten cans of coffee as part of the "Coffee for Veterans" which is the Pomona Grange's annual community service project.

On April 30, the coffee was delivered to the Eugene Veterans Center.

As your Community Service Director, I am privileged to have read your Annual Community Service/Involvement reports. It is amazing what all the different Granges are doing in the community, big/small and lots of projects.

The Community Service Yearbook for 2024 must be entered for judging at State Grange Convention by noon on **Sunday June 22nd**. Don't forget to include a copy of your Annual Community Service Report.

Hopefully you nominated a **Volunteer of the Year** recognizing a member who is a dedicated volunteer in your community. Also, hopefully you nominated your local **Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter and Teacher** for this year's awards. The winners will be announced and presented with a certificate and award at the State Grange Convention.

Connecting with your community and with other Granges or Grangers can develop lasting friendships. Take pride in what you are doing in your community.

See you at State Convention in Corbett.

Does Your Grange Want Copies of the Bulletin?

Requests for copies of the paper are continuing. We have come up with a couple options for Granges to get copies of the papers.

- Option one** is 5-10 copies of every issue which will be mailed in the name of the Grange for the Grange to use at their monthly events, i.e., breakfasts, dinners, Bingo or the like. The Grange name will be added to the mailing list and the Bulletin will arrive like clockwork every two months. So far Buell, Goshen, Hurricane Creek, Illinois Valley, Irving, Marys River, Morning Star, Redland, Siletz Valley, Spencer Creek, Springwater, Warren, and Wickiup are taking advantage of this plan. It is significantly less expensive to have them mailed from the printer than from the office.
- Option two** is copies for individual events like an open house or your county fair. Let the office know by the deadline for the issue you want and numbers needed and they will be added to the count being printed. Once they arrive back from the printer they can be picked up or shipped to you.

Please let the Bulletin Editor know if you want to take advantage of either of these options.

Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Welcome back Grangers to our ongoing discussions on Deaf Awareness & Family Health. Today, we will be recapping our first Washington-Yamhill Pomona Mental Health Awareness Fair, talking briefly about a current opportunity that exists for free radon testing for some Oregon zip codes, and introducing our Tiny House Village visitation and design contest.

The DAFH Mental Health Awareness Fair, organized for the Washington-Yamhill Pomona Granges, was held February 22, 2025, at the Winona Grange in Tualatin. The event featured 22 different mental health care practitioners, therapists and agency and organization professionals to answer questions and help attendees, professional speakers from both Washington and Yamhill County Health and Human Services. Attendees were able to learn about non-pharmaceutical therapies for coping with stress and other mental health concerns, such as tonal therapy, meditation, art therapy, and to learn more about common mental health disorders and conditions. There was an abundance of door prizes and free information and an affordable lunch. If we didn't see you this time, pencil us in your schedule for later this year as we travel to Eugene. We'd love to see you there. Finally, a big thank you to all the Washington-Yamhill Pomona members who helped with everything from serving lunch to selling 50/50 tickets. You're the best!

I also wanted to talk briefly about radon today. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is formed in soil and bedrock and is found all over the United States. Radon is formed by the natural decay of the mineral uranium which breaks down to form radon gas.¹ For this reason, radon can be anywhere, especially regions that were volcanically active, like our beloved Pacific Northwest. Radon gas is colorless, odorless, and tasteless and is relatively harmless until it begins to break down. So, you can't know if you have it, without testing for it. The best time to test for radon is in the winter months when you tend to keep things closed up. Otherwise, if you are testing at a time of the year when you typically leave your windows open, you will get false low readings and could be at increased risk during winter months. Right now, the Oregon Health Authority is giving away free radon tests if you live in certain zip codes where they don't have a lot of radon test data. Once radon begins to break down

it produces a radon decay product that emits radioactive alpha particles. These particles can become inhaled and trapped in the lungs, where they cause irreparable damage to lung cell DNA. Prolonged exposure to these carcinogens causes increased risk of lung cancer. **Radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer among smokers and the leading cause among non-smokers.**²

We also wanted to share with you that we have begun to investigate tiny house villages as one solution for our growing homeless population. We plan to visit several Oregon communities that have put their energy behind this solution and have nothing but good things to say. We plan to investigate blueprints available and decide if this is a project we can invest in as the Grange. One of these communities held competitions pairing local architects and builders who designed plans and donated supplies and labor to build each of the competing tiny houses. More on this later and we'd love to hear what you have to say about this. Visit us at our annual state session to share your thoughts or drop us an email.

Finally, I just wanted to remind you that we are all trying to make the effort this year to visit each other. Granges were meant to visit and we've kind of gotten away from that over the years. It's getting expensive to fill up the tank and take off, but it's so important, both for our organization and for our health and wellbeing. We need each other. We are our strength and our resilience. So, visit a Grange, say hi, find out what they're doing and take home some new ideas and that old-fashioned feeling of connection. Till next time, I remain, faithfully, fraternally, yours.



Above: Marys River Grange President Judy Hays-Eberts presents Philomath Community Services with the proceeds from the plant sale.



Above: Participants learned about the use of herbs to improve your health and well being at Goldson Grange.

Herbs and Their Use For Health and Well-Being

Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, was pleased to offer an informative afternoon event on how to combat stress naturally. On Saturday, May 3rd, Laura Van Horn, pharmacist turned family herbalist and certified aromatherapist, presented an illuminating discussion on herbs and their diverse use for your health and well-being.



Laura Van Horn showing some of the herbs and other items she uses.

Folks learned effective ways to manage stress naturally, using aromatherapy and herbs, and practical ways to help take control of stress and improve overall wellness. There was a wonderful turnout of people, many who knew a lot about herbs and others new to the idea. Questions asked were outstanding and deepened the information offered.

Afterwards people enjoyed conversation with Laura as she showed

them some of the items she uses to keep herself stress free. Goldson Grange is happy to gift the community with talks like these and it is rewarding to see so many people participate.



Marys River Holds Annual Plant Sale

Marys River Grange #685, Benton County, held their 2025 Plant Sale and Seed Swap on April 26th, a benefit for Philomath Community Services (PCS), which includes Nancy's Food Pantry, June's Kids Closet, Lupe's Community Garden, and PCS Gleaners. The annual event proved very popular and netted \$2,217, awarded to PCS on May 15th.

There were plenty of free seeds, and Windy Hill brought a small herd of baby goats for everyone to cuddle – always the highlight.

Plants and garden items had no set prices; customers paid as they chose. The weather was perfect and the community was generous. It was heartwarming in so many ways. Thanks to everyone who made it happen!

Many volunteers contributed to its success. Mark Files sharpened garden tools and kitchen knives throughout the day. Gathering Together Farm, Sunbow Produce, Windy Hill Farm and many individuals donated plants from their own farms, gardens, and homes.





Above: Courtney Gordon of Spencer Creek Grange helps a young lady plant a marigold.

It Was a Busy Weekend at Ag Fest

The 38th annual Oregon Ag Fest returned to the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, Oregon April 26-27 and the Oregon State Grange was excited to again be a part of it. Located in AG Country - which is the heart and soul of the Oregon Ag Fest - is where the Oregon State Grange's activity center was located.

Oregon Grange volunteers, more than 35 people, helped transplant seedlings into peat pots for visitors to take home, handing out literature and talking "Grange" to Oregon families. More tomatoes and marigolds were grown this year so there were still plants at the end, transplanted and gone home with families.

A special **Thank You** to Bee and Nate Johnson, owners of Sunbow Produce and members of Marys River Grange who grew over

4000 marigold and 2000 tomato seedlings for the event. Also thank you to these Grangers who helped at the Grange activity center during Ag Fest.



Above: Mathew Dehne, Walterville Grange, waves to the camera while overseeing a marigold being planted.

