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158th National Grange Convention Is Right Around the Corner

The 158th Annual Convention of the National Grange is fast approaching, and several Oregon Grangers are making plans to attend. They will meet Grangers from across the nation at The Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf located in Bettendorf, Iowa November 12 – 16, 2024.

The evening National Grange Recognition Night will be held



Oregon will be represented by our State President Sonny Hays-Eberts. Since his wife Judy is unable to attend, the state Executive Committee confirmed Oregon's Past President Jay Sexton as the second voting delegate. Also attending the convention will be Susan Noah, a member of the National Grange Executive Committee, and her husband Mark.

where lots of contest results and awards will be announced and where Oregon's five Distinguished Community Granges: Redland #796, Marys River #685, Creswell #496, Springwater #263 and for the first time Lorane #54 along with the Oregon State Grange and for the first time Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 will be recognized.

Suzu Ramm of Springwater Grange #263 will arrive on Wednesday afternoon to participate in the evening's inductions into the National Grange Hall of Fame. Suzu nominated a deceased Oregon Granger for this honor and will present her to the delegates. This will be the first Oregon Granger to be included in the Hall of Fame.

Oregonians and Oregon Granges have entries in photograph, quilt blocks, garden design, publicity items, Grassroots Advocacy in Action Award and the Community Service Yearbook contest as well as others and the winners will be recognized Friday evening.

Author Signs Book at Log Cabin



Author Marilyn Reiher visited the Log Cabin over five days and signed copies of her book *Oregon State Grange: Serving Communities for 150 Years* at this year's Oregon State Fair. From between 1-2 pm on both Saturday and Sunday of the first weekend and Saturday through Monday of the last weekend signed books that people had brought with them to the fair as well as those that had been bought in the Log Cabin.

L: Sister Marilyn signing her book during State Fair.

See page 10 for more Log Cabin photos.

On Friday morning Alex Coe of Phoenix Grange #779, who has been selected as the Assistant Steward for the National Youth Officer team, will help lead in the other Youth officers as they open the convention.

A lot of the convention activities will be Live Streamed and be available on Facebook Live and the National Grange YouTube channel. For the schedule of broadcasts on both, check the National Grange website nationalgrange.org and the National Grange Facebook page.



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The President's Column



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Our Fraternal Order

I do not know the experiences of other Grange members, but for my own part, whenever I have heard it expressed that the Grange is a fraternal order, it has most often been a prelude to why our Granges and halls are tax-exempt. Yes, that is a nice benefit, but it is not the best benefit, by far.

Even the common definitions provided by reference sources fail to mention the true benefit. Yes, they talk about groups, organized around common purposes, with secret ceremonies. And, yes, once that was the Grange, along with scores of other fraternal groups.

In the past, those shared, secret initiations created a feeling of belonging that was as strong as family. The bond was not blood, but shared secrets. This deep bond is why we refer to each other as Brother and Sister in the Grange.

Lest you doubt the strength of those bonds, reflect upon how and why the Grange was founded. O.H. Kelley, from Minnesota, a clerk in the Department of Agriculture, was dispatched to the American south in 1866 to help restore agriculture in the region by Mr. Isaac Newton.

This was shortly after the most divisive time in America, the Civil War. Families fought each other, and Sherman's March to the Sea devastated southern farmlands. Kelly was not well received, and made little headway until he gave the Masonic handshake, and it was reciprocated. Suddenly, the years of war, feelings of regional sectarianism, and outright animosity dissolved, or were at least pushed aside, to be replaced with a sense of brotherhood. From this experience was born the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry.

Think about that for a minute. Someone who may have lost a family member, and who hated their professed enemy, set that all aside and treated them as a brother, solely for sharing membership in a fraternal order.



That is a testament to the power of fraternal organizations, and to me, one of the most valuable benefits of being a Grange member. We belong to an Oregon family of 4700 people.

I know some of those who serve the State Grange travel Oregon with a copy of the State Roster. They know if they run into trouble, they can look up the closest Grange, and find someone who is highly likely to help, even though they do not know each other. This too illustrates the value of our fraternal connections.

We owe it to ourselves and our Brothers and Sisters to cultivate these bonds. They can be built and reinforced without the need for secrecy. Interacting more with your Grange and members is a great start. Sharing work, conversation, meals, and ideas all build bonds. Travel with your own Grange members to other Community Granges, or Pomona Granges – these visitations will create new connections.

In times of contention, it is paramount to remember our fraternal order. As State President, I have file folders from years of dormant Granges. The causes are many, but a dispute between members that fosters has been the end of more than one Grange. I am not naive enough to believe every Grange member will like every other member. But we owe each other the courtesy of our order as we work together, and more importantly, we owe each other forgiveness, no matter if we feel we are in the right, or not. If Americans who lost family can put aside that level of animosity to create the Grange, how can we do less as members of the same historic organization?

Change is inevitable. Today's Grange is open to the public and permits new members to join via the Welcoming Ceremony. We can no longer rely upon shared secrets to power our order; yet, our fraternal bonds will endure, if we actively work to keep them alive and strengthen them. They cannot be neglected, or they will weaken. This is work that demands our attention.

I actively and strongly encourage each and every member of the Oregon State Grange to give attention to this important task, and in doing so, may you discover the true value of our fraternal order.

Directors and Deputies, Oh My!

It has been a challenge to fill all the roles necessary for our State Grange. As a somewhat newer member, part of this is due to me not having years of experience in the Oregon State Grange. I have attempted to compensate for that by frequently asking for advice, which has been very helpful and productive.

Yet, there is still a need for volunteers. This is a great opportunity to introduce yourself to the State Grange, by assuming a volunteer role. The work you will do is important but is not at the level required of State Officers. It is a fantastic opportunity to dip your toes into the leadership water and see if you enjoy it.

If you would like to learn more about what the role entails or are interested in volunteering for any of the following positions, please contact the State Office. In addition, each committee may appoint at-large members, so if there is a committee you would like to serve on, which already has a chair for your district, don't let that discourage you from serving.

Deputies Needed (by County)

- Baker
- Coos/Curry
- Douglas (*inquiry made*)
- Hood River
- Klamath/Lake
- Lincoln
- Marion
- Tillamook
- Umatilla/Morrow
- Wasco
- Washington (*inquiry made*)

Committee District Chairs needed

- District 1 chairs
 - Agriculture
 - Community Service
 - Education
 - Juniors
 - Membership
 - Youth
- District 2 chairs
 - Agriculture
 - Education
- District 3 chairs
 - Agriculture
 - Juniors
 - Legislative
 - Membership
 - Youth
- District 4 chairs
 - Deaf Awareness and Family
 - Health
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 - Health
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Community Brings Wall to Life With “Growing Together” Mural

After two months of community painting sessions led by seasoned mural artist Margaret Dewar of the *Mural Mice* the Irving community is pulling the done switch on the *Growing Together* mural. It's time to celebrate!

Irving Grange #377, Lane County, will host a Mural Dedication for *Growing Together* on October 20th from 2-5 pm with music by salsa band *Descarga 54 Sextet* and local songwriter Katie Sontag. Come celebrate what community can create together at Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Drive, Eugene, OR 97404.

“This labour of love began nearly two years ago as a dream to bring more color to the quiet Irving neighborhood and to give the drab exterior of Irving Grange, our all-volunteer charitable organization, some vibrancy,” said Irving Grange member Katie Preston.

Irving Grange members worked diligently to find funding for the 900 sq. ft. mural. Generous donations from the community and grants from the Lane Arts Council and the Oregon State Grange gave the project the momentum it needed for takeoff.

When the Grange embarked on this project they didn't know what the mural would look like. Volunteers equipped with clipboards set forth to gather neighbors' ideas for the mural's content. Of the many visions shared, a few common themes kept bubbling up: wildlife, gardens, togetherness, children, agricultural history, and diversity.

“People wanted a context of what was here before the neighborhoods. They wanted something to highlight the natural beauty around us and the joy of being together. We don't have many communal spaces out here so creating our own sense of a welcoming space and identity with this mural means a lot to people,” says Katie.

The Irving Grange, which was formed in the hamlet of Irving in 1908, may be the only remaining entity of Irving that has endured over a century of change. It was rebuilt two times due to fire and moved to its current location after a land swap with a local mill. A community mural project was the perfect recipe to build visibility and create a wel-

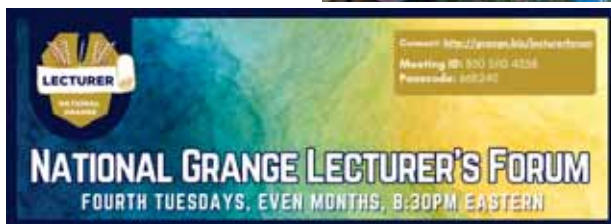


coming, inclusive atmosphere.

“We define the Grange as an organization to build community. For our members, being involved together in all kinds of projects is a way to make lasting, meaningful friendships. We want people to know this place is here for them, and all are welcome. Our mural is doing all those things and has added a bit of color to our very plain building,” said Grange member Peggy Jillson.

It was 102F on July 6th for the Kick-Off Public Painting Party, but that didn't stop 35 eager volunteers from showing up to paint. The mural was a focal point of activity over the next two months as painting parties every Tuesday and Thursday brought diligent return painters and newcomers every week.

“I counted nearly 90 different painters over the course of the project,” Maggie Dewar recounts. “People were enjoying the experience so much I decided to extend the volunteer painting days. In turn the extra hands gave the mural more detail. It's empowering for everyone who participated to have a piece of public art they can call their own.”



The Lecturer's Column

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Hi everyone! I am pleased to announce that all the district committee chairs have been filled in for the Lecturer's department. Vickie Thorp will be a great addition as the District 1 committee chair. We are looking forward to working together to coordinate more contests and activities for the Juniors in our order.

As the deadline for the bulletin is early September for this issue, my thoughts go to the first day of school. With that in mind, welcome to class. I thought I would go back to the basics and give a bit of an introduction to a Lecturer's programs. Many reading this article may be new to the Grange and wonder what a Lecturer does. Others may come from Granges that do not have regular Lecturer's program, and some may just not know where to start to put together a program. I hope my article will help to solve the mystery of what the Lecturer's purpose in the Grange is and how to perform the job.

Let's start with the role of the Lecturer. The main job of the Lecturer is to plan, prepare and present programs of interest to the membership at each meeting. They coordinate with the musician to choose the opening and closing songs. They are also third in line for running the meeting if both the President and Vice President are absent.

