

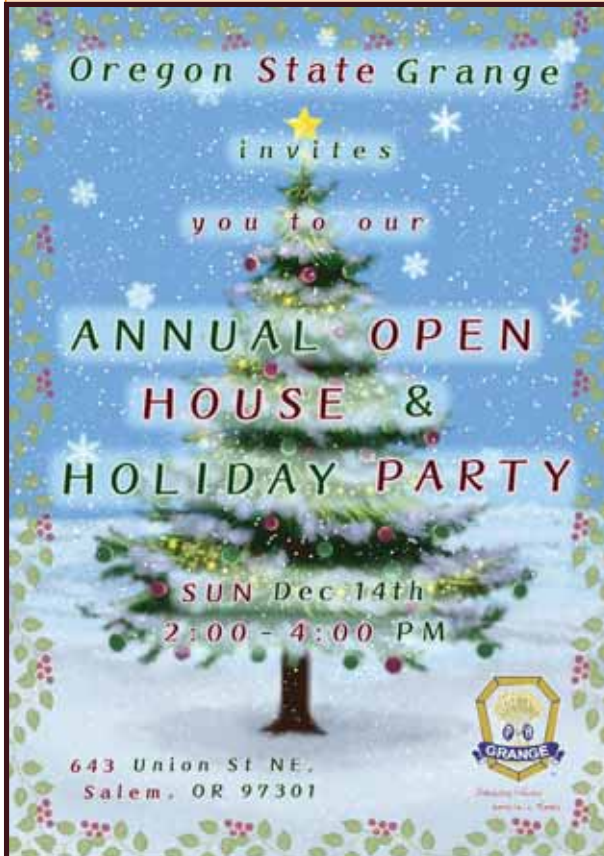


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## Do Not Forget – The National Grange Need Red, White, And YOU!

The National Grange is working on a mural project that highlights the strength of our fraternal network from coast to coast as we celebrate America's semiquincentennial!



The Bulletin Editor will be setup at the Leadership Conference on November

8 to take your photo. Just wear or bring a Red, White, or Blue shirt and your photo can be taken and submitted.

Not going to be in attendance? You can do it yourself. Just snap a headshot-style photo of you wearing Red, White, or Blue with a clean background and submit it online at <https://grange.biz/redwhiteyou> by December 4.

## 159<sup>th</sup> National Grange Annual Convention Happening Soon

The 159<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the National Grange is fast approaching and Oregon will be represented by Oregon's Past President Susan Noah, a member of the National Grange Executive Committee and the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee, and her husband Mark Noah, OSG Secretary. This year the convention is being held aboard a cruise ship which is leaving Miami on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Since the convention is happening at sea, the awards will be presented the following week virtually and streamed online on Facebook Live and the National Grange YouTube channel on Friday November 21 starting at 5:30 pm PST.

Oregon has the potential of being called out numerous times over

the evening in several categories. Four Oregon Community Granges: Redland #796, Marys River #685, Creswell #496, and Springwater #263 along with the Oregon State Grange and Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 have completed the Distinguished Grange application and recipients will be recognized that evening.

Oregonians and Oregon Granges also have entries in photograph, quilt blocks, garden design, Design-a-Program, and the Community Service Yearbook contest as well as others and the winners will be recognized on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

For details on the broadcast check the National Grange website [nationalgrange.org](http://nationalgrange.org) and the National Grange Facebook page.

## Mark Your Calendars! Leadership Conference Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

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

All Grangers are invited to attend. Please RSVP to the State Office president@orgrange.org or 503-316-0106. This workshop is the first, so it is a challenge to estimate the time. Lunch will be provided.

Topics include:

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

This workshop will be chocked-full of useful information for all, so plan to attend but please RSVP if coming.

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## The President's Column

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I want to focus on the upcoming Leadership and Operating a Grange conference, as I think it will be useful to a wide array of members of all levels of Grange experience. All members should find some value in this conference.

Are you new to the Grange and want to know how the Grange works? Is your Grange recently re-organized, and wondering what you need to do to be a Grange? Or perhaps, you're a long-time Granger and desire to understand more of the details about operating a Grange? No matter what level of Grange experience you have, I hope you can learn something new at the Leadership and Operating a Grange conference. Everyone is welcome, and I invite all who wish to attend.

The conference will be held November 8, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, with a break for a provided lunch, at Marys River Grange in Philomath at 24707 Grange Hall Road. In order to plan, we encourage anyone who wants to come to RSVP.

I have tried to make this as comprehensive as possible, so there will be something to learn for everyone. I'm also planning some interactive exercises to help attendees put what they learn into practice. The goal is to help members gain familiarity with the many issues involved in running a Grange, so this is not just for Presidents and Masters, it will be useful

for all members with an interest in Grange.

The conference is focused on seven different areas.

1. Leadership traits and qualities and how you can increase your leadership skills.
2. How to Run a Grange meeting. Formal or informal, there are some basic requirements. Also, how to streamline your meetings to be more effective.
3. Operations. What is involved in running a Grange outside of the meetings, and some of the infrequent meeting tasks, such as elections. From filing necessary paperwork to holding events, best practices for handling cash to insurance and using modern technology for record keeping, the goal is to provide information on what is needed to run a Grange.
4. Engagement. Recruiting new members is a frequent Grange topic, but engaging your members and getting them invested in your Grange is paramount to long term survival. Onboarding new members, making committees useful, empowering members and making sure they feel heard, acknowledged and useful will be covered.
5. Representing your Grange. From answering the question of what is your Grange and what does it do to interviews with news outlets and posting

on social media, the external face you put on your Grange will determine how your local community sees your Grange.

6. Additional Leadership Opportunities. Opportunities for seeking out leadership opportunities at the County (Pomona), State and National level will be presented.
7. Resources. Additional resources you may wish to consult to develop as a leader and assist your Grange.

This is just a brief synopsis of what will be covered, and will be useful to any Grange member wishing to gain a fuller understanding of how Granges operate and function. I hope it will be useful to all our members, and I encourage anyone wishing to learn about the Grange to attend and hope to see you there!

As summer ebbs and we transition into fall, I hope all our Granges reap the benefits of their hard work in their communities. May you enjoy the fruits of your labors.



### ADDITIONAL NOTICE

The Oregon State Grange has issued a Request for Proposals to supply 6,000 seedlings for Ag-Fest.

If you, or someone you know is interested, please have them contact Sonny at the State Grange Office, and we shall send the information needed to supply a proposal.

## Dues Increase. Bonding for Your Grange. Be Prepared

**DUES INCREASE!** Please be aware that in 2026, the dues payable to the Oregon State Grange will rise from \$50 to \$56. This is caused by a \$6 increase in what we must pay the National Grange per member and may require updates to your Grange's bylaws if your dues are specifically stated. If your Grange must change your bylaws, consider changing them to be something akin to 'Dues at [Insert Name Here] Grange are the cost of State Grange dues, plus \$X' so that in the future, the dues will automatically change when State or National dues change.

**BONDING!** Last year the National Grange changed the deadline for bonding payments, and several Oregon Granges missed the deadline. We will be sending out information with third quarter reports, but please be aware, we must receive your Grange's paperwork and payment by November 15 in order to meet the National Grange deadline of December 1. Please also be aware that if your Grange has had

bonding from the National Grange in the past, and failed to meet last year's deadline, your Grange is not eligible to use the National Grange bonding for three years. If you need

assistance locating another bonding agent, please contact the State Office. According to the National Grange Digest, bonding is required of all Granges.

**We need  
 Red, White, and YOU!**

Join in on the National Grange's campaign to  
 showcase our members as we celebrate America's  
 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2026!

Submit photos of yourself wearing red, white, or blue  
 to:  
<https://grange.biz/redwhiteyou>  
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## The Lecturer's Column

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*This issue's article is an entry written by Teresa Cernac, that was received for the "My Grange Story" notebook, a new Lecturer's program to encourage Grangers to share their experiences with the Grange. I urge everyone to share their story next year at State Convention to be included in the notebook.*

My "Grange Story" starts in the early 1960's. My parents, deciding that they did not want to raise their family 'in the city', moved out of the booming metropolis of Scappoose (seriously having about 700 people at the time) to the community of Chapman. I was almost 6 when I joined Chapman Junior Grange #261. We had some of the best Junior Grange Matrons; Laurel Mollenhour, Ada Helen Fildes and my mom (Carol Cernac). We competed in statewide drill team competitions and always put entries in the Junior contests at State Grange Session. One of my favorites was a seed picture of a squirrel. Competition was encouraged with the JG Badges, and I was so proud when I earned my Super JG Pin. State Junior Grange Camp at Skyline Lodge just outside of Bend was a major event, and I got to attend twice. The week started with stuffing your own bunk's ticking with hay and ended with a dance on Friday night. I held many offices for the Chapman Junior Grange, but it was the year before I graduated to subordinate that I got elected to Master.

In 1972 the Oregon State Grange youth fall conference was held at Chapman Grange #788. We had so many visitors, including the Grants Pass Cavemen! I was kid-napped; along with a couple other girls and ransomed to raise money for the Youth Travel Fund. Since 1973 I've missed only 2 State Sessions. The Youth of Oregon were very active during this time, and the Spring and Fall Conferences were held around the state at various Grange Halls. Sleeping bags on floors, flag raisings, kangaroo courts, lots and lots of marching; a highlight when Dale and Candy lead the lines while Gary Force played piano. Gary didn't play piano like anyone else; he and the piano had a party while we marched around the hall doing inverted corners, wheels, serpentine circles, and so much more. Chinese fire drills, playing spoons (it's a card game) until way after midnight, and "Granging in the Kitchen". Involvement with the Youth Officer Team was another State Session highlight. I held several offices during my 'youth'; my favorite was Lady Assistant Steward. There was a lot of competition for the honors

earned through the Youth Program at State Grange. I compiled a beautiful notebook and won the honor of representing Oregon at National Grange as Oregon's Outstanding Young Granger in 1977.