Thank You Ag Fest Volunteers

**Thank you to all of those who helped with Ag Fest.
We had a great two days.**

Amanda Puls
Belinda Sanchez
Breanna Hays-McKay
Cookie Trupp
Courtney Gordon
Dan Keeley
Dean Kieling
Dean McKay (Jr)
Deryk Myers
Jaleaha Wright
Jay Sexton
Jesse O'Dell
JoAnn Keeley
Joyce Parker
Judy Hays-Eberts
Liz Dehne
Mark Noah
Mathew Dehne
Paula Herrick

Peggy Jillson
RaeLynn Thorp (Jr)
Roberta Elders
Roberta O'Dell
Roan Thorp (Jr)
Rowena Miller
Sandi Ludi
Shelsea Clason
Sonny Hays-Eberts
Steve Kroeker
Susie Kroeker
Suzy Ramm
Susan Noah
Teresa Cernac
Tomy Jones
Toni Hoyman
Tyler Gordon
Vernon Herrick
Vickie Thorp



The Education Committee

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Over the last few weeks Washington state legislature has been working on an interesting funding package for K-12. They are working on fully funding special education. Oregon currently caps special education at 11% of district enrollment, when nationally and in Oregon the average spending is around 15% but can in special cases have much higher costs than that if the student has very special needs and that cost is the responsibility of the individual district.

The 2024 spending level is approximately \$9.92 billion. The difference between 11% and 15% is almost 400 million dollars. Overall funding levels are one of the major restrictions to decent K-12 schools.

When it comes to funding of K-12 schools in Oregon the changes with the US Department of Education and how that will affect funding in school districts of all sizes is not yet known.

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

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

Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Aug 9	10:30 AM	Missouri Flat Grange
Benton #36	Jul 19	10:30 AM	Fairmount Grange
Clackamas #1	Jul 26	9:30 AM	Springwater Grange
Columbia #18	Aug 2	10:00 AM	Columbia Co. Fairgrounds
Deschutes #25	Aug 9	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Aug 20	6:00 PM	Camas Valley Grange
Josephine #20	Aug 30	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Jul 12	10:00 AM	TBA
Lincoln #10	Aug 17	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Aug 12	10:00 AM	Santiam Valley Grange
Polk #3	Jul 8	6:00 PM	Oak Grove
Tillamook #9			TBA
Wallowa #22	Jul	5:30 PM	TBA
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jul 19	10:00 AM	Dixie Mountain Grange



Above: l-r: Toni Hoyman of Willamette Grange and Tyler Gordon of Spencer Creek Grange help visitors transplant seedlings.

Below: Breanna Hays-McKay, Abernethy Grange, helps out as young son Finn watches mom.





GWA

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OSG Grange Workers Activities Director

As May starts my committee and I are making our plans for the Oregon State Grange convention in June. This year we have made some changes to the contests that we hope will bring in more entries, such as a Home Décor category, a Honey category, some new breads, and a category for assembled crocheted items. Take a good look through the Contest Guide and bring us lots of entries! Don't forget that the Grange with the largest number of entries will receive a check for \$150 and the individual with the most entries will receive a check for \$100!

Contest Entry Times

I also want to point out a small change to the entry times. We will be taking entries from noon to 5pm on Saturday June 21st and then from 8am to 9am on Sunday the 22nd and again from 10am to noon on the same day. Judging will take place at 1pm on Sunday and the room will be open for viewing as soon as possible after the judging. The time between 9am and 10am is the opening of the session so we will be shut down during that time. Since we have such a tight schedule to get the room set up for judging, we hope that most of the entries will come in on Saturday.

Food Drive

The GWA Committee will also be holding a food drive to support Or-

egon food banks at the 2025 State Convention. This undertaking was inspired by both Project Sustenance and input from a District 2 food bank director at the District 2 visitation at Santa Clara Grange, who reported that funding for food banks has been greatly diminished, and the overwhelming need that exists across the state of Oregon.

The GWA Committee has decided to take immediate action to address this great need and will be collecting non-perishable food items or monetary donations in Corbett this year. Please consider bringing something to support this cause. All donations will be distributed to the Oregon Food Bank, or other food banks across the state.

Cash/Checks (made out to the Oregon State Grange or directly to the Oregon Food Bank) may be dropped off at the GWA room to a committee member.

I can't say enough about the current need for these donations but with the focus of Project Sustenance and the generosity of our members I believe we can rise to the occasion to make sure that our communities are supported.

I am looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and making new ones at this year's convention!



Susan's 7-Layer Dip

Use a 9-13 inch baking dish

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| 1 – (14 oz) can refried beans | 2 cups grated cheddar cheese |
| 1 envelop guacamole mix | 1 medium tomato, diced |
| 3 medium avocados | 1 small can sliced olives |
| 1 pint sour cream | 3 or 4 green onion – diced |
| 1 envelope taco seasoning | |

- Layer the refried bean evenly across the bottom of the dish.
- Mash the avocados, then mix with guacamole mix and spread this over the beans.
- Mix sour cream and taco seasoning and spread over the guacamole.
- Spread the cheddar cheese on top of the sour cream mixture and then sprinkle the diced tomatoes, sliced olives, and green onions on the top.

Recipe taken from "Tastes of All Seasons" – Oregon State Grange Cookbook and provided by Susan Noah, Mohawk McKenzie Grange # 747, Lane County.

Cookbooks are available at the state office and will be available in the Grange store at convention in Corbett for \$15 each.

GWA Contest Entries

Entries will be accepted on **Saturday June 21st from noon-5 pm** and **Sunday 8-9 am and 10-am-noon** in the contest display room at the Corbett Grade School. Use the 2025 Awards, Contests and Scholarship Guide for information which was mailed to members earlier this year or is available on the OSG website.



L-r: Sam Keator, Washington-Yamhill Pomona President, affiliate member of Abernethy Grange in Clackamas County and President of AICS; Don Furlan, Lecturer, Beavercreek Grange; Elijah Gannaway, Father's Heart Ministries; Gary Dumolt, Master, Beavercreek Grange; and Don Kingsborough, Clackamas County Pomona Grange Community Service Chairman.

Beavercreek Grange Serves Irish Meals

Each year on the weekend nearest St. Patrick's Day, Beavercreek Grange #276, Clackamas County, hosts a community dinner to celebrate the holiday. This year the dinner was held on Saturday, March 16. Sam Keator, a fellow Granger and President of the All-Ireland Cultural Society (AICS), has enjoyed dinner with the Grange many times. Brother Keator invited Beavercreek Grange to cater the annual AICS event on Sunday, March 17th. Made for a crazy weekend for the cooking crew.

It was collectively decided to donate any leftovers after the dinners. Don

Kingsborough helped them make the connections and the excess food went to the Father's Heart Street Ministry in Oregon City, who in turn, served a hot Irish meal to the homeless in the area.

In the process of dropping off the goods, Elijah Gannaway, the Operations Manager, was asked to come speak at the April meeting of Beavercreek Grange. He shared his story of getting involved in Father's Heart, the building of the program, and the future plans for their ministry. It is a worthwhile cause as it helps many!



Welcomes Grangers to Corbett

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on "Everything You need to Know about Convention" presented by several State officers at 2pm on Saturday June 21st.

Several days have themes: Sunday is "Wear your Grange pins and buttons," Tuesday is "Red, White and Blue Day" to Honor our Veterans and "Wear Red Tennis Shoes" to show our support of our Junior members.

On Wednesday members are encouraged to "Wear Green" to show support of our Youth members.

