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L-r: Oregon State Grange Officers: front row Lady Assistant Steward, Stacy Brown; Secretary, Mark Noah; Executive Committee Position 2, Joyce Parker; Flora, Jessie Jo Guttridge; Ceres, Amanda Puls; Pomona, Roberta O'Dell; Lecturer, Susie Kroeker; Chaplain, Cookie Trupp; Treasurer, Linda Helm; Executive Committee Position 1, Susan Noah, and Master/President, Sonny Hays-Eberts. Back row: Executive Committee Position 3, Vickie High; Assistant Steward, John Fine; Steward, Phil Van Buren; Overseer, Steve Kroeker; Gatekeeper, Patrick Dearth, and Musician; Linda Wetzell conferred the Sixth Degree on Sunday evening of this year's annual convention.

The 152nd Annual Oregon State Grange Convention Held In Corbett June 21-25th



L-r: Guests Tom Gwin, National Grange Lecturer and Washington State Grange President, Martha Stefenoni, Priestess Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter.

The 152nd Annual Convention of the Oregon State Grange was held June 21-25 in Corbett, Oregon. Attendance for the five days was 196, mostly in person but a few on Zoom. This was up from last year's and similar to recent pre-COVID numbers.

One of the highlights of the convention was the election and installation of Brother Mark Noah of Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747, Lane County, as State Secretary to fill the vacancy created when Sister Sarah Jenkins resigned in January.

On Sunday afternoon eight Grangers partook of the Fifth Degree conferred by Oregon Grow Club members and friends. Then Sunday evening fourteen Grangers observed the exemplification of the Sixth Degree

by the Oregon State Grange officers.

More coverage of the State Grange convention can be found throughout the paper. A two-page color spread in the middle of the paper showcases many of the officer and ritual teams and pictures of some of the convention fun are on the back page. More coverage and pictures will appear in the October/November Bulletin.

Next year's convention will be at the same time June 20 -25 and will be hosted by District 5 (Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, North Lake, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler counties) likely at the Baker High School in Baker City. Watch the February/March 2026 Bulletin for information.



OSG State Fair Log Cabin Needs Volunteers

The 2025 State Fair is approaching, and volunteers are needed to represent the Oregon State Grange.

The State Fair runs from August 22nd through September 1st. There are three shifts for each day, each three hours in duration: from 10am until 1pm, 1pm until 4pm and 4pm until 7pm.

Volunteers are provided a pass for free entry to the fair, and cold beverages are provided in the cabin. You should be able to park for free in the nearby vendor lot, but if it is full and you need to pay for parking elsewhere, your parking cost can be reimbursed.

This year each Director and their committee is sponsoring a day, so if you would like to work on behalf of a specific committee, please contact the Director of that committee. Their contact information can be found in the heading for their column inside this issue of the Bulletin. You can also contact the office directly either by email to: Shelsea shelseac@orgrange.org at the OSG office or call 503.516.0106 and she can share with you where there are slots available.

This is a low key, enjoyable opportunity to represent the Oregon State Grange, interact with the public, meet old Grange friends and make new ones, and to spend some time at the Oregon State Fair.

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The President's Column

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The end of our 152nd annual convention marks the end of my first year in office. It's been a year of learning: Roberts Rules of Order, by-laws, Sixth Degree, guest drills, office procedures and annual schedule of the Oregon State Grange, assorted events we sponsor, and about many Granges and Grangers. It has been meeting members and seeing what our Community Granges do that inspire me. My parents taught me to put effort into my work and to be proud of it, and the inspiration you provide me serves to make me want to represent you and work with additional vigor on your behalf.

Work for the Grange, at every level, requires more than effort. It should be directed to where it is effective. Granges have limited resources, and priorities need to be set and re-evaluated as time passes. Does your Grange hold planning meetings? As a retired IT professional, I observe that project planning is an area where the Grange can improve at all levels. How often does your Grange pass a motion to do something, then proceed to work on it? For small projects, or projects which are often repeated, this can work. For larger projects: events, work on the hall, moving to an email list, or others, proper prior planning can be a huge boon. The National Grange has provided some basic information and I have added

it to our website. I encourage you to download it at <https://orgrange.org/res/info/ProjMgt.pdf>.

In this day and age of sensational media and litigious individuals, it is important that we strive to ensure our work does not put Granges at risk. There was a recent Bulletin article regarding the Safe Gatherings Program, and the National Grange Child Protection Policy can be found at <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org/national-grange-child-protection-policy/>. Much of this is REQUIRED if working with those under 18, so please know what is expected and follow these rules. They are important to protect not only your Grange, but also for anyone working with persons not yet adults.

Some of our Granges employ individuals as rental managers, caretakers, groundskeepers, accountants, cleaners or in other capacities. How many Granges have performed a background check? This is an important step every Grange with an employee or contractor should take to ensure your Grange name remains untarnished. This person, even if not a member, will be associated with your Grange.

Members who lack internet access or have problems accessing these online documents can contact the

office and we will be happy to send you physical copies.

I enjoyed our convention, and I realize the session was fast-paced. Some of our members indicated they would have preferred a slower pace; however the Host District scheduled rental equipment pick up Thursday morning due to the cost of the facility and rented equipment, so I pushed all of us, including myself, to meet that deadline. I am grateful for your cooperation and understanding and wish to convey my appreciation and thanks to District 4 for all their hard work to make our Convention happen and be a success. The District 5 recommended site will permit us to resume a more leisurely pace, both in setting up and conducting our Session and workshops and I suspect we all look forward to a less compressed schedule. I know many appreciate the time we spend together, and parting is a time of sorrow. Our convention is more than just completing our work.

I was pleased to hear from several new delegates, and those who felt unconnected from past session(s), that they were made to feel welcome and part of our Grange family. Many of them have already told me they plan to attend next year, well aware of the increase in distance. This convention was exciting and welcoming to them.

I wish to offer a very heartfelt thank you to our members for making the effort to welcome these people and including them. You Granged well, Brothers and Sisters, and you have a special place in my heart.

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From the President's Desk

State President Makes Ruling on Good of the Order Resolutions

Ruling Request – Does Standing Rule 7.8.1 indicate Good of the Order Resolutions are fully binding on the Oregon State Grange?

To start, Rule 8 is not about Resolutions. Rule 8 concerns recommendations made in committee reports. It is not relevant to any ruling regarding the binding nature of resolutions.

National Grange Digest of Laws 10.5.1 and 12.1.1 state:

10.5.1 The right to make rulings as to Grange Law and Usage is vested solely in the Masters of the various Granges of the divisions of the Order; provided, however, that such rulings shall conform to Grange Law as adopted by the National Grange.

12.1.1 The right to make rulings as to Grange Law and Usage is vested solely in the Masters of the various Granges of the divisions of the Order. All questions of Grange Law and Usage, or pertaining to the Unwritten Work of the Order, shall be the subject of such rulings.

The President has the authority to make rulings on Grange Law and Usage. By-laws, having been passed by two thirds vote require implementation, although are subject to rulings by the President. The OSG President, in consultation with the National Grange, has determined that Good of the Order resolutions are a State concern. Good of the Order resolutions are subject to the authority of 10.5.1 and 12.1.1.



There has been a marked increase in phishing attempts impersonating the State Grange recently.

I will never email any member or Grange asking for money, to pay a bill or request you to make a purchase.

If in doubt, examine the actual email address used. It may say President or Sonny Hays-Eberts as the name, but the email address itself will be something other than president@orgrange.org

You may always check with me or the office if you have any doubts about the authenticity of an email you receive.

President's Annual Address 152nd Annual Convention

Sonny Hays-Eberts, State President

Introduction

I welcome you to Corbett as we hold our 152nd Convention at this new location. The Convention however is no stranger to the Columbia Gorge, having been held in the Gorge area six times. We met in Hood River in 1907 and 1970, and four times in The Dalles, the first in 1893, and then in 1924 and 1932 and we last enjoyed this scenic area in the year of our Nation's Bi-Centennial, 1976.

As an aside, I want to note the State Assistant Steward at that Convention – Brother John Fine, who serves today in the same role. It has not been continuous, but does serve to attest to his willingness to serve, and I commend him.

In keeping with past State Presidents and Masters, I have looked back and I see that as times change, some things remain the same. State Master W.C. Harris eloquently encapsulated some of today's concerns in 1976, he when discussed the privatization of the Bonneville Power Plant. "But somehow, the public has let the management of their power slip from their grasp. It is being channeled more and more to the private power companies. As this happens, and the large companies and corporations gain control, as in any industry, the consumer pays a higher price for what he uses."

The Grange prides itself, and rightfully so, on being non-partisan and non-sectarian. As other Masters and Presidents have done before me, I urge you as delegates to put aside all personal prejudice and feelings, and to consider the work before us in this session regarding what is best for our Oregon State Grange, the State of Oregon, and our nation, and I eagerly look forward to working with all of you on the work of this 152nd session.

Agriculture

These have been challenging times for agriculture. An extension of the Farm Bill will provide some relief until September of 2025. This will provide ten months for Congress to pass a new farm bill, and perhaps with single party control of the legislature, this may be more possible than past years. The need for a fresh look at our agricultural system is obvious. While there are some exceptions, crop cash receipts declined 9.2% in 2024 from 2023, while consumer food prices rose 2.5%. Animal/Animal Products cash receipts did rise, a rare exception. Two of the most vital elements of the food system are either getting paid less, or being asked to pay more.

The current budget under consideration would increase agriculture-facing programs spending by \$56.6 billion over the next decade

(fiscal years 2025–2034). Of the total increase, \$52.3 billion is tied to enhancements in the farm safety net and expanded crop insurance support. The remaining \$4.3 billion includes investments in trade promotion, rural school funding, livestock biosecurity, research and energy programs. Who knows where it may end up after any changes that occur in the Senate, but it is a positive sign toward providing longer term security for farmers.

As an organization with roots in agriculture, and a history of working to address economic challenges faced by farmers exemplified by the Granger Laws of the late 1800s, the Grange should influence policy and legislation that protect our farmers' rights to earn fair remuneration for their crops, and provide affordable and safe food for consumers. To return to W.C. Harris, "The leaders of our nation have to realize that if they are going to use the agricultural products as a political force, we, the farmer, must receive a fair price for what we produce. It is the only way we can survive."

Technology is an emerging driving force for agriculture. Some elements that are regarded as upcoming trends include drones, AI, farm robots, genetic targeting of specific pests and diseases as well as regenerative agriculture. Evidence of some of these are already being seen in Oregon. The intent and goal is to increase efficiency and decrease costs, however, at this time that is only predictive. I encourage our Granges and farmers to stay informed in these arenas and work with your local Grange to help educate on these topics, and to create policy that ensures such technologies are effective, used safely and responsibly, and benefit farmers and consumers.

Lastly, water rights continue to be an important topic. Population pressure impacts many areas, but none so vital as water. We spread awareness at our Granges with Friends of Family Farmers regarding domestic well use and the restriction on commercial gardening or small farming use, and this year that restriction was removed. That battle may be won, but I suspect Water Rights will continue to be an ongoing focus of legislation and we must remain vigilant in ensuring our government enacts a balance that serves agriculture, ensures clean drinking water for families, and supports our wild lands in the best possible manner.

Rep Ken Helm (D) and Rep Mark Owens (R), have introduced multiple bills to revise Oregon's aging Water Rights laws, primarily to streamline transfers of rights, but also to review the effects of any changes in the rights, focused on ensuring clean

water for people and any impact on endangered species. As of June 3, there were nine bills under consideration in the final month of the session.

Education

The Grange has always been a friend of education. Our standing education committees and our Lecturer's Programs, as well as our ceremonies, all attest to the value we place on this cornerstone of our democracy. I am proud of the support our Granges, State Grange and State Grange Foundation place on assisting students with advancing their education, and I am doubly proud that this year we will see the inaugural awarding of the Malcolm Trupp Scholarship for vocational education. All professions, and those practicing them, thrive with education, and the central promise of America, to allow people to better themselves and their families, is more easily fulfilled with not just effort, but learning.

We need to remain vigilant in supporting education and ensuring Americans can seek the education they need to succeed. Yes, education can be expensive, but the cost of ignorance is far more dire and exacting.

I have made a concerted effort to work more with Ag in the Classroom this year, and have urged our Community Granges to do so also. Being a reader, purchasing books for schools, or even offering to provide a virtual farm tour, we all have the opportunity to support and expand the teaching of agriculture to the children of Oregon.

Declining numbers of teachers, ensuring equitable access to technological learning and skills, the rising cost of vocational and higher education, teaching vocations that provide adequate wages and are relevant in the future, identifying mental illness in students, and striving to avoid additional school tragedies that have become far too common all place great stresses on our educational system, a burden borne by students, teachers and parents alike.