I traveled all over Oregon with my mom popping up at Pomona meetings with my pretty green OYG sash. That year I was among a large group from Oregon who trekked to the Regional Youth Conference in Redding, CA. Soon after regionals in August, I attended California's State session in San Jose (my first ever air travel). Then on to National Grange: where this 19 year-old from Scappoose flew to Atlanta, GA then to Greensboro, NC. Oregon didn't have an OYG male, so I walked with David Jones from Tennessee during the formal crowning event. My flight home was delayed, but even so, when I landed in Portland after midnight there were a dozen Columbia County Grange members waiting there to welcome me home with roses and hugs.

Those were the days when hosting State Session was 'won' by a vote of the attendees of the prior session. Pomonas would vie for the honor of hosting with elaborate parades and invitations for local dignitaries. During this era Columbia Pomona #18 'won' in 1982 and 1995. In 1982 I was in the Rosebud Drill for Sixth degree; we had Neon Pink hooped skirts and white lace parasols. Our coaches were the best. When Chapman #788 closed in the 1980's I transferred my life membership to Warren #536.

It was about this time that I served 12 years as Columbia Pomona Master. When Carol Hales handed me the gavel upon installation, I never dreamed it would be over a decade. I've been a member of the State Grange Youth, Community Service, Lecturer's and GWA committees, as well as helping with Progress, Elections and occasionally resolution reader during session I co-chaired the National Grange Convention

## It was a Murder Mystery at Creswell

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, co-hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner event with the Creswell Museum to help them raise funds for a new roof. Creswell members helped prepare and served a pasta meal, provided the space and one of their members wrote the script. After eating everyone walked to the museum where someone died. Several members were actors. Everyone gathered clues at the museum and then walked back to the Grange for dessert and to puzzle out the murderer or murderess.



Above: The audience figuring out who done it and fans were appreciated.



Above: State Lecturer, Susie Kroeker, leads a presentation on drawing animals.

held in Portland in 2002 and the State Session in Seaside in 2010. I also served on the Oregon State Grange Foundation for 2 terms.

Being involved in Grange over the years I have made many friends, some of whom were like extended family. I count Carol Hales and John Fine as mentors who never let me forget that they were in my corner, believing in me and always there with the tough love and

hugs when I needed them. The list of mentors is short, but the list of supporters is long and the list of friends and 'family' even longer.

To be continued...as my parents would say "God willin' and the creed don't rise".

*Submitted by Teresa Cernac, 50 year Grange member as of 2023. (Junior Grange years don't count).*



# Save the Date

## National Grange Honors Night

- ★ Grange Hall of Fame induction
- ★ Celebration of Remembrance
- ★ Departmental Awards

for the 2024-2025 Grange Year

**November 21, 2025**

**8:30pm ET / 5:30pm PT**

to be held virtually  
and streamed online





## The Chaplain's Corner

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## Positive Thinking in Faith

### Cultivating a Hopeful Mindset Rooted in Belief

Positive thinking is more than simply wishing for good outcomes, it's a mindset that shapes our expectations, reactions, and experiences. When combined with faith, positive thinking becomes a powerful force that influences not only our emotional health but also our spiritual journey.

Positive thinking involves focusing on solutions rather than problems, hoping for the best even in challenging times, and maintaining gratitude for the blessings in life. In the realm of faith, positive thinking is closely tied to trust in a higher power. It is the assurance that, regardless of circumstances, there is a plan and purpose that transcends our understanding.

Faith provides a solid foundation for positive thinking. Many spiritual traditions encourage believers to "walk by faith, not by sight," emphasizing trust in the unseen and the unknown. When faith is strong, it becomes easier to adopt a positive outlook, even when facing uncertainty or adversity. Faith reassures us that we are not alone and that challenges can serve as opportunities for growth and deeper trust in a higher power.

### Practical Ways to Foster Positive Thinking in Faith

1. Practice Gratitude: Start

each day by listing things you are thankful for. This simple act shifts focus from what is lacking to what is abundant.

2. Meditate and Pray: Spend time in meditation or prayer, seeking peace and guidance. These practices help center the mind and reinforce trust in a higher power.
3. Surround Yourself with Encouragement: Engage with supportive communities, read inspiring texts, and listen to uplifting messages that reinforce faith and positivity.
4. Challenge Negative Thoughts: When faced with doubts or pessimism, counter them with affirmations rooted in faith. Remind yourself of past experiences where faith carried you through.
5. Serve Others: Acts of kindness and service can shift attention from personal challenges to the joys of helping others, creating a cycle of positivity.

Positive thinking in faith is not about ignoring hardships or pretending everything is perfect. Rather, it is about choosing hope over despair, trust over fear, and gratitude over resentment. By nurturing a positive mindset grounded in faith, individuals can experience greater peace, resilience, and joy—no matter what life brings.

## In Memoriam

Tracie deBoer  
Lorane #54

Ronald Fletcher  
Beaver Homes #518

John Garbini  
Lorane #54

Franklin Jones  
Columbia #867

Linda Jude  
Lorane #54



*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.*

## Grange Hosts Cemetery Association

The Fair Grove Historical Cemetery Association was hosted by Ada Grange # 570, Lane County, for the association's annual potluck and meeting again this year. Grange members Sharon Day and Darlene Jorgeson helped on clean-up day at the cemetery prior to the meeting. The cemetery is located about a mile from the Grange hall.



Right: Darlene Jorgenson cleaning up in the cemetery.

Below: Joy McChord, Sharon Day, Darlene Jorgenson look at the cemetery display at the Grange hall.



## Granges and Grangers In Chief Joseph Days Parade in July

This year's Chief Joseph Days parade had several nods to the Grange. First up were the 2025 Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Grand Marshals, Don, and Sandy Mallory. The Mallorys are members of North End Grange #820, located in the north corner of Oregon. They joined the Grange in 1987 and have been active members, holding many offices including Master and Secretary.

members riding along. And out on the street carrying the Grange banner were Elvaree Fine and Micaela Kennedy.



Above: 2025 Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Grand Marshals Don and Sandy Mallory, members of North End Grange #820.

Riding in a car in the parade was Derrell and Clarann Witty. The Wittys are celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays this fall. They are members of Hurricane Creek Grange and also joined the Grange in 1987.

Driving a pickup with a decorated trailer was David McBride, with many other Hurricane Creek Grange



Above: Derrell and Clarann Witty, Hurricane Creek Grange #608 members riding in a car with a banner celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

R: David McBride driving the pickup towing the Hurricane Creek Grange's float with Grange members on it in the Chief Joseph Days parade.



## Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Hello Grangers and welcome back!

A big thank you to all of you who came to visit us at the Log Cabin during the Oregon State Fair. It was great to see you, and if you were not able to make it up to Salem, but you would like to request a finger knitting kit for your child's classroom, please let me know. Our committee would be happy to make one.

Today, as I sit here writing, it is bright and sunny and 74 degrees outside, but by the time you read this fall will have spread its shadow and it will be time to settle in for winter. On that note, one topic I'd like you all to keep in mind, as you stoke the fires and close the windows, is your indoor air quality. Typically, when we think of air pollution we think of outside air, maybe even big cities with lots of traffic, but for the majority of us, indoor pollution may pose a much greater threat.

Indoor air pollution (IAP) refers to air contaminants within buildings and structures. IAP can have a significant impact on human health, causing respiratory problems, allergies, headaches, even cancer. It is especially problematic for people who spend a great deal of time indoors (like older adults and children) and in parts of the country where homes are shut up during cold months to conserve heat.

IAP is caused by a number of sources including:

*Combustion sources or burning fuels*, such as wood, oil, gas, and kerosene.

*Biological contaminants* such as, mold, mildew, bacteria, viruses, and pet dander.

*Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)*, chemicals released from building materials, carpets, furniture, cleaning products and some aerosols.

*Particulate matter* such as dust, pollen, smoke, secondhand smoke, and asbestos.

*Radon*, a radioactive gas caused by the decomposition of volcanic rocks. This gas can seep up and into homes from rocks buried underground.

*Carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide*, both can be released from unventilated or poorly ventilated appliances, furnaces, stoves, and fireplaces. [1,2]

Some of us may have trouble picturing these sources as potentially dangerous, but the truth is that

few of our creature comforts come without a cost. According to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), figures from 2020 show that 83,000 households, or 5% of Oregonians burn wood for heat. The number is significantly higher, up to 15%, in rural households.[3] This combined with higher cancer rates in rural households, puts wood burning in a new light.

Like wood burning, tobacco use is also higher in rural populations. From 2014 to 2017, rural rates of tobacco product use in Oregon were 21% of adult vs. 15.4% in urban areas. [4] Public health refers to this as intersectionality, where the effects of multiple health factors are at work, causing increased effects.

Luckily, we are not without recourse. There are several steps you can take to improve your indoor air quality including:

1. Test for radon.
2. Reduce asthma triggers.
3. Clean up and prevent mold by controlling moisture.
4. Install carbon dioxide detectors.
5. Use and maintain a ventilation system.
6. Properly vent all combustion appliances.
7. Ensure that your home has proper ventilation.
8. Use high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters.
9. Take shoes off inside and dust and mop frequently.
10. Avoid using scented products like air fresheners and avoid burning scented candles. [4]

Additionally, for those of us that live in the Pacific Northwest, fire season adds another dimension to indoor air quality. Wildfires release fine and harmful particles and gases that infiltrate homes and compromise indoor air quality. These particles and gases can enter your home through open doors and windows, by mechanical ventilation (when you use your bathroom and kitchen fans, and HVAC systems) and by infiltration through small openings, cracks, and unsealed joints. [2]

To improve indoor air quality during fire season, close doors, and windows. Use an air purifier with a HEPA filter and contact an HVAC professional to analyze and possibly upgrade your home's HVAC system to a MERV 13 or higher filter. [4] Also, reset your system to recirculate mode instead of drawing in 'fresh' outside air.

