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Above: Members of McMinnville Grange gather around Oregon State Grange First Lady Toni Hoyman and State President Jay Sexton (center) with their new plaque honoring their 150 years.

McMinnville #31 Celebrates 150 Years

The oldest active Grange in Oregon, McMinnville Grange #31 in Yamhill County, celebrated their 150th Anniversary on October 10th. State President Jay Sexton and his wife Toni Hoyman joined in the celebration and presented the Grange with a plaque honoring their 150 years of service to their community on behalf of the National Grange.

L. C Reid was elected the first Flora of the Oregon State Grange.

A congratulations letter from National Grange President Betsy Huber was received and said in part “on behalf of the officers and members of the National Grange, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the granting of your Charter. Your Grange has now joined a very special group of Granges that have reached this impressive milestone. The legacy of service to your members, the community, state, and nation is worthy of celebration”.

McMinnville Grange was organized on September 13, 1873 by W. J. Campbell. Mr. A. and Mrs. L.C Reid were their delegates at the organizing session of the Oregon State Grange later that month. Mrs.

Happy Holidays

From the staff of the
Oregon State Grange

Jay, Suzy, Steve and Carol

*The Oregon State Grange office in Salem will
be closed December 22 - January 2, 2024*



Above: Those attending enjoyed this beautiful cake.

Left: McMinnville President Wayne Clemmer receiving the plaque from Oregon State Grange President Jay Sexton in front of their 150-year-old charter.

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The President's Column



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I write this from the National Grange Convention in Niagara Falls, New York. Oregon's delegates are myself and my wife Toni Hoyman, where we are spending long days deliberating on policies and decisions for the National Grange. Oregon sent five resolutions from our Oregon State Convention for consideration by the National Grange Delegates, to be included as National Grange Policy.



L-r: Oregon delegates Toni Hoyman and State Grange President Jay Sexton, along with Hannah, Oregon's member of the Grange Herd at Oregon's place on the delegate tables with the new banner received at convention marking another year of Grange growth in Oregon.

It is a slow and deliberate process, parallel to the process we follow in our own state convention. The delegates represent the 38 states which have Granges. States with less than 15 Granges have a single representative delegate while larger states have two delegates. In topic-based committees the delegates review the resolutions before them and recommend action for the entire body on each resolution.

Beyond policy work there are also honors, contests, speakers, and workshops. This year over 560 people are attending the National Convention – the largest attendance in 20 years. It is exciting to interact with Grangers from all over the country. We have so much in common even though our homes, professions, and the activities of our Granges can be so different. It is the civil culture of the Grange, our willingness to volunteer to improve our communities, and our connections with families and friends, that form our connections.

This year the State Grange Delegates received a report from the National Grange Convention Advisory Work Group, which had, for over a year, researched ways to

improve the National Convention value, finances, and attendance. The thrust of several recommendations is to improve the focus on Convention features for non-delegates (blue sash attendees). The policy work of the state delegates (gold sash attendees) will continue unchanged, as will ceremonial, honor, and contest activities, but additional resources and emphasis will be allocated to improve the experience for first time attendees. Providing a high-quality National Convention experience for community Grangers will create a reputation of excellence that will increase attendance and the fraternal connections between the members from different states and regions.

The National Grange has sent out a mailing to Granges across the nation explaining a new insurance benefit the National Grange has arranged. This is a legitimate offering, and more information will soon arrive from the National Grange.



In January the National Grange will be mailing information to every Grange on a new program called "Reaching Rural Surgical Seniors" (RRSS). This mailing is meant to provide information for rural residents planning for future medical care, but is useful to everyone. Pamphlets and worksheets, as well as short video programs explaining aspects of the RRSS can be the basis for Lecturer's programs or community events.

Lastly, we have our 4th Quarterly Report Forms coming out soon. Please make sure you return your forms after they have been approved at your **January meeting**, before the end of January deadline. Please be extra careful to write or type the information for new mem

bers, and contact updates so that we can clearly read the names, phone numbers, addresses, and emails. Many errors in our contact database result from hard to read entries on our Quarterly Reports. Thank you so much for your care with this task!

2024 Roster Updates

Your Grange has received the form for updating the contact and meeting information for YOUR Grange. This year these updates are VERY IMPORTANT. National Grange is starting their database over from ZERO. The National Grange wants to vastly improve the email connections it has with members. Our Oregon data has been shared with National with considerable labor, but "garbage in - garbage out" as they say. Please take extra care to correct errors, out-of-date info, and typos.

Ways to connect with the Granges across our Nation

- Good Day Magazine – New and expanded this year! Striving for 1000 subscriptions – Get one for your household. You can subscribe for a print edition (www.nationalgrange.org/goodyday) or for the e-edition (www.issuu.com/grangegoodday). They also make great gifts, or you could consider buying a subscription for your Grange!
- "Patrons Chain" and "News from the Hill" Email newsletters - Please encourage your Granges to subscribe their members to this FREE resource (<http://www.nationalgrange.org/subscribe>)
- YouTube channel (<http://www.nationalgrange.org/youtube>) from the Communication Department offers "Zoomtorials" every other month. These have been primers on Canva, Facebook, partnerships with the US Patent & Trademark Office, roadmaps to success, and more.
- National Grange also posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn



National Grange Elects New Leadership

Washington's Christine (Chris) Hamp, previous National Grange Vice President was elected President at the 2023 National Grange Convention in November. Elected National Lecturer was Tom Gwin, the current Washington State Grange President. They join Oregon's Susan Noah, a member of the National Grange Executive

committee, as National officers from the Western Region.

A list of 2023-25 National officers along with complete coverage and photos of the 157th National Grange convention including the many Oregonians recognized there will appear in the February/March Grange Bulletin.

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We Need Your Participation

By Amanda Brozana Rios
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Reprinted from the October 13, 2023 Patron's Chain

Since I began working for National Grange in 2011, I am not exaggerating when I say I have heard hundreds of people suggest the organization seek grants to help bolster not just the bottom line of the National office, but to assist local Granges. Earlier this year, we were able to win our first federal grant - to help raise awareness about the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program. The grant funds allowed us to create and distribute a variety of different print products (as well as some digital assets) that Granges could request for free to post and hand out in their communities — and to provide Granges who participate with some incentive funds for their work.

Just the thing members have been calling for we have delivered. But many Granges still have not signed up to participate or have not inquired about taking part in this community service project with a benefit. Funders look to past success to determine if an organization is worth partnering with and investing in. Are we going to be able to tell a story of success? It's up to you.

If your Grange has not yet signed up or requested more information, now is the time. Your choice to become involved in this project can have a huge impact on not just our ability to prove we were a worthy investment this time, but that we can be trusted as one in the future. It can also be a way to help your community and your Grange's treasury - a win-win. So, what are you waiting for? Request more information about the project by emailing membership@

nationalgrange.org or calling 301-943-1090.

Your inquiry will be forwarded to our partner - Oregon Institute for a Better Way - which provides community navigators who can gather information, walk you through the sign-up process, get you appropriate supplies, help you report your outreach, and confirm with our office that you are eligible for incentive funds.

If you have already signed up or received ACP material to distribute to your community, make sure to check back with your navigator or reach out to me so you can complete the process and receive your incentive. We look forward to working with you.

This program is a part of a cooperative grant between the National Grange and the Federal Communications Commission. Successful mobilization of Grange connections across America within this effort raises the profile of Grange as a reliable partner in rural outreach efforts. Granges can sign up to participate in the ACP program at: www.nationalgrange.org/roots-of-connectivity/

Distributing informational material explaining the Affordable Connectivity Program can earn a Grange a small monetary reward for the effort. Material can be delivered to libraries, food banks, and other locations and events where community members may benefit from this program to afford internet connections at their home.



The Lecturer's Column

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Do you hang a wreath on your front door for Christmas? Well, you're not alone. Ever since ancient times, people have hung wreaths on their front door.

Over the years, wreaths have meant different things such as preparation for winter, the harvest, love and devotion, and protection. Wreaths also have different meanings in different cultures. For example, the Christmas wreath, is a lot more than a pretty holiday dressing for the front of your home. It is immersed in symbolism representing eternal life, protection, and love.

Traditional Christmas wreaths usually are in the form of a circle. This circle has many meanings, to both Christians and non-Christians. For Christians, it represents the eternal presence of God, with no beginning and no end, the hope of eternal life through Christ, the Savior, and the unending love of God. For non-Christians, it can represent the cycle of the seasons and the hope of life renewing itself.

Although we are talking about Christmas wreaths that hang on the door, for Christians there is also the tradition of the Advent wreath with four candles which represents hope, peace, joy, and love for the four weeks of Advent. This is also typically in the form of a circle with another candle being lit each week.

The material a wreath is made of also has meaning. In ancient Rome

and Greece, wreaths were made of evergreen materials which generally represent continuity and survival through difficult times. For example, Holly represents the crown of thorns that Jesus wore at the Crucifixion, so a holly wreath represents eternal life. Pine and Yew also represent eternal life. Here are some other materials and their meanings:

- Cedar: healing and strength
- Laurel: conquest over pain and suffering
- Pine cones: long life and prosperity
- Rosemary: remembrance
- Sage: good health
- Thyme: bravery
- Juniper: life and hope
- Holly: immortality

Color also has meaning. Traditionally Christmas wreaths are red and green. Green represents balance, nature, and rebirth. It's the symbol of freshness. For Christians, it stands for the eternal life of the soul with red representing the blood Christ shed on the cross.

When Nuts and Fruits are added to wreaths it's a celebration of fall harvest and these were historically added to serve as a protection charm.

So, this year when you put together your Christmas wreath, take some time to think about what you want it to symbolize. In addition to being a welcome to your home and a bit of holiday dressing for your front door, what do you want it to say?

Morning Star Grange Participates In National Night Out In August

National Night Out happens every 1st Tuesday in August across the county and many Granges partake in this get-together. This year Morningstar Grange #311 participated in the Millersburg gathering at the Millersburg City Park. The evening brought Millersburg res-

idents together to learn about services provided by the Albany Fire Department and Linn County Sheriff's office and other community groups. The Grange joined with an information table to advertise the Grange and its activities.

Affordable Connectivity Program

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Springwater Grange Hosts National Night Out at The Hall

On August 1, 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 as well as some displays on fire safe landscaping and

wild fire preparedness.

The Fire Department brought out their new, not yet in-service, four-wheel drive brush rig and the sheriff's department brought out one of their "yachts" better known as a rescue boat. The Grange provided strawberries and ice cream for all in attendance.



R: Springwater community members checked out the new fire fighting vehicle for wild fire fighting.



The Chaplain's Corner

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Another year is about to come to a close. The holiday season is here! We have to remember that not everyone is thrilled with this time of year. Take time to do something for someone who might need a little pick me up; flowers, cards, visits, do something that they can't do for themselves.

It will help them and you at the same time. Philippians 2:4 tells us "Let each of you look not only to his own interests but also to the interests of others." Share your

blessings with family, friends and your community.

As Grange members we have the perfect outreach to our communities. Help with food drives, adopt a family at Christmas, visit shut ins, open your Grange to the community. Be that shining light in your community. Spread God's love and have a great holiday!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Memoriam

Thelma Baldwin
Midland #781

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Santa Clara #746

Don Brandeau
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Dalton Straus
Central Point #698

Charlotte Taylor
Dorena #835

Hilma Vandervilt
Terrebonne #663



*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.*

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	Feb 3	10:30 AM	Eagle Valley Grange
Benton #36	Jan 13	10:30 AM	Willamette Grange
Clackamas #1	Jan 27	9:30 AM	Beaver Creek Grange
Columbia #18	Feb 3	10:00 AM	Beaver Valley Grange
Deschutes #25	Feb 10	1:00 PM	TBA
Douglas #13	Jan 27	6:00 PM	Myrtle Creek Grange
Josephine #20	Dec 30	10:00 AM	Deer Creek Grange
Lane #14	Jan 13	10:00 AM	Dorena Grange
Lincoln #10	Feb 10	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Jan 13	10:00 AM	Morning Star Grange
Polk #3	Jan 14	11:00 AM	TBA
Tillamook #9			TBA
Wallowa #22	Jan 9	5:30 PM	Hurricane Creek Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jan 20	10:00 AM	Aloha Grange

Washington/Yamhill Pomona Grange

ATTENTION to all members in Washington and Yamhill Counties

All members of the twelve Granges in our Pomona, have benefits beyond what the State, National Granges and State Foundation provide!

- Did you know that your Washington-Yamhill Pomona #2, WY2, provides two scholarships for higher education each year for you, your children, and grandchildren?

