



# Oregon State Grange BULLETIN

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## June 2020 Oregon State Grange Convention Cancelled

The OSG Executive Committee met on May 2 and made the decision to cancel the Oregon State Grange Convention planned for June 20-25 in Klamath Falls. They hope to reschedule a modified convention in the fall. Monitoring of public health mandates will continue and the Executive Committee will work with other members of the Grange leadership team on possible options for rescheduling along with alternatives for traditional State Convention contests and activities.

One of the casualties of the cancellation of convention is the Preferential ballot for State Officer elections which normally take place in the Subordinate/Community Granges in April. It was originally hoped that extending the deadline until June 5 would give Granges the opportunity to meet and vote but that was not to be. This elimination means that all of the names that were on the Preferential ballot will now be on the ballot at the State Convention whenever it can be held. Oregon has a long history of allowing the Subordinate membership to have a say in the ballot for State Officers and the Executive Committee did not take this step without some anguish, but did not want to ask Granges to go against the Governor's orders to keep our facilities closed for the next month. But keep in mind that your delegates will be voting at State convention, in whatever form it takes.

The Executive Committee is hopeful that the convention can reschedule for a date in the fall, probably September or October, depending on when the Governor lifts her restrictions. Once rescheduling can happen, efforts will be made to return to the fairgrounds in Klamath Falls if they can accom-

modate the State Grange, and if not, options will be looked at elsewhere in District 5 or in the Salem area. As soon as the convention is rescheduled each Grange will be notified and registration materials will be sent out.

Resolutions are required to be turned in 30 days prior to the start of the State Convention, meaning as of now there is a little more time to work on resolutions. Just remember that as efforts are made to hold the convention in September or October, 30 days prior may mean that they will need to be in to the State Office by the middle of August. So, if your Grange has been working on any, you are encouraged to get them finished up and voted on as soon as you can. This is something that can be accomplished via a Zoom meeting as they do not require a secret ballot. A quorum is still needed though and of course all members must be able to log on or call in depending on your method.

As the Executive Committee knows more about the situation they will be in touch. If you have further questions you can contact the State Grange office via email or phone.

### NEW GWA Contest Covid-19 Mask Contest Added

Categories  
Functional & Fashion Fun

All masks will be sold or donated. See page 20 for complete rules



## OSG Office Employee Retiring

By Susan Noah, OSG Master

This June the State Grange is going to lose a huge asset! Longtime employee and Grange member, Janet Oleson is planning on retiring. Janet started at the State Grange as an employee in December of 2004 according to our records, and I believe she volunteered here before that. She has worked with five State Masters, and has trained us all! Janet has been a Grange member for over 50 years and in that time has served in various offices on both a Subordinate and Pomona level, including chairing the "world famous" cookie booth at the Clackamas County Fair. Having had a few of the cookies I think I can safely say world famous!

Since I have been Master, Janet has worked tirelessly to help all of our members. She is the one who generally answers the phone and the one with all the institutional knowledge regarding the quarterly reports. She is no stranger to paperwork, and provides help wherever and whenever it is needed. Several years have seen Janet and I at the Log Cabin following the state fair, cleaning up the cabin and getting it ready for the next event. She has put together notebooks for State Session, packed the trailer for transport, and set up the registration table to get ready



L-r: Sen Speroff talks with Janet Oleson at the registration table at the Oregon State Grange convention.

for our members. She rarely takes a break and can frequently be found at the computer greeting our members and making sure they have their credentials and paperwork.

Jan's first career was with the U.S. Postal Service, but following her retirement from that institution she found that she had free time so decided to volunteer at the State Grange office. Their loss of an employee was our gain, and now that she is retiring for a second time, we all want to wish her well!

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## 2020 National Grange Convention

The National Grange Executive Committee is very sorry to announce that the 2020 National Grange Convention will have many changes because of the Covid-19 pandemic and therefore will be open for National delegates and officers only. No visitors or Grangers will be invited to attend in person this year.

The convention will be cut to two days and the only business will be voting on resolutions and electing two executive committee officers. Extra activities, such as the Evening of Excellence, Youth and Junior Public Speaking and Sign a Song, will take place virtually. The Seventh Degree will not be exemplified this year.

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## The Master's Column

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This has certainly been a Spring to remember! It seems very strange to not be rushing around getting ready for the State Grange Convention. In the last 50 plus years there have only been a couple of years that I did not attend the Oregon State Grange convention in June, so it is truly with a heavy heart that I had to announce that the convention had been cancelled for June. Since we do not know what the future is bringing, we do not know if there will even be a convention this year, but we are still hopeful that one can be scheduled in October. Of course, it will depend on whether or not the state has allowed larger groups to gather and will depend on finding a facility that will accommodate us.

When the Executive Committee met and made the decision to cancel the June Convention everyone was in agreement that our first choice is to keep the Convention in Klamath Falls to honor all the hard work that our District #5 members have gone through to get ready for us. We are staying in close contact with the Fairgrounds in the hopes that when things open up, they will have a long weekend available.

The convention will look a little different in that we have made the decision to start on Thursday and end on Sunday and only include the work on resolutions, the State Elections, the Fifth and Sixth Degrees, the Memorial and the Installation of State Officers. Unfortunately, we will be forgoing the youth and Junior events, as well as the Talent Contest, and possibly the GWA and Lecturer displays. But I know that even if we are six feet apart, and wearing masks we will still be sharing that "Good Grange Spirit!"

As I am writing this 30, of the 36 counties, have entered into Phase 1 of the Governor's plan for reopening Oregon which means that as long as we can distance appropriately and follow appropriate rules, we are allowed to meet with 25 or fewer members present. As our Granges re-open I know you will all take care and stay as safe as possible. For those Granges who are not in counties that have opened or may be taking a little more caution to reopening, please consider meeting via some of the other means that are available. We do not want our Community Granges to feel isolated and members to lose their connection to the Grange and to each other. We are all in this together and in this unprecedented time please continue to reach out to each other. Stay in touch as individuals and as a Grange. Many

of our Granges have turned to virtual means, like Zoom meetings, or free conference calls to hold a meeting. My own Grange has used Zoom three times (we meet twice a month) and each time we have added more of our members, including some who do not typically come to our meetings. It's not as good as seeing each other in person, but like any Grange meeting we took a few minutes before the meeting to reconnect, discuss our lives and what we have been doing. During the actual meeting, we were a little more distracted, and certainly talked too much, but it was productive and most importantly fun! Staying connected is important to all of us; don't let our fellowship dissolve while we are separated.

### Come Together at the Grange Chapter 2

On a good note, while we only have about one half of the quarterly reports in as of now, we are actually showing a small net gain. Generally speaking, the first quarter is usually the time we see the heaviest losses, so this is very good news. When the state received the orders to stay home, we had to put the remainder of the Grange visits on hold. Any Grange that has not been contacted by one of the leadership team should see visits starting later on in the summer, as soon as everyone is back to meeting at their hall.

We still have the ability to grow our Granges, even during this time of crisis. We all need to think outside the box to plan activities to do while separated, and look for ways that you can still serve the community you are in. Take this time of a more enforced relaxation and plan for your next Grange event. Remember the Overseer's charge in the First Degree of "Note down new and useful ideas that come to you



*that they be not lost; for new ideas are the material with which progress is made."* This can be a time of Progress!

### National Grange Facebook Live Events

Amanda Brozana Rios, the National Communication Director has been busier than ever during this pandemic. To help all of us fill our days she has set up a series of live interviews on Facebook. If you have missed them, they are available on the National Grange YouTube channel anytime. The programs range from sign language classes to information for teachers as they learn to work with remote classes, to an interview with FCC Chairman Ajit Pai! She has also added occasional trivia Contests, date night programs, and virtual talent shows. Check in with Facebook frequently to see what may have been added, and go to the National Grange YouTube channel to view past programs.

As we continue to stay at home as much as possible, remember to reach out to loved ones and to friends. We all need the social contact of a phone call, a letter, an email or even a Zoom meeting. As we work to keep ourselves and others safe during this pandemic, there are some words from the Master's charge at the end of the Fourth Degree that sum it up, "...where the welfare of each is bound up in the good of all."

Stay safe and stay connected!

### 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	Aug 8	10:30 AM	Elkhorn Grange
Benton #36	July 18	10:30 AM	Hope Grange
Clackamas #1	July 25	9:30 AM	The Sandy Grange
Columbia #18	Aug 1	10:00 AM	Picnic @ Natal Park
Deschutes #25	Aug 8	11:30 AM	Midland Grange
Douglas #13	July 25	6:00 PM	Myrtle Creek Grange
Jackson #27	Aug 25	1:00 PM	Central Point Grange
Josephine #20	Aug 29	10:00 AM	TBA
Lane #14	July 11	10:00 AM	Triangle Grange
Lincoln #10	Aug 15	10:30 AM	Salmon River Grange
Linn #12	July 11	10:00 AM	Santiam Valley Grange
Polk #3	July 9	6:30 PM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Aug 2	10:00 AM	TBA
Wallowa #22	Aug 11	10:00 AM	South Fork Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	July 25	10:00 AM	McMinnville Grange

*In this time of uncertainty, meetings are often cancelled or rescheduled. Others are changed to tele-conference, Zoom or other virtual meetings. Please contact the Pomona Grange for most up-to-date information and be safe.*

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## A special message from Jay Sexton

Oregon State Grange Overseer

Cancellation of the Klamath Falls State Grange Convention in June was very unfortunate and very necessary. Our older members are vulnerable for serious illness and the risk of spreading the disease at our convention made the clear case for the delay, even if state restrictions are eased by June. My hope is that we will find a way to have our convention in Klamath Falls after the pandemic has passed, and that it can occur this fall. It is a wish – a hopeful wish, as I know the district host committee has been working hard to prepare for our annual gathering.

In every community our normal routines have been upset, particularly in our Grange meetings and hall activities, including community rentals. These rental cancellations have disrupted the budgets of many Granges and our monthly meeting functions. The State Grange has tried to adapt to the restrictions in regards to the State Grange elections process and the deadlines for various activities. Much of this has been uncharted ground, with the Grange leadership trying to find a rational path forward.

I know this is hard for us all. We miss the getting together and are

saddened by the loss of events we have been planning for this spring and summer. How many meals, potlucks, plant sales, dances, and all manner of other Grange events have been crossed out on our calendars? Some Granges have tried new ways of bridging the gap in our continuation of community. We are using the telephone more as well as computer and telephone video technology. Grangers are sharing plant starts, books, and recipes, and picking up groceries for neighbors. We miss each other.

We will get through this, and because of the difficult distancing and cautions we have been practicing, there will be more of our brother and sister Grangers alive at the other end of this trial. Thanks to all of you for the efforts you have made to keep our communities safe.

On a last upbeat note I encourage Grangers to think of ways we can celebrate a return of community connection at your hall when the state restrictions allow gatherings. I suggest some kind of local celebration of your community at your hall to bring the public together. Think about the possibilities now, and then make it happen when it is safe.

## Cultivating Connections in the Time of COVID

The 2020 Grange Month theme “Cultivating Connections” could not have been more apt. And while many of us spent a couple months under “stay at home orders,” staying connected with each other took several turns. From holding or taking part in virtual Grange meetings, using a phone tree to check in on one another or sending letters to reduce the feeling of isolation.

The National Grange has also taken steps to keep members connected including suggesting tools like free-conferencecall.com and Zoom to hold meetings and offering a daily Facebook Live web series with various presenters and topics ranging from the serious to the fun.

The series, called “Cultivating Connections in the time of COVID” is hosted by National Grange Communications Director Amanda Brozana Rios, and appears at various times. Brozana Rios said she plans to continue hosting one each day for as long as many states have stay at home orders in place. If you miss an episode, you can go onto the National Grange YouTube Channel at any time and replay any of the previously live-recorded webcasts.



On Saturday evenings, starting at 8:30 p.m. Eastern time/5:30 PDT, National Grange Lecturer Chris Hamp and Amanda Brozana Rios co-host a Date Night In: Grange Virtual Talent Show. The event showcases each week the talent of members from around the country. The May 23 edition featured Oregon's own Carmel Valencia of Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson County. If you are interested in being a performer, contact Amanda at communications@nationalgrange.org

Upcoming episodes include one-time events and reoccurring events; weekly Legislative Update w/ Burton Eller; BINGO - Hosted by the Pennsylvania State Grange; ASL/Deaf Culture: Lessons on Friday and Trivia Night with the Grange.

To see upcoming events, go to National Grange Facebook Page and click on Events on the left-hand navigation bar.

## The Lecturer's Column

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As we emerge from our “forced hibernation” many of us have had more family time, time to focus on spring cleaning, time for gardening, and to perhaps just re-evaluate life and meditate. During this time, we have all been exposed to catchy sayings and the one I like the best is “We are all in this together - but not all in the same boat!” As we all go forward with a variety of experiences behind us, I hope we will continue to practice healthy living habits and show love and compassion for others.

In the last Grange Bulletin, I mentioned that I wanted to address the question “Why do we have Ritualism?” When visiting Grange meetings, I have come to realize that members tend to short change themselves by not embracing the heritage that ritualism plays in our Grange experience. I wish to also address the underlying question, “Why don't we just have an organization with officers and by-laws that govern our business meetings and let it go with that?”

In going through some of my files, I came across a very good article about Ritualism that I want to share from the *Easy Grange Programs* booklet. Even though this was written some 30 plus years ago it still rings true today.

“The answer to this question can be found somewhere in the innate nature of Man. Ever since the beginning of society in its simplest form of expression we have had rite and ceremonies and symbolic forms of expression. The simplest tribe in the heart of Africa has its rites and ceremonies which for some reason draws them close together as a tribal unit and adds some semblance of beauty to their every-day tasks. The Greeks who developed one of the highest intellectual civilizations ever produced were steeped in ceremonies

and symbolic expressions. Jesus of Nazareth did most of his teaching in parables rather than mere stating facts. We have the flag – a symbol of our government with its red and white stripes and blue field of stars, each signifying some hidden meaning. Why don't we just carry a banner with the words United States of America across it? The eagle “who flies with her own wings”, the Statue of Liberty, Columbus and Uncle Sam are other symbols. Do they not add something to our feeling about our Country?”

In the same way, the ritualism and symbolism of fraternal organizations develops a pride and expresses in a beautiful way some of the things for which we stand. The Grange has been continually growing in strength, numbers, and prestige for over 150 years. But the facts will show that where the members of a Grange made light of ritualistic work and omitted it from the meeting, it reverted to just another club, and soon passed out of existence. Facts today will also show that the strongest Granges are also strong in their practice of the ritualism. Why? Why do we have poets, painters, and musicians? The same ideas and feelings can be said in prosaic language, but they do not make the same lasting impressions upon the mind and soul. Ritualism is artistic expression, which makes the common clay a thing of beauty; which exalts our daily task from the humdrum to a place with the Infinite. In Grange, ritualism is exalted and makes us Stewards of the Earth and Co-workers with God.”