It can be easy to feel paralyzed in the face of so many challenges, but Grangers know the value of perseverance. While these solutions may seem staggering at a state or national level, our Granges are grass roots, community based organizations. That is where we need to focus. Get involved with your local school system, perhaps offer to be an Ag In the Classroom reader, purchase books for your schools, provide scholarships, provide school supplies, or offer to be a teacher assistant. You, students in your community, your school district, your Grange, and

your entire community will benefit.

Legislation

It is tempting to quote the entire passage of W.C. Harris' Legislation address, concerning the dangers of combining corporate interests with legislative actions, and how it disenfranchises the average citizen, but I will instead strive to present some modern perspective on this issue, which continues to be vital. Faith in our government has been shrinking to unprecedented levels. Mistrust of the government is common, made popular with such comments as "I'm from the government and I'm here to help." These feelings span generations and political beliefs across the spectrum.

Our Resolution process is important. Not just because our policies impact legislative decisions. Frankly, while we do lobby and try to influence policy, doing all we can, the decisions we make on our policy has not always impacted decisions made in Salem. When money speaks, our voice is hushed. However, I devoutly wish our State and National legislators could witness our process. It is a shining model of how government should work and something we should all be rightly proud of.

As unpopular an opinion as it may be, I put forth that the problem is not the government, it is us, the American people. You. Me. All of us across the nation. We have allowed our power to be usurped by the commercial interests W.C. Harris warned us of in 1976. How many of us attend local government meetings, or participate in local government? I know Grangers are active and involved, and I suspect our civic representation is higher than the general public, but having been to some meetings, my impression is that most citizens often show up only when a looming decision may impact them personally. Our declining level of voting confirms this apathy that has contributed to our feeling powerless. In this vacuum, business and government are happy to work together. Just the simple act of having the public at meetings can potentially alter this dynamic.

The desire to have a government of the people, by the people, and for the people is not partisan. To accomplish that, we, the people, must participate. All people, from all political spectrums. We decry civics not taught in school, and have policy advocating that, which I agree with. I, however, contend the deepest civics lessons are taught at home. You can learn the branches of government from a book, but to learn to participate at town halls, school board meetings or even civic groups, like the Grange, are precepts you learn

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The Lecturer's Column

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Hi everyone! As I am writing this article, it is just one week after the Oregon State Grange Convention in Corbett, Oregon. It was a very busy time for myself and my committee. All of you who participated in the many contests, Open Mic Night, Line Dancing class, and "How to Prepare a Lecturer's Program" workshop made it all worth it.

For the Lecturer's Contests, we had 42 individuals enter 168 items to be judged. Contests included Art, Photography, Creative Writing, Flyers, Pamphlets, Posters, Programs and the increasingly popular, Diamond Painting Category. Two new photography categories, Sunrise/Sunset and Floral were introduced this year, and both had many entries. We also launched "My Grange Story" this year, a nonjudged creative writing program meant for the sharing and recording the stories of a Grange member's individual journey in the Grange. We received one entry this year, but I am hopeful that many more will contribute next year.

On Saturday night, we had our first ever Open Mic Night. There were 8 entries this year; one Junior, one youth, and seven in the over 36 years old category. If you were not there, you really missed out. Participants were judged by popular vote by the audience. Raelynn Thorpe won for the Juniors with her joke about the pig who went wee, wee, wee all the way home. Lexie Stuing won the Youth category for her sea shanties that she sang while playing the ukelele. Carol Everman won in the

36+ category for her recitation of "And Yet I Don't Know." This was a fun event and now that everyone knows what to suspect, I am hopeful that we will have more participation next year.

On Monday night, Melissa James led us in learning several line dances. There was a nice turnout for this, and it was a great opportunity to get some exercise and relax after sitting in session all day.

Tuesday morning, I lead a workshop on preparing a Lecturer's program. Ten individuals attended. Together we discussed the jobs of a Lecturer, where to get ideas for programs, and how to put those ideas together to form a program for meetings. Many who missed out have asked for more information about this. I will be presenting this again at each of the district visitations. I have three visits coming up in the next few months. I will be at District 2 on August 2nd at Willamette Grange, District 5 on August 9th at Hurricane Creek, and District 3 at Fernwood Grange on September 6th.

The next big event for the Lecturer's department is our day to host the Log Cabin at the Oregon State Fair on August 23rd. I will need people to help answer questions for fair participants about what the Grange is and be welcoming to the Log Cabin. Those who help will receive free entry to the fair in exchange for a few hours of your time. To sign up, contact the State Grange office or email me at sjones1273@hotmail.com.

Lecturer's Contest Winners

Creative Writing

Poetry

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|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 Edward Luttrell | Molalla #310 |
| 2 Cathy Assad | Redland #796 |
| 3 Heather Elliott | Ada #570 |

Skit Writing

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jesse O'Dell | Santiam Valley #828 |
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Public Relations

Flyer

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| Computer Generated | |
| 1 Carlyn Mitas | Columbia #267 |
| 2 Suzy Ramm | Springwater #263 |
| 3 Tia Brown | Rickreall #671 |

Pamphlet

- | | |
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| Computer Generated | |
| 1 Carlyn Matis | Columbia #267 |
| 2 Tia Brown | Rickreall #671 |

Poster

Handmade

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 Loni Schofield | Ada #570 |
| 2 Caroline Dakley | Columbia #267 |
| 3 Loni Schofield | Ada #570 |

Computer Generated

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| 1 Carlyn Matas | Columbia #267 |
| 2 Amanda Puls | Myrtle Creek #442 |
| 3 Suzy Ramm | Springwater #263 |

Oregon State Grange Lecturer's Contest Winners

Art

Oils

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 Jerry Mishler | Columbia #267 |
| 2 Carol Jones | Myrtle Creek #442 |

Acrylics

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| 1 Tia Brown | Rickreall #671 |
| 2 Chuck Crew | Columbia #267 |
| 3 Tia Brown | Rickreall #671 |

Water Color

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| 1 Patricia Bunch | Central Point #698 |
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Drawing

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 Josh Holley | Phoenix #779 |
| 2 Sara Grigsby | Columbia #267 |
| 3 Alicia Nilsen | Goshen #561 |

Diamond Painting

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 Megan Schofield | Ada #570 |
| 2 Larua Utt | Fairmount #252 |
| 3 Nadine Reed | Jasper #532 |

Photography

Scenic Landscape

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| 1 Teresa Cernac | Warren #536 |
| 2 Suzy Ramm | Springwater #263 |
| 3 Clair Klock | Columbia #267 |

Scenic Seascape

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| 1 Teresa Cernac | Warren #536 |
| 2 Christy Webster | Ada #536 |
| 3 Heather Elliott | Ada #536 |

Close-Ups

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 Carol Fine | Riversdale #731 |
| 2 Teresa Cernac | Warren #536 |
| 3 Teresa Cernac | Warren #536 |

Family

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| 1 Cheryl Goldens | Abernethy #346 |
| 2 Eva Frost | Warren #536 |
| 3 Loni Schofield | Ada #571 |

Pets &/or Farm Animals

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| 1 Megan Schofield | Ada #570 |
| 2 Susan Noah | Mohawk McKenzie #747 |
| 3 Tammie Woodral | Riversdale #731 |

Wild Animals

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Susan Noah | Mohawk Mckenzie #747 |
| 2 Heather Elliott | Ada #570 |
| 3 Christy Webster | Ada #570 |

Oldies/Goodies

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| 1 Suzy Ramm | Springwater #263 |
| 2 Carol Fine | Riversdale #731 |
| 3 Teresa Cernac | Warren #536 |

Grange Activities

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| 1 Teresa Cernac | Warren #536 |
| 2 Carol Fine | Riversdale #731 |
| 3 Loni Schofield | Ada #570 |

Grange Hall Buildings

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| 1 Megan Schofield | Ada #570 |
| 2 Loni Schofield | Ada #570 |
| 3 Heather Elliott | Ada #570 |

Sports

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|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 Eva Frost | Warren #536 |
| 2 Loni Schofield | Ada #570 |
| 3 Brian Schofield | Ada #570 |

Potpourri

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 Suzy Ramm | Springwater #263 |
| 2 Teresa Cernac | Warren #536 |
| 3 Carol Fine | Riversdale #731 |

Black & White

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|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 Teresa Cernac | Warren #536 |
| 2 Heather Elliott | Ada #570 |
| 3 Megan Schofield | Ada #570 |

Sunrise/Sunset

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 Carol Fine | Riversdale #731 |
| 2 Teresa Cernac | Warren #536 |
| 3 Sharon Day | Ada #570 |

Floral

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|---------------|----------------------|
| 1 Carol Fine | Riversdale #731 |
| 2 Clair Klock | Columbia #267 |
| 3 Susan Noah | Mohawk McKenzie #747 |

The Chaplain's Corner

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It has been an honor to serve as your Chaplain this past year. I appreciate the opportunity to support and care for our Grange community on behalf of the OSG.

Thank you to the Host committee at this year's OSG Convention and Memorial Service Co-Chairs Jeanie Force and Annette Naylor for working with me on the Memorial Service and their Memorial team was great. A big thankyou to Pastor Christopher Robertson for his

uplifting message and the vocal accompaniment of him and his daughter.

Connecting with members and expressing concern and kindness has been deeply meaningful. Throughout our lives, we are introduced to remarkable individuals who make a lasting impact on us, to which we eventually say farewell, cherishing their memories. We can honor their memory and look forward to reuniting in our heavenly home.

Goshen Grange Held Memorial Day Open House

Goshen Grange #561, Lane County, held a Memorial Day Open House on Monday May 26th. The event included a short program with flag presentation, prayer, and information on the Grange Cemetery.



The Goshen Grange is one of two Granges in Lane County that has a cemetery on their property. A new cemetery sign was installed and a donation of \$100 was made to replace the United States Flag and the State of Oregon Flag in the cemetery area.



Above: Goshen members gather for an open house.

In Memoriam

Wilma Guttridge
Springwater #263

Dale Stumbo
Sunny Valley #916

Barbara MacKinnon
Springwater #263

Mary Theirl
Abernethy #346

George Major
Redwood #760

Carol Wulff
North End #820



*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.*

Oregon State Grange Agriculture Contest Winners

Garden Design

Adult Container Gardens

1 Joyce Parker

Springwater Grange #263 \$25.00

Adult Raised Bed Gardens

1 Suzy Ramm

Springwater Grange #263 \$25.00

The Agricultural Report



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Agriculture Director - Oregon State Grange

A New Way

My garden isn't small. Well, it's smaller than it was 10 years ago when two 500 x 75-foot paddocks were converted to potatoes (mostly). About 1/3 has been put back into pasture for my sheep. For 15 years I hired a tractor guy who would use a 48" rototiller to agitate the existing soil structure into a beautiful crumble free of weeds and lumps. Onto those perfect garden beds I would use a stringline and hoe to create straight rows of produce. However, in between those rows would also stand a thicket of weeds with the farmyard names of pigweed, lambs quarters, bindweed, thistle and quackgrass. My overhead sprinklers knew no difference between crop or weed and watered all as I played a summertime game of tug-a-war with the deep-rooted weeds.

Last spring I decided to try a new way. I still tilled my 48" beds, with my own equipment now, and I left a good 24" of untouched pathways between the long beds. I quickly sowed those paths with white Dutch clover and annual lawn grass, and that summer I just ran my lawn mower down the path strips and the "farmer weeds" were overwhelmed by the clover/grass which then left me with only the garden beds to

weed.

Come fall, I harvested the crops out of the 48" wide beds, pulled the last weed, and covered those long beds with leaves, lawn clippings, pine needles, and barnyard manures from my sheep sheds. Over all that organic matter, I pulled long sections of weed barrier cloth and pinned it all down for the winter. I am lucky to have a 20 x 50 foot hoop house that I use to start garden plants. Well, this spring I went crazy with the seeds. In April, my helper Tim and I filled hundreds of small pots with a sifted compost and soil mix and then put garden seeds wrapped in wet paper towels and baggies over a heat mat until a small root peeked out. Each seed was carefully deposited into those pots and the garden came to life inside the hoophouse. Corn, beans, squash, cucumbers, onions, broccoli, cabbage, lettuces, and greens were laid out in small rows of pots, secured in nursery flats on the hoophouse floor.

When all danger of frost was pretty much over, we pulled the ground cloth off the outside garden beds, moved aside the top of the mulches, and planted out the garden from the greenhouse, into the real garden! I still mow the 24" wide green pathways, and I use my small hoe to loosen the dirt around the tiny weeds that the garden plants tower over, while Tim pulls the thistles and quackgrass with a shovel and leather gloves.

It's real pretty out in the garden after it is mowed. The corn is knee high by the Fourth of July and my Buckskin bush beans are blooming two weeks earlier than I used to see happen. It seems like this new way is really the best way.

