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## District #3 Welcomes Oregon Welcomes John Benedik Grangers to Tillamook National Grange Vice President

It's "Trees, Cheese and Ocean Breeze!" as the members of District 3 welcome you to this year's Oregon State Grange Convention. The convention site is the Tillamook County Fairgrounds at Tillamook with all scheduled meals on site.

The convention begins on Saturday, June 15th and runs through Thursday, June 20th. Cannot get away for that many days? No problem. You will find the schedule starting on page 9 of this issue. Check it out and see what is happening when you can come. If you are bringing your children or grandchildren, check the schedules specifically for Youth/Young Adults and Juniors on pages 11-12.

Returning this year will be many workshops and presentations, mostly during the early morning as the Youth officers have moved their practices to after close of business in the evenings. Of special interest to those new to the state convention will be a conference on "Everything You need to Know about Convention" presented by State President Jay Sexton, State Secretary Sarah Jenkins, Ex. Committeee member Celia Fox and Past State President, Mark Noah. It will include delegate training and the "Seven Ways to make the most out of the State Grange Convention."

A couple additional dress-up days have been added to this year's schedule. Saturday evening's Kickoff Banquet will feature a beach theme with members encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts, dresses, etc.



Sunday is "Best Dressed Day" as the State Officers open the 151<sup>st</sup> Session of the Oregon State Grange in dress attire.

Tuesday is "Red, White and Blue Day" to Honor our Veterans and "Wear Red Tennis Shoes" to show our support of our Junior members.

On Wednesday members are encouraged to "Wear Green" to show support of our Youth members.

Other highlights of the convention include a visit by the Columbia County Rodeo and Tillamook County Rodeo Queens and Princesses; the Youth "Goodie Basket" drawings on Wednesday and the installation of the newly elected State officers at 1:30 pm on Thursday.

Looking forward to seeing you in Tillamook.

This year's National Grange representative to the Oregon State Grange convention will be John Benedik, III, Vice President of the National Grange. While visiting our State Convention he will presenting a couple of workshops, the first on "Cultivating Volunteers" on Tuesday afternoon at 2pm and the second at Wednesday morning's Legislative Conference on an "Overview of the National Grange Legislative Process."

John Benedik, III, of Flemington, New Jersey, was elected National Grange Vice President in 2023 and this will be his first official visit as a representative of the National Grange as well as his first visit to the Oregon State Grange. John is a 44-year Grange member in New Jersey, and presently is the President of Stanton Grange #148, the President of Hunterdon Pomona Grange #3, and President of New Jersey State Grange.

John is currently a bank manager at Affinity Federal Credit



Union. He enjoys reading John Grisham novels, trying his hand at photography and is a big New Jersey Devils fan. He is getting more into Grange history as he gets older. He also enjoys lighthouses and will be checking out some while on the Oregon coast.

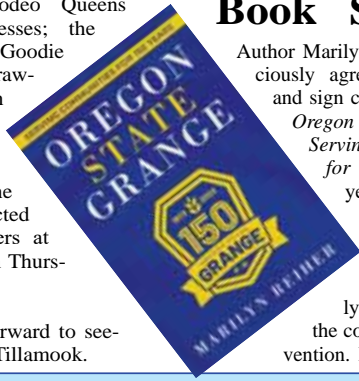
John enjoys helping people (probably because of his job at NJ's largest Credit Union) and wants to see the Grange grow and flourish in the future.

## Book Signing at Convention

Author Marilyn Reiher has graciously agreed to sit down and sign copies of her book *Oregon State Grange: Serving Communities for 150 Years* at this year's State Grange convention. The time has not yet been confirmed as Marilyn is busy as one of the co-hosts of the convention. Please bring your

books and listen for the announcement of when the signing will take place if you want yours signed.

The book is available on Amazon for Kindle and in paperback and hardcover formats. If you do not have a physical copy of the book there is still time to order and have it shipped to your home or there will be a few copies of the paperback version available at the Grange store starting Sunday evening of the convention.



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## The President's Column



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 President - Oregon State Grange

Well, it has been a wild ride. This is the last "President's Column" I will write in the Bulletin as my term as the 30<sup>th</sup> leader of the Oregon State Grange closes June 20<sup>th</sup> with the Installation of my successor. On Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> the delegates to the State Grange Convention will nominate and elect the next President of our organization, and I look forward to helping that person learn the details of the job.