- Did you know that WY2 has a disaster fund for catastrophic events such as fire, flood, or earthquake?
- Did you know that we have an Art contest quarterly for Juniors ages 5-14?

More information on any of these, please attend the next Pomona meeting or contact Master Samuel Keator at keatorsam@gmail.com



L-r: Court of Pomona for the September conveyance of the 5th Degree, Saturday September 23 by Clackamas Pomona, Jan Olesen, Flora Cat Thomas, JC Junkman, Pomona Jessie Jo Guttridge, Tami Guttridge, Ceres Barbara Brockway and Judy Huey.

R: The fifth degree was conferred on two new members.

Clackamas Pomona Grange Has Busy Fall

The fall season for Clackamas County Pomona Grange started with a visitation to Boring-Damascus Grange #260 on September 19. Then on Saturday September 23 the Pomona was at Maplewood Grange with the Youth holding a fundraiser dinner followed by a dessert auction for the Charlie Bowser Scholarship. Then the Fifth degree was conferred by the Pomona officers.



In October there was another visitation on the schedule, this time to Springwater Grange #263 on the 23rd, where Pomona Master Joyce Parker's birthday was celebrated. Then on Saturday October 28 the Pomona met for their 4th quarter meeting and annual pumpkin contest at Garfield Grange. Honored guest was Sam Keator, Washington/Yamhill Pomona Master.

R: Sam Keator helped with the Lecturer's program.



Below: Some of the pumpkins for the contest. Selected were: best carved, best decorated, largest and smallest.





USDA Unveiled Updated Plant Hardiness Zone Map This Month

WASHINGTON, DC
Nov. 15, 2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released a new version of its Plant Hardiness Zone Map (PHZM), updating this valuable tool for gardeners and researchers for the first time since 2012. USDA's Plant Hardiness Zone Map is the standard by which gardeners and growers can determine which plants are most likely to thrive at a location. The new map—jointly developed by USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and Oregon State University's (OSU) PRISM Climate Group—is more accurate and contains greater detail than prior versions.

The map is available online at <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/>. There is an option where you can put in your zip code and get your hardiness zone as well as zoom into your area of the map. In addition to the map updates, the Plant Hardiness Zone Map website was expanded in 2023 to include a "Tips for Growers" section, which provides information about USDA ARS research programs of interest to gardeners and others who grow and breed plants.

The 2023 map is based on 30-year averages of the lowest annual winter temperatures at specific locations, is divided into 10-degree Fahrenheit zones and further divided into 5-degree Fahrenheit half-zones. Like the 2012 map, the 2023 web version offers a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based interactive format and is specifically designed to be user-friendly. Notably, the 2023 map delivers to users several new, significant features and advances. The 2023 map incorporates data from 13,412 weather stations compared to the 7,983 that were used for the 2012 map.

Approximately 80 million American gardeners and growers represent the most frequent users of the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map.

However, they're not the only ones with a need for this hardiness information. For example, the USDA Risk Management Agency refers to the map's plant hardiness zone designations to set certain crop insurance standards. Additionally, scientists incorporate the plant hardiness zones as a data layer in many research models, such as those modeling the spread of exotic weeds and insects.

Plant hardiness zone designations represent what's known as the "average annual extreme minimum temperature" at a given location during a particular time period (30 years, in this instance). Put another way, the designations do not reflect the coldest it has ever been or ever will be at a specific location, but simply the average lowest winter temperature for the location over a specified time. Low temperature during the winter is a crucial factor in the survival of plants at specific locations.

As with the 2012 map, the new version has 13 zones across the United States and its territories. Each zone is broken into half zones, designated as "A" and "B." For example, zone 7 is divided into 7a and 7b half zones. When compared to the 2012 map, the 2023 version reveals that about half of the country shifted to the next warmer half zone, and the other half of the country remained in the same half zone. That shift to the next warmer half zone means those areas warmed somewhere in the range of 0-5 degrees Fahrenheit; however, some locations experienced warming in the range of 0-5 degrees Fahrenheit without moving to another half zone.

The Agricultural Research Service is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific in-house research agency. Daily, ARS focuses on solutions to agricultural problems affecting America. Each dollar invested in U.S. agricultural research results in \$20 of economic impact.



The Agricultural Report

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The Generation's Project

Last month, our South Fork Grange #605, Wallowa County, held an afternoon class in making sauerkraut, sourdough and fermented veggies. We had a full class and everyone went home happy with their jars of kraut. It was the first class in our new Grange program that we are calling "The Generation's Project (G.P.)", with it's motto being: "We learn in the presence of generations".

The intentional work of the G.P. , is to teach our community members the basic skills of self sufficiency. Gardening, livestock care and butchering, sewing, cooking, home repair, outdoor camping, plant ecology and wildlife habitats and identification, wool processing and knitting/crocheting, , baking, whittling and small woodworks, food preservation, wild edibles, music and other art and craft skills are a few of the module topics.

We offer these "education modules" during evening and daytime classes for both adults and children. We will hold at least one session/module a month. These classes require a small student fee for materials.

In November, we held an art class for small children, and we will also hold a class featuring the American native foods called the "Three Sisters" of corn, beans and squash. They will learn about varieties that

survive the high mountain valley weather, how to grow and harvest, store and prepare these foods.

December will have gift making classes for children and an "Introduction to Livestock Husbandry" for all those interested.

We have received two supportive grants from our community, and are using our facilities to hold the classes, and our members as teachers. Our Grange membership is growing as a result of the "Generation's Project". By identifying that many of our families find more expenses than income on a monthly basis, we engaged into their needs, and are hopeful that these life skills can lessen their overall expenses, as well as help connect these community members to each other through this shared experiences



Above: South Fork Grange member June Colony demonstrating making sauerkraut.



L: A class participant shows off a finished loaf of sourdough bread.



Grange members and community friends show off their products after the first class in South Fork's Grange's "The Generation's Project".



Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Hello Grangers, as we head into winter and the season that we traditionally spend more time at home, I'd like us to think about the changing nature of our world and the tremendous effect the internet has had on all our lives. It's not just the vast amount of information that is available to us all, internet access also has the potential to right wrongs and create true equity in so many areas of our lives.

Internet access is increasingly recognized as a "super determinant" of health. It plays a role in health care outcomes and influences more traditionally recognized social determinants of health, such as education, employment, and health care access.¹ However, according to Pew Research Center, approximately one quarter of American adults, or 21 million, do not have access to broadband internet, and this does not include those who are under-connected or lacking a stable internet connection.² In fact, recent research conducted by Broadband Now, indicates the number of Americans without broadband internet is closer to 42 million and this percentage is even lower for those living on tribal lands and in rural areas (63%) and for those earning less than \$30,000 (56%).³ This phenomenon is known as the digital divide.

Digital disparity is not new, but COVID-19 increased and highlighted our dependence on the internet. Access to broadband has become a basic need, linking people to vital resources such as jobs, education, health care, food and information, yet it is still overlooked and understudied as a public health issue. While the number of households in America with access to high-speed broadband service has increased rapidly over the past two decades, digital equity still remains a lingering issue. Less than half of American Indian and indigenous communities living on reservation lands have access to high-speed internet compared to 75% to 82% nationwide.²

People's reliance on the internet to access everything from online school to telemedicine and food access underscores how internet access has changed from a privilege and luxury to a basic life necessity. According to research from Pew Research Center, approximately 15% of households with school-age children in the United States lack a reliable internet connection, and this percentage goes up to 59% for households earning less than \$20,000 per year. Additionally, this research uncovered that 59%

of low-income parents said that their children routinely had problems completing their schoolwork because they had to do it on their phones or did not have home internet.

The nation's digital divide reflects inequities in who can and cannot access high speed internet. According to a 2021 report by National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), highspeed internet usage rates were lower in households where the main renter or owner was 65 years or older, had a disability, or was Hispanic, African American, American Indian or an Alaskan Native, and the American Health Information Management Association Foundation found that while 8 in 10 households with incomes over \$100,000 used high-speed internet services at home, only 5 in 10 households with incomes below \$25,000 had access.¹

The United States has struggled to achieve broadband for all for many reasons, but a major factor is that the federal government currently views broadband internet as free enterprise rather than a regulated resource like public utilities. Large communications companies that dominate the industry have been allowed to self-govern in the United States with little accountability. Although they are overseen by the FCC, little has been done to penalize them when they fail to deliver on their subsidized promises of expanding broadband into areas and communities most in need.²

So, what can we do to address this divide and gain true equity for all Americans? We can all play a role by advocating for digital equity. We can contact our representatives at both state and local levels to discuss the need to expanded broadband access and to emphasize to policymakers to take action when companies do not follow through with new expansion plans.

On an individual Grange level, we can connect those who qualify for programs that can help them access and afford high speed internet services. The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop

Community Service Involvement

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Making a Difference in the Community

This month Community Service committee at-large member, Jeff Dehne, has written the column.

As I write this, Liz is traveling in Europe. When I received her text asking me to write a report for this issue, I of course said, "I would be delighted." I will take some literary license and defer from reporting the Community Service Contest results from the State Session. I will instead focus on planning for 2024.

We should all be choosing projects that we will be working on for the next year. Some Granges do this as part of their Program of Work. These can be projects that we have done before or new ones. If they are projects that you have done, then take a look at how they turned out and see if there are ways to make them even better. Whether it is an existing project or a new one, check with other Granges or local organizations for ideas. A little collaboration and sharing are good for community growth.

The 2024 State Session will be in Tillamook. It is not too soon to start making plans to attend.

Goshen Grange Holds Benefit Pizza Party For Its Members

On September 18 Goshen Grange #561, Lane County, held a Members Benefit Pizza Party at the Pleasant Hill Pizza Parlor. Grange President Linda Wetzell thinks that it is important to have Benefits for being a Grange Member and this is one of them for Goshen members. Twelve members were present along with two guests. They enjoyed six different kinds of pizza.

Goshen Grange also paid for their members



computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

If your Grange would like to help

When you are planning your Community Service Projects, include keeping track of hours, miles and expenses for the annual report. Also, take pictures and notes on what happened, where and how it turned out, and compile them in a Year Book. This is a good thing to do for all of your events so new members can see how your Grange has benefited the community. The Year Book is great for displaying at events and Open Houses. April is Grange Month and a good time to invite other Service Organizations for a Public Education Event as your Open House.

Remember:

For the months of December and January there are many ways to help: holiday cards for Veterans and assisted living homes, food boxes for the needy, socks for the homeless, etc.

Refer to the November 3rd Patrons Chain email for more information on Community Service. If you don't receive the Patrons Chain email from the National Grange, contact me and I will forward it to you; jcdhne@hotmail.com or sign up here <https://www.national-grange.org/subscribe/>

Fraternally yours and have a happy and safe Holiday Season.

who wanted to attend the Oregon State Grange 150th Celebration Banquet on September 24; Another benefit for being a Granger. Goshen Grange also gives awards for years of membership and awards and prizes for members with perfect or near perfect attendance of meetings.

eligible households connect, please reach out and let me know. At this time, I have Affordable Connectivity Program application forms and outreach materials I can send your Grange to give out to members and community members in need of this information. Please contact me for your kit at Lillyinemeraldcity@gmail.com.

The Education Committee



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A few years after I was out of high school (more than a few years ago) one fear that I heard about was that in the future we would all learn online and not have any personal contact. The one thing that the pandemic has taught me is that is not the case. The state assessments both in assessments and in absentee numbers show that overall kids learn best around other kids. I think it also helps students learn social skills.

The other issue with online learning

is not everyone has the best internet if they have any home internet at all. For those families fifteen or more miles out of town, good internet is hard to come by.

If you are interested in viewing the Oregon Education Department statistics and have internet, go to <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/reports-cards/Pages/Statewide-Annual-Report-Card.aspx>. If you don't have internet most libraries have computers that you can use.



Members, please remember the OSG Foundation in your year-end giving plans. Consider the \$30 for 30 fund which celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Oregon State Grange Foundation and is raising money to fund the new MacLom Trupp Vocational Education Scholarship. We also have the Fraternal Concerns Fund which pays out to members after a casualty loss (house fire, flood etc.) and the Grangers Attending State Session which gives small travel awards to members attending the Oregon State Grange Convention.

The Foundation also has several funds that benefit your members and has a program that you can participate in to benefit the Foundation. One of these is the "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Reimbursement." This fund pro-

vides any OSG member up to \$500 reimbursement for expenses due to hearing issues. To receive this benefit a member needs to make a written request to the Foundation with attached receipts. This is an annual benefit based on a calendar year. If you think you can benefit from this, please submit your request by December 31. Mail the request to the OSG office in Salem.