I hope you all stay safe and healthy this fall. If you would like to make

## The Education Committee

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The link included in the article is for an article from Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) that analyzes the effects of the federal tax cuts on Oregon's tax revenue in the general fund. Any cuts in the general fund would also affect Oregon K-12 schools.

<https://www.osba.org/oregon-revenue-report-serves-as-education-wake-up-call/>

On Monday September 25th I was the day captain at the Grange Log

Cabin at the state fair and this year we had demonstrations at the cabin. The Education committee had Joys of Living Assistance Dogs visit the cabin. Their mission is "Providing skilled, devoted companions to support and assist veterans, first responders, and others with disabilities, creating cohesive teams focused on building a life of greater freedom and independence." Their website is <https://www.joydogs.org/> Please visit their site and see the good work they do and how you might be able to help them.



Right: Volunteer Judy Fromherz talks with visitors at the Log Cabin about the Joys of Living Assistance Dogs.

Below: Volunteer Mandy Aird oversees visitors petting one of the Joys of Living dogs.



this fall. If you would like to make some of the home improvements mentioned in this article and you can't afford it, you might be able to get some financial help. Check with your local city or county offices to see if you qualify for the USDA Section 504 Home Repair program for low-income seniors, or the Oregon Healthy Homes Grant Program.

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## Foundation to Reward Granges for Collecting Blood

The Oregon State Grange Foundation (OSGF) is providing a way for Granges to both help with the critical need for blood and make a little money for your Grange. The Foundation at its board meeting on May 31, 2025, adopted a new project "Bloodmobiles and Blood Donations." The goal is to increase the number of Granges sponsoring blood drives and to increase the number of people that show up to donate

blood which should increase the amount of blood donated. Program is open to all Subordinate/Community Granges and Pomona Granges that hold blood drives.



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OSGF will pay \$25 per blood drive for the first two blood drives hosted by a Grange in the program year; **June 1, 2025-May 31, 2026**, plus \$.50 per pint collected at these blood drives. You must complete the form and attach proof of units collected provided by the organization that gets the blood collected. This can be the American Red Cross, Bloodwork's Northwest, or your local blood bank.

Reports will be due **June 10, 2026**. Only Granges that report by the deadline are guaranteed funds. Report forms were given out at the annual meeting of the foundation on June 22, 2025, are available on the Foundation page of the OSG website or can be requested by email to [foundation@orgrange.org](mailto:foundation@orgrange.org).



## Spring Cruise In Annual Car Show

On Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Goldson Grange presented its Annual Car Show, "Spring Cruise In."

Classic car enthusiasts rolled through the gates of Goldson Grange on a fine Saturday morning in June. From the vintage autos to contemporary, there were cars of many makes and models, shined and polished for this special day. Proud owners were available to talk their rides up and answer any questions.

Lots of folks came by to enjoy the cars and also purchased raffle tickets for the many prizes offered. This year featured a quilt created by Bonnie Irwin, of an old school pickup truck. Record numbers of raffles

were purchased and many wonderful prizes handed out.

As always, the BBQ was a huge success, and no one went hungry or unsatisfied. People coming inside for cold drinks and food is always a great opportunity for talking with Grange members and offering their ideas and gratitude.

It was a full day of fun, food, great weather and great car eye candy. Goldson Grange appreciates the neighbors coming by to help them set-up for the car show and all of the sponsors who donated items for the raffle.

See you all next year!



*Gold level Honor Granges receiving their awards.*

## 2024 Honor Grange Awards

The 2024 Honor Grange Awards were present Saturday evening at the Kickoff Banquet at the State Convention in June.

### Gold Level

Ada #570, Lane County  
Creswell #496, Lane County  
Goshen #561, Lane County  
Marys River #685, Benton County  
Redland #796, Clackamas County

### Silver Level

Eagle Creek #297, Clackamas County  
Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Lane County  
Spencer Creek #855, Lane County

### Bronze Level

Abernathy #346, Clackamas County  
Molalla #310, Clackamas County  
Morning Star #311, Linn County  
Santa Clara #746, Lane County  
Springwater #263, Clackamas County



*Silver level Honor Granges receiving their awards.*

*Below: Bronze level Honor Granges receiving their awards.*



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



## Pleasant Grove Plans Chili Cook-off

On October 25<sup>th</sup> Pleasant Grove Grange #475, Union County, will hold the Grange's popular Chili Cook-off, cider press, with dessert and silent auction. This is their big fund raiser for the year and it never disappoints. All desserts are made

by the Grange members and silent auction offerings are donated by the very generous businesses throughout the valley.

A local professional auctioneer volunteers to provide a lively and entertaining auction. With his humor and skill some of those homemade pies can fetch triple digits toward the support of the Grange.

All community and Grange members are encouraged to attend and bring their own apples and jugs to return home with their own fresh cider.



## There Were Grange Pies at Hells Canyon Mule Days

Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, sold pie at the 44th Annual Hells Canyon Mule

Days September 5-7 in Enterprise. This annual event draws mule owners and spectators intrigued by the long-eared equine from all over the West. The Grange offered pie by-the-slice with or without ice cream along with whole pies.



Above: Visitors enjoying a slice of pie.

Below: A variety of homemade pies served by Hurricane Creek Grange.



## High Tea at Goldson Grange

High tea is a British custom. It's recorded that in the middle of a raging battle the British and French would break for tea, and rightfully so, a tea break is the perfect combatant against the stresses of everyday life. It provides an instant, when nothing else matters, calming and refreshing the mind, body and soul.

Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, laid out the red carpet for the queen, but she couldn't make it. All attendees were dressed to the nines, and the room elegantly decorated. No doily or lacey tablecloth was spared. Goldson Grange members

were absolutely thrilled to present their second annual Tea Party on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

They served a variety of tea sandwiches, and a plethora of goodies to delight all. It was great to see so many ladies and a smattering of gentlemen, laughing, chatting and sharing an afternoon together.

Goldson Grange will host another High Tea next May so mark your calendars and keep your eyes open on social media for the announcement. It is a free event, and everyone reports enjoying it immensely.



## GWA

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Sigh, it's the end of summer and each year I have a hard time letting go of the really warm nights, the long daylight hours and having summer corn grilled outdoors! But I guess the coming fall leaves that turn the outdoors into a wonderful painted backdrop, the pumpkin pies, and the family get togethers at Thanksgiving and Christmas more than make up for the loss of those summer days!

For the GWA committee the looming fall days were the sign that we needed to get together to get started on our program for next year. We are making a few more changes to our catalog of contest items and in so doing hope to entice a few more members to show off their skills by entering their handiwork.

I also wanted to report on the food drive the GWA spearheaded at State Session. We collected 367 lbs. of food that went to the Marion-Polk Food Share, near the State Headquarters and we collected \$670 dollars that was sent to the Oregon Food Bank. Donations came in from all over the state and I'm sure that some Granges donated directly to their local food bank, which was suggested for those Granges who did not wish to bring items to state convention. The point of all of this is that no matter how large or small of a donation we make, all of it is needed, especially now that food banks are losing funding from other areas. I hope that each of our Granges consider this need when planning their year and their community service projects. Making

sure that our communities have the food resources they need is an important and worthwhile goal for our Community or Pomona Granges and goes hand in hand with the National Grange Project Sustenance.

At our meeting Annette Naylor of district #4 reported that the Dog and Cat items donated via Bailey's Good Dog Contest and the Here Kitty Gift Bags have been donated to the Pixie Project in Portland. The Pixie Project is a non-profit animal adoption center and rescue. They offer a variety of services to the public including but not limited to adoption services, pet owner education and support and low cost and free spay and neuter and veterinary services for homeless and low-income pet owners. Many of their animals come from either over-crowded county shelters or rescues located in rural parts of Oregon. By bringing them to Portland they provide maximum visibility to potential adopters.



She also reported that the pillowcases for Veterans were taken to Veterans Village in Clackamas County.

I love that following each state session some of our GWA contest items are donated to help others!

Have a great Halloween and a wonderful Thanksgiving, full of family, food, and fun!



R: John DeHaas showing off bees and honey.

Below - l-r: Louise McClure, Susan Noah, Martin McClure and Carolin Pettit with the bee information table at the OSG Log Cabin at the Oregon State Fair.





## Oregon Junior Grangers

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OSG Junior Director



Does anybody else feel like they blinked just once or twice, and summer was gone?

From our State Session in Corbett to the Log Cabin at the State Fair there were so many great Grange events happening all summer long.

Junior Day at the Log Cabin was Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. The weather had cooled down some and according to one of the shuttle drivers, it was the busiest day of the fair up until then. I brought cotton totes with pre-printed designs on both sides to color with fabric markers as the day's activity for our visitors. Fifty-one people took part in the activity throughout the day and gave us more time to interact with them one on one. We really tried to get most visitors to sign the Log Cabin guest book and at the end of the day the number of visitors in the book totaled 309. I think we probably missed at least another 75 that would add to our total. I would really like to thank my volunteers for the day: Dean Kieling, Jessica of Rickreall, Letita Brown, John DeHaas, Tracy Metzker, Joanie Helms, Trena Worthington, Lynn Gadberry and RaeyLynn Thorp. What a terrific group of Grangers!!!

For me the biggest take-away this



## Granger Grows Tomatoes

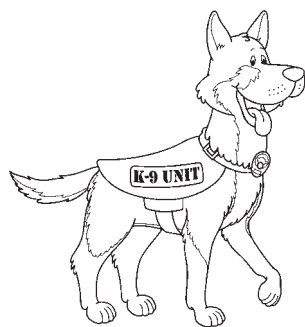


summer is, that even if it hasn't meant an increase in membership just yet, there are a large number of people in our communities that truly appreciate all that our Granges are doing to bring family-friendly activities and good works projects for them to participate in. The two most frequent comments were "I remember the Grange growing up and I really need to do more with the Grange again." and "This is exactly the type of thing I have been looking for." The last remark came from folks aged 45 to 60 and young families in almost equal numbers. Grange fits for all ages and we just need to keep talking to everyone about who we are and what we do, and we will have those new members.