### The Mechanics of the State Grange Office

Every person brings their skill set to the task before them. Past President Susan Noah, myself, and the next President all have strengths and weaknesses. The key to success in the Presidency is recruiting people into the various volunteer positions of the Oregon State Grange, Committee Directors and District Chairs, County Deputies, and various task groups. That is where you Grangers come in, in all our counties and Granges. Our success depends upon Grangers stepping forward to take on these volunteer tasks, and in turn search out and nurture other Grangers to help, and encourage them in future leadership.

In the last six months the Executive Committee of the Oregon State Grange has addressed three organizational weaknesses. Our office staff consists of two very knowledgeable long-term employees working three days per week, and the elected President. It is an organizational weakness that the temporary or permanent loss of either of the office staff would severely disrupt the functions of the office.

## OSG Awards Matching Grants

Eight Grange in Oregon received matching grants for projects with their halls for a total of \$32,662.00.

- o Buell Grange \$891 for septic project.
- o Camas Valley Grange \$5,000 for windows.
- o Eagle Creek Grange \$5,000 for roof.
- o Long Tom Grange \$5,000 for bathroom remodel.
- o Pacific Grange \$5,000 for roof.
- o Silverton Grange \$5,000 for HVAC.
- o Skyline Grange \$5,000 for parking lot lights.
- o Spray Grange \$1771 for painting and art.

This fall is the next opportunity to apply for a grant. Applications are due September 1 and will be mailed with the second quarter report in June.

Our elected Presidents have differing skill sets. The Executive Committee of the State Grange has authorized the hiring of a third office staff person and the promotion of employee Steve Kroeker to "Assistant Office Manager." This change is intended to reduce the organizational weakness requiring the President to spend significant amounts of time on the mechanics of the office function, for which they may be ill-prepared. The third employee will assist with office tasks and cross-train on the responsibilities of the other office staff, increasing our ability to function through unexpected changes.

Two recent Presidents of the OSG needed to establish residencies in Salem during their terms because their homes were over 100 miles from the Salem office. This is too much to ask for the modest pay we provide our leader. Structuring the Grange Office to fully function without the daily presence of the President will allow Grangers from anywhere in Oregon to be our President, broadening our applicant pool. The leadership of the Oregon State Grange hinges on written and phone communications, as well as visits to our Granges. The State Grange President also promotes the Grange at public functions and represents us at regional and National Grange meetings.

Each State Grange President brings a vision with organizational goals and their own skill set from their life experiences. Like Granges, no two Presidents are alike. I urge leaders who love the Grange to se-

riously consider the Presidency of the Oregon State Grange, for this year and in future elections. Our organization must cultivate a broader leadership by inviting and supporting new members into Community Grange officer positions, and "yet higher honors," as stated in the Overseer's charge in the 6<sup>th</sup> degree.

### Grange Runs on Volunteers

Oregon has a wealth of Grange volunteers that help at local events. These people are the stuff that makes the Grange a center of many communities. Together we make the Grange the civil, kind, community-minded place that attracts the public to our events. We need to do more to promote our organization and attract new members.

Now I know that not every new member stays in the Grange, but some do. And some of the new members find a home among us and become reliable Grangers. I ask all of you to keep reaching out, at your events, and among your friends, asking people to attend a breakfast or a celebration at your hall, and do not be shy about saying "You should join the Grange!" (out loud, with words).

The "What is A Grange" sign being delivered to your Granges through the Oregon State Grange Visitation Program this year will help spread the understanding of what our organization truly is.

### Adieu

Thank you all for the honor of having been your servant for these last two years. I thank all of you for your kind words of appreciation and your support. This has been a rewarding and challenging experience and I feel I have contributed, to the best of my abilities, to strengthening the Oregon State Grange. I look forward to serving Grange in new ways in the coming years.

Grange placed a new sign on their building celebrating 150 Years of Grange Service to the community.



Grange Master Peter Petroski inspects the new sign on the Woodburn Grange building in honor of Woodburn celebrating 150 Years of Grange service to the community.

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## Resolutions For Consideration at 2024 Oregon State Grange Convention

### Agriculture

AG #1	Agriculture Policy Statements
AG #2	Support for Broad Agricultural and Forestry Goals
AG #3	Water Policy
AG #4	Soil Policy
AG #5	Air Policy
AG #6	Grain Storage, Handling and Transportation Policy
AG #7	Livestock Policy
AG #8	Chemicals Policy
AG #9	Farmland and Forest Land Policy
AG #10	Irrigation Policy
AG #11	Chemicals, Vegetation Control, and Pests Policy
AG #12	Foreign Aid and the Importation of Agricultural Products Policy
AG #13	Domestic Agricultural Aid Policy
AG #14	Farming Practices Policy
AG #15	Genetically Modified Organisms and Crops Policy
AG #16	Ban/Label Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rGBH) Milk