So you Want to View the Waterfalls

Want to avoid the traffic and parking problems on the Historic Columbia River Highway or having to make another reservation to actually see the Falls? It is recommended taking advantage of the narrated Historic Columbia River Highway Trolley (Waterfall Trolley). Hop on or hop off at one or more of the ten stops for some sightseeing or a hike. You can

hop back on the next trolley. Stops are made at Corbett, Crown Point, Latourell Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, Angels Rest, Wahkeena Falls, Multnomah Falls, Triple Falls, Horsetail Falls and Ainsworth. The Waterfall Trolley is wheelchair accessible.

The sales booth address, parking lot and guest loading address is 36901 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, Corbett, Oregon 97019. The trolleys depart from this address. For more information, schedules, and reservations contact: www.waterfalltrolley.com.

Visiting Multnomah Falls

All visitors to Multnomah Falls and Lodge and viewing areas arriving by private vehicle via I-84 will need a timed use permit. This timed permit does not reserve or guarantee you a parking space in any parking lot. If you arrive on one of the tours or via the Waterfall Trolley you will not need a permit and your entry to the Falls and Lodge can be at any time during the day.



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Annual Convention Oregon State Grange

June 21-26, 2025

Corbett Grade School
35800 E Historic Columbia River Hwy
Corbett, Oregon

Tenative Schedule ~ Oregon State Grange Convention “Mountains ~ Streams ~ Dreams in District 4 ~ 2025”

Saturday, June 21

7 am	Set up facility begins		of the State Grange Convention
8:30 am	Ag Tour – Busses load at Columbia Grange #267 at 8:30 am, Leaves at 8:45 am. Please contact Sara Grigsby to register. Lunch will be provided by Columbia Grange. Tour will end by 2-ish PM at Columbia Grange hall.	2 pm	Open Mic Sign-up. See Lecturer in Contest Display Area
11 am	Memorial-Worship Service Practice – Gym <i>Closed to All but Participants</i>		Junior talent, public speaking, and sign-a-song contestants must register in the Junior Room
Noon	GWA and Lecturer contest entries accepted – Contest Display areas	3 pm	Youth Public Speaking, Ritual and Sign-A-Song contestants must register with the State Youth Director.
	Rosebud Practice – Gym - <i>Closed to All but Participants</i>	3 pm	Workshop: Music Licensing – Sonny Hays-Eberts, Classroom 15
12:30 pm	Credentials Committee meets in Main Entry Hallway		Fifth Degree practice – Gym <i>Closed to All but Participants</i>
		5 pm	Contest entries closed
1–4 pm	Registration/Check In opens – Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Main Entry Hallway Following days will have packets and name badges available for pre-registered attendees. There will only be limited registration for anyone not pre-registered. Degree tickets will be sold today and tomorrow prior to the 5 th and 6 th degrees.	5:30 pm	Kickoff Banquet All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion, State officers introduced. – Dining Area
1 pm	Workshop: Civic Engagement Abby Laufman, Conference Room - Classroom 15	7 pm	Spence Scholarship award– Dining Area Honor Grange awards Community Service – Volunteer of the Year award
2 pm	Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries accepted – see the Contest Display areas		Adult and Junior, Public Speaking Contest
2 pm	Everything You need to Know about Convention – Dining Area Sonny Hays-Eberts, Susan Noah, John Fine, Mark Noah – Delegates Training and ways to make the most of out		Open-Mic Lecturer’s show
			Immediately Following: State Officers practice including Sixth Degree – Gym – closed to everyone except for the State Officers.

**Sunday, June 22***Wear your Grange pins and buttons*

8-9 am	Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Registration/Check In - Main Entry Hallway.
	Packets and name badges will be available for pre-registered attendees. There will only be limited registration for anyone not pre-registered. Degree tickets will be sold today, prior to the 5 th and 6 th degrees. Registration – Main Entry Hallway
	Check-in for GWA/Lecturers Contest (will close briefly for Opening 9-10am)
9:30 am	Ceremonial opening in the 6 th Degree (State Officers line up 9:15) (then lowered to the 4 th degree) - Gym Roll Call First Report of Credentials Committee Adoption of the Official Program
10 am-Noon	GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries accepted – see the Contest Display areas
10 am	Introduction of Host Committee Chair – Joyce Parker Welcome to Corbett – Dr. Derek Fialkiewicz, Superintendent of the Corbett School District #39 Response by Vice President, Steve Kroeker Report of Division of Labor Committee Notice of Proposed By-Law Changes and late resolutions Introduction of Committee Chairmen 2025 Budget Committee Report
11 am	State President's Annual Address Assignment of portions of Annual Address by Division of Labor Committee State President's Good of the Order Address Assignment of portions of Good of the Order Address by Division of Labor Committee.
Noon	Recess
Noon	GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries close and area will be closed for judging – Contest Display areas
noon	Foundation Luncheon - All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. Annual meeting of Foundation follows lunch. GASS Awards – Dining Area
1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Gym Resolutions
2-4:30 pm	Registration Open – 5 th and 6 th degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before Degree begins – Registration–Main Entry Hallway
3:15 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree – Joyce Parker, District #4 Hosting Chair
4 pm	5 th Degree Exemplified by GROW Club
5-7 pm	Dinner break
6:30-7:15 pm	Committee Meetings - as needed – locations announced
5:30-7 pm	Registration Open – 6 th degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before Degree begins –Registration - Main Entry Hallway
7:30 pm	6 th Degree – Oregon State Grange Officers – Officers present by 7 – Gym
Following	6 th Degree Photos for OSG Officers, Rosebud Team, Court Ladies, and Marching Candidates – Gym Immediately Following: Youth Officers practice – Gym – <i>Closed to All but State Youth Officers</i>

Monday, June 23

7:30-8:45 am	GWA Workshop – Cookie decorating – Dining Area
8-9 am	Registration/Check In opens – Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Main Entry Hallway
9 am	Memorial and Worship Service, under the direction of Cookie Trupp State Chaplain – Gym
10:30 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree (State Officers line up 10:15) – Gym Roll Call Reading and adopting Sunday's Journal Report of Credentials Committee Nominations for State Officer Positions (Secretary).
Noon	Membership Luncheon –All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. Membership awards will be presented. – Dining Area
1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Gym Community Service Yearbook Awards and Certificates
2-3 pm	Project Sustenance – Presented by Tom Gwin, Lecturer of the National Grange – Gym
5 pm	Closing in the 4 th Degree – Sara Grigsby, Columbia Grange #267
5:15-7 pm	Youth Pizza Party, Columbia Grange #267
5-7 pm	Dinner break
5:30-7 pm	Final Election of State Officers – Classroom 17
7-9 pm	Social Time/Grange Trivia – Dining Area
7-9 pm	Country Line Dance Instruction and Dance – Gym
7-9 pm	Coffee and Pie, provided by Veterans Committee, Dining Area rear Immediately Following: Youth Officers practice – Gym – <i>Closed to All but State Youth Officers</i>

Tuesday, June 24**Wear Red Tennis Shoes to Support our Juniors!
Red, White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans**

6:30-8 am	Grange Benefits Breakfast – Complimentary – Dining Area
8-9 am	Registration/Check In opens – Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Registration–Main Entry Hallway
8-8:45 am	Workshop – How to Plan a Lecturer's Program – State Lecturer Susie Kroeker – Classroom 15
9 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree (State Officers line up 8:45) –Gym Roll Call Reading and adopting Monday's Journal Report of Credentials Committee
10 am	Resolutions
Noon	GWA Luncheon - All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. GWA awards will be presented during luncheon. – Dining Area
1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Gym
1:30 pm	Tribute to Grange Veterans – Gym

5-7 pm	Dinner break GROW Club No-Host Dinner - starts at 5:15 pm Columbia Grange #267, 37493 Grange Hall Rd, Corbett
7 pm	Session Reconvenes Silent Auction Closes
7 pm	Session Recess Oral auction Session Reconvenes Resolutions
9 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree Immediately Following: Youth Officers practice – Gym – <i>Closed to All but State Youth Officers</i>

Wednesday, June 25

Wear Green to Support our Youth!