Here are a few things to strive to do in the coming months.... Treat everyone like you want to be treated, watch a sunrise at least once, and pray not for things but for wisdom and courage.

## 1873 National Grange “Gift for the Grangers” Poster Now Online Puzzle

This 1873 promotional poster for the National Grange was originally published as a chromolithograph by J. Hale Powers. Many Grangers are familiar with it. It has recently been converted to a 140 piece online puzzle. It includes beautiful scenes of Victorian home and rural farm life.

It is available at: [bit.ly/grange-puzzle](http://bit.ly/grange-puzzle)





## The Chaplain's Corner

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Another month of quarantine. I have been alive 69 years and have never seen anything like this. However, I hope that Warren Buffet is correct. He has studied the history of our great nation and tells us all not to give up on America. We fought and won our independence, we won World War I even though we were not expecting a strike on one of our ships, the surprise attack of Pearl Harbor in WWII, the Great Depression and the more recent recession. After each one of these our nation has not only fought their way through, they have come away more powerful and richer. So, if you are worried about America's financial future - don't.

If you are depressed, lonely, bored or anxious I urge you to turn to a higher force for your answers and comfort. When God created us, He knew we would not be able to handle difficult situations and would need His help. He reaches down His arm, takes our hand and guides and directs us.

Did you know there are 16 verses in

the Bible that demonstrate God has our back (always and at all times). Romans 8:31 tells us "I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, NOR THINGS TO COME, nor powers, nor height nor depth, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Hebrews 13: "I will never leave you nor forsake you." There are 14 additional verses. They are: Exodus 14:4; Jeremiah 1:9 and 32:17; Psalm 23:4; Isaiah: 41:10, 52:12 and 58:8-9; Deuteronomy 31:8,3:22 and 20:4; Joshua 23:10; John 14:16-18; Proverbs 20:22; and Luke 18:27. I challenge you to take one verse and read it every day. It will remind you who is in charge and who has your back.

Every day, we turn on the TV and all we hear is about Covid-19. It is enough to make Mary Poppins sad and depressed. I urge you to find K-Love on your radio and listen to it. It is inspiring and uplifting and will fill your heart with joy. May God bless you and give you a renewed spirit full of hope and love.

## Employee Retiring

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I reached out to three former State Masters who worked with Jan and received back some comments from all three, Phyllis Wilson, Mark Noah and John Fine.

Phyllis related a few stories from her time here as State Master including, how great it was at lunch the day following the Abernethy meeting when Jan regaled everyone with the fun they had at their meeting the night before, and I have to say that it sounds as though Abernethy Grange must have the most fun of any Grange I know!

Phyllis also noted that when it came to packing the trailer for State Session, Jan knew what to pack and where, and Phyllis as well as Mark and myself pretty much just hauled boxes and tried to stay out of the way. She noted the closeness Jan has with her family and recalled the baked beef stew recipe that Jan gave her when she moved to Salem. It is still one of her favorite meals.

As a new Master Phyllis quickly learned from Jan where everything was in the office including the basement, how to put postage on outgoing mail, and how to keep calm when dealing with people coming into the office like the cowboy wearing only boots and shorts and wanting a place to set down and have a cup of coffee!

She also remembered Jan as being one of the most dependable employees ever. She was there each and every day and missed almost no time. Phyllis concluded by saying "She was wonderful to work with and I have enjoyed her as a great friend. She has a mountain of knowledge as a Grange member."

Mark also wanted to include the following memories and thoughts. I am one of the few who have become Master of the Oregon State Grange without being elected--the position was thrust on me rather suddenly on New Year's Eve, 2011. Talk about the office seeking the man! There are so many things that someone needs to be aware of to keep an operation like the Oregon State Grange functioning as an organization and as a legal Oregon business, and I faced a really steep learning curve. Fortunately for me and the OSG, Jan was there to save the day!

I was already working a full-time job in Salem but since I was frequently driving to and from meetings all over town it

was possible for me to drop in at the OSG office frequently but usually only for a few minutes at a time. We did a lot by phone, too. If only we'd had Zoom back then! Jan got used to me dashing in, throwing papers around, signing a few things, returning some calls, and then dashing out again. She was the fixed point around which all my chaos swirled, and she was the steady influence that kept the office organized and functioning. Going from having a State Master in the office all day, every day to having one who just appeared and then disappeared again had to be challenging, but I don't recall Jan ever complaining.

Jan, even though you are retiring, I hope you don't forget to make me a batch of your Chex mix and some chocolate cookies around Christmas-time! ~ Mark

John and Peggy Fine have also shared the following: What can you say about Jan? She will be missed by everyone in the Grange. She is so helpful and kindly guides the Granger to the right answer. She is especially helpful to the Master, easily accomplishing every task that she was asked to do. John and I so appreciated all the help she gave us. She is going to be missed. We love you Jan ~ John and Peggy

I know many of our members have thoughts they would like to share and hopefully Jan will still be at our State Session when we are finally allowed to meet so that everyone will have a chance to speak to her in person. In the meantime, she will be here until the end of June, so feel free to give her a call or email.

Jan will be definitely be missed, but I know she is looking forward to her second retirement, a retirement that does not include coming to work every day! Our very best wishes for fun and relaxation go with her!



L-r: National Grange High Priest of Demeter Bruce Croucher, New York, and Jan Oleson look at the Grange's Sacred Volume, a book showing the original "unwritten" work of the organization.

## In Memoriam

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*Patricia Wheeler*  
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*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.*

## 2019-2020 National Grange Distinguished Grange Award

The National Grange honors Subordinate/Community and State Granges for work done from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

To be considered, Granges must:

- Submit quarterly reports and remit dues to State Grange on time.
- Submit an annual Community Service Report.
- Maintain or increase membership.
- Send a delegate(s) to State Grange Convention.
- Send at least two officers or members to the National Grange Convention, another State Grange Convention, or regional event.

Then score an additional 125 points from the optional list.

The application can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/subordi](http://www.orgrange.org/subordi)

## Grange In Action Program

Every Grange in Oregon who doesn't qualify as a Distinguished Grange should be able to qualify as a Grange In Action. The Grange In Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how small. Any Grange that does not complete the application for Distinguished Grange can participate in this program. Granges who wish to be recognized at the 2020 National Convention as a "Grange In Action" should complete the following requirements:

- Submit a 1-page letter size with pictures and caption of at least three (3) various events/activities that the Grange either sponsored or assisted with from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 - anything over 1 page will be disqualified
- The Grange Name, number and State must be on the front of the page
- On a separate page please in-

clude the Name, address, phone and/or cell number and email address of whom submitted the Grange In Action

For 2019-20 Award the National Grange executive committee discussed the Distinguished Grange application and program and decided to leave the application the same, but in judging take into consideration the pandemic, shutdown, stay at home orders, etc. that would prohibit Granges from completing some of the items.

They have definitely noted that Oregon and Washington have not been able to have their conventions during the contest year when they score the applications. Go ahead and send in the applications no matter what your score is. Particularly note if you had something planned that was canceled because of the pandemic that met one of the requirements.

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- Granges that qualify for the 2020 Distinguished Grange award are not eligible for this recognition.
- Deadline to submit the 1 page to National Grange is September 25, 2020 postmark or electronic by midnight on September 25, 2020
- Mail to National Grange, Attn. Loretta Washington - 1616H Street, NW, 11th Fl. Washington, DC 20006
- Email to Loretta Washington @ [lwashington@nationalgrange.org](mailto:lwashington@nationalgrange.org) Please put in the subject line for the email: Grange in Action report

Some of the entries will be on display at National Convention and those Granges that submit a 1 page entry will receive a certificate from the National Grange Master.



Showing off their "We're in this Together" shirts, three generations of the Dehne family sheltering together and trying to stay connected to the other members of Walterville Grange #416, Lane County. L-r: Matthew, Charlene, Liz and Jeff Dehne.

## Notes from the Office

Office Hours:  
Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday  
8am - 4:30pm  
503-316-0106



### IRS 990 E POSTCARD

For most Granges the filing is due May 1-Sept 15, 2020. You will receive detailed instructions on how to complete this important filing from the Oregon State Grange office. There were no changes from last year. This must be done; it is not optional. Please send proof of **Acceptance** with your second quarter report in July. If you have any concerns or need further information about the 990 filing, please contact:

Suzy Ramm  
(503) 316-0106.

The IRS sent out a notice extending some deadlines, including Form 990-series returns and notices. For the twenty or so Oregon Granges that must file between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>, the IRS has extended the deadline until July 15, 2020

### STATE CONVENTION

As you will have read elsewhere in

## Grange Legacy

The National Grange recognizes families with five or more generations of members, including current Juniors. They do not to be all living. The application can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/subordinatecommunity-grange-information/](http://www.orgrange.org/subordinatecommunity-grange-information/).

To be recognized at this year's National Grange Convention, the application must be received by the National Grange no later than the first Monday in August.

## The National Grange Sues Oregon Based Hemp Grange in Federal Court Alleging Trademark Infringement

The National Grange has sued Oregon based Hemp Grange in Grants Pass. The suit, filed in federal court in Medford, alleges trademark infringement and seeks a court order barring them from using "Grange" in their name, and requiring them to destroy their business cards and advertisements, and cancel the registration for the internet domain name "thehempgrange.com."

The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, contends the hemp marketing and retail business is unfairly benefiting from the Grange's reputation and is harming the National Grange reputation by suggesting the two businesses are somehow related.

"The defendants' use of the name and mark 'The Hemp Grange' with goods and services related to those

the paper, the Oregon State Grange convention has been postponed until some time in the fall, hopefully. Most activities that happen at convention will either be rescheduled at that time or will not happen this year.

A few items that are date sensitive and will happen in June are:

- The Community Service books must be turned in by June 23. See the Community Service column on page \_\_\_\_
- The deadline for nominations of Fire Fighter of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Teacher of the Year and Volunteer of the Year has been extended to June 23 as well.
- Since the Youth Goodie basket tickets have a date on them, they must be drawn. See details in the Youth in Young Adult column on page 22

## Grange Legacy Family Award



### Grange Legacy Family

Oregon currently has eight recognized Grange Legacy Families.

offered by the Grange is therefore likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception as to the affiliation, connection, or association of the 'The Hemp Grange' with the Grange, or as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of defendants' goods and services by the Grange," the suit says.

The Hemp Grange, according to its website, is a CBD manufacturer and retailer "specializing in the extraction of high-quality CBD and sale of cannabis products."

In a March phone call by lawyers for National Grange, Thomas Dubiel and another man reached at The Hemp Grange claimed that their use of the name didn't violate the National Grange's trademark rights and "invited the Grange to bring a lawsuit," according to the suit now filed.



## The Agricultural Report

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Apple pie.  
Applesauce.  
Apple cake.  
Apple cider.  
"An apple a day keeps the doctor away."  
Johnny Appleseed.

Apples are a big part of our lives.

In 1847, Henderson Lewelling came to Oregon in a covered wagon with his wife, children, and 350 fruit trees that survived the long journey. One of the requirements for homesteading a 160-acre land grant in the west was to plant an orchard, and Mr. Lewelling's new nursery business in Oregon made sure that was possible.

Up here in the mountains, the descendants of those apple trees are blooming. In the hills around town, the old orchards still bloom and bear, though most of the fruit is small and uncared for, a few varieties still bear good fruit. And although their names are lost to history, interest in

the old varieties still remains. Ashmeads Kernel, Bramley's Seedling, Cox Orange Pippin, Duchess of Oldenburg, Wagner, Wolf River, Maiden's Blush, Northern Spy. These apples can still be purchased from specialized nurseries, and many land owners planting new orchards, or just a nice backyard tree, are selecting historical varieties over the more common Red Delicious.

My mother grafted apple tree scions into her home orchard. I find small tags waving on newer sprouts that reveal Akane or Pound Sweet inserted into the old King apple tree. In this time of "shelter in place", perhaps we should find a spot in the garden for a new/old fruit tree. I think my yard would love a Hudson's Golden Gem, or maybe a Sops of Wine.



Cars, for the most part, waited in lines and rows for plants to be brought by the plant runners.

## Rockford Adapts Plant Sale

Rockford Grange #501, Hood River County, has a focus on food, farming and community. To that end, their three major event/fundraisers each year center around plants. The Seed Share is in March, the garden starts Plant Sale is in May, and the Fill Your Pantry Harvest Sale is in November. They much appreciate the gracious patronage of Flora, Ceres, and Pomona in their endeavors.

The pandemic shutdown began just at planting time for the garden starts project. The Grange figured more people would be home with more time to garden, and an incentive for fresh food not dependent upon the grocery store. However, this year they knew they could not have people all together shopping for plants at the Grange. The Grange decided to go ahead and plant anyway, and try a pre-order sale from their website. Grange members would assemble the plants for each order, then walk the orders to people in their cars, for pick-up. Everyone would wear masks for Grange responsibility, safety and liability.

As their plant sale has grown each year, what started as seed planting from their various homes, now happens at the large greenhouse of Grange members, Jeff and Katrina Jerome. Grangers help them transplant the seedlings to small pots, move the plants to the Grange for the event, and host the sale of the plants. They split the proceeds between the Grow Organic Greenhouse and the Grange.

A team of three worked out the details of the online order page. Howard Cohen, Grange Treasurer/Webmaster set up the commerce page so that people were able to order and pay online; Jeff Jerome had the plant list details and prices and Beth Hartwell, Grange Chaplain, collected digital plant pictures for each variety, putting the information onto the website. She created paper receipts to fill each order. The online sale lasted two weeks from April 13 to 27. May 1 was "box the orders" day with May 2 being pick-up the orders day.

Online sales were brisk; the comput-

er managed sales as plant varieties became sold out. There were 128 varieties of vegetables, herbs, and flowers, at \$3.50 per 4" pot or seedling 4 pack. The Grange let folks know about the sale thru Facebook, and sharing through various local online networks. There were 226 orders, for nearly 3000 plants! Computer ordering helped boost their sales, indicating to them that time to plan and order online from home tended toward bigger individual orders than previous years. The total income was one third more than last year.

Aera Atkins, Grange Overseer, collected boxes, trays, and crates from various grocers, and oversaw the rest of the event logistics. The most challenging task proved to be putting the orders together. Wearing the masks was more tiring than anticipated. The Grange had a crew of 15 folks staggered in two shifts, however most members stayed longer than their shift as all worked to get the orders filled.

Each completed order was arranged alphabetically on tables by buyers' name, ready to distribute the next day. The Grange Steward, Thomas Hons, and Keith Harding, their Lecturer handled the driving and parking lanes.

On the morning of pickup, folks came from 9am to 1pm, queued up in their cars, sometimes three abreast, and gave each Grange 'order runner' their name. Plant purchases were brought out and placed in the vehicles. The workers appreciated that they did not have to deal with the money, which had all been prepaid online.