### Legislative

LE #1	Support Alternate Site Considerations
LE #2	Penalties for the Use and Sale of Illegal Drugs
LE #3	Restrict Hours for Residential Mail Delivery
LE #4	Penalties for the Use and Sale of Illegal Drugs
LE #5	Opposition to Local Transportation Optimization (LTO)
LE #6	National Government Office Age Limits
LE #7	Age Limits for Supreme Court
LE #8	Secondary Lands Policy
LE #9	Inspections and Labeling Policy
LE #10	Farm Labor Policy
LE #11	Foreign and Domestic Services Policy
LE #12	Immigration Policy
LE #13	Penalties for the Use and Sale of Illegal Drugs Policy
LE #14	Timber Sales Lawsuits Policy
LE #15	Wilderness Designation in the Mt. Hood National Forest Policy
LE #16	Fire Damaged Timber Policy
LE #17	Wilderness, Recreation, and Wild and Scenic River Areas Policy
LE #18	Total Maximum Daily Load of Pollutants in Water Policy
LE #19	Rank Choice Voting
LE #20	Labeling GMO Seeds and Foods
LE #21	Support No Sales Tax
LE #22	Support for Pacific Standard Time

### Good of the Order

GO #1	Disposition of Resolutions at National Grange
GO #2	OSG Emergency Fund

### By-laws

BL #1	Change Oregon State Grange By-Laws Roster Deadlines
BL #2	OSG Master/President Salary
BL #3	Allow a Single Vote Per Member for State Officer Preferential Elections
BL #4	Change Audit Requirement
BL #5	OSG Budget Committee
BL #6	Executive Committee Report of Actions

### Conservation

CO #1	Community Composting
CO #2	Forestry Policy
CO #3	Watershed Policy
CO #4	Timber Resources and Logging Practices Policy
CO #5	Public Owned Forest Policy
CO #6	Public Assets Policy
CO #7	Forestry Practices Policy
CO #8	Use of Our Water Resources Policy
CO #9	Water Resources Policy
CO #10	Watershed Policy
CO #11	Rivers and Their Resources Policy
CO #12	River Transportation Policy
CO #13	Ocean and Stream Fish Resources Policy
CO #14	Game, Game Management, and Hunting Policy
CO #15	Preservation of Oregon Beaches Policy
CO #16	Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Policy

### Education and Health

EH #1	Medicare and Dementia
EH #2	Health Care and Health Care Providers Policy
EH #3	Civics Education in Oregon Schools

### Federal Affairs

FA #1	Limit Medicaid's Estate Recovery Program
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### Transportation and Utilities

TU #1	Opposition to the Muddy Creek Energy Park
TU #2	Opposition to Removal of Dams on the Snake River
TU #3	Additional Farmland and Forest Land Policy
TU #4	Domestic Water Meters Policy
TU #5	Energy Resources Policy
TU #6	Fossil Fuels Policy
TU #7	Vehicle Regulations and Fees Policy
TU #8	Oil Train Safety Policy
TU #9	Container Shipping at Port of Portland Terminal 6

## 2024 Preferential Election Results for Oregon State Grange Officers

Below are the results of the 2024 Preferential Election held in local Granges in April. Votes were counted at the state office on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>. The **vote-getter with a majority of votes cast** will appear on the ballot at the state convention.

Only nominations for President/Master, Assistant Steward and

#### Vice Pres./Overseer

<b>Steve Kroeker</b>	<b>396</b>
Jim J Dumolt	255

#### Lecturer

<b>Susie Kroeker</b>	<b>619</b>
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#### Steward

<b>Phil Van Buren</b>	<b>418</b>
Alex Coe	226

#### Lady Assist. Steward

<b>Stacy Brown</b>	<b>613</b>
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#### Chaplain

<b>Cookie Trupp</b>	<b>442</b>
Daniel W Le Brun	202

#### Treasurer

<b>Sonny Hays-Eberts</b>	<b>624</b>
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Ceres will be taken from the floor on Monday morning and added to the ballot. with the final election for state officers will be held on Monday June 17 from 4-6pm.

Installation of officers will be held on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:30pm at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds in Tillamook.

#### Secretary

<b>Sarah Jenkins</b>	<b>619</b>
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#### Gatekeeper

<b>Patrick Dearth</b>	<b>611</b>
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#### Pomona

<b>Robertta O'Dell</b>	<b>606</b>
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#### Flora

<b>Jessie Jo Guttridge</b>	<b>595</b>
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#### Executive Committee #1

<b>Susan Noah</b>	<b>402</b>
Linda Helm	237

#### Executive Committee #2

<b>Joyce Parker</b>	<b>620</b>
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#### Executive Committee #3

<b>Vickie High</b>	<b>615</b>
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### Election Board Report

The Election Board appointed by State President Jay Sexton met May 9 to count Preferential Election votes for State Grange officers. Total votes were 50 fewer than two years ago, not because fewer Granges participated but because the Certified Reports of eleven Granges were not counted.