What is a Lecturer's program? A Lecturer's program in the Grange is an educational and entertaining program that a Grange Lecturer plans and presents at a Grange meeting. The purpose of these programs is to provide opportunities for Grange members, friends, and the community to get involved, learn from others, showcase talents, make a difference, try new things and seize opportunities. Programs should be well balanced and include elements of educational information, fun activities, and inspirational messages. Lecturer programs are as diverse as the Lecturers who create them. They can include having speakers come in to talk to the members, jokes, readings, skits, games, dancing, singing, or really anything that will give members a bit of a break from the meeting and help them learn or interact with each other. Lecturers should consult with the President beforehand so that the length of the program doesn't go too long, especially if there is a lot of business to discuss during the meeting.

How do you prepare a Lecturer's program? Again, every Lecturer

has their own way to put together a program. I find the easiest way to start is to come up with a theme. Holiday themes are a great option throughout the year. I have also found that almost any day of the year is likely a national day for something. Today as I write this, looking on Nationaldaycalendar.com, it is National Beer Lover's Day, National Salami Day, National Play Outside Day, National Hummingbird Day, and National New Hampshire Day. Any of these could be a great jumping off point for creating a Lecturer's program. Once you have a theme you can start to build a program around it. The internet is a wealth of information for modern day Lecturers. Libraries are also a great source for materials to supplement a program.



Let's take National Hummingbird Day and put together a program. There are likely members of the community who know a thing or two about hummingbirds who could come and speak to the membership. Local birding groups would be a good option. Maybe there is a gardening group who would speak about making your yard more appealing to hummingbirds. There may even be a bird store nearby who would be happy to come and discuss the different types of hummingbird feeders available. How about adding in a poem to the program about hummingbirds, or a story about hummingbirds from a different culture? A fun activity would be to teach members how to make origami hummingbirds. Really, the program is only limited by the Lecturer's creativity and the time allowed for the Lecturer's program.

I hope this article was helpful to those new to the position of Lecturer and a refresher for those who haven't done a program in a while.

I am looking forward to hearing from you about what kind of Lecturer's programs you are creating. Let's share ideas about what is working and what could have been done differently. Please send your favorite programs to me. I would like to recognize Lecturers doing a great job of educating and inspiring their Grange Brothers and Sisters.

The Chaplain's Corner



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Greetings,

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the spirit will reap eternal life. James 3:5-6

When we plant tomatoes in our garden, we won't find peppers at harvest time. When we plant a row of sunflowers, we won't be surprised to look out the window one day to find snapdragons. We reap what

we sow. If we sow impatience and anger, that is what we will reap. When we collect a harvest of negativity, let's take notice and plan to sow differently. If we sow patience and kindness, that is the harvest we will reap. Life doesn't have to be a guessing game. If we are reaping a harvest that we are unhappy with, we can change what we are sowing. Let us ask the Lord to teach us to sow the fruit of his spirit so that we reap a harvest full of life and freedom.

Have a Blessed Fall.

The Agricultural Report



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Our Granges can double their positive effect within their communities by pairing up with other organizations within their communities. I want to share our success story here in Lostine at our South Fork Grange #605.

Our new members were excited about a new idea. We needed a Farmers Market in "mid-valley." The Joseph Market was fifteen miles away, and veggies there were priced on a tourist scale of economy. Who among us could pay \$4.00 a pound for a tomato? Not locals, not young families.

Our new Grange hall was well off the main drag. Yes, we can bring in folks for special events, but what we needed was a better location for our Farmers Market.

That is where our small Lostine Presbyterian church came into the equation. Well within their mission of "feeding the needy," they welcomed our rag tag group of small artists, food trucks and gardeners into the lawn of the minister's house, right on the highway.

We had a crowded first market, with live music and happy customers. I sold \$250.00 worth of veggies last Wednesday eve (our Market day and time), and my tomatoes were less than \$2.00 a pound.

The minister at the church is looking for additional funding, to build a stage for our musicians, and additional tables and pop-up tents for our vendors. Our Grange will be holding a lot more markets in 2025. We have a community winner!



In Memoriam

Darlene Brown
Buell #637

Marvin Stearns
Scholls #338

Robert Conrad
Illinois Valley #370

Glen Vanderhoff
Myrtle Creek #442

Colleen F Cooley
Morning Star #311

Dwayne Waite
Beaver Homes #518

Eldora Dickens
North Bayside #691

Jan Wilber
Clarkes #261

Archie Koenig
Bellview #759

Jim Wilber
Clarkes #261

Patricia Matheson
Eagle Valley #656

Lyle Wold
Washington #313

Mary Workman
Columbia #867



*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 Small Farm Water Usage

Several Granges around the state have hosted community water meetings presented by Alice Morrison, Co-Director of Friends of Family Farmers. As of printing there are two more scheduled, one at Springwater Grange on October #748, Warner #117 and Springwater #263

23. Thank you Granges for opening your halls for this presentation including Fruitdale #379, London #937, Lorane #54, Willamette #52, Myrtle Creek #442, Creswell #496, Hurricane Creek #608, Silverton #748, Warner #117 and Springwater #263



l-r: Oregon State Grange officers participating in the Celebration of Life for Darlene McDonnell, Little Deschutes Grange #939, Deschutes County, on August 17 were Musician Linda Wetzell, President Somy Hays-Eberts, Chaplain Cookie Trupp, Past President Jay Sexton and Steward Phil Van Buren.

Small Farms and Water Usage What is going on?

- Do you have a domestic well permit?
- Do you know what you can legally do with that water?

Join us to learn more about small farm water Access and recent enforcement from Oregon Department of Water Resources (OWRD).

Presentation by Alice Morrison
Co-Director
Friends of Family Farmers

Saturday October 19th
6:30 pm

Springwater Grange #263
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Refreshment will be served



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Coffee for Veterans



This issues column is written by Linda Wetzell, District 2 Chair.

A NEW Community Service project will start in the '24-'25 Grange year: "Coffee Donations For Veterans." We will be collecting new unopened cans and bags of coffee. It should be ground, (No whole coffee beans). All Granges and individuals may participate in this project of supporting our Veterans. Coffee may be collected at Subordinate/Community or Pomona Granges and can be turned in during the annual State Grange convention in June 2025.

A list of how much coffee, and who

donated should be kept by individuals and Granges to receive credit for the donations. (pictures might be helpful for yearbooks). There will be a sign-in sheet for District Veterans Coffee at the state convention in the Community Service area. Total amounts will be tallied at the State Grange convention. The collected coffee will be distributed to Veterans hospitals, clinics, and retirement homes. This is a chance to help our Veterans and show them we care.

For all your other projects please keep track of your hours and the name of projects. There is a Community Service Project Tracking Form available on the OSG website.

We are still looking for District 1 chair. Let us know if you are, or know of anybody that is, interested in Community Service. Thank you.

Happy Fall!

One of the beautiful aspects of Oregon weather is that we do have distinct seasons. While I love the summer and warm weather I think having a full year of it would be uninspiring and a bit dull. Having a little fall in the air seems to clean the air and gives us renewed spirit! I think it was in this spirit that my committee and I got together to discuss the GWA program for 2025.

First of all we are planning at least three conferences for next spring. One in the northern area off I-5, one south and one in the east. In an effort to open up the GWA to new ideas we have planned sections on financial planning and mental health as well as a recap of our revised contests and hopefully something fun to round off the day.

We also have added several new contests for members and non-members. We are adding some bread categories, honey, and a home décor category that should encompass all forms of home décor including decorative pillows or wall hangings to hardscape wall art to ceramics and glass with anything

in-between that you would use to decorate your home. This seems to be a good fit for the GWA and will cover all the beautiful items that were turned away from both the Lecturers and GWA last year. We want to display all the talents of our members!

One last change to the contests is that we have swapped the cake decorating for decorated cookies. Our hope is that this might be a challenge that a few more individuals are interested in tackling. In addition to this our new committee member from District #1, Linda Helm, will be leading a hands-on conference in this at State Session. Plan on attending to add a little sweetness to your week!

Finally, we would like to hear from our members. What does your GWA do for your Grange? Or what do you want to see from the State GWA? The State GWA committee has long been involved with the wonderful contests that we still promote, but are there other ways we can enrich the lives of our members? Please reach out to us with your new ideas, like I said fall is a good time to renew and recharge!

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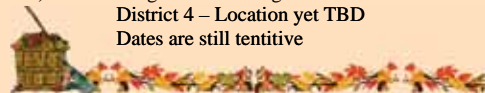
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Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

- October 31** 3rd Quarter Report due to the state office
- November 11** Veterans Day Parade, Albany, Oregon – See page 17 for details and watch Facebook for up-to-date information on OSG parade participation
- November 12-16** 158th National Grange Convention Bettendorf, Iowa
- November 15** Deadline to apply for Bonding Insurance through the National Grange. Send to State Grange office
- December 8** Oregon State Grange Holiday Open House – Salem 2-4pm
- December 31** Oregon State Grange Foundation - "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imburement" request deadline. Send to the state office
- January 15, 2025** Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officers' information due to the State Grange office
- January 31, 2025** 4th Quarter Reports due to the State Grange office
- March 1, 2025** Deadline for first 2025 Matching Grange applications. Must be post marked by March 1 or if emailing, completed application must arrive by March 1 at the State Grange office
- May 15-18, 2025** Western Regional Conference Montana
- June 21-26, 2025** Oregon State Grange Convention District 4 – Location yet TBD Dates are still tentative



Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Stop the Stigma, Part One: Defining Mental Health Disorders

Hello Grangers,

Welcome back as we continue our discussion of family health topics. Today we are discussing a specific aspect of our health, our mental health. Mental health disorders affect a person's thoughts, moods, and behaviors. Lifestyle factors such as diet, substance abuse and other activities can influence the onset of depression, anxiety and other mental health conditions, but there are also some chicken and egg questions as to which came first, the substance abuse, or the mental health disorder.¹ Mental health disorders may be occasional or chronic, and they affect a person's ability to relate to others and to function day to day.¹

There are some steps an individual may take to improve their mental health, but some disorders are more serious than others and may require professional help, either short- or long-term. There are five major categories of mental health disorders. This list is not all inclusive and is not meant to be used as a diagnostic tool, rather a learning instrument. The more we know about mental health disorders, the more we can help when those in our lives are suffering.

