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Back row: Jim Clute, John Fine, Carol Fine, Mark Noah and Susan Noah. Front row; Stacy Brown with Clayton, Audri Brown, Margaret Clute, Marilyn Reiher, Tyson Brown and Sonny Hays-Eberts.

# Oregon Grangers Visit the California State Convention

Several Grange members from Oregon traveled to Woodland, California for the 149<sup>th</sup> California State Grange convention September 26-30 for fellowship and fun. On Saturday evening Oregon's GROW Club served their Ice Cream Social as the feast after the Sixth Degree and on Monday, National Grange

Executive Committee member Susan Noah and her team installed the California State officers.

Next year's convention, their 150<sup>th</sup>, will be held in the redwoods in Northern California. A lot of Oregon Grangers are planning to attend to celebrate with them.



# District 4 is Ready to Welcome You to the Columbia River Gorge!

The Granges of District 4 are pleased to announce that the 2025 Oregon State Grange Convention will be held at Corbett Elementary School June 21-26.

Corbett is the gateway to the scenic Columbia River Gorge and the location of the convention is only a 3-mile drive to the Crown Point Vista House – the iconic symbol of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic area. Beautiful Multnomah Falls and the many other falls are located along Hwy 30, the Old Columbia River Highway.

Corbett Elementary is located on the west end of the Corbett school complex and we will be using the school, gym and the kitchen and multipurpose room for the meetings and events. School rules prohibit alcohol and drugs on the premises also smoking and vaping are prohibited. No parking of RVs or tent camping will be allowed on site.

Hotels and RV sites are available in the Troutdale area which is located just 10 -15 minutes from the school via either the Old Columbia River Highway or I-84. See page 12 for a list to get you started.

The School District Corbett School District offers an approach to education that cannot be

found in most settings in the state of Oregon. The district has embraced multi-age classrooms in grades K-8 for more than 15 years which sets it apart from most public schools. The multi-age model effectively prepares students for the challenge of high school, as evidenced by the dramatic successes achieved by students at Corbett High.

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Corbett High School has been recognized as one of the highest performing schools in the country by The Washington Post, Newsweek, and US News and World Reports. Students are challenged by the most prolific Advanced Placement program in the state; a program that produces one of the highest graduation rates in the state.

### Viewing the Waterfalls

Want to avoid the traffic and parking problems on the Historic Columbia River Highway or having to make another reservation to actually see the Falls? It is recommended taking advantage of the narrated Historic Columbia River Highway Trolley (Waterfall Trolley). Hop on or hop off at one or more of the ten stops for some sightseeing or a hike. You can hop back on the next trolley. Stops are made at Corbett, Crown Point, Latourell Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, Angels Rest, Wahkeena *continue on page 12* 



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# The President's Column

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### Something New, Something Old, Something Borrowed

Since COVID, our State Grange has been recovering from enforced isolation, with varying levels of success. My goal is to transition from recovery to being a revitalized State Grange, to inspire our Community Granges.

To accomplish this, I am considering changes to what we have done in the past few years. To shake things up, to bring freshness to our presence, and to reinvigorate our messages, with the goal of energizing Community Granges and members and strengthening our Order across the State of Oregon.

The State Grange re-organized three Granges this year and continues to re-vitalize struggling Granges. Junction City Grange is a shining example of what a revitalized Grange can accomplish when inspired. If your Grange needs help with recruiting, our Membership Committee can assist.

Our annual visitation program will be the basis of one of the first changes you will see.

For several years, the State Grange has performed an annual Visitation program, travelling to every Community Grange to discuss an annual message, presenting banners and advertising materials to assist Granges. The past few years have seen a decline in volunteers and effectiveness. In 2024 less than 40% of Granges received a visitation, which is not effective.

For 2025, I want to try something new. Or more accurately, bring back something old.

I'm a historian, and I have read the Marys River Grange minutes. One thing I've noticed is how frequent-



ly Granges used to visit each other. They had visitation schedules.

In the 21st century, socialization seems a fading skill. Part of this is the social training of television and the internet, part of it is due to enforced isolation; but I also suspect some Granges and Grangers may be fearful about going to other Granges or having Grange members they don't know visit and see how their meetings are conducted.

Push any such trepidations aside. We know there are Granges who meet around the table, alter the opening and closing ceremonies, or in some cases forego them. The intent of this program is not to correct, but to connect. As a host Grange - be welcoming. As a visiting Grange - be polite to how the Grange you are visiting does things. Your sole purpose is to make Grange friends, and acceptance goes avv long way in that regard.

The theme for 2025 is to encourage Granges to come together, to visit, to socialize, perhaps to join in work, and to strengthen our fraternal bonds. Rather than visiting every Grange, the State Grange will hold gatherings by District, which will be hosted by State Officers and Directors. We hope to visit each District twice. with different Directors, so you can learn more about what each Committee hopes to accomplish, what State Grange plans are, and how the State Grange can help vour Grange. This also encourages Grangers to meet Grangers within their District.

Socialization is a key component of health, and I will be working with the Deaf Awareness and Family Health Committee to implement a Geo-Grange contest, based on a concept I saw at the Califor-



nia State Convention which uses Granges and Geo-caching. Details are still being fleshed out, but we hope this encourages members to visit other Granges. We hope to create a fun and interesting event that will be enjoyable for members, help them get out and see Oregon, and find new friends along the way.

Some other changes being considered are bringing back demonstrations at the Log Cabin, looking at the State Convention to make attendance and State Officer positions more appealing such as relaxing the dress code slightly for officers at Convention, providing earlier notice of Zoom Committee scheduling, altering the Convention schedule to make workshops more useful and encouraging attendance for the Memorial Service, and in the longer run perhaps shortening or dividing the event, or changing the dates. No decisions have been made about the Convention yet, but members have expressed the need to make our Convention easier for more to attend, and for a wider officer candidate pool.

I also plan to bring back some State Grange workshops held across the State, starting with a focus on Grange leadership, a workshop I hope is useful for all Grange members who want to take a more active role in the Grange and provide useful information to long time Grange Masters and Presidents.

As we prepare to enter 2025, Oregon Grange is growing and recovering from the first part of the decade. There is a palpable hunger in America for community, a hunger the Grange is uniquely positioned to feed. We need to hold on to our Grange traditions and teachings, but also present a modern, friendly, welcoming face to the public so we can communicate our message to them in a manner that makes the Grange attractive to join and appealing to young people. Sometimes doing things the way it used to be done makes sense, and sometimes it might need to be modernized to be more effective. Just because "that's the way we've always done it" is not reason enough to continue, if a better method exists. If you have ideas about how the Grange can change for the better, please email or mail me at the State Office.

L: Installing the officers of the California State Grange were: Emblem Bearer Marilyn Reiher; Installing officer Susan Noah; California State President Joe Stefenoni; Marshall Mark Noah and Regalia Bearer Sonny Hays-Eberts. Look at the size of that gavel.

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# **Bluegrass Shows and Front Lobby** Jams At The Multnomah Grange

grass concerts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, featuring Free Range and Mistv Momas on December 14th. followed by Lost Creek and Filthy Skillets on January 11th.

Free Range is a talented duo that draws on bluegrass, country, and folk traditions, while Misty Momas' home-style sound fills the room with sweet harmonies and powerful instrumentals. Make your holiday season special with an evening out enjoying the music of the mountains!

On Saturday, January 11th, Multnomah Grange will feature the Lost Creek Band from Portland, delivering a driving blend of bluegrass and old-time standards. To round out the

Multnomah Grange hosts live blue- January show, the Filthy Skillets will put their own twist on traditional favorites and share their unique interpretation of great country, rock and roll, and swing tunes.

> Concerts start at 7pm. The public is welcome to join in a bluegrass jam with their own acoustic instruments in the front lobby at 6pm before each show.

Multnomah Grange #71 is located at 30639 SE Bluff Road in Gresham. Suggested donation is \$15 adults/\$5 kids, cash only, please. Delicious refreshments including chili dogs, popcorn, home baked goods, coffee and sodas will be available for purchase. For more information, check out the Multnomah Grange #71's Facebook page.