L: Tim Murphy, member of South Fork Grange #605, Wallowa County, and June's farm helper, taking a break.



Above: Tanager Farm greenhouses were one of several stops on the Ag tour.

Community Service Involvement

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OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



We had another good year and a wonderful State Convention. Thanks to the District 4 team and the Corbett School District.

A "BIG THANK YOU" to the eleven (11) Granges that submitted their Community Service books for

judging at the state Grange convention: Ada, Goshen, Irving, Lorane, Lowell, Mohawk-McKenzie, Spencer Creek, Thurston and Walterville from Lane County, Columbia #267, Multnomah County and Marys River, Benton County.

Community Service Yearbook winners were:

1 st	266 pts	\$100.00	Walterville #416
2 nd	265 pts	\$75.00	Mohawk-McKenzie #747
3 rd	259 pts	\$50.00	Columbia #267
4 th	260 pts	\$25.00	Goshen #561
4 th	260 pts	\$25.00	Irving #377
5 th	249 pts	\$25.00	Marys River #685
6 th	247 pts	\$25.00	Lorane #54
6 th	247 pts	\$25.00	Spencer Creek #855
6 th	247 pts	\$25.00	Thurston #853

The 2025 Volunteer of the Year was Steve Leitz from Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County. Congratulations. A Special Award went to Howard Miller of Molalla Grange #310, Clackamas County, for his volunteer work.

Thank you to all the Granges that took time, effort, and love in putting together their Community Service books. And to the 47 Granges that submitted their Annual Community Service-Involvement reports.

The real benefit of taking the time to fill out the report is documenting each Grange's Community Service for their members and to preserve our IRS status as a Non-Profit.

Something different this year. The Community Service Department collected coffee for Veterans. Thank you to all the Granges and Grangers

for all the coffee that was donated for the Veterans. The coffee was divided between District 4 which delivered it to the Clackamas County Veterans Village and the Veterans facilities in Roseburg. Nine Granges participated: Ada, Crow, Goshen, Marys River, Myrtle Creek, Mohawk-McKenzie, Springwater, and Walterville along with the Oregon State Grange Foundation.

It's not too early to do your planning to come up with a new project and do project(s) that are successful and needed by your community for next year.

The State Grange Community Service Department and Oregon State Grange appreciates all the service that your Grange and all our fellow Grangers do to make our neighborhoods better. We continue to support our 'Home Town Values' with our 'Community Roots.'

Howard Miller Recognized For His Volunteerism

A special Community Service Award was given to Howard Miller of Molalla Grange #310, Clackamas County, for all his volunteer work.

nior center and the Molalla Moose lodge, every other week, sometimes every week. He spent 281 hours calling Bingo in 2024.

Brother Howard is one busy person. He calls BINGO at the Molalla Senior Center, the Oregon City Se-

In December he rides the Molalla Fire truck for the Christmas Food Drive dressed as an elf. The trucks are out for three nights in a row driving the streets of Molalla. He also helped clean the Molalla Fire Hall kitchen and took cookies to the fireman's meeting several times.

He has friends in the Nursing home that he calls on almost daily and helps cook breakfast at his church.

Brother Howard is 90 years old and is still going strong.



L: Clackamas County Pomona Master Joyce Parker presents Howard Miller with a certificate and pin recognizing his volunteer work.



L-r: State President Sonny Hays-Eberts, Jeff Dehne, State Community Service Director Liz Dehne and Volunteer of the Year Steve Leitz.

Oregon State Grange Volunteer of the Year

The Oregon State Grange was pleased to recognize Steve Leitz of Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, as Oregon's Volunteer of the Year. Follows is excerpts from nomination form.

This Brother is committed to community service, and it is a significant aspect of his life. A successful businessman he believes in using his businesses for philanthropic endeavors.

In early 2024 he formed Bee-Lieve Education Foundation, an incorporated nonprofit foundation in the State of Oregon. Their mission is to nurture hive health through education and community engagement. Their three main objectives are:

1. Promoting pollinators and plant habitats for bees.
2. Donating Honey from sponsors to Food Banks and Pantries
3. Most important is Paying for Veterans Scholarships to the OSU Master Beekeeping Program.

In 2024 at Bee-lieve Education Foundation, their bees don't just pollinate, they help feed the community. With just 10 hives, they harvested over 600 pounds of honey that was donated directly to local food banks. The Bee-lieve Education Foundation has built 75+ beehives and counting, thanks to their incredible partners, Oregon State University ag students, and local supporters.

When a donor sponsors a hive, they are not just helping bees thrive-they are also funding hands-on education for Veterans and promoting responsible pollination in communities across Oregon. Bee-lieve Education Foundation is proud to have awarded scholarships to six veterans for the OSU Master Beekeeper Program. Through this partnership, the foundation is giving back to those who served, empowering them with hands-on training, certification, and the opportunity to lead in sustainable agriculture and pollinator stewardship. This scholarship will cover the cost of a local veteran to become a beekeeper!

This Brother not only supports veterans through his foundation but is a

regular supporter of the Clackamas County Veterans Village, providing ice cream for the monthly dinner served by Clarks Grange and helping with the purchasing of supplies made possible by Springwater Grange's breakfast tip jar.

In January, his store participated in a fundraiser for Building Blocks 4 Kids which strives to cultivate a community of compassion and support for children in need in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties. One of their major programs focuses on those aging out of foster care. The program focuses on those who have turned 18 and are subsequently dropped from the foster care system by helping these young adults transition into becoming contributing members of the community.

He participates in the Baskins Robbins PintforPint program which gives blood donors a pint of ice cream for every pint of blood they donate, often having the blood donor bus outside his businesses.

Last October he helped sponsor a fundraiser for JoyRx with free pizza and a raffle. JoyRx is part of the Children's Cancer Association. They deliver joy to seriously ill children and teens with free JoyRx music, mentorship and nature programs.

As a member of Springwater Grange he helps with the monthly breakfasts, enters flowers in their community fair and helps as time allows with other Grange activities and fundraisers.

Our nominee is a man deeply connected to his community, with an unwavering commitment to positively impacting those around him. Throughout his life, this Brother continues to inspire others through his determination, community involvement, and entrepreneurial spirit. His legacy of giving and service serves as a model for others in the community, proving that one individual can make a significant difference in the lives of many. His story is one of dedication, adventure, and an inspiring commitment to making the world a better place for future generations.

Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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State Convention and Beyond

Hello Grangers and welcome back! I am so sorry to not see you all at State Convention this year. Thank you all for the beautiful get-well cards. I really appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers, thank you. For those of you who don't know, I was diagnosed with cancer, had surgery, and just received my fifth of six prescribed chemo treatments. So, I hope to be back up and about in just a few months and see you then, maybe at some of your events. I need those stamps on my passport.

Also, just in case you didn't see this coming, we are going to be learning a lot about cancer in our upcoming issues. Who's most at risk? What types of cancer are most prevalent? Why are early disease detection and cancer screenings so important? How important is Palliative and Mental Care to disease outcome? Are all cancer treatments available to all Oregonians? I can already tell you, rural does not come out on top in any of these questions, and I'd like to start a conversation among us about becoming part of a solution to that problem.

I also hope many of you who did attend the Oregon State Convention 2025 were able to make it to our different committee displays. At the Deaf Awareness and Family Health we shared many of the remaining mental health awareness materials and also information to enable Community Granges and Pomona to hold their own. If you decide

you'd like some help, we are happy to contribute time, funding, materials, and network connections. We also continued to report about the importance of testing our homes for radon and its known association with lung cancer, and a printable list of the free radon test kits zip codes, please visit the Oregon State Grange website at: <https://orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/deaf-awareness-and-family-health/>

If you had a chance to talk with two of our committee members who attended, Tim Dehne from District 2 or Georgene Barragan from District 4, you might also have had the chance to learn about some of our upcoming events. At this time, we are in communication with the Oregon School of the Deaf. We'd like to visit and also to learn what kind of help they are most in need of.

One thing I saw on their website, that touched me deeply, was their repeated requests for spectators at their sporting events. Since most of these kids move away from home to attend the Deaf School in Salem, they don't have a built-in home audience and all of their parents are not able to travel to Salem for every event.

We also intend to visit three sets of Tiny House Villages and learn more about their development, progression, and impact. We intend to visit two establishments in Eugene and one in Gresham, and of course, we'll need to visit an area Grange, while we are there.

Jr Grange Leadership Scholarship Reports

Report by Silas York
Warren Grange #536

Thank you so much for all the fun times my favorite part of being in State Grange. It was fun to play

steward, vice president, lecturer. I made four new friends.

I helped as an usher in the 5th degree and helped the actors down the stairs.

I liked the Ag. tour it was wet but still fun and we went to 5 farms. Thanks again for sponsoring me.

Report by Blake York
Warren Grange # 536

Thank you so much for the scholarship it ment a lot to me. My favriot Part of State Grange was making ocean farming wreaths, Another one of my favriot parts was the AG tour I love it because we got to see how bigger farmers with more land worked compared to small farmers with small land. I more thing making new friends and lerining about the opening of State Grange my favriot job was Steward. Also thank you for inviting me to the youth march it was fun learing how to march. Thank you so much again for giving me a scholarship.



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The Education Committee

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This year's state convention is behind us and I hope that those Grangers who haven't attended a state convention get the chance to attend one soon. With all the changes in K-12 and higher education nationally and within the state, you may want current information. If you need to know where the best place is to get it just email me at lyle.utt@gmail.com.

For Grangers wanting to volunteer, one option is the **Classroom Learning Project** (formerly known as the Classroom Law Project) <https://civicslearning.org/> has the following volunteer options.

Mock Trial

They need lots of volunteer attorneys and non-attorney judges for Mini Mock and Mock Trial High School Competitions. Schools throughout the state are also in need of volunteer attorney coaches.

We the People

Attorneys, political science buffs,

or American history enthusiasts can help coach a high school Constitution team, or judge competitions. Facilitators are also needed to keep judges and students on time in their competition hearings.

Civics Conference

Interested in checking out workshops and learning about Oregon government and issues alongside educators? As a session facilitator at the Oregon Civics Conference, you will assist the workshop speaker with general tasks.

Courthouse Tour Guides

We need volunteer guides to lead Courthouse Experience Tours. Our guides come from a variety of backgrounds, non-legal and legal alike. It is also great fit for retired educators!

Event Assistants

Event Assistants help with event set-up, check-in, and much more! Assistants are needed at both fundraising and program-related events.



The annual meeting of the Oregon State Grange Foundation was held on Sunday, June 22, in the multipurpose room at Corbett School District. The highlights of the meeting included the re-election of Dean High as the Region 5 trustee for another five year term and the awarding of four scholarships totaling \$3500.

The first Malcolm Trupp Memorial Vocation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 went to Grant Schaffer, a Louise Holst Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Annalyn Duris-Swanson for \$500 and two \$1000 Muzzy Mandel scholarships were awarded to Kaylee Falleur and Annalyn Duris-Swanson. Look for more information on these students in the October/November issue of the Bulletin.

The Foundation rolled out three new programs: the **Bloodmobile and Blood Donation Project** which will award funds to Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges for sponsoring bloodmobiles and donation of units of blood. The **Robert Smith Leadership Training Fund**, which will provide scholarships for Grange members 36 years of age and older, to attend leadership training

events including State Grange Convention, National Grange and the Western Regional Leadership Conference.

The **Junior Grange Leadership Scholarship**, which replaced the Junior Grange Camp Scholarship, can be used by Junior age members to attend Junior Grange activities including state convention and Western regionals. We awarded two Junior Grange Leadership Scholarships this year. Their reports appear on this page. One of the requirements of these two new leadership scholarships is to write a report on what you learned at the event.

More information about these new programs will be included in future Oregon Grange Bulletins.

The GASS (Grangers Attending State Session) awards were raised to \$50 each this year as our investments are returning good interest and dividends. A total of 20 GASS Awards were given out this year.

A motion was made and carried to direct the Board of Trustees to revise the Bylaws of the Oregon State Grange Foundation to remove the term limits for trustees.

By-laws and Good of the Order Resolutions Adopted at the 2024 Oregon State Grange Convention

BL #1: Change By-Laws to Allow Email Notifications

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended as follows:

Strikethroughs indicate words to be deleted; bold indicates words to be added.

1.13.10(d)(5) New pages for this book are to be ~~mailed~~ **sent via mail and/or email** when a By-Law has been added, changed, or deleted.

4.9.3. Such action shall be taken upon report of the Secretary, showing the amount of the delinquency and showing the delinquent member has been contacted at least once, by ~~First Class Mail~~ **mail and/or email**, before the vote to suspend.