The first category, **anxiety disorders** are the most common mental health disorders, impacting approximately 40 million adults nationwide. Anxiety disorders cause people to experience distressing and frequent fear and apprehension. Bouts of anxiety can last 6 months or more. Anxiety disorders include *general anxiety disorder (GAD)*, *obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD)*, *panic disorder*, *post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)*, and *social anxiety disorder (SAD)*¹

The second category, **mood disorders** affect an estimated one in 10 adults with ongoing feelings of anxiety, emptiness, hopelessness and excessive grief. Physical effects include decreased energy and mood swings. People with mood disorders live with persistent and severe symptoms that can disrupt their daily lives. Mood disorders include *major depressive disorder* (aka clinical depression), characterized by two or more weeks of solid depression; *bipolar disorder* characterized by unusual and extreme mood shifts, activity and energy levels and concentration; and *substance induced mood disorder*, any mood disorder triggered by sub-

stance abuse, including depression, anxiety and psychosis.²

The third category, **psychotic disorders** characterized by an inability to determine what is real and what is not. This group of disorders changes an individual's sense of reality. It is believed certain viruses, problems with brain neuron circuitry, and extreme trauma and stress from certain drugs play a role in the development of psychotic disorders. Psychotic disorders include *schizophrenia*, characterized by experiencing an abnormal reality which may include delusions, and hallucinations; and *delusional disorder*, characterized by a fixed and false belief despite evidence to the contrary.³

The fourth category, **dementia**, is not a disorder, but a general term that covers a wide range of mental conditions. Dementia is typically characterized by a decline in cognitive abilities, and includes *Alzheimer's*, *Parkinson disease*, *Frontotemporal dementia*, *Huntington's disease* or *Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome*.

The fifth category, **eating disorders** are a group of disorders that is more than just an individual's relationship with food. These are complex mental disorders that often require professional intervention. These conditions cause unhealthy eating habits to develop, including *anorexia nervosa*, which causes those suffering from it to obsess about their weight and the food they eat, often leading to dangerously low body weight; *bulimia nervosa*, characterized by vomiting after eating in an attempt to control body weight, and *binge-eating disorder*, characterized by frequently overeating to the point of discomfort and pain as a coping method for dealing with intense or uncomfortable feelings.

The debate over the extent to which genetics determine mental health has burned bright for over 50 years and continues to this day. In large part, that depends on which mental health disorder you are referring to. A 2013 study found five mental health disorders: autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, bipolar disorder, major depression disorder, and schizophrenia show strong association to genetics, but other disorders do not reflect these strong genetic ties.

Research also shows correlation

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Above: The Reaching Rural Surgical Seniors display prepared by Clackamas Pomona Master Joyce Parker for display at the Clackamas County fair. It has also been set up at the Log Cabin at the Oregon State Fair, the Clarkes Grange Community picnic and the Springwater Grange Community fair.

between sedentary lifestyles, toxic relationships, poor nutrition and air quality. So, are there any steps we can take to help ourselves or loved ones who might be suffering from mental health disorders? In fact, we can always start with organic and holistic steps and begin to remove toxic triggers, but in most cases, professional help, diagnosis, treatment and therapy will prove to be the best for long-term relief.

Join us again next issue as we learn more about the stigma of mental health and what we can do to lessen the divide between the anguish

mental health disorders bring and the treatment those suffering from these conditions desperately need.

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2024 Oregon State Grange Scholarship Recipients

The Oregon State Grange and the Oregon State Grange Foundation awarded a total of five scholarships to two deserving young Grangers at the State Grange convention in June.

Charles E Spense Scholarship, selected by the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee is given in memory of Past Oregon State Grange President, Charles Spence, a member of Beaver Creek Grange in Clackamas County. An applicant must have been a Grange member in Oregon for at least two years. The scholarship can be used at the applicant's choice of school.

The 2024 recipient is Phoebe Coen of Marys River Grange in Benton County.

The Oregon State **Grange Workers Activities (GWA) Scholarship** is selected by the Oregon State Grange GWA director and committee. The scholarship is given to an Oregon Grange member, who by September 1st of the year they apply will have completed at least one year of college, business school, nurses training, or vocational education.

This year a \$1000 scholarship was given to Riley Reynolds, a member of Santiam Valley Grange in Linn County.

Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Scholarship

ships are given by the Oregon State Grange Foundation. The "Muzzy" scholarship was established to honor the memory of Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel, a member of Sherwood Grange in Washington County. The scholarship is awarded to a Grange member or the child or grandchild of a Grange member for use at any college or trade school.

This year two scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each were awarded. Recipients were Phoebe Coen and Riley Reynolds.

2024 was the first year for the **Louise Angela Holst Memorial Scholarship** which is awarded by the Oregon State Grange Foundation. This scholarship was established in memory of Louise Holst, a 50-year Grange member and past Oregon State Grange Officer. The award is \$500 per year and is given to an active Grange Member with five years of membership (including Junior Grange membership) who is between 16-40 years of age enrolled in a 2-4-year college or a vocational school.

The 2024 recipient is Phoebe Coen.

Application deadline for all the 2025 Oregon State Grange and Oregon State Grange Foundation scholarships is May 1st. Applications will be mailed to Granges in early Spring and are available on the Oregon State Grange website.

Riley Thomas Reynolds, son of Tina and Frank Reynolds, is a life-long Granger having attended his first State Grange convention when he was just over a month old. He was a member of the Oregon State Junior Grange from age 5-14 and served as a Junior officer the whole time including two terms as State Junior Master. During his time as a Junior, he was selected as Oregon's first Junior Ambassador in 2018 and went on to win the National title becoming the first 1+ Junior to be named as National Ambassador.



He is currently Assistant Steward of Santiam Valley Grange #828 in Linn County and served as Steward of the State Youth officer team at this year's convention in Tillamook. Over the years he has attended many Grange activities, in addition to the State Grange convention, including the Junior Grange Jamborees, the Western Regional Conference, the National Legislative Fly-In and helped at the Log Cabin and Ag Fest in addition to his community Grange's activities.

Riley graduated from high school in 2022 along with completing his associate's degree at the same time. He is currently a senior at Pacific University who is majoring in Creative Writing with minors in Theatre, Literature and Editing/Publishing. At college he and his fellow students wrote, edited, and published a book titled "Buried Within: A Haunting Anthology." They have pledged to donate all proceeds from this book to benefit the Mental Health and Addiction Association of Oregon. He plans to graduate in 2025.



Phoebe Coen is a member of Marys River Grange #685, Benton County, along with her mother, where she was previously a 1+ Junior member.

She was the Co-Chair of Marys River's Junior Committee helping run the Junior activities that take place during the regular business meeting of the Grange. She has also volunteered at the Grange's yearly plant sale, Harvest Fest, and the Junior "Nature Detective" program.

She is a 2024 graduate of Philomath HS with an honors diploma. She will be majoring in Nutrition Sciences with minor in Spanish at California Polytechnic State University. Her long-term goal is to become a registered dietitian, Being fluent in both English and Spanish will help her reach and aid more people.



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Tech Tidbits From The Oregon State Grange President's Desk

I have noticed many Granges rely on personal email addresses for the Grange. This will become problematic when the Oregon State Grange begins to allow email notification in addition to postal mail. Unlike a Post Office box, with its annual fee, email addresses are free. Having a consistent email address associated with your Grange makes it easier to transition to new officers without changing email addresses, and also provides a long-term record of correspondence.

Yahoo, Gmail and Rocketmail are common free options. My own Grange, Marys River, uses Gmail, and in addition to the email, which is shared between the President, Secretary, Junior Committee, and Rental Coordinator, Gmail also provides 15 GB of storage on Google Drive. We use this space to store minutes,

history, maintenance of the building and grounds manuals and more. It is easiest to access via a Gmail account, but short-term access can be granted to anyone. Google Drive comes with word processing and spreadsheet tools that are very similar to Microsoft, and are again, free.

Our Grange came close to closing in 2009, and re-learning about our hall has been challenging sometimes. Keeping all our discovered knowledge available online helps ensure it will not be lost again.

It would not be surprising to see an insistence for a Grange-specific email address if and when bylaws are modified to allow this, and given such email accounts are free, I would encourage all Granges using email to have an email account specific to your Grange.

Oregon Granges Award 2024 Scholarships



Ada Grange President Megan Schofield (second from left) and Scholarship Chair Linda Pugh (r) present awards to their scholarship winners.

Harley, Sr. and Betty Huff Memorial Scholarship Ada Grange #570 ~ Lane County

Ada Grange awards scholarships to seniors from Siuslaw High School in Florence and Mapleton High School as well as home schooled students in those areas. In addition to the applicant's community service, financial need is considered.

The scholarship funds may be used

at any trade, vocational, community college or university. Funds may be used for tuition, room and board, books and supplies, student fees, student body card, parking permits, etc.

The 2024 recipients from Siuslaw High School were: Jenna Young, Alex McKenzie and Quinn Hammond.

Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship Awarded by Deer Island Grange #947 Columbia County

Deer Island Grange awards a \$1000 scholarship to a Columbia County High School senior majoring in agriculture, animal science, forestry, or education each year.

The 2024 recipient is Mason Erickson, Saint Helens High School. He will be Majoring in Forestry and Civil Engineering at Oregon State University.

Mason was very involved as an athlete, participating in football in the fall, wrestling in the winter, and track in the spring. Not only is he involved as an excellent athlete, but he is also a part of Lion Crew for the past two years, where he trained to, and guided freshmen on their first day of school.



Scholarship applications for 2025 will be available from Columbia County High School counselors by November 1st, 2024.

Irving Grange #377 Scholarship Lane County

Irving Grange #377 provides scholarships for students from North Eugene High School and/or Willamette High School. This scholarship is renewable for a second year.

In 2024 they awarded two \$1000



scholarships to: Klynn Hanson, a 2023 graduate of Willamette High who is majoring in Health Sci-

ences at Limestone University in South Carolina and Ashton Lamie, a member of Irving Grange who is majoring in electrical apprenticeship technologies at Lane Community College.

Qualification for scholarship include candidate's character and conduct as a student and citizen. Priority will be given to members of Irving Grange and their families who become members or demonstrate a personal affiliation with Irving Grange. Application deadline for 2025 is May 1st.

Charlie Bowser Memorial Scholarship Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1

Clackamas Pomona gives this scholarship in memory of Charlie Bowser, a member of Abernethy Grange #346 and a strong supporter of the Pomona Grange Youth and Young Adults program. The scholarship is awarded to a Grange member or the child and grandchild of a Grange member of a Community Grange in Clackamas County.

This year a \$1250 scholarship was given to Emma Walsh. She is a member of Molalla Grange #310 along with her parents and older brother. She joined the Grange as a 1+ Junior member on July 16, 2014 and became an official member of the Grange October 21, 2020. Emma has participated in meetings, fundraisers, bingo games, community meals and the Clackamas County Fair Grange Booth exhibit and currently holds the office of Ceres.