# With Every Christmas Card I Write

A heart-warming musical show about the magic of Christmas

Presented by Lauren Jame Script by Ed Miller

The songs you love, the memories you cherish

Live Performance and Multimedia

December 14 · 2:00 P.M. **Eagle Point Grange Hall 5 South Shasta Ave** Eagle Point 541) 896-1105 \$10 Admission

# The Lecturer's Column

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Hello Brothers and Sisters!

As I write this column, I am also preparing for an Oregon State Grange Lecturer's Committee meeting in a few weeks. We will be discussing contests and workshops for next year at State convention as well as ways that we as a committee can better serve the Lecturers and all other members in our State. I am hopeful that I will have some exciting ideas to share with you in the next issue. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, as this article reaches you, the holiday season will be in full swing. This is a great time for Lecturers to educate our members on the different religious holidays that are celebrated around the world. Christmas is a great place to start. But there are many holidays that are less well known to many of us and worth sharing.

- Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) is celebrated on December 8th. On this holiday, Buddhists remember when Buddha attained enlightenment while sitting under the Bodhi Tree and taught his followers how to live in harmony in their communities.
- On December 15th, Las Posadas is a Hispanic tradition that reenacts Mary and Joseph searching for shelter in Bethlehem. Two people dress up as Mary and Joseph and go to different inns ("the posada"), represented by different doors in the church. Mary and Joseph and the group gathered with them will sing a traditional song back and forth with the crowd on the other side of the door. The procession goes from posada to posada as Mary and Joseph are turned away from the inn. At the final posada, Mary and Joseph are finally let in.
- Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic tradition of a series of nine masses leading up to Christmas. During the Mass people will be in procession with star-shaped lanterns, which represent the star that guided the three wisemen to Bethlehem to see the child Jesus in the Manger.
- Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, commemorates the Maccabean recapture and rededication of the Jerusalem temple. Believers light an eight-candle menorah and come together for special readings and singing.

As an organization that welcomes members of all religions, it is important that our Lecturer's programs reflect the diverse backgrounds of our brothers and sisters.

As we enter the new year, it is a great time to reflect on goals. New Year's resolutions as a Grange are a great way for our members to work together toward a common goal. This is a good topic to discuss during your Lecturer's program. Keep in mind the goals for your building, fund raising goals, community service ideas, and ways you can bring in new members.

A new year also often brings new officers to your Grange. This is a great opportunity to refresh your membership in the various jobs of each office. If your Grange does not attend an installation, reading through the installation included in your Grange manual during your Lecturer's program is one way to remind everyone of what their job entails.

Example for the office of Lecturer, "Brother (Sister), to you is assigned the important duty of leading in the literary program the educational work of the Grange. To this end you will be prepared at all regular meetings, as time will permit, with a list of exercises, consisting of essays, discussions, readings, and music, to be responded to by the members. Especially urge and encourage the young and the diffident to become writers, readers, and speakers in Grange meetings, and thus develop and direct to greater usefulness the latent abilities for your fellow members.'

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

### Six Little Stories With Lots of Meaning

- 1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- 2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
- Every night we go to bed 3. without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.
- We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
- 5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
- On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.





**The Agricultural Report** 

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# The Chaplain's Corner

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While reading my morning devotions, there was an excerpt that stood out to me that conveys a profound message, and I wanted to share it with you, my fellow Grange Members. I hope that it will help all to remember to "breathe," "relax," and "focus" on what the holiday season really means to each one of us.

"During the holiday season it's easy to become bombarded with all the things we don't have. As the world seeks material gain, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed that we must provide everyone with the perfect Christmas experience. We need to buy the perfect gifts, make the perfect meal, plan the perfect memories, and decorate beautifully on top of everything else.

This year take a deep breath, let you." Hebrews 13:5 NIV

all that go, and find the freedom in being content with what we have. Truly, this time of year we can be content because God is near. Let that draw us closer to him in thanksgiving while the rest of the world is constantly striving for more. Celebrate the simple and miraculous gift of Christ's birth with a quiet heart and a thankful spirit. Instead of drowning in comparison, dwell today on what is truly valuable and eternal—the loving kindness of Christ and his ability to redeem all that is lost."

"Be Still and Be Blessed" by Natasha Marcellus

Be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5 NIV



# In Memoriam

Alicia Allen Lorane #54

Hank Anderson Salmon River #516

> John Berg Elkhorn #908

Judy Black Sandlake #546

Wayne Bollenbaugh Ada #570

> Jon Chambers Fruitdale #379

Pat Fines Columbia #867

Dennis Gollihugh Lorane #54

Robert (Rob) Guttridge Springwater #263 Irene Harnack Roxy Ann #792

Richard Keller Beavercreek #276

> John Myers Spray #940

Gwen Oaks Bellview #759

Richard Olson Sixes #856

Kimberly Petersen Sauvies Island #840

Jack Rule Boulevard #389

Phil Sincerbox Creswell #496

David Stubbs Central #360



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.

Seen through the eyes of Faith,



It is time to plan and execute an agriculture-oriented event at your Grange. This could feature gardening, livestock management, pasture management, orchard establishment and care, small fruits, fertilization, pest control, or farm finance planning.

Your classes can feature articles, books, lectures, or videos that are available for free online. Ask your extension agent about a program they may be able to present. Take a field trip to a participating farm or home garden. Be sure to give the participants an opportunity to get their hands dirty.

Take plenty of pictures, and then create an explanatory display. Bring that display to our 2025 State

Grange Agriculture Committee contest. Be prepared to give a presentation to the judges, and perhaps your Grange can win generous cash prizes while also inspiring other community Granges to start their own programs!

As part of our Generations Project program, the South Fork Grange #605 has been hosting varied classes for our community. Not only does it inform our community of new skills, but we also have new members as a result of these events. This winter we will be teaching about soils, nutrients, and composting! Sounds fun to me!!!!!

You are welcome to contact me for further details and suggestions of events for this new contest.



# Fort Rock Holds Tri-Tip Dinner and Auction

Fort Rock Grange #758, Lake County held their annual Tri Tip Beef Dinner and Pie Auction on October 26<sup>th</sup>. 60 plus people attended buying meals to eat at the Grange hall during the pie auction or took them to go. Music for the dinner was provided by Oregon State Grange Musician, Linda Wetzell. Mike House, President of Fort Rock Grange and Ryan Fivecoat, Auctioneer, sold more than 35 pies.

Between the meal, the pie auction, and the raffle baskets the Grange cleared \$1785. Proceeds from the event help fund the operations and community programs of the Grange. It was a very successful fundraiser for this small Grange.





L-r: Sue Warmington, Hallie Nel son, and Jana Kittridge serving the dinner.

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# Community Service Involvement

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**November** is a month for giving THANKS for the community all around us. Also, we honor our Veterans by having a free breakfast or dinner, presenting them with Quilt of Valor or participating in the Veterans Day Parade in your area. We give thanks that we are able to do good for our Grange, fellow Grangers and Communities around us. Thank you, Grangers.

**December** is the month that we are in the spirit of giving. Look around our communities and reach out to help those that are in need. Putting together food boxes, clothes collections or providing a warm place are just a few of the things that we can do to make the lives of our fellow humans a little bit better. <u>And don't</u> forget to make Christmas cards for the shut ins, retirement homes, and assisted living facilities.

**Community Service for 2024-2025:** Planning should be underway on your Grange's activities. Remember you can reach out to other groups on a project to magnify the impact. Keeping track of who helps and their hours is also important. And don't forget to take pictures of r

h for giving your activities.

State Community Service Project: This year we are asking Granges to collect ground coffee to bring to the 2025 State Convention. This coffee will be distributed to Veterans facilities around the state.