The Foundation also signed up for the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. All you need to do is go online and synchronize your rewards card with the OSG Foundation (FM650) and we receive a small donation when you make a purchase at Fred Meyer.

The Board of Trustees wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Abernethy Grange Invites All Who Sew to Join Them

Sewing pillowcase for Bloomin' Boutique is the newest community service project for Abernethy Grange #346, Clackamas County. Abernethy has been a major supporter of the Oregon State Grange Pillowcases for our Troops and Veterans project, supplying many patriotic pillowcases each year at the State Grange convention.

Bloomin' Boutique is a non-profit organization dedicated to giving a hand up by providing new clothing, shoes, bedding and personal care items to underprivileged children, empowering them to become confi-

dent, constructive members of their communities.

Bloomin' Boutique provides foster and underprivileged youth new clothing and other items to the extent made possible by community members generous donations. They cover boys and girls of all ages, infant through 18 years. Using a referral process, they partner with other community organizations and agencies to provide these services. They are located in Oregon City and serve residents of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.



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GROW Club Serves Ice Cream

Five members of the GROW Club spent a couple of hours on October 7th serving ice cream sundaes to people attending Willamette Grange's Cider Day Saturday. This ice cream social was 'won' by State Grange President Jay Sexton at the oral auction held in June at the State Grange convention, and he shared it with his Grange.

Representing the GROW Club were Steve and Susie Kroeker,

Crow Grange #450, Susan Noah, Mohawk-Mckenzie Grange #474 and Joyce Parker and Suzy Ramm of Springwater Grange #263.

If your Grange is interested in having the GROW Club serve an Ice Cream social for one of your events, contact the GROW Club President or plan to come to next year's State Grange convention in Tillamook and bid on one.



Above: Cider Day attendees wait in line for ice cream

It's Cider Saturday at Willamette



With a touch of autumn in the air, It's Cider Saturday as Willamette Grange #52, Benton County, hosted a community Cider Day Saturday on Saturday, October 7th. The highlight of the day was the pressing of gallons and gallons of cider on an old-fashioned apple cider press (although it did have a motor for the grinding). The parking lot was full as attendees enjoyed sampling the cider, along with music and children's games. Grange President Jay Sexton gave tours of their historic hall which has been undergoing a wonderful renovation. Many in attendance took home containers of cider from their biggest event of the year.



Tis the season for fun, fellowship and charity. Many Granges around the state are planning holiday parties for members and for their communities, others are starting to shop for adopted at-need families or hosting holiday craft shows. For the individual member it's a great time to visit and support all the Granges in your area, and it's a good time for all of us to give thanks for what we have and to work to make the world a better place for others.

This is also a time when many Granges are setting up their programs and goals for the coming year. GWA chairs should take part in this process to keep your members informed and engaged with the Grange. Remember this committee is here to support the Grange, the family and the home.

Right now, I am working to make sure that our handicraft contests are all in place and have sponsors. We have had one or two that need new sponsors, so if anyone out there is interested in financially sponsoring any of these contests, please let

me know. We have a couple in the canned foods and cookie sections that are funded at \$12 each and then we have a woodworking contest that is \$50. These fees cover all the prizes as well as the ribbons and the judges.

For anyone who has not attended our state convention it is wonderful to walk through the GWA and lecturers displays and take in the talents of our members. The GWA contests include cookies, jams, jellies, canned fruits and vegetables as well as sewing, needlepoint, quilting and crafting. We also have woodworking & metalworking, so truly something for everyone! Encourage your members to enter a contest or two this coming year. These contests are a great way to keep alive our traditional crafts and to mentor new beginners.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! Have a wonderful holiday season and a safe and happy new year. 2024 promises to be a great Grange year as we start on the next 150 years.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

- November-January** Nomination of Oregon State Grange officers
- December 1** Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officers' information due to the State Grange office
- December 9** Oregon State Grange Holiday Open House – Salem 2-4pm
- December 15** Deadline to apply for Bonding Insurance through the National Grange. Send to State Grange office.
- December 22 - January 2** Oregon State Grange office closed
- December 31** Oregon State Grange Foundation - "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbusement" request deadline. Send to the state office.
- January 25, 2024** Nominations for Oregon State Grange Officers must arrive at the State Grange office by 5pm.
- January 31, 2024** 4th Quarter Reports due to the State Grange office.
- March 1, 2024** Deadline for first 2024 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.
- April 1-30** Grange Month – theme: "Grange: The Trusted Voice of Rural America"
- April 25-27, 2024** Western Regional Leadership Conference - Yakima, Washington area
- April 27-28, 2024** Oregon Ag Fest - Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem – Volunteers needed
- June 15-20, 2024** Oregon State Grange Convention District 3 - Tillamook County Fairgrounds

Oregon Junior Grangers



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Our Juniors Are Moving Up

How old are the Juniors at your Grange? Did you know that they can graduate to full voting membership when they are 13 1/2 years old? But it's not automatic.

A Junior member should join the Grange by initiation or obligation, just like regular members do. We think five-to-13-year-olds are ready to appreciate the honor and responsibility of becoming Junior members by a special ceremony just for them. If you prefer not to do the Junior Obligation during a regular meeting, you can certainly vote on their applications for membership and then schedule the Obligation ceremony at a different time.

A Junior member should only be added to your quarterly report on membership after they've completed their obligation ceremony. A Junior who has taken the Obligation at our annual convention is a member of the Oregon State Junior Grange. You should vote to admit them to your Grange as 1+ Junior members.

That doesn't mean that children under five shouldn't take part in activities at your Grange, but common sense tells us that tagalongs under age five should be accompanied by their own grownup, even if older children are not.

Also concerning are names on the Junior roster with birth dates in 2009 or before. These young folks are eligible for all the opportunities in the Grange Youth program. They're probably ready to travel around the state and meet other young members. Encourage them to apply for full membership as soon as they're

Morning Star Vets Day Dinner

On Sunday November 12, Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County held a Meatloaf Dinner to benefit the Grange and the Wounded Warrior Project. The table centerpieces included military branch flags and recruiting posters were hung on the walls. The raffle basket fundraiser proceeds went to the Wounded Warrior Project and was won by Master Heather Decker.

Some of the leftover pies from the bake sale were donated to two group homes: Sanders and Scheler Houses which meets the needs of adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Pies also went to Mitchell Place, which offers more independent living alternatives

eligible. After a favorable vote at a regular meeting, they can be given the Welcoming Ceremony or Obligation just like any other new member.

Of course, no Grange could be faulted for making a special big deal of graduating from Junior to full membership.

The Oregon State Grange has only recently begun listing Junior members by the quarterly reports and annual membership list recaps mailed out to Granges. Please do your best to keep that information up to date because Junior and Subordinate/Community Grange membership lists aren't always synchronized as well as we'd like.

The Junior Obligation ceremony is printed in the Junior Program Book 2024, which can be downloaded from the National Grange Website. I've asked that a copy be mailed out with the next quarterly report forms to each Grange, and I'm also happy to send it to any Grange secretary who requests it.

Lane County Granges Support Local Veterans

The annual Lane County Stand Down provides a wide variety of goods and services to local veterans and their families. Two hundred and eighty veterans, including 58 who were homeless, attended the event this year at the Lane Events Center on September 29.

Services provided included haircuts, dental work, massages, employment counseling, referrals to local social service providers, and assistance with accessing veterans benefits. Attendees were served breakfast and lunch, and were honored for their military service during a special program.



There is a special area with donated items for women veterans at the Stand Down.

"Thank you for your service." This phrase is often used to acknowledge and thank a veteran for serving our Country. As this article is being written, Veterans' Day, November 11th will soon be here. (Of course, by the time you read this Bulletin, it will be December.) As we use those words of thanks, let us remember to not just recite them as a trite cliché that we repeat, but instead honestly express how truly grateful we are, and thoughtfully consider what it means to have served.

Whether veterans volunteered or were drafted as they enlisted, they still took an oath to protect and serve the United States of America and to defend its Constitution. Their enlistment took them away from home and family, jobs, and often schooling to offer themselves to serving the USA. Their commitment meant giving up their way of life for the term of service, often not able to return to their former life. The challenges and dangers veterans faced while serving were tremendous. So, when we say, "Thank you for your service" please take a moment to consider what that really means

and make your expression of thanks truly thoughtful.

Our Oregon State Grange Veterans Committee serves to assist veterans, whether Grange members or not, and promote veteran issues. If you have ideas on how our Veterans Committee can better serve the needs of veterans, please feel free to contact any of our District Chairs or ourselves.

Our Veterans Committee District Chairs are as follows:

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- Dist. 3 – Jim Clute
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- Dist. 5 – Roger Wilson
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In the "Candy Store" area, local nonprofit organizations offered free clothing, personal care items, toiletries, linens, outdoor gear, and food. Lane County Granges filled about half of the Candy Store area this year. The Grange also managed the Women's Section of the Candy Store for the first time this year, as the organization that previously managed the section was unable to do so.

Lane County Grangers spent weeks collecting, sorting, and preparing items for the Candy Store. Nineteen of Lane County's 24 Granges helped with the Stand Down. Granges that participated were Ada

#570, Central #360, Creswell #496, Crow #450, Dorena #835, Elmira #523, Goldson 868, Goshen #561, Irving #377, Jasper #532, London #937, Lorane #54, Lowell #745, Mohawk Valley Community #922, Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Santa Clara #746, Spencer Creek #855, Triangle #533, and Walterville #416.

The annual event is organized by the Lane County Stand Down Committee. Martin McClure, of Lorane and Creswell Granges, served on the Stand Down Executive Committee. He and his wife Louise also managed the Candy Store area.



Above: Veterans select from clothing items donate.

Halls Improved with Grants and Loans



Above: Members of the Ram Jack crew working on Abernethy Grange hall.

It Takes a Grant and a Loan to Pay For Stabilizing Grange Hall

Abernethy Grange #346, Clackamas County is happy to announce that their building has been stabilized. They want to thank the Oregon State Grange (OSG) for making possible the Matching Grant program to help them achieve this goal. The Grange also needed to apply for a loan from the State Grange to finish paying for this project. They thank the Oregon State Grange for their support.

Ram Jack put in twelve pilings on north end of the building. The pilings were attached to the foundation to keep the building from settling any further and sliding down



Above: Setting of one of the pilings.

Below: A piling attached to Abernethy Grange's foundation.



the hill.

Abernethy Grange was a recipient of a \$5000 OSG grant in spring 2023. They are now planning several fundraisers to pay back the additional loan that was required to complete the project.



Below: Laying and attaching the 6x6 inch timbers on to the rail car base of the bridge.



Fern Hill Grange Adds Bridge

Starting with a 53.5-foot flatbed rail car from Weyerhaeuser, Fern Hill Grange # 592, Columbia County, is adding a second bridge which will provide better access to more parking area.

The grand plan is for a covered bridge. Basically, they are building a fourteen-foot-wide pole barn that will be 53.5 feet long, with the rail car as the base.

David Wallace, a member of Fern Hill Grange and the guy who has run the speaker system for state Grange convention the last several years, provided the beams for the project. They started with 6"x6" beams on eighteen-inch centers over the whole 53.5-feet, each being fourteen feet long for the base of the decking then 2x10s for the driving surface. Plans are still developing for the walls and roof.



A tractor drives across the completed base and driving surface of the bridge. Posts have started going up to support the roof.

Oregon State Grange Makes Loans to Local Granges

Does your Grange have an immediate need and cannot wait for the next grant opportunity or is the project bigger than grant funds are available for? Maybe a loan is in order.

The State Grange has money available to loan to Subordinate/Community Granges for needed hall improvements. Some of this money was made available by a donation to the State Grange by Sherwood Grange in memory of Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel. Other monies are available from the Reverted Grange Fund per the State Grange by-laws. Interest charged by the State Grange is currently set at 5%. The below criteria must be followed when submitting a request.

Any loan to a Subordinate Grange must be approved by the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee. Granges submitting a request must include the following:

- Complete minutes of your regular meeting, with a

quorum present, where the request was approved by your members.

- 1 year's worth of complete income and expenses for the Grange.
- Copies of bank statements for same time period as income & expense report.
- Plan for repayment
- Payment plan requested - Monthly or Quarterly
- Statement of need
- Amount requested
- Supporting documents for amount requested - bids, purchase orders, breakdown of costs

the Master/President and Secretary, and Grange seal on a Promissory Note payable to the State Grange, and a lien will be filed against the Grange property.