As fall and the holiday season arrive, please remember to include your Junior members. Ask them to pitch in and help out in any way they can. Get them to make a special card/gift for shut-ins, veterans, etc. Have them perform for your Grange programs. Do a fund-raiser so they can shop for a child's name on an Angel Tree this Christmas. Encourage them to invite their friends and classmates to the Grange events. There are so many ways to be sure Juniors know how important they are to our organization and that they are heard and appreciated.

Lisa Olsen, a member of Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, delivered in August the first of many tomatoes to the free produce table at the Creswell Library. Lisa planted a small garden spot alongside the Grange hall and all the produce will be donated to the citizens of Creswell.

*L: Lisa Olsen delivering tomatoes to the library.*



## Ada Grange Collecting Monetary Donations for K-9s

On Jan 11th, the Lane Pomona Grange voted in favor of fund-raising contest for the Lane County Sheriff's K-9 and their K-9 Search & Rescue programs. This is a contest between the Lane County Granges. Lane, like most counties, depend solely on donations for their K-9's In Blue and Search and Rescue programs.



*L-r: Sunnyside Lecturer Maryanne Hanks and her children Bridget, Colin, Christine and Arianna with Sunnyside Grange President Sandi Ludi.*

## Sunnyside Welcomes Junior Members

On July 10<sup>th</sup> Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County, welcomed four new Junior Grange members. Joining were Colin, Bridget, Christine and Arianna Hanks. They are the children of Maryanne

and Cody Hanks and grandchildren of Kathy and Lou Hekking, all members of Sunnyside Grange. They are the youngest of the fifth generation of their family to join the Grange.

## Junior Grange Activity Sheet



Results of the contest will be announced at the October Lane Pomona meeting.

*R: Ada Grange #570 has a display at their Grange with a flyer explaining the program, a Milk Bones container for donations and a K-9 Bruno "stuffed."*



## 2025 Oregon State Grange Scholarship Recipients



### Charles E Spense Scholarship Oregon State Grange

Given in memory of Past Oregon State Grange President, Charles Spence, a member of Beavercreek 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 2025 recipient of a \$1000 scholarship is Laura Coen of Marys River Grange who is working on her Master of Art in Teaching at Western Oregon University.

Application deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.



### Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Scholarship Oregon State Grange Foundation

The "Muzzy" scholarship was established to honor the memory of Marcel Mandel, a member of Sherwood Grange. 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.

In 2025 two scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each were awarded. Recipients were:

Kaylee Falleur is a 2023 graduate of Astoria High School and her grandparents, Don and Bonnie Fisher are members of Olney Grange #793. She is majoring in Agricultural Entrepreneurship with a minor in Economics at Eastern Oregon State University.



### Grange Workers Activities Scholarship Oregon State Grange GWA

Given to an Oregon Grange member, who by September 1<sup>st</sup> will have completed at least one year of college, business school, nurses training, or vocational education.

This year two \$750 scholarships were given; the first to Odessa Ables of Sauvies Island Grange #840, who will be majoring in livestock sciences at Oklahoma State University.



### Malcolm Trupp Memorial Vocational Scholarship Oregon State Grange Foundation

Given in memory of Past Oregon State Grange Foundation President, Malcolm Trupp, a member of Spencer Creek Grange in Lane County. An applicant must be a Grange member or a child or grandchild of an Oregon Grange member. The award is a minimum of \$500 per year for enrollment in a community college or a vocational school only.

This year a \$500 scholarship was awarded to Grant Schaffer, the grandchild of Michelle and Arnold Schaffer, members of Siletz Valley Grange #558.

Grant plans to study Fire Suppression at Chemeketa Community College then work towards his paramedic license.

Application deadline for 2026 is May 1<sup>st</sup>.



### Louise Angela Holst Memorial Scholarship Oregon State Grange Foundation

Established in memorial 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 and between the ages of 16-40 years of age to enrollment in a 2-4 year college or a vocational school.

The 2025 recipient is Annalyn Drudis-Swainson a member of Redland Grange #796 who is working on a double major in English and Creative Writing with a minor in Psychology at Oregon State University. She was also the recipient of the Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Scholarship.

Application deadline for 2026 is May 1<sup>st</sup>.



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

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 are a minimum of \$500.

For 2025 a \$2000 scholarship was awarded to Cortlan Souders who was attending Mount Hood Community College.

Cortlan will be attending Northwest College of Art at Willamette University in Portland majoring in Art – Illustration this fall.

Cortlan is the son of Springwater Grange officers Vernon and Kathleen Souders.

## Oregon Granges Award 2025 Scholarships



### Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by  
**Deer Island Grange  
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 2025 recipient is Ava Vetsch from Scappoose High School. She will major in Education and Learning with the goal of becoming an elementary school teacher at Pacific University.

Scholarship applications for 2026 will be available from Columbia County High School counselors by November 1st, 2025.



### Pleasant Grove Grange Foundation 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 2025 recipient was: Sierra Dennis who plans to attend the Paul Mitchell Esthetician Program.



### Sunnydale Grange #877 Scholarship 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:

Kaitlynn Ramos, who graduated from Yoncalla High School. Her future plans are to attend a commu-



nity college while taking some pre-med classes, then transferring to a four-year college to get a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.

Ashlyn McDaniel graduated from North Douglas High school in Drain. She has signed up for the nursing program at Umpqua Community College.



L-r: Ada members Linda Pugh, Megan Schofield, and Heather Elliott presented three Harley Sr. & Betty Huff Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to Siuslaw Seniors Macy McNeill, Storm Engel, and Addison McNeill.

### 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.

This was Ada's 32nd year, providing scholarships to local students.

The 2025 recipients from Siuslaw High School were: Macy McNeill, Storm Engel, and Addison McNeill



### Lookingglass Grange #927 Scholarship Douglas County

Lookingglass Grange awarded two \$1000 scholarship this year. These scholarships are 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.

The first recipient was Ila Sabin of Camas Valley Charter School. She will be attending George Fox Uni-

versity in Newberg, and complete pre-vet courses while majoring in biology, upon graduation to become a large animal veterinarian to help with the shortage of qualified doctors in rural areas.

The second recipient was Isaac Chandler who graduated from Yoncalla High School and had previously attended Camas Valley Charter School. He plans to attend Umpqua Community College to receive a certificate in mechatronics, moving on to a future engineering degree.



## Oregon Granges Award 2025 Scholarships



L-r: Tan Forney, Odessa Abeles, Amelia Nelson, and Amber Powell

### Sauvies Island Grange Memorial Scholarship Fund Multnomah County

Established in 1981 by the Sauvies Island Grange Women's Activity Club, now known as Grange Workers Activities (GWA), is dedicated to the memory of Edna Graf. Edna was an ardent Grange member and unofficial greeter to newcomers on the Island and 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.

2025 saw four scholarships awarded for a total of \$5000.

- Tan Forney was awarded \$1,000.00 and will be majoring in mechanical engineering at Penn State.
- Odessa Abeles was awarded \$2,000.00 and will be majoring in livestock sciences plus Equine Certification at Oklahoma State University.
- Amelia Nelson was awarded \$1,000.00 and will be majoring in architecture at the University of Oregon
- Amber Powell was awarded \$1,000.00 continuing work on a Master's in Public Health at Portland State University/OHSU school of public health.



### Charlie Bowser Memorial Scholarship Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 Clackamas County

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 or grandchild of a Grange member of a community Grange in Clackamas County.

This year three scholarships totaling \$2000 were awarded. A \$750 scholarship

was given to Emma Walsh. She and her family are members of Molalla Grange #310. Emma is majoring in Biology at Oregon State University.

A \$750 scholarship was given to Emmersyn Bernhard. She and her family are members of Sunnyside Grange #842. Emmersyn will be majoring in Finance at Oregon State University.

A \$500 scholarship was given to Cortlan Souders, whose parents are members of Springwater Grange #263.

Cortlan will be attending Northwest College of Art at Willamette University majoring in Art – Illustration.

Application deadline for 2026 is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

<b>October 31</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report due to the state Grange office.
<b>November/December/January</b>	Nomination of Oregon State Grange officers in Subordinate/Community Granges.
<b>November 8</b>	Leadership Conference 9:30am-4:30pm Marys River Grange #685 Philomath. Please RSVP
<b>November 8-15</b>	159 <sup>th</sup> National Grange Convention
<b>November 15</b>	Deadline to apply for Bonding Insurance through the National Grange. Send to state Grange office.
<b>November 21</b>	National Grange Honors Night Online 5:30 pm PST
<b>December 8</b>	Oregon State Grange Holiday Open House – Salem 2-4pm
<b>December 31</b>	Oregon State Grange Foundation - "Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbursement" request deadline. Send them to the state Grange office.
<b>January 15</b>	Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officers' information due to the state Grange office.
<b>January 25</b>	Nominations for Oregon State Grange Officers must arrive at the state Grange office by 5pm.
<b>January 31</b>	4th Quarter Reports due to the state Grange office.
<b>March 1</b>	Deadline for first 2026 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.
<b>June 20-25, 2026</b>	Oregon State Grange Convention District 5 – likely Baker City

### Scholarship Recipients Wanted

Does your Grange give one or more scholarships? Are they not included on these pages? Please mark your calendar to send a copy of your winner's application and a picture, if possible, to the Grange Bulletin by August 10 to be included in the display at the OSG Log Cabin and to be included in the October/November Grange Bulletin.



Scholarship display at Log Cabin.

## Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers

### "Pioneer Days to Modern Ways" at the Baker County Fair August 28-September 1

New Bridge Grange #789, Baker County placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the Baker County Fair with their display booth. The booth showed pioneer Granges and items, and barn raisings to modern Granges, modern bingo equipment, and community activities of today. The Grange has won first place the last three years at the fair. The booth was assembled by Kathie Dayen, Brooke Troyer, Tanya Melnikoff, Trees Plummer and Patsy Mitchell.