8 – 8:45 am	5 Tips to Growing Membership - Jay Sexton - Classroom 15
8:30 am	Youth officer pictures
8 – 9 am	Registration/Check In opens – Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Registration–Main Entry Hallway
9 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree by State Youth Officers (Line up 8:45) – Main Gym Roll Call Reading and adopting Tuesday's Journal Report of Credentials Committee Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador (9:30-10:15) Resolutions
Noon	Youth Luncheon & "Goodie Basket" drawings - All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. – Dining Area
1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Gym Recognition of Past State Officers and Directors Resolutions
5-7 pm	Dinner break
7 pm	Session Reconvenes Thank you to District 4 Welcome to District 5 Presentation Resolutions
9 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree Entries in the GWA, Lecturers, Youth and Junior contests may be picked up following the closing.

Thursday, June 26

8 – 10 am	Pick up entries in the GWA, Lecturer, Youth and Junior contests – see the committee areas
9 am	Opening in the 4 th Degree (State Officers line up 8:45 am) – Gym Roll Call Reading and adopting Wednesday's Journal Resolutions continued
Noon	Lunch Break
1:30 pm	Installation of 2025-2026 State Officer(s) All other unfinished business Final report of Credentials Committee
4 pm	Closing in Fourth Degree – OSG President

See you next year in District #5 - June 2026



2025 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE Oregon State Grange Youth and Young Adults

This year most of the Youth and Young Adults (Y&YA) (ages 14-35) at the State Grange Convention will be attending as officers and/or delegates so the "extras" will fall during breaks in the schedule. Here are some highlights that are particularly aimed at the Y&YA age group.

Saturday

2 pm	Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song contestants must register with the State Youth Director.
7 pm	Public Speaking Contest – Dining area

Sunday

9:30 pm	Youth Officers practice – Gym <i>Closed to All but State Youth Officers</i>
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Monday

5:15 pm	Youth Pizza Party – Columbia Grange #267 37493 Grange Hall Rd, Corbett
5:30-7:00 pm	Final Election of State Officers – <i>make sure you vote if you are a delegate</i>
7-9:00 pm	Social Time/Grange Trivia – Dining area Country Line Dance Instruction and Dance – Gym Coffee and Pie, provided by Veterans Committee - Dining area rear
9 pm	Youth Officers practice – Gym <i>Closed to All but State Youth Officers</i>

Tuesday

9 pm	Youth Officers practice – Gym <i>Closed to All but State Youth Officers</i>
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Wednesday

8:30 am	Youth officer pictures - Gym
9 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree by State Youth Officers (Line up 8:45 am) – Gym
Noon	Youth Luncheon & "Goodie Basket" drawing - Dining area

Pizza Party
Clackamas County Pomona
invites all Youth
and Young Adults to
Columbia Grange
Monday June 23rd
for Pizza!
Enjoy dinner and hang
with the Grange youth
from around the State.
We are excited to see you!

84th Oregon State Junior Grange Convention ~ Tentative Schedule



June 21 – June 26

Corbett Grade School ~ Corbett, Oregon



CHILDREN ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHEN JUNIOR GRANGE IS NOT IN SESSION. Juniors do not pay registration fee but must register in order to participate in the Junior Room. They DO NOT need to have money with them. We provide snacks/refreshments. If the Junior has a special dietary need, let us know and we will accommodate. Juniors will spend significant time outdoors, so please have them dress accordingly. Photography is a hobby anyone can enjoy with a cell phone and many children have them. We'll include photography in our program this year. We may ask our Juniors to put phones and cameras in a basket when not in use.

SATURDAY June 21

- 8:30 am** Meet at Columbia Grange #267 Juniors join Ag Tour
(**MUST PRE-REGISTER BY JUNE 1**)
- 2 pm** **Junior Room OPEN** (Approximate opening time based on return from Ag Tour.)
- 2 pm** Junior Talent for Open Mic Night, Public Speaking register with Junior Director.
- 5 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**
Pick up your Child(ren) no later than 5:10 pm
- 5:30 pm** Kickoff Banquet (Pre-register Juniors by family. Ticket price reimbursed by Junior Department)
- 7 pm** Open Mic Night, Public Speaking Contest

SUNDAY June 22

- 8 am to 12 noon** Junior Contest entries accepted – Display Area
- 9 am** SIGN IN – Outside Gym
Verify permission slip and contact information before leaving your child(ren)
- 9:30 am** Juniors attend State Officers Opening Drill (designated seating area)
- 10 am** **Junior Room OPEN**
- 10 am** Junior Meeting
- 12 noon** **Junior Room CLOSED**
Lunch Break – Pick up your child(ren) no later than 12:10 pm
- 1:30 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
- 5:15 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**
Dinner Break – Pick up your child(ren) no later than 5:25 pm
- 7:15 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
Junior will have a quiet evening, but will view the Rosebud Drill and join family at the close of the 6th degree for refreshments. Please pick up your child(ren) as soon as possible after the degree.

MONDAY June 23

- 8:30 am** **Junior Room OPEN** - SIGN IN (Jr. Room today only)
- 9 am** Junior Meeting
- 10:15 am** Head to Gym to attend State Officers Opening Drill, then return to Junior Room.
- 12 noon** **Junior Room CLOSED**
Lunch Break – Pick up child(ren) no later than 12:10 pm
- 1:30 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
- 5 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED** Pick up your Junior(s) up no later than 5:10 pm

TUESDAY June 24 – RED KICKS DAY

- 8:30 am** SIGN-IN - Gym
- 9 am** Attend State Officers opening Drill
- 9:30 am** **Junior Room OPEN**
Final Prep for Junior Presentation
- 10:30 am** Junior Grange Presentation to Session
- 12 noon** **Junior Room CLOSED** Pick up your child(ren) no later than 12:10
- 1:15 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
- 1:30 pm** Juniors join Tribute to Grange Veterans
- 5 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED** Pick up child(ren) no later than 5:10
- 6:50 pm** **Junior Room OPEN** (Quiet time)

Junior Room CLOSED After session, please pick up your child(ren) ASAP.

WEDNESDAY June 25

- 9 am** **Juniors attend Youth opening with their families.** After Youth opening, Juniors will be gathered to head to the Junior room.
- 10 am** Junior Grange meeting
Junior Minecraft Architects contests will be held during this morning session. Prizes awarded at Youth luncheon.
- 12 noon** **Junior Room CLOSED**
Break for lunch – Pick up your child(ren) no later than 12:10 pm
- 1:20 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
- 5 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**
Dinner Break – Pick up your child(ren) no later than 5:10 pm
- 6:50 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
After session, please pick up your child(ren) ASAP.

THURSDAY June 26

- 8:50 am** Junior Room OPEN if main session continues on Thursday
- Thursday is cleanup and pack-up day in the Junior Room. No other activities are scheduled. Please confirm your plan/needs for Thursday with the Junior director.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE JUNIORS
HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR**



Junior Grange Activity Sheet

Bugs Galore: Butterfly Version
Can you buzz, flutter and crawl your way through this bug-tastic crossword puzzle?

ACROSS

- A slow-moving creature often found in damp areas that's known for leaving a slimy trail behind.
- A small, red and spotted bug that is often considered good luck.
- An insect that can jump far distances and makes a distinctive chirping sound.
- A fuzzy flying insect with black and yellow stripes that makes honey and is an important pollinator.
- A tiny insect that lives in colonies and can carry 10-50 times its body weight.
- A large insect with long wings and a long, thin body that lives near water.