Next year they will lay out the order of the plant varieties when brought to the Grange side yard more carefully. Better to arrange the plants as they were grouped on the online page, to minimize the time and distance pulling them together for each order.

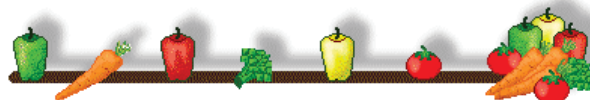
As for the Grange Master, Karen Harding, she took pictures, filled orders, wrote the thank you notes, and this article. She is feeling proud of their Grange crew, and the amount of food and beauty they have brought to their valley this season.

## Lookingglass Grange Farmers Market Reopens For Season

Lookingglass Grange #927, Douglas County, opened their farmers market for the season on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Vegetables, plant starts, meat, eggs, bread, jam, muffins, washable teddy bears, herbs, knitting and crocheting and more were offered. All vendors were outdoors. Grangers and vendors were masked and maintaining social distancing. And customers were asked to wear masks, use the hand washing station, not handle merchandise, and maintain distancing.



Above: Lookingglass farmers market plant vender masked and ready for customers.



Rockford's Friday afternoon crew working with the last orders and substitutions needed. L-r: Jeff Jerome, Aera Atkins, Edwina King and Paul Politi



## Bellview Processes Seed for Garden

Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County, held a seed processing day on May 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be using some of the corn seeds, and others that were processed in their organically grown demonstration garden.

*Pictured above are Desiree and Candace with their bandana masks stripping corn cobs.*

*L - The entry gate to Bellview's demonstration garden.*



## Washington Yamhill Pomona #2 Awards 2020 Granger of the Year

On June 3, 2020, Pomona Master Jim Clute traveled to Scholl Grange to present Kimla Koziuk with the Pomona Outstanding Granger of the Year Award. Kimla wrote Scholls' matching grant application to replace their siding, windows, and insulation and spearheaded several of their fundraisers.

*R: Kimla Koziuk of Scholls Grange is congratulated by Pomona Master Jim Clute #covid-19 style. The plaque Jim is holding is for Kimla to keep. Two large plaques that list recipients since 1993 are to be hung in Scholls' hall until next January's Pomona meeting.*



## 2020 NG Convention *continuing from page 1*

Other recognitions such as Community Service awards, Distinguished Grange, Grange Legacy Family, and the Quilt Block Contest, will be held and awards given, but there will be no ceremony. National Grange Department Directors will be sending out information regarding their programs and how they will be handled this year, so stay tuned!

The Valley Forge Casino Resort, site of the convention, has been closed since March 14 to this date (June 6). We don't know when it will be permitted to open, because the counties around Philadelphia are a hot spot for the virus. The hotel is willing to allow us to downsize our convention to two days, 80 people, hopefully without

penalty, so we are exercising that option at this time.

Also, we do not want to endanger any of our members by asking them to travel and to spend days in a large crowd. The health and safety of our Grange family comes first. We feel it may not be safe to gather, even by November. Many of your State Sessions will see major changes this year also. We hope you will understand this decision, and keep on working at the local level as much as you can to help your communities.

Fraternally,

Betsy E. Huber  
National Master

## Community Service Involvement

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We find ourselves in a challenging time. Unable to meet with our members and stay closely connected as well as losing income from our rentals and events. But, like generations before us that have faced challenging events, we can persevere. We now have new tools because of the advancements in technology that allow us to stay connected. Email, Zoom, Skype and others provide the means for us to check in with family and friends. Please keep doing that.

We can also stay connected with our community and find ways to help even without being physically close. Here are some examples of how to do that: (*Examples from the latest National Grange's Patrons Chain Newsletter.*)

**Cape Fear Grange #1296, Fayetteville, North Carolina**  
Cape Fear Grange & Friends of Fayetteville's Front Lines are providing meals to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center's medical personnel at their workplace during these precarious times. The meals, served weekly, are purchased from Fayetteville's locally owned restaurants. Participating restaurants are not asked to provide a discount — we are purchasing meals at fair market value, including delivery, tax, and tip. The Grange relies on logistical support from the Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation, as local restaurant workers and Grange members cannot enter the hospital.

**Marys River Grange #685, Philomath, Oregon**  
Marys River Grange has resurrected an element of Grange fraternalism of yesteryear by establishing a Relief Committee with Brother Sonny Hays-Eberts taking lead. The Relief Committee is helping people with shopping, laundry, picking up over the counter drugs, animal care and other services.

**Silverton Grange #748, Silverton, Oregon**  
On May 3rd, Silverton Grange hosted a virtual candidate forum on Zoom. More details to come in the summer issue of Good Day! magazine.

Some of the Granges haven't had a meeting since March and the June State Grange convention has been postponed. We are still going to accept and judge the Community Service Books. They must be delivered or mailed to the State Office by **June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**. The office is open Tuesday-Thursday. Notebooks can be mailed or dropped off there.

Remember to nominate your local Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter and Teacher of the Year for this year's awards. Deadline has also been extended until June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Also nominate a youth or young adult member for the Youth Community Service Award. Nominations are due to the state Youth and Young Adult Director by August 15.

## Guidelines for Your Grange's Community Service Notebook

### DO's

- Limit pages to no more than four (front and back) for larger projects and two (front and back) for smaller projects
- Include two or three photos that demonstrate members (non-members if applicable) participation and items collected. If it is a cleanup type project before and after photos.
- One or two Thank You cards/ letters for an event.
- Include a short write up about your Grange and Community. (one page)
- An overall summary sheet listing continuing projects, new projects, larger and smaller projects and list of donations.

**Then utilize this format for the organization of the community service book.**

- Book organization:
  1. Use a tab for each project

include a short summary of that project

2. Include any newspaper article or flyer about the event.
3. When holding a fundraiser dinner/event it is important to include where the monies were donated.

### DON'Ts

- Don't include things like State session program book, officer and member rosters and meeting minutes.
- Don't include members or family obituaries because the family used your hall after the funeral.
- Don't include every thank you note/letter you get from a project. One is enough not all 30 from a class you donated dictionaries to.
- Mowing the grass at the Grange hall. This is maintenance not community service.

## Barriers Reported by Rural Members Accessing Telehealth

By Elizabeth Hiner, Colorado State Grange Lecturer  
National Grange Senior Communication Fellow

The COVID-19 crisis has pushed many people to use the internet for things never dreamed, including this area of healthcare access.

Telehealth has been in use for years and is defined by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) as the use of electronic information and telecommunication technologies to support long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health, and health administration. Technologies include video conferencing, the internet, store-and forward imaging, streaming media, and terrestrial and wireless communications.

Not to be confused with telemedicine, which has been in use for many years to monitor congestive heart failure, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and hypertension through machines based in the patient's home.

Jennifer Oliver of Tacoma, Washington, a member of Collins Grange #893, and LPN for more than 20 years said she has been part of that system that doesn't go without its challenges but is much more automated and in some cases requires far less access to high-speed broadband.

For urban and suburban patients, this may not be new, but to many in rural communities this practice had previously been far from embraced by the typically older, less connected and more wired for face-to-face small-town style interactions that build rapport between doctor and patient. Additionally, there are concerns about privacy and the ability to properly diagnose and treat a patient that cannot be examined in the traditional hands-on way.

"Most clinicians have historically shunned the idea of telehealth/telemedicine, as most clinicians feel (rightfully so) that it is just one more thing that is disrupting the doctor-patient relationship." Dr. Erick Bourassa, a professor of Medicine at Mississippi College wrote in a recent e-mail interview. "Another major hurdle to implementing telemedicine is the fact that most parts of a physical exam can't be done - how do I check even basic vital signs (temperature, blood pressure, heart rate) let alone do an abdominal exam or check someone's tonsils?"

Bourassa acknowledged that those most staunchly opposed were having to make the choice - serve virtually or do not serve patients at all at this time. With the saturation of coverage of COVID-19 on the news, many telehealth visits, he said, have been from patients con-

cerned because they were "feeling feverish and having a cough and/or sore throat."

### Grangers share common barrier in telehealth experiences

Since the early 2000s, the National Grange has been working hard on the issue of broadband expansion to rural communities so rural residents enjoy the same services and opportunities as their urban and suburban counterparts, often citing telehealth as one major service that would be made available for rural residents far flung from providers if a better broadband infrastructure was in place.

Several Grange members from around the country had their first telehealth visit or a telehealth visit different from those they have had in the past, and each reported issues around connectivity and technology, but most were still happy to have the option for certain types of care.

Suzy Ramm of Molalla, Oregon, a member of Springwater Grange #263, used telehealth for an annual follow-up appointment and said she has also used phone appointments for follow-ups on quarterly tests in the past.

For this appointment, however, she expected to connect via computer, but was unable to and had to attend instead by phone. While not ideal, it was still better than the alternative of waiting, Ramm said, so while she will need to have some further tests in a facility or with a provider when the crisis is over, for now the basic check-in via telemedicine allowed her more time and gave her peace of mind.

Ann Keaton of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, a member of Thompson Grange #352, had her first telehealth experience in mid-March as isolation measures were moving from voluntary to mandatory. While she said the experience was a good one overall, callback time for appointments ranged from 5 minutes to never as systems were overloaded and some calls were lost in the sheer volume of requests coming in for appointments and providers learning new systems.

I, too, tested the process, using telehealth for an appointment for the first time during the crisis to address anxiety I was feeling. I saved myself potential exposure and a 40-minute round trip and used FaceTime to visit with my doctor by phone because connecting by computer was impossible. Even via phone data, there was a lag in

## Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Grange is all about Community. During the pandemic we have had our challenges, adapting to the cautions and risks of this time. But together, as a community, we have helped each other. Making masks, washing hands, and keeping space between us to keep our families, friends, and our communities healthy.

There are many ways we have tried to protect the most vulnerable among us, and not only from the virus. There are many in our local areas who have either lost work, hours, or income, and we have stepped up by donating more to food banks, and other support organizations. Childcare and schools have closed and that has turned many households upside down, and distancing and the vulnerability of older relatives have made traditional alternative childcare arrangements risky.

The government has acted to pro-



service that was frustrating. Had it been a more critical matter or if I were an impatient person with a different type of condition, there is a possibility the technical issues may have led me to abandon the appointment and not get the service I sought out.

Karen Cline of Rising Sun, Maryland, and a member of Calvert Grange #424, had a completely different experience. Cline - who on a scale of rurality if there is such a thing may be on the lowest end of the scale, living about 20 miles from Newark, Delaware and within 50 miles of Baltimore and Philadelphia - said while her insurance has opened a host of telehealth options for patients at this time, she stuck with her existing physician with whom she scheduled a telehealth visit.

"For my needs, it was helpful to speak to doctors familiar with my health history. However, there were serious limitations," said Cline. "To my physicians, telehealth is utilizing a phone call as the primary means of communication. I recently have been in contact with three doctor's offices via phone. None were able to receive photos via email or

vide some needed funds for families, and loans and grants to preserve jobs and businesses. More importantly, with so many lost jobs, the restrictions on foreclosures, evictions, and utility shut-offs have given compassionate relief to prevent tragedy being stacked on tragedy. Under the guidance of the Oregon Health Authority, the Governor is cautiously opening areas to more activity, with the goal of preserving lives in our communities. Oregon has done remarkably well with less than 150 deaths and 3 rural counties still without their first Covid-19 case as of mid May.

We have all been swamped with the news of the pandemic and the things we need to do, and it can be depressing and overwhelming. But, if we focus our hearts on the well-being of our communities and families we can find the strength to keep doing our part to move forward and get past this difficulty.

text and they were unable to utilize video technology. This was very limiting because I was experiencing something that they needed to see. Without the ability to see photos via email or text or even on video, they were really not able to help me."

Cline said the experience was eye-opening and she hopes healthcare providers reflect and find ways to expand their telehealth services in the future. "I want the ability for doctors to be able to chat with me on video and to receive photos and videos. I do see this as an area that will expand. I hope it expands quickly. I sent one doctor a link to a video conferencing solution that I have access to, but he said he was unable to use external communication methods that were not secure and authorized by his hospital system."

While the stories collected are a small sampling, they show there are major barriers that will have to be addressed in order to truly make viable this method of care for rural individuals.

Reprinted from an article by Elizabeth Hiner in the 2020 National Grange Rural Health Report.

## National Grange Rural Health Report Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19)

### How to Protect Yourself and Others

By Lilly Anderson

Disparities are common for rural residents in all areas of life, including all things health related from birth to death.

The National Grange recently prepared the Rural Health Report 2020 that gives a thorough review pre-COVID, during COVID and just how hard we could fall after the pandemic is over.

The report highlights systematic issue of rural health disparities, how telehealth remains unreliable for a disconnected rural public and how Granges in rural communities are stepping up.

It also provides a graphic with 11 reasons rural residents are at greater risk during this pandemic than urban and suburban counterparts.

## Rural Cancer Patients See Victory in CMS Rule Change

National Grange, Washington, DC

Today (May 12) rural Americans struggling with cancer saw a great victory as Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) moved to change the rules for those undergoing innovative cancer treatment known as CAR-T to receive reimbursement and have their therapy closer to home.

The National Grange has called on CMS to establish a long-term provider solution, noting that most hospitals certified to provide CAR-T were located in major metropolitan areas, which created significant hurdles for rural individuals eligible to receive such treatment.

“We are pleased that the administration is taking significant steps towards ensuring that seniors living in rural America have access to the most innovative cancer therapies



Spoiler alert: some will never be something we can “solve.”

To read the full report go to: [www.nationalgrange.org/rural-health-report-2020/](http://www.nationalgrange.org/rural-health-report-2020/)

available,” National Grange President Betsy Huber said. “Today’s proposal marks an important milestone in removing the roadblocks to CAR-T therapy for Medicare beneficiaries. We thank the administration for their leadership and look forward to the rule finalizing come August.”

Amanda Brozana-Rios, National Grange Communications Director wrote, “It’s not as big as rural free delivery. It’s not as sexy as fighting railroad monopolies. But for anyone who has had a family member or friend diagnosed with cancer who lived in rural America, you know the importance of affordability of care, close proximity to care, and access to innovative therapies. Pure and simple, this is a victory because of Grange action.”



Lilly Anderson authored a paper while working on her Master’s Degree at Oregon State University titled: *A Review of the National Grange: A Community Resource with the Capacity to Increase the Reach of Public Health Promotion and Prevention Efforts in Rural Areas*. Lilly is continuing to collaborate with the Oregon State Grange regarding public health and the Grange.

Excerpts of Ms. Anderson’s paper have appeared in print and online across the country and have provided great Grange exposure. She appeared

(There is currently no vaccine for COVID-19, protection from exposure is the best defense.)