Emma graduated from Molalla High school in June 2024 with over 40 college credits. An active FFA member she served as the Molalla Chapter Sentinel and was a member of the State Ag Sales team and the State Champion Ag Issues team that



went on to compete at nationals.

Emma will be majoring in Biology and Agricultural Science at Oregon State University in preparation for a career in veterinary medicine. She will be starting at OSU as a sophomore since she has already earned college credits from both Clackamas and Linn-Benton Community Colleges.

Application deadline for the 2025 scholarship is July 1st.

Lookingglass Grange #927 Scholarship Douglas County

Awards scholarship of value up to \$1000.00. This scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors that must reside within the general area of the Winston-Dillard School District, regardless of which school the student currently attends. The applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college/university or trade school.

Emma Stutzman from Camas Valley Christian School received a \$1,000 scholarship. She has been a leader at high school- Chapter FFA President. She plans on attending Linn-Benton Community College, then move on to Oregon State University where she will study Animal Sciences and Nutrition for Cattle Investment.



Kylar Middleton

Kylar Middleton from Douglas High School also received a \$1,000 scholarship. He was a senior this year. He has been FFA Chapter President serving two years. He has also been a mentor for younger students involved in FFA. He plans to return home after college to continue running his family ranch.

He will be attending Treasure Valley Community College then moving on to either Oregon State University or University of Idaho. He is studying Agricultural Business.

Money raised from the Grange's Bingo fundraisers help fund these scholarships.



Emma Stutzman

Oregon Granges Award 2024 Scholarships

Mohawk Valley Community Grange Student Scholarship Mohawk Valley Community Grange #922 Lane County

The purpose of the scholarship is to reward not just academic excellence but to also recognize and encourage community involvement and service as well as leadership.

Emma has volunteered at the Marcola Youth Center and helped out with their annual community Christmas event and community bar-be-ques. She also helps clean the yards of Marcola senior citizens.

The \$1000 scholarship was awarded to Emma Romane who is majoring in Nursing at Western Oregon University.



Pleasant Grove Grange #475 Scholarship Union County

Pleasant Grove Grange in Summer-ville gives a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from Imbler High School who intends to enter a trade school or certificate program.

The 2024 recipient was: Avonlea Crook who is majoring in Nursing at Walla Walla Community College.



Joseph Z. Guttridge Memorial Scholarship Springwater Grange #263 Clackamas County

The Springwater Grange scholarships are given in memory of long time Granger Joe Guttridge. The primary fundraiser is the Scholarship Pie Auction in February. Applicants must have completed at least one year of college or other advanced education by the end of the term in which the application is submitted. Scholarship amounts are decided by the Grange annually but is a minimum of \$500.

For 2024 a \$2000 scholarship was awarded to Cortlan Souders who is majoring in Art at Mount Hood Community College.



Cortlan Souders

Three \$1000 scholarships were awarded to: Abigail Behrens who is majoring in Psychology – Child Life Specialty with a minor in Women’s Ministry Leadership at Liberty University.

Caleb Behrens who is majoring in Mechanical engineering at Liberty University.

Benjamin Behrens who is majoring in Bible and Theology at Multnomah University.



Benjamin Behrens

Sunnydale Grange Scholarship Sunnydale Grange #877 Douglas County

Sunnydale Grange awarded two \$1000 scholarships this year. These scholarships are made possible with their Grange’s monthly bingo games and can be used toward the college of the recipient’s choice.

Recipients were: Kylee Wardand graduated from Yoncalla High School and plans to enroll in George Fox University. She wants to complete her paramedic degree. She is taking EMT classes locally now.

Brooke McHaffie graduated from North Douglas High in Drain. Her plans are to attend Blue Mountain Community College for prerequisites in animal science and graduate with an associate’s degree and

vet tech degree, and then transfer to a 4-year college for her bachelor’s degree, with plans to continue on to veterinary medical school.



Brooke McHaffie

Sauvie Island Grange Memorial Scholarship Fund Sauvies Island Grange #840 Multnomah County

Established in 1981 by the Sauvies Island Grange Women’s Activity Club, now known as Grange Workers Association (GWA) is dedicated to the memory of Edna Graf. Edna was an ardent Grange member and unofficial greeter to newcomers on the Island who was secretary of the Grange for almost fifty years. This memorial fund has grown with donations received in memory of deceased friends and families over the years. This scholarship is offered to local island residents for continuing education, both college and vocational.

2024 saw five scholarships awarded for a total of \$4000.

\$1000 recipients were: Adam Wolfe, who is working to develop socially responsible technologies at the University of Oregon. Gracie Nelson who will be attending the University of Oregon working on a Pre-Med degree. Mich Malone who is enrolled in the Aviation Maintenance and Technology program at Portland Community College.

\$500 scholarships were given to: Jazmin Torres Martinez, who will attend Portland Community College in the Vet-Tech program and eventually attend Oregon State University to study Veterinary medicine and to Ellen Howard who is attending the University of Puget Sound and working to complete her Decorate Degree in Occupational Therapy.



Kylee Wardand



L-r: Ellen Howard, Jazmin Torres Martinez, Mich Malone and Gracie Nelson.

Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers

Oregon State Fair Log Cabin August 23 – September 2

Log Cabin updates some displays; Grange hall photos still very popular.

The Oregon State Fair Grange Log Cabin was staffed with smiling volunteers, in three daily shifts, for all eleven days of the Fair. Our purpose is to demonstrate the welcoming nature of Grangers and inform people of our community minded purposes, our membership being open to all, and the breadth of our activities and the communities we serve.

This year we had volunteers from twenty-eight Granges, Clarkes, Creswell, Crow, Eagle Creek, Fairmount, Forest Grove, Irving, Kinton, Lorane, Maplewood, Marys River, Mohawk-Mckenzie, Myrtle Creek, Oak Grove, Redland, Santiam Valley, Siletz Valley, Silverton, Springwater, Sunnyside, Terrebonne, Thurston, Walterville,

Warren, Western Star, Willamette, Winona, and Woodburn.

Thank you all so much for spending a few hours showing visitors the friendly face of Grange. If you haven't spent time at the Log Cabin – come give it a try in August of 2025!



Above l-r: Myrtle Creek Juniors RaeyLynn Thorp, Roen Thorp and Dan Keeley of Maplewood with the Jenga game.

Above right l-r: These Terrebonne Grange #663 young people served as hosts on Thursday, September 26, Vanessa Ford, Ginny Ford, Mary Brott and Veronica Ford.



Above: Even a wedding took place in front of the Log Cabin on Monday August 26.



LouEllen Lambert and Kent Lemanquais of Thurston Grange #853 take a selfie after serving as hosts the first day of the fair.



Thank You

Thank you to all the Grangers who volunteer to serve a shift or two or more as hosts in the Log Cabin.

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| Lyle Utt (Fairmount) | Vickie Thorp (Myrtle Creek) |

Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers

Rockin' the Decades at Josephine County Fair August 7-11

Rockin' the Decades was the theme for the Josephine County Fair. All seven Subordinate/Community Granges along with the 1+ Juniors at Deer Creek Grange participated with an 8' x 8' booth.

Sunny Valley Grange #916 place first and second place was Redwood Grange #760. Other Granges participating were Deer Creek #371, Fruitdale #379, Illinois Val-



Above: Deer Creek 1+ Juniors first place booth

ley #370, North Pacific #911, and Williams Grange #399

Deer Creek Grange's 1+ Juniors place first in the Junior Grange division.

Each exhibit must emphasize at least one or more areas of Grange work: Agriculture, Community service or Legislative activities. There must be at least one clearly display Grange emblem of at least 6" tall.

And the exhibit shall have a clear theme although it is not mandatory, but suggested, to follow the theme of the fair.

In 1909 farmers held a Grange Fair in Williams. In 1912 The Williams Grange Fair moved to town and by 1915 the Grange Fair moved to Murphy Grange Hall and was renamed "The Josephine County Fair."



Above: Sunny Valley Grange's first place booth

Lane County Fair July 24-28

During the five-day Lane County Fair in Eugene, July 24-28th, sixteen Granges exhibited agricultural related displays. Over 2,200 visitors voted for their favorite display and the People's Choice Award went to Walterville #416. The first fair day was Grange Day, and 625 free cookies and beverages were given away.

It was also entry day for the Kids Dress up a vegetable contest with 117 entries. Kids up to 10 years old bring their dressed-up fruit or veg-

gie and receive free admission to the Fair on Grange.

Musician, Linda Wetzell, entertained all five days. Lane County Granges that participated were Ada, Central, Creswell, Goshen, Irving, Jasper, Lane Pomona, London, Lowell, Mapleton, Mohawk-McKenzie, Santa Clara, Spencer Creek, Thurston, and Walterville.

Looking forward to next year in an air-conditioned building!



Above: Grange Day is "Cookie Day" at the Lane County Fair where free cookies and beverages are served. Pictured are Grangers from Lorane, Creswell, Goshen, and Crow Granges serving guests.

Below: the Lane County Pomona Grange booth.



Walterville won 1st place in "Peoples choice" Award. Fair attendees are encouraged to vote for their favorite display.



Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers

Clackamas County Fair August 13-17

Grangers were Moovin' and Groovin' at the Clackamas County Fair with displays in Horning Hall. Judging took place Monday night, and the results were: 1st - Springwater Grange #263, 2nd - Maplewood Grange #662, 3rd - Clarkes Grange #261, 4th - Redland Grange #796.

Other Granges with booths were Abernethy #346, Beaver Creek #276, Milwaukie #268 and Sunnyside #842. Additionally, Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 had a Grange information booth and a display on the Reaching Rural Surgical Seniors program.

The Pomona Grange also sells fresh baked cookies

from the kitchen in Horning Hall. As a vender their booth is also judged. The Cookie booth received Vendor Booth Award and the theme award for the red gate.



Above: Clackamas Pomona Grange's Information Booth.



L: 1st place and the People's Choice winner was Springwater Grange.

R: Cookie Booth manager Pam Furlan and her husband Don at the cookie booth window.



Above & r: After several years Clackamas Pomona Grange is back sponsoring the Scarecrow contest at the fair.