DOWN

- An eight-legged arachnid that spins webs to catch its prey.
- A small insect with wings that buzzes around quickly and has taste receptors on its feet.
- A worm-like larva that eventually turns into a butterfly or moth.
- A tiny, flying insect that feeds on the blood of animals, including humans, and is often very pesky in the summer.
- An insect with colorful wings that flutters from flower to flower.
- A long, slimy creature that is often found in soil and helps to decompose organic matter.

Worksheet provided by Heifer International. Answers below



2025 Oregon State Grange Convention Conferences and Presentation Schedule

Saturday, June 21

- 1:00 pm Workshop: Civic Engagement Abby Laufman, Guest Presenter Classroom 15
- 2:00 pm Everything You need to Know about Convention – Dining Area
Sonny Hays-Eberts, Susan Noah, John Fine, Mark Noah – Delegates Training and ways to make the most of out of the State Grange Convention
- 3:00 pm Workshop: Music Licensing – Sonny Hays-Eberts, Classroom 15

Monday, June 23

- 7:30-8:45 GWA Workshop – Cookie decorating - Linda Helm
- 2:00-3:00 Project Sustenance – Presented by Tom Gwin, Lecturer of the National Grange – Main Floor

Tuesday, June 24

- 8:00 – 8:45 Workshop – How to Plan a Lecturer's Program – Susie Kroeker

Wednesday, June 24

- 8 – 8:45 am 5 Tips to Growing Membership - Jay Sexton - Classroom 15

Oregon Junior Grangers

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OSG Junior Director



New for 2025

This year the Junior Grangers will be doing their daily sign-in at the gym where the main session is being held beginning **half an hour before opening each morning**. We have a designated area for seating, so the Juniors can observe the State Officers opening drill each morning. After the opening drill we will go as a group to open the Junior room and conduct our activities.

We have our own tables to display the Junior Granger's contest entries located in the Lecturer's section of the contest display room. I know the great ideas and variety of talents will be amazing to see!

The OSG Foundation Junior Grange Leadership scholarships are available to help Junior Grangers attend the Oregon State Grange Convention, Junior Grange camp and other events. Submit an application 30 days before attending the event. Then within 30 days of attending the event the Junior Granger must submit a 50-100-word report (mom and dad can help), about the event and what they learned, to the OSG Foundation Board. Applications forms are available on the OSG website or by emailing foundation@orgrange.org. Applications can be emailed to the foundation or mailed to the State Grange office. Please find more information on the OSG website if needed. The best way to show our appreciation for the OSG Foundation's support is to actually use the financial support they are offering to our Junior Grangers!!

I look forward to seeing many of you at State Convention again this year and meeting our new members. As most of my time will be spent in the Junior Room, please be sure to pop in and say "Hi" and see what's happening.

I am still looking for help with the Juniors during state convention. Ideally there will be two adults besides myself each day in the Junior room. Even if you can only help for one day or even half a day at any time during convention, please contact me at vickiethorp@yahoo.com to let me know days and times you would be available to help. I will get you details so we can make it happen. Peggy Jillson, past Junior Director, will still be able to help in a limited capacity this year, so I want to extend a great big Thank You to her for the help and all the insights she has provided me throughout the year.

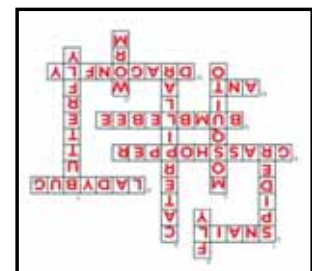
I do have a field trip in the works for Wednesday June 25th in the afternoon. Adults are encouraged to join us and if they are available to help with transportation for our trip, we are happy for the help. Tentative times are to leave at 2pm and return by 4:30pm.

Hello
Everyone,

Looking forward to State convention and hope to see everyone. Feeling better from my accident in January and beginning to be able to get back to doing things that used to come easy, a little humbling.

If you are a Youth or Young Adult or you have one (or more) in your Grange please contact me as we have many ways we would love to include you.

Amanda Puls-
OSG Youth and Young Adults
Director





Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers,

Here is a recap on the new gun laws that may be going into effect this year. Overview on recent Legislative Developments regarding firearm regulations in Oregon.

Legislative committees in Oregon have advanced bills proposing increased state firearm regulations, including the establishment of a licensing program for firearm dealers and the implementation of Oregon Measure 114. This measure requires gun purchasers to obtain a permit, bans large-capacity magazines, and establishes a statewide firearms database.

2025 Key Legislative Proposals Oregon Measure 114 Reform - House Bill 3075

Party Line Vote: The bill passed along party lines to modify the gun control measure approved by voters in 2022, which has faced implementation challenges due to court disputes.

- Proposed Changes:
 - Increase permit application fees from a maximum of \$65 to \$150, and renewal fees from \$50 to \$110.
 - Clarify that manufacturers and dealers of large-capacity magazines will have a 180-day grace period to handle their inventory post-implementation.
 - Require future legal challenges to Measure 114 to be filed in Marion County Circuit Court.
- Concerns Raised:
 - Several representatives expressed concerns regarding increased fees and potential constitutional challenges.
 - Rep. Rick Lewis highlighted opposition from constituents, suggesting a constitutional challenge would be likely.
- Support:
 - Committee Chair Jason Kropf argues the bill is necessary for public safety and aligns with the intent of Measure 114.

Gun Dealer Licensing Program - House Bill 3076

Effective Date: The law would require gun dealers to obtain a license from the Department of Justice starting January 1, 2027. Rationale: Proponents argue that licensing will reduce illegal gun sales in Oregon, pointing to rising crime gun statistics.

- Licensing Fees:
 - Fees are tiered based on

the number of firearms sold annually, ranging from \$50 to \$1,500.

- Additional Requirements:
 - Annual on-site inspections by the DOJ.
 - Training for all employees of licensed dealers.
 - Requirement to post mental health resource information in stores and distribute it with every firearm sale.
 - Specification of security measures for firearms storage by dealers.
- Opposition:
 - Critics, including representatives from the Oregon State Shooting Association, argue that the bill imposes excessive regulations on businesses already under strict oversight.

Senate Bill 243 – Omnibus Gun Control Package

Details of the Bill: Passed out of committee on April 9, this omnibus package includes:

- A 72-hour hold on firearm purchases.
- A ban on rapid-fire devices that enhance a gun's rate of fire.
- Local authority for cities and counties to restrict concealed carry in public buildings.
- Rationale for 72-Hour Hold: Advocates claim it will reduce impulsive suicides; statistics indicate firearms are involved in a significant percentage of suicide cases in Oregon.
- Opposition: Senator Mike McLane expressed concerns that this would further complicate the purchase process, particularly if combined with existing Measure 114 requirements.

Conclusion

Oregon lawmakers are actively pursuing legislation aimed at enhancing firearm regulations through permit requirements and dealer licensing. While proponents argue that these measures are essential for public safety and reducing gun violence, opponents raise concerns about increased costs and the potential for unconstitutional challenges. The full House and Senate will soon deliberate these proposed bills, which could significantly impact the landscape of firearm ownership and sales in Oregon.

As soon as we get more information, we will let you know

The Time is Now for the Silent Majority to Speak Up

By Christine E. Hamp
 President of the National Grange



In every city council chamber, statehouse, and congressional hearing room, decisions are being made that shape the future of our families, communities, and country. Yet far too often, those decisions are influenced by the loudest voices – not necessarily the wisest or most representative ones.

For too long, the so-called “silent majority” – hardworking, civic-minded Americans – have taken a back seat in the advocacy process. We have trusted that “common sense” would prevail, that our leaders would act in our collective best interest, and that simply voting every couple of years would be enough.

It isn't.

Democracy demands more than silence. It requires active participation. It thrives when everyday people – including farmers, teachers, small business owners, healthcare workers, construction workers and skilled laborers, students, and retirees – make their voices heard. It's time for the silent majority to stop assuming someone else will speak for them and start showing up, standing up, and speaking out.