- Four Granges did not have a quorum of seven members. Leaving the question blank may have worked against some. If there were seven members present, we counted the votes even if only five members voted. But if the question was blank and only five voted, the Certified Report went into the Do Not Count pile.

- For one Grange, no votes were counted for Overseer because their total votes exceeded the number that attended their meeting. In another case, the Secretary did not record the total numbers. The counters decided not to interpret hash marks.

- Three Granges' votes were

not counted because their report was missing the signatures of either the President/Master or the Secretary or one person signed both names.

- Three reports did not have the Grange's seal although those Granges have used their seal on recent quarterly reports. The Board did count the votes of a Grange that wrote that they don't have a seal. Now is the time to order one.
- One Grange's votes were not counted because the report was received not only after the deadline but even after the counting had taken place.

Several Granges included their ballots stubs with their certified report. Your Grange is to keep them until after the 2024 State Session.

The 2024 Election Board was comprised of current and past Pomona Masters, County Deputies, and state officers from Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Linn, Polk, and Washington Counties.





## The Chaplain's Corner

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Chaplain - Oregon State Grange

Greetings to all

In Our Hearts

John 16:33 tells "there will always be trials and tribulations in life, but God will carry you through every storm in your life. And give you strength to make it."

Grief is one of those hard things in life but just remember grief is reminder that love was present and even if it's not the same, love still exists. I'd like to share a poem I found.



*We thought of you today.  
But that is nothing new.  
We thought of you yesterday.  
And the day before that too.*

*We think of you in silence.  
We often speak your name.  
Now all we have is memories.  
And a picture in a frame.*

*Your memory is our keepsake.  
With which we'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping.  
We have you in our hearts.*

Author Unknown

God Bless

## In Memoriam

Ruth Ann Falk  
Morning Star #311

Bethany Garrison  
New Bridge #789

Don Gilman  
Redland #796

David Glae Gould  
North Bayside #691

Loyd Green  
Clarkes #261

Rod James  
Camas Valley #521

Walter Lindley  
Williams #399

Michael Moore  
Columbia #867

William Norman  
Goldson #868

Kathleen Olson  
Ramsey Park #352

Masie Price  
Boulevard #389

Karen Randell  
Summit #432

Robert Sleight  
Clarkes #262

Jackie Steinkellner  
Garfield #317

Don Ward  
North End #820



*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.*



One of the vendors at the Redland Grange Farmers Market made beautiful arrangements for each Grange that had members pass away in the last year.

## National Grange Benefits

For years the National Grange has had several programs of discounts and other benefits available to Grange members, but finding this information required signing into the National Grange website, and knowing the Annual Word for the Grange.

I (State President) recently asked National Grange if we could print these benefits in our Oregon State Grange Bulletin – and they said "Let's give it a try!" I encouraged this experiment as a great way to put the benefits of Grange membership into common usage for our members.

This is the second of a two part series. The first part appeared in the April Bulletin.

**Shopping and Services Office Depot (Business Solution Division)** - register to get discounts on Office Depot products and printing and copying services register at <https://community.officedepot.com/GPOHome?id=58502447>

**TSYS Merchant Solutions** - National Grange membership benefits. Serving merchants for more than 30 years offers a payment processing program tailored to your business needs. Call 888-749-7860 today for a cost savings analysis

**Insurance Bob Clouse Insurance Service** - We help Grangers from all over the country find coverage they need to protect their Granges. Bob Clouse Insurance has been in business since 1978, but our service to the Grange goes back further. <https://clouseins.com/#grange>

**Nationwide Pet Insurance** - provides affordable pet health coverage from preventive care to significant medical incidents. National Grange members are eligible for a 5% discount (or more for multiple pets) <https://benefits.petinsurance.com/national-grange>

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## Clackamas County Pomona Remembers Fourteen Grangers

Clackamas County Pomona Grange held their annual Memorial Service for Grange members in the county who had passed away in the last year during their April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting at Abernethy Grange. Remembered were fourteen Brothers and Sisters from nine Granges.

R: Clackamas Pomona Chaplain Courtney Rae and Redland Grange #796 Chaplain Tracy Metzker organized a beautiful Memorial Service.