Distinguished: It is nice to hear when someone or group is singled out as 'Distinguished. The National Grange's Distinguished Grange program not only recognizes Subordinate/Community Granges, but for 2024-25 will also recognize Pomonas. Take a look at what your Pomona is doing and take a look at the application on the National website. You might find that what you are doing qualifies your Pomona for the award. This is in addition to the Oregon State Grange's Honor Grange program. Some of the activities can be used for both applications. Now is the time to be looking at both

programs so you know what items you will need to keep information



# Lowell Holds Monthly Breakfast

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The Lowell Grange #745, Lane County, holds breakfast on the first Sunday of each month from 8am to 11am. Just about anything you want is on the menu for the price of a donation. Over 100 people show up to socialize and eat a good breakfast at their November breakfast.

Lowell is a growing Grange now with over 50 members. Fifteen of their members helped with cooking and serving breakfast along with ten or so local volunteers. They usually clear about \$800 to \$1000.

Pictured l-r: Ruth George, Lowell Community Service Chairman, visits with Mary Lambert who was enjoying the breakfast, along with Lowell's Secretary Lonna Bennett.



Above: The kitchen crew was busy prepping and serving breakfast at Lowell Grange.



45 cars, tractors and motorcycles were entered in the Springwater Grange car show during their community fair.

# Springwater Grange Holds Community Fair and Car Show

Community members and Grangers entered their produce, canning, photography, crafts and more at the 102<sup>ad</sup> annual Springwater Community Fair put on by Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County. Held every year on the third Saturday in September, this mostly free event attracts Grangers and community members from around the area.

Activities during the day included Cornhole, a scavenger hunt, tie dying, the ever-popular cake walk and other craft activities

As part of the fair, the 2nd annual Car Show with Tractors and Motorcycles, too, was held with 45 entries. The car show was a benefit for the Estacada Food Bank and the Grange. Entry fees were \$10 per displayed vehicle and prizes were awarded to the winning entries. All awards were handcrafted by local artisan and Grange member Vernon Souders.

Refreshments were available for purchase including the prize-win-



Above: Tie dying was one of the activities during the fair. Below: Community members and Grangers entered their produce, floweres and crafts at the fair.



ning pies. BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs were also served.

The event was very successful with \$391.50 raised for the food bank along with nonperishable donations that were dropped off at their tent.



Grange Master John DeHaas with Food Bank representatives along with Car Show chairman Kathleen Souders and award designer Vernon Souders presented a check of \$391.50 for the Estacada Food Bank.

# Mohawk Mckenzie Grange Held Swiss Steak Dinner in November

Mark Noah was the chief chef for the Swiss Steak held by Mohawk McKenzie Grange #747 in Lane County on Saturday evening November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dinner included swiss steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a roll along with a choice of apple or pumpkin pie.

Dinner music was provided by a local band playing country music.



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# **Deaf Awareness and Family Health**

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Social Sciences

Language Arts

Math

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Some school districts, in an attempt to save money, because material adoption is close to one million dollars, will put off material adoptions but still has to adopt the new standard

The school districts are always reviewing a revised Standard for materials.

These are the steps in adopting a new standard for materials and instruction

- Year 1) revision of standard
- Year 2) evaluation of teaching materials that support the new standard and evaluation of standard by school districts.
- purchase of materials Year 3) by school districts. and implementation of new standards.

The Oregon Department of Education has a 7-year rotating schedule as follows:

- 30-31 revision of standard (in-

## **Upcoming Dates/Deadlines**

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	December 31	Oregon State Grange Foundation - "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbursement" request
r		deadline. Send to the state office.
n		Donations to the Foundation's 30 for 30 Fund must arrive in the State Grange office by December 31st.
C	January 15	Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officers information due to the State Grange office
о	January 31	4th Quarter Reports due to the State Grange office.
t	March 1	Deadline for first 2025 Matching Grant
u		applications. Must be postmarked by March 1 or if emailing, completed application must arrive by
e		March 1 at the State Grange office.
	May 15-18, 2025	Western Regional Conference Montana
-	June 21-26, 2025	Oregon State Grange Convention District 4 – Corbett Grade School - Corbett, Oregon

on a Pomona, County or individual Grange level. On February 22, 2025, we will hold our prototype Mental Health Fair for the Grange at Winona Grange #271 in Tualatin, Oregon. The planning steps developed for this event will be further refined to create a template that any of our Granges can use to hold a mental health fair in their area, reflecting their local resources. Look for more information in our next issue!

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# Stop the Stigma: Part Two-What is the stigma surrounding mental health?

Hello again and welcome back to our discussion about the stigma of mental health disorders. Last time, we defined different types of mental health disorders and steps we can take to try to protect our mental health. Today we will look closer at the stigma that surrounds mental health

More than 50% of the people with mental health disorders don't receive the help they need. Everyday, people avoid or delay seeking treatment due to concerns that it might affect their relationships, their status in society and their employment and livelihood.<sup>1</sup> People with mental health disorders are frequently marginalized and discriminated against in a variety of ways. The cause behind these actions is the stigma associated with mental health disorders. Stigmas usually stem from a lack of understanding or fear. The effects of stigma can be subtle or obvious, but it causes harm either way.2

Researchers have classified three different types of mental health stigma:

- (1) Public stigma: which involves negative or discriminatory attitudes that others have against mental health disorders.
- (2) Self-stigma: which refers to the negative feelings, attitudes and internalized shame that people with mental health disorders experience.
- (3) Structural stigma: a systemic form involving government and private organization policies and regulations that intentionally or unintentionally limit opportunities for people with mental health disorders. This includes fewer mental health services relative to other types of health care services.

These stigmas affect not only those with mental health disorders, but also their family members <sup>2</sup> Stigma and discrimination can create a barrier to treatment, worsen symptoms and decrease the likelihood of remaining in treatment. Just a few of the effects of mental health stigmatization are:

- Reduced hope
- Reluctance to seek help
- Social isolation
- Lower self esteem
- Increased psychiatric symptoms
- Increased difficulties at work
- Bullying and physical violence or harassment2

Research has also revealed that the stigma that surrounds mental health disorders is universal. A 2016 study concluded that there is no country, society or culture where people with mental health issues have the same societal value as those who do not.2 Research indicates that knowing or having contact with someone with lived experience with mental health issues is one of the best ways to reduce stigma. Individuals sharing their stories can be very powerful.4

So, if we know this about ourselves, what can we do to stop this cycle? There are certain actions we can take to help reduce mental health stigma, including:

- Talking openly about mental health.
- Educate yourself and others. Respond to misperceptions with facts and experience.
- Be conscious of language, words can be very triggering.
- Show compassion.
- Act like a champion for mental health services
- Choose empowerment over shame for yourself and others.

Also, here are some conversation do's and don'ts that may help:4 Do Say

- "Thanks for opening up to me.'
- "Is there anything I can do to help?'
- "I'm sorry to hear that. It must be tough.
- "I'm here for you when you need me.'
- "I can't imagine what you're going through.'
- "People do get better."
- "Oh man, that sucks."
- "Can I drive you to an appointment?"
- "How are you feeling today?" "I love you."

### Don't Say

- "It could be worse."
- "Just deal with it."
- "Snap out of it."
- "Everyone feels that way sometimes.' "You may have brought this
- on yourself."
- "We've all been there."
- "You've got to pull yourself together.'
- "Maybe try thinking happier thoughts."

One way your Deaf Awareness & Family Health is working to help our members access information is the development of a mental health fair that can be implemented

Science 29-30 revision of standard (including public comment) 30-31 evaluation of materials. Health/PE

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GWA

Susan Noah susannoah6@gmail.com

OSG Grange Workers Activities Director



Final Call for donations to the \$30 for 30 Fund. In January 2023 we started the \$30 for 30 Fund as a way to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Oregon State Grange Foundation and raise funds for the new Malcolm Trupp Memorial Vocation Scholarship. This special fundraiser will end on December 31, 2024, which marks the 30th year since our tax-exempt status was granted by the Internal revenue Service and we formally became a 501c3 charitable organization.

Looking ahead to 2025, we hope to award the first Malcolm Trupp memorial scholarship at our annual meeting in June along with the other three scholarships we give: Muzzy Mandel Memorial, Lousie Holst Memorial, and the Mary Ramm Memorial. If you have students in your Grange or your Grange members have students in their families, check out the scholarships we offer.