As President of the National Grange, I see firsthand how deeply our members care about their communities. We believe in strong values, in service to others, in tradition, and in progress. But I also see that many feel disconnected from the legislative process – disillusioned, frustrated, or simply overwhelmed. The truth is that advocacy isn't just for professionals or partisans. It's for all of us.

You don't need a lobbyist's credentials to walk into your legislator's office. You only need your voice. A personal letter, a well-placed phone call, a presence at a town hall meeting or community function – these are powerful tools that too few use. And in their absence, the vacuum is filled by those with more narrow, sometimes self-serving agendas.

We must remember that silence can be interpreted as acceptance. When small, independent pharmacies close due to unjust reimbursement systems, when broadband once again skips our back roads, when healthcare becomes harder to access and education less equitable – our silence can cost us dearly. But our engagement can turn the tide.

The Grange has always stood for active citizenship. We were founded on the idea that when neighbors and communities work together, we don't just react to change – we lead it. Today, that spirit is more essential than ever.

To the silent majority: you are not invisible. Your values, your experience, and your insight are needed in every conversation about the future of this nation. Let's turn silence into action – at the local, state, and national level. Democracy doesn't just belong to the loud. It belongs to the engaged.

Let's act today.



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: 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.

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Grange Day at the Legislature

Grange Day at the Oregon Legislature in Salem was held on Thursday, April 24. The day started at 9 am at the Oregon State Grange headquarters with some words by Mark Noah, Legislative Director, and John DeHaas OSG Lobbyist.

The group, many in Grange shirts and jackets, then headed over to the capitol building. Some groups walked while others took their cars. These Grangers then walked through the halls of the capital, stopping in to visit their legislators. Because of meetings that senators and representatives were in, most Grangers only had the opportunity to visit with staff members. After a group picture on the capitol steps, the group returned to the OSG office for lunch.



Grangers gathered on the south steps of the capitol for a group picture.

After lunch, the group heard from Senator Mark Meek, from District 20, and Senator Noah Robinson, from District 2. They talked about the bills they were working on and took questions from Granges about issues we are concerned about.



Above: Senator Noah Robinson, from District 2 which covers an area north of Medford and Cave Junction up to Riddle, answered questions.

R: Senator Mark Meek, from District 20, which covers the Happy Valley, Gladstone, and Oregon City areas along I-205, speaking to the group.



Above: Grangers gathered in the back room of the state Grange office building to kick off Grange Day at the Legislature. Below: Grangers assembled after lunch to listen to two of Oregon's State Senators.



Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director



This has been a busy legislative season and we've followed several issues closely including HB 3372 related to domestic well water use and HB 3212 related to Pharmacy Benefit Manager regulation.

Well, first...in Oregon, a 'domestic well' is defined as a water supply well that serves no more than three residences and is not part of a public water system. A single domestic well can draw up to 15,000 gallons of water per day which can be used for any purpose including watering up to ½ acre of lawn or non-commercial garden. That same well can also draw an additional 5,000 gallons per day for any single industrial or commercial purpose except irrigation or watering to promote plant growth. It's fine if you grow a garden to help feed your family, but if you sell your surplus at the local Grange market you've broken the law. You could use your 5,000-gallon commercial allotment for any other legal purpose: a dog wash, a car wash, even processing fruits or vegetables for canning (just as long as you're not watering them to promote plant growth!).

As we heard last fall at a series of meetings held at Grange halls by Friends of Family Farmers, local people have received 'cease and desist' orders because of this commercial ag use of their domestic well water.

HB 3372 aimed to change this but it looks like it might not get out of committee in this 2025 legislative session due partly to opposition from some heavy-hitters—Water Watch of Oregon, and the Farm Bureau. Generally, I would expect them to be on the opposite side of any agricultural water use issue but in this case they both seem to have it in for backyard gardeners.

We have OSG policy supporting removal of the irrigation/watering restriction on domestic wells (again, just on the allowed ½ acre max garden) and I think we will need to continue to focus on this issue in the

next legislative session(s).

The Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) issue is all about the power the PBM entities have over prescription drug pricing. PBMs manage formularies, the lists of drugs your insurance will cover. They set up rebate payments to pharmacies, process prescription drug claims and provide mail order services.

They are middlemen, used by the insurance industry to help 'regulate' costs. The problem is that the three largest PBMs (CVS Caremark, Signa Express Scripts, and UnitedHealth Optum Rx) control 80% of the prescription drug business covering about 270 million people, and they are vertically integrated with their own insurance companies and pharmacies, which allows them to divert patients away from nonaffiliated independent pharmacies and towards their own affiliated pharmacies (the big chains or mail order). Their idea of 'regulating costs' appears to mean driving local pharmacies out of business.

National Grange President Chris Hamp wrote an op-ed about the PBM issue recently (<https://www.nationalgrange.org/op-ed-rural-americans-need-pbm-reform-now/>) and stated "The growing number of independent pharmacy closures is devastating for rural America. In many small towns, the local pharmacy is the community's primary healthcare resource. These pharmacies can't remain viable, though, when the system is set up in a way that makes it virtually impossible for them to make a reasonable profit."

The National Grange has policy on this issue and we will have a resolution to consider at our upcoming state convention as well. HB 3212 in the 2025 Oregon legislative session appears to be stuck in committee so we'll need to keep the focus on this issue. Shouldn't be too hard, as we are seeing our local pharmacy options shrink on almost a daily basis.

By-laws Changes

Mohawk-McKenzie Grange Changes Meeting Time

The second vote taken at Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747 meeting on May 7th, motion carried by 2/3 majority. They will now meet at 7pm, with potluck on 2nd meeting of the month (the 3rd Wednesday). No change in day, just meeting 1/2 hour earlier.



Resolutions For Consideration at 2025 Annual Oregon State Grange Convention

Agriculture

- AG #1 Aggregate Mining in Farm Zones

By-Laws

- BL #1 Change By-Laws to Allow Email Notifications
BL #2 Stub Removal from Oregon State Grange Officer Ballots
BL #3 Pomona Grange Information for OSG Roster
BL #4 Secretary Reimbursement/Compensation During State Session
BL #5 Dues Raise
BL #6 Budget Committee
BL #7 Oregon State Grange Dues Increase

Education & Health

- EH #1 Support for Media Literacy Education
EH #2 Coverage of Obesity Treatments
EH #3 Protect Rural Pharmacy Access
EH #4 Medical Insurance Coverage for Acupuncture
EH #5 Civics Education
EH #6 Advocate for Counseling Services for Childhood Victims

Good of the Order

- GO #1 Discontinue Districts Hosting State Grange Sessions
GO #2 District Rotation of the Oregon State Grange Convention
GO #3 Quarterly Dues Payments to Active Pomonas
GO #4 Restriction of AI Use in the Grange
GO #5 Oregon State Grange Historian

Legislation

- LE #1 Supporting Rural Mail Delivery and Rural Post Offices
LE #2 Raise Number of Congressional Seats
LE #3 Oregon Tax Rebate Repeal
LE #4 Post Office Closures
LE #5 Second Amendment Rights and Regulations
LE #6 Clean Diesel Engine Tax
LE #7 End USPS Prepaid Retiree Benefits
LE #8 Electoral College
LE #9 Access to Records of Criminal Arrests Not Resulting in Conviction
LE #10 Review of Statutory Tax Rate Limits
LE #11 Executive Orders
LE #12 Federal Affairs Trade Policy
LE #13 Zoning in Regards to Marijuana Dispensaries
LE #14 Preserving Funding of Public Broadcasting
LE #15 Crime, Victims of Crime, Criminal Sentences, and Parole

Transportation & Utilities

- TU #1 Oregon State Capitol Parking
TU #2 Oregon State Capitol Parking
TU #3 Recommended Speed Signs
TU #4 Oregon Statewide Transit Tax Rail Amendment
TU #5 Friable Materials
TU #6 Bicycle Registration in Oregon
TU #7 Wipers On and Headlights On for Safety

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.