4.17.1 When the Master/President of a Subordinate/Community Grange becomes aware that there is a serious possibility that the Grange is in danger of disbanding, it shall be the duty of the Master/President to immediately notify the State Master/President and the members of the State Executive Committee by **Certified Mail and/or email**; ~~return receipt requested~~.

4.18.1 (c) Consolidating Granges shall ~~mail~~ **and/or email** a notice of the intent to consolidate to all members of each Grange subject to the consolidation at the member's last recorded address at least thirty (30) days prior to any meeting at which a vote to consolidate is to be considered; And be it further

Resolved: The following section be added to Article 2 of the By-laws:
Section 9, Email Notifications

2.9.1 Granges desiring email notifications from the State Grange must provide a valid email address to the Oregon State Grange and inform the State Grange in mail or email of the desire to receive email notifications.

2.9.2 Granges must use an email address specific to that Grange, that is the virtual property of that Grange. Personal or other business email addresses may not be used to receive email notifications sent to a Grange. The email address must contain some recognizable indication of Grange name, the determination of that address being valid to be made by the Oregon State Grange.

2.9.3 The password for this email account is always to be known to the Master/President and Secretary of the owning Grange.

BL #2: Stub Removal from Oregon State Grange Officer Ballots

Resolved: That OSG By-Law 1.9.2 be amended to read as follows:

1.9.2 (a) The Preferential Election shall be held at any regular meeting of the respective Subordinate/Community Granges in April. The vote is to be taken immediately after the fifth order of business. Affiliate members of a Grange are eligible to vote only once in this Preferential Election at their primary or affiliate Grange but not in both. The report of the election shall be announced before the close of the meeting and incorporated in the minutes. The ballots used shall be those furnished by the State office, which must have stub attached. Each member voting must write his or her name on the stub of the ballot. The stub shall be ~~turned off~~ **removed** by the member and returned with the ballot. After the vote is counted, the ballots and stubs shall be turned over to the Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary. And be it further

Resolved: That the OSG By-Laws 1.10.3 be amended to read as follows:

1.10.3 The State Grange office staff, or the chairman of the Sessions Election committee, shall post one of the ballots in the Session hall as soon as it is printed. Each ballot shall have a stub attached to be signed by the delegate at the time of voting. When the vote is cast, the stub shall be ~~turned off~~ **removed** by the voting member and placed in a box separate from the ballots.

BL #3: Pomona Grange Information for OSG Roster

Resolved: That the OSG By-Laws section 3.8.3 be amended to read as follows:

Annually, the Secretary of the Pomona Grange shall send the names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses, if available, of the Pomona Master/President, Overseer/Vice President, Lecturer, Chaplain, Secretary, all three members of the Executive Committee, the Treasurer, and the time, date, and location of scheduled meetings to the Oregon

State Grange for inclusion in the annual Roster published by the Oregon State Grange.

When requested by the Oregon State Grange, the Secretary of the Pomona Grange shall forward the names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses, if available, of the Chairmen of the following committees: Agriculture, Community Service/Involvement, Deaf Awareness/Family Health, Education, Grange Workers' Activities, Junior, Legislative, Membership, Veterans, and Youth.

BL #5: Dues Raise

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange increase their dues to \$56 per individual member or \$112 per family membership starting January 1, 2026, assuming the dues raise by the National Grange is adopted at the 2025 convention. And be it further

Resolved: That if the National Grange dues raise is not adopted at the 2025 convention, the Oregon State Grange dues will remain at the rate of \$50/member and \$100/family membership.

BL #8: Standing Rule 11

Resolved: That Rule 11 (7.11.1) of the Standing Rules of the Oregon State Grange By-Laws be rewritten as follows: Rule 11 (7.11.1) **Each time a Session committee meets, whether virtually or in person, a record of the committee members present must be kept and reported to the Progress committee for the Proceedings.**

GO #1: Discontinue Districts Hosting State Grange Sessions

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange President/Master appoint a special Session Venue committee composed of a member from each district who has had responsibility for planning one or more sessions to identify potential venues (schools, convention centers, or fairgrounds) that are available the June dates specified in the OSG By-Laws Article 1, Section 3 and reservable for future years. The facility should have sufficient space for our meetings, degrees, meals, exhibits, workshops, committees, and Juniors with on-site parking for cars and RVs and nearby affordable lodging and restaurants. And be it further

Resolved: That the State President/Master appoint a second special committee composed of a member from each district who has had responsibility for planning one or more Sessions. This Session Planning special committee is to identify how each portion of a Session can be organized: What must be done locally vs. what can be done by a Director, state officer, deputies, Pomona officers, office staff, or members who volunteer.

Resolved: Both special committees are to report their findings at the 2026 Session.

GO #3: Quarterly Dues Payments to Active Pomonas

Resolved: That if a Pomona Grange has uncashed checks in their possession from **two** prior quarters that no more checks be sent to them until they have addressed the uncashed **checks**. And be it further

Resolved: That each Pomona Grange may select to receive their dues payments through Bill.com or any other online platform as long as they share their bank account number and routing number with the State Grange office.

GO #6: Recognition of 150 Years of Service

Resolved: That the members and delegates of the Oregon State Grange at our 152nd annual Session extend our sincere and fraternal congratulations to the officers, members, and delegates of the California State Grange on the occasion of their 150th convention. And be it further

Resolved: That the members of the Oregon State Grange convey our best wishes for a successful California State Session. May your Grange efforts bring a bright future for the Golden State. And be it further

Resolved: That this resolution, complete with the Whereases, be hand carried by representatives of the Oregon State Grange for presentation to the President of the California State Grange during their 150th annual Session in October 2025.

Mark Your Calendars! Leadership Conference Saturday, November 8th

Marys River Grange #685
24707 Grange Hall Rd
Philomath
9:30am to 4:30pm

All Grangers are invited to attend. Please RSVP to the State Office president@orgrange.org 503-316-0101. This workshop is the first, so it is a challenge to estimate the time. Lunch will be provided.

Topics include:

- Learn leadership traits and practices
- How to conduct a Grange meeting
- The operation of a Grange
- Engaging your members
- Representing your Grange
- Additional leadership opportunities

This workshop will be chocked-full of useful information for all so plan to attend.

Dues Raised Adopted Using the Bulletin for By-laws Change Announcements

At the 2024 National Grange Convention a six-dollar (\$6) dues raise was passed by the delegate body. A final vote on the dues raise will take place at the 2025 National convention in November and if adopted the dues raise will go into effect January 1. Delegates at the 2025 Oregon State Grange convention adopted a resolution to increase the dues paid by Subordinate/Community members by six dollars (\$6) which will only go into effect if the National Grange dues increase passes. **This will affect dues paid for the 2026 year, and will not be used for the fourth quarter report.**

Many Granges in Oregon will just need to collect the additional dues because they have an automatic dues increase clause in their by-laws or base it upon the dues owed to State Grange plus an amount. Such by-laws will not need to be changed. But if your Grange's by-laws have a specific dollar amount listed, your Grange will need to vote to amend your by-laws.

Oregon State Grange By-laws 4.21.1

Amendments may be made to the Subordinate/Community Grange By-Laws at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present; provided that no amendment shall be made which will in any of its provisions conflict with the Oregon State Grange By-Laws nor National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry Digest of Laws and, provided further, that such amendment shall be presented in writing at a regular meeting and acted upon at a subsequent regular meeting. All members shall be notified by mail or email or by publication in the Grange Bulletin at least thirty days before the date of the meeting at which a vote will be taken of such proposed By-Law change.

Be aware, if your Grange wants to use the next issue of the Oregon State Grange Bulletin to notify your members of a vote to raise your dues, notice must be received to the Bulletin by September 10th with a mailing date of about October 7th. Accordingly, such Granges should plan on holding a by-laws vote November 11th or later.

By-laws Change Notices

Walterville Grange #416 By-law Change

At the July 1, 2025, meeting of Walterville Grange #416, Lane County, with a full quorum present, the Grange voted to amend their by-laws to not permit guns on the premises. As follows, "Firearms

are prohibited from the Walterville facilities and surrounding property. The appropriate warning signs will be visibly posted at all entrances." The second vote will be on August 5th at the regular meeting.

Save the Date

National Grange

Honors Night

★ Grange Hall of Fame induction

★ Celebration of Remembrance

★ Departmental Awards

for the 2024-2025 Grange Year

November 21, 2025

8:30pm ET / 5:30pm PT

to be held virtually and streamed online



TIS THE SEASON

Goldson Grange Community Softball Game

Join Goldson Grange #868, at Cheshire in Lane County, for a good ole fashioned Community Softball Game on Saturday, September 6th, 2025 from 1 to 5pm. All ages invited! Let's have some fun and a few laughs. Hot dogs and popcorn and cold drinks too.



The Grange is forming teams now so if you want to play email goldson-grange@gmail.com before September 1st so you can be included. No experience necessary, you don't have to be a pro, or young or have played recently. Members are just wanting to get out on the Goldson Grange field and have a good time. A free event, men, women, girls and boys – all are welcome.

Goshen Holds Floor Fundraiser

Goshen Grange #561, Lane County, is raising money for a new floor for their hall. On Wednesday September 17 at the Papa Pizza on Coburg Rd get yourself some pizza.

Bring the flyer available on their Facebook page or from Goshen members. The Grange will receive 50% of total sales, if you use the flyer.

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GOSHEN GRANGE
FUNDRAISING FOR A NEW GRANGE FLOOR

Bring this flyer into Papa's Pizza on **September 17th** and the organization will receive **50%** of the value of the food you purchase! You also have the choice of purchasing **Fundraiser Bucks** that are good for all future purchases. These Bucks will earn 25% of their value for the organization.

Please come into Papa's and help us out! With your support on **September 17, 2025** we can have a really successful fundraiser! Beverages and delivery orders are excluded. These flyers cannot be distributed at Papa's Pizza. This fundraiser flyer is valid **ALL DAY** only on specified date.

Join us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/PapasPizzaCoburgId

Please respect our neighbor and do not park in the Subway parking lot.

Total Food Order \$ _____

All Gift Certificates Purchased 25%\$ _____

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	Nov 1	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange
Benton #36	Oct 18	10:30 AM	Fairmount Grange
Clackamas #1	Oct 25	9:30 AM	Garfield Grange
Columbia #18	Nov 1	10:00 AM	Deer Island Grange (PUD)
Deschutes #25	Nov 8	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Oct 19	6:00 PM	Sunnydale Grange
Josephine #20	Nov 29	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Oct 11	10:00 AM	TBA
Lincoln #10	Aug 17	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Oct 18	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	Oct 14	6:00 PM	Rickreall Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Wallowa #22	Oct	5:30 PM	TBA
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 18	10:00 AM	Forest Grove Grange

It Was “Trees, Streams and Dreams” in District 4



Sixth Degree Court of Flora

Above: l-r: Attendant Courtney Rae; Flora Jessie Jo Guttridge; Attendant Tami Guttridge

Right: l-r: Attendant Eva Frost; Ceres Amanda Puls; Attendant Sandi Ludi;

Far right: l-r: Attendant Beaneita Hunt; Pomona Roberta O'Dell; Attendant Tina Reynolds



R: Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Cydney Stables visited convention on Wednesday. Sister Cydney is a member of McMinnville Grange #31 in Yamhill County.



Rosebud Team Members

l-r: Top row: Breanna Hays-McKay – Co-Captain, JC Junkman – Co-Captain

Middle row: Kim Schettig, Christy Dumolt

Front row: usher Don Kingsborough, usher Don Sether, Tracy Metzker, Peggy Hartwig, Cat Thomas, JoAnn Keeley, usher Jim J. Dumolt, usher Dan Keeley

6th Degree Marching Candidates

Pictures to the right: Back row: Star Gibson, Krysta Hart, Cat Bonney, with Assistant Steward John Fine

Front row: Betty Chipps, Cynthia St Claire with Lady Assistant Steward Stacy Brown



It Was "Trees, Streams and Dreams" in District 4



Memorial Drill Team

Back row: Don Kingsborough, Pastor Christopher Robertson, Jim Dumolt, Dan Keeley, Allen Naylor, JoAnn Keeley, Sandi Ludi, OSG Secretary Mark Noah and Linda Wetzell.