- **Know how the virus spreads**—the virus spreads mainly from person to person<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Between people in close contact (within 6 feet)
  - Through droplets in the air caused by coughing or sneezing
  - Through close personal contact, like touching or shaking hands
  - By touching surfaces or objects with the virus on it, and then touching mouth, nose or eyes
- **Wash your hands**—often and with soap and water and for at least 20 seconds<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Especially after being in a public place, blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
  - Before eating, touching your face, or caring for another
  - If soap and water are not available use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub until dry.
- **Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose or eyes**—with unwashed hands<sup>1</sup>
- **Avoid contact with sick people—stay at home if you are sick**<sup>2</sup>
  - Avoid close contact with those who are sick even inside your home
  - If possible, maintain 6 feet of distance between the sick and other family members
- **Outside the home**—put distance between yourself and others<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Maintain 6 feet apart from others
  - Wash or sanitize hands after contact with surfaces
  - Do not touch your face, mouth, nose or eyes with unwashed hands
  - Avoid groups
  - Stay out of crowded places—in close spaces wear masks or allow others to leave a building before you enter
  - Keeping distance is especially important for those who are at high risk—so be patient with those who seem uncomfortable with crowding
- **Wear a mask or cloth face covering**—when out and around others<sup>2</sup>
  - Many of us could be spreading the disease even if we don’t feel sick
  - Everyone should wear a mask or face cloth in public places such as the grocery store or post office
  - Do not use a facemask meant for a health care worker
  - Do not place a facemask on children under 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing or cannot remove the mask for themselves
  - Masks DO NOT replace physical distancing—continue to maintain 6 feet of distance
- **Practice good hygiene**—cover coughs and sneezes<sup>2</sup>
  - Always use tissues and throw away
  - If tissues are not available, use the inside of your elbow or sleeve
- **Clean and disinfect**<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Clean and disinfect surfaces frequently used surfaces daily, including tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboard, remotes, toilets, faucets and sinks
  - Clean first with soap and water, then disinfect using a household disinfectant
- **Watch for symptoms**—people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms, from mild to severe, including<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Sore throat
  - A new loss of taste or smell
  - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

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along with Oregon State Master Susan Noah, on the April 26 National Grange live on the National Grange Facebook page broadcast as part of the Cultivating Connections in the time of COVID series. It is available for viewing on the National Grange YouTube channel.

## Oregon Granges During the Flu Pandemic of 1918

As Oregon Grangers have been practicing social distancing and waiting, some more impatiently than others, for stay-at-home orders to let up, it is interesting to see how Granges were affected just over a hundred years ago during the last flu pandemic. The 1918 flu pandemic lasted about fifteen months from spring 1918 (northern hemisphere) to early summer 1919.

During the years 1918 through 1920 in Oregon, 24 Granges were organized and 58 Granges went dormant. Of those that went dormant seven were reorganized within fifteen years.

One of those was Clarkes Grange #263 in Clackamas County. In an autobiography by Ruby Ringo, who was born in 1897 and died in 1986, she said that the 1918 "flu shuttered the Grange for several years and reopened in 1926". Both her and her husband Clyde along with her mother-in-law are listed on the charter list for the reorganization.

Other Granges seemed to have just missed a few meetings. Marilyn Reiher, Master of Winona Grange #271, Washington County, who spent part of her stay-at-home time, working on Winona Grange's 125-

year history included from the 1918 minutes "Winona Grange did not have its usual meetings in October and November due to the influenza." December's minutes did not mention draping the charter so it is assumed no members died during that time from the flu.

Then while watching a KGW Portland news comparison between the 1918 epidemic and the 2020 pandemic; they showed a Beaverton Times front page, three times. The headline "Pomona Postponed" caught her eye. In reading the article it was an announcement that the Pomona Grange (Washington County) was postponing its October meeting scheduled for the fourth Wednesday (October 23) to the third Wednesday of November (November 20) because of the prevalence of the flu in Oregon.

It also affected the activities of the state Grange according to the Proceedings of the 1919 State Grange Convention. The State Lecturer talked about "the scourge of sickness that fastened its grip on your community, made meeting together impossible, and Granges everywhere were dormant for many weeks during the period when they are usually the most active."

The Secretary also noted that "conditions that have prevailed during the last year have hindered Grange work in many localities and we have not gained many Granges nor members.

In the Report of Women's Work Committee - Eastern District summed up the work of the women as "greatly disappointed in the results obtained." "I have fallen far short of what we had hoped, because of the epidemic of influenza which prevailed throughout the country."



**Pomona Grange Postponed.**  
The regular meeting of Pomona Grange which was to have been held in Beaverton the fourth Wednesday in October, has been postponed until the third Wednesday of November because of the prevalence of the Spanish influenza in the state.

### Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

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| <b>June 15</b>          | Deadline to register for Regional Public Speaking and Sign-a-song contests   |
| <b>June 17</b>          | Jan Oleson's last day at the State Grange office. Happy retirement.  |
| <b>June 23</b>          | Deadline to return Goodie basket tickets to the State Grange office<br><br>Community Service Books must be received at the State Grange office<br><br>Firefighter, Law Enforcement and Teacher of the Year applications must be received by the State Community Service Director<br><br>Volunteer of the Year nomination applications must be received by the State Community Service Director |
| <b>June 24</b>          | Virtual Youth Goodie Basket drawing  |
| <b>July 18 &amp; 19</b> | Virtual Regional Public Speaking and Sign-a-song contests  |
| <b>July 30</b>          | 2nd Quarter Reports Due  |
| <b>August 15</b>        | Deadline for Wib Justi Youth & Young Adult Community Service Award nominations to State Youth Director   |
| <b>October 31</b>       | Quilt Blocks and entry forms due to:<br>Christine Hamp, National Grange Lecturer<br>16418 N. Birdie Road<br>Nine Mile Falls WA 99026   |
| <b>November 17-18</b>   | 154 <sup>th</sup> National Grange Convention - Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. For <b>National delegates and officers only</b> . No visitors or Grangers will be invited to attend in person this year. Several presentations and contests will be held virtually. Watch for schedule in the future.  |

### Lorane Member Adapts Wedding

Gary Thompson, a 25-year member of Lorane Grange #54, Lane County, and a member of a multi-generational Grange family, married his fiancé, Stephanie Moritz on the front porch of the Grange hall in a drive-in wedding at noon on May 2, 2020.

In keeping with the state restrictions at the time that closed fraternal organization facilities and no groups of more than ten, less than ten family members made up the wedding party on the porch. Located below

watching were another seven cars filled with additional family.

They said their vows under a flowered arch built just for them by his Dad, Gary Thompson, who is the Overseer at Lorane. The wedding was originally planned to be inside with about 100 guests, but the changes worked out great and it was a beautiful wedding in spite of the changes.

*Below Mr. & Mrs. Gary Thompson*



## Oregon Granges Adjust Community Service In Light of COVID-19

### Garfield Turns from Quilts to Masks

When it became evident that there would be a shortage of personal protective masks, members of Garfield Grange #317, Clackamas County, and their sister organization Garfield Skip-a-Week Quilt Club began making masks and donating them to various senior homes, health care facilities, family members, and members of the Estacada community. They have made and distributed well over 1,800 face masks (and counting) thus far.

Masks have gone to the Clackamas



A local Estacada family shows off the masks they received from the Garfield Grange.

### Central Member Makes Masks

Rose Jacobs, the Treasurer of Central Grange #360, Lane County, made over 100 masks for different nonprofit organizations and fellow Grangers. This included the Eugene Area Gleaners, which provides food resources to their members via donations from growers, farmers, regular folks and grocery stores. The volunteers who transport the donated items use the masks to protect themselves and others while taking food to the drop site pantries and to other members.

She also put together a tutorial for the Gleaners' website to teach members to sew their own masks.

Below: a young member of Rose's family shows off her mask.



### Several Clackamas County Granges Make and Donate Masks

Members of Molalla Grange #310, The Sandy Grange #392, and Warner Grange #117, all got into the mask making project. Warner members sewed and donated masks for the VA hospitals. Shannon Yager from Warner and her mom also made over 300 masks.

Wendy Wombles of The Sandy Grange made over 250 masks and

donated them to local grocery stores and members of the community. Her hard work and intensive labor has proven that community service, even though a pandemic, is still alive and well at The Sandy Grange.

And while she wanted to stay anonymous, the Grange believed otherwise and felt she should be recognized.

### London Grange Felt the Need for Face Masks in Their Community

London Grange #937, Lane County, felt there was a need in their community for face masks. London Granger, June Kjelde, made 126 adult size masks and 57 child size masks for the local community and beyond. The masks are given free of charge to people that needed them. People called and met Grangers at the Grange hall to select their masks.

The Grange was also able to set up at the London School's Student Pick Up Day. Alice Nowicki and June Kjelde distributed 85 adults and 48 children masks that day.

This project has been well received and appreciated by their local community. The Grange plans to continue until the need is filled.



Above: June Kjelde working away at the sewing machine.



London Granger Gayle Kahane assisting community member Roger with mask selection.



Sue Dumolt busy sewing masks while Christy Dumolt was at the ironing board along with some of the masks they sewed and donated.

### Clarkes Members Make Masks

Three members of Clarkes Grange #261, Clackamas County, made face masks and donated them to Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), Kaiser Sunnyside and Silverton Hospitals, Clackamas

County First responders, as well as Grangers and members of the Clarkes community. Helping on the project was Master Christy Dumolt, who works at OHSU, Sue Dumolt and Bev Bush.

## Oregon Granges Adjust Community Service In Light of COVID-19

### More Masks Being Made at Mohawk Mckenzie Grange

Mohawk Mckenzie #747 member, Katrina Bowser, and her daughter, Teresa Bonk, have made at least 94 masks for those in need. Fourteen were sent to McKenzie Willamette Hospital in Springfield, Oregon and 26 were given to the Harrison Hospital ICU, in Bremerton, Washington.

Sheri Weston, of Harrison Hospital, contacted Teresa to ask them to make some special masks. These



masks were designed for long wearing comfort and to withstand the autoclave, a method of sterilizing medical equipment.



Above: Katrina Bowser busy sewing masks.

L-r: Sheri Weston receiving the 26 masks made for Harrison Hospital's ICU from Teresa Bonk and Katrina Bowser.



Volunteers learn about the equipment.

### Red Cross Calls on Abernethy Grange When Site is Needed

Abernethy Grange #346, Clackamas County, stepped in to help the American Red Cross with a blood drive in April. Previously scheduled locations had cancelled due to COVID-19 but the Red Cross had people ready to donate if they could just find a site.



Donor getting hooked up to donate blood.

Thank you to all of the donors that came. There were 33 donors in all. Each donation can save three lives. Abernethy Grange #346 is pleased to host another American Red Cross blood drive on July 23, 2020, from 12-5pm. Details will be announced as they get closer to the date for the event.

### Buell Grange Members Participate in Car Parade

For Palm Sunday, people in the Sheridan area were invited by a local church to form a parade. It was published in the local paper. All arrived in their individual cars, and, at the designated time, a masked and gloved person, handed palms out to all the participants, using a "reacher" to pass them out. Physical distancing was observed at all times.

Parade participants all stayed in their cars and drove through town for about an hour and a half, wav-

ing their branches and honking. It was a very meaningful time. Beth Crowe, Buell Grange Secretary, said it felt like she was in Jerusalem, and, it was really happening, just like it did over 2,000 years ago. A memory she will not forget it for as long as she lives.

Then on Easter Sunday, they went outside and sang "Amazing Grace" at both 9am and 10am as did many people, all across the nation did, as a way to remember and celebrate collectively, Christ's resurrection.

### Warren Continues to Stay Active In Spite of the Virus

Warren Grange #536, Columbia County, continues to stay active at the St. Helens Senior Center despite the Coronavirus Stay-At-Home order. In the past several years Grange member Roberta Leuer has taken an active part in greeting visitors, answering phone calls, logging in lunch and keeping track of Meals on Wheels participants, keeping the staff organized, managing the donations that come in and following behind everyone with her Clorox wipes.

taking several shifts assisting with and driving for Meals on Wheels and kitchen prep duties. Due to the Coronavirus shut down in mid-March, Roberta has continued to work her office duties to keep what services are still available, flowing smoothly. A big shout out to the Warren Grange member's endless hours of helping others.

Several other Grange members have taken part weekly in assisting with serving meals at the center,



L: Warren Grange's Roberta Leuer, one of many Grangers volunteering at the St. Helens Senior center.

### Milwaukie Grange Supplies Treatment Program With Baked Goods

One of Milwaukie Grange #268, Clackamas County, members volunteers at a men's residential addiction program to assist their cook prepare for large plate events. This



member has come to appreciate the community this program cultivates and the positive impact the program has in assisting men sustain new life paths. One of the favorite events this member assists at is the annual alumni gathering. The gathering last year brought 163 alumni of this residential program coming together to celebrate 1,017 years and 9 months of sobriety.

During COVID-19 the program has followed the recommended social distancing practices which have created added challenges for the program. One idea to keep the men accountable to their recovery was a weekly raffle. Grange members are known for their culinary skills. The member approached the Grange once learning of the raffle with a

call to action. Milwaukie Grange is supporting the program by donating baked goods to the weekly raffle. The first donation was two boxes of baked cookies for the raffle and enough chocolate chip cookies to treat staff and all the clients. If the Grange's small effort encourages the men to focus on recovery, the baking will be considered a job well done.

# Oregon Granges Adjust Community Service In Light of COVID-19

## Beavercreek and Community Rallied to Fight Food Insecurity

When school closures became more of a matter of when and not if in mid-March due to COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Beavercreek Community knew they had to step in. After community leaders learned that 27% of the 600 students at Beavercreek Elementary School rely on school-provided meal assistance, they took action.

But there was a problem. While officials from the Oregon City School District were working to address food insecurity throughout Oregon City, there was not a convenient distribution point for children in the Beavercreek area. Tammy Stevens, chairperson of The Hamlet of Beavercreek, knew it would take a community effort to ensure these children did not go hungry.

Stevens began reaching out to community partners – the Hamlet of Beavercreek, the Beavercreek Grange, Beavercreek Saloon, Kissin' Kate's Café and more. Community members came together to provide grab-and go style breakfasts and lunches to children in need. Volunteers collected money

to purchase food and prepared the meals. Volunteers even provided delivery to families in need. Family farmers stepped up and donated fresh eggs to hard boil and include in the meals. Beavercreek Grange #276, Clackamas County, stepped up and provided not only a place for meal preparation but served as the location for distribution, utilizing their parking lot.

And Steve Leitz, owner of the Happy Valley Pizza Schmizza, teamed up with Bloomin' Boutique and a local branch of Country-Wide Insurance to get the program up and running; each donating \$500. Steve is a brand-new member of Springwater Grange; taking his degree work in January.

Stevens said the Beavercreek Grange has thrown open its doors and "provided amazing amounts of time and support, tables, chairs, kitchen resources and heat and, most importantly, coffee." Stevens said she was thrilled to see the Beavercreek community come together to support each other. "Some say it takes a village, but in our case, I guess it takes a hamlet."



The community came out in the rain to drop off food for the Creswell food pantry.