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# It Was a Busy Weekend at Ag Fest

The 37th annual Oregon Ag Fest returned to the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, Oregon April 27-28 and the Oregon State Grange was excited to again be a part of it. Located in the AG Country - which is the heart and soul of Oregon Ag Fest - is where the Oregon State Grange's activity center was located. It was a cool, rainy weekend which resulted in an very large attendance.

Oregon Grange volunteers, more than 35 people, helped transplant seedlings into peat pots for visitors



## Thank You Ag Fest Volunteers

*Thank you to all of those who helped with Ag Fest. We had a great two days.*

- Amanda Puls
- Becky Oswald
- Briauna Herrick
- Dan Keeley
- Dean Kieling
- Elly Love
- Janelle
- Jeff Dehne
- Jesse O'Dell
- JoAnn Keeley
- Josh Jenkins
- Joyce Parker
- Katrina Bowser
- Kim Seals
- Liz Dehne
- Louise McClure
- Mark Noah
- Martin McClure
- Paula Herrick
- RaeyLynn Thorp
- Randi Embree
- Roberta Elders
- Roberta O'Dell
- Rowena Miller
- Sarah Jenkins

- Steve Kroeker
- Susie Kroeker
- Susan Noah
- Tara Van Nette
- Teresa Cernac
- Terisa Hibdon
- Tia Brown
- Toni Hoyman
- Vernon Herrick
- Vickie Thorp
- Zach Watson



# The Agricultural Report



*June Colony  
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April 20th was Lambing Open House at my farm in Lostine. This day began with the birth of two sweet twin lambs, so our young visitors had an opportunity to see and hold lambs that were only a few hours old. I had one lamb who loved being bottle fed, and every child had an opportunity to feed her.

meet and delight in our community and the opportunities, we can provide for each other!



*Above l-r: Two Junes - June Colony and June Pierri at the Grange Lambing Open House at Ag Director June's farm.*

Cars and trucks lined my driveway that day, with moms, dads, kids, grandparents, and friends wandering around the lambing pens and paddocks, cameras ready for the perfect cute photo. One little boy laid in the grass in the middle of ewes and lambs, triggering a curious group of lambs to come over to say hello, much to his delight!

We entertained over forty people that day. Many telling me that this was a delightful opportunity for their family. And that is what Grange is, a place where we all

# Caring for Your Trees Talk at Goldson

On March 26th, Goldson Grange #868, Lane County hosted arborist Matt Horowitz, who gave a talk on how to care for your trees and how to assess the probability of tree fail-

ure. This came in handy after the recent ice storm. Several members of the community as well as Grangers attended the program.



*Above: An interested group listened to arborist Matt Horowitz as he shared information on caring for your trees.*



*Above and left: Grangers busy helping families plant the tomato and marigold starts in peat pots, ready to take home.*



## Community Service Involvement



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OSG Community Service/Involvement Director

Greetings,

Community Service/Involvement Reports. Thank you very much.

State Grange convention just around the corner. As of to date 55 Granges submitted their 2023 Annual

Here are the Granges that submitted their report:

### District 1

Azalea #786  
Bridge #730  
Central Point #698  
Chetco #765  
Kellogg #811  
Lake Creek #697  
Myrtle Creek #442  
Riversdale #371  
Upper Rogue #825

Douglas County  
Coos County  
Jackson County  
Curry County  
Douglas County  
Jackson County  
Douglas County  
Douglas County  
Jackson County

### District 2

Ada #570  
Central #360  
Creswell #496  
Crow #450  
Goldson #868  
Goshen #561  
Irving #377  
Jasper #532  
Lacomb #907  
Little Deschutes #939  
London #937  
Long Tom #866  
Lorane #54  
Lowell #745  
Marys River #685  
Mohawk-McKenzie #747  
Oak Grove #198  
Santa Clara #746  
Santiam Valley #828  
Siletz Valley #558  
Spencer Creek #855  
Thurston #853  
Walterville #746

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Washington #313

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### District 4

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Beavercreek #276  
Eagle Creek #297  
Garfield #317  
Maplewood #662  
Molalla #310  
Multnomah #71  
Redland #796  
Sauvies Island #840  
Springwater #263  
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### District 5

Hurricane Creek #608  
Midland #781  
Mt. Vernon #659  
New Bridge #789  
North End #820  
Rockwall #679  
Spray #940  
Wolf Creek #596

Wallowa County  
Klamath County  
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Union County  
Wheeler County  
Union County

Remember to nominate your local Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter and Teacher for this Years

Awards. Also nominate a youth or young adult member for the Youth Community Service Award.



L-r: Parkdale Grange members: Robert Parrott, Mary Parrott, Nancy Merz, Diane Parrott, Nancy Slagle, and TJ Slagle with some of the "Birthday Party in a Box" they make and donate.