Once a loan is approved, it will not be funded until the State Grange is provided with current bids, purchase orders or copies of paid bills.

Questions may be addressed to the State president at (503) 316-0106 or emailed to president@orgrange.org

The State Grange Executive Committee will try to accommodate as many loans as possible, but the current investment policy states that that there will be no more than 15% of the invested funds in loans to Subordinate Granges and this will be taken into account when reviewing the loan application. Approved loans will require the signature of



Halls Improved with Grants and Loans

Netel Grange Has Refinished Floor

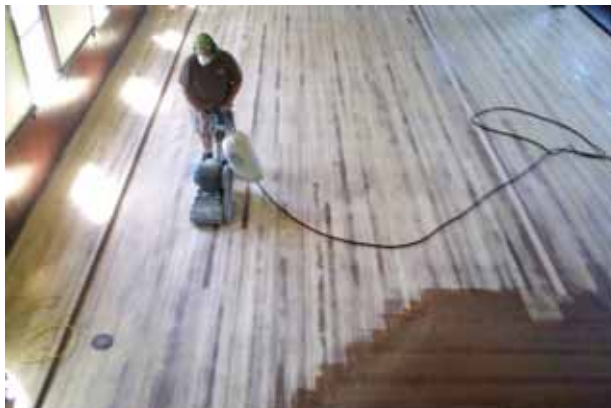
In the fall of 2022 Netel Grange #410, Clatsop County, received a matching grant from the Oregon State Grange to repair and refinish their Grange hall floor. The project had several components. First a severely damaged section of the floor was replaced with donated fir flooring with the help of an experienced woodworker.

Then an experienced floor refinisher, Fred Johnson, donated his time and floor refinishing equipment (sanders and polishers) to accomplish four progressively finer sanding operations, a final fine sanding, and the application of a sealer and three coats of water-based polyurethane. Without Fred's expertise, the project would have been much more time consuming and costly. A team of nine Grange members assisted Fred in all the operations to make the project a success.

The Grange feels they got the perfect results and should keep the floor in great condition for the next few decades. The polyurethane coating can be reapplied to heavy traffic areas as the years go by.



Netel Grange members show off their beautifully refinished floor.



Above: 72-year-old Barry, installing hardware wire to keep the bats out of our Williams Grange attic and installing new bat boxes as an alternative housing resource for the bats.

Williams Grange Had a Bat Problem

In early 2023, Williams Grange #399, Josephine County, members, teachers and students were complaining upstairs about a bad odor from the attic. Grange members explored a neglected attic and counted 172 big brown bats hanging out in a large colony.

After being awarded the financial grant from the State Grange during the spring 2023 grant award season, about a dozen Grange members donated over 60 hours during the summer to clean and paint with the help of a local contractor.

The Grange applied for a grant from the State Grange to clean five rooms, around the back stage area, below the attic and paint them.

The Grange had also got several estimates to rid the entire attic of bats and clean it up and block their entrance and exits from the exterior of the Grange building. The lowest estimate was \$6,000.00. The Grange ground crew, Barry, Alan, Mika and Claudia researched, and brainstormed how to remove the bats safely without any fatalities. Their star volunteer, Barry, had a 30-foot ladder, and Barry proceeded to climb it for over a week, stapling hardware wire around the whole rooftop eaves of the Williams Grange hall. Other volunteers washed windows and siding. Barry's support team was on the ground handing him tools and hardware screen. The best news ever is the big brown bats migrated south in mid-September, and the bat exclusion technique was not needed, nor did they have any fatalities.

Left: Floor refinisher, Fred Johnson, making one of many passes with the sander across the floor of Netel Grange.

Oregon State Grange Matching Grant Program

The Oregon State Grange Matching Grant Program awards grants of up to \$5000 to Oregon Subordinate/Community Granges. Applications are accepted January 1 through March 1 for grants that will be awarded before June 30 and July 1 through September 1 for grants that will be awarded before December 31. The work is to be completed within one year of the date the grant is awarded.

The By-laws of the National Grange and the Oregon State Grange require that assets from a Dormant Grange must be held in trust by the State Grange for a period of not less than seven years for the purpose of reorganization of that Grange. Should it not be possible in that seven-year period to reorganize that Grange, the Oregon State Grange By-Laws require that those assets pass into another restricted fund and can only be used for specific purposes as described in section 4.17.6 of the Oregon State Grange By-laws. The Matching Grant Program falls within those guidelines and the grants to Community/Subordinate Granges come from that fund. The Executive Committee of the

Oregon State Grange believes that helping existing Granges, and by extension their Grange communities, is the best possible way to use the assets and honor the memory of former Granges.

The program has several objectives:

- 1) To allow Subordinate/Community Granges to access needed funds for hall improvements.
- 2) To give the Grange a better standing in the neighborhood.
- 3) To encourage members to work toward the betterment of their Grange hall.

In carrying out these objectives this program is set up with a couple of specific goals:

- 1) That the money granted be in the form of a "matching grant" to engage the entire membership of the applying Grange.
- 2) That the purpose of the grant, first and foremost, be to enhance the appearance and/or improve the functionality and raise the profile of the Grange in the community.
- 3) Priority will be given to projects

that address outward appearance of hall and functionality.

In order to grow and thrive Granges must constantly be taking in new members and must be seen as a vital part of the community. Encouraging prospective members to join an organization whose hall is in disrepair is not an easy task, but with a generally smaller membership in many Granges, as well as aging buildings this has become a reality. By making these funds available to Subordinate/Community Granges for the purpose of hall improvement this should accomplish two things:

- 1) Give the Grange a better outside appearance to the community
- 2) Help with recruitment of new members.

These funds can help with these two goals but the Subordinate/Community Grange membership must also be engaged to make that happen, thus the reason for the "matching" grant. The Grange must be willing to match the funds received with either dollars, in kind donations or volunteer labor.

Now, who is going to volunteer to come clean up all the bat guano?



Above: Volunteers washed the siding of the Grange hall.

Grange Youth & Young Adults



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As this paper is being put together and sent out we will have completed another National Grange convention, this year it was hosted by the Eastern region in Niagara Falls, New York. We have five youth attending from Oregon this year: JC Junkman and Jim Dumolt, Clarkes Grange #263, Clackamas County, Lexie Suing, Crow Grange #450, Lane County, Alex Coe, Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson County, and Solana Sonnier, The Sandy Grange #392, Clackamas County. JC and Alex are representing us as National Youth Officers, JC as Pomona and Alex as Vice President. Lexie and Jim are once again Communication Fellows this year. They and the other Fellows put out the daily newsletter "The Patrons Chain" during convention to keep everyone up to date about what is happening for those at the convention and at home. The Fellows are also in charge of all the events that are streamed during convention.

This is Solana's first year attending National Convention and she will be presenting her speech that won 1st place at State Convention and Regionals. JC and Jim will also be competing in Grange baseball after taking 1st and 2nd at Regionals.

There are lots of fun and interesting events that happen during Nationals. As well as opening this year, the youth will put on an example of what the Parliamentary Procedure contest looks like. They will bring up a topic, make a motion, amend it and take a vote. It will be a new experience for some of the attendees. While at Nationals seeing Niagara Falls in person will have been a first for all of our youth from Oregon. While there we will have also done local community service,

watched the National Officers open convention, had the youth team open convention, attended Evening of Excellence, and watched the sixth and seventh degrees again to name a few. It is a very busy week but very rewarding and it is great to not only get to see old friends but also make new ones. There is lots to learn between looking at displays in the Lecturer's room, attending multiple workshops, and getting to know the Grangers around you. We may all be Grangers but we all have different experiences in the Grange and it is good to listen and learn from those around us.

At National Convention we received the new youth handbook for the next year and there are quite a few changes happening over the coming months. Make sure to look over the program guide when it comes out at the first part of the year. A couple of the big ones are that the National Youth age is being lowered to 30 and that Regionals is going to see some big changes. One change is that our state speech and sign a song contest winners will no longer go to regionals, they will go straight on to National Convention. This means that our Regional convention dates are also being changed, instead of being held in July it will be held in April this year. Washington is hosting and we will have more information to you about it as soon as we can. It is sure to be a good time with lots of fellowship.

Remember if there are youth in your area doing stuff to send us a short blurb about what they did and a picture or two so we can see it as well.

We hope that you have a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous new year.



Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers

Here is wishing you Happy Holidays. Here is a little of what's been going on around the Oregon State Legislature.

A group of Senate Republicans in Oregon who violated a voter-approved law to curb legislative walk-outs will have their case heard by the state's Supreme Court. The court agreed to bypass the appeals court and consider a challenge from five Republican senators who were ruled ineligible for re-election by Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade. The law in question,

Measure 113, prevents lawmakers who miss more than nine days of work from serving another term. The senators argue that the law was poorly written and should apply to the term after the next one. The court's decision will provide clarity for the senators and other politicians in their districts well before the March 12 filing deadline. The outcome of the case could have significant implications for Oregon's political landscape.

We shall soon know the outcome very soon. I'll keep you updated.

Happy Trails

Legislative Update

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Two items on the agenda this time: First - What to do about all of Oregon's sunset policies next June?

First thing, there are a lot of OSG policies in the Ag and Natural Resources sections of our policy handbook that date from 2014, and they will all disappear next June unless specifically retained. I suggest that we deal with these by section, each section or group of policies being written up as one resolution. For instance, on pages 5 and 6 of our policy handbook we have an Irrigation section with seven separate statements. These could be the 'Resolved' and 'be it further Resolved' sections of the resolution, with some Whereas statements explaining why these are still relevant policy statements today (if in fact they are). Keep in mind that some positive arguments may be needed to support retention of some policies. Also, if a statement is outdated or, with the passage of time, proven to be incorrect, it could just be left out and allowed to 'sunset'.

Secondly, your Grange was recently mailed information and Petition IP-4. Your Grange received this mailing because the Oregon State Grange adopted resolution LE- 4, Support IP-4 Refer Tolling Oregon Roads to voters at the June 2023 delegate convention. The resolution states:

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange updates its policy in regard to tolling roads as follows: That for any new toll proposed after January 1, 2018, the toll proposed by the public body is referred for approval or rejection to the electors of each

county in this state that has a county border within a 15-mile radius of any section of highway proposed to be tolled (at this point the resolution repeats text defining 'highway', 'public body', section of highway ... , 'toll', and 'vehicle'). And be it further

Resolved: that the Oregon State Grange supports Petition IP-4 and will work with Vote Before Tolls to collect the signatures needed to place this petition on the ballot. And be it further

Resolved: that the Oregon State Grange actively supports the passage of the measure that would come out of a successful signature drive on Petition IP-4.

The mailing included a sample signature sheet that demonstrates how to fill one out, with notes in red explaining key factors.

Please note, the Oregon State Grange will lobby in support of this petition as the adopted resolution states but as individual members you may sign and circulate this petition or decline, as you wish.

For More Information you can visit VoteBeforeTolls.org to download more petition blanks and register to be kept up to date as the initiative progresses to the 2024 ballot box.

Our Legislative Zoom sessions are discussing resolutions on a regular basis and if you have any questions about these, or other resolutions, feel free to Zoom on in to one of these sessions (next one is January 24) or contact me, or any member of the OSG Legislative Committee.



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 24 @ 7 pm PDT
 Where: Zoom

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

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These Oregon State Grange Policies Will Sunset In June Without Action

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

Agriculture is the oldest recorded commercial enterprise known to man. It is the Number One economic enterprise in Oregon. It supports, directly or indirectly, more employment than any other industry in the State. Forestry provides a close second to commercial agriculture. Our third (more glamorous enterprise) is recreation and it is dependent on both Agriculture and Forestry. Agricultural crops, livestock, and wood products are our only renewable resources. They all require inputs from our four fixed resources; air, water, soil, and sunlight.

Therefore, it is the policy of the Oregon State Grange that Agriculture and Forestry will be given equal and/or priority consideration when environmental or economic plans are formulated for the use of air, water, soil, and sunlight.

Support these Broad Agricultural and Forestry Activities

- A. Flexibility in farm programs.
- B. Allowing farmers to reestablish their proven yields.
- C. Commodity loan rates set at or near cost of production.
- D. Soil and Water conservation programs that are cost shared by the Federal and State Governments, including the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). If a program is mandated by Federal or State Government, it will be cost-shared by the mandating government.
- E. The Oregon Departments of Agriculture and Fish and Wildlife be given authority to control the importation or transportation of feed products that have a potential of containing noxious weeds into agricultural and recreational

areas that are presently free of these weeds.