## Several Lane County Granges Hold Food Drive for Local Pantry

Members of Creswell Grange #496, Goshen Grange #561 and Walterville Grange #416 worked together to gather non-perishable food for the Creswell Food Pantry on Thursday, May 14. With very little advertising, Grangers gathered 238 pounds in two hours in the first 'Drive and Drop' Food Drive.

plans to repeat the food drive every month or two through the year to help out their community.



238 Pounds was collected and delivered to the Creswell Food Pantry.

The Granges asked the community to drive up and park in front of the Creswell Grange hall and drop off their donations. The members then picked up the food from the halls and delivered it to the food pantry. The event was very successful, despite the rain. Creswell Grange

## The Great Potato Drive

Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, conducted a food drive project coordinated by member Randi Jandt. Working to support the Oregon Food Bank through the Northeast Oregon Regional Community Connection and partnering with local potato farmer, Patrick Thiel, their Great Potato Drive has prepared and delivered 3,000 pounds of potatoes to Community Connection in La Grande.

week delivered to Community Connection for distribution. The project is continuing with other local contributions.



Hurricane Creek Grange members have contributed over \$1,400 and coordinated with the local Rotary to help support the food needs of families in Northeast Oregon during the Covid-19 situation. The project was also a great benefit to Patrick Thiel, a Wallowa County potato grower who experienced significant reduction in sales due to the lockdown of some of his outlets. So, for four weeks recently, the Grange was able to have 500 pounds per

Organic farmer Patrick Thiel shows a pallet of potatoes bought by Hurricane Creek Grange for their local partner of the Oregon Food Bank. Patrick grows several varieties he normally sells to 35 high-end Portland area restaurants, as well as at local farmers markets. Thiel has been able to keep his workers employed during the COVID-19 pandemic because of the willingness of the local community to buy his produce.



L: 500 pounds of organically grown potatoes are palletized and ready for delivery.

## Columbia Grange #267 Sponsors Food Drive for Helping Hands

Columbia Grange #267, Multnomah County, sponsored a Food Drive for the Helping Hands Food Bank that rents a space below the Grange hall in the basement, on Tuesday May 5.

to continue shopping based on Helping Hand's needs.

The Grange collected over ten boxes of canned and dry goods as well as \$410 in cash donations that will be used for follow-up purchases and \$300 plus of direct donations going to Helping Hands program.

It was a great opportunity for community members to provide support to their local food bank. Thanks to volunteers Eric Lichtenthaler, Rebecca Gandy, Jill Carlson and Sara Grigsby. Rebecca will use the funds



## Oregon Granges Adjust Meetings and Activities During COVID-19

While having face-to-face meetings have proven impossible this spring, Granges around the State have taken advantage of the opportunity to try some of the virtual meeting options.

On May 1, the National Grange released a guide to “virtual meetings” or meetings at a distance, which includes visual, step-by-step instructions for establishing meetings and etiquette information for these types of meetings. The guide also has some suggestions about running a meeting in this format.

“Every member can participate, so long as they have at least a landline phone,” National Grange President Betsy Huber said. “The numerous options and detailed instructions included in the guide should help anyone feel comfortable establishing a meeting or social event for their Grange to remain connected at this time.”

You can download the guide to set up your meeting at a distance with phone and video conference options so anyone can attend. The guide is available at: [www.nationalgrange.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Grange-Virtual-MeetingEtiquette.pdf](http://www.nationalgrange.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Grange-Virtual-MeetingEtiquette.pdf)



*It took more than one screen to see everyone at the Clackamas County Pomona Grange Zoom meeting.*

### April 25 – Clackamas County Pomona

On their regular month and date Clackamas Pomona Grange #1 gave meeting on Zoom a try. For better than two hours more than 35 members participated; making reports, paying bills, voting on motions, discussing and passing resolutions and checking in with each other. In other

words, acting just like any other Grange meeting except for no hugs or handshakes or shared meal.

They even elected delegates for State Convention, a hopeful but eventually unnecessary item.

### Columbia Grange Goes Online

Columbia Grange #267 Multnomah County held an online on May 5 meeting in keeping with Oregon State quarantine guidelines with ten members present.

Discussion was held on classes being switched from in person to online.

Apricot Irving provided a Writing Prompts in Quarantine class on May 2 with six participants, a few technical glitches but a wonderful opportunity to share the quarantine experience.

Facilities committee reported that the acoustic panels had been purchased and old bulletin boards removed and repur-

posed. Paint prep (lots of hole filling and some tear-out) to prepare for installation is happening and color swatches for walls and trim are being looked at.

Discussion continued on the possibility of forming a legislative committee and the reviewing the record of resolutions adopted by delegates at last year's Oregon State Convention is happening.



*Flags fly in front of Fernwood Grange #770, Yamhill County, during the month of May.*



*Above: Laura Coen leading Yoga at the Grange on Zoom.*

### Marys River Grange Stays Involved

Marys River Grange #685, Benton County like other Granges saw pending reservations and planned events cancelled. But whereas many Granges just felt they had to wait the closer out, Marys River showed a pandemic cannot keep a good Grange down.

Twenty members with walk by appearances by three Junior+1 members and cameos by assorted pets, met via Zoom in April for their regular meeting and a week later Junior Leader Judy Hays-Eberts held a meeting on Zoom where they did crafts, discussed books and what they had been doing these times. Also, the starts from the cancelled plant sale were first offered to the Community Garden, then the remainder delivered to members, who then donated to Marys River Grange Relief Fund.

In the past Granges had a Relief Committee, who looked in on sick members or members otherwise needing help. Marys River has revived that practice somewhat

during this pandemic. They have implemented a voluntary phone tree where members check in with a small group and ensure everyone is okay, and if they feel there is need for help, contact the Marys River Grange emergency team. The Grange has also received some very generous donations and created a Relief Fund. This fund is meant to help members suffering from the financial impacts of the pandemic.

One of their first projects was some recent, socially distant, work done to help fellow Grange members. Repairing a support pier will allow a hospital recovery bed to be located in the corner of their house. Marys River Grangers Jay Sexton and Sonny Hays-Eberts pitched in to make the repairs, while members authorized funding for this project from the Relief Fund.

Additionally, Grange member Laura Coen revived her Yoga at the Grange with Zoom sessions. One week she had participants from Eugene, California and Spain.

### April 11 - Clarkes Grange Zooms

Clarkes Grange #261, Clackamas County held their April meeting by using the Zoom meeting application. They had nineteen in attendance and held their May meeting with Zoom too. The Secretary tried to get the minutes out to members that were unable to attend the virtual meetings.

It is hard to meet without many of the older members because the



technology it isn't possible for them. Their input is missed as is their smiling faces.

Clarkes canceled two fundraisers in May and their monthly meals with Clackamas County Veterans at their transitional housing in Clackamas.

# Oregon Grange Halls: Vacant Halls Meant Time for Projects

## Union Hill Grange Restoring Hall

Union Hill Grange #728, Marion County, is a busy hall with restoration projects. The last few months has seen them make a lot of progress. They feel very fortunate to have the original schoolhouse style light fixtures still in perfect condition,. They added a six foot diameter ceiling fan, a reproduction of the old fashioned type, which really gets the air circulating and that helps with cooling in the summer and heat distribution in colder weather.



It looks fabulous, as does the fresh paint, exposed shiplap on the walls in the dining area, restroom signs and just changing some things up. Outside they added new exterior lighting in keeping with the Grange style. The Grange is hopeful events scheduled for this summer will be

able to go on as planned, depending on the safety to do so. Their number one priority is the safety of the members and community.

There's still much to do but this old



## Fruitdale Refinishes Hall Floors

After years of wishing they had the free time to have the floors cleaned and resealed at Fruitdale Grange # 379, Josephine County, no one would have ever imaged it would take a Pandemic to hit the country to make it happen. The Grange has one to three groups meeting there every day, every day of every month! How do you tell them to go away for a week?

and gave everything a fresh coat of paint. Everything is now in its place for easy use for all the renters.

The Grange is grateful for the time to do this, but are looking forward to the time they can invite the renters back in and open their doors to our community!

This unfortunate event has however given them the time to finally accomplish what so desperately needed done. The Grange hired Mr. Sandless to come in and strip the floors in the dining room and main hall and give them a good cleaning. He spent a few days resealing them so they will last for many years with good care.



Mr. Sandless resealing the floors.

Jill Hamm, Fruitdale Master said, "I highly recommend this Company for hardwood floors! I'm a little reluctant to let anyone in there on these beautiful floors now." The Grange was also able to completely redo their mop room. The table was replaced, cleaned all the walls



The scaffolding at the front of the hall.

## Creswell Grange Tackles Roof

Roof was damaged from snow storm on the hall of Creswell Grange #496, Lane County. On October 30 2019 Grange Master Martin McClure called Country Financial about condition of roof after being advised by Lecturer Patrick Dearth and Assistant Steward Stanley Garboden, that he should contact the insurance company about the damage.

shored up.

The Grange Executive Committee voted to use Ehlers Construction to do the shoring of the roof. After getting a quote from another construction company it was decided by the Grange to stick with local company, Elhers.

After them going through engineering, architects and permits, the Grange was ready in early May to start having the roof torn off. Depending on the weather the roof should be finished in June.

During the first week of November Country Financial sent out the owner of McKenzie Construction to look at the damaged roof, it was determined that roof needed to be



## Scholls Grange Hall Looking Good

Scholls Grange #338, Washington County is now ready to throw its doors open as soon as allowed. Vis-

itors will be greeted by new siding, lights and readerboard.





## The Education Committee

Paula Herrick  
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OSG Education Director

Greetings fellow Grangers!

I hope you and your family are doing OK during this unusual time. The education program for the Oregon State Grange was getting off to a good start with Literacy Project for Ag in the Classroom but the schools were closed! So maybe next year! We at Herrick Farms are educating ourselves on the new normal for business. Luckily right now social distancing is fairly easy on the farm and in the greenhouses and we are well stocked with plenty of hand sanitizer.

Our grandson is doing online classes to finished his junior year in high school. Two hours in the morning and he's done for the day. He's been helping on the farm so been great for us.

Our granddaughters are in their first year in college and doing online classes. Not how they expected their first year of college but they are adapting. Hopefully this fall will get back to somewhat normal.

I hope as Grangers we are keeping in contact with your members. Some of us have used Zoom to have meetings and keep in touch. Of course there is nothing better than a phone call to keep in touch with some who do not have internet skills. Remember some people are very isolated at this time and it's always great to hear a friendly voice.

As I write this I realize it hasn't a whole lot to do with the Oregon State Grange education program but everything is in such limbo in our lives. Stay safe my friends.



## Five Oregon Students Win GIA Scholarships

Grange Insurance Association is pleased to announce that Moriah Michaels of Days Creek was awarded the Duane Shipman Memorial Scholarship for \$2,500.

Brooklin Quisenberry of Roseburg was awarded the B.L. Barnard Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000.

Sarah Michaels of Days Creek, Foster Hobbs of Lostine and Andrew Lackey of La Grande were awarded Grange Insurance Association scholarships.

Each year Grange Insurance Association awards scholarships to deserving applicants. The applicant or their parents must be policyholders of Grange Insurance Association. Among the 49 applications received, 27 scholarships were awarded this year.

The quality of applicants was exceptionally high again this year and the Company is extremely pleased with the caliber of students who applied for our scholarships. It is always a difficult process to make the selections when all the applicants are so highly qualified. An announcement will be made in the late fall regarding the program for the following year, and we encourage you to check our website [www.grange.com](http://www.grange.com)

Grange Insurance Association has made scholarships available since 1965. They may be used at any accredited school or college and are offered throughout GIA's operating territory, which includes the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, and Washington. The home office of Grange Insurance Association is in Seattle, Washington.



Malcolm Trupp, President

Due to the Oregon State Grange annual convention being cancelled or at least postponed, the annual meeting of the Oregon State Grange Foundation will also be cancelled/postponed. We hope to meet some time in the future. We will prepare an annual financial report for 2019.

We will be evaluating scholarship applications and awarding the "Muzzy" Mandel Memorial Scholarship and the Mary Helen Sauter Ramm Memorial Scholarship.

The Foundation encourages members to continue to participate in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program and the Amazon Smile program. This last quarter, there were eight households that participated resulting in \$8.02 donated to the Foundation. Thank You.

Remember the Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund is available to reimburse members for any hearing related expenses.

The Foundation has given several awards from the Fraternal Concerns account for property losses that members have experienced.

We encourage you and your Grange to donate to the Foundation. These funds will help us to continue these programs and add more to benefit our members.

This is going to be an empty summer without State Grange. We will miss you all and hope you are doing well and are keeping healthy. Hope to see you at Grange functions later in the summer. Have a safe and healthy summer.

## Shopping Rewards Benefit the Oregon State Grange Foundation



### AmazonSmile

Start your shopping on the Foundation page of the OSG website so your purchases benefit the foundation.

## Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

[www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/](http://www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/)

Add/update the Community Organization on your account information page to Oregon State Grange Foundation - FM650



## The Grange Foundation We're in this Together! T-shirts

These T-shirts are designed for anyone who appreciates the work of Granges in their communities to wear and show everyone "we're in this together." Buy one for yourself, an essential employee in your life and others as a way to unite and give back.

The shirt includes the message "We're in this Together." The message in the center is surrounded by the names of professions and lifestyles, making it inclusive and appealing to everyone. They come in several different styles and either red or black depending on the design. You can get yours at [inthisotogether.weebly.com](http://inthisotogether.weebly.com) now. They're affordable (\$12-17.50 based on size and style) and no shipping cost.

If you have problems with the site, you can place the order with Amanda Brozana Rios by phone at (301) 943-1090.

Proceeds from the T-shirt sales are going to fund grants to local Granges, who are working to respond in their communities to the COVID crisis. Granges may apply for grants to help defray their costs. All Granges performing service at this time may apply. The application can be found at [www.grangefoundation.org](http://www.grangefoundation.org)

Deadline to apply for the first round of grants was June 5, 2020. The first round of grant recipients will be announced on a special Zoom event on June 10



## Uncertain Times - Anxious Minds

By Samantha Wilkins, National Grange Junior Grange Director

All of us, I can be pretty certain of that, never thought we would see times like these.

As adults we worry about a lot of the uncertainties, will the grocery stores run out of meat? Will the prices go sky high? Will I still have my job next week? Or if we are out of work the worry about when we will get to go back to work? We are concerned about our elderly members and those with compromised immune systems. We worry about what the next White House briefing will say.

We worry! It is our new normal, and that is ok for what it is.

I have worried about mine and my husband's jobs, the Grange building, our health, my parents health, but I think more than any of that I have worried about my children.

Yes, these times are extremely uncertain, but as adults we can process that a bit easier. These times are unlike any we have ever faced and our children can sense and feel our worry more than we usually give them credit for. Typically when I am stressed over something I talk to my husband or call my best friend to vent. That's the easy thing to do. Children don't have that out as easily as we do. We can express ourselves. In the early developmental years children are still trying to process and understand their thoughts, never mind them actually trying to vocalize what they are feeling.