Front row: Don Sether, Anna Robertson, Jeanie Force, Annette Naylor, OSG Flora Jessie Jo Guttridge, OSG President Sonny Hays-Eberts, OSG Chaplain Cookie Trupp and Sue Sether



Fifth Degree Team Oregon GROW Club and Friends

Top step: Attendant Loni Schofield, Attendant Megan Schofield
Middle step: Attendant Courtney Rae, Attendant Betty Chippis

Back row: Gatekeeper Orrin Schnetzky, Specter Jim Clute, Ex Comm. 2 John Fine, Musician Bob Force, Chaplain Cat Thomas, Steward Lexie Suing, Asst. Steward Steve Kroeker

Middle row: Lady Ast. Steward Sandi Ludi, President Mark Noah, Flora Courtney Gordon, Treasurer Susie Kroeker, Pomona Connie Suing, Lecturer Teresa Cernac, Ex Comm. #3 Jeanie Force, Ex Comm. #1 Cookie Trupp, Ceres Eva Frost

Front row: Overseer Carol Everman, Secretary Susan Noah, usher Blake York, usher Silas York



2025 Oregon State Youth and Young Adults Officers with a little help from some friends

Top row: Lecturer Jessie Jo Guttridge, Vice President J.C. Junkman, Treasurer David Wallace, Chaplain Orrin Schnetzky

Second Row: Steward Connie Suing, Gatekeeper David McBride, President Jim J Dumolt, Pomona Cat Thomas

Third row: Asst. Steward Breanna Hays-McKay, Secretary Amanda Puls, Lady Asst. Steward Gracie Merchant, Flora Megan Schofield

Bottom row: Ceres RaeyLynn Thorp (Jr), Ex. Comm #1 Audri Brown (Jr), Ex. Comm #3 Jameson Wood (Jr), Ex. Comm #2 Blake York (Jr)



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GWA

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257 items were entered in the GWA contest at this state convention! While I doubt that this is a record, I do believe that it was a really good turnout and I am so happy that so many of our members shared their skills with all of us. We had entries from loaves of bread to a ceramic vase and everything in-between! Needlepoint, canned fruit and quilts OH MY! The judges all had a hard time making their decisions but they all finally finished and we had a whole list of winning entries. The new contests all had entries and I think my committee and I have come up with a few more additions for next year. We are already making plans for the Baker City convention and hope to see even more entries.

The Grange who will be receiving a check for \$150 for the most entries is

Little Deschutes Grange #939 in Deschutes County with 40 entries, and the winner of the \$100 for the most entries by an individual is Linda Pugh from Ada Grange #570 in Lane County with 17 entries.

We also had some great decorated cookies following the early morning GWA Cookie Decorating demo where about 20 individuals grabbed a couple of sugar cookies and made magic with them. Icing in a variety of colors, some food grade colored pens and even a bag of gummy fruits made beautiful plain sugar cookies come alive. The cookies were then taken to the GWA room and entered into a best in show class for decorating with Junior member Jameson Wood taking the prize. A listing of the winners from this year is included in this edi-

tion of the Bulletin and will also be reprinted in the annual Proceedings of the Oregon State Grange.

Our Worthy National Lecturer, Brother Tom Gwin, related more information about the new signature program of the National Grange, Project Sustainance. Our GWA has been promoting this program at the recent district conferences because it seems like such a good fit for our organization. It is no secret that Granges are known for their food, from potlucks to planned dinners, food has been a staple of the Grange experience. I think we all understand the importance of sharing food with family and friends, but did you know that this practice dates back to the earliest days of man. Even in prehistoric times early humans gathered around the fire to share the days' hunt, and now sharing a meal allows family, friends, and strangers to fellowship together. While on a shore excursion on our last cruise, Mark and I joined a table of eight at one of the stops and quickly fell into conversations with everyone at the table! Of course it didn't hurt that most of us

were dog lovers and took the opportunity to show off pictures of our furry kids at home. But during the rest of the excursion we were on busses or walking around by ourselves, it took the meal to bring us together. Food unites us in many ways and allows us to come together to share knowledge, experiences, and wisdom. The National Grange website has many ideas for food related projects to try, but here's a few more!

Chili Cook-off, cooking classes, cookie decorating and exchanges, pancake breakfasts or even pancake dinners, pie socials, ice cream socials, tea parties (with or without fancy hats), canning demo's, bake sales or even "no-bake sales," theme potlucks, progressive dinners (involve several Granges) and of course seasonal or holiday celebrations.

Whatever you do, remember that coming together to share a meal helps to stave off loneliness and builds community, so if you haven't had a food related event recently, maybe it's time to get back to the basics!

Baked Goods

Drop Cookies (no peanut/chocolate)			
1	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek	\$5.00
2	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$4.00
3	Tammie Woodrall	Riversdale	\$3.00
Bar Cookies			
1	Annette Naylor	Clarkes	\$5.00
2	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek	\$4.00
3	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$3.00
Chocolate Chip Cookies			
1	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$5.00
2	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek	\$4.00
Peanut Butter Cookies			
1	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek	\$5.00
2	Sue Sether	Molalla	\$4.00
3	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$3.00
Unbaked Cereal/Made in Pan Cookies			
1	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$5.00
2	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek	\$4.00
3	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$3.00
Peanut Butter Candy			
1	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$5.00
Candy Fudge (No peanut butter)			
1	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$5.00
2	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek	\$4.00
3	Annette Naylor	Clarkes	\$3.00
Candy Peanut Brittle			
1	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$5.00
Sweet Rolls			
1	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$10.00
2	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$7.00
Muffins			
1	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek	\$10.00
2	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$7.00
Bundt Cakes			
1	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$10.00
Gluten Free Baked Item			
1	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$10.00
2	Pam Furlan	Beavercreek	\$7.00
3	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$3.00
Fruit/Vegetable Bread			
1	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek	\$10.00
2	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$7.00
3	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$3.00
Sourdough Bread			
1	Grace Merchant	Abernethy	\$10.00
Any Other Yeast Bread			
1	Grace Merchant	Abernethy	\$10.00
2	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$7.00
3	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$3.00

Crafts

What to do with worn out jeans			
1	Denise Meese	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$15.00
2	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$10.00
3	Staci Savage	Redland	\$5.00
Jewelry			
1	Alicia Nilsen	Goshen	\$25.00
2	Tia Brown	Rickreall	\$15.00
3	Cindy St. Claire	Mohawk-McKenzie	\$10.00
Food Gift in a Jar			
1	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$10.00
2	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$8.00
3	Annette Naylor	Clarkes	\$5.00
Paper Craftsmanship - Cards			
1	Lisa Pauillin-Anzaldua	Abernethy	\$15.00
2	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$10.00
3	Denise Leonard	Sp: Abernethy	\$5.00
Small Wooden Articles			
1	Howard Huey	Abernethy	\$25.00
2	Tim Cernac	Sp: Warren	\$15.00
3	Rick Weed	Redland	\$10.00
Woodcraft			
1	Joe Wood	Redland	\$25.00
2	Fritz Mitas	Columbia #267	\$15.00
3	Sally B	The Sandy	\$10.00
Home Décor			
1	Nancy Wiedenman	Marys River	\$25.00
2	Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$15.00
3	Rachael Brake	Skyline	\$10.00
Metal Art			
1	Philip Kaufman	Sp: Redland	\$50.00
Corn Hole Bags			
1	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$15.00
Recycle			
1	David McBride	Hurricane Creek	\$15.00
2	Bev Bush	Clarkes	\$10.00
3	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$5.00
Potluck Fabrics/Yarn			
1	Staci Savage	Redland	\$15.00
2	Roberta O'Dell	Santiam Valley	\$10.00
3	Dayton Sauer	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$5.00
Potluck Wood, Metal, Paper			
1	Tim Cernac		\$15.00
2	Rick Weed	Redland	\$10.00
3	Philip Kaufman	Sp: Redland	\$5.00

Sp. in front of a Grange name means they sponsored this non member.



Oregon State Grange GWA Contest Winners

Food Preservation				Textiles			
Jam - Any Fruit Other than Berry				Crocheted Doilies			
1	Stormy Cradit	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$5.00	1	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$25.00
2	Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$4.00	Crocheted or Knitted Afghan			
3	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$3.00	1	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$25.00
Jam - Berry Only				2	John Fine	Riversdale	\$15.00
1	Judy Forsythe	Little Deschutes	\$5.00	3	Lisa Pauillin-Anzaldua	Abernethy	\$10.00
2	Clair Klock	Columbia #267	\$4.00	Assembled Knitted or Crocheted Item			
3	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$3.00	1	Tami Guttridge	Springwater	\$25.00
Jelly - Any Fruit Other than Berry				2	Tracy Metzger	Redland	\$15.00
1	Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$5.00	3	Joanne McBride	Hurricane Creek	\$10.00
2	Steve Leitz	Springwater	\$4.00	Misc. Crocheted or Knitted Item			
3	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$3.00	1	Marilyn Guttridge	Sp: Springwater	\$25.00
Jelly - Berry Only				2	Staci Savage	Redland	\$15.00
1	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$5.00	3	Bev Bush	Clarkes	\$10.00
Pickles - Dill (Cucumber Only)				Pillowcases for Veterans			
1	Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$5.00	1	Denise Meese	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$25.00
2	Steve Leitz	Springwater	\$4.00	2	Barb Harter	Ada	\$15.00
Pickles - Any Fruit				3	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$10.00
1	Sara Grigsby	Columbia #267	\$5.00	Premie Afghan & Hat			
Pickles - Relishes				1	Lisa Pauillin-Anzaldua	Abernethy	\$25.00
1	Sara Grigsby	Columbia #267	\$5.00	2	Anna Massingham	Jasper	\$15.00
2	Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$4.00	Table Runner			
3	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$3.00	1	Lisa Pauillin-Anzaldua	Abernethy	\$25.00
Pickles - Any Other				Table Runner			
1	Judy Forsythe	Little Deschutes	\$5.00	1	Myra Boyd	Knitted or Crocheted	\$25.00
2	Tracy Metzger	Redland	\$4.00	Embroidery			
3	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$3.00	1	Denise Meese	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$15.00
Canned Meats or Fish				2	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$10.00
1	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$5.00	3	Katherine Zieman	Columbia #267	\$5.00
2	Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$4.00	Counted Cross Stitch			
3	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$3.00	1	Marilyn McClellin	Little Deschutes	\$15.00
Canned Vegetables - Beets				Plastic Canvas			
1	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$5.00	1	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$15.00
Canned Vegetables - Tomatoes				2	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$10.00
1	Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$5.00	Apron			
2	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$4.00	1	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$15.00
3	Steve Leitz	Springwater	\$3.00	2	Katherine Zieman	Columbia #267	\$10.00
Canned Vegetables - Other than listed				3	Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$5.00
1	Stormy Cradit	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$5.00	Hot Pad or Mitt			
2	Steve Leitz	Springwater	\$4.00	1	Myra Boyd	Crocheted or Knitted	\$15.00
3	Sara Grigsby	Columbia #267	\$3.00	Hot Pad or Mitt			
Canned Fruit - Peaches				1	Denise Meese	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$15.00
1	Annette Naylor	Clarkes	\$5.00	2	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$10.00
2	Steve Leitz	Springwater	\$4.00	3	Amber Frank	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$5.00
Canned Fruit - Pears				Purses or Totes			
1	Judy Forsythe	Little Deschutes	\$5.00	1	Heide Safe	Sp: Abernethy	\$15.00
2	Steve Leitz	Springwater	\$4.00	2	Dayton Sauer	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$10.00
Canned Fruit - Applesauce				3	Denise Meese	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$5.00
1	Annette Naylor	Clarkes	\$5.00	Wall Hanging Quilt			
2	Judy Forsythe	Little Deschutes	\$4.00	1	Berna Clossan	Redland	\$15.00
3	Steve Leitz	Springwater	\$3.00	2	Denise Meese	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$10.00
Dried Foods - Fruit				3	Joanne McBride	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00
1	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00	Baby Quilt Machine Quilted by One			
Dried Foods - Vegetables				1	Denise Meese	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$15.00
1	Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$5.00	Embroidered Baby Quilt			
2	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$4.00	1	Roberta O'Dell	Santiam Valley	\$15.00
Dried Foods - Jerky				Quilts Machine Quilted by One			
1	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$5.00	1	Joanne McBride	Hurricane Creek	\$25.00
Dried Foods - Fruit Leather				2	Denise Meese	Sp: Little Deschutes	\$15.00
1	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00	Quilts Tied by One or Group			
Dried Foods - Herbs				1	Roberta O'Dell	Santiam Valley	\$25.00
1	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00	Gift Packages			
Honey - Light Amber				Baileys Good Dog Gift Packages			
1	Pam Arion	Columbia #267	\$15.00	1	Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$15.00
				2	Tia Brown	Rickreall	\$10.00
				3	Tara Vannette	Rickreall	\$5.00
				Here Kitty Gift Bags			
				1	Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$15.00
				2	Annette Naylor	Clarkes	\$10.00
				3	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$5.00
				Juniors			
				Cookies			
				1	Jameson Wood	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00
				Textiles			
				1	Vienna Ledger	Marys River	\$15.00
				Papercrafts			
				1	Jameson Wood	Hurricane Creek	\$15.00



Some of Baileys Good Dog Gift Packages and Here Kitty Gift Bags.



Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers

Here is a little information as to what the 2025 Oregon State Legislative Session ended with.

The 2025 Oregon State Legislative Session concluded with several notable developments and some significant challenges left unresolved. Among the most prominent issues was the ongoing struggle to fund transportation infrastructure. A highly anticipated but delayed road-funding bill, House Bill 2025, failed to pass due to late introduction, lack of bipartisan support, and internal disagreements among Democrats. This failure leaves the state uncertain about how it will finance road maintenance and major highway projects going forward, despite warnings from Governor Tina Kotek about potential layoffs of transportation workers without new funding.

Key legislative priorities such as addressing Oregon's housing crisis, jail overcrowding, and wildfire funding remained largely unresolved midway through the session and remain unresolved. The Legislature's main accomplishment was

a bipartisan extension of taxes that secured billions in federal Medicaid funding, but other weighty topics like civil commitment reforms showed progress. A bill expanding judges' authority to consider more information in civil commitment cases gained traction and is expected to pass, though its effectiveness depends on increasing available treatment beds and is headed to the Governor's desk.

In the energy sector, the Oregon Department of Energy advanced legislation to extend and update heat pump incentive programs and to support community renewable energy and resilience projects. This includes extending the Rental Home Heat Pump Program by six years and allowing more flexible funding for smaller utilities facing grid resilience challenges due to extreme weather events.

Overall, the session was marked by considerable drama and unfinished business, particularly around transportation funding, with major decisions postponed to future sessions and budget processes.

Happy Trails

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

August 22 – September 1	Oregon State Fair Grange Log Cabin Salem, Oregon
September 1	Entry Deadline for National Grange Contests: National Grange Lecturer nationalgrange.org/lecturer-contests/ Virtual Photo Contest, Design-A-Program Contest, Creative Writing Contest, Quilt Block Contest Garden Design Contest National Grange Youth/Young Adults - nationalgrangeyouth.org/ Wib & June Justi Community Service Award, Junior Mentor Award, Social Media Reels Contest, Sticker Design Contest, Sign-a-Song Contest Public Speaking Contest National Member Programs nationalgrange.org/grange-member-programs/ Distinguished Grange Application for Pomona and Subordinate/Community Granges, Junior Granges and Junior 1+ programs, "Grange in Action" application, Grange Legacy Family application
September 15	990n ePostcard deadline for most Granges
October 31	3rd Quarter Report due to the State Grange office
November 8	Leadership Conference 9:30am-4:30pm ~ Marys River Grange #685 ~ Philomath
November 8-15	159th National Grange Convention
November 21	National Grange Honors Night ~ Online 5:30pm pst
June 20-25, 2026	Oregon State Grange Convention District 5 – likely Baker City

Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2025 State Convention

AG #1: Aggregate Mining in Farm Zones

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange calls upon the legislature to require the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Water Resources to examine the applications for aggregate mining in farm and forest zones and determine the effects the mine would have on operations and water rights of surrounding farms. Negative effects should be mitigated or the application denied. AG1.15

CO #1: Oppose Private Well Metering

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange oppose any measure or bill that would impose metering of private domestic wells in Oregon.

EH #1: Support for Media Literacy Education

Resolved: **The Oregon State Grange shall advocate** for each school district to incorporate instruction on media literacy as an essential skill, in an appropriate place in the curriculum for students in grades K-12, utilizing the OASL School Library Grade-Level Learning Goals for Information Literacy.

EH #2: Coverage of Obesity Treatments

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports efforts to require Medicare to cover the full range of **evidence-based** treatment options for the chronic disease of obesity, including FDA-approved medications.

EH #3: Protect Rural Pharmacy Access

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange strongly supports legislation that regulates prescription drug costs evenly across the pharmaceutical industry within the State or Oregon and will regulate the activities of Pharmacy Benefit Managers and protect independent and local pharmacies.

EH #4: Medical Insurance Coverage for Acupuncture

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange shall advocate that medical insurance cover acupuncture treatment as a means to manage pain in all Americans covered by public or private insurance. IN1.15

EH #5: Civics Education

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange **advocates** that the State Board of Education and the legislature emphasize civics education in school curriculum at all levels of public education in Oregon, and that the State Board of Education declare that civics is an essential skill and require that students show proficiency in the subject to achieve an Oregon High School diploma. ED1.15

EH #6: Advocate for Counseling Services for Childhood Victims

Resolved: That in cases of child endangerment, sexual abuse or kidnapping, the Oregon State Grange advocates for counseling to be promptly available for all family members, regardless of the family's ability to pay. HW2.15

LE #1: Supporting Rural Mail Delivery and Rural Post Offices

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange calls upon the United States Postal Service, the U.S. Congress, and the current presidential or federal administration to maintain rural mail delivery services at least five days per week, and rural post offices throughout the nation. And be it further Resolved: That if adopted by the Oregon State Grange, this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for national advocacy.

LE #2: Raise Number of Congressional Seats

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports the repeal of the Reapportionment Act of 1929 to raise the cap of the United States House of Representatives.

LE #5: Second Amendment Rights and Regulations

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the right of law-abiding people to keep and bear small arms for hunting, control of pests, and self-defense. The Oregon State Grange will support reasonable regulations of firearms required to ensure the safety of children and the public.

LE #8: Electoral College

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange favors changing the Electoral College process to allow each U.S. congressional District to cast its electoral vote for the Presidential candidate that wins the majority vote of said district and that the two electoral votes per the U.S. Senate be cast per the majority popular vote of the state. LE6.01, LE1.15

Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2025 State Convention

LE #9: Access to Records of Criminal Arrests Not Resulting in Conviction

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange shall advocate that records of criminal arrests not resulting in conviction shall only be available to law enforcement and officers of the court. LE1.15

LE #11: Executive Orders

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange requests that the National Grange requests that the U. S. Congress and Supreme Court make clear that executive orders must comply with the federal law and the Constitution and provide a mechanism for enforcement. FA 2.15

LE #12: Federal Affairs Trade Policy

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange opposes non-transparent, fast-track trade pacts, which do not allow open debate by our legislative bodies. Ag3.15

LE #13: Zoning in Regards to Marijuana Dispensaries

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange strongly opposes allowing any marijuana stores or dispensaries near a Grange hall using the same zoning distances as schools or playgrounds in each jurisdiction. LE3.15

LE #14: Preserving Funding of Public Broadcasting

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support continued public funding of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), the Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB), National Public Radio (NPR) and the Public Broadcast Service (PBS) And be it further

Resolved: That if adopted by the Oregon State Grange that the resolution be sent on to the National Grange for consideration.

LE #15: Oregon State Grange Condemns All Acts of Hate and Violence

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange condemns all acts of hate and violence, with emphasis where committed against disparity populations. And be it further

Resolved: That this replaces the current LE1.21

TU #2: Oregon State Capitol Parking

Resolved: That parking near the Oregon State Capitol Building be reserved for legislators, press, and the people of Oregon. And be it further

Resolved: the Oregon State Grange urges the Oregon Legislature to work to supply secure parking lots and transportation to the capital for employees that work in the Capitol, so that parking near the Capitol Building is available for the people of Oregon.

TU #7: Wipers On and Headlights On for Safety

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange shall write the Governor's office and request that they **direct** and empower various state, county, and local law enforcement to enforce the use of headlights by issuing warnings/citations to drivers who fail to use headlights during limited visibility situations as outlined by Oregon state law and set forth in the Oregon Driver's Manual. And be it further.

Resolved: To forward this resolution to National Grange for consideration as a national campaign.



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday August 27 @ 7 pm PDT
Wednesday September 24 @ 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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Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director



(NOTE: my column this time includes portions of my director's report from the 2025 convention. You can read the whole report, and all officer/director reports, in the 2025 Proceedings which should be available in a few weeks)

A quick recap of the 2025 Oregon legislative session—3466 bills were introduced, the most in over 20 years. Of these, 1266 received hearings, and 531 were adopted. Five of the adopted were vetoed by the Governor, and one of those vetoes (SB 875) was overturned by the senate. I am pleased to report that HB 3372 related to exempt uses of groundwater (domestic wells) passed both houses of the legislature in this session and was signed by the Governor. The other water bill of note this year, HB 3419 which would have required meters on all wells, died in committee but water will continue to be a contentious topic in Oregon and metering in general is far from a dead issue.

At our 2025 Oregon State Grange convention in Corbett, we considered 47 resolutions, rejecting 13 and subbing for four more, leaving a total of 30 adopted.

We continue to hold Zoom forum sessions, usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month with a few exceptions (we combined May and June due to state session this year, and we typically combine November and December into one meeting early in December). Our July Zoom will likely have already taken place but in August it will be on 8/27. September's Zoom should be on 9/24 but we will need an alternate moderator. The invitation list is now over 60 members and more are requesting to be on the mailing list all the time. These are free-form discussions, anyone can bring up any topic of interest, and we usually have an update from our lobbyist John DeHaas. These Zoom meetings help us prioritize our efforts regarding current policies and keep us looking forward by identifying areas where resolutions are needed to create or update policies.

We held Grange Day at the Legislature this year for the first time since about 2019 and had a good turnout of around 20. There is still no space available at the capitol building for such meetings so we started at the Oregon State Grange headquarters and walked or carpooled over to State Street. We returned at about noon for lunch and to hear two speakers, Senators Mark Meek (Democrat, District 20) and Noah Robinson (Republican, District 2). Renovations and upgrades at the capitol building are expected to be finished this Fall and if there are any activities scheduled in connection to the reopening we'll publicize them in the Bulletin.

As directed in our resolution LE5.24, letters were sent to every member of Oregon's congressional delegation in opposition to Postmaster DeJoy's Local Transportation Optimization program, which is a thinly disguised attempt to rescind Rural Free Delivery.

Now is the time to begin reviewing our Legislative Policy Handbook for policies from the 2016 convention that are due to sunset or expire in 2026 unless some action is taken at the 2026 session. The easy way to find them is to word-search the policy document for .16 and I count about 18 of them. The decision to keep something does not have to be made in a huge rush to beat next year's deadline! If you think a policy should be retained, try to give a current reason. Write a brief resolution, state the policy that will sunset, give a reason why we should retain it, and restate the policy in your Resolve statement. After a quick review, I see several policies that refer to specific actions that were topical 10 years ago but by now have most likely been accomplished or otherwise resolved. Allowing these outdated policies to ride off into the sunset is appropriate.

Editor note: Watch the October Bulletin for the list of sunseting policies.

National Grange Lecturer's Quilt Block Contest

Canning Jar Pattern

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

WWW.NATIONALGRANGE.ORG/LECTURER-CONTESTS

ADULT & JUNIOR DIVISIONS

Deadline: September 1, 2025



Membership Matters

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The 2025 Oregon State Grange Convention Membership Director's report that appeared in the delegate packets.

Every Grange should be interested in membership growth, engagement, and retention. Many Granges have static or slowly declining membership and it is important for the continuation of our order for each member to work to promote Grange in their Community.

To this end the Membership Committee is participating in the Oregon State Grange Visitation across the state this year and presenting a PowerPoint presentation that explains proven ways to attract and empower new members. Not every person can become a Granger, but bringing new people into the Hall and welcoming them into our fellowship is the best way to cultivate new community members joining us, and it is the only way to cultivate solid new members

I enjoy helping Granges grow their membership and am happy to answer questions and aid membership efforts throughout Oregon. Call, email, or text to learn ideas that may work for your Grange.

State Membership Committee Announces Awards for 2024

The Membership Committee recognized Granges that had the highest percent membership gains in the 2024 calendar year. Financial

Grange #	County	Start #	End #	% Gain	Pl	Award
Brownsmead	822 Clatsop	3	14	366.7	1st	\$100.00
Junction City	744 Lane	11	38	245.5	2nd	\$75.00
Rockwall	679 Union	5	9	80.0	3rd	\$50.00
Buell	637 Polk	34	51	50.0	4th	\$25.00
Warner	117 Clackamas	24	36	50.0	4th	\$25.00

Pleasant Grove	475 Union	22	32	45.5
Santa Clara	746 Lane	12	17	41.7
Dixie Mountain	860 Washington	23	32	39.1
The Sandy	392 Clackamas	13	18	38.5
North Bayside	691 Coos	22	30	36.3
Western Star	309 Linn	14	19	35.7
Summit	432 Benton	20	27	35.0
Fairmount	252 Benton	19	25	31.6
Cherry Park	667 Wasco	10	13	30.0
Bridge	730 Coos	24	31	29.2
Skyline	894 Multnomah	80	101	26.3
Row River	835 Lane	16	20	25.0
Gresham	270 Multnomah	12	15	25.0
McMinnville	31 Yamhill	78	97	24.4
Phoenix	779 Jackson	30	37	23.3
Pine Forest	632 Deschutes	13	16	23.1
Scholls	338 Washington	22	27	22.7
Fruitdale	379 Josephine	36	44	22.2
Garfield	317 Clackamas	18	22	22.2
Salmon River	516 Lincoln	24	29	20.8
Fort Unions	953 Union	5	6	20.0
Boring Damascus	260 Clackamas	22	26	18.2
Fairview	273 Tillamook	12	14	16.7
Westside	854 Josephine	12	14	16.7
Spray	940 Wheeler	19	22	15.8
South Fork	605 Wallowa	26	30	15.4

Also during this year I helped Dixie Mountain and Upper Applegate Granges return to activity, as well as helping organize the salvage of useful items from inactive Granges that seem unlikely to reactivate. These Grange buildings are sold and the proceeds are held in trust for seven years to benefit any Grange that may start in that area. After seven years these funds are used to benefit live Granges through the OSG Matching Grant Program and loans.