Western Oregon Exposition Heritage Fair August 16-18

One of the unsung gems of rural Lane County is the annual Western Oregon Exposition Heritage Fair in Cottage Grove. It's a community showcase of rural and traditional crafts and entertainment, and already supported by numerous Grange volunteers. One of the permanent buildings was called the Grange Café! Unfortunately, that building perished in the ice storm of 2023, and Lane Pomona Grange was offered an opportunity to sell barbecued chicken dinners to make up for that lost ability to feed hungry fairgoers. We made lots of mistakes, but we also sold enough dinners to make a profit. It's a real privilege to do a one-day food sale during a three-day event.

Fast-forward to 2024. Crow Grange shared their secret rub and meticulous chicken prep in a plan to prepare almost 200 half chickens. We sell them in a clamshell box with little tubs of coleslaw and baked beans, a roll and butter. \$15, and nobody complains. Creswell Grange provided the prep kitchen and a crew of helpers Friday and Saturday. The weather forecast was a little daunting, thunderstorms around 6 p.m., but expected to pass through quickly. How bad could it be?

Very bad, actually. At 5 p.m., with less than 50 dinners sold and 100 halves hot and ready to go, the thunder turned into a soaking storm that cleared the fairgrounds and put a temporary halt to most of the planned events. Patrick Dearth, Dan, Connie, and Penny Suing, along with Peggy Jillson, gathered up food and paper goods, including 32 partly cooked chicken halves from a now sodden charcoal barbecue. Back in Eugene we did a quick triage and offered 42 uncooked chicken halves to

the Eugene Mission, along with 72 portions each of coleslaw and beans. Penny and Peggy met a heartwarming reception at the Mission when they lugged in enough food for probably 100 meals. At this point we had not even recovered our costs.

That night Peggy purchased -- at our cost of \$3 each -- and then finished cooking 32 half chickens in her own oven, 10 at a time. The Suings transferred fully cooked halves from hot holding tubs to hotel pans for quick freezing at Irving Grange. A cooperative hall renter let us in and out of their quinceañera celebrations to safely get those chickens frozen. We decided we would sell them for \$4 each, or 6 for \$20.

Sunday, Peggy took the 32 twice-cooked halves to daughter Kate McClain in Corvallis with a plan to freeze the meat and cook the bones for stock. Kate had a better plan. She divided them up and delivered 26 to four hungry families in Corvallis, then purchased more halves for themselves. The Girl Scouts meeting at Irving Grange on Sunday purchased 12 more. Peggy's neighbor heard we had chicken to sell and bought 12 more. Grange members stepped up and bought all the remaining chickens and 9 dozen rolls. Creswell Grange bought leftover serving boxes and cutlery.

This is certainly not the story of a fundraising success -- or is it? We barely broke even on money and gave up hours of time, but all of us ended up doing things we'd never done before. We fed a lot of people. We didn't waste food and we recovered our costs. We enjoyed the company of our friends. And we'll be back in Cottage Grove the third weekend of August in 2025.



L: Lane County Pomona's BBQ pit was manned by Patrick Dearth, Lexie Suing and Dan Suing.

R: London Grange #937 members sold pies, ice cream and coffee at the Western Oregon Expo three day country fair. Marionberry pie was the fair favorite!



Granges Celebrate the Holidays ~ Now through December



October

October 4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19, 25 & 26, 31 Beaver Homes Grange #518 **Haunted House** 6:30-9:30pm 31105 Beaver Homes Rd ~ Rainier. \$6 per person - cash only.

October 4-6, 11, 13, 19, 20, 25, 27-31 Morning Star Grange #311 **Haunted House** Opens @ 7:30 pm 4-13, 7pm 18-31 38794 Morning Star Rd NE ~ Albany. \$7 per person. Full contact nights \$15 October 12, 18, & 26 18 and over only.

October 11-13, 17-20, 24-31, November 1 Santiam Valley Grange #828 **Haunted House** Friday & Saturday 6-9pm, Sunday-Thursday 6-8pm 1140 5th St ~ Lyons. \$5 Appropriate for all ages. Fog machine will be in use. Info: 503.859.2161 or 503.859.3445.

October 12 Marys River Grange #685, **Harvest Fest** 10am-4 pm 24707 Grange Hall Rd, Philomath. Corn Maze, games, cider for sale, local craft vendors.

October 12 & 13 Springwater Grange #263 **Fall Reader's Theater - Agatha Christie "And Then There Were None"** 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. October 12 - 7:00 pm Dinner \$15, Sunday 13, 2 pm Matinee \$10 with cookies.

October 19 Yankton **Fall Pancake Breakfast** 8-11am 33065 Pittsburg Rd ~ St Helens. Adults \$10, Kids \$5.

October 20 Buell Grange #637 **Halloween Bizarre** 10am-5pm 5970 Mill Creek Rd ~ Sheridan Spooky shopping experience, various vendors.



October 26 Winona Grange #271, **Harvest Festival** 1-4 pm 8340 SW Seneca St, Tualatin Pumpkin decorating, costume contest, cake walk, arts and crafts, ice cream social.

October 26 Springwater Grange #263 **Halloween Party** 5-6:30pm 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. Potluck, costumes, games & fun for all ages.

October 27 Goldson Grange #868 **Halloween Trunk or Treat** 2-4pm 23479 Hwy 36 ~ Cheshire. Games, Prizes, Treats, Fun.

October 27 Ada Grange #570 **Community Halloween Party** 1-3 pm 82457 S Canary Rd, Westlake. Carnival games, costume parade, refreshment provided.

October 30 Rickreall Grange #671 **Halloween Eve Bingo** 5pm doors open, 6pm Bingo 270 N Pacific Hwy W ~ Rickreall. Costume Contest, Halloween Edition treats from the kitchen.

October 31 Eagle Creek Grange #297 **Halloween Carnival** 1-4pm 24491 Old Eagle Creek Rd. ~ Eagle Creek.

October 31 Redland Grange #796 **Trunk or Treat** 18131 S. Fischers Mill Rd ~ Oregon City. 6pm -9:00 pm Info: georgenebarragan@gmail.com.



November

November 1, 2 & 3 Pacific Grange #413 **Craft Fair** 9am-4pm 90475 Hwy 101 ~ Warrenton. Free Entry, Local Artisans, crafters, baked goods, and more Info: Cynthia 503.325.2100.

November 2 & 3 Siletz Valley Grange #558 **Christmas Bazaar** Nov 2 10am-3pm, Nov 3 11am-3pm All items made by vendors. Kitchen open 11-2 both days.

November 2 & 3 Kinton Grange #562 **Holiday Faire** Saturday 9am-3pm Sunday 10am-3pm 19015 Scholls Ferry Rd. ~ Beaverton. Brookhaven Vintage Marketplace.

November 2 Phoenix Grange #779 **Holiday Bazaar** 209 N Main St ~ Phoenix. Info: lahelm7251@aol.com Gifts, food, free entrance.

November 2 Springwater Grange #263 **First Saturday Breakfast** 7-11am 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. \$8, 7-12 \$5, 6 and under free. Veterans eat for \$5. Tip jar goes for supplies for the Veterans Village.

November 2 & 3 Silverton Grange #748 **Holiday Happiness Craft Bazaar** 10am-3pm 201 Division St NE ~ Silverton.

November 9 Sunnyside Grange #842 **Holiday Bazaar** 9am-3pm 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd,



Clackamas. Food available in the kitchen. Info: Sandi Ludi 503.310.2620.

November 11 Goldson Grange #868 **Veterans Day Breakfast** 9-11am 23479 Hwy 36 ~ Cheshire. Veterans eat for free, all other donations.

November 16 Eagle Point Grange #664 **Holiday Bazaar** 9am-4pm 5 South Shasta Ave, Eagle Point.



December

December 6, 7 & 8 Pacific Grange #413 **Craft Fair** 9am-4pm 90475 Hwy 101 ~ Warrenton. Info: Cynthia 503.325.2100 or Rochelle 503.209.9069.

December 7 Springwater Grange #263 **Holiday Breakfast** 7-11am 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. \$8 each, 7-12 \$5, 6 and under free. Take pictures with Santa 8-10 am.

December 8 Ada Grange #570 **Community Christmas Party** 1-3 pm 82457 S Canary Rd, Westlake. Hayride, visit with Santa and crafts, Refreshments provided.

December 8 Oregon State Grange **Open House** 2-4pm 643 Union St. NE ~ Salem. Refreshments will be served.





Membership Matters

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OSG Membership Director

Welcome Back Western Star #309, Dixie Mountain #860, and Upper Applegate #839.

These three Granges have recently been reorganized after years of dormancy. Congratulations and welcome to these new members!

Western Star #309 now has 20 members and is beginning to address the building issues in their 1894 building in Linn County. Dixie Mountain #860, in Washington County, has enrolled 23 new members in their Grange after more than 5 years of inactivity, and Upper Applegate #839, in Jackson County, enrolled 14 new members and 4 Juniors the night before I am writing this column.

I could not be happier introducing community members to the Grange, answering their questions, and explaining the mechanics of Community Grange operation. Some of these Granges have had the benefit of a few experienced Grange members included in their new memberships, but the vast majority of these newly established members are spanking new to Grange.

I well remember my own first experience of Grange in 2010, as I joined to prevent the closing of Marys River Grange in Philomath, in Benton County. Forty new members learned the Grange way together and became friends. Now, 14 years later, with over 125 members this Grange is strong, having learned that constant active recruiting, welcoming new members, and new ideas, and providing relevant programs, entertainment, and activity to its community is the path to perpetuity.

These re-organized Granges join the 160 Granges of Oregon. They



will each have experienced Grangers mentoring their meetings, and the State Grange office a phone call or email away for information, supplies, promotional materials, or advice. We have provided them with the basics and explained the importance of protecting their most valuable asset: the Peace of the Grange.

Our nonsectarian, nonpartisan principles and our tradition of respectful civil debate are protected by the officers of each Grange, instructing the membership, and particularly new members, in the traditions of our order.

Besides these three re-organized Granges we have also re-invigorated two Granges which for various reasons had lost the majority of their core officers and teetered on the edge of dormancy. Scotts Mills #938 in Marion County and Junction City #744 in Linn County had "Keep the Grange Open" meetings, promoted to recruit members. These meetings were successful, recruiting 30 and 15 members, and electing President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, to strengthen and reorganize these Granges.

That is not to say that there are not several Granges in Oregon that are in need of many new members to attain the strength and positive outlook that will assure their continuing activity. The Oregon State Grange Membership Committee is developing programs and materials to aid in growing your Grange membership. Please contact me at pawpawsexton@gmail.com or call or text at 541-250-6662 and let me know of your membership needs.