### "Celebrating 100 Years of Pig-N-Ford" Tillamook County Fair August 6-9

All three community Granges and Tillamook County Pomona Grange had booths at their county fair. Grange exhibits are to consist of farm and household products, decorations, etc., produced by members of the Grange or by residents of the community. Booths may use the fair theme or be a General Exhibit, with displays of farm and household products. Products also may be used in depicting the theme of a single theme booth.

### Bridge Grange at the Oregon State Fair



Bridge Grange #730, Coos County, started a new program to sponsor a 4-H or FFA member to show animals at the Oregon State Fair. The amount of the award was \$200 from the Grange and sign to display on their animal's pen at the Oregon State Fair. Their very first recipient was a young local farmer girl Margie Harris, a 2024 graduate of Myrtle Point High School and a members of Myrtle Point FFA. She raises and shows goats and horses. Margie earned her American FFA degree this year and she will be awarded her degree at the FFA National Convention at the end of the month.

Margie is a good student with a high GPA, is involved in a lot in the community. She is always seen guiding and mentoring younger FFA and 4H members. She is currently a student at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany. This year's selection was made by a vote of the Grange. The Grange is planning this sponsorship to be an annual event with the selection process to involve a meeting and interview, check of grades, speak with 4H and FFA leaders, review of the applicants at county fair, speak with judges, and get input from non-competing peers.



Above: Tillamook County Pomona Grange booth was an informational booth about Grange in general.

### "Barn in the USA" at the Wallowa County Fair August 1-9



Grangers made the best pies.

The Wallowa County Pomona Grange #22 had a busy time at the annual county fair. A display about the Pomona and county Granges was put together by Pomona Master David McBride.

Grange Day was August 7 with the annual pie sale held that afternoon. Members of Hurricane Creek Grange served homemade pies along ice cream. The community Volunteer of the Year Award for 2025 was presented to Bonnie Jones as part of the day's activities.



Above: l-r: Elvaree Fine, Pomona Master David McBride and Volunteer of the Year Bonnie Jones.



The Pomona booth featured information about Grange and the Granges in Wallowa county.



Above: Members of Sandlake Grange #546 in front of their booth.



Above: White Clover Grange #784



R: Fairview Grange #273



## Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers



1<sup>st</sup> place and both the People's Choice and theme winner was Redland #796.



2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Maplewood #662



The Scarecrow contest at the fair sponsored by Clackamas Pomona Grange.



Above: Many people look for the photo of the Grange hall in their community or one they remember from their childhood.

Below: Families try their hand at discus golf on the lawn between the Log Cabin and the schoolhouse.

Right: The flyer board has grown both in Granges participating and visitors collecting the information.



### “Stirrup Some Fun” Clackamas County Fair August 12-16

Clackamas County Granges “Stirrup some Fun” in Horning Hall with their fair booths, Results were:

- 1st - Redland #796
- 2nd - Maplewood #662
- 3rd - Springwater #263
- 4th - Sunnyside #842

Redland was also the winner of both the theme and the People's Choice awards.

Other Granges with booths were Abernethy #346, Beavercreek #276, Clarkes Grange #261, Milwaukie #268, and Molalla #310. Additionally, Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 had a double booth with one section focusing on Grange information and the other sharing about the Junior Grange program. It included an activities center with coloring and games sheets. More than 300 sheets were picked up and used.

The Pomona Grange also sells fresh baked cookies from the kitchen in Horning Hall. About 10,000 cookies were sold over the 5-day run of the fair. New this year were large dill pickles on a stick which were a hit.

In the Ag Department the Pomona Grange sponsored a revamped Scarecrow contest with age categories more closely matching the Grange's and a family category to urge families to work together. A new award this year was the Grange President's award which the Pomona

President selected.

R: Clackamas Pomona Grange's Information Booth and Junior Activity Center.



3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Springwater #263



4<sup>th</sup> place went to Sunnyside #842



### Log Cabin Oregon State Fair August 22 – September 1

*Log Cabin adds back daily presentations, 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. The purpose is to demonstrate the welcoming nature of Grangers and inform people of the community minded purposes, membership being open to all, and the breadth of the activities and the communities served by Granges.

This year we there were daily presentations from the different Grange departments most of the days of the fair and up to three times a day. Some were really popular depending on the weather and time of day.

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 2026!



Above: the tool I.D. board gathers much attention. While the Corn Hole game on the front lawn is popular with all ages.



## Granges Celebrate the Holidays ~ Now through December

- October 10-11 **Home Market on Union Hill** Union Hill Grange  
Friday: 10-5, Saturday 10-2.  
15755 Grange Rd SE Sublimity
- October 11 **5K Walk from the Grange to the base of Fort Rock** Fort Rock Grange. Sign up 9 am – walk starts at 10 am.  
64651 Fort Rock Rd, Fort Rock
- October 11 **Dinner Dance** Crow Grange 5 10 pm. 85994 Territorial Rd, Crow
- October 11 – November 1 **Haunted House** Morningstar Grange. 38794 Morningstar Rd NE, Millersburg. Check Facebook, or OSG website for days and hours
- October 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 & 31 **Haunted House** Beaver Homes Grange 6:30-9:30 pm \$6 per person Snacks and food and games are for sale in basement. 31105 Beaver Homes Rd Ranier
- October 18 **Fall Pancake Breakfast** Yankton Grange 8-11 am. 33065 Pittsburg Rd, St. Helens
- October 18 **Chili Cookoff and Fall Festival** Enterprise Grange 10 am-3 pm. 8700 E Evans Creek Rd, Rogue River
- October 18 **Harvest Festival at Row River Grange** 10:30 – 6 pm. 34360 Row River Rd, Cottage Grove
- October 18 **Bingo at Ada Grange** Kitchen serving food at 12 noon – Bingo starts 1 pm. 82457 S Canary Rd, Westlake
- October 18 **Bingo Bash** Lowell Grange 1 Pm Dessert Bar, 2-4 pm Bingo. 51 E 2nd St, Lowell
- October 18 **Old Time Fiddlers** Azalea Grange Potluck and Jam 3-5 pm. 142 Pisqually Ln, Azalea
- October 19 **Halloween Kids Art Show** Vernonia Grange 11 am – 5 pm art, photo booth, costume sale. 375 North St, Vernonia
- October 19 **Harvest Festival - Trunk or Treat and Pie Auction** Netel Grange 1-4 pm. 90525 Logan Rd, Astoria
- October 23 -25 **Haunted House** Siletz Valley Grange Kid's Hour 6-7 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7-10 pm each night. 224 Gaither St, Siletz
- October 24 **Halloween Bunco Party** Mohawk-Mackenzie Grange 6-8 pm. 3055 Willakenzie Road, Eugene
- October 25 **Harvest Festival** at Winaona Grange 1-4 pm Pumpkin decorating, costume contest, ice cream social, and cake walk. 8340 SW Seneca Street, Tualatin
- October 25 **Halloween Party and Petting Zoo** Rickreall Grange 2-6 pm games, grafts, candy, and costume contest. 280 N Pacific Hwy W, Rickreall
- October 25 **Fall Festival** North End Grange 2-6 pm Games, food, prizes, Trunk or Treat 5-6 pm. 81029 Flora Ln, Enterprise
- October 25 **Chili Cookoff and Cider Pressing** Pleasant Grove Grange starting at 2 pm, chili tasting 4-6 pm Dessert Auction at 6:30 pm. 67218 Hunter Rd, Summerville
- October 25 **Pie Social Auction** Silverton Grange 2-4 pm, pie contest and auction, kids' activities, music. 201 NE Division, Silverton
- October 25 **Community Halloween Party** Springwater Grange 4-6:30 pm games, food, and costume parade. 24591 S Springwater Rd, Estacada
- October 25 **The All Hallows Halloween Dinner** Long Tom Grange 6-9 pm Turkey provided, bring side, salad, or desert costume contest at 8 pm. 25855 Ferguson Rd, Junction City
- October 26 **Community Halloween Party** Ada Grange 1-3 pm, games and refreshments. 82457 S Canary Rd, Westlake
- October 29 **Spooky Halloween Bingo** Rickreall Grange 6 pm Costume Contest. 280 N Pacific Hwy W, Rickreall
- October 31 **Trunk or Treat** Irving Grange 5:30-7 pm. 1011 Irvington Dr, Eugene
- November 1 **Veterans Breakfast** Springwater Grange 7- 11 am Veteran's eat free – all other \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids. 24591 S Springwater Rd, Estacada
- November 1 **Trunk -n-Treat** Goldson Grange 2-4 pm. 23479 Hwy 36, Cheshire
- November 1 **Spaghetti Dinner** Mohawk Mackenzie Grange 5-7 pm. 3055 Willakenzie Road, Eugene
- November 1-2 **Holiday Faire** Kinton Grange Saturday 9-3pm, Sunday 10-3pm. 9015 SW Scholls Ferry Rd, Beaverton
- November 2 **Fill Your Pantry Bulk** buying farmers market Rockford Grange 12 noon-4 pm food from local; farmers; produce, meat, cheese, pantry goods. 4262 Barrett Dr, Hood River
- November 2 **Progressive Dinner** Lane County Pomona 4-7 pm Check their Facebook page for more details.
- November 7-8-9 **Vendor Sale** Eagle Creek Grange 10 am-5 pm handmade, new, vintage and antique it, odds and ends, snacks available for purchase. 24491 Old Eagle Creek Rd, Eagle Creek
- November 8 **Holiday Bazaar** Sunnyside Grange 9- 3pm Artisans and food. 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd, Clackamas
- November 8-9 **Holiday Happiness Bazaar** Silverton Grange. 201 NE Division, Silverton
- November 11 **Veteran's Day Breakfast** Golson Grange 9-11 am Free for veterans. 23479 Hwy 36, Cheshire
- November 15 **Arts and Crafts Christmas Bazaar** Azalea Grange 8am breakfast, 11am lunch. 142 Pisqually Ln, Azalea
- November 15 **Christmas Craft Fair** Camas Valley Grange 10 am-4 pm. Vender space available. 321 S Camas Rd, Camas Valley
- November 15 **Turkey Bingo** Ada Grange kitchen opens at 12 noon, Bingo starts 1 pm. 82457 S Canary Rd, Westlake
- November 21-22 **Holiday Bazaar** Enterprise Grange 10-4 pm. 8700 E Evans Creek Rd, Rogue River
- November 22 **Holiday Craft Fair** Central Point Grange 9-3pm. 436 E Pine St, Central Point
- November 24 **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** Pleasant Grove Grange 3-5 pm. 67218 Hunter Rd, Summerville
- November 25 **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** Frogpond Grange 4-7 pm. 27350 SW Stafford Rd, Wilsonville
- November 28 **25 Cent Black Friday Sale** Rickreall Grange 10 am- 5 pm. 280 N Pacific Hwy W, Rickreall
- November 29 **Crafter's Christmas Market** Rockwall Grange 10am-4pm. 71562 Middle Rd, Elgin
- December 6 **Holiday Breakfast** Springwater Grange 7-11 am, Santa Claus 8-10 am \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids. 24591 S Springwater Rd, Estacada
- December 6-7 **Bigfoot Bazaar** Redland Grange 9 am-4 pm. 18131 S Fischers Mill Rd, Oregon City
- December 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21 **Christmas Market** – Rickreall Grange 10 am-5 pm Baked good, craft station, photo with the grinch, gift wrapping. 280 N Pacific Hwy W, Rickreall
- December 13 **Christmas Bazaar** Frogpond Grange 10 am-4 pm Meet & greet with Santa photo opportunity. 27350 SW Stafford Rd, Wilsonville
- December 16 **Christmas Potluck Dinner** Azalea Grange Dinner at 5pm Grange provides Turkey, Ham dressing potatoes and gravy, potluck side, salad, and dessert. 142 Pisqually Ln, Azalea