## Parkdale Grange's Efforts Makes a Birthday Party Possible

Members of Parkdale Grange #500, Hood River County, showcase the Birthday Party kits they made for the FISH Food Bank in Hood River, Oregon. Each kit includes a recipe, cake mix, a can of soda (replaces the egg & milk

making them shelf stable), frosting, balloons, plates, napkins, a birthday card, and even the baking pan! It's a birthday party in a box!

The food bank staff say they have been a real hit with their clients.

## Santiam Valley Grange Hosts Easter Sunday Egg Hunt



1800 eggs waiting to be hidden.

The Easter Bunny made a visit to the Santiam Valley Grange #828, Linn County, on Easter Sunday, for their annual Easter Egg Hunt, bringing over 1800 hardboiled eggs, and cash prize eggs for each age group. Children age 1 and under also received several stuffed animals. About three hundred people were in attendance. Grange members and community members working together made this a successful event.

## Goldson Holds Annual Egg Hunt

On March 30, Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt. There were over 40 children, the biggest attendance in many years, from all over the surrounding communities.

Children were divided into two age groups: 5 and under and 6 and up. In addition to stuffed eggs, the Grange hid twenty-two special eggs which gave the finder a special prize.

R: Little ones with help of family members gather eggs.



Above: Children lined up ready to find the eggs.

## Communications

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### Coming Soon....Grange Today!

by Philip J Vonada, National Grange Communications Director

Beginning in June, you'll find a shift in how the National Grange delivers news to your email inbox. The Patrons Chain is being rebranded into a new newsletter: Grange Today! The magazine-style digital newsletter will switch to twice a month – the second and fourth Fridays, each with its own focus areas.

The first issue each month will focus on local and State Grange news, while the second issue will highlight what's happening in the National Grange, including the Legislative Department's View from the Hill and updates from other National Grange departments, staff, committees, teams, and Directors.

## Oregon State Grange President Meets with Senator Wyden in March

State President Jay Sexton attended a town hall held by Oregon Senator Ron Wyden in Dallas at the end of March.

A Cancer Advocacy group gave Sen. Wyden an award during the town hall for his efforts to promote policy on early cancer detection screening and coverage by insurance. The Oregon State Grange was requested to participate because of the OSG and National Grange support of early cancer detection screening and coverage by insurance for these tests.

While there, State Grange President Jay presented the Senator and staff with a copy of the recently published History of OSG Book.

Sen. Ron Wyden is co-sponsoring legislation to expand access to breakthrough cancer detection tests – tools that can help change this story, helping people find more cancers sooner. The Medicare Multi-Cancer

So, what does this mean for you?

We need your news! To highlight more of what's happening on the ground in our Community, Pomona, and State Granges, including Junior and Youth activities, we need you to submit articles, information, and news. As I frequently say "brag on yourselves!"

You can send articles and more to Philip Vonada or via this link: <http://grange.biz/grangetodaysubmit>.

And if you are not currently receiving the Patrons Chain, you can sign up at [www.nationalgrange.org/subscribe/](http://www.nationalgrange.org/subscribe/)

Early Detection Screening Coverage Act would ensure Medicare can cover the next generation tests for cancer once they are approved by the Food and Drug Administration and shown to have clinical benefit.

Currently, there are screenings for only five cancers – breast, colorectal, cervical, lung and prostate. Multi-cancer early detection tests have the potential to revolutionize how doctors diagnose and treat cancer, improve quality of life and lower treatment costs. With a single blood draw, these tests can detect dozens of types of cancers at once.

*Below: State President Jay Sexton, second from the left, met with Senator Wyden about early cancer detection screening and coverage by insurance for these tests.*



## Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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OSG Deaf Awareness and Family Health Director

Hello Grangers and Happy Spring!

By now, many of your Granges will have received packets from the National Grange entitled, the *Reaching Rural Surgical Seniors Project*. This program introduces questions and topics of discussion that many of us should be asking if we are in need of surgery. While this program was specifically developed for rural seniors, due to the large number of unique barriers they face accessing medical care and especially surgery, it is a worthwhile use of time for all seniors or other adults that may be expecting an upcoming surgery. Additionally, this information is important for those expecting surgery and their loved ones.

The *Reaching Rural Surgical Seniors Project* consists of a 20-minute introduction video and four short video lessons: (1) Advocacy and Shared Decision Making; (2) Hospitalization; (3) Falls; (4) Talking to Others. The total time commitment is about 30 minutes. There are also comprehensive Question Prompt Lists that can help you to prepare and to talk to your surgeon and loved ones so that your voice is heard, and your needs are met.