Lastly, the primary reason I did not run for a second term as President of the Oregon State Grange was to spend time with my aging parents, and my young grandkids. In pursuit of this I will be out of the state for all of October, and in the first half of November ending with my attending the National Grange Convention in Iowa. I will be intermittently available on email, text, and phone.

Let it be Perpetual.

L: Some of the members of the recently reorganized Western Star Grange #309 located south of Albany.

R: Members of the newly reorganized Upper Applegate Grange #389 with their mentor, OSG Treasurer Linda Helm. The Grange has chosen to go back to their original charter name, Upper Applegate Grange, rather than the more recently used name of Applegate Valley Community Grange. Their number will stay the same.

Fidelity Bonding Offered for 2025

The National Grange will once again be offering bonding coverage to State, Pomona, and Community Granges in 2025 under the National Grange's policy with Main Street America Insurance. The National Grange Digest of Laws, Section 4.10.9, stipulates that all Granges, at their own expense, are to be bonded or insured for employee dishonesty with coverage to include at least the Secretary and Treasurer of each.

Below is a 2025 Rate Schedule that lists the coverage amounts offered and corresponding premiums. The premium rates for 2025 are the same as 2024.

The deadline for Granges to be included in the bonding coverage for 2025 is November 15, 2024. All Oregon Granges must have their order form and payment to the Oregon State Grange office no later than November 15 to receive coverage for 2025.

Bonding – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is fidelity bonding?

A: Fidelity bonding is a type of insurance coverage to protect the financial assets of your Community, Pomona, or State Grange. Section 4.10.9 of the Digest of Laws of the National Grange stipulates that all Granges, at their own expense, are to be bonded or insured for employee dishonesty with coverage to include at least the Secretary and Treasurer of each organization.

Q: How does fidelity bonding work?

A: Fidelity bonding protects the

Grange by covering financial losses due to dishonest or fraudulent acts of an individual or group. Should any loss or theft of your Grange's funds occur due to the dishonest acts of covered positions, you would file a claim for review. The bond would help to cover the Grange's financial loss up to the policy limit.

Q: What does bonding cover?

A: The fidelity bonding policy available through the National Grange provides coverage for all officers and member positions, not just the Secretary and Treasurer who are required to be bonded by the Digest of Laws. The bonding coverage is for one calendar year beginning January 1.

Q: How much coverage does our Grange need?

A: The basic minimum coverage is the lowest amount of coverage offered. Basic minimum coverage is \$5,000 for a Community Grange, or for a Pomona Grange, and \$25,000 for a State Grange. Higher coverage limits are available and subject to underwriting. In some cases, the basic minimum is enough for a Grange. In many cases, the basic minimum amount is too low. An easy way to determine how much coverage you need would be to assess the maximum amount of money your Grange handles, including your bank accounts, financial assets, and cash you handle at Grange activities, and compare the limit with the internal controls you have over these funds. Fidelity policies are typically not designed to provide coverage for every dollar that comes into an organization's control.

Limit	Base Premium
\$5,000	\$53

Excess Coverage Limit	Premium
\$10,000	\$60
\$25,000	\$75
\$50,000 *	\$100
\$100,000 *	\$120
\$250,000 **	\$145
\$500,000 **	\$185



2023 Honor Grange Awards

2023 Honor Grange Awards were presented during the Kick-off Banquet of the Oregon State Grange Convention, June 15, 2024



Above l-r: Gold Level Awards went to: Hurricane Creek #608, Wallowa County; Springwater #263, Clackamas County; Redland #796, Clackamas County; Marys River #685, Benton County; Abernethy #346, Clackamas County and Creswell #496, Lane County. Not pictured: Eagle Creek #297, Clackamas County.



Above l-r: Silver Level Awards went to: Santiam Valley #828, Linn County; Sunnyside #842, Clackamas County; Myrtle Creek #442, Douglas County; Goldson #868, Lane County and Ada #570, Lane County. Not pictured: London #937, Lane County.



Above l-r: Bronze Level Awards went to: Morning Star #311, Linn County; Wolf Creek #596, Union County; Riversdale #731, Douglas County; Mollalla #310, Clackamas County; Siletz Valley #558, Tillamook County and Lacomb #907, Linn County.



Ada Honors Member

Ada Grange #570, Lane County, member Nancy Flatley was presented her Silver Star Certificate and pin recognizing 25-years of continuous Grange membership by Ada Membership Chair Linda Pugh.

L-r Linda Pugh and Nancy Flatley.





GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"

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The GROW Club would like to thank the Grangers that attended the state convention this year for their support in the auction of two more Ice Cream Socials! One social was auctioned with the offer of up to three at the winning auction price if other Granges/Grangers were interested. Phil Van Buren won the bid, and gifted his social to the California State Grange, so, by time you are reading this, they will have enjoyed that treat at their annual State Convention the end of September. Willamette Grange also opted to invite the GROW Club to serve ice cream to their local community at a date to be determined. The GROW Club does not exclude non club members from participating (read that as "help out") when we have these events, so if you are interested in traveling to the next one and serving up (or cleaning up), just let one of your GROW Club directors know.

to help out where needed. All we ask is for some advanced notice and the choice of a couple of dates that work for you and your Grange. Please take into account weather conditions, as travel adversity across the state can vary widely and we would hate to be disappointed by not being able to make the trip due to road conditions. Contact one of the GROW Club Directors or the Oregon State Grange office to get connected.

We are again asking for any GROW Club member who is interested in telling their story to raise their hand. Contact me or just be proactive and submit your story to be included in the GROW Club article. If you missed it, many of the current members have written a short synopsis of their journey into and through representing Oregon at National Grange. Check out prior issues of the Bulletin to get caught up. If you have questions about getting your story published, please contact Teresa Cernac at 971.291.7619 or via email at tretsas@gmail.com. Thank you and Go Right On Working!

Our offer of assistance with Installation of Officers, Degree Days, especially conferral of the Fifth Degree is ongoing, and we hope

DOES YOUR GRANGE NEED HELP?

Installation of Officers

Draping the Charter

The Oregon GROW Club offers these and more.

Degrees (1-4 and/or 5th)

Presenting the Flag

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

- Mark Noah, President 541.726.6106
- John Fine, Dist. 1 - 541.673.0369
- Steve Kroeker Dist. 2 - 541.974.1724
- Stacy Brown, Dist. 3 - 971.808.6431
- Vacant, Dist. 4
- Gail Wilson, Dist. 5 - 541.310.9655



GROW stands for Go Right On Working!!!

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 2	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange
Benton #36	Oct 19	10:30 AM	Hope Grange
Clackamas #1	Oct 26	9:30 AM	Springwater Grange
Columbia #18	Nov 2	10:00 AM	Warren Grange
Deschutes #25	Nov 9	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Oct 26	6:00 PM	Azalea Grange
Josephine #20	Nov 30	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Oct 13	10:00 AM	Walterville Grange
Lincoln #10	Nov 16	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Oct 12	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	Oct 10	6:00 PM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Wallowa #22	Oct 21	5:30 PM	Liberty Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 19	10:00 AM	Scholls Grange

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

MONTHLY ON ZOOM

Third Wednesdays at 8:30pm Eastern

<http://grange.biz/matters>

Meeting ID: 855 1677 0625

Passcode: Membership



Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director



Our new State President has asked me to remain as Legislative Director and I said I'd be delighted! There have been a few changes to the committee and there is potential for more. Mike Terry from Marys River Grange #685, Benton County, has agreed to be District 2 director and Dan Keeley, Maplewood Grange 662, Clackamas County, has agreed to be District 4 director. Don Kingsborough has agreed to stay on the committee in an at-large capacity. District 1 director Dean High remains on the committee. District 3 Eva Frost and District 5 Gail Wilson are each encouraging Grangers in their respective districts to consider participating on the Legislative Committee in their place. If you are interested please let one of us know. District 3 includes Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties. District 5 includes Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Willowa and Wheeler counties.

There will be 5 measures on the November ballot this year. We do not have a stated Grange policy on any of them, that I can determine.

Two, measures 115 and 116, were referred by the legislature. 115 would allow the legislature to impeach elected state executives, so

apparently that is not currently within the legislature's authority under our constitution. 116 would establish an Independent Public Service Compensation Commission to determine certain public officials' salaries. Apparently, such a commission was created in the 1980's but de-funded in 2008 and eliminated in 2017.

Of the remaining 3 measures, 117 to establish ranked-choice voting seems to have the highest profile. We have considered but not adopted resolutions in favor of ranked-choice voting in the past. The other two initiatives seem to be really specific and apparently made the ballot due to the deep pockets of supporters. 118 increases the corporate minimum tax, removes the current tax cap, and would distribute the increased revenue directly to Oregon residents. 119 is an oddly specific bit of proposed legislation dealing with labor relations in the cannabis industry.

Ballotpedia.org/Oregon_2024_ballot_measures seems to be a good source of information about these measures. I tend to look first at who supports and who opposes, and how much money they've each spent. As always, be an informed voter and cast your ballot!



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 23 @ 7 pm PDT
Wednesday December 11 @ 7 pm PDT
Where: Zoom

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

Contact: Legislative Director Mark Noah for login information
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Policies Due to Sunset In 2025

During the 2022 Oregon State Grange Convention the GO #4: Procedure for Sunsetting Policies was adopted.

Resolved: That sunsetting policies be printed in the Oregon State Grange Bulletin at least once within 12 months before they will expire, so that any Granger wishing to argue for retention of any of these policies will have plenty of opportunity to introduce a new resolution for consideration by their Grange and potentially forwarding to the delegates to the next Oregon State Grange convention for that purpose, and be it further

Resolved: That all Oregon State Grange policies due to sunset in a given year and not addressed by resolution at that year's delegate convention shall be deleted from the Oregon State Grange Legislative Policy Handbook.