*For more information on these events check the calendar at [orgrange.org](http://orgrange.org) or the individual Grange's Facebook page. Copies of the flyers usually available in both places.*



*All Grangers are invited*

### OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday October 22 @ 7 pm PDT  
Where: Zoom

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

Contact: Legislative Director  
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## Legislative Update

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## Government Affairs

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## Policies Due to Sunset In 2026

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

The Oregon State Grange advocates for the improvement of agriculture products as a result of **cross-breeding**. **AG3.16**

### Education

We support the reauthorization of the **Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program**, the matching-grant program managed by the Department of Education. **LE1.16**

We support the efforts of "The Promise of Oregon" campaign to ensure that our legislators continue to prioritize investment in **improving educational outcomes** for Oregon's children. **ED3.16**

### Energy And Utilities

We believe hydroelectric power should be recognized as a renewable energy source in the state of Oregon, as our bordering states have done, and that the Public Utilities Commission must have significant input in Oregon energy planning. **UT2.16**

### Environment And Ecology

We support policies allowing the farmer or rancher to **shoot a coyote or wolf** if it is chasing, biting or harassing livestock or domestic pets such as cats and dogs, or if seen within 500 feet of a farm/ranch dwelling. **NR1.16; NR3.16**

### Federal Affairs

We oppose any legislation to require mandatory **gun owner liability** insurance or imposition of fines on uninsured gun owners. **FA3.16**

We oppose the addition of any **religious law, dogma, or religiously mandated penalties** to the civil laws of the United States or any state or territory thereof. **FA4.16**

### Financial Affairs

#### Taxes – Establishment, Collection, and Distribution

The Oregon State Grange is against **all taxes based on sales of products or services**. **LE7.16**

### Health And Welfare

The Oregon State Grange will work with other organizations to urge the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to reject proposals to increase **patient out-of-pocket costs and co-pays** for low-income beneficiaries under the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D). **HW3.16**

### Is and Criminal Facilities

The Oregon State Grange is on record in support of 14355 North Bybee Lake Court, Portland, Oregon, Wapato Facility, to be considered a hospital and/or transition facility for the mentally ill, with trained and licensed staff for the care, treatment and stabilization of the mentally ill. **HW1.16**

### Safety

We support a new or extended fence, barrier or blockade that will prevent people from going around to the dangerous points on **Cape Kiwanda**; the modification of signage at Cape Kiwanda to more appropriately reflect the significant dangers of the cliffs; that signs include a memorial for those who have lost their lives on the cape; and that information published on the Oregon State Parks website include appropriate safety warnings. **LE5.16**

### Legislation

We reaffirm our support of the **Initiative and Referendum process** and believe the Emergency Clause should be reserved for true emergencies, and we support efforts to limit the use of the Emergency Clause by our legislature. **LE3.16**

**Minimum Wage**  
We oppose any further increases in the **minimum wage** until current increases have been in effect for a minimum of three years. The OSG Legislative Committee is to prepare a report to the delegates on the economic impact of HB1532 (2016), which increased Oregon's minimum wage. The report to include labor participation rate, youth labor participation rate, rate of growth in the economy in the different regions of the state and other information to allow the delegates to revisit this

Hello Grangers

Here's an overview of the current Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) bill before the Oregon legislature currently. This is an ongoing story, but my hope is to give you a little bit more understanding about what's going on.

House Bill 2025 is a significant transportation funding and reform proposal currently before the Oregon State Legislature.

### Overview of House Bill 2025

Purpose: The bill is designed to raise revenue for transportation infrastructure across Oregon, addressing funding shortfalls in the State Highway Fund while also enhancing public trust in the ODOT.

### Key Provisions

1. Revenue Generation:
  - Gas Tax Increase: An increase in the state gas tax to bolster funding.
  - Vehicle Registration Fees: Hikes in vehicle registration and title fees.
  - Payroll Tax: Introduction of a statewide employee-paid payroll tax for transportation funding.
2. Spending Allocations:
  - Infrastructure Projects: Significant funding designated for major projects, including road maintenance and improvements to key highways like I-5 and I-205.
  - Great Streets Program: Investing in city streets and local infrastructure to improve safety and mobility.
  - Public Transit and Safety Initiatives: Supporting initiatives that enhance public transit options and ensure safer routes for schools.
3. Accountability Measures:
  - The bill mandates biannual

al performance audits of ODOT and annual audits of major capital projects to enhance transparency and improve operational efficiency.

4. Addressing Electric Vehicles:
  - It includes mechanisms for assessing a road usage charge for electric vehicles, ensuring that all vehicle types contribute fairly to infrastructure funding.
5. Contingency Measures:
  - Provisions for managing future funding gaps and addressing pressing infrastructure needs, including a cleanup fund for abandoned RVs on state roads.

### Current Status

The bill has already passed in the House and is under consideration in the Senate, amidst discussions to ensure equitable funding and operational transparency.

### Implications

If passed, House Bill 2025 is expected to reinvest in Oregon's aging infrastructure, improve road safety, and build public trust in ODOT while managing the increasing costs of maintaining a growing transportation system.

Overall, House Bill 2025 represents a comprehensive approach to securing the financial resources necessary for maintaining and improving Oregon's transportation systems, balancing funding needs with accountability and modern transportation demands.

As we may have the answers to this bill and special session by the time that this is printed. We just wanted to give you an update as to what was happening. I will follow up with information as soon as it is published.

Happy Trails



issue with facts and information.

**LE6.16**

### Natural Resources

The Oregon State Grange encourages the repeal of the **Wild Horse and Burro Law**. The Oregon State Grange believes that BLM should be allowed to sell or dispose of horses that have been gathered each year, when homes cannot be found. **CO.16.24**

We oppose the creation of the **Owyhee Canyonlands Monument**, whether by Congress or by Executive Order of the President. **FA5.16**

### Transportation And Utilities

We believe ODOT should consider posting the **same maximum speed limits** on our highways for all vehicles, where appropriate. **TR1.16**



## Membership Matters

Jay Sexton  
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OSG Membership Director

As we come into Fall many Granges will be holding officer elections. This is an excellent opportunity to work on succession in our Granges, encouraging newer members to share in the organization of your local Grange.

A strong Grange has several members who have held the various officer positions. Officers should not stay in a particular office for more than a few years. Many Granges have a President, Secretary, or Treasurer who has served for over a decade. On the one hand they really know the job and execute it competently, but on the other hand there is a vulnerability for that Grange if that person is lost, through illness, moving, or family or work responsibilities.

It is important for the members of a Grange to volunteer to serve the order in various capacities. Long-time members should not allow too much of the work of the Grange to rest upon their shoulders and should reach out to newer members to work together. Using the Lecturer's Program to describe the duties of the officer positions can help newer members understand the "work-

ings" of the Grange. When elections come, encourage newer members to accept positions – nominate them!

Many of the officer positions have few responsibilities in the day-to-day workings of the Grange, but a newer member can "break the ice" of leadership, by serving as a Grace, Assistant, or Gatekeeper. A new Lecturer can bring new interests to the programs during meetings.

Most importantly, Grangers can mentor new officers in the duties of their prior office. A new Secretary will learn much from the prior Secretary, as can the President, Treasurer, or any of the officers. A Grange is strong when there are several members who have had experience in each of the officer positions.

So, if you are reading this, consider an officer position in your Granges next election – try something new if you are an "Old Hand" and if you have never held an office, try one out. There are resources to guide you in every office, and experienced Grangers can answer your questions.

We are all in this together – together we are strong.

## Ada Grange Honors Members

Recently members of Ada Grange #570, Lane County, were recognized for their years of membership and Grange involvement.

Ada member Barbara Harter was presented with her Golden Sheaf certificate commemorating 50 years of Grange membership and Paul and Loni Schofield were presented with their Silver Star Certificates for 25 years of continuous Grange membership. Also recognized was Penny Ringenberg who received her receives her non-consecutive 50-year membership pin and certificate.

The Grange also honored Darlene Jorgenson for her Community Service work as their Grange's Volunteer of the Year.



**Top:** Barbara Harter - Golden Sheaf certificate. **Middle:** Penny Ringenberg - 50 years non-consecutive award. **Right:** Paul and Loni Schofield - Silver Star Certificates. **Left:** Darlene Jorgenson - Volunteer of the Year.