Remember that all donations to the Oregon State Grange Foundation

for the 2024 must be postmarked by December 31, 2024.

Seasons Greeting and Best Wishes for a Prosperous New Year from the Board of Trustees of the Oregon State Grange Foundation.



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L: Judges Al Brown and Midge Clause tasting the Chili.

I'm writing my column from the National Grange convention in Bettendorf Iowa this month. We arrived on Saturday night in order to start with the Executive Committee meeting on Sunday afternoon, but still had a few hours to do a little sightseeing and to get reacquainted with all our Grange friends!

It's times like this that reminds me why I love this organization. Getting together with friends from all over the United States and hearing about their lives over the past twelve months brings into focus the word family. We all have different lives, different backgrounds, etc., but in our hearts, we are all brothers and sisters.

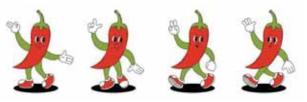
I am hopeful of bringing back some new ideas for the Oregon GWA program from my time here this week. The showcase has many ideas and examples of the handiwork from other states and just the chance to exchange ideas is a real benefit that I intend to take advantage of.

As for our own GWA contests, you should expect to see a new contest guide in your mailbox early in 2025. I mentioned a few new GWA contests in the last Bulletin issue but I believe we will have even more! Constructed garments in the crocheted or knitted categories will be new this year, and we will have four new honey categories as well. We are also revamping the entry forms to make them easier to complete, and plan on having them online so

you can complete one prior to the in convention.

As the holidays approach, the GWA committee urges each Grange to celebrate with your members, as well as consider some projects that getsthe Grange members involved with their community. My own Grange always adopts a family through the Hope and Safety Alliance (a domestic abuse non-profit) and has a lot of fun making sure that these families have a good Christmas holiday. And for those holiday parties, why not try cookie decorating as a fun pastime and hone your skills to get ready for the new cookie decorating contest?

The spirit of this season is something that we hope can keep with your Grange and your members throughout the year. As the new year dawns, pledge to make 2025 one of the best Grange years you have ever had. Work to make your Grange a true community center and encourage your members to reach out to friends and neighbors to grow the Grange. Sometimes we forget just what a good organization we belong to. We help individuals to develop better social and civic skills and we work to build leaders in all that we do. So, join with me and the GWA committee in our efforts to make 2025 a premier year for the Grange in Oregon! I'm looking forward to seeing you at our conferences next year and in the meantime please let me wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



# Wolf Creek Holds Chili Cook-off

Saturday, October 26, Wolf Creek Grange #596, Union County, had a Chili Cook-off and Feed, a drawing, and an afternoon of card playing. It was great fun!

Glenda Carter donated a journal for a free drawing for all who came. Al Brown won it and was so proud, as he stated "I never win anything. Would you take a picture so I can prove to my wife I really won?" --which of course, the Grange was happy to do.

Wolf Creek member Cecelia Lovely won for the best chili.



Above: Al Brown, winner of the drawing for the journal.

# **Oregon State Grange Grant Recipients**

# **Barlow Gate Grange Updates Electrical**



Barlow Gate Grange #157, Wasco County, received a \$1000 grant in the fall of 2022 from the Oregon State Grange to add two lighted exit emergency signs in their basement, hard wired smoke detectors in the basement, along with wired smoke/ CO2 detectors in the main hall.

One of the surprising results of the project is that, even in the light of day, the new lighted exit signs are incredibly visible and do exactly what they are meant to do: provide safe exit for anyone within the building, whether they are in the small dining area, the main hall or downstairs where two restrooms are located.



Above: the new Dining Room exterior doors.

# Redmond Grange Hall Gets Concrete Raised at Front Entry

The hall of Redmond Grange #812 in Deschutes County had settling/ water erosion issues that caused the exterior concrete to sink a couple inches. This made the hall no longer ADA compliant. They received a \$1616.40 matching grant in the fall of 2022 to repair the damage. The Grange hired TerraFirma, a company that specialized in foundation, crawl space and concrete repair. They raised the concrete by the front door so it was again level and Grange members redirected the rain gutters so there will be no problems in the future.



Above: before

and after



### Lookingglass Improves Looks and Safety

Lookingglass Grange #927 in Douglas County, received an OSG grant of \$5000 in the spring 2023 for interior and exterior projects including, painting, and new ADA doors. Interior work included new blinds, floor refinishing and a history hall. The exterior of the hall got a new coat of blue paint with white trim and ADA compliant doors were added to the front of the hall.

Because the Grange raised more funds than anticipated, new folding chairs were purchased. Everyone loves them, and their feet do not scratch the floors!

Overall, the project gave the Grange a cleaner, more desirable look and they are able to charge more for rentals.



Live Oak Adds New Doors and More

Live Oak Grange 655, Jackson County, received a \$5000 grant from the Oregon State Grange in Spring of 2022 to facilitate removing asbestos shakes, painting exposed wood, replacing entry doors, replacing cover over the deck and repaint windowsills. In the interior they added wainscotting, sheet rock, wood trim and paint or wallpaper.

The initial budget for the projects was \$14,500 but the project ended up costing \$23,667 because the Grange chose to remove additional asbestos shakes and painted two additional exterior walls. They

also added new panic bars and closing mechanisms to the new doors.

Left: the interior view of the new Ballroom exterior doors.

# **Oregon State Grange Makes Loans to Community 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 <u>must</u> include the following:

- Complete minutes of your regular meeting, with a quorum present, where the request was approved by your members.
- One 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 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 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

# **Oregon State Grange Grant Recipients**

Williams **Renovates** Rooms Make Usable to Space

Williams Grange #399 in Josephine County, received an Oregon State Grange grant of \$1229 in March of 2023 to renovate five rooms including painting old wood floors, walls, ceilings, (Approximately 500 sq. ft.) in and around the "performance stage," eliminate rodent and bat urine odors/stains, remove storage items, vacuum, wash, caulk, and spackle.

Results of the work funded by the grant were clean organized rooms that no longer smell like mice and bats. With these improved areas around the stage, it is more appealing to artists, residents, and Grange members.

In Grange fashion they celebrated the completion of the project with a potluck.



### Harding Grange Renovates Landscape

Harding Grange #122, Clackamas County, received an OSG grant of \$5000 for tree trimming, cleanup of parking lot and addition of gravel, and general landscape maintenance.

Work was done on the large Big Leaf Maples in front yard. A professional tree service cut limbs and shaped the trees and volunteers hauled the branches to the burn pile for burning. The existing parking lot was weedwacked a couple of times to help kill the weeds and grass and sprayed twice to removed weeds before the new gravel was laid. Then the gravel was delivered and spread.

The existing flower bed around the well house got a replacement planter box and relandscaped with size appropriate plants and irrigation was added to three locations coming out of the well. Barkdust was added to completed bed.

In the front yard close to the road there was one exceptionally large overgrown holly bush and other landscape plants that needed to be removed and/or trimmed back to improve the look and visibility of the Grange hall.

The Grange hall now looks cared for and welcoming.



### Ten Granges Receive Grants During the Fall 2024 Cycle

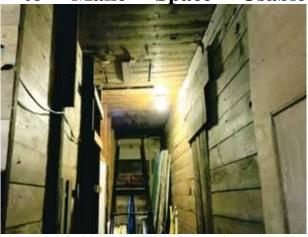
During the October 27, 2024 Oregon State Grange Executive Committee meeting the following grants were approved. They totaled \$38,989.43 to ten Granges.

Camas Valley Grange #521 Chetco Grange #765 Eagle Point Grange #664 Lake Creek Grange #697 Multnomah Grange #71 Netel Grange #410 Redmond Grange #812 Quincy Grange #321 Spencer Creek Grange #855 Willamette Grange #52

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Above: Area behind the stage needed cleaning up and repaired.

L: Side doors lead to stairs and up to the five rooms.

### Oregon State Matching Grant

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

# Grange Program

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.