- F. The Foreign Agricultural Investment Act which could help the US trade deficit by cutting lenders subsidies and help US producers compete more fairly in world markets.
- G. Cooperation with other organizations to present a solid front in support of the farm, forestry, and livestock production - especially family.
- H. The multiple uses of public lands for grazing, timber, and recreation.
- I. The US Department of Agriculture's Truth-in-Labeling Act.
- J. The right of each nation to enact laws to protect the viability of its land and local agriculture.

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Oppose these Broad Agricultural and Forestry Programs

- A. The reduction in value of farm or forestry lands through public land use policies without there being 'Just Compensation' as a 'Taking.'
- B. A ban on the use of Sodium Nitrite as a preservative of ham, hotdogs, lunch meats, and similar products. Require these products to be marked as containing nitrates. All sodium nitrite-free meat products should be clearly labeled to inform the consumer of the potential for botulism poisoning.
- C. Any change that would remove the control of forestry, grass, or any vegetation from US or Oregon State Departments of Agriculture.

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Family Farms

The Oregon State Grange strongly SUPPORTS the family farm concept. A family farm being a business enterprise that provides food, fiber, forestry, and related products and services; owned, operated, managed and financed by family members.

Therefore, the Oregon State Grange family farm policy will be as stated in the specific areas: Water, soil, air, grain, horticulture, livestock, chemicals, and forestry. **AG Comm.14**

I. Water

- A. Support legislation that provides flow rights by priority dates of applications. The oldest rights having priority and places in-stream water right applications on hold when stream flows are being exceeded.
- B. Support legislation that would require state or federal agencies to cost share equally in all irrigation diversion measuring devices and

screens that are mandated and/or have unknown impacts on the aquatic resource to be protected.

- C. Oppose the reduction, elimination, or other manipulation of present water rights.
- D. Support the right of private property owners to protect their land from further flood damage if they are unable to obtain the proper permits in seven days.

EE1.97, AG Comm.14

II. Soil

- A. That "Wet Lands" as defined by the legislature will consider what natural "Wet Lands" is.
- B. Agricultural and forestry lands will be taxed on the basis of soil capability and/or productivity.
- C. That all state and federal agencies will consider all commercial agricultural crops by the same definition. High intensity crops such as cranberries, blueberries, nurseries, cane berries when commercially produced, should be considered as agricultural lands by the taxing departments as well as the state land use agencies.
- D. That when agricultural and forestry planning are being considered by planning agencies that intensively managed small horticultural and nursery ownerships be given equal consideration with more extensive field cropping.

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III. Air

- A. Support air, smoke, and dust control measures that consider the most economical and expeditious means of reducing pollution to realistic historical levels.
- B. Support research and programs to utilize more fully the by-products from grass, grain, and forest that will reduce air smoke-pollution and provide an economic return to the grower.
- C. Support agriculture brush burning.

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IV. Grain Storage, Handling and Transportation

- A. Support active port terminals and storage facilities for export and import of grains and forestry products along the Columbia River.
- B. Support on-farm storage facilities for grains.
- C. Support a moisture, protein grade, and debris level for all grains based on world importers requirements with prices based on these requirements and any pricing premiums received to be shared with growers.
- D. Support a multi-based barge/rail/highway farm commodities transportation system that assures the lowest possible cost of moving food and fiber to the consumer.

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V. Livestock

- A. Support the present grazing per-

mit fee policies.

- B. Favor a policy when a grazing permit requires riparian fencing for stream bank protection that the requiring public agency provides not less than 50 percent of the costs of such installations.
- C. Support the present policy on brucellosis.
- D. Oppose the importation of meat, dairy, and poultry products that do not meet U.S. Food and Drug standards of the same domestic products.
- E. Oppose any change in current USDA inspection laws that would weaken the inspection standards for fish, fowl, pork, beef, lamb or other meat products.

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VI. Chemicals

- A. Support County, State and Federal legislation being enacted to cost share with landowners for control and containment of noxious weeds. Any legislation enacted should require public agencies to control weeds on the lands they are managing.
- B. Support County, State and Federal legislation that would permit timely use of chemical controls to eradicate exotic pests.

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VII. Forestry

- A. Support all silvicultural practices, including clear cutting, as viable alternatives in timber harvesting. Timber harvest activities shall be conducted so as to protect the basic soil and water resources and to insure adequate reforestation of commercial timber species.
- B. Support timely and expeditious harvesting of fire- and insect-damaged timber that maintains timber value and reduces fire hazards.

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Watershed Policy

The Grange recognizes the importance of, and the protection of all watersheds. The Grange also recognizes that watersheds do not adhere to boundaries of private or public lands. Inasmuch as all lands are within the watershed, all who own or manage all or any portion of a watershed must exercise responsible stewardship of that watershed to maintain its health to provide clean water, continue its production of food or fiber, and any other multiple uses that will benefit society.

The Grange recommends, that, federal, state, and local governments work closely with each other and local landowners to the development and construction of watershed projects, dams, and reservoirs for multiple use such as flood control, storing and releasing surplus flood waters, replenishing undergroundwater, hydroelectric power generation, irrigation, and industrial/municipal uses.

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The Grange opposes the 'locking up' of watersheds or portions thereof for a single use by anyone or agency, especially public lands that have historically been in multiple uses including the growing and harvesting of timber, forage and other renewable resources.

The Grange does not oppose the placing of some restrictions on some activities in designated areas for the protection of a specific resource for a specific time.

The Grange supports and promotes educating all persons and agencies to the fact that the responsibility for the protection of our watersheds lies with those who use them.

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Environment, Conservation, and Natural Resources Policy

The Grange recognizes that the protection of the environment and the conservation of our natural resources are vital national priorities if our nation is to remain a pleasant, healthful and profitable place to live. However, the zealous pursuit of unrealistic and unnecessary environmental and conservation goals can cause economic damage to industries that are important to our country. They can cause economic damage to industries that are important to our country; they can also obfuscate the important role that private property rights play in maintaining our liberty. The Grange does not believe that Americans must sacrifice their prosperity or surrender their constitutional rights in order to preserve our environment. All these goals can be achieved within the framework of a free and creative society.

The Grange insists that the protection for private property ownership that is derived from the United States Constitution, State Constitutions, and the common law be vigorously protected.

Adequate and full compensation should be paid in all cases of 'taking' of private property by Government. We support increased efforts to educate the public and the children in school, in particular, about the continued importance of the right to own property that our citizens enjoy under our form of government.

The Grange, at all levels, demands responsible stewardship of all who own or utilize those resources. Responsible stewardship recognizes a balance between use and preservation. It is a function of informed judgment that can take many different forms. Property owners must accept and exercise their responsibilities individually. **AG Comm.14**

Farm Land and Forest Land

The Oregon State Grange opposes the condemnation of agricultural acreage for the purpose of setting

up recreational and environmental areas, including the use of this power by the State. We also oppose the purchase of farm lands for the creation of recreational areas, public projects, and housing developments.

We support legislation that would prevent removing water rights from agriculture to supply rural and/or industrial development with water and, if that a temporary building halt be made in any area not having a ready and adequate source of water.

73.75, 35.85, 46.88, AG1.90, AG5.92, AG Comm.14

We favor establishment of definite criteria that clearly and properly defines and identifies what constitutes 'Secondary Lands', as applied to forestry and agriculture lands; also, that public comments be solicited in establishing the criteria to be used in this identification.

AG02.90, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange favors a 'Right to Farm' law. **AG01.93, AG03.06, AG Comm.14**

The State Grange opposes any system, or method, that would threaten our great production of food, our family type farm system, and local business enterprises.

22.77, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange shall back all legislation and push for stronger legislation to protect the farms and farmers not only in Oregon but throughout the United States.

AG1.01, AG Comm.14

The Grange supports a policy that protects and preserves any property in excess of two acres in an Exclusive Farm Use zone.

AG2.97, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports the Open Range Law, and seeks support for legislation that would compel rural counties within the State of Oregon to post reminder signs along county roads at 5-mile increments stating "Open Range Area" and also require the Oregon Department of Transportation to post reminder signs along Interstate 84 from Gilliam County to the Idaho State line at 20-mile increments stating "Open Range Area" by June of 2020. We also urge the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles to emphasize the Open Range Law in its Motor Vehicle Drivers Handbook.

AG3.98, AG Comm.14, TU.4.19

The Oregon State Grange supports the Land Conservation and Development Commission's continued use of existing guidelines to maintain the State of Oregon's existing Farm and Forest Lands.

EE1.02, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports the return of US Forest and BLM

lands to the individual 12 Western States. **FA5.08, AG Comm.14**

Irrigation

Further the Grange supports the concept that **agricultural use of water** be considered as a public beneficial use of the waters of Oregon. Also, those Oregon statutes recognize water used for agricultural food production and processing be identified as beneficial uses equal to, or greater than, fish, wildlife, recreation, and other environmental water uses.

62.84, AG4.92, AG Comm.14

We urge the Oregon State Water Resources Department to consider the needs of the Oregon farmer when making their decisions concerning **minimum stream flow**, and fish and wildlife uses. We also urge cooperation from all agencies to provide for the needs of farmers, as well as those of fish and wildlife.

The Oregon State Grange believes that limitations on **irrigated acreage** be adjusted to better reflect today's needs. We further believe that a 160-acre limitation is not reasonable in many areas. Also, self-determination should be granted to irrigation projects, when all monies have been repaid. **35.78, AG Comm.14**

We oppose current requirements, made by the Oregon State Water Resources Department, for the installation of **water flow meters** on underground irrigation systems. We feel there are other methods to figure water flow on these systems that would not cause unnecessary financial cost to water consumers.

111.88, AG Comm.14

We oppose any State or Federal legislation that would decrease and/or **limit irrigation, agricultural processing and livestock water rights** in accordance to our present Grange policy.

AG2.93, AG7.03, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange and Grange members support the efforts to help the **Klamath irrigation** users in their fight to keep their historical water rights and their ability to make a living off their land.

AG2.08, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange reaffirms its policy and requests the National Grange to amend its policy to:

- Work to preserve the way of life of the **Klamath Basin** farming community as agriculture is the number one industry in the basin.
- Actively work to ensure that the flow of life-giving and life-sustaining water from the Klamath Lake and watershed is restored to the farmers and farm communities served by the irrigation systems.
- Oppose the removal of water storage and electrical generation dams in the Klamath Basin for environmental and agricultural reasons.

ENR3.11, AG Comm.14

Chemicals, Vegetation Control, and Pests

The State Grange strongly opposes a ban on the use of **Sodium Nitrite**. Such a ban could result in possible loss of sales, of up to 60%, of processed pork such as ham, bacon, hot-dogs, and lunch meats. Without Sodium Nitrite the danger of botulism could be a threat to the consumer. Also, all nitrite free meat products should be clearly labeled as such to ensure the protection of the consumer against food poisoning like botulism.

7.79, AG Comm.14

The State Grange asks chemical companies to **test pesticides**, fungicides, and herbicides, for minimal usage, and that danger to human health be of primary importance before these chemicals are released for use in the production of our food supply.

We propose legislation protecting farmers from **claims** that disparage, defame agriculture products without verifiable scientific proof when reported by the media and groups against the farmer.

AG3.94, AG Comm.14

We also believe that the **Director of Agriculture** should have the power to appoint the members of the Commodity Commission. The Oregon State Grange believes all of these changes would help the Department of Agriculture stay in touch with the problems of the farmer.

46.77, AG Comm.14

We oppose any change that would remove the **control of forestry**, grass, or any vegetation, from the Department of Agriculture.

36.79, AG Comm.14

We favor **field burning** by the grass seed growers, until such time as an established and effective alternative for purifying the fields is sanctioned by these farmers, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

53.77, AG Comm.14

The Grange would support any federal or state legislation that would enlist help for landowners and farmers in their work to control and reverse the spread of **Tansy Ragwort**, or any other noxious weeds, on their property.

The Oregon State Grange urges local county weed districts to enforce the **Weed Control Law** on county, state and private property to assist in the control, of the noxious weed Wild Scotch Broom. We also recommend giving the Oregon Fish and Game Commission authority to control feed contaminated with **noxious weeds** due to the frequency of hunters bringing these seeds into the areas with the hay for their pack animals. **28.76, 1.81, AG2.92, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports

Sunsetting Policies *continued:*

the eradication of **noxious weeds** on private and public lands, and with the National Grange, will support Federal, State, and County administered programs which will provide adequate funding for the eradication of noxious weeds.