## Parkdale Grange Honors Gold Sheaf Members

Recently Ivan Hardman and Hazel Flory, members of Parkdale Grange #500, Hood River County, were presented with their Gold Sheaf certificates from the National Grange in Washington DC. The Golden Sheaf certificates commemorate 50 years of Grange membership. Ivan and Hazel have been members of Parkdale Grange #500 for nearly half of its existence.

*L-r: Ivan Hardman and Hazel Flory hold their Golden Sheaf certificates from the National Grange in Washington DC.*



## State Grange Membership Committee Youth Writing Contest

One comment too often heard from the general public is "What is the Grange?" The Oregon State Grange Membership Committee is aware that this lack of awareness is difficult to remedy and is a challenge to new member recruitment. In an effort to increase public awareness of the Grange, particularly among young people, the Membership Committee offering a writing competition to young people who are residents in OSG's District 5. District 5 is comprised of the following counties: Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler. The Committee is evaluating this concept in District 5 as it is hosting the 2026 OSG Convention, and it will be easier to promote the contest through the district's fewer newspapers, 4-H, and FFA contacts.

Entries will be judged in two age classes—10 to 14 years old, and 15 to 21 years of age. Cash prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50 for first, second, and third will be awarded in each age group.

The goal of the contest is to develop an increased interest in Grange membership especially among young people and families. The following is the contest entry information.

### Oregon State Grange Youth Writing Contest

*Demonstrate your research and writing skills with a short essay or multimedia presentation.*

The Oregon State Grange Mem-



bership Committee is offering a writing competition to young people in the eastern Oregon counties of Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler. Entries will compete in two age groups: 10 to 14 year-old, and 15 to 21 years of age. Cash prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50 for first, second, and third will be awarded in each age group.

Theme:

***What is a Grange? What can it mean to my community and me?***

Discussion topics may include some of the following:

1. The Grange Today
2. Grange Accomplishments
3. Grange History
4. Grange Ceremonies and Traditions

Extra points will be awarded for visiting with a Grange member or attending a Grange meeting.

- For the 10 to 14 year-old age group, the essay should be at least 500 words.
- For the 15 to 21 year-old age group, the essay should be at least 1,000 words.
- An informative multimedia presentation of five to 10 minutes may be created instead of a written essay.

Essays should not be generated through the use of AI tools. The Oregon State Grange will have the right to publish winning entries.

Contest entries must be post-marked or received electronically by **January 15th, 2026**. Entries are to be mailed to

Membership Essay  
Oregon State Grange  
643 Union Street NE,  
Salem, OR 97301-2462

Or emailed to:

pawpawsexton@gmail.com

Entries will be judged by the Oregon State Grange Membership Committee, and announcement of results by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.





"Fiddlers on Fire" a local youth music group provided some lively music.

## Pleasant Grove Holds Open House

On August 17th Pleasant Grove Grange #475, Union County, held their annual Open House and Pie and Ice Cream Social. They welcomed back a local classic car group who attend each year. The Grange President, Margaret Craig is also a member of the car club and it's always fun to have the cars and community members come together to say goodbye to summer.

Members brought home-made pies and ice cream. Steve Craig's fresh huckleberry ice cream was the main attraction.

It was a great turnout with many local residents and family's attending. The local youth group "Fiddlers on Fire" provided some impressive lively music.



Community members enjoying ice cream and visiting.



### UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

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

Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Nov 1	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange
Benton #36	Oct 18	10:30 AM	Fairmount Grange
Clackamas #1	Oct 25	9:30 AM	Garfield Grange
Columbia #18	Nov 1	10:00 AM	Deer Island Grange (PUD)
Deschutes #25	Nov 8	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Oct 19	6:00 PM	Sunnydale Grange
Josephine #20	Nov 29	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Oct 11	10:00 AM	Central Grange
Lincoln #10	Nov 25	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Oct 18	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	Oct 14	6:00 PM	Rickreall Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Wallowa #22	Oct	5:30 PM	TBA
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 18	10:00 AM	Aloha Grange



## GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"

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Reports are in regarding another well-received Ice Cream Social served by your GROW Club for the Open House at Marys River Grange, Benton County, was well attended. Ice cream was served to approximately 200 happy people.

A big THANK YOU to those who showed up to help serve.

Next up is the "Feast" for the California State Grange Sixth Degree conferral on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> at Van Duzer River Grange in Humboldt County. The GROW Club Board has decided to offer a token compensation to GROW Club members for those attending California's 150<sup>th</sup> annual session that help serve ice cream.



Above - l-r: Sarah Jenkins, Josh Jenkins, Susan Noah and Steve Kroeker ready to serve ice cream and toppings.

Below: Ice Cream with lots of toppings were served to the crowd at Marys River Grange.



## Springwater Grange Hosts Community National Night Out

On August 5, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, hosted their neighborhood's National Night Out get-together. The evening brought Springwater neighbors together to learn about services provided by the Estacada Fire Department and Clackamas County Sheriff's office.

sheriff's department brought out a patrol vehicle and a K-9 and his handler. The Grange provided hot-dogs and floats for all in attendance.

The Fire Department brought out a large fire truck and a brush rig. The





## Oregon Grange State Grange - Veterans of the Year

### District 1 - Chris Hardy Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County



*L-r: Paul Sheldon, Bellview Grange Gatekeeper, helps Chris Hardy show off his quilt.*

*R: The quilt with the label in the corner along with the Grange Veteran pin Chris was given.*

Chris Hardy served in the US Navy for 6 years on both ships and submarines as an electrician and a CCTV technician. Following his service, he went to college at Montana State University, receiving a BA degree in Health and Human Development.

Chris followed his family legacy as a 5<sup>th</sup> generation farmer and started a farmer's market in Bozeman Montana. He traveled to central Asia to work with war torn Afghanistan and upon his return to US moved to Oregon and started Hardy Seeds, a company focused on heirloom and

open pollinated seed varieties.

Chris helped spearhead a county wide ballot measure to protect locally grown seeds from genetically engineered crops. He was a founder of the Southern Oregon Seed Growers Association and of the Rouge Valley Heritage Grange Projects. Chris is active with Bellview Grange Farm to School food program and the food forest which was developed with the adjacent elementary school in Ashland.

### District 4 - Don Sether Maplewood Grange #662 and Molalla Grange #310, Clackamas County



Don Sether received his quilt at the Oregon State Grange Convention in June but was then additionally honored at the Molalla Grange meeting with a display of his quilt. Don served four years in the US Navy. Don is a past Oregon State Grange Gatekeeper and Executive Committee member, past Clackamas County Pomona Master and the current Master at Molalla Grange.

*Left: l-r: Patricia Carroll – Molalla Grange Chaplain and Community Service chairman, Don Sether and Joyce Parker, Master, Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1.*

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

Alan Becker served 28 years in the United States Air Force and the Oregon Air National Guard. Active-duty locations outside of the states included Okinawa, Japan and Aviano, Italy. Alan was deployed with the Air National Guard in Kyrgyzstan, Ku-

wait, Qatar and the United Emirates during the Persian Gulf War, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom.

Alan is the President of Warren Grange and serves on the Oregon State Grange Veterans committee.

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



*Above: Peter Holmes standing behind his quilt when it was presented to him at Grange.*

Peter Holmes served in the United States Navy for 20 years including active and reserve duty. He is a 50 year plus member of Goldson Grange

In addition to his Grange work, he is a member of the American Legion Post 61 and after serving 33 years as a volunteer firefighter he is now on the Board of Directors of

Lane Fire Authority and volunteers at the Goldson Food Pantry.

He is an active volunteer at Goldson Grange; he is the go-to person for all repairs and improvements to the building and grounds. Peter embodies the spirit of community service and commitment that all Grange member should aspire to have.

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



*Above: Brandon showing off his quilt.*

Brandon Anglin joined the US Army while still in high school leaving shortly after graduating. He served seven years of active duty including three combat tours: 13 months in Iraq, 12 months in Kenya and Somalia and 13 months on the Horn of Africa. His right shoulder was injured while serving as a gunner in a tank and after three surgeries he is on military disability. He is currently employed as a corrections officer.

Brandon is the Master of White Eagle Grange and a proud 5<sup>th</sup> generation Granger who comes from a long line of family veterans.

### Quilt Guild and Grange Partner to Honor Veterans in Wallowa County

During Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County's summer indoor yard sale the Grange gifted a table to the Wallows Mountain Valley Quilt Guild to honor the county's veterans. They awarded five quilts to veterans residing in Wallows County. The presentations were made over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Most of the quilts were assembled using 'Block of the Month' squares so that all members participated. They started this program about 15 years ago and have awarded about 500 quilts. The Grange Veterans committee has been gifting a table for the last eight years to help in distributing Honor Quilts to veterans. Both the Grange and the Quilt Guild

are enjoying the partnership and expect it to continue into the future.





# OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - May 24, 2025

Called to Order at 8:52am

## Prior Meeting Minutes

- ☒ Apr 6, 2025 EC Meeting Minutes Read and corrected

## Financial Reports

- ☒ Loan and membership reports
  - Reviewed quarterly reports; 31 Granges not reporting yet in Q1; showing loss of 103 members so far this quarter; discussed potential explanations. More Granges have reported losses than have reported gains this quarter so far, which is rare. Two Granges have been notified that they are significantly behind in reporting; one has since cleared up past reports. Discussed Granges that might need to be contacted.
  - Q1 invoice received from National Grange
  - Discussed loans to Granges, updated balances; all are current or very nearly so. Some have instituted automatic payments. Aloha has paid off their loan.
- ☒ VISA Bill review
  - Jay's card is in process of being closed out and final bill was reviewed. President's Visa bill was reviewed by the Executive Committee.
- ☒ Accounting Statement
  - Reviewed. Discussion ensued, including purposes and uses of, and restrictions on, various funds.