**Goldson's 4-H/FFA Award Program** 

# **Oregon Junior Grangers**

Vickie Thorp vickiethorp@yahoo.com OSG Junior Director

The year has gone by so fast. It seems like just last week we were at the State Fair for the Log Cabin and celebrating all things Summer. Now Autumn is roaring by. As this heads to press, Halloween and Veterans' Day have passed, National Grange starts, and Thanksgiving is only a couple of weeks away.

All of these occasions are providing opportunities to show our local communities and fellow brothers and sisters how each Grange can have such a positive impact in their area. Thoughts of reaching out to those less fortunate and donating to worthy causes become prevalent during the upcoming holiday season.

Junior Grangers want to be a part of making a difference too. Ask them to help in your booths at craft fairs. It's a wonderful way for them to learn about business and put their math skills to work. Kids are great icebreakers to get the public interested in not only the items we are offering for sale but also in what the Grange is about.

If your Grange isn't participating in craft/holiday fairs, plan a time for creating handmade cards to distribute to care homes, hospitals, shelters, or veterans' programs. The juniors in my Grange love the chance to use their imaginations and creative talents. However, they all express how wonderful the actual experience is of getting to present their creations to the intended recip-

ient, and seeing how it makes that person's day is the best part.

It only takes about 15 to 20 minutes to deliver the cards, and the memories for both the receiver and the giver last for a long time after.

There are plenty of times all year long to make contact with these same folks, so keep them in mind as your Grange looks to plan activities for 2025.

There is a program at the National Grange level for Junior Grangers to be recognized for their work on Community Service Projects. These projects can be done on their own or with their sponsor Grange. The hope is that by highlighting the Community Service activity of what a Junior Granger is doing in their community it will pique the interest of children in the same age group and their families to want to become a part of our Grange family. This program has an October 1st deadline for submission, so there is plenty of time to plan and complete a Community Service Project not only during the Holidays, but throughout the rest of the year.

Please contact me with any questions or for more information.

More information regarding new State Grange contests for Juniors and a Junior Camp will be coming soon!

Have a Blessed Holiday Season.



# agriculture and farmers helping each other, getting better legislation and

other, getting better legislation and prices for their crops. We wanted to support the youth in our area who are doing just that.

Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, awarded scholarships to two worthy

applicants as a way to support agri-

culture. The Grange was founded on

In the 5-12 age group the recipient was Ruth Ann Schultz, age 12 and a student at Fern Ridge Middle School, and a 1+ Junior member of Goldson Grange. Ruthie lives on a farm with horses, dogs, ducks, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, and guinea pigs. She is no stranger to farm and animal chores and was eager to purchase some lambs to compete in 4-H. Inspired by her grandfather and mom, she was taught at an early age to care for sheep, even learning how to sheer them!

Naturally, Ruthie decided on lambs to show in 4-H. After purchasing the lambs for \$250 each at about 10 weeks old, she begins dedicating herself to the care of them. Ruth purchases two lambs - one for market class and one for breeding class which she used in showmanship. She tells us it is important to have two in case something happens to her market lamb, then she has back up. She chose each one based on its nature. "In showmanship it mostly depends on how I'm doing with the lamb. In market and breeding, it's all about the lamb and how it looks.'

In prep for showing them, Ruth begins by washing and sheering them. When she buys the lambs, they weigh about 70-80 lbs., which is recorded. Then at fair it's between 120 to 150. They weigh them in and tag them in April and then again at the fair, which this year was at the end of July. Ruth's weighed in at 145 lbs. for market and 135 for breeding. She sold the breeding lamb and that profit went to her college fund.

In the 13-18 age group the winner was Natalie Lawson, age 16 and a student at Junction City High School. When asked why Natalie chose sheep, she replied, "Originally, I was going to do swine. We didn't know there was a 4-H group for sheep in our area, luckily my mom found





Ruth Ann Schultz

one. Our farm is set up for sheep, so I transferred clubs. I wanted to do 4-H because it would help with college, and I would get more experience in agriculture. Since we own a farm, that I will inherit one day, it's good to get the experience."

Taking on two lambs while having the responsibility of daily life is a real commitment. Her dad said, "Natalie has to spend every day working with them - after school, after homework, after chores; it takes dedication." He told her, "I promise if you stick with it, it will pay off." And it did! She sold the lambs, won the Showmanship contest, and put the money into her college fund.

She wants to go to Lane Community College majoring in culinary arts and business. Then transfer to Cascade Culinary Institute at Central Oregon Community College to finish her education which offers a traveling program that goes to Europe and other places around the world.

Both girls wrote great essays for this year's scholarship and are looking forward to 4-H again next year.



Natalie Lawson

L: Audri Brown, 1+ Junior member of Forest Grove Grange in Washington County, helped the GROW Club serve ice cream toppings at the California State Grange convention.





L-r: Receiving their awards for longevity are Christy Flowers, Lee Sukraw, and Larry Flowers.

# Midland Grange Honors Members

At their meeting in October, Midland Grange #781, Klamath County, presented longevity awards to three of their members. Lee Sukraw was awarded a sixty-year seal, Christy Flowers received her fifty-year Golden Sheaf certificate from the National Grange and Larry Flowers received his twenty-five-year Silver Star certificate. Congratulations to all.

Midland would like all their Grange friends to know that at their November 9th, 2024, meeting, a motion was made to surrender their charter to the Oregon State Grange. They followed all Grange protocol for closing and it was a unanimous decision. Grangers will continue to see familiar Midland members at functions. They may be giving up Midland Grange but are not giving up all the wonderful friendships made through the years. Midland Grange #781 said "Good-Bye" and rapped the gavel for the last time.



L-r: Oregon Grangers set up for the ice cream social. Mark Noah, Carol Fine, John Fine, Marilyn Reiher, Stacy Brown, Audri Brown, Susan Noah and wrestling with the cherries Jim Clute. Missing from the photo was Margaret Clute.

## **Oregon GROW Clubs Serves Ice Cream** at the California State Convention

The Oregon State Grange GROW Club was invited to take their ice cream social to the California State Grange convention held in Woodland, California. On Saturday, September 28, club members and friends serve it as the feast following the exemplification of the Sixth Degree. Oregon State Grange Steward Phil VanBuren won the bid on an ice cream social at Oregon's State Convention in June and gifted his social to the Brother Joe Stefenoni and the California State Grange.



California Grangers enjoyed the ice cream social for the feast following the Sixth Degree.

# **Membership Matters**

pawpawsexton@gmail.com OSG Membership Director

As I mentioned in the last column, I have hit the road to connect with family. I write this in Dayton, Ohio after driving across the country in my electric Chevy Bolt. I have visited with a friend and a son in the Carolinas, my Mom (90th birthday) and sister on Cape Cod, my dad, and his wife in southwestern New York State. In a few days I will meet my wife Toni, off the train in Chicago, visit more family and then head to the National Grange Convention in Iowa. By the end of the trip, I will have driven 9000 miles and been on the road for 55 days.

One of the things I have done on my trip, through many strong Grange states, is ask people I encounter if they know what Grange is. I have yet to meet a stranger who knew the answer. This is a problem.

I think I would have had better luck in Oregon, but we should not rest on our imagined laurels. The future of Grange depends on our promoting our existence, our activities, and encouraging membership.

The first step I call Promotion. This involves making our neighbors and communities aware of our existence. Make sure you have a good professional-looking sign identifying your hall. Publicize the existence of your Grange in local events, media, gatherings, parades, newsletters, email lists, chambers of commerce, local fairs, and any other opportunity to show your community you have a Grange. This step is not primarily "explaining" Grange - it is just illuminating your existence. Whenever you can, include a phone number or email so people can contact the Grange for information.

The next step is Community Engagement. This can take several forms. Advertising the availability of your hall for rentals is one. Participate in local events by having a Grange table, offer to host other organizations events at your hall - such as a dog adoption, a community safety workshop with the fire department, a CPR class, or an entertainment dance class, or musical performance. Bring new people into the hall. Show them that you participate and support your community.

Jay Sexton

I do not recommend holding a "Grange Open House" - as a standalone event. I think it is intimidating to people who know little of Grange. I highly recommend a free family friendly event of interest to your local community. Examples are a Blueberry Celebration, a Pie Auction, a Bingo Night, a concert of local performers, but every community may have special opportunities or interests which a Grange could host.