As our routines have changed here are some tips and tricks to help your children cope with an anxious mind:

- Have them write in a journal- write one sentence a day about their day or their feelings.
- If unable to write they can draw a picture to emulate their feelings.
- They can also use their devices to create a video journal- one minute a day.
- Set up a zoom meeting (or other virtual video platform) for a time to meet with their friends and/or their family or even with their Junior Granges.
- If you are unsure how to set up a meeting visit the link to the Communications Department guidelines on how to set up a virtual meeting.
- Children that also play video games can connect with children from their school or other family members to play a game and chat.
- Find a fun indoor activity to do as a family.
- Participate in the Junior contests (and Junior at Heart contests)
- Play a board game together
- Build a fort for a family movie night
- Have them help you bake a special treat to deliver to a neighbor
- Create or do a Junior Grange

Passport

- Find an outdoor activity to do as a family.
  - Plant a garden/flower bed
  - Hunt for worms
  - Blow bubbles
  - Create an obstacle course

Just being outdoors together is good for the mind, body, and soul. As parents and grandparents/caregivers we do everything we can to protect our children. In order to protect our children from physical harm, we buy car seats, we childproof everything, we teach them to swim, and yes; we hover. How though, do we protect our children against future anguish? For that matter, what do you do if your child seems overwhelmed by life in the here and now?

I am not a child mental health expert, but I have taken a line from our school guidance counselors, teachers, pediatricians, and even my own observations as a mom of four crazy and rambunctious boys. None of us have the absolute answers but if your child is showing any signs of anxiety or depression we recommend you not only reach out to your family physician but also contact your school/school district's guidance counselors. There are so many ideas and ways that they can advise you in order to be able to help your child.

Begin with the following of things you must do:

- Turn off the News
- Limit time on the computer or other devices
- Put away all devices and spend time together not focused on work or school.
- Talk to your children - ask them pointed questions
  - How are you feeling?
  - Are you worried about anything?
  - What makes you happy?

Our family does this at dinner- we go around and tell our highs and lows of the day. We have changed this a bit to ask more pointed questions like the ones above.

Most of all be HONEST with your children. If they ask about the pandemic answer their questions. Studies have shown that parents who were more open and honest about a crisis (personal or national) like 9-11 or the Boston Marathon Bombings had children who grew up to be less anxious as young adults. Parents that were not open and honest had children that suffered more with different forms of anxiety and depression.

Understanding these times is difficult for all of us; know that your Grange family is here for you during these times. If you have a question or concern or comment you would like us to address please feel free to reach out to me at [Samantha@nationalgrange.org](mailto:Samantha@nationalgrange.org)



## Oregon Junior Grangers

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## What We're Learning at Home

If you're on social media at all, you have to be impressed as the National Grange has stepped up to provide a daily measure of entertainment, online meetings, and real-life Grange experience online. Just an example is shared on this page, taken from an article National Junior Grange Director Samantha Wilkins wrote for the May 8 edition of *Patrons Chain*. Samantha, mother of four boys, is reporting from the trenches on the needs

of children in this strange year.

This abundance online is great for those who have robust internet access, but separates far too many who depended on schools, libraries, and public WIFI. I'm glad that broadband access is a Grange legislative priority in 2020. Perhaps in 2021, we'll be delighted to get back to programs and craft ideas to coax our Juniors away from their screens.

### Junior Grange Passport

## The American Flag Grange States #2

Difficulty Level - 5 stars

### Audience

This stamp is designed to be completed sequentially as Juniors grow over several years, with culmination after Junior member has achieved at least a sixth-grade reading level. To earn the stamp, all steps must be completed but need not be done in order.

### Necessary Resources

Attendance at official Junior Grange or Subordinate Grange meeting, Internet access or access to U.S. Flag code publication, a full-size American flag, markers, crayons or printer/paper, computer and printer or email

### Learning Objectives

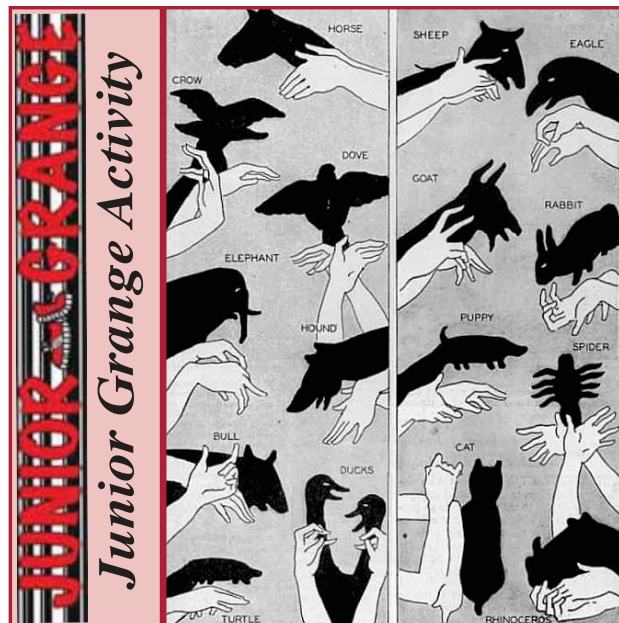
The purpose of this passport is to educate Junior Grangers about the American flag, its history, proper handling, customs and laws related to it.

### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion, Junior Grangers will be able to

- Explain the parts of the flag and their meaning
- Show your understanding of proper handling and respect of the flag and presentation of it at Grange meetings
- Discuss ways in which we honor and incorporate the flag in our Grange work
- Display knowledge of U.S. flags over the course of our nation's history
- Learn how to research, prepare for a debate
- Observe or learn how to moderate a political discussion in a Grange meeting

Complete Passport requirements and worksheet are available on the Oregon State Grange website under the Junior Department.





## Legislative Update

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In case you haven't read it anywhere else in this Bulletin, the Oregon State Grange convention has been postponed...and if that was news to you, then you've really been self-isolating! The latest word from the OSG Executive Committee is that an abbreviated 147<sup>th</sup> annual session will be held sometime in September or early October.

The deadline for submitting resolutions to our state convention is 30 days prior to the first day of the session. If we assume that mid-September is the soonest it could be rescheduled, we should all get our resolutions to the OSG office before mid-August. Don't count on the delegates accepting any late resolutions like we usually do on the first day of the session; this will be a shorter meeting and there might not be enough time to accept them. Remember, you need to vote on resolutions at a regular meeting of your Grange, with a quorum and everything, but for the time being this can be a virtual meeting conducted by conference call or video service. Your approved resolutions must be signed by the Master and Secretary of your Grange and show the Grange seal.

I hope everyone is aware of the candidate's forum that the Clackamas Pomona Legislative and Community Service Committees organized for Clackamas County Commissioner Districts #1, #3 and #4 candidates. The video is still available on Facebook and vimeo. In keeping with social distancing restrictions at the time, only a few people including the candidates, host and moderator were actually in the room but the event was broadcast live online.

This was a wonderful example of civic involvement by the Grange but an even better example of how we should be using social media to reach wider audiences. We will soon be able to again host such activities in our Grange halls but we must take advantage of what we have learned during this crisis and continue to use social media to connect with the communities around us.

Once again, the U.S. Postal Service is under attack. We all know how important the Post Office is for rural citizens and about the work of early Grangers in support of Rural Free Delivery. The fact is, the Postal Service does make a profit from last-mile delivery of packages for online retailers. It is also a fact that the current COVID crisis has only accelerated an ongoing decline in first class mail. USPS does need financial support but much less than opponents would have us believe. Almost three quarters of the USPS losses over the past thirteen years have been due to a benefit prefunding requirement passed by the 2006 Congress. This act requires USPS to prefund retiree health benefits for 75 years, something not required of any other federal agency or private enterprise.

The current Congress passed in February the USPS Fairness Act, which addresses this issue, with a bipartisan majority. An identical bill was introduced in the Senate and is apparently languishing in the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Write a resolution, call your Senator or Representative, let them know the U.S. Postal Service is still a vital service and deserves support.

**thank a Granger**

**ENJOYING YOUR DELIVERIES BY MAIL?**

The Grange was one of the leading and most respected advocates for the Parcels Post Law, signed in 1912 by President Taft after a long-fought battle.

**VIRTUAL CANDIDATE FORUM**

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD  
3:00-5:00 PM

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OR E-MAIL:  
SILVERTONGRANGE@GMAIL.COM

## Silverton Candidate Forum Goes Online

Silverton Grange #728, Marion County, hosted a virtual (online) candidate forum on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It has been a challenging political and campaign year due to the COVID-19 crisis. With social distancing it is hard to meet the candidates running for office who are representing the American people. Silverton Grange typically hosts in-person candidate forums at this time, and for the first time ever the Grange went virtual!

The purpose of the event was for the community to meet their candidates running for State Senate District 9,

State House District 18 and Marion County Commissioner Position 3; and all candidates running for these positions were invited. The objective was to provide a space for candidates to share what issues were important to them and provide an opportunity for citizens to ask questions and share their thoughts with the candidates. The event was free and open to the public.

While this virtual forum was in English, the Silverton Grange is looking into having translators at future in-person forums to promote inclusion and accessibility for all.

**"It is a disadvantage to elders and people who have little or no access to the internet to have mandatory electronic bills. Honestly, it goes AGAINST the best interest of the customer."**

Comments submitted from consumers to Consumer Action, Keep Me Posted and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.  
WWW.KEEPMEPOSTEDNA.ORG

## Take Action! Help Save the USPS

By National Grange Legislative Director, Burton Eller

Grange members are concerned about the future of United States Post Office mail delivery especially to rural routes. The Postal Service has been running on a deficit budget supported by government loans in recent years. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, USPS now projects a 50% drop in business and revenues. While the National Grange has long supported a self-sufficient Postal Service, no business can survive such a loss without emergency funding.

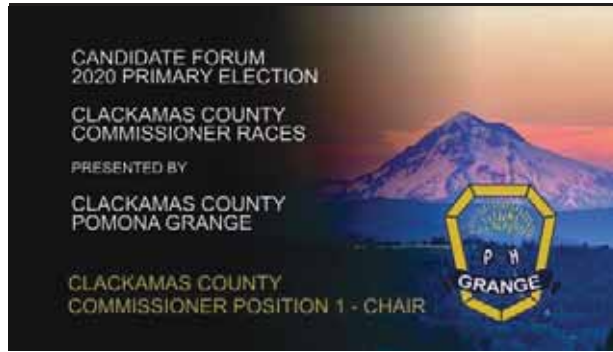
The Postal Service is fundamental in this time of emergency. It delivers prescriptions, household and business staples, groceries, meals to rural school children, Personal Protective Equipment, greeting cards and personal correspondence to bridge social distancing.

The House of Representatives passed another stimulus package (HEROES Act) on May 15 that added \$25 billion to make up for lost USPS revenue. This legislation now goes to the Senate for its consideration in June. Grange members are urged to voice their support for emergency Postal Service funding directly to their U.S. Senators.

How to weigh in with your Senators:

- Go to this National Grange link: <https://www.nationalgrange.org/contact-your-representatives/>
- House of Representatives will appear
- Scroll down the page to U.S. Senators
- Click on U.S. Senators
- Choose a state
- Choose one of your two senators
- Click contact the Senator
- Click share/message
- Click your personal information
- Click your personal message
- Leave your personal message about the Post Office
- Repeat this process with your second senator





Above: opening slide of the Candidate Forum film.

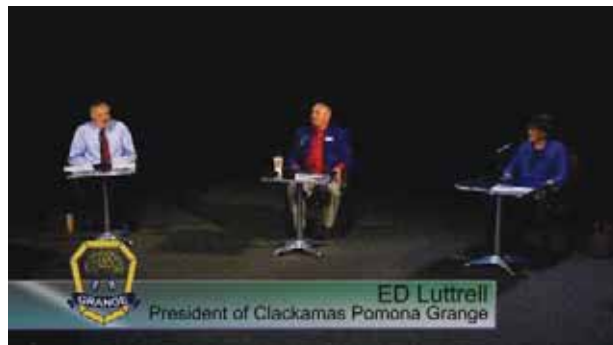
## Clackamas Pomona Sponsors County Commissioner Forum

Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 regularly sponsors a Candidates Forum every two years when there are elections for the County Commissioner races and this year was no exception. At the Pomona's January meeting it was again decided to do one and the event was left in capable hands of Legislative Chairman Dan Keeley and Community Service Chairman Don Kingsborough.

Then along came the Covid 19 virus and all the restrictions on gathering. Not ones to take defeat lying down Dan, Don and their committees, picked themselves up, dusted themselves off and organized a virtual forum along the lines of the presidential debates. Most of the candidates agreed (after some artful arm twisting by Brother Don Kingsborough) to appear on camera as long as the production was high quality.

Enter the Willamette Falls Media Center. The center is partly funded by cable fees in Clackamas County and is charged with producing community programming, filming city council and county commission meetings, etc. They enthusiastically agreed to film the Pomona's forum and assisted in many ways. While the filming was not cheap, they more than held up their end of the bargain regarding quality and service.

Pomona Master Ed Luttrell as



L - r: Clackamas Pomona Grange Master/President Ed Luttrell, current Clackamas County Commissioner position #1/Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Jim Bernard (a member of Warner Grange) and challenger Tootie Smith.

moderator, and the candidates all looked great on the film. The Pomona Grange had hopes that many of the 500,000 or so folks that have access to the CCTV broadcasts took advantage and seriously evaluated the candidates for the three very important positions.

In addition to being shown on the CCTV channels, the recorded broadcast is also accessible on Vimeo.

Position #1:  
<https://vimeo.com/414391868>  
 Position #3:  
<https://vimeo.com/414363839>  
 Position #4:  
<https://vimeo.com/414381952>

Links were also placed on the various Clackamas Pomona and Community Grange's websites and Facebook pages. Additionally, Pamplin Media, who publishes many of Clackamas County local community papers included stories in their papers.

Thanks to the Oregon State Grange Legislative Committee, which provided encouragement and helped with the cost of filming and the State Grange for providing several banners for backdrops. Dan and Don also say thanks to Pomona Master Ed Luttrell who agreed to be moderator on short notice and the members of Maplewood, Warner and Beavercreek Granges who were always ready to pitch in as needed.

## Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers

I hope that this finds you all Safe, Healthy, and maintaining Social Distantness. The Oregon State Legislation and the Governor's Office have been very busy dealing with the Corvid -19 Pandemic. As you well know, we are not open as a State for Business. Gov. Kate Brown said she hopes that some rural areas with few or no COVID-19 cases could start reopening for business and other activities as soon as Friday, May 15.

Brown held video conferences Friday, May 1, with county and hospital officials in Central and Eastern Oregon to talk about testing, contact tracing and isolating of people infected with the coronavirus.

"Assuming these counties have these processes in place, that would enable us to safely and slowly begin the reopening process on May 15 for some counties — only if they meet all the criteria," she said during a Friday morning press conference conducted by phone and video.