AG3.99, AG Comm.14

The State Grange supports fighting **Gypsy Moth** infestations. We believe any steps that are taken to eradicate this pest are justified, as long as due consideration to the safety of human and animal life is given. The Gypsy Moth's continued destruction of our natural resources means not only economic losses, but also the destruction of the natural beauty of our state and country.

54.82, AG Comm.14

We ask that the US and State Agriculture Departments and County Weed Control Districts declare the **Russian Olive Tree** a nuisance.

AG1.94, AG Comm.14

The Grange supports continued scientific research into **non-human cloning**.

AG3.97, AG Comm.14

The Grange supports a two-tier **livestock protection** law. Dogs that chase livestock outside incorporated cities shall be put to death upon the first offense. Dogs that chase livestock inside incorporated cities shall be put to death upon the second offense. All dogs that injure or kill livestock shall be put to death.

AG4.97, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports the Oregon **Dog Control** laws, and does not support their repeal, amendment or weakening; and feels there should be more dog control officers on duty and a more aggressive enforcement of the dog control law now on the books. Stricter enforcement of the restitution or fines a dog owner has to pay for his delinquent dog also should be applied. Stiffer Penalties should be levied when restitution becomes delinquent or nonexistent.

AG8.98, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange firmly believes that ranchers should be allowed to kill a **gray wolf** that is killing or threatening to kill any livestock or pet and supports any legislation that would allow such.

LE9.09, AG Comm.14

We support the removal of many of the restrictions for game hunting and allow a hunt season of reasonable time and bag limit to reduce the numbers of the seven sub-species of **Canadian Geese** causing crop damage in the Willamette Valley.

AG2.09, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports efforts to mitigate and eliminate livestock loss as well as elk and deer population reductions due to **wolves**

in Oregon. AG5.10, AG Comm.14

We want our lobbyist to work toward introducing legislation that would direct the State of Oregon to **compensate the owner of a calf or lamb killed by a wolf** at their value based on three times the average weaning weight and other livestock and farm animals at three times their value.

AG02.11, AG Comm.14

Foreign Aid and the Importation of Agricultural Products

The Oregon State Grange supports regulations, and curtailments, if these are needed, to maintain **domestic profits**, of imported meats, such as dairy livestock and poultry products. Also, that prices on these products be regulated, based on the domestic cost of production, especially during depressed times. We ask further that higher price support levels be provided, when necessary, to meet the cost of production plus a profit. Finally, we urge that grain exports be kept to a level where they do not jeopardize our domestic needs.

5, 24.75, AG Comm.14

We oppose the **importation of lamb** that has been produced using products not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

27.87, AG Comm.14

The Grange stands behind the **Foreign Agricultural Investment Act**. This Act could help to reduce the US trade deficit by cutting lenders' subsidies, thus enabling US producers to compete more fairly in international markets.

16.87, AG Comm.14

The State Grange feels that the United States government should not be controlling tonnage for foreign agricultural shipments and should halt price controlling of **foreign grain shipments**.

99.88, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange support legislation to require that all grass seed imported into the US market or sold on the world market by member countries of **NAFTA and/or WTO** abide by all requirements of their trade agreement, particularly those requirements concerning subsidies for production.

AG1.02, AG Comm.14

Domestic Agricultural Aid

The State Grange opposes subsidies made to **tobacco farmers**. We favor legislation that would prohibit the Department of Agriculture, or any other department of the US government, from subsidizing the tobacco industry.

41.84, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports having tobacco farmers **change to crops** that are not harmful to

mankind or animals.

AG10.98, AG Comm.14

We support only farm programs that recognize the fact that all **commodities are interrelated**, and any change in supply, demand, or price of one affects the others. Because commodities are inter-related, careful consideration must be made of the economic impact on all commodities when a major change in any policy is made.

48.84, AG Comm.14

We recognize the problems of the small seed producer of non-hybrid seeds, and the State Grange strongly supports any legislation, and/or program, that would help the small independent **seed producer**.

30.82, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange asks that the US government **break up monopolies** held by buyers and shippers controlling overseas grain shipments. Also, that growers, grower associations, and grower cooperatives be permitted to arrange their own shipments, if they so desire, for all grain markets they open up and develop.

100.88, AG Comm.14

The Grange further supports the proposed Nursery Crop Research Center at OSU, providing that the nursery industry assists in the funding.

16.81, ED3.90, AG3.92, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports the "right to repair" and opposes any manufacturer's policy to restrict the sale of needed parts, tools, diagnostic information, and software, to only their dealers' repair shops.

AG5.20

Inspections and Labeling

The Oregon State Grange is opposed to any changes in the current USDA poultry inspection laws that would weaken the inspection standards.

3.87, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports the rewrite of the proposed National Organic Standards by the USDA to include the high standards that the industry has developed and maintained through the National Organic Board which represents growers, producers, manufacturers, consumers and retailers of organic foods.

AG5.98, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports laws requiring all fertilizer manufacturers to list all ingredients in their products by their true name such as Lead, Zinc, Radioactive Waste and that a generic name such as "inert material" not be used; and that all fertilizer manufacturers using recycled materials be plainly listed as recycled materials.

AG6.98, AG Comm.14

For consumer protection, the Oregon State Grange shall support

labeling imported food as to the country of origin.

FA1.00, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange shall work to pass legislation which would require that all produce sold in the United States for human consumption be labeled with the country of origin; and the Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to enact comprehensive legislation that requires country of origin labeling on all meat and meat products, including blended meats, to ensure that meat labeled "United States meat" is meat from animals that were born, raised, and processed in the United States.

AG3.01, AG Comm.14

We ask that all products containing MSG in any form be labeled 'includes MSG' after the listed ingredient which contains or causes MSG; and that all fresh fruit and vegetables that is either sprayed or waxed in with MSG as part of the ingredient be so marked either on the produce or on the sign stating the price of the product.

HW5.01, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports requiring markets to post point of origin of produce for the benefit of the consumer; and that we encourage Oregon retail outlets to promote and use the "Grown in Oregon" labels.

AG3.02, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports practical science testing and control procedures to protect the public from BSE (Mad Cow Disease) and not over burden the industry.

AG9.04, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports the industry accepted cattle identification system.

AG11.04, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require all countries exporting food products to the United States to meet the US food safety standards and certify safety inspections to US standards.

FA1.04, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation which would place a four-year moratorium on the growing of plants genetically engineered to produce pharmaceutical and industrial products on food crops in outdoor environments.

AG1.05, AG Comm.14

The Grange supports funding for "**Country of Origin Labeling**" (COOL).

AG7.06, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange opposes regulations that would adversely affect local food co-ops, farm stands, independent ranchers, and artisan food producers in an attempt to establish **food safety standards**.

AG3.10, AG Comm.14

Sunsetting Policies *continued:*

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to **label foods** that do not contain GMO's. **AG6.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports that the National Grange requests the U.S. Congress to revoke the patent on the **terminator and traitor seeds**. **FA3.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports the National Grange to request the U.S. Congress to pass a law to label all milk products that come from cows that are given **Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone**. **FA4.14**

Farms, Farming Practices, and Farm Labor

The Oregon State Grange expresses support for the formation of a **coalition of farm organizations** that would present a solid front in support of the farming industry, especially the family farm. **28.87, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange believes **grazing allotments** should be made in the interests of agriculture. **41.76, AG Comm.14**

The Grange gives full cooperation to any program that would develop **ethanol**, or any other commercial type fuel from surplus grain or other agricultural by-products. **37.78, AG Comm.14**

We urge the Federal Government to repeal or modify the law **prohibiting children from working in farm fields**. **AG2.94, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange request the State Legislature establish Administrative Rules relieving employers of the responsibility of **documenting individual rest and/or lunch periods** for each individual farm worker. **LE6.04, AG Comm.14**

The State Grange supports a change in the state of Oregon's structural code so that the definition of an **'agricultural building'** would exclude a dwelling and first garage or carport. Also, that buildings would automatically qualify for an 'agricultural building' definition if the Comprehensive Plan allows for farming. **7.77, AG Comm.14**

We support changes in farm regulations that would allow a **second dwelling** to be built on family farms. Many farmers would prefer to remain living on their farms, upon retirement from farming due to age or circumstance, while turning their farms over to their sons or daughters. **13.86, AG Comm.14**

We believe Grange members should become involved in any open discussion of Agriculture through **public forum**. **AG1.95, AG Comm.14**

The Grange will lobby to maintain the

Conservation Reserve Program. AG2.95, AG Comm.14

The Grange will vigorously oppose any change to Oregon's **'Agricultural Lien Laws'**. **AG5.97, AG Comm.14**

The Grange promotes the **saving of seed** for future use on their farm ("Brown Bag" seed). **AG1.06, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports local efforts to safeguard the genetic diversity within heirloom plant varieties and we encourage the growing, preservation and distribution of these varieties throughout the state. **AG6.18**

The Grange supports the **"Farm to School" Program**. **AG1.07, AG Comm.14**

We urge the state legislature to allocate funds to schools for the purchase of Oregon food products and provide school-garden and agricultural education grants to help fund the **Farm to School Program** and the **School Garden Network**. **AG3.09, AG Comm. 14**

The Grange supports the Oregon State University's right to appoint the **state climatologist**. **AG2.07, AG Comm.14**

We encourage that refuge management in the Willamette Valley work with neighboring farmers to employ farming practices that raise crops that provide a more adequate supply of winter feed for the wintering **Canadian Geese and water fowl**. **AG4.09, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that allows the use of surface and grey water for **permaculture**. **AG2.10, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would **exempt poultry producers in Oregon from certain licensing requirements**, according to the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA), when they:

- Process no more than 1,000 birds of their own raising
- Slaughter and process under sanitary standards, practices, and procedures according to state food safety regulations established for the exemption
- Keep slaughter and sales records
- Do not sell poultry products interstate.

AG4.10, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange opposes any initiative petition that requires stricter **animal welfare standards**, such as outlawing caged hens for poultry egg producers, than established in statute during the 2011 Legislative Session **AG3.11, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any National regulations and laws that would prohibit farm families from raising and educating their children in the **traditional farm duties** in a safe and judicious manner. **AG4.12, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any effort to change the **guest worker classification for sheepherders from H-2A**. **AG5.12, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports the **Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2013** which would change Section 302(e) of the Controlled Substances Act (2) U.S.C. 822(e)) as follows: 1. striking "(e)" and 2. adding the following: "(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a registrant who is a Veterinarian shall not be required to have a separate registration in order to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of Veterinary practice at a site other than the registrant's registered principal place of business or professional practice, so long as the site of dispensing is located in a state where the Veterinarian is licensed to practice veterinary medicine." **AG2.13, AG Comm.14**

Support the "Local Farms, Food and Job Act" of the 2012 Farm Bill. **FA2.13, AF Comm.14**

The Grange **"Supports Progressive Farming"**

1. Farming methods which minimize unwanted cross pollination of seed types
2. Supports and encouraged methods of seed creation which minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides.
3. Encourage methods of seed creation that will increase the nutritional value of the food.
4. Encourage research assessing impacts of agricultural seed and practices on human health, the natural environment, and the economy.
5. Support farming originating from all seed types on condition that the above assurances are met. **AG3.14**

That the Oregon State Grange supports the use of **Spent Grains** as animal feed. **FA8.14**

That the Oregon State Grange support all government and fiscal policy that improves the likelihood of success, and reduces that impediments to that success, of **Small Farms**. **LE1.14**

GMO

The Oregon State Grange should support that plant crop **Genetically Modified Organism** traits are linked to cytoplasmic male sterility (sterile pollen). And to support the farmers right to produce his/her own seed free from contamination by patented Genetically Modified Organism products. **AG4.14**

Federal Affairs

Foreign and Domestic Services

Oregon State Grange supports returning to **Daylight Savings time** throughout the year. **LE6.14**

Personal Information

The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation in regards to the enacting of the use of **Full File Credit Reporting**. **FA1.14**

Immigration

The Oregon State Grange supports the repeal of Senate Bill 833 that grants **driver privilege cards to illegal aliens**. **LE3.14**

Sesquicentennial Commemorative Coin

The Oregon State Grange urges and encourages all members to support the concept of the issuance of a **commemorative coin** and related memorabilia to honor the Grange. **Fa6.14**

Health and Welfare

Penalties For the Use and Sale Of Illegal Drugs

The Oregon State Grange reaffirms our position concerning the restrictions and regulations on the traffic, sale, penalties, and the use of addictive drugs. We believe that all health and educational facilities be urged to stress the dangers incurred by anyone who is, or may become, addicted to drug use. We support the principles of **'ADrug Free America'**, and we support public and private educational programs designed to deal with the issue of illegal drugs, and the misuse of legal drugs.