At any Grange event there should be a table, off to the side, with Grange information and your friendliest Grange member who can answer questions. At the table there should be a small handout that gives Grange contact information, meeting day/ time, and annual membership dues. I strongly encourage a sign that says, "Our membership goal for 2025 is ## members." The number should be ambitious. A Grange with 20 members should strive for 45 by the end of the year. The membership goal sign is a soft way to start a conversation. Many will ask "How many do you have now?", "Who can join?", "What does it cost to join?" This gives your friendly Granger at the table the chance to converse.

If someone asks, why should I join the Grange, you can answer that a strong and growing membership helps the Grange in applying for grants, raising donations, and having community events; that new members can help by imagining new ways the Grange can have relevant events for their community.

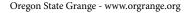
Many Granges have received the "What is a Grange" sign to display in your hall. Learn the two sentence answer it spells out. Avoid saying Grange is a farm organization. This works against our recruiting members - few people identify as farmers, and we are much more a community group than an agricultural group.

In future columns I will talk about the next steps in strengthening your Grange membership. These steps are constant recruitment, and engagement and encouragement of new members.

Now it is time for me to get back on the road....

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





# **Government Affairs**

John DeHaas lobbyist@orgrange.org Lobbyist for the Oregon State Grange

### Subject: Lobbying the State of Oregon for funds to help our farmers and make sure there is farming, and farmers in the future.

### Hello Grangers,

It has been remarkably busy with lobbying. The Oregon Agricultural Trust approached us to help them lobby the State of Oregon to add funds to help them advocate for farming and farmers. Below is the summary of letter we sent.

We are writing to express our dedicated support for the allocation of \$17.3 million to the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP) in the upcoming 2025 Oregon Legislative Session. The OAHP is vital for securing a 2:1 federal match through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), which protects our essential ranches and farmlands, critical for agricultural production and natural resource conservation.

The Oregon State Grange, dedicated to supporting farmers and preserving agricultural lands, highlights the OAHP's importance for several reasons:

- It enables farmers to access land equity without selling portions of their farms.
- The program is voluntary, helping farmers boost productivity while conserving land and habitats.
- It provides essential technical assistance for adapting to climate change and implementing sustainable practices.
- It facilitates intergenerational farm transfers, ensuring the continuity of farming operations.
- It enjoys broad support from industry stakeholders and bipartisan backing in the legislature

The requested funding is crucial, as it supports four grant programs that have identified 25 potential conservation projects needing this investment, which would protect over 38,000 acres of land while leveraging \$32.5 million in federal funds.

The OAHP enhances Oregon's competitiveness for federal funding and plays a vital role in climate change mitigation. However, it has only received funding in two of the last seven years, while 27 other states successfully implement matching programs for working lands conservation.

We appreciate your past support for the OAHP and strongly encourage you to allocate full funding as you set budget priorities for the 2025 biennium. Thank you for your consideration.

Members, if you wish to help, contact the Oregon State Ways and Means with emails and letters to help the spread the word on this matter. Here is their contact information:

- Co-Chair, Lieber Sen.KateLieber@oregonlegislature.gov
- Co-Chair Sanchez Rep.TawnaSanchez@oregonlegislature.gov
- Legislative Fiscal Office Oregon State Capitol 503-986-1828 900 Court St. NE, Room H-178, Salem OR 97301

Happy Trails



All Grangers are invited

### **OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting**

When: Wednesday, December 11 @ 7 pm PDT Wednesday January 22 @ 7 pm PDT Where: Zoom

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

Contact: Legislative Director Mark Noah for login information marknoah00@gmail.com



### Oregon State Grange Convention Housing June 21-26, 2025 - Corbett

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477 NW Phoenix Drive		2 Queens \$178	
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Motel 6-Troutdale, OR - Portland East	7 miles	1 Full \$72.99	No
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Falls, Multnomah Falls, Triple Falls, Horsetail Falls and Ainsworth. The Waterfall Trolley is wheelchair accessible.

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

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



L-r: Steve Leitz, Springwater Grange; Carol Drudis-Swainson, coordinator of LoveOne food pantry and Redland Grange; Joyce Parker, Pomona Master; Don Kingsborough, Pomona Community Service Chairman; Maggie Edwards and Jim Dumolt, both of Clarkes Grange; represented Clackamas County Pomona at the Do Good Multnomah Banquet.

# **Clackamas Pomona Recognized for** Their Support of the Veterans Village

Clackamas County Pomona Grange was honored with a special award at the 9th annual Do Good Multnomah Veterans Benefit, Do Good Multnomah operates the Clackamas County Veterans Village: A Transitional Shelter Community for Veterans, which was opened in July 2018. The village has twenty-nine individual sleeping pods for veterans to live in while they transition from homelessness to having a secure place to live.

At the October 2017 Clackamas County Pomona Grange meeting, Sonja Fisher, a Clackamas County Commissioner and Emily Klepper, Senior Commission Policy advisor spoke to the Pomona Grange about the need for housing for homeless veterans in Clackamas County. They talked about the proposed Veterans Transitional Shelter and encouraged Granges to get involved. At that meeting a resolution titled "Adequate Housing for Veterans," which supported the concept of the transitional village, was adopted by the Pomona Grange.

At the October 2018 meeting of Clackamas County Pomona Grange, the Grange officially adopted the Clackamas County Veterans Village as their community service project. The first project at the village was the installation of the flagpole.

Since that time Granges in Clackamas County have continued to be actively involved in the Veterans Village. In the spring 2019, Maplewood and Warner Granges built a horseshoe pit at the village. Clarkes Grange serves a monthly dinner at the village on the 3rd Sunday of each month. For the last couple of years, Steve Leitz, a member of Springwater Grange and owner of Baskins Robbins Ice Cream in Gladstone has donated cream ice for these dinners.

dier, sentry dog and a Thank You Vets sign was made and donated to the village by Bud and Leila Dumolt of Beavercreek Grange.

Yearly the Pomona celebrates Grange month at the April Pomona meeting, with Granges from throughout Clackamas County bringing toiletries, paper towels, toilet paper, individual snack items and more to the meeting, and then they are taken by Don Kingsborough. Pomona Community Service Chairman and other Grangers to the village.

In 2024 the Pomona added the collection of food from LoveOne, Inc, which has a distribution site at Redland Grange each Thursday, and delivers it to the village.

This project of the Clackamas Pomona Grange has involved all sixteen of the Granges in the County and the Grangers are honored to be able to give back to Veterans for all they have done.



Above - District 4 Your Chairman Beanna Havs-McKav talks with Oregon State Grange Flora Jessie Jo Guttridge after they worked on the breakfast.

Right - 1-r: Clarkes young adult members JC Junkman and Jim J Dumolt along with other Clarkes In 2020, life-size cut outs of a sol- members were busy in the kitchen.

# Veterans

Patrick Dearth soudad21@gmail.com Oregon State Grange Veterans Director

December is here and Veterans Day has come and gone. Many, many veterans events happened around our Oregon Grange world. Some events were rained out.

I, myself, attended two events here in Lane County. The first was Goldson Grange's annual Veterans Day breakfast of blueberry pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, coffee, and orange juice. The event was well attended and it seems everyone was enjoying themselves.

The second event was at Triangle Lake Grange. This event was a great Veterans Day event and the whole community turned out. They had a school assembly that

performed music and kids gave the veterans gifts of cards and a hat pin. I spoke to about 200 people about Grange and our great support to our veterans.

Moving forward soon it will be a new year and new agendas at your Granges. I would just ask that you have one or two events for the veterans. Breakfast, dinner or collecting clothing to donate to vets.

We are looking into Quilts of Valor and who is being put up for the quilts.

I would like to thank all the Granges for your great support to our veterans and continuing support throughout the year to come.