I am looking forward to visiting Granges across the state to help each Hall maintain a strong membership and improve their community with projects, educational opportunities, and entertaining events. Granges are the heart of many rural communities, and we do not do enough to promote and publicize the possibilities that the Grange organization can provide, especially reaching those who have no knowledge of Grange.

Welcome new members and new ideas into your Hall so that our Order can evolve in step with our communities. Grange does not stand still – Always Onward!

Awards went to the top four Granges and ties. All other Granges with a 15% or more gain received a certificate.



GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"



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The GROW Club of Oregon met at Columbia Grange #267 on Tuesday night of convention this year with approximately 25 in attendance. The auctions were moved from Wednesday night to Tuesday night, so we met a day earlier than usual to discuss whether to offer our now 'World Famous' ice cream social as an oral auction item.

The overall feeling was that the Ice Cream Socials are a great way to spread some GROW Club cheer around the state, and the board will be meeting soon to discuss the best use of the funds raised from these oral auction windfalls. District #4 made sure we had plenty of food, and the place secured for our meeting and social hour. A BIG thank you to Suzy Ramm and Joyce Parker for everything they did to make it happen. Door prizes were won, and a good time was had by all.

We had the highest bid ever for Ice Cream Socials - \$900, gifted by winning bidder Phil VanBuren to the California State Grange. Worthy Master Sonny Hays-Eberts took the second ice cream social. The news from Marys River will have to wait, as it is scheduled for July 19, 2025; just after the deadline for this issue. We still have one outstanding ice cream social to be served at Willamette Grange, TBD. Extra hands are always welcome for these

events, so let your GROW Club board know if you can help out.

Our southern neighbor will be celebrating their 150th annual convention this October. They enjoyed the ice cream after their implementation of the Sixth Degree last year so much, that we will be doing an encore performance. Check your calendars and see if a quick trip to Humboldt county fits your schedule. They will be conferring the Sixth Degree on Saturday, October 11th, but many of our Oregon Grangers are already planning to attend several days of their convention.

Gail Wilson has decided to step down from the GROW Club Board, due to her health, which opens up positions now available for District #4 and #5. The entire board and GROW Club want to thank Gail for being part of our team. If you are a Granger from these districts, have an interest (and are a GROW Club Member), please contact Mark Noah, GROW Club President.

Don't forget that the GROW Club is more than just ice cream servers. We have seasoned veteran Grangers who love to give assistance to Granges that need help with installing officers, putting on degrees, or other ritual events. Give us the opportunities to GO RIGHT ON WORKING!

Grange Youth & Young Adults



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Hello Everyone,

Hope you all are enjoying your summer!

I'll give you all a little recap from state convention.

I made it through the week with only a few struggles, everyone was super helpful and pitched in just like us Grangers always do, and I appreciate you all.

I always enjoy watching the ritual work, 5th and 6th have always been my favorite. Being part of the 6th this year, holding the office of Ceres, gives you a different perspective that is also amazing. I urge all of you to come to state next year and be a part of it however you can because it definitely impresses you when you are part of it.

The Youth officers all did a wonder-

ful job on our drill during the opening of our final day of convention and our luncheon went well. Goodie Basket tickets were drawn. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making it successful.

See you all at the Log Cabin at the state fair. Also if you have free time, I have a bunch of open time slots for our day, so get signed up so we can do great.



Above: the Youth had pizza for dinner on Monday sponsored by Clackamas County Pomona Grange and the Clackamas County Youth and Young Adults committee.

Veterans

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As another Oregon State Grange Convention ends and we look forward to the next one and what happens between now and then, will determine our course of action.

This year's convention had a lot of highlights; the Veterans pie and

coffee night I thought was a success and will continue to be a part of the Veterans program at state. And the Veteran of the Year award will stay. I will never forget the smile on Don Sether's face when he received his quilt this year.

Winners of this year's Veteran of the Year for each district were:
District 1 - Chris Hardy of Bellview #759, Jackson County

District 2 - Peter Holmes of Goldson #868, Lane County

District 3 - Alan Becker of Warren #536, Columbia County

District 4 - Don Sether of Maplewood #584, Clackamas County

District 5 - Brandon Anglin of White Eagle #683, Umatilla County

This year we had 30 nominations for Veteran of the Year. We will continue to recognize our Veteran of the Year so please send your nominations for next year. The winners this year received a Quilt from the wonderful ladies of Garfield Grange and a new veterans lapel pin.

The ladies of Garfield Grange have offered to do the veterans quilts for next year. Such a beautiful and awesome job ladies. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The Granges of this year's recipients who were not at convention have been sent the quilts to present to their member and to send a photo of the presentation to the Bulletin for publication.

As we try to finish this year with a bang we look to be participating in the Albany Veterans Day parade and maybe the Roseburg Veterans Day parade. And a few other ideas may come along. Come see us veterans at the Log Cabin on Labor Day.



L: Don Sether, District 4 Veteran of the Year with quilts from Garfield Grange #317, Clackamas County.

OSG Junior Contest Winners

Art		Ages 8 To 11	
Hand Drawn Pictures		1 st Place	Silas York
Ages 5 To 7		2 nd Place	Silas York
1 st Place	Mateo Ledger	3 rd Place	Dean Mckay
2 nd Place	Jax Thorp		
Ages 8 To 11		Potluck - Misc.	
1 st Place	Silas York	All Ages	
2 nd Place	Vienna Ledger	1 st Place	Mateo Ledger
3 rd Place	Dean Mckay	2 nd Place	Roan Thorp
Nature Art		Minecraft Build	
Ages 8 To 11		Ages 5 To 7	
1 st Place	Raelynn Thorp	1 st Place	Alex Junkman
2 nd Place	Audri Brown	2 nd Place	Tyson Brown
My Pet Drawing		Ages 8 To 11	
Ages 5 To 7		1 st Place	Raelynn Thorp
1 st Place	Mateo Ledger	2 nd Place	Audri Brown
Ages 8 To 11		3 rd Place	Roan Thorp
1 st Place	Vienna Ledger		
Diamond Art		Ages 12 To 14	
Ages 5 To 7		1 st Place	Jameson Wood
1 st Place	Jax Thorp	2 nd Place	Blake York
Ages 8 To 11		GWA Department	
1 st Place	Roan Thorp	Cookies	
2 nd Place	Raelynn Thorp	1 st Place	Jameson Wood
Models		Textiles	
Ages 5 To 7		1 st Place	Vienna Ledger
1 st Place	Jax Thorp	Papercraft	
2 nd Place	Mateo Ledger	1 st Place	Jameson Wood

Oregon Junior Grangers

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What a fantastic event our State Grange Session was! Thanks to everyone whose hard work and planning made this happen. The Junior Contests had over 20 entries this year. There were as many as 12 Juniors some days and I consistently had 9 Juniors each day.

The Junior Grange area at Corbett Elementary School was amazing. Our room was divided into 3 parts that really accommodated our activities plus we had access to the playground and outdoor areas. We held Junior Grange meetings each morning and took time to focus on the proper way to do our floorwork. We did not elect officers at this time, however, each day I assigned a different office for each of the Juniors, so they got to experience what a particular office was like and discover what offices they may want to hold in the future. Some really liked the floorwork, while others preferred to only have speaking parts and all of them seemed eager to participate in some way during the meetings. We also had questions and answer segments regarding Grange to understand what and why we do things the way we do.

After our meetings we played group games like hide and seek (indoors), "What's Yours Like", "The Name Game" and even good old-fashioned I-Spy. Afternoons saw us doing crafts and learning about Ocean Farming. During free time favorite activities were Minecraft, Legos and Ga-ga ball.

Tuesday was a big day for the Juniors. We marched in to the main session and did a fun presentation of summer jokes for all to enjoy. The Juniors did a great job marching and speaking in front of everyone. We went back into the main session after lunch to present each of our Grange Veterans present with a small American flag and a special pin that has been created for our Grange Veterans.

After the Veterans presentation it was time for our National Grange project. Using what they learned about Ocean Farming, each Junior created an Ocean Farming Discovery Wreath. We completed 12 outstanding wreaths in all.

Four of our Juniors marched as a part of the Youth Officer Team presentation to the main session

Wednesday morning. They looked so great out there on the floor and I am so proud of their performance!

Wednesday morning was also our Minecraft Build competition. The Juniors consider this to be a highlight of state convention and look forward to this all week. Thank you to our judge, Lyle Utt, for making the extra effort and taking the time to help us out! The Juniors had the topic of **Water; why it is so important to Agriculture**. Many of them chose to tie this in with the Ocean Farming theme we had been studying all week. Because of Ada Grange's generous donation to the Junior Program, we were able to award cash prizes for three separate age groups for Minecraft this year. Thank you Ada Grange!

Redland Grange made a donation to the Junior Program that allowed us to finish up the week with a field trip to visit the North American Big-foot Center in Boring. We watched a film presentation, toured the museum and then each Junior was able to purchase something from the gift shop. Thank you again Redland Grange!

I cannot express how thankful I am to everyone that helped in the Junior room and on the field trip. It is so heartwarming to have the support of the parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and the aunts and uncles of our Juniors to make such a special time happen for this next generation of Grangers. Also thank you to the other Grangers that visited the Junior room to see what we were doing and offer their encouragement and praise for the work being done.

Next up is the Log Cabin at the Oregon State Fair. Wednesday, August 27th, is Junior Grange Day to man the log cabin. I need help from nine adults to cover the three shifts; 10am to 1pm, 1pm to 4pm and 4pm to 7pm that day. Please sign up to help by emailing me at vickiethorp@yahoo.com or letting Shelsea shelsea@orgrange.org at the OSG office know when you are available to help.

The Juniors enjoyed rekindling friendships at state session and are excited to meet again this fall. I am trying to organize a Junior weekend camp in October and will put out more information as it is available.



OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - April 6, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 by President Sonny Hays-Eberts. Also Present: Vice President Steve Kroeker, Executive Committee members Vickie High, Susan Noah and Joyce Parker. Susan Noah stepped in as the Secretary pro-tem.

The minutes from the January 18th meeting were distributed, read and adopted with one correction.

Financial Reports

Executive Committee viewed and approved the Presidents VISA Bills. The membership reports were reviewed and discussed. Most Granges are caught up, with a few that President Sonny has contacted for past due dues. The Community loans were also reviewed and discussed.

The January and February Financial statements are completed and February year-to-date information was reviewed. No questions were received.

We were joined by Scott Barker, our investment advisor, at 10:00. Sonny mentioned that a few Granges with investments held by the State Grange are concerned about their investments. Scott addressed and after looking through our portfolio we are only down about 1% due to offsets from International markets and bonds. So our policy is holding us in a pretty good position. With midterm elections coming up Scott believes that congress will correct some of the problems being inflicted by current White House policies. Scott recommended that the money we are currently holding in checking from the sale of Mt. Vernon and Charity should be invested in the market according to our current policy model. Joyce moved that we invest \$230,000 with Charles Schwab in their money market with a balanced approach of investing 1/3 in the market according to our policy starting in May then 1/3 on the first of each month thereafter. Joyce also stated that she understands that this is not in accordance with our current policy but with the extraordinary circumstances happening in our government, she believes it to be the prudent course of action. Steve seconded the motion. Vickie moved to change the starting date to April 7th and continuing on with May 7th and June 7th or thereabouts in keeping with the advice of our Investment advisor and Investment policy. Susan seconded. Motion to amend was adopted. Motion as amended was adopted.

Old Business

- Russellville – Listed for sale, some viewings have taken place with interest from East-side Masonic Lodge. They viewed on three different occasions. Security Service has been canceled as the break-

ins seem to have been halted by the securing of the property. No offers yet. It has been almost one year since we disputed the liens on the property from the City of Portland and we hope to have an answer soon.