- Mark Noah, President 971.726.6106
- 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!!!

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

**GRANGE MEMBERSHIP MAY CAUSE
PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND
COMMUNITY PRIDE**



Membership Matters



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OSG Membership Director

Concentrated Membership Advice

Want your Grange to be perpetual?

All our members eventually pass away, but Community Granges do not have to.

Follow these steps:

1. Really Want to Grow Your Membership.
2. Take some Time and Energy to Plan to Grow.
3. Be ready to answer, "What is a Grange?" **
4. Talk to people about your Grange.
5. Ask them to Join, Out Loud, with Words.
6. Have a friendly Grange Membership Table with your Friendliest Grangers, at every Grange Event. Display a "What is a Grange?" sign and a "membership goal" for the year.
7. Talk to new members and individually invite them to help with Grange Events and Projects.
8. Grange encourages members to grow and stretch their lim-

its – encourage new members to try new events at your Grange, and support experimentation – be Open!

9. Encourage new members to accept officer positions and encourage long-time members to try new officer positions. Mentor the new officers in their tasks.

****Do not emphasize that it is "From the 1800's", or that it is a "Farm Organization."** Most Granges are community betterment organizations, and people are attracted to our efforts to create nonsectarian, non-partisan, face-to-face communities, where neighbors work together.

Good luck with putting the energy into growing your Grange, and welcoming new members.

At the Oregon State Grange Convention I will have a short presentation with Questions and Answers. Check the final schedule for the time and place.



L-r: Peggy Beck gives her mom, Rose Esbenshade her 75 year pin.

Siletz Valley Grange Honors Members and Celebrates Their 106th Birthday

The Siletz Valley Grange #558, Lincoln County, celebrated its 106th birthday and recognized several of its members at their February 10th meeting. Rose Esbenshade received a special letter of commendation from the National Grange along

with a pin recognizing her 75 years of service to the Grange. Also recognized included Shirley Moore with 52 years, Michelle Schaffer with 22 years and Jim and Patricia Reed with 15 years each.

Oregon Granges Celebrating Grange Month



Backrow: Commissioner Ben West, Pam Furlan-Beavercreek #276, Howard Huey-Abernethy #346, Annette Naylor-Clarkes #261, Sam Keator-Abernethy #346, Ken Humberston-Beavercreek #276, Don Kingsborough-Warner #117, Commissioner Paul Savas, Betty Chipps-Maplewood #662 and Commission Chair Craig Roberts. Middle Row: Leila Dumolt-Beavercreek #276, Judy Huey-Abernethy #346, Jeanie Force-Sunnyside #842, Commissioner Martha Schrader, Bud Dumolt-Beavercreek #276, Terri Poppi-no-Garfield #317 and Roberta Elders-Maplewood #662. Front row: Tracy Metzker, Courtney Rae, Dale Schultes and Shirley Gillman all of Redland #796.

Clackamas County Commissioners Declare April Grange Month

On April 10, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners proclaimed, by unanimous vote, April 2025 as Grange Month in Clackamas County. Redland Grange #796 made the arrangements for the Clackamas County Grangers to at-

tend the commissioner's meeting.

Don Kingsborough of Warner Grange #117 was the spokesperson for the group. He talked about the community service projects of many Granges in the county.



"Words for Thirds" Benefit Held

Springwater Grange # 263, Clackamas County, held a fundraising spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 12. The dinner is becoming an annual event to celebrate National Grange Month and to raise money for the Grange's "Word for Thirds" project that provides dictionaries each year to third graders in the Colton and Estacada school districts.

The meal included spaghetti with homemade meat sauce, green beans, garden salad, garlic toast and a cookie for dessert.

Lia Middelhoven, Springwater Grange dictionary chairman, was please with a turnout of close to seventy community members; and the money raised will pay for the dictionaries which will be given in the fall of 2025.



It Was Baked Potatoes for Grange Month

Morning Star Grange # 311, Linn County, celebrated "Grange Month" with a Baked Potato and Meat Loaf dinner on Sunday, April 27 at their hall in Millersburg. Diners could purchase the whole meal or as little as just the baked potato with a dozen toppings to choose from.

Designed to welcome in members of the community with a meal and open house the proceeds of the dinner were used for routine expenses of the Grange.

Ada Invites Community to Open House



One of the many informational tri-folds and displays showcasing what Ada does as a Grange.

Ada Hosted Special Bingo Day for Grange Month

Ada Grange# 570, Lane County continued the celebration of Grange Month 2025 on Saturday April 19th with a Special Bingo day. At half time between the games, players were served free ice cream sundaes with lots of toppings. Ice cream for the event was generously donated by BJ's of Florence.



Above: Ada Grange President Megan Schofield and Lecturer Heather Elliott serving ice cream.

L: One of the young bingo players loads up her ice cream sundae.

Clackamas County Pomona Makes Grange Month Contribution

The Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1's Community Service Project is the Clackamas County Transitional Veterans' Village. As a part of Grange Month, Granges through the county brought contributions for the village to the Pomona Grange meeting April 26th at Sunnyside Grange.

After the meeting Pomona Community Service Chairman Don Kingsborough, and Beavercreek Grange members Bud and Leila Dumolt and Don and Pam Furlan journeyed over to the village and presented the items donated as a gift to the village and its residents.

Support for the Veteran's Village is an on-going project for the Pomona Grange. Clarkes Grange #261 cooks and delivers dinner every third Sunday for the Veterans and then sits down for dinner with them.

Dessert is always ice-cream from Baskins Robbins in Gladstone, owned by Brother Steve Leitz of

Springwater Grange. On Thursday, each week the LoveOne food pantry at Redland Grange #796 donates food for the Veteran's Village which is taken that day to the village by Chairman Kingsborough, and other Grangers.



Supplies for the Clackamas County Veteran's Village at the Clackamas Pomona meeting on April 26, 2025.



L-r: Ada Master Megan Schofield with Oregon State Grange President Sonny Hays-Eberts and Hannah, the Black Bear.

Veterans

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Well this year has gone by fast and now we meet in June at the State Convention in Corbett.

The Veterans Committee will be having a pie and coffee event on Monday night at the convention so come on down and get to know the Grange veterans. We will also have a table promoting a program for veteran that Jim Clute brought to my attention and I believe it to be a great thing for veterans.

I was unable to do a lot of what I wanted to, due to my health and my sister's health this year and I dropped the ball on a lot of things. But now we will move forward and initiate more events this year.

I hope to see you all at the State Convention this year. When you see me come on up shake my hand, say howdy, give me your ideas and what you expect from your Grange Veterans Committee.



l-r: working on a quilt is Bev Gary, Wendy Wombles, Cathy Crownover, Karen Cansler and Marlo Wombles. Not in the picture that day was Julie Pettit who also helped immensely with the quilts

The Sandy Grange Makes Quilts for Veterans Living at the Veteran's Village

Back in December, Don Kingsborough, Community Service Chairman for Clackamas County Pomona Grange visited The Sandy Grange #392 and spoke about the Veterans Village which he has been volunteering with since 2017. He expressed the needs and wants of the vets staying there.



L: Some of the special quilts made for the Veterans Village

The Sandy Lecturer, Cathy Crownover, spearheaded the idea to form a group to meet once a week and work on quilts, they had a goal of two quilts. Every week this group of ladies met and together create these masterful, beautiful, and made from the Heart, quilts. They met every week for two months. Not only did they exceed their goal but they managed to finish six quilts total! They enjoyed so much spending time with one another and working on something that meant so much. Some days they would work a few hours and other days they would just chat and have tea parties and enjoy fellowship.