Just a few of the questions included are:

- Will this surgery provide you with a better quality of life?
- What can you expect during and after surgery?
- How long will anesthesia last? (*In some cases, it can take days and even weeks to wear off.*)
- Will you be able to walk afterwards, or will you need a wheelchair or walker?
- Will you need a bed set up in the living room?
- Will you have easy access to

the bathroom?

- Will you need someone to prepare meals, help you with your medication and perform household chores?
- Will you need physical therapy? Will you have to travel to physical therapy, or will you need help to perform at home?
- What are the chances of a full recovery?
- How should you prepare if things do not go as expected?

These and many other questions are provided. The videos are helpful, especially for those of us who may have trouble expressing our needs to a physician. All in all, I feel this is a very valuable and important program and I urge all Granges to present this material to their Granges and to make copies of the Question Prompt Lists available to members and at open houses or events to the community. Our rural Granges and communities experience additional barriers and these prompt their own set of questions and preparation that need to be addressed prior to surgery.

If you did not receive your Reaching Rural Surgical Seniors Project packet, it may be at the State Grange office. If you did not receive your packet and your Grange is in Washington County, I may have picked it up on my last trip there with the intention of delivering it to you soon. I am also happy to present the information if you like.

Also, look for our table at the State Convention! This year we are investigating the Blue Zones and the Blue Zone projects in Oregon and what effects our Grangers in those areas have experienced. We would love to hear from you and stop by and pick up some free, healthy gifts!





# The Education Committee



Lyle Utt  
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OSG Education Director

Recently I have noticed that people are talking about issues with K-12 school funding and how inadequate it is. I realize that the funding model we have is not the best, but it is better than what we used to have. Before the current school funding model every single school district had to pass a bond measure every year, and quite a few would not be able to pass the bond measure and

would have to close. At that time, it really became the have and the have nots. The funding for small districts with a small tax base would not have adequate funding even if they managed to pass their bonds. If you look at the current funding issues, it looks to me like it has more to do with inflation and less to do with state funding.

## Springwater Raises Funds for Dictionaries



In recognition of Grange Month, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, held a benefit spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 13. The dinner included spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread and homemade cookies.

The dinner benefitted the Grange's Words for Thirds project, which donates dictionaries to third graders in the Estacada and Colton School Districts each year.

L: Members of the community enjoyed the dinner.



Above l-r: Springwater Dictionary committee chairman Lia Middelhoven, Jessie Jo Guttridge, Susan Wagner and Kathleen Souders worked on the serving line.

## Morning Star #311 Host Grange Month Celebration Dinner

Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County, hoped to provide awareness in the community of Millersburg about the Grange and its programs when it held a Grange Month Celebration dinner on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

The dinner was held from 1- 4 pm and included lasagna, sides and a choice of dessert with pie, brownies and cookies offered to finish the meal. Heading up the kitchen crew was Master Heather Decker.

Tickets for raffle baskets for both Morning Star Grange and Linn Pomona Grange were sold at the event. Funds from the day will be used to pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the Grange hall.



The Board of Trustees of the Oregon State Grange Foundation selected Jesse O'Dell of Santiam Valley Grange #828 in Linn County to fill the vacant At Large Trustee Position #2 created by the death of Robert Ludi. Brother O'Dell is currently the President of the Linn County Pomona Grange #12 and is a past OSG Gatekeeper. He will fill the remainder of the term which expires in June 2026.

- OSG Foundation reserves the right to look at any of the files you have saved.
- If you stop using the site or someone else in your Grange takes over doing the publicity, notify the foundation so we have current information. There is a limit to how many Granges may use the site at any one time.

We hope that many Granges will take advantage of this opportunity.

**REMEMBER:** Oregon State Grange Foundation Annual meeting is on Sunday June 16. Come hear the annual report of the foundation, announcement of the scholarship winners and you might win one of the twenty Grangers Attending State Session (GASS) awards.



**Benefits the Oregon State Grange Foundation**

[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

### Canva

Do you do Facebook or social media posts, make posters for your Grange events or signs for your hall? Would you like access to interesting graphics and layouts? Then the Oregon State Grange Foundation has an opportunity for you. At the 2023 Oregon State Grange Convention Brother Phillip Vondra recommended that the OSG Foundation sign up for the free Canva Professional account and make it available to all Granges.

It is now available and if you are interested in having access and using this tool, please send an email to the foundation at [foundation@orgrange.org](mailto:foundation@orgrange.org).

Need to include: Your name, Grange name and number, and your email address. Your information will be verified and then you will receive a return email allowing your Grange to have a file on the Oregon State Grange Foundations Canva site.