The State Grange believes that the importation, manufacturing, growing, and distributing of illegal drugs should be classified as **capital offenses** under state and federal statutes. We support legislation which would require the courts to impose penalties equal to the penalty for pre-meditated murder, without the possibility of parole, for all persons convicted of the manufacture and/or distribution of any and all illegal drugs.

We would also favor legislation that would enact a ban on the **sale of paraphernalia** used with narcotics, and we believe a very stiff penalty should be levied to discourage these sales.

The State Grange goes on record in opposition to the **legalization of marijuana** in the state of Oregon. **73.80, 22.82, 8, 68, 69.86, HW6.89, LE4.90, LE4.14**

Health Care and Health Care Providers

The Oregon State Grange Supports the **Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act**. **HW1.14**

Firearms

The Oregon State Grange supports the **Gun Confiscation and Registration Prevention Act**. **FA5.14**

Sunsetting Policies *continued:*

Natural Resources

Timber Resources and Logging Practices

The Oregon State Grange takes the position that continued **export of logs** from our state is not in the best interests of Oregonians. Such export activities should be stopped at the earliest possible date. We support legislation that would ban the exportation of raw logs, and ask that any timber company disregarding this ban be prohibited from bidding on, or purchasing, any state or federal timber.

81.78, NR3.89, NR Comm.14

The Grange believes that all publicly owned forests should be strictly managed to protect and enhance all the interrelated values of the forest. Methods should be developed and practiced to allow timber logging, while taking into consideration the preservation and rejuvenation of the forest.

We support the **wise use** of all **natural resources**; that will require planning for sustained yields by the rotation of crops, encouraging the full and complete utilization of all blown down, fire damaged, and insect killed stands of timber, as well as logging debris from these harvesting activities.

NR15.89, NR7.92, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange affirms its position that **grazing allotments** and timber sales should be considered in the interests of agriculture. The US Forest Service and the BLM should maximize the use of grazing and timber resources on public lands. These resources should be protected from overuse, and when considering conflicting uses, these agencies should allow the use that will best support the local, state and federal economy.

41.76, 18.88, NR2.04, NR Comm.14

We also believe that no federal or state land that is considered forestry land should be included in any **land swaps or sales** if under protective legislation.

The Oregon State Grange urges Congress to oppose the **sale of public assets**. Every effort should be made to retain, protect and develop all of the public domain in the best long-term interests of the people of the United States.

30.86, 66.87, NR17.89, NR5.90, NR Comm.14

We believe that the US Forest Service should not buy or acquire **private land** and take it off the tax roll.

FA3.94, NR Comm.14

We encourage timely and expeditious **salvage** of insect diseased and wildfire killed or damaged timber to prevent further deterioration of timber value and

reduce wildfire hazard. We also encourage the use of all silvicultural practices in timber management to harvest, thin, reforest and otherwise manage forest lands, encourage timber management activities be conducted so as to protect basic soil and water resources and to ensure reforestation of commercial timber species to meet or exceed the Oregon State Forest Practices requirement.

NR4.95, NR2.05, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange favors the following **timber harvesting practices**:

1. Logging of all available burned or bug killed trees in fire damaged areas be done;
2. Construction of any new roads into timber stands be held to a minimum, and;
3. New seeding of grass and trees be accomplished as soon as possible.

The Oregon State Grange supports the repeal of **diameter limitation rules** when harvesting timber.

Ag5.03, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require any person or group appealing a Forest Service, BLM or Oregon State Forestry timber sale post a **bond equal to 50% of the value** of the timber sale.

Ag4.04, Ag5.04, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange support legislation that would curtail any additional **wilderness designation** in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Ag10.04, NR Comm. 14

Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

We support the Oregon State **Board of Forestry** acting as the policy making and supervisory organ of the State Forestry Department.

74.81, NR Comm.14

We believe the Oregon State Board of Forestry should move their boundaries back to the December 1993 boundaries. We feel that the 1991 Forest Practices Act should be removed entirely.

NR4.94, NR Comm. 14

We encourage the Forest Service and BLM to return to the original intent of the **Taylor Grazing Act**.

NR9.89, NR Comm.14

We encourage the repeal of the **Wild Horse and Burro Law**. The Grange believes that BLM should be allowed to sell horses that have been gathered each year, when homes can't be found.

77.78, NR Comm.14

We will actively petition the Oregon State Legislature and Governor to support and pass legislation assuring the right of County Government to exercise **management control of public**

lands within county boundaries should the counties choose to manage these lands themselves. We propose to introduce a ballot initiative to this effect to be voted on by the people if the Legislature and Governor fail to take prompt action.

LE9.95, NR Comm.14

We believe the State of Oregon should attempt to **regain control of all Federal lands** within its boundaries claimed by the US Government not covered by the Constitution of the United States.

FA4.94, NR Comm.14

We will actively and vigorously petition the Oregon State Legislature, Governor and Oregon Congressional Delegation to support the **'sagebrush rebellion'**, regain control of the state's destiny, gain ownership of all federally managed public lands within its boundaries not authorized for federal control in the US Constitution and to initiate appropriate legislation to revert control of these public lands to the state. We will support a ballot initiative to this effect to be voted on by the people.

Le10.95, NR Comm.14

We will endorse **research** to provide Forest Managers, woodland owners, other forestry professionals, and the public with an understanding of better forest management.

NR5.95, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange opposes the **mineral withdrawals** from the Siskiyou National Forest and surrounding Bureau of Land Management Lands.

NR3.01, NR Comm.14

We support establishing a maximum two-year administrative deadline during which the Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service is to formulate a **recovery plan** and hear all appeals concerning this recovery plan for portions of the National Forests which are damaged by fire.

Ag1.09, NR Comm.14

Wilderness, Recreation, and Wild and Scenic River Areas

The Grange asks for the removal of all **private property** from National Recreation Areas and Wild and Scenic River Areas. We are opposed to the designation of any additional acreage to these areas, as well as to Federal Wilderness Areas.

We oppose the **McKenzie River Quality and Recreation Initiative Ordinance**, and any similar ordinances that might be applied to other rivers in the State of Oregon because it usurps private property rights.

NR2.92, NR Comm.14

We are also opposed to the addition of rivers and small streams to the **Scenic Waterways Act**. We believe that economic development should be a prime consideration in making any additions to said Act.

The Oregon State Grange opposes the selection of the Willamette River as an American **Heritage River**. We further support working with other concerned groups that are attempting to prevent the Willamette River from becoming an American Heritage River.

NR2.98, NR Comm.14

The Grange supports legislation that would permit the **construction of roads** into Wilderness Areas, as well as other road less areas of Oregon. These roads would permit the harvest of damaged timber, provide for future fire suppression, aid in search and rescue operations and be used for emergency evacuation purposes.

75, 77.88, NR Comm.14

We oppose bills which would set up trust funds for federal, state, and local governments to **purchase private property** for recreational facilities or to conduct land use planning.

NR13.89, NR Comm.14

The State Grange strongly supports **separate funding** for the expenditure on solid waste disposal and recycling programs and for the purchase of private lands for exclusive use of wildlife under the Oregon Resource Conservation Trust Fund, and ask that widespread hearings be conducted to obtain public input on these expenditures.

NR1.92, NR Comm.14

Oregon Parks and National Parks The Oregon State Grange opposes making **Steens Mountain** into a National Monument.

NR2.00, NR Comm.14

Use of our Water Resources

The Oregon State Grange requests the governor and the Water Resources Board, to make every effort to require companies to share with the state **geological knowledge** resulting from their explorations. This would aid the Water Resources Board in their efforts to study the underground water resources of our state.

The Oregon State Grange is in opposition to the role of the Water Resources Commission to establish and enforce the **allotments of waters** in the streams of Oregon.

The Grange formally opposes any and all filing for **water rights** by the State of Oregon as unfair and unwarranted competition with the private sector. Also, any permitted filing by the state be performed under the same historic priority rules which have traditionally and do now govern water right filings by non-governmental entities. Further, any and all water rights issued to the State of Oregon have a prerequisite, objective, economic and social impact analysis of the proposed water use, and that public hearings be held in the geographic area where the water being appropriated is located.

Sunsetting Policies *continued:*

We also urge members of the Legislature to bring pressure to bear upon the State Water Master to sharply curtail the **use of deep wells for irrigation**, especially where there is no possibility of replacement supplies from river sources. We urgently request curtailment of further drilling permits for unlimited use of deep wells for irrigation, especially in areas of the state of Oregon where there is an indication of depleting the existing underground supply of fresh, clean water.

94.81, 40.87, 9.80, NR2.92, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes the Oregon Water Resource Department's proposed \$1.00 per acre-foot, per year, fee structure. In the event **water fees** are authorized, all funds shall be forwarded to the State Treasury for proper appropriation by the State Legislature.

NR6.92, NR Comm.14

The Grange would support legislation that forever nullifies the State Land Boards claims of **navigability** in our state. The sole purpose of navigability is used as a determination to enable the state to take possession of the riverbeds and banks to the high-water mark. We see no public good that would accrue to the people of Oregon through state possession of these riverbeds and banks.

120.82, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange requests the Oregon State Legislature and the Oregon Department of State Lands **cease and desist from reclassifying any waters in Oregon as "navigable"**.

TR3.08, NR Comm.14

We believe that the **River Basin Planning** effort should be redirected toward coordinated resource planning, with local SWCD designated as co-leader for this effort, along with the Strategic Water Planning Committee.

4.85, NR Comm.14

We favor continuing the current method of **snow surveys**. These methods do not include electronic monitoring devices. We believe that these electronic devices have not been proven successful, and the present method is very cost effective.

39.80, NR Comm.14

We strongly support the **'prior appropriation'** doctrine as the basis for water law in Oregon.

NR2.93, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports laws the keep **water rights** as a part of the land. **AG8.04, NR Comm.14**

We believe that **below-surface ground water** belongs to the people

who own the land.

AG3.07, NR Comm.14

We oppose leasing, renting, or selling of adjudicated **water rights** and will work with Oregon State Legislators to repeal any water law that permits leasing, renting, or selling of adjudicated water rights

NR6.95, NR Comm.14

The Grange supports the **Milltown Hill Dam** as a shovel-ready project for securing necessary funding to construct the dam.

NR1.07, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange oppose any **domestic well water metering requirement, and any per gallon or well registration fee** associated with the domestic well water metering proposal by the Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Water Resources Commission, or any other entity.

AG3.12, NR Comm.14

We promote the concept that **water and the water cycle** should be managed and protected as a resource not limited to power production, but necessary for life itself.

EE1.16, NR Comm.14

Watersheds

The Oregon State Grange strongly supports **Bull Run Trespass Act**. We reaffirm the present State Grange policy of declaring the Bull Run and Little Sandy Watersheds a **National Resource Area** and we must continue writing our city, county, state and federal agencies, stressing the need to protect our natural water resources.

2.87, 32.88, NR3.92, NR Comm.14

The State Grange will work for the **access roads** into the Gordon Creek watershed, area of Larch Mountain, Columbia Gorge District, Mt. Hood National Forest, to have gates installed and locked. This will discourage public entry and dumping in the watershed of the Corbett Water District.

NR4.92, NR Comm.14

The Grange opposes **clear cutting** of timber in the Willow Creek Watershed. We feel that the trees in this area are vital to future of this watershed, and that clear cutting would eliminate tree stands for the next 30 to 60 years.

25.80, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange participate in the TMDL **water quality rule** making process in Oregon and advocate for legislation and/or rules that will not only help protect the waters of the state, but also provide the agriculture and natural resource producers the ability to continue in their businesses without excessive regulatory requirements that cost them unacceptable time and money.

AG6.12, NR Comm.14

The Columbia Gorge, Columbia River, and Their Resources

The Oregon State Grange opposes the movement by our Federal Congressmen and government to place the Columbia Gorge under their control. We go on record in opposition to any plan which would give the federal government control over the development of the **Columbia River Gorge**.

The Grange urges full cooperation between Oregon and Washington State to work out a program that would best protect the present state of the **Gorge** for future generations.

103-82, 28-86, 77.81, NR Comm.14

We are opposed to any attempts to **divert the waters** of the Columbia River, as well as the Snake River, to states not along their banks.