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Baker #24	Feb	1	10:30 AM	Eagle Valley Grange
Benton #36	Jan	18	10:30 AM	Marys River Grange
Clackamas #1	Jan	25	9:30 AM	Redland Grange
Columbia #18	Feb	1	10:00 AM	Beaver Homes Grange
Deschutes #25	Feb	8	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Jan	19	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange
Josephine #20	Mar	29	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Jan	11	10:00 AM	Irving Grange
Lincoln #10	Feb	15	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Jan	11	10:00 AM	Morning Star Grange
Polk #3	Jan	9	6:00 PM	TBA
Tillamook #9				TBA
Wallowa #22	Jan	18	5:30 PM	TBA
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jan	18	10:00 AM	Leedy Grange

#### Junkman Selected as JC Oregon **Outstanding Young Adult/Young Patron**

At the 2023 National Grange convention, it was announced by the National Grange Youth Director that there would be no Ambassador/Young Patron competition at ment, the National Grange convention for those over the age of 25 in 2024. This was a change from the previous age of 35, so several Oregon young adults, now over the age of 25, were no longer eligible to participate in the National Grange Horizon Leadership Program.

Then in the June 28, 2024 issue of Grange Today it was announced since some states had selected their

Young Pa-(YP) trons prior to the announce-YPs would be allowed to compete through age 35 for this year only.



JC Junkman, who had just turned 32, decided to take advantage of this opportunity, applied, and was selected as Oregon's Outstanding Young Adult and attended National Convention representing Oregon.

# Clarkes Grange Helps Youth Travel

Grange #261, Clackamas County hosted a benefit breakfast for Grange Youth Travel. Proceeds

On Sunday November 3rd Clarkes from the breakfast will help youth and young adults travel to regional and National Grange events.





# OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2024

President Sonny Hays-Eberts called the meeting to order at 10:40am. Members present included Vice President Steve Kroeker, Secretary Sarah Jenkins, Executive Committee members Vicki High, Susan Noah, and Joyce Parker.

Meeting minutes from May  $19^{th}$  were reviewed and approved as corrected with the title changing from agenda to minutes. Minutes from the final day of the State Convention, June  $20^{th}$ , 2024 were reviewed. Minutes were approved as corrected with a change in spelling of Sonny's last name to Hays-Eberts.

### **Financial Reports**

- Loan and membership reports were reviewed. Several Granges have paid off their loans in the last few months. A few are struggling with late payments and have been in contact with the office. Membership reports are not complete due to the timing for quarterly reports that were due just a few days ago. We are still reporting a net positive membership growth since the first of the year.
- Scott Barker with Barker Wealth Management provided his report on the Oregon State Grange investments. He went over economic conditions and forecasts. Year to date OSG investments have gained over 6%. We have a CD maturing at the end of September, just a week after the Fed's next meeting. We'll need to decide regarding those funds then when we know more about market conditions.
  - Vicki moved to transfer the full balance from the Vanguard Total International Bond Index into the T Rowe Price Global Multi-Sector Bond fund. Susan seconded and the motion carried.

### Presidents Report

Sonny provided an update on several members and Granges that he has been working with over the last month.

Lunch break from 12:30 to 1:00pm.

### Old Business

- Capital Mall Veteran Memorial – Don and Jay need to coordinate the sizing for the stone memorial and bronze plaque.
- Heritage Grant from State Historic Preservation Office. Relicura is meeting with Jay on Aug 8 for the document preservation.
- Twelve Granges in Oregon will celebrate their 150th anniversary this year. The office staff will work on the requests to National Grange for the plaques and create a banner/

- certificate Office staff update. Natalie Rogers as communications specialist was hired on May 15th. Sonny met with her on July 16th and they are working on several projects to use more digital communications to promote the Grange. Other office associate position was posted on Indeed, but not acted upon promptly. Sonny will look at re-posting in September. Assistant Office Manager role Steve is assuming more duties and meeting with Suzy each week. The President's goal is to reduce required time in the office.
  - Vicki moved to add Steve to the Visa account with a \$2500 card limit. Joyce seconded and the motion carried. Steve abstained from the vote.
- OSG back office is still vacant as there has been limited interest in the lease.
- Water Heater and kitchen faucet were replaced at the OSG office.
- Triangle Grange Property Correction there is no update since last meeting. Blachly School District Surveying (we are paying half). Will meet afterward to discuss any changes of lines.
- Grange property sales update: Lexington was just placed on the market with realtor Chris Sykes. Vale is listed by realtor Danielle Jennings. The prior offer on Vale fell through, the realtor suggests listing at \$205,000. Upper Applegate will be listed by Martin Mc-Clure. It is critical that Granges are always listed on a commercial form and to perform due diligence regarding zoning.
- Russellville Grange property continues to be a struggle due to vandalism. Jill Rowland is the realtor. There are liens from the city of Portland that the OSG attorney is working on and then we will work to sell as soon as possible.
  - Susan moved to clean up Russellville Grange property, clean up debris, fix fence, and other necessary projects not to exceed \$10,000.
     Sarah seconded and the motion carried.
- Brownsmead Grange has several potential members interested in joining the Grange.
- Rickreall Grange is still having water and sewer issues.
- Grange grants. Sonny performed research on prior grants to Granges and found that two Granges never received funds for their approved projects. Eagle Creek

Grange is ready to complete their roof project, so the funds are being sent to them. Scotts Mills Grange has had a change in members. They will discuss if they want to continue with the proposed project.

2024 Grange visits have been going well. The office will check on reports from volunteers and work to ensure that all Granges get a visit this year.

### New Business

- Western Star Grange near Tangent was recently reorganized. They received the \$1,000 from the OSG that is provided to support reorganizing Granges.
- The Oregon State Fair is coming up in a few weeks. Jim Dumolt is working with Sonny to gather volunteers. Marilyn will be signing her recent Grange book, and the office staff is working on a video.
- Sonny and Herman met to discuss technological needs for data storage and backups, which should be a few hundred dollars. They will work to make minor adjustments and use funds in the office equipment budget.
- Sonny discovered that there are several Granges that are listed on the Secretary of State unclaimed property website. We have attempted to collect some of these in the past. He may pursue these when time allows.
- Hwy 22 Storage new ownership, rate increase coming 9/1 from \$124 to \$154. Sonny may look at other storage options.
- A Paychex representative gave a demo of electronic times recordkeeping. Sonny did not think that it was needed at this time. It is recommended that he meet with Paychex regarding the account to understand all capabilities and options. Sonny shared that he has a soundboard and amp that they are not using.
- Sound at Oregon State Grange Convention was discussed.
   We have some equipment owned by the OSG,
  - Susan moved that we send David \$420 to cover his camping with acknowledgment that this is a one-time exception to pay more than the previously agreed upon rate. Going forward we will provide \$750 compensation to the person managing sound, as has been given for the last several years. Vicki seconded and the motion carried 3-1.
  - o Susan moved that we

purchase the sound equipment from Sonny, if the price is under \$1,000. Vicki seconded and the motion carried.

- Myrtle Grange a letter was sent to former members. There has not been interest in reorganizing.
  - Susan moved that we put Myrtle Grange property on the market. Steve seconded and the motion carried.
- Charity Grange went dormant in 2018. It's located in Linn County east of Harrisburg. Sonny and Jay picked up the Charter and other items from the hall.
  - Steve moved to sell Charity Grange. Susan seconded and the motion carried.
- The Sutherlin/Kellogg consolidation proposal was discussed. The by-laws state that both Granges must have voted for the consolidation at their own meetings, notified members, and provided documentation to the State Grange.
  - o Joyce moved to deny the consolidation request of Sutherlin Community Grange and Kellogg Grange until the requirements of the by-laws for consolidations have been completed. Sarah seconded. Sarah moved to amend by changing the word "deny" to "postpone". Steve seconded the amendment and it carried. The motion to amend carried 4-1. Susan moved to amend by adding that if the documents are presented to the State President to their satisfaction that we proceed to the consolidation. Vicki seconded and the amendment carried. The motion, as amended, carried 4-1.
- Dixie Mountain is behind on their dues and has not been meeting. President Sonny declared the Grange as dormant. A member of the community is interested in potentially reorganizing the Grange. Jay will work with them to set an open house with the community.
- Email marketing. Natalie, the communications specialist provided a proposal for email marketing.
  - Sarah moved that we move forward with setting up a bulk email client for marketing and communications to the membership. Vicki seconded and the motion carried.