## Division of Labor

- ☒ The Executive Committee, acting in its capacity as the Division of Labor committee, assigned 42 resolutions received as of the deadline(s) to appropriate session committees.

## Old Business

- ☒ Russellville – Some interest, appeal still pending. Jill made contact w/appeals board! She expected further info this week but so far none. There is interest in the property from several directions.
- ☒ Myrtle sale proceeding.
- ☒ Realtor found for Rogue Community (Ophir) – need to authorize sale. We discussed when talking about salvage, but have not authorized. There appears to be minimal potential for reorganization. Motion by Steve Kroeker, second by Joyce Parker, to place Rogue Community Grange up for sale. Motion carried.
- ☒ Vale – dropped price from \$209k to \$199k. Should have been cleaned out, Susan and Paula will be in the area in a couple weeks and will check

it out.

- ☒ Triangle Lake – School and Grange still seeking a solution, elections soon. Will meet next week.
- ☒ Salmon River – Will send \$30,000 cashier check when settlement funds released. Discussed reasons for delay.
- ☒ Rickreall – the Executive Committee previously agreed to add up to \$2,800 to their loan for bathroom upgrade but since then the County has required new bathrooms are needed, which have been installed. The total cost is \$8500, which will extend their repayment schedule by 18 months (12/32 payoff vs. 6/31), but will provide ability for food cart and hall rentals (not possible prior to bathroom work), so they may be able to eventually pay more than \$275/mo. Vickie High moved to authorize \$8500 additional loan amount to Rickreall. Seconded by Susan. Motion carried.
- ☒ Still no word from Columbia #867, still need to recontact. They are interested in selling their hall to the church that meets in the hall.
- ☒ Moss Adams engaged, audit wrapping up. Accountant believes this is mostly done.
- ☒ Proposed RFP for annual audit of the Oregon State Grange was discussed. Susan suggests additional language. She and Joyce will finalize the language and submit to the EC for consideration.
- ☒ Relicura (historic preservation grant)– Jay has submitted expenses to Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation per the terms of the grant. He proposes that only roster info that is 70+ years old be released under the terms of the grant. We discussed how to handle FERPA regulations in relation to the text of the grant. Bulletin information is largely public, but roster information and proceedings include personally identifiable information. The language is 'Preserve, digitize and make publicly available.' There was considerable discussion. It is the consensus of the committee that we should be able to define the nature of 'publicly available' to be by request, at the OSG office, access allowed at the discretion of the OSG, possibly also limiting the ability to copy or otherwise remove data from our office. Joyce Parker moved that the OSG only release historic documents containing personally identifiable information to the public in accordance with the rules governing the US Census. Steve Kroeker seconded the motion. There

was additional discussion.

The motion was adopted.

- ☒ Reimbursed Triangle Grange for ½ of Survey as previously approved. Used 12-7010, improvements to real property (Dormant Grange Fund).
- ☒ 990 restorations – Roxy Ann, Multnomah and Fairview working on this, no response from Bandon or Cherry Park. Jay and Joyce plan to visit Cherry Park soon.

Meeting recessed at 11:45 for lunch.

## New Business

- ☒ Spence Scholarship - 4 applications were considered. The winner will be announced at State Convention.
- ☒ Proposed Budget was reviewed in detail. Discussion centered on potential cost savings, the most obvious appearing to be the option of a digital-only Grange Bulletin. A number of operating costs have increased.
- ☒ Convention update – 2025 and 2026 - Sonny expects there will be an opportunity to tour the anticipated site of the 2026 convention while he is in Baker City for the committee conference the weekend of 5/30-31. Following the 2025 convention Sonny plans to initiate conversations with District 1 about the 2027 convention. Joyce reported on preparations for the upcoming 2025 convention.
- ☒ Sunnyridge/Siletz Valley consolidation. Sunnyridge was notified and voted and has notified the OSG office. Siletz Valley has notified members and vote is coming up. The consolidation plan is that current checking funds and current members will go to Siletz Valley, and custodial funds belonging to Sunnyridge will be transferred to Siletz Valley. Sunnyridge has no other real property. Final vote of Siletz Valley is still needed. Steve Kroeker moves to accept the consolidation plan of these two Granges. Seconded by Vickie High. Motion carried.
- ☒ Old Lenovo tablet no longer functions on networks. This is a device from 2018, and it is likely it is incompatible with current wi-fi protocols. Ordered a new Samsung 11" (slightly larger) tablet for \$159. Used for Square processing at registration and auctions.
- ☒ Bank Funds – Current balance in Cash ~28K. NG Dues (15K), Grants (40K), potentially Rickreall (8.5K), and Convention (15-20K?) costs, payroll for May, June ~\$10+k per month coming in soon. Cash anticipated from sale

of Myrtle Grange, possibly \$65k. Sonny suggests that we move \$40k from Charles Schwab. Vickie High moves to transfer \$40k from Charles Schwab into our checking account. Joyce Parker seconds. Motion carried.

- ☒ Past Officer pins – unable to locate replacements – change in colors, style, or?? Suzy has found possible option in Rhode Island, awaiting word.
- ☒ Potential Sponsorship from GRAIL/Three Arches for Convention. They are willing to give us \$5k to sponsor our convention. We would put their logo on the back page of our convention packet. Sonny filed forms with them to apply for this grant.

## Email Business

Remove Sarah Jenkins as authorized signer

SUSAN – YES JOYCE –  
VICKIE – YES STEVE – YES

Sell Myrtle for \$70,000

SUSAN – YES JOYCE – YES  
VICKIE – YES STEVE – YES

Elect Mark Noah as Secretary

SUSAN – YES JOYCE – YES  
VICKIE – YES STEVE – YES

Riversdale Custodial Funds Request \$8706.63

SUSAN – YES JOYCE – YES  
VICKIE – YES STEVE – YES  
MARK – YES

Steve Kroeker moved to ratify the email decisions made, Vickie High seconded the motion and it carried.

## Presidents Report

Sonny reported visiting Oak Grove Grange to speak about grants and loan opportunities; communicated with several other Granges; attended Western Regional along with Susan Noah and Paula Herrick; and will visit Baker High School (potential site for 2026 session) on 5/31.

## Next Meetings:

Post Convention—minutes of the final day of session will be sent to the executive committee for review and approval. Next full meeting of the executive committee is planned for Sunday August 3, 9am.



## Community Service Director Wanted

The Oregon State Grange (OSG) needs a new Community Service Director since Director Liz Dehne has resigned. Interested Grangers should email OSG President Sonny Hays -Eberts at President@orsgrange.org or call the office 503.316.0106.

## Granges Celebrate Our Nations Birthday

### Fernwood Grange #770 Hits Funding Goal for AV System Thanks to Fireworks Tent Fundraiser and Grange Community Support

Fernwood Grange #770, Yamhill County, was thrilled to report the successful completion of its fund-raising efforts for a new audio-visual system, thanks to an all-hands-on-deck fireworks tent fundraiser and the generous support of local Grange members and volunteers.

The TNT Fireworks Tent Fundraiser, which ran from June 23 through July 4, 2025, brought together 27 volunteers from Fernwood and surrounding Granges. Collectively, they contributed more than 840 volunteer hours—a remarkable display of cooperation and community spirit. Add in the hours over many months of planning, puts the total closer to 900.

The fundraiser provided the final portion needed to meet the Grange's \$11,789.89 bid from Lewis Audio Video after an initial \$5,000 grant was awarded by The Austin Family Foundation, made possible through

a project-specific sponsorship with the local Vet2Vet Center. A second grant proposal was not successful, but thanks to strong sales and community support, the gap was filled.

As of July 16, estimated net proceeds exceeded \$7,200, with a few remaining transactions still pending.

Throughout the two weeks, sales were initially slow. But on July 2, sales picked up sharply, and by the Fourth of July, the tent recorded over \$17,000 in credit card sales alone, surpassing totals from the previous year.

Beyond the financial outcome, the fundraiser also raised the Grange's visibility. Volunteers engaged shoppers in conversations about the Grange's purpose and programs, handing out literature and welcoming interest. Two new members joined as a result of the event.



*This tent became home base for the Fernwood Grange for the two weeks leading up to the 4th of July.*

### Sunnyside Grange on Parade

Happy Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade was part of the day-long 4th of July Family festival. Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County, had a float in the parade and walked along handing out Freeze Pops. Dubbed the "longest shortest parade this side of the Mississippi," the parade kicked off at noon and ran about 30 minutes.

*Left - l-r: Jeanie Force, Carol Bernhard and Sandi Ludi ready to accompany the float down the street.*



*L-r: John Bernhard sitting in the float and Carol Bernhard with a handful of Freeze Pops*

Members from Winona Grange #271, Scholls Grange #338, and Maplewood Grange #662 also played a vital role. Winona's Sam Keator and Connie Stauffer contributed 24.5 hours and accepted a \$210 share of proceeds. Scholls' Joann Vinyard and Maplewood's Dan Keeley both donated their shares back to Fernwood, a generous gesture that was deeply appreciated.

The Grange has notified its partners of the fundraiser's success, and Lewis Audio Video is in the process of scheduling installation and member training. Plans are also underway to host a public unveiling celebration in the coming months to thank all who contributed, especially the Grange volunteers who made it possible.

This successful fundraiser exempli

fies the best of what the Grange can achieve through fellowship, dedication, and shared vision. Fernwood Grange looks forward to continuing its growth and service with renewed momentum and better sound!



*Grange President Ron Kelley manned the check out process.*

### Barlow Gate Held Fourth of July Breakfast

It was hotcakes, eggs, ham, sausage, hashbrowns, homemade biscuits & gravy along with coffee and juice at this year's Fourth of July weekend breakfast July 4 and 5<sup>th</sup> at Barlow Gate Grange #157 in Wasco County.

This is the major fundraiser for the Grange and the crowds were excellent both days with diners coming from around the state as well as across the river in Washington.



*Above: Part of the kitchen crew ready to serve.*

*Below: The hall was full of diners both days for breakfast.*



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