Don Kingsborough delivered the quilts on Mother's Day to the Veterans Village. The ladies are going to continue quilting and not only donate more to the Veterans Village but also donate lap blankets to Providence Hospital.

Grantham Grange Holds Awards Night

On Monday night, April 28, the Grantham Grange #968 in North Carolina held its thirteenth annual community service awards banquet where thirteen individuals or organizations were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the betterment of life in the local rural community.

A special award was presented to the father of former National President Edward Luttrell, Leonard Luttrell, as Veteran of the Year. Leonard entered the military on April 27, 1953. With time served on active duty and with the reserves, he served his country for eight years.

He has been a proud Granger for over fifty-four years, mostly in Oregon. He joined Scholls Grange #338, Washington County, in the 4th quarter of 1971. In the 4th Quarter of 2024 he received a demit from Boring-Damascus Grange #260 in Clackamas County. Today, Leonard lives with Ed and his wife Denise near Benson, North Carolina.



L-r: Grantham Grange President, John Crawford presents Veteran of the Year award to Leonard Luttrell and seated to his right is Leonard's son Ed who is a member of Molalla Grange here in Oregon.

All are members of the Grantham Grange.

Taken from an article in the May 9, 2005, Grange Today submitted by Sherwood Williford, Grantham Grange #968 (NC). Permission granted to reprint.



One of the beautiful quilts that will be gifted to the Veterans of the Year.

Veterans to Be Recognized at State Convention

The Garfield Grange #317, Clackamas County, will be providing quilts for the Veteran of the Year from the different districts during the June 2025 Oregon State Grange convention held at the grade school in Corbett.

As of print time there are 25 nominees with all five districts represented. The Veterans of the Year will be announced on Tuesday afternoon June 24. The Salute to Veterans program starts at 1:30 pm.



Above: Don Kingsborough delivered the quilts in laundry baskets to the Veterans Village.



L-r: GROW Club members Sandi Ludi, Jeanie Force, Susan Noah, Susie Kroeker and Breanna Hays-McKay busy stuffing envelopes.

GROW Club Preps Goodie Basket Tickets for Mailing

District 4 Youth Chairman Breanna Hays-McKay and fellow Oregon GROW Club members Jeanie Force, Sandi Ludi, Susan Noah and Susie Kroeker gathered at the State Grange office on April 9th to prep the Youth Committee Goodie Basket tickets for mailing.

Annually the Goodie Basket raffle raises money to support the Youth and Young Adult Travel and Activity fund. The fund sends Grangers ages 14-35 to leadership development activities and competitions

including Public Speaking, Sign A Song, Youth Ambassador program and National Grange Youth officer team.

Tickets were mailed to Granges in April, and all tickets and money are due back to the Oregon State Grange office by June 12 or bring the money and sold and unsold tickets to convention and remember that you can purchase more tickets from the youth at the convention. The drawing will be held on Wednesday June 25 during the Youth Luncheon.



**2025
Oregon State Grange
Grow Club Dinner**

**Tuesday June 24th
5:15 pm**

Columbia Grange #267
37493 Grange Hall Rd
Corbett

Listen for announcements from
the Overseer/Vice President's
Station to sign up for food



Above: Susie Kroeker, GROW Club member from Western Star Grange #309 has her apron on, just waiting for customers.





GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"

Mark Noah
OSG GROW Club President
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What do Grangers like even more than an amazing potluck? Serving their fellow Grangers and communities! A short notice request for assistance from the Tigard Grange resulted in the "I'd be delighted" response. The folks at Tigard had an event on April 19th that was open to the public and included some ice cream. Who knows how to serve up ice cream? GROW Club members. We were able to give Tigard Grange some extra hands and the attendees at their event some yummy ice cream. I have to say, the display of historic Tigard Grange information, photos and memorabilia was impressive.

Our GROW Club is also pretty good at putting on the Fifth Degree, Installation of officers, and other serious parts of the Grange we love. We can have a good time even if there are storms and specters involved. Please know that you can reach out to the GROW Club for assistance, even if it's just moral support.

You think it's too far for us to travel? No! Travel is right up there with potlucks. Please give us the opportunity to give you the hands (and feet) you need at your Grange for

degree work, installation or serving ice cream.

Once again, I need to thank GROW Club members and their friends for stepping up to take part in the Fifth Degree to be performed at State Convention this year in Corbett. We have had some side-bar discussions regarding giving an honorary title to those friends who consistently help when asked. FOGY? for Friends of Grange Youth? Let us know what you think. Priceless friends, for sure.

Over the last few months I have not heard from GROW Club members who have not yet shared their journey to the pinnacle of becoming part of the cool kids. I know there are a lot more of you out there, and we'd love to hear/read your story here. Contact Suzy Ramm at the State Grange Headquarters or one of the GROW Club Board Members (listed in this publication) to get your story published or for any assistance you might need at your hall; except plumbing, I don't think we would take that on. We love our Grange and you give us the chance to prove it as we Go Right On Working.



GROW CLUB Serves Ice Cream For Tigard Grange's Easter Open House

On Saturday April 19th, Tigard Grange held an open house. The Grange wanted to serve ice cream and who better to ask for help than the GROW Club, who is quite experienced in serving ice cream. Steve and Susie Kroeker, Mark and Susan Noah and Teresa Cernac spent a couple hours serving ice cream and visiting with those in attendance.

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Above: A young man gets ice cream to go with his cotton candy. Helping were Mark and Susan Noah of Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747 along with a member from Tigard Grange.

L: Families enjoyed ice cream at the Tigard Grange open house.



Community Comes Together to Save Santiam Valley Grange's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Santiam Valley Grange #828, Linn County had a catastrophic failure of their heating system. Add to that the price of eggs, they announced to the community they had to cancel their Easter Egg hunt. Within an hour a member of the community reached out to the Grange and said they already had 800 stuffed plastic eggs pledged to save the Easter Egg Hunt.

Over the next three days 3550 eggs were donated along with cash prizes. The Fire Department donated

bicycles for prizes. Members of the community came to help hide eggs and help with running the event.

A grandmother who donated told the members she came as a child, then she brought her children and now she is bringing her grandchildren so she could not let the event be canceled.

With great appreciation to the community for the donations and help, the Grange had a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt.



Egg Hunters Stormed the Field

The Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19. Eager children of all ages showed up with their parents half an hour early in great anticipation. They waited inside the Grange enjoying playing with other children, drinking juice, eating cookies and coloring. It was a delight to hear the laughter and hum of so many participants.

At 11 am they stormed the fields in search of as many eggs as they could find! It was heartening to see siblings and friends working together to fill their baskets. Nine special eggs containing a number inside were prize winners. It did not take long to clear the fields. Smiling kids came back inside showing parents and others their booty and col-

lecting prizes. Parents mingled and Grange members delighted in the record turnout of the community.



Young hunter shows off their eggs.

It Was Breakfast and Egg Hunting

Harding Grange #122, Clackamas County, hosted its annual Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 19. The breakfast of pancakes and sausage with coffee and juice was just \$5 per person. The money raised from breakfast was used to purchase the candy and prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Easter Egg Hunt had four age groups: 2-3, 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Several hundred eggs are hidden and then a mad scramble happened as each group of hunters went looking for eggs.

Prizes included a basket for each group to the hunters that found the special eggs plus candy, stickers, tattoos and book markers.



Below: It was nice to have guests in the hall after last winter's broken pipe damage.



Tigard Grange had Easter Open House

Egg hunt, cotton candy, popcorn, ice cream and meeting the Easter Bunny enticed neighborhood families to visit Tigard Grange #148, Washington County, on Saturday,

April 19th. Grange information and historical displays were available for those wanting to learn more about the Grange.



Lots of youngsters waited in line to see the Easter Bunny.

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.

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