Agriculture Farm Land and Forest Land Policy

Before application for **mining aggregate** can be approved on high-value farmland, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Water Resources should be required to examine the application and sign off on proposed mining operation that it will not impact agriculture operation and water rights on surrounding farms. **AG1.15**

Education

We believe that the net proceeds brought into Oregon by **Lotto America** should be distributed to the Oregon primary and secondary educational districts, thus lowering property taxes, and assuring the schools operating costs. We will also work toward school district allotments being distributed according to attendance, in addition to the present A.D.T. money, and that said districts lower their millage rates accordingly. **49.88, ED6.13**

Subjects Taught in School

The Oregon State Grange asks the State Board of Education to emphasize **civics education** at all levels of public education in Oregon, and 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**

Federal Affairs Postal Service

The Oregon State Grange asks that the USPS keep the **Gateway Postal Facility** in Springfield, Oregon open. **FA3A.15**

The Oregon State Grange request the U.S. Congress eliminate the requirement that USPS **pre-fund retiree insurance benefits** **FA3B.15**

Federal Monetary Affairs

The Oregon State Grange opposes non-transparent, non-amendable **fast-track trade pacts**, which do not allow open debate by our legislative bodies. **Ag3.15**

Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act
The Oregon State Grange wants Oregon's Federal Legislators to co-sponsor the federal "Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act" and include its

provisions in the Federal Farm bill. **FA2.13**

Executive Orders

The Oregon State Grange requests that the U.S. congress repeal the laws made by **Executive Orders**. If they will not so this, we request the Supreme Court, through judicial review, to rule against these Executive Orders becoming law. **FA2.15**

Financial Affairs Taxes – Establishment, Collection and Distribution

The Oregon State Grange supports the right of the county votes to set their own tax base. **LE6.15**

Health and Welfare Penalties for the Use and Sale of Illegal Drugs

The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes any **marijuana stores or dispensaries near a grange hall** using the same zoning distances as schools or playgrounds in each jurisdiction. **LE3.15**

Firearms

The Oregon State Grange supports the right of the people to **keep and bear arms**. The Oregon State Grange will not support any gun laws that infringe upon these rights. **LE1.15**

Crime, Victims of Crime, Criminal Sentences, and Parole

The Oregon State Grange advocates counseling for all family members until the guilt of innocence of the parent who is charged with child endangerment, sexual abuse, or kidnapping is determined. **HW2.15**

We encourage the Oregon Legislature to change the law so that records of **arrests not resulting in conviction shall only be available to law enforcement and officers of the court.** **LE1.15**

Insurance Insurance Coverage and Settlements

The Oregon State Grange believes that the medical insurance industry and Medicare insurance to change the rules and cover **acupuncture treatment** as a means to manage pain in all Americans **IN1.15**



Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers,

Why are Oregon Counties voting to Join Idaho?

The Greater Idaho movement, led by rural conservatives rather than radicals, has emerged as a significant political force in modern America. Utilizing grassroots activism and civic engagement, these unassuming individuals have made substantial strides in their cause.

In a recent update, Crook County in eastern Oregon has voted to explore secession and join Idaho, marking the 13th county to do so. Nearly half of Oregon's counties have entertained the "Greater Idaho" proposal since 2020, with only a handful rejecting it.

This movement aims to shift the state border 200 miles westward, reshaping the geography of both Oregon and Idaho. In just four years, the Greater Idaho movement has garnered national attention with its ambitious objectives.

The initiative is driven by the belief that the current Oregon-Idaho border no longer accurately represents the cultural divide in the region. Advocates argue that the eastern and western regions of Oregon differ significantly in climate, economy, culture, and politics, necessitating a reexamination of state boundaries.

Matt McCaw, Executive Director of Greater Idaho, highlights the stark cultural and political differences between eastern and western Oregon, particularly evident during the COVID-19 pandemic. He views the movement as a means to address political tensions and cater to the distinct needs of various regions.

Though the momentum behind Greater Idaho is intriguing, it faces substantial challenges, including approval from both states' legislatures and the U.S. Congress. Critics question the feasibility of the proposal and its potential to bridge rural-urban divides or exacerbate national polarization.

Nonetheless, the Greater Idaho movement forges ahead, sparking dialogues on representation, governance, and the future of American politics. Its persistence indicates that it will remain a significant issue in the days ahead, with its full implications yet to be realized.

Despite efforts to arrange a meeting with the Oregon Governor, progress has hit a roadblock. It appears that this will continue to be a contentious political matter in the upcoming legislative session. Stay tuned for updates as I provide you with any new developments.

Happy Trails

Garfield Makes Quilt for Veteran Causes



Garfield Grange, #317, Clackamas County continues to make and donate quilts to organizations that support veterans, and this means creating quilts specifically to serve the particular needs of the different groups. For example, the U.S. Veterans Hospital wants the donated quilts to be a specific size, and they want them to be in the color range of red, white, and blue fabrics.

The Grange purchases fabric and sewing supplies but they also welcome and depend upon donations of quilting fabric. The quilters can be contacted at garfieldskipaweek@gmail.com.

Policies Sunsetting In 2025 *continued*

Legislation Political Candidates, Ballot Measures, and Elections

The Oregon State Grange favors changing the **Electoral College** process to allow each US 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 US Senate be cast per the majority popular vote of the State. **LE6.01, LE1.15**

Veterans

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation requiring the VA to assume that any World War II veteran that presents with any symptom linked with mustard gas exposure to be approved for veteran's health benefits within 180 days of the Department of Veterans Affairs receiving application for health benefits dues to their exposure. **VT1.15**

Veterans

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Veteran's Day is fast approaching and many of you are making plans for special Veterans Breakfasts and Dinners at your Granges. As a Veteran, I would like to thank each and every one of you working on these projects. Even when we don't attend a Veterans Breakfast or Dinner, it lifts our spirits to see your flyers and online posts. Just knowing that you appreciate our service and our sacrifice makes a positive impact on us. The success of your event goes far beyond the number of people who come in to eat.

The Albany Veterans Day Parade on November 11 is the largest Veterans Day Parade west of the Mississippi. Participating in the Parade is a great way to show our Veterans that we value them. It is also a great way to make the public more aware of Grange.

We would like to have an Oregon State Grange entry in the Parade this year. We need one or more vehicles (*pickup trucks or classic cars*), drivers, and passengers to wave to the crowd. It would be excellent if we have volunteers who can walk ahead of the vehicles holding the Grange banner. Check in time for Parade entries is 8 am. The Parade begins at 11 am.

Registrations for the Parade must be in before the end of October, so if you are interested in helping, please contact me right away.

Another way to honor and serve our Veterans is by working on a local Veterans Stand Down. I'm very proud of the Lane County Granges that are a big part of the annual Lane County Stand Down. The Stand Down gives our Lane County Granges the opportunity to provide more than 300 local veterans with clothing, cold weather gear, and personal care items.

I would like to hear from Granges in other areas of Oregon who are helping with their local Stand Down. If you are involved with a Stand Down in your area, please send me an email and let me know what you are doing.

If you aren't currently involved with a local Stand Down, but you would like to be in the future, please contact me and I will do my best to track down a contact for your local Stand Down.

God Bless our Country that we so proudly served, and God bless you.

Linn County Veterans Day Parade

"Freedom: Continental Army to Space Force"
Monday ~ November 11th at 11am

The Oregon State Grange hopes have a presence in the parade. We need members and friends to step up to the plate in implementing this event.

There will be opportunities for both riders and walkers. Vehicles needed. If you would like to be involved, contact:

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Grangers Collect Coffee for Veterans



Above: Volunteers with the Department of Veteran Services gladly accept the donated coffee.

Lane County Granges donated 30 cans of coffee to the Veterans in Oregon on July 23, 2024. There was a special request from Tracy, the Volunteer Coordinator in Roseburg to provide coffee for the new Veterans Facility in North Bend, along with the Eugene Clinic and the Roseburg VA Hospital.

Lane County Granges that participated in donating were Ada #570, Creswell #496, Crow #450, Goshen #561, Irving #377, Jasper #532, London #937, Lowell #745, Spencer Creek #855, and Walterville #416.

Thank You Grangers for supporting Oregon's Veterans.

Oregon Junior Grangers



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OSG Junior Director

First of all, I would like to congratulate our Granges throughout the state. There are 42 Granges in 19 counties reporting Junior/Junior 1+ members. This year's annual State Junior Director report sent to National Grange shows we have 126 Junior/Junior 1+ members. That is an increase of 36 Juniors from the 2023 annual report or a gain in membership of 40%!!!

Secondly, thank you so much to Steve and Susie Kroeker, Peggy Jillson and Suzy Ramm for all of your information and support.

Since the last column, I have volunteered in the Douglas County Pomona Grange Booth at the Douglas County Fair and the State Grange Log Cabin at the Oregon State Fair. We had Junior 1+ members there too. At both of these events, I was delighted to see such enthusiasm from the visiting kids for the activities being offered. It wasn't just about getting a FREE something. The kids were really engaged in selecting just the right seeds to plant or piecing together a quilt. The coloring pages were great conversation starters as well. Several kids expressed interest in becoming a part of their local Grange, so I hope that your Granges reach out to youngsters in your area and that in turn translates into more Junior members again in the coming year.

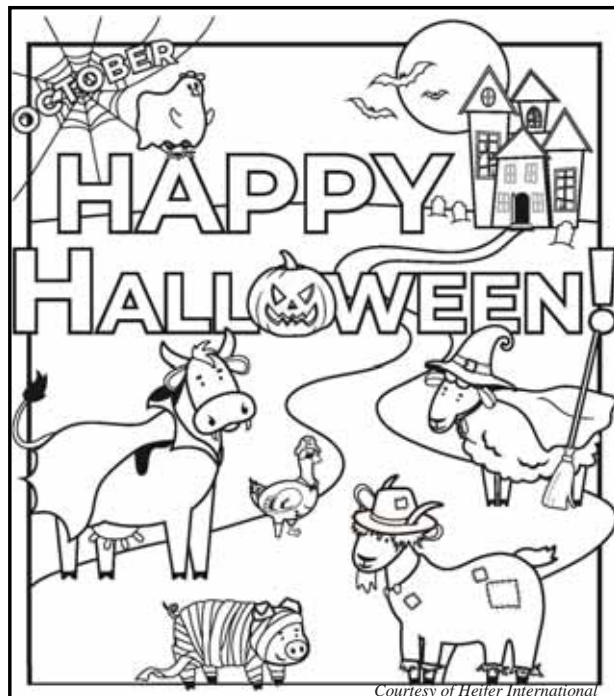
I just toured a wonderful facility that is excited to help us get a Junior Grange camp/weekend going. They are open year-round, so if we would like to take advantage of times be-

tween November to March, there is definitely room to negotiate better rates and/or bonus activities. It looks to be very well suited to accommodate Youth/Adult campers at the same time Juniors are there. I will pass on more updates and information as it becomes available. In the meantime, I will be sending out a survey to see what times are best to hold such an event and what areas of interest are most appealing to our Juniors.

I can't believe it's fall already and that also means the busy Holiday Season is just around the corner. Be sure to include your Juniors as much as possible. Juniors can be great helpers when it comes to set-ups, being go-fers, cleaning and tewardns. They also have great imaginations and ideas to contribute, take time to listen to them. Please send me and the Bulletin Editor pictures of Juniors participating in your Grange's events. They may be included in upcoming Bulletins.