- We have purchased two HP Pro 4101fdw printers with two 950 sheet feeders, two large capacity toner cartridges and two USB 2.0 cables. These will replace the copier rental at state session.
- The President has applied for the unclaimed property being held by the State of Oregon for the Oregon State Grange, several dormant Granges and GMIC. That property includes \$16.33 and \$21,400+ from GMIC and \$853 for the State Grange. \$2600 for Dormant or Reverted Granges was also just received. Triangle Lake Grange – working on resolution with Grange and School board as the Grange is entirely on the school property. Looks like a ground lease for the Grange may be the way to resolve, with the knowledge that if the Grange goes dormant the building would probably be turned over to the school.
- Rickreall septic work – hold-ups with county as apparently there are some problems with the existing restrooms which will cost approximately \$8,000 to remedy. Rickreall also wants to place a food cart by their building which seems to be well received by the neighborhood but county will not sign off on it due to the restroom issue.
- Charity Grange property has been sold for \$85,000 gross.
- Mt Vernon property has been sold for \$170,000 gross.
- Jay and Sonny are making a trip to Ophir and Myrtle to see what may be salvageable from those two Granges before they are put on the market.
- Moss Adams has been engaged and the audit is underway with the field work to take place the first week of May.
- Suite 200 - Storage and cleaning services terminated. Shelsea now cleaning the office and the Property tax exemption has been filed and we should know the outcome in July. We will have one more property tax payment in November for 2024-2025.
- District 5 Kickoff meeting was held at Missouri Flat Grange on January 25 – well attended, and enthusiastic. President Sonny and Judy attended their first meeting and they are already working on a

venue for 2026 state session.

- Crow loan– Proceeding as planned, will revise payments from \$375 quarterly to \$125 monthly after next payment. A couple of payments have been received since our last meeting and Jay attended one of their events and set up a Grange table. They seem to be on an upward trend.
- Still no word from Columbia #867 re: requested info on hall sale. Sonny will resend letter to president as the Secretary has had some health problems.
- Requests for 20+ Geo-Grange passports from a half dozen Granges. People seem to be enthusiastic about idea. Several positive updates from members.
- District Visits underway. District #2 was headed by Sonny and #4 conference was headed by Steve. Several Granges attended at each one that do not normally show up at conferences. District #5 will take place in May in Baker County on May 31st. District #1 & District #3 will be on June 7th at Fruitdale and Beaver Valley. Second set of meetings will happen following State Session. August 2nd – District #1 at Myrtle Creek and District #2 at Willamette. August 9th will be District #5 at Hurricane Creek and September 6th will be District #3 at Fernwood and District #4 at Rockford.
- Relicura Grant update was given by Membership Director Jay Sexton. The third payment of \$5,000 on the grant has been made by the State Grange, but has not been turned over to the Foundation for re-imbursement. All expenses must be turned in by the end of this month and then we will receive approximately half of them back through the Grant. This includes hard costs and volunteer labor through the end of the month. The actual scanning of documents will be undertaken as soon as possible and will probably take about 2000 total hours. The front room will be the digitation station and eventually the library. The scanner we have now will not meet our needs so we will purchase another for around \$500. Also may have to purchase another laptop for the work as well. Jay plans on purchasing the supplies, Scanner and Laptop soon. They will work on the rosters first, then the proceedings and finally the Bulletins. Jay estimates approximately \$6500 in supplies and hardware will be approximately \$3,000.

Northwest Digital Heritage is where the data will be stored and will be accessible to anyone. Questions about including the Rosters were raised as they contain addresses and phone numbers. Rosters are completed and state that the information will only be used by Grange members. The Proceedings also contain some personal information which could be an issue as well. Vickie expressed the thought that this information was originally supposed to be for the members benefit, not necessarily the public.

- Suzy Ramm spoke to Sonny about the Paychex issue from 2023 of checks being cut January 2nd rather than December 31st. Sonny asked if we wanted to revisit it, but group believed it had been settled at our first discussion.
- Joyce had brought up the RFP for an accounting firm and will have one finished by our next meeting for our review.

New Business

- Myrtle has wood floors that Marys River may be interested in. A neighbor has suggested he would like to purchase the building. Vickie moved to sell the building for \$75,000 to the neighbor if he still wants it with the condition that we can salvage the building including the floor before selling. Steve Seconded. Motion was carried.
- Woods Family Trust – We discussed the Trust with Bank of America that Vale Grange was a party too. That trust will terminate on October 20, 2027, and since we are the Vale Grange successor we should receive their part of the trust when it terminates. President Sonny has moved to ensure OSG is noted as Vale inheritor.
- Bulletin editor office work policy creation. Current Bulletin Editor – we have no policy for that position. Sonny proposed six hours per day for six working days of the month that the Bulletin is being laid out (currently every other month). Two hours of those days will be for office work outside of the Bulletin. Any other Bulletin work past the two weeks will be taken care of remotely. Vickie moved to adopt the program as presented above, Joyce seconded. Motion carried.
- Convention update – 2025 and 2026 – Sonny is working on the schedule for this year. We have a signed use agreement for 2025 and District #5 is looking at three sites

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from your family. What we would like to see taught is what we must do ourselves, and that will prepare the soil for learning.

To return our government to a government of the people, we must do more. Not to beat a dead horse, but as a community based, grass roots organization, I urge Grangers to get involved at a local level. Attend your city and county meetings. Serve as a volunteer on one of your local government boards. Granges can host candidate forums. Offer to host a town (Grange) hall with your State or National representatives, and I encourage our Granges to consider advocating for campaign reform laws that reduce the influence of business and strengthen the voice of the voter.

Community

State Master, later President, Susan Noah spoke to this issue in 2015, ten years ago, and I feel it is an important one to revisit. As presented by Sister Lilly Anderson's Mental Health Fair held at Winona Grange, America is in an isolation epidemic. This pandemic incurs a great cost, not only financially, but in shortened life spans and suicides.

The enforced isolation of COVID, and the increasing use of device based entertainment has reinforced the loss of social skills and decline

in interaction in our modern society. In 2023, the Surgeon General published Our Epidemic of Isolation, an Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community. The Surgeon General addresses the vital importance of community and why it needs to be rebuilt.

"If we fail to do so, we will pay an ever-increasing price in the form of our individual and collective health and well-being. And we will continue to splinter and divide until we can no longer stand as a community or a country. Instead of coming together to take on the great challenges before us, we will further retreat to our corners—angry, sick, and alone. We are called to build a movement to mend the social fabric of our nation."

"We are called to build a movement to mend the social fabric of our nation." This is a call to action the Grange should take front and center on, as they did after the Civil War. The Grange is in a unique position to assume the forefront. We are family-friendly, we have always supported women, and avoided divisions of partisan or sectarian nature. Our principles of Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity exemplify the value of community, and serving and creating community have been an integral part of Grange since its founding. WE DO COMMUNITY!

While our roots are agriculture, today's hunger, and our opportunity, is community. We have the opportunity to help heal our local communities and to grow our Grange communities, by providing something people crave and that we do well. The Grange has always served as a community focal point, and we should promote that today. The palpable sense of community I feel when our Grangers meet locally, or at State, is just what many people are looking for.

I want to continue to encourage our Granges to hold events that welcome people to your hall and allow them to interact and participate with your members. Seek partnerships with local organizations and support them. Participate, or start your own, community events. Strengthen your local community by participating and giving to it. Our most successful Granges have already learned this, and I think any of these Granges would be willing to share their lessons to help any Grange chart its own path to returning to being a focal point of your community, strengthening and revitalizing it.

Conclusion

One can take the view that America, Oregon, our communities and our Granges face many challenges. Instead, I contend we are presented with a vast array of opportunities.

We must utilize patience and perseverance, overcoming the obstacles in our path, but we are capable of meeting these challenges. Tackling these challenges can produce bounteous rewards, matched only by the healing of the deep wounds of the Civil War.

Throughout time the Grange has been not only an agricultural fraternity, but a community anchor and a force for change. The Grange was intended to be, and has functioned as a 'bottom-up' fraternity, where Community Granges are the driving force for action and change. This is true not only within our organization, but outside it as well.

By addressing the issues facing our local communities we can enact positive changes that will shape the future. Our resolutions and policies are important. This community work in our own local areas is vital. I strongly believe that such efforts will yield many tangible benefits, and would like to see every Grange involved in strengthening its community.

Our principles and precepts call us to action in these times, to seek and enact solutions so we may craft a better tomorrow for ourselves, our children, our communities and beyond. The statement "The Work of Another Day Demands Our Attention" is more true than ever.

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including Pendleton Convention Center, Baker High School, and a school in LaGrande. The LaGrande site does not allow for camping on site. Baker High School is looking like the forerunner. Baker seems happy to have us there again.

- Convention fee for 2026? We have already decided to keep the fee at the \$10 for this year. Vickie moved that we increase to \$15 per person starting in 2026 in order to cover costs, Steve Seconded. Motion carried.

- Grant Requests – The Grant committee has recommended the following grants for approval.

Columbia #267 - \$5,000
Elmira - \$5,000
Enterprise - \$2,500
Maplewood - \$5,000
Pacific - \$981.06
Rickreall - \$5,000
Rockford - \$2,175
Upper Rogue - \$5,000
White Clover - \$5,000
Williams - \$5,000

Total - \$40,656.06

Steve moved that we accept the Grant Committees recommendations, Vickie seconded and the motion was carried.

- Building exterior lights fixed and updated and the locking box for the power to the

building has been replaced and updated making it much harder to turn off the power to the building.

- Salmon River legal fees – lawsuit was settled by the Grange without contacting us. Apparently nothing was put into place initially letting the Grange know that we would expect repayment of the legal fees. The legal fees were much higher than we expected totaling up to \$56,000. The settlement was for \$115,000. Vickie moved that we request \$30,000 as soon as they receive the settlement and once the repairs are completed that any remaining monies be used first to repay the Oregon State Granges remaining legal fees, seconded by Joyce and the motion was carried.
- Ag Fest Sponsorship sent, but Sonny has not received much correspondence.
- Ag in the Classroom Dinner Sponsorship – Steve moved to make a donation at the Sprout level (\$1,000) and the money to come from the Membership/Leadership fund, Joyce seconded and the motion carried.
- 990 restoration, reached out to five Granges who have lost their non-profit status with the IRS (Bandon, Roxy Ann, Multnomah, Fairview and

Cherry Park). Multnomah, Roxy Ann, and Fairview have responded and are initiating the process.

Steve and Sonny looked at Fairfield Grange last week to see if any items could be salvaged. From the lack of individuals in the neighborhood Sonny does not believe that we could reorganize the Grange. Vickie moved that we list Fairfield Grange with a realtor, Joyce seconded. Motion carried.

Email Business

Steve moved that we ratify the email decisions made since last meeting, Joyce seconded and the motion was carried.

Allow Rickreall to add up to \$2800 to existing loan, with payment adjustment to be worked out for finalizing septic repairs.

Vickie – YES Susan – YES
Joyce – YES Steve – YES

Verbal offer of \$650,000 for Russellville, with carrying \$450,000 @ 7%.

Vickie – NO Susan – NO
Joyce – Steve – NO

Accept Charity offer of \$85,000, as-is
Vickie – YES Susan – YES
Joyce – YES Steve – YES

Use Leadership/Membership to buy Promotional banners

Vickie – YES Susan – YES
Joyce – YES Steve – YES

Convention Registration – Leave at \$10

Vickie – YES Susan – YES
Joyce – YES Steve – YES

Presidents Report

Discussed several Granges with various member issues. Hillsboro has started catching up their past due dues. Sonny attended a hall re-opening event at Redwood Grange in Grants Pass. It was well attended and the hall looks great. Western Regional – Sonny has booked his room and is planning on attending. Susan and Paula Herrick are also planning on attending. Rickreall is still experiencing some problems with the county and the septic system. Vale Grange is still for sale, but Sonny will follow up with the realtor as has not had any recent communication. He attended the National Grange Leadership conference in California and received some good information on recovering the 990 status of Granges who have lost it.

The Roster has been sent out as well as the Contest Guide and the Geo Grange information.

Next Meetings:

Agenda items: Spence Scholarship, Division of Labor meeting(s) need to be established

Next meeting will be May 24th – 9:00
Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Susan Noah, Secretary Pro-tem

It Was "Trees, Streams and Dreams" and FUN in District 4



Ag Tour



Open Mic Night



Trivia and Pie



Youth Officers



Line Dancing



6th Degree Grand March

Membership Awards



Geo-Grange Travel Buddies



Junior Grangers



God Be With You sung at the end of convention



2025 National Grange Lecturer's Contests

- Creative Writing
- Design-a-Program
- Garden Design
- Quilt Block
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Photo: 2024 winner - Suzy Ramm



Installation of OSG Secretary

Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

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Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

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