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# OSG EC Minutes - September 25, 2024 State Grange President second delegate. Lot Marked

Oregon State Grange President Sonny Hays-Eberts called the zoom web conference meeting to order. Members present were Steve Kroeker, Susan Noah, Vickie High, Joyce Parker, and Sarah Jenkins.

At the August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting our financial advisor, Scott Barker, mentioned that we have a CD for \$150,000 that matures on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Due to recent changes in interest rates offered, Scott suggested via email that we reinvest the proceeds to two longer term bond funds. Scott's recommendation is to withdraw the funds from the CD at maturity and put some in the existing Dodge and Cox bond fund and incorporate a new fund – PIMCO Long-term Credit Bond (PTCIX).

• Vickie moved to go with Scott's suggestion regarding the maturing CD of \$150,000. Susan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Harding Grange submitted a loan request for \$15,000 to repair damage from a broken pipe in the ceiling. Payments will be \$159.10 for 10 years at 5%, starting in January 2025.

• Steve moved to approve the loan to Harding Grange. Vickie seconded the motion, and it carried. Joyce abstained.

President Sonny said that his spouse Judy is not able to attend National Grange with him. He suggested that Jay Sexton, past President, be the  Joyce Parker moved that Jay Sexton serve as the second delegate at the 2024 National Grange Session. Vickie seconded, and the motion carried

Chetco Grange submitted a grant application based on a deadline of September 15th that was published on our website, but the deadline on forms mailed to Granges is September 1st. Additionally the Silverton Grange returned their grant funds from spring because their project and membership has changed. If Silverton's funds are added back to the annual budget of \$70,000 then that provides \$42,338 for the fall round of grants. The grant committee is currently reviewing the applications submitted by the September 1st deadline and will have recommendations to the Executive Committee in October.

- Susan moved to accept the funds back from Silverton Grange and move it to the Fall 2024 grant budget. Sarah seconded, and the motion carried.
- Susan moved that we allow the Chetco Grange grant application to be considered by the grant committee in the fall 2024 grant cycle. Joyce seconded, and the motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm

Sarah Jenkins, Secretary



### October 14<sup>th</sup>, OSG Vice President Steve Kroeker marked the spac-



# OSG EC Minutes - October 3, 2024

Aspecial meeting of the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee was called to order via Zoom by President Sonny Hays- Eberts at 5:30 pm. Members present: Vice President Steve Koeker, Susan Noah, Vickie High, and Joyce Parker.

### <u>Agenda</u>

- Lexington hall offer.
  New employee wage structure
- 3. Request to use Mt. Vernon Hall from Mennonite church.

### Lexington Grange Hall

We have an offer on the hall of \$14,000. Discussed possible issues with the well and septic.

 It was moved by Susan, seconded by Steve to counter the offer with a sale price of \$30,000. Motion passed unanimously.

### New Employee

A new employee has been hired. She will start on October 15, 2024. Steve will be doing the onboarding for this new hire.

es in the parking lot as Reserved. Over the last year there have been more problems with people who are not Grangers or Grange office visitors parking in the lot.

The spaces are reserved not only for the State Grange staff but all Grangers and guests visiting the state office.

Additionally, earlier in the year the on-street parking in front of the office building was removed and turned into a bike lane so all visitors to the State Grange office now need to park in the lot on the east side of the office.

# e <u>Mennonite Church – Mt Vernon</u>

Grange Hall

Sonny has received a request from the local Mennonite Church to use the former Mt Vernon Grange Hall for services.

 Following discussion, it was moved by Vickie to pursues the options of allowing the Mennonite church to rent the former Grange hall. Sonny will talk with local real estate agents about the value of the hall and will make sure that Grange signage is removed. Motion passed unanimously.

Sonny reported that Dan Keeley has agreed to watch over the former Fairfield Grange Hall.

Next meeting is Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm

Fraternally submitted, Joyce E Parker OSG EC Position #2

# OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2024 continued

- GRAIL grant with Three Arches submitted an opportunity for a grant to use for the Grange. Sonny will submit to see what we might get.
- Marilyn completed a Bylaws update from changes at the last State Convention. They will be posted on the website and mailed out to all Granges. Sonny will appoint a committee to look through the by-laws for any additional edits that may be required to remain current and compliant with National Grange.
- Ag in the Classroom Dinner and Auction is coming up on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>. We agreed via email to be a sponsor at their fundraiser dinner. Sonny is going to meet with the new director of Ag in the Classroom to see how our two

organizations can help one another.

- Employee Handbook revisions proposed were sent to Executive Committee members in May.
  - Susan moved that the employee handbook be reviewed by the OSG Attorney, Kate. Vicki seconded and the motion carried.
- Leadership conference. Sonny is putting together a group to host leadership conferences in several locations in Oregon.
- Oregon State Grange bank account at Umpqua Bank. We need to change the signers on the bank accounts since our election of officers at the state convention in June 2024.
  - o Sarah moved to change

the signers on the bank accounts at Umpqua Bank to include President Sonny Hays-Eberts, Secretary Sarah Jenkins, Treasurer Linda Helm, and Executive Committee Member Joyce Parker. Vicki seconded and the motion carried.

**Email Decisions** – The following items were approved via email since our last meeting.

- Steve moved to approve all decisions made by email. Vicki seconded and the motion carried. Joyce abstained from the vote since she was not on the committee at the time.
- Water Heater and faucet replacement at the OSG office

- Bylaws 3.8.1(b) consolidation from Marilyn; not done previously
   Age in Classroom Table/Coordination
- Ag in Classroom Table/Sponsorship for \$500.00
- Sauvie Island matching grant for \$5,000 that was accidentally left off the reports.
- Belleview Custodial funds request of \$30,000 for their roof.

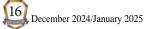
### Next Meetings:

October 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9am. January 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9am. March 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9am.

### Other events:

State Fair is Aug 26-Sep 2 California State Session is Sep 26-30 National Grange is Nov 12-16.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm. Sarah Jenkins, Secretary



# **Goldson Enjoys** Trunk or Treat

Everyone at Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, enjoyed the annual Trunk or Treat festivities, Sunday, October 27th. It was a day of on and off rain, so at first attendance was down, but soon the superheroes, princesses, ghouls and goblins made their way to the waiting trunks of yummy goodies.

Inside the children were delighted by additional snacks and drinks and games to play for a chance to win fun prizes. Lots of smiles warmed the Grange members hearts. Goldson Grange loves this annual event and the neighbors it brings to their door.



Above: A little Princess enjoyed the Trunk or Treat at Goldson Grange.

Below: Superheroes, ghouls and goblins check out their yummy goodies.





# **Pomona Pumpkin Contest**

Clackamas Pomona Grange #1 held their annual pumpkin contest at their 4th Quarter meeting on October 26th at Springwater Grange. Prizes were awarded for Best Carved, Best Decorated, and Smallest. There were no entries in the Biggest category.

- Best Carved by Shirley Gilman of Redland Grange.
- Best Decorated by Joyce Parker of Springwater Grange with a Cousin Itt in eclipse glasses.
- Smallest was a two inch Baby Boo pumpkin grown by Suzy Ramm of Springwater Grange





### Springwater Grange Halloween **Party** For the Whole Family

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, held their community Halloween party on Saturday, October 26. There were activities for the whole family, with the Grange providing snacks, beverages, and candy for the kids.

The costume parade was held and the children went Trick or Treating at the adults around the room with candy. Ghost Bowling and pumpkin tic-tac-toe were popular games along the dessert walk for baked goods.



Above: Little Princesses playig ghost bowling.

Left: Pumpkin tictac-toe was played with little orange and yellow pumpkins.

Your Name: Moving? Let Us Know. \_\_\_New Address: \_\_ Old Address: \_ City/State/Zip: \_ \_\_\_\_City/State/Zip: \_\_ Email: Phone: Grange Name/Number: \_

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

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