Brown said criteria would be released soon for counties that have had more than five COVID-19 cases. All of Oregon's urban counties and some rural counties are in that situation.

"We're not going to be able to reopen Oregon quickly or in one fell swoop," Brown said, adding that Oregonians will still need to maintain physical distancing, wear masks in public and follow proper hygiene to prevent spreading the coronavirus. "Handshaking is probably out the window for a long time."

The Oregon Health Authority and Brown's staff, working in consultation with advisory groups, has been drafting guidelines for how specific business sectors could reopen. As of Friday, May 8, medical, dental and veterinary facilities were allowed to resume regular procedures so long as they followed those rules.

Brown announced what she said was a thorough strategy to diagnose those who have COVID-19 and to determine places where the coronavirus might be hiding. She said testing should be available throughout Oregon for anyone who displays COVID-19 symptoms, as well as to people in nursing homes, farmworker housing, prisons, fishing boats and oth-

er group living situations where the disease was suspected. Public health officials will trace who came in contact with infected individuals. Anyone who did so will be asked to self-quarantine at home for fourteen days.

In addition, Oregon Health and Sciences University will launch a year-long statewide study in which 100,000 Oregonians will be selected at random and asked to volunteer for daily monitoring. Invitations to volunteer will be mailed out the week of May 11.

"In order to reopen and hopefully stay open, we must have randomized, widespread testing across the entire state," Brown said. "This program is a game changer. It will give us a more accurate understanding of the true rate of infection in Oregon and to have ongoing precision monitoring of any new outbreaks."

OHSU President Dr. Danny Jacobs said the data would help Oregon manage through the pandemic until a vaccine is developed. But he cautioned, "If we move too quickly in resuming our pre-COVID-19 lives, we put ourselves at increased risk of a secondary or second wave of infection."

Brown said the state would be ready to tighten restrictions if COVID-19 surged. Key metrics include the number of people going to hospital emergency departments for COVID-19 treatment, the average number of new cases and hospitalization rates.

Although the state has sufficient testing capacity overall, Oregon Health Authority documents show shortages in the central and southern Willamette Valley, along the central and southern coast, and in some of Eastern Oregon.

In closing I hope and pray that things are turning for the better. But please take care of yourselves. Please remember that even though you do not seem sick you may have the virus and can pass it along to others. So please wear your Face Mask and Keep Social Distancing. I want to see all of you when we can meet again. This is an ongoing story. I will try and keep you up to date.

Happy Trails.

Ed: Since John wrote this article all Oregon counties are in Phase 1 and many are in Phase 2.

## GWA

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This is the time of year when I would be encouraging everyone to start or finish their projects for the contests. Well, you now have more time to do that as you may know our State Grange Convention scheduled for June 20-25 2020 in Klamath Falls has been canceled due to the Covid-19 and restrictions of the governor to keep people safe. Our State Master and State Executive Committee are hopeful that that we will be able to have the convention in September or October. It will be a 4-day convention so we will need to be flexible and depending on where it is will determine how the contests for GWA and Lecturers will happen.

I encourage anyone that has or is making a quilt block for the National Quilt Block contest to send it directly to our National Lecturer, Christine Hamp, 16418 N. Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.

GWA also has the GWA scholarship for \$1000 for anyone who has had a year of college and enrolled for the coming school year. We have four applicants this year and will be selecting a recipient soon.

These are unusual times in our



## GWA Adds Covid-19 Mask Contest

Many Grangers are making masks for their family, friends, fellow Granges, and community members. Adding a Covid-19 Mask contest at our 2020 State Grange convention seems timely and appropriate because we expect wearing masks to be the new "normal."

### Covid-19 Masks

Sponsored by Marilyn Reiher and Eva Frost

- Categories:
1. Functional
  2. Fashion Fun

Contestants can enter only one mask in each category but are urged to bring additional masks to be sold to raise money for an agency fighting the virus. Unsold masks will also be donated.

### Rules:

- May be any style mask, made from any material but must be

world right now and most of us cannot remember a time like this ever. This is when we as Grange members need to think outside the box in order to help our families, Grange and Community. I know there are Grange workers helping to care for a Grange member or neighbor that cannot be out by shopping, picking up medicines or mowing yards. There are Grange members helping by making face masks, supplying food for food banks, caring for children whose parents are working, helping parents that have children that now are learning by online schooling and helping people who need financial help to pay rent, mortgage, food and supplies.

This is the time of year to be cleaning our yards, planting flowers and gardens. I have noticed more vegetable gardens being planted in my area when I go out for walks. Maybe some will be canning this fall. When our Granges can have people into their halls maybe have a canning class for the community.

Looking forward to being out more as our state opens up. I encourage you all do what is best for you and your Grange as our state opens up. Be safe.

handmade by the entrant.

- Can be for a man, woman, or unisex.
- Both categories will be judged on workmanship and effectiveness in preventing the spread of the virus.
- The Fashion Fun category will also be judged on creativity including fabric patterns, colors, or decorations.

### Prizes:

- 1st place \$15
- 2nd place \$10
- 3rd place \$5

But sponsors want to encourage that prize money be donated to an agency fighting the virus.

The sponsors also urge winners of other GWA contests to donate their prize money (that \$3 or \$5 or so) to the agency the GWA select prior to the convention.

## The Great Re-Set

By Catie Faryl, Bellview Grange #759, Jackson Pomona #327 Chaplain

What we have before us is the Biggest Time Out of our lifetimes! "The Great Reset" the coronavirus provides is an opportunity to look deeper into the systems that have gotten us into this mess.

I've often seen in my visioning for art and commentary that all communities across the country and the world are like links in a chain, which at some point in time might have to stand apart as single links in a 10 to 20-mile radius. The ideas of re-localizing food supplies and finding ways to travel and provide necessary energy without furthering the financial advantage and power of corporations and the environmentally destructive nature of fossil fuels has been a goal of "sustainability" folks for decades. However, fascination with technology, addiction to luxury and convenience, the selling of an overly abundant lifestyle by corporations, media and corrupt leadership have diverted attention, dismantled our safety nets and blocked the way to implementing common sense solutions.

Around 2014 I started substituting the word "sustainability" with a better descriptor for our times - "Survivability". Prior to that the grassroots community members in our region attempted in level-headed ways to draw attention to the County Disaster Preparedness manuals. There is lots of info on what to do in fire, flood or earthquake events, but nothing about the ever-growing threats of our dependence on the grid to deliver energy, our dependence on fossil fuel to bring almost everything we need by truck, ship or plane, and nothing about how vulnerable we have become as the world gets smaller and more populated or how the global economy has eroded the stakeholder status of many people close to home.

It's too bad that the paths diverged from solutions known to be sustainable into the controversy of climate change. Climate change and all the resulting arguments over the past 40 years has provided a foil, an excuse and a diversion from the path of solutions. It let us talk or not talk, while we ignored the mounting dangers. All the things we have in common stand out in bold relief during a pandemic. With shock people wake up to the reality that we are very vulnerable due to our over-dependence on so many distant and now uncontrollable factors.

Toastmasters has been a learning experience for me to see my flaws and how over-focus on climate from the left has incited anger from the right. Now coronavirus shows us just how much we are in this together and how we can open our eyes, hearts and minds to do what's necessary and right for all of us. My friends who follow astrology say that this is the time when all things not sustainable and all things not aligned with divine presence will fall apart. Maybe that is always true. What has worked for the past century and the beginning of this one was allowed only by grace and momentum and now we must find a better path forward.

I've been absent lately from Toastmasters; even prior to this "shut-down" my time was taken in creating a fundraiser to allow implementation of regenerative agriculture projects in our valley. This is a path that has been made available by nature to solve many of our problems.

Another path that is getting recognition is the tried and true message from the 1960s - "Live Simply So Others May Simply Live". We see now how easy it can be to reduce consumption by 30% across the board. This and restoring our respect for the Rights of Nature can go a long way to solving problems.

By distancing I also see that a great deal of what is deemed "important" is unnecessary. I am witnessing how the current limitations on "doing" and "acquiring" are literally clearing the water and air. An interest in "being" is emerging with time to explore some deeper questions. When this tailspin ends, attention can be given to reclaiming our regional successes, inventing systems that support all citizens, and committing to local life-enhancing practices to avert future threats.

To make good use of the Great Re-Set patience and compassion for ourselves, everyone here and across the planet is needed. Just like the Zero Waste work we're doing, we must temper the changes and realize we can't go from 100 miles an hour to Zero in one minute. Now that the brakes are on and as we slow down, let's look for the best roads forward, and not at the past detours and disagreements that have landed us where we are today.

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## GRANGE MEMBERSHIP MAY CAUSE PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND COMMUNITY PRIDE



## Membership Matters

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As the article is being written, my home county of Willowa is preparing to enter Phase I of Covid-19 re-opening and hopefully we will be ready for Phase II by the time the June/July Bulletin is published. I hope everyone is holding up well as we recover from this crisis.

This month the Membership column will be brief and different in format. I have two requests for information from our Oregon Grangers. The first request was hi-lighted during a recent Zoom meeting with the State Grange Committee Directors. We appreciate the success that some Granges have experienced in growing their membership.

So, the first request is for those Granges who have been able to increase membership and improve involvement of their membership to share these successful practices by reporting what is working in your Grange. As Membership Director I wish to compile these methods for use throughout the State, and share the responses in future Bulletin articles.

The second request is for input on



## Elmira's Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser

Though the coronavirus may have put a damper on the many community events planned at Elmira Grange #523, Lane County, it couldn't stop the members from hosting a "flocking fundraiser" for their hall's roof.

Dozens of plastic pink flamingos are making the rounds in their community. If they show up on a lawn, it means someone paid a small

fee to send them there. If you get "flocked" you can choose to "flock it forward." Just pay a small fee to send the birds to a friend's house or business otherwise the Grange will pick them up.

building our Oregon State Grange Membership Committee. Our Committee is currently in search of District Chairs for District 1, 3, and 4. If you are located in one of these districts and interested in working to develop statewide membership, or know of a great candidate for the position, please let me know. The Membership Committee plans to meet about four times per year and will be taking advantage of on-line communication tools more in the future. We work to develop tools to assist Oregon Granges in the growth and support of membership, representing the Grange at events such as Ag Fest and the State Fair, offering annual awards for membership growth and hosting a luncheon during the State Convention.

If you can respond to either of these requests, please contact me via the email above or (541) 426-0463 home

Or the old reliable paper mail:  
63232 Scotch Creek Rd  
Enterprise, OR 97828

Thank you for considering these requests.

The Grange currently has 200 birds ready to go and they hope "to put them all to work."

## Veterans

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A little change of plans. The Executive committee has postponed the state convention to an undetermined time as of this writing. Likewise, when the convention actually transpires, many of the programs are not going to be included, including the Veterans programs. My plans are to have something ready if time should be available. Beings the location is not yet certain, the tour will probably be unavailable likewise.

Blessings on all near and far. In this time of international stress, it is hard to know what is really the truth as rumors abound from all directions. When life throughs a curve, it is good to have a friend who has knowledge of what you cannot see the end of yet.

Hurricane Patrol, a group who had never been on a weather reconnaissance flight before were joined with a seasoned crew for a routine flight into a hurricane. The group, half up front with the pilot, the others back aft where communications were suddenly disconnected, reported two entirely different experiences. In back without being able to see or hear what was happening were terrified full of fear and dread. While those in front with the pilot close at hand took the turbulence (though uncomfortable) as though they had done it before. While both were on the same airplane, their perspectives were totally different. Thus, it is the same with us, we are all on the same earth, it is just that some of us are close to the pilot (God) who is reassuring us, while others who don't have that connection are full of fear and dread.

Northern Run, to a submarine sailor

means 4-8 weeks and more above the Arctic circle, submerged, where even the Captain does not see the sun. Back in days before nuclear power and gps, the Pacific was not a stroll around the park. A transit to west Pacific was in the neighborhood of 2 weeks to Pearl, then over 4 weeks to Subic, just to get there and if you visited a war zone another 4-6 weeks incognito before the return trip home. Now with nuclear power for fuel, 12 weeks and more underwater is a short time. Therefore; 5-6 weeks staying home, only going out for groceries is not a big deal. There are no stores, mini marts, drive throughs, backyards nor parks to walk in out there either.

Laying in some foxhole, confronting humans that want you dead, crawling through a jungle with things that slither and snarl with no shower, place to eat or sleep doesn't exactly equate to bathing on a beach anywhere.

On land, sea, or in the air, service to preserve what we hold dear, comes with a price.

Take Solace in little things, faith, family, health (actually the major) then, what we think as big won't seem so intimidating.

Shehechyanu, Blessed, are you Lord our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Shehechyanu, to you good friends, as we emerge from this trial. There will be many difficulties yet to come. But, The Lord our God, The God of Israel will be with us as we travel onward.

## Creswell Grange Hosted a Fundraising Dinner for Building

Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, hosted a \$6 a plate Spaghetti dinner on Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup> to help with their building fund. The event was well attended and all enjoyed their meal. The spaghetti meal was offered with red or white sauce, green salad, garlic bread and a choice of desserts. Six members and one member-in-waiting did the cooking and decorating, other members accepted money and bussed tables.

Creswell Grange members were honored to serve, free of charge, three on-duty, two off-duty and one retired member of South Lane County Fire and Rescue. About 40 members of the community attended.



Dinner was provided to several members of the South Lane County Fire and Rescue.



## Grange Youth & Young Adults

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As this is a unique year for our Granges, I would like to make a several comments about previously scheduled events.

### State Convention

First, I want to say thank you to those of you who contacted me and applied to be Youth officers for 2020. Since the regularly scheduled state convention has been cancelled and it is unlikely that there will be youth officers in an abbreviated convention that hopefully will happen this fall, I hope you all will reach out again in 2021 and say you would like to be a Youth officer.

Remember to let me and the Grange Bulletin know about any community service you are involved in. This year that would include making masks, helping with a food drive, or bringing food to a friend or neighbor. You deserve recognition for your efforts.

### Western Regionals/Youth Sponsored Contests

As we are not having our annual convention, all the state Youth sponsored contests that usually happen there, will not. And since Western Regionals is not happening this year either, the Regional Prepared Speech and Sign-a-Song contests will be held virtually via Zoom, by region. Dates of virtual contests will be held July 18 and 19th. Entries will be made via Jot-Form. Oregonians can participate by registering. ALL entries will need to be received by June 15th. Contest dates will be released after June 15th.

Entries will need to be made for each individual person. <https://form.jotform.com/201387762355056>

The Impromptu Speech contest and Grange Baseball will not be held at the state or regional level in 2020.

Grange Commercial entries can be submitted via email by July 1 and will be judged and released on National Grange Youth social media platforms. A waiver of release will be sent out to entrants that will need to be returned with signatures before they will be released on social media.