Lastly, as things get more hectic, take a deep breath, and try to focus on what Dr. Alistair McAlpine found to be the most important things to terminally ill kids ages 4 to 9 yrs old:

- Be Kind
- Read more books (especially together)
- Spend time with your family
- Crack Jokes
- Go to the beach
- Hug your dog
- Tell that special someone you love them
- And eat ice cream!



Junior Grangers At State Fair

Several Granges had their Junior 1+ members help in the Log Cabin. While they may not be able to help visitors find a photo of their closest Grange hall, they bring excitement and enthusiasm to the Log Cabin and emphasize that the Grange is a family organization.



Above l-r: Vickie Thorp, OSG Junior Director; RaeyLynn Thorp, Roen Thorp, and Frank Thorp in front of the Log Cabin.

From Forest Grove Grange #282 in Washington County were Juniors Audri Brown, Tyson Brown, Astrid Clute, Magnus Clute, and Freya Clute. Juniors from Myrtle Creek Grange #442, Douglas County, were RaeyLynn Thorp and Roen Thorp. Rounding out the list were Ginny Ford from Terrebonne Grange #663 in Deschutes County and Riona McClain from Irving Grange #377 in Lane County. Thank you for sharing your Grange spirit in the Log Cabin.

Below l-r: The Forest Grove Grange group: Tyson Brown, Stacy Brown with Clayton, Margaret Clute, Audri Brown, Astrid Clute, Jeff Clute and Freya Clute.



PUMPKIN BREAD

This recipe makes 2 loaves.

<p>INGREDIENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 2/3 cup flour • 1 1/2 cup sugar • 1/2 tsp baking powder • 1 tsp baking soda • 3/4 tsp salt • 1/4 tsp cloves <p>INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Sift dry ingredients. 2 Stir in remaining ingredients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/2 tsp cinnamon • 1/2 cup soft shortening • 1 cup pumpkin • 1/3 cup water • 2 eggs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Line pans with parchment paper. 4 Bake at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes.
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Junior Granger Shows Lambs at Fair

Junior Granger, Ruthie Schultz, participated in the 4-H Sheep Show with her lambs at the Lane County fair July 24-28 in Eugene. She took home three blue ribbons. Ruthie has been a +1 Junior member of Goldson Grange #868 in Lane County since 2017.



R: Ruthie Schultz and one of her lambs in the show ring.



OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - May 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 11:15am. Members present were President Jay Sexton, Secretary Sarah Jenkins, Susan Noah, and Celia Fox. Vickie High and Steve Kroeker were absent.

Meeting minutes from prior meetings were reviewed and approved as amended. March 24th regular executive committee meeting and April 15th special meeting regarding staffing.

Financial Reports

- Loan and membership reports were reviewed. 2023 final membership count was 4658. With approximately half the first quarter reports submitted we are up 12 members. There are several Granges that are habitually late on their loan payments. Jay will have their county deputy reach out to check in with them and remind the Grange of their obligation.
- Scott Barker with Barker Wealth Management met with us from 12-12:30pm to provide a quarterly update on the Grange investment portfolio and discussion of current economic conditions. Investments in the first quarter gained 3.43%. Scott reviewed two funds that he recommends we transfer out of Blackrock Foreign Dividend Equity Fund and MetWest Bond Fund for their below average performance.
 - Sarah moved that we transfer the current balance from Blackrock foreign fund to Goldman Sachs International and MetWest Bond Fund to Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund per Scott's recommendations. Celia seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

- Capital Mall Memorial – No Progress
- Heritage Grant from State Historic Preservation Office. Relicura is the company chosen as the partner for this project.
- Oregon Farm Bureau Buyers Guide – Will see if we generate contacts from having our name and information linked in.
- Triangle Grange Property Correction. We received a

letter back from the school district regarding the property lines. Jay will meet with them next week.

- Water Heater upgrade - No action yet. Jay recommends an upgrade to the exterior lights to include motion detectors.
- Office staffing updates. Natalie Rogers was hired as of May 15th as our new part time communications specialist for social media, emails, and webpage updates. Steve is now the office assistant manager. Jay asked Sarah and Vickie to partner with Steve in hiring the other office position since they have management experience. Carol would like to continue as a deputy.
- 150 Year OSG honor plaque – no progress – July target
- 2024 Preferential Election Results were reviewed. There were no accepted nominations for Master/President, Assistant Steward, and Ceres. We will take nominations for those offices on the floor at the state convention and elect the officers for the 24-26 term.

Lunch break from 1-1:30pm

New Business

- Rural Minds is a nonprofit organization supporting mental health in rural America. May is mental health awareness month.
 - Celia moved to donate \$1,000 to Rural Minds from the DAFH invested funds. Sarah seconded, and the motion carried.
- State Convention Schedule Draft is almost complete. There will be workshops added to Saturday afternoon. Sarah and Natalie will work on promoting scheduled events on social media.
- Review OSG Budget for 2025. The budget committee of Jay Sexton, Susan Noah, and Paula Herrick met on 5/18 to prepare the budget. Sonny will present it to the delegates.
 - Susan moved to submit the budget, with amendments, to the delegates for final adoption. Sarah seconded and motion carried.
- Spence Scholarship Application. Five applications were reviewed. Phoebe Coen is the winner of the \$1,000 scholar-

ship. Emma Walsh is the runner up.

- OSG Audiovisual Hardware estimates were provided by Sonny related to optimizing the experience during state session, fair, meetings, and conferences. Audio digitization box (\$164), projector (\$399), associated cables (\$16) – Total estimate is around \$600. There was additional discussion around purchasing a laptop for use by directors and officers. We can discuss this again once we have a new President and director team based on their program planning.
 - Susan moved to purchase the audio digitization box, projector, and cables recommended by Sonny. Celia seconded and the motion carried.
- OSG Convention stage and risers. Tillamook County Fairgrounds has purchased additional risers after talking with Secretary Sarah Jenkins. She has been a volunteer with the fair for the last 10 years.
- The engagement committee has continued to meet and provide recommendations for enhancements to state session. They request up to \$400 again this year to provide welcome gifts and materials to engage first-time attendees.
 - Celia moved to all the engagement committee a budget of up to \$400 for state session. Susan sec-

onded and the motion carried.

- Resolutions assignment. 75 resolutions were assigned to committees.
- Susan Noah has agreed to take over as the bookkeeper. She will send a proposal to the Executive Committee for the financial agreement. Thank you to Celia for all your work these last several years!

Presidents Report

Jay provided a report on Granges that he has been working with on membership and recent visits.

Decisions made via email

- Entering to Agreement for Vale Grange Sale at \$200,000 with our right to continue to market and sell to another offer, with conditions.
- Sandlake Grange draw from custodial funds of \$3505.21.
 - Sarah moved to ratify decisions made via email since the last meeting. Celia seconded and the motion carried.

Next Meetings:

- June 1st 1pm at Irving Grange – State Officer Practice Degree and Entry
- June 15-20 Oregon State Grange Convention at Tillamook Fairgrounds

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

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Oregon State Grange Secretary

The Education Committee

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Fellow Grangers,

I wanted to continue the series of how the Department of Education implements new standards, but when I was trying to get information from the website, it was having issues.



I am going to cover another part of Civics and how

Grangers can help young people learn about Civics in Oregon. There is an organization called "Civics Learning Project" at civicslearning.org. Civics Learning Project is Oregon's leader in preparing students to become active, engaged, and informed participants in our democratic society. with things like

- Courthouse Experience Tours
- We the People: The Citizen & The Constitution
- Oregon High School Mock Trial
- Community Action Projects

(Project Citizen)

- Law Day Conference for Students
- Bob and Marilyn Ridgley Scholarship
- Volunteer for Student Programs

Two of the best ways to support Civics in all parts of Oregon is giving money to the organization, or better yet volunteering.

Also, if you want to support "Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom" then if you go to oregonaitc.org and choose the Get Involved open then donate menu item, one of the choices under the Gift Designation dropdown is "Get Oregonized Cases" for \$300.00 you can pay for a classroom to get a set of ten of the "Get Oregonized" books. It is one of the best ways to help this wonderful program.



It Was "Trees, Cheese and Ocean Breeze" in District 3



Above: Oregon Coast Children's Center for the Arts, Celebrating 34 years of bringing the arts to the children and Fairview Grange #273 where it makes its home, presented a "Dragonfly Steppingstone to the Oregon State Grange commemorating the 2024 Oregon State Grange Convention and to thank the Grange for choosing Tillamook for the convention.

Several activities were held at the Grange hall which was located less than a mile from the fairgrounds. The Youth held Movie Nights there, the Rosebud team practiced there when the main hall was in use, on Tuesday evening District 4 held their 2025 convention hosting committee dinner there and on Wednesday evening the G.R.O.W. Club held their annual dinner at the hall.

Presenting the steppingstone was Lawrence Adrian, Artistic Director/CEO of the Oregon Coast Children's Theatre to incoming OSG President Sonny Hays-Eberts and outgoing President Jay Sexton.

Below: Wednesday afternoon Past State President Susan Noah shared that Celia Fox is moving to New York to live closer to her daughter and grandkids. Susan expressed how much she would miss her as an officer of the Oregon State Grange. She has served as State Secretary from 1983-1993 when the State Secretary was a member of the staff. She also served as State Treasurer from 1994-1996, State Overseer from 2012-2018 and State EC #2 for 2022-2024. She was also State Junior Director from 2000-2004.

Celia has been an active member of the Oregon State Grange for most of her life, worked for the Grange for many years, and will be greatly missed. Previous to being State Secretary, she worked in the State Grange office and sat on the little red stool many times. She was gifted one to take with her.



Above: On Thursday morning just before convention broke for lunch and followed by the installation of the new officers, Steve Kroeger and Suzy Ramm, who both work in the State Grange office, presented outgoing State President Jay Sexton with a stuffed squirrel.

Jay's first official act as State President was to trap a squirrel in the OSG office. It had caused havoc in the office while the staff was gone for convention. In recognition of this event, they presented Brother Jay with a stuffed squirrel!

The squirrel spent the rest of the morning hanging out in Jay's blazer pocket.



R & below: Monday evening saw line dancing in the main hall and the game night in the dining room found Sonny Hays-Eberts, Mark Noah and Jim J. Dumolt playing cribbage.



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Sunnyridge Changes Meeting Place

Sunnyridge Grange #898, Lincoln County, has started meeting at the Toledo Public Library. They have also changed the time of their meeting to the second Thursday of the month with a 6:30pm potluck 7pm meeting.

Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

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

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