38.80, 83.81, NR Comm.14

The Grange strongly supports any **lock project** proposed at the **Bonneville Dam** which would enlarge or update the locks. This would ensure that there would no longer be a bottleneck in the transportation of produce from the Pacific Northeast to Pacific ports. We further feel that the Bonneville Locks are one of the most important issues facing the wheat industry, and we resolve to continue encouraging the appropriation of funds, through Congress, to complete the construction of the locks as soon as possible.

25.81, 44.88, NR Comm.14

We will work with legislators to help convince the Oregon Department of Transportation and the ICC, to assure the lowest possible cost of transportation for agriculture commodities. Our concern is activated by the **drawdown of water tables** of the Snake and Columbia Rivers.

TR4.92, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports initiating **salmon recovery projects** such as those in the Umatilla River in Oregon, the Clearwater River in Idaho and the Hanford Reach in Washington.

We support continuation of **bargaining of fish** around the dams.

We further support giving consideration to the **economic impact** of this action on industry and agriculture.

NR3.99, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange opposes the **breaching** of the lower Snake River dams and all dams on the Columbia River.

FA5.99, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that will give the Native American Tribes on the Columbia River the opportunity to operate some of the **hatcheries** on the Columbia River. **NR3.00, NR Comm.14**

Ocean and Stream Fish Resources
The Oregon State Grange opposes

the ratification of "The Law of the Sea Treaty".

FA4.05, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange believes a higher priority should be placed on the rehabilitation and maintenance of the Coho resources, since the **Coho Salmon** fishing industry is a part of the basic economy in Oregon. We further support efforts to reduce the numbers of seals and sea lions which are now threatening our salmon and steelhead runs.

19.85, NR14.89, NR Comm.14

We resolve to work with Congress and the President of the United States, to stop the use of **drift nets** in our country's waters, as well as international waters. Also, the penalties for illegal harvesting of sea life should be made more severe.

NR7.90, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange strongly requests the legislature to continue funding for the Rock Creek Fish **Hatchery** as a part of the biennial budget for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

NR1.01, NR Comm.14

The Grange opposes reducing general fund for **fish propagation** and increasing hunting and fishing license fees.

NR5.03, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange encourages the State of Oregon to establish a policy to allow licensed anglers to **dip net** the **excess salmon** near the hatcheries, similar to the policy for the excessive return of salmon in Alaska. We oppose clubbing excess hatchery salmon.

NR5.00, NR Comm.14

Game, Game Management, and Hunting

The Oregon State Grange is opposed to a ban on snare and **leg hold traps** in Oregon. We are in favor of trapping to protect livestock and our livelihoods.

1.80, NR Comm.14

The Grange asks that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission initiate a management practice that will ensure that the species of bear, indigenous to the northeast portion of our state, will survive. We do not believe that dogs for **hunting of bear** should be used in this area, and ask that it be banned, except in a case of emergency.

39.85, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports efforts to return to the use of dogs and bait for **hunting cougars and bears** under the direction of the Department of Fish & Wildlife.

AG4.96, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange urges that regulation of the **cougar and bear** populations within the State of Oregon be turned over to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife which has the expertise and knowl-

OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - August 6, 2023

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Members present were Vice President Steve Kroeker, Secretary Sarah Jenkins, Susan Noah, Celia Luttrell, and Vickie High. Vickie was installed as Executive Committee member prior to the meeting. She was appointed to fill the vacancy created when Louise Holst passed away.

Prior meeting minutes from June 3rd Executive Committee meeting were reviewed and approved. Minutes from July 10th zoom meeting were reviewed and approved as amended.

Financial Reports

- Loan and membership reports were reviewed. Most Granges are staying current on reports and payments, but some continue to struggle. 63 Granges have not yet reported their 2nd quarter reports and 16 Granges have not yet sent their 1st quarter reports. We are up 29 members YTD.
 - Russellville Grange has not turned in quarterly reports in 2 years. Due to health concerns of a prominent member who was caring for the hall, they have chosen to no longer be active. President Sexton declared Russellville Grange dormant. A letter will be sent to members of-

- fering a demit or opportunity to reorganize.
 - Scotts Mills Grange is struggling with membership. Jay will send a letter of encouragement to the membership.
- Financial statements & trust funds were reviewed.
- Scott Barker with Barker Wealth Investments joined the meeting at 11am. YTD earnings is 8.56%. The bond portion of our portfolio have earned 2.42% which is an improvement since last year. Scott went through the midyear outlook from the Capital Research Company that provided an overview of financial market trends. He recommended that we move money from equities since we're over balanced in that area.
 - **Susan moved that we rebalance to our target investment policy. Celia seconded and the motion passed.**

Unfinished Business

- Capital Mall Memorial for disabled veterans. Jay received correspondence this week from the Oregon State Parks. They anticipate being able to review and approve our permit request in the coming week. Jay will meet with Don about placing the order for the memorial stone and schedul-

- ing a dedication date.
- Umpqua Bank closed multiple branches. Sarah put a request in for surplus chairs for the office. The facilities department is still going through inventory and requests from other nonprofits. We hope to hear back soon.
- Electric Vehicle charger has been installed and is working well.
- State Convention review. The engagement team will continue to meet, survey members, and make suggestions to increase participation. There were approximately 40 first-time attendees. Suggestions to have a welcome committee at the door, front and center. Positive feedback regarding the welcome gifts for first time attendees, a later ag tour, the Grange spotlight tables, and the QR code schedule.
- Storage Unit – the old stage will be going away so we can downsize to 1 unit.

Lunch break 12pm - 12:45pm

New Business

- Office Staff – Fall project to create job descriptions and strategic planning for staffing.
- State Fair Log Cabin – working on volunteers, need more. Marion County left the Log Cabin in good shape and left pipe and

- drape to help with organizing the room.
- Upper Applegate Grange Property – The realtor will soon be marketing the property.
- Grange visits and updates from Jay and Carol – Santa Clara Grange, Russellville Grange, Scotts Mills, Rickreall Grange, Milwaukie, and Vale Grange. Properties of Vale, Charity, and Western Star were also discussed.
- 150th Celebration Banquet on September 24th. A committee is working on organizing the event.
- Jay is working with state convention hosting committees to wrap up the 2023 convention and plan for 2024 in Tillamook.
- By-laws and Proceedings updates are in process.

No email decisions were made since the last meeting.

Next Meetings:

Saturday September 23rd 9am
 September 24th 150th Celebration
 Banquet 5:00 PM Willamette
 Heritage Center
 Sunday January 28th 1030am

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Fraternally,
 Sarah Jenkins, Secretary

Sunsetting Policies *continued:*

edge needed to successfully control these populations in order to promote the safety of human life and livestock herds as well as to preserve the establishment of game animals within the state.

EE5.98, NR Comm. 14

The Oregon State Grange shall actively work to change the law to allow hunters to use dogs to control **cougar, bear, fox and coyote populations** under direction of the Oregon State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

EE2.02, LE5.03, NR Comm.14

We believe that there should be no regular type of **hunting season** allowed in eastern Oregon during the rut season. **41.85, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange shall support legislation requiring a surcharge of \$10.00 or 10% whichever is greater, be added to all fines or assessments resulting from a conviction of **poaching**. Such surcharge to be dedicated to the funding of advanced Hunter Education. **EE3.92, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports revision of applicable Oregon State Statutes to allow for humane **dispatch of wildlife** injured by vehicles within the State of Oregon. We further support authorizing the operator and other occupants of said vehicles to salvage all usable parts

of said wildlife, provided that notification to law enforcement authorities of such action be given within a period of 12 hours after dispatch of said animal. **EE1.98, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any effort to list the **coyote** as a protected game animal; and will vigorously oppose legislation to list the coyote as a protected game animal. We will work with and cooperate with other groups to fight any and all attempts to list the coyote as a protected game animal. **E3.98, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange is opposed to introduction and migration of **wolves and wolf hybrids** in Oregon. **NR4.00, NR4.03, NR Comm.14**

Preservation of Oregon Beaches

The Grange declares its conviction that the **public beaches** of Oregon are, and must remain, the property of the people. **36.88, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange shall work for the adoption of a 'Wreck Removal Act' as recommended in the New Carissa Review Committee Report, which would create vessel owner liability for removal of abandoned and wrecked ships from Oregon beaches. **LE8.00, NR Comm.14**

Energy Resources

The Grange supports increased efforts by the National Grange to encourage U.S. Agriculture to help solve our depleting energy resources. **NR1.06, NR Comm.14**

The Grange opposes the ratification of the **United Nations Kyoto Protocol Treaty**, regarding energy omissions. **NR3.06, NR Comm.14**

Fossil Fuels

The Oregon State Grange supports the passage of laws mandating the development of known petroleum resources and the exploration for new resources in the territories of the United States with the goal of **oil independence**. **FA3.08, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange support rules for the siting of **Liquefied Natural Gas Port Terminals** that will ensure citizen input regulating route selection, depth of pipeline and pipeline easements which will allow maximum use of the land above the pipeline. **UT1.08, NR Comm.14**

Transportation & Utilities Vehicle Regulations and Fees

The Oregon State Grange supports that all **bicycle riders/operators** over the age of 15-year-old must study and prove knowledge of rules and safety practices on public roads and shall be licensed. All bicycles would be licensed; a license plate or tag would be attached to the bicycle. And that the Oregon Department

of Motor Vehicles be authorized to manage and enforce the licensing of bicycles and the licensing of bicycle operator over the age of 15 in the state of Oregon. **LE5.14**

General Transportation Concerns on Roads and Rivers

The Oregon State Grange lobby to require all auto makers to provide seatbelts on future models that can be easily fastened by all people, no matter their size of physical ability. **TR1.14**

The Oregon State Grange requests the Oregon Department of Transportation address the Oregon Hwy. 224 and Carver Bridge intersection with the installation of a traffic light. **TR3.14**

The Oregon State Grange shall support the efforts on a federal level to increase **railroad safety** standards for the shipment of oil and require the use of safer tank cars. **TR5.14**

Telecommunication Services

The Oregon State Grange supports that **Satellite Television** customers have the freedom choose which local TV channels they want to watch if the stations are available to the Satellite company. **UT01.14**

Veterans

The Oregon State Grange supports the 2% of **Oregon lottery funds** be designated and made available to the not-for-profit organizations that serve veterans. **LE2.14**



Attendees checked out the Goshen/Pleasant Hill Fire Department and EMT truck.

Goshen Celebrates 150 Years of the Oregon State Grange at Fall Festival

Goshen Grange #561 had a successful Fall Festival on September 15 and 16 to commemorate the 150 Years of the Oregon State Grange. Friday evening of the festival kicked off with games and activities. Later that evening live entertainment from around Lane County, including members from Goshen Grange, Stan Garboden, Shawn Traub, and Linda Wetzell entertained the crowd along with a three-piece band from Dorena Grange. Special Guests from a Eugene Choir did "Beauty School Dropout" and "Therapy".

Saturday started with a Pancake Breakfast, transitioning into Bingo Games. The Local Goshen/Pleasant Hill Fire Department with some EMT's came for the afternoon, showing the kids and adults the Fire Truck and visiting with the group. Additional entertainment was an Oral Auction. (A quarter at a time). There was lots of fun with the bidding from the kids too.

Music on Saturday afternoon was provided by Bruce and Betty McLennan provided Music Saturday afternoon. Other activities included a coloring contest, a Ladybug Table, free cookbooks, and nine Baskets were raffled off.



Bruce and Betty McLennan entertained the group.



L: A skeleton family taking a break from the activities at Springwater's Halloween party.

Community Halloween Party at Springwater

There were skeletons, dinosaurs, cowboys and princesses at the annual Community Halloween party hosted by Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County. Many wore their costumes for the costume parade and joined in holiday themed games that were fun for the whole family. The Grange provided snacks, beverages and candy for the kids.



R: Grange Treasurer Tami Guttridge helped a couple youngsters with one of the carnival type games.

Below: The cake walk proved fun for young and old alike.



Redland to Hold Bazaar and Breakfast

Big Foot Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday and Sunday December 9 and 10 from 9am to 3pm. There will be many vendors to shop with homemade crafts and collectables. The GWA breakfast will be serving eggs, bacon, Denver om-letts, pancakes, and beverages.

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Redland Grange is located at 18131 S Fischers Mill Rd, Oregon City



Holiday Craft Bazaar 2023
Dec. 8th & 9th 10-4pm
Lunch served 11 to 2pm
Hosted by: Morningstar Grange
38794 Morningstar Rd NE
Albany Or, 97321
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