### National Youth Officer Team & John Trimble Legislative Experience

Since only a very limited National Grange Convention will happen this year these opportunities will not be available but keep them in mind for next year.

### Ambassadors & Young Patron Candidates

In the 2020 Youth and Young Adult Program Guide it is required that if they are applying for State Ambassadors/Young Patrons, you will need to participate in the specified State Ambassador/Young Patron Prepared Speech contest at the regional level. So make sure you sign up by June 15. Also, the National competition will be done via zoom or other virtual means.

### Keeping Oregon Warm

One of our projects is "Keeping Oregon Warm". We ask for your continued support of this project and please bring your gloves, socks, hats, mittens, scarves, etc. to the State Grange convention either later this year or next June.

### Goodie Basket Raffle

Last but certainly not least, as we have a printed date and time on our Goodie Basket raffle tickets, we must hold the raffle at the printed time and date. All Granges received Goodie Basket tickets to sell and we really appreciate your willingness to do so. Tickets were mailed to your Grange in March and we need to have them all returned by June 23, 2020 so put them in the mail in the envelope provided by Friday June 19 to ensure that we get them.

Our plan is to do a virtual online drawing from the Oregon State Grange Headquarters in Salem shortly after noon on June 24<sup>th</sup>. At this time, the plan is as follows: first ticket will be drawn and then the winner called to see which basket they want. Second through fifth tickets will proceed in the same way. The sixth ticket drawn will get the final basket. All prizes will be shipped/delivered to the winners following the drawing.

If you cannot get to your tickets or don't know what happen to them but still want to enter the drawing, please send a check to the Oregon State Grange headquarters with a note saying for additional Goodie Basket tickets and your name will be written on tickets there and added to the drawing. It is important to put a telephone number that you can be reached at on June 24 on the information you send in with your money for tickets. 1000 Goodie basket tickets are not mailed each year but held for state convention so those are now available for purchasing.

I am looking forward to hearing great, fun, stories about what our Oregon State Grange Youth are doing around the State.



District 4 Basket: Backyard Birding

## 2020 Oregon State Grange Youth and Young Adult Goodie Basket Raffle

**Drawing:** shortly after 12 noon on June 24

**Location:** Oregon State Grange office in Salem

**Broadcast:** Facebook Live

**Last Day to mail:** Friday June 19

**All tickets must be returned by June 23**

*Some of the prizes are actual baskets, others are one or more gift cards. Winners will be called in order and have their choice of prizes, if you don't answer the phone a prize will be selected for you.*



District 3 Basket: Gift Cards

**Please join us on Facebook Live on June 24**

*Please contact the state office if you need more tickets*

### Attention Grangers!

## JUNIOR AND YOUTH CONTESTS GO VIRTUAL!

**SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING OR SIGN-A-SONG CONTESTS AT THE LINK BELOW:**  
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For more information please contact:  
[youth@nationalgrange.org](mailto:youth@nationalgrange.org) OR [junior@nationalgrange.org](mailto:junior@nationalgrange.org)



## Bailey Barks

How do you teach an old dog new tricks? I think you humans are on your way to finding this out firsthand. Do you usually hug your friends, or shake hands with new people? Do you generally lean in together to tell confidences, share little secrets? If you do, boy are you going to have to learn some new tricks!

I hear that hugs are out, at least for now. Even handshakes are now taboo. So how will you greet each other? Have you thought about that, what will be your new normal when you see old friends? Some people are touching elbows, but that looks awkward, some are raising their foot and touching toes, but watch out for your balance! Some people are even making a heart shape with

their hands and I think I like that the best, so far. But maybe you have a better way. Better start practicing and share with your friends so that you'll all know the routine.

I hope this virus thing doesn't affect the way I greet my people. My favorite way is to wait until they sit down and crawl up on their lap. Easiest at home on the couch, but chairs at the vet's office work as well, might actually be a little small for mom and I but we make do, and if it doesn't work, she gets up and lets me have the chair. If nothing else she is pretty well trained.

They say that fresh air is still good for you, so keep taking your furry friends for a walk. Stay a leash length away from others though!

Woof, Bailey

## OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - January 5, 2020

Master Susan Noah called the meeting to order at 9:10am. Members present included Jay Sexton, Sarah Kingsborough, Louise Holst, John Fine, and Sam Keator.

Prior meeting minutes from October 29<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

### Financial Reports

- Financial reports for November were reviewed. October reports were emailed previously. Some Granges owe fees that were missed on quarterly reports and others are past due. Grange loans were reviewed, and past due payments were discussed. The National Grange loan has been paid in full.
- Membership numbers were reviewed based on 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports. Granges identified as needing extra support will receive that this year from the State Grange leadership. Some Granges are showing strong growth this year and we are very excited. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter we have 4554 members. With a strong 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, we hope to see a net gain in membership across the state of Oregon.
- Scott Barker with Barker Wealth Investments provided his quarterly report to the Executive Committee. 2020 outlooks by financial experts are positive for continued stability in the global marketplace. The Oregon State Grange blended investment policy has been positive with another year of a solid return of over 16%.
  - Jay moved to transfer \$150,000 from the National Grange loan payoff to investment funds and rebalance our allocation within our investment policy. Sam seconded. Motion passed.

### Unfinished Business

- North Howell property. The zoning was changed, and we received the additional \$10,000 deposit on the property. The sale is expected to close soon.
- Storage unit insurance has been cancelled per our decision in the last meeting. We are maintaining our insurance on the office and log cabin.
- Come Together at the Grange in 2020. Kickoff meeting is January 18<sup>th</sup> at Sunnyside Grange. We have notebooks, thumb drives, and are working on assembling materials for the kickoff meeting. We are encouraging a buddy system for the individual Grange presentations and will schedule visits more diligently for a successful outcome.
- Unclaimed property is still

pending. The office will work on claiming those funds in the coming months.

- High Desert property. We received a letter with several proposed options regarding the lot line agreement for the High Desert Grange with the neighbors. Discussion followed regarding the proposal to purchase a portion of their property to include the Grange building, which was built on the neighbor's land, or to sell our property in full to the neighbors.
  - John moved that we accept option 1 provided for the High Desert property modified lot line adjustment. We will work to reorganize High Desert Grange and grow our presence in Central Oregon. Sam seconded. Motion passed.
- Midland Grange. Midland Grange Appreciation Day on March 28<sup>th</sup> to promote and refresh the Grange. Sarah will help with a marketing/communications plan to include personalized letters, invitations, media, etc. We will coordinate dinner with interactive activities to promote the Grange and invite community members to join.
- The lobbying plan for 2020 Oregon State legislative session was discussed. Susan will be meeting with the lobbyist and the committee later this month encouraging increased communications and activity with Grange initiatives.

We adjourned for lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

### New Business

- Holiday office hours were discussed and the potential need for updating the employee handbook. Sarah will email out the employee handbook revised in 2017 to the Executive Committee for review before the next meeting.
  - Jay moved that Christmas Eve Day and New Year's Eve Day will be paid holidays for the State Grange Office staff if they fall on a regular office day and our office will be closed. Louise seconded. Motion passed.
- Sunnyridge Grange building is no longer usable, and they would like to sell the property. We encourage the Grange to get a market assessment from a local realtor and keep us apprised with the situation. We also want to offer assistance with membership and recommend they find a new public location to continue meeting as a Grange and being part of

the community.

- Sarah moved to approve listing Sunnyridge Grange property with agreement that they will get final sale approval from the OSG Executive Committee and sale funds will be held in trust for the Grange. John seconded. Motion passed.
- Attorney fees by our council will increase to \$225 an hour starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 according to correspondence received in December. We discussed the services currently received by our attorney Nancy Murray since 2011.
  - Sam moved to increase the OSG attorney rate to \$225 an hour. Jay seconded. John moved to amend by substituting Nancy Murray for "OSG attorney". Jay seconded. Amendment passed.

### Decisions made via Email were reviewed and ratified

- Agreement to change the garbage service to a locking dumpster.
- Agreement to go forward with binding the old Grange Bulletins.
- Agreement to allow Fruitdale to withdraw \$2594.20 from their custodial funds for audio/visual equipment and storage.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

### Next meetings:

March 28, 2020 9am at Midland Grange  
June 7, 2020 9am at State Grange Office

Potential Officer Practice for State Convention – May 16/17 and June 13/14



## Siletz Valley Grange Held Saint Paddies Dinner

On March 14th the Siletz Valley Grange #558, Lincoln County, held its annual St. Paddies Dinner and Silent Auction. The Grange were not sure about holding the event due to the outbreak of the COVID-19, however after talking to the local Health Department they were given the "green light" to go ahead. At that time there were no cases of COVID-19 in Lincoln County. The Grange was prepared for all guests as volunteers donned face masks and gloves, hand sanitizers and disposable ink pens for the silent auction. Members were very concerned with the current state of the virus if they'd have enough people to make a go of it, but their little community proved them wrong.

The event had a record turnout and made over \$2400 for the Grange's annual expenses and activities. It was noted afterwards that there was no sneezing or coughing by volunteers or attendees.

Since then they have had no activities at the Grange Hall. The Grange is performing a few maintenance activities by members who are spouses. They do have plans to begin their Tuesday Farmers Market in either late June or July, which will be held on the outside of the building with appropriate spacing and 6' social distancing. They are in hopes that by July they may be able to open the kitchen to at least "to-go" orders.



L-r: Kitchen crew Patty Page, Doug Attridge, Alma Kosydar, Marilyn Attridge, (Jacob behind Marilyn) Arnold Schaffer, Michelle Schaffer, Denise McGuckin, Rose Esbenschade, Jim Reed, Jeremy Whitlow, Patty Reed with grandson McKinney and Don O'Dell.

# In Support of Rural Communities Granges provide a voice and gathering site for country folks

By CRAIG REED for Ruralite Douglas Electric

Granges are grassroot organizations that bring the members of rural communities together.

Issues of community concerns are discussed; social events are scheduled and community service projects are planned.

The Douglas Electric Cooperative service area includes three Granges: Camas Valley Grange, Kellogg Grange, Lookingglass Grange, Smith River Grange and Sunnydale Grange.

The Grange concept was developed in 1867 by Oliver Hudson Kelley, a Minnesota farmer and activist. He believed farmers, a scattered and independent group, needed a national organization to represent them. The Grange lobbied on behalf of rural residents, focusing on schools and education in those early years. The Extension Service, the Rural Free Delivery program for the distribution of mail, the Rural Electrification Act and the Farm Credit System also came about thanks to lobbying from the Grange.

Today, Granges don't have quite the memberships they had several decades ago because there are less rural residents and technology has made communicating much easier, but some Granges still exist under the leadership of the older generation. Those Granges hold monthly meetings, a wide range of programs and activities for all ages are offered and the buildings are available to rent for gatherings such as town meetings, potlucks, reunions, dances, weddings and other special events.

"I think Granges have a future," says John Fine, the Grange master at Riversdale Grange just west of Roseburg. "No matter where you go, the real power of organization is in the local community. The Grange looks into what a community needs, then devises ways to help with those needs. Providing for those needs make a community a better place for people."

Following are short statements on each of the active Granges in Douglas Electric's service area. The public is invited to the monthly meetings of each organization.

### CAMAS VALLEY GRANGE

The 20 members of this Grange hold their monthly meetings at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

"Our membership is very small so we're trying to get a few more people interested," says Sharon Combs, the Grange master and a Grange member for the past 60 years. "We're primarily a community service organization."

The Camas Valley Grange organizes and plays host to community luncheons, particularly for seniors, at noon on the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Bingo is played after lunch with the money funding college scholarships for Camas Valley High School graduates.

Grange members participate in the Smart Reading Program that helps young students improve their reading skills. Members also host the Firemen Appreciation Potluck on the first Saturday in December. Funds from that event are donated to the Camas Valley Rural Fire Department.

Grange contact: Sharon Combs, 541-643-6881.



### KELLOGG GRANGE

"I think Granges offer a unique opportunity for people to serve their communities, to build relationships with neighbors, to cooperate together to support their communities," says David Madison, Grange master for Kellogg.

This Grange has 25 members who meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Those members organize and host several activities.

Bingo is played at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Barn dances, featuring square and line dancing with caller Woody Lane and the band, Joe Ross and the Roseburg Foot Stompers, are popular. So is an annual cake walk that raises money for Camp Millennium, a camp for children with cancer or are dealing with the disease within their families.

In September, the Grange hosts a Treasure Sale, providing people with a chance to lease a table and sell their unwanted items. Proceeds from this event go to the Grange's building fund.

Grange contact: David Madison, 541-505-4013.

### LOOKINGGLASS GRANGE

This Grange is involved in numerous activities with the most recent one being to establish its building as a safe place to go in case of an emergency. Grange Master Anne Smith explained that project is coming along with the help of Douglas Electric Cooperative, the Olalla Water District and the Lookingglass

Rural Fire Department.

"We want this to be a safe place to go for our community," Anne says.

The Lookingglass Grange has 34 members. The Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. A potluck dinner starts at 6:30 prior to the meeting.

The members organize several events. This year's Ag Day is scheduled for April 7. It features 15 stations that deal with different aspects of agriculture. About 200 students from Lookingglass Elementary School visit the educational stations.

The Grange building is home to the Lookingglass Farmers Market that is from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. every Thursday from April through the rest of the year. Most of the vendors are Grange members.

In May, Grange members participate in the annual Lookingglass Parade and Clean-up Day.

The Grange's major fundraiser is a dinner, auction, raffle and bingo event that is held early each year. Money from that event funds two \$500 college scholarships for graduating students in the Winston-Dillard School District.

Grange contact: Anne Smith, 541-420-5074.



### SMITH RIVER GRANGE

The all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on the first Saturday of each month from February through November is a very popular gathering event at the Smith River Grange. The monthly events attract 70 to 130 diners.

The Grange's monthly meeting is

held after each breakfast.

"We serve a lot of pancakes," says Grange Secretary Rita Houston, adding that proceeds from the events are used to support grade school and high school sports in the area. "Our mission is to support our youth and our community. We definitely look out for each other."

The Grange and its 25 members also help individuals or families who have suffered a tragic loss.

The Smith River Grange is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. A celebration is being planned and will be held this summer.

Rita credited long-time Grange members George and Karen Black, both in their 70s, with being "the force that keeps us going."

Grange contact: Rita Houston, 541-401-3197.

### SUNNYDALE GRANGE

"The Grange is the voice of rural folks," says Ron Galdabini, secretary of the Sunnydale Grange that is 5 miles west of Drain.

The Grange has 18 members. The monthly meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. A potluck dinner at 6:30 precedes each meeting.

The Grange plays host to a bingo night on the first Monday of each month except during the summer. Funds from these events provide a \$500 college scholarship for a senior student from Yoncalla High School and from North Douglas HS.

Grange members also have a cook shack that features barbecued chicken at the annual North Douglas County Fair in Drain.

"We're always looking for new members because most of us are getting elderly," Ron says.

Grange contact: Ron Galdabini, 541-942-4732.

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

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