The foundation has some very simple rules for the use of Canva.

- Use the site for your Grange - it is not to be used for personal projects.



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## Annual Convention Oregon State Grange

June 15-20, 2024

**Tillamook County Fairgrounds  
4603 East 3rd Street  
Tillamook, Oregon**

### Tentative Schedule ~ Oregon State Grange Convention

*“Trees, Cheese and Ocean Breeze”*

#### Friday, June 14

Various times: Deliver supplies during day, begin facility set up in afternoon – a few helpers would be great – contact president@orgrange.org to help.

#### Saturday, June 15

8 am Set up facility

8:30 am Ag Tour – Carpool meets at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds at 8:30 am, Caravan leaves at 8:45 am. Please contact Marilyn at m\_reiher@comcast.net or phone or text at 541-569-2388 to register. Please indicate if you need or can provide carpool seats. Lunch will be provided. Tour will return by 2 pm

11 am Memorial-Worship Service Practice – Main Floor

1 – 4 pm **Registration/Check In** opens – Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Main Entry Hallway Following days will have packets and name badges available for pre-registered attendees. There will only be limited registration for anyone not pre-registered. Degree tickets will be sold today and tomorrow prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> degrees.

1:00 pm Workshop: Blue Zones and the Blue Zone Projects in Oregon - Lilly Anderson – DAFH Director – Dining Area

1:30 pm Rosebud Practice – Main Hall - *Closed to All but Participants*

2 pm GWA, Lecturer’s, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries accepted – see the committee areas

2:00 pm Workshop: Engaging your Membership and your Community, Marys River Grange – Dining Area

3:00 pm Everything You need to Know About Convention – Dining Area

Jay Sexton, Sarah Jenkins, Celia Fox, Mark Noah – Delegates Training and the *“Seven Ways to make the most out of the State Grange Convention.”*

Junior Talent, Public Speaking, and Sign-a-Song contestants must register in the Junior Room – outside Main Hall

Youth Public Speaking, Ritual and Sign-A-Song contestants must register with the State Youth Director.

3 pm Fifth Degree practice – Main Floor

4:30 pm Talent contestants meet with State Lecturer; Public Speaking contestants meet with Youth Director – Main Floor

5:30 pm Kickoff Banquet – **Beach Party Theme – Hawaiian Shirts/Dresses Encouraged** All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion, State officers introduced. – Dining Area

7 pm Talent Show, Adult and Junior, Public Speaking Contest – Main Floor  
Honor Grange awards  
Community Service – Volunteer of the Year award

Immediately Following: State Officers practice including Sixth Degree – Main Floor – *closed to everyone except for the State Officers.*

#### Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day Best Dressed Day

8 - 9 am Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. **Registration/Check In** - Main Entry Hallway.

Packets and name badges will be available for pre-registered attendees. There will only be limited registration for anyone not pre-registered. Degree tickets will be sold today, prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> degrees. Registration – Main Entry hallway

**Sunday, June 16** *continued*

8 - Noon	GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries accepted – see the committee areas	9 am	Memorial and Worship Service, under the direction of Paula Herrick State Chaplain – Main Floor
8:30 am	Workshop: June Colony - Generations Skills Program – Dining Area	10:30 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree (State Officers line up 10:15 am) – Main Floor Roll Call Reading and adopting Sunday's Journal Report of Credentials Committee Preferential Election Report Nominations for State Officer Positions (President, Assistant Steward, Ceres)
10 am	Ceremonial opening in the 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree (State Officers line up 9:45 am) (then lowered to the 4 <sup>th</sup> degree) Main Floor Roll Call First Report of Credentials Committee Adoption of the Official Program	Noon	Membership Luncheon – <i>All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for the program portion. Membership awards will be presented.</i> – Dining Area
10:30 am	Introduction of Host Committee Chair – Eva Frost Welcome to Tillamook – Senator Suzanne Weber and Fair Manager Camy VonSeggern Response by Vice President, Steve Kroeker Report of Division of Labor Committee Notice of Proposed By-Law Changes and late resolutions Introduction of Committee Chairmen 2024 Budget Committee Report	1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Main Floor Introduction - Columbia County Rodeo Queen & Princess and Tillamook County Rodeo Queen & Princess Community Service Awards
11:30 am	State President's Annual Address Assignment of portions of Annual Address by Division of Labor Committee State President's Good of the Order Address Assignment of portions of Good of the Order Address by Division of Labor Committee.	4 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree – Courtney Gordon – OSG Convention Engagement Team
Noon	GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries close and <i>area will be closed for judging</i> – see the committee areas	4 - 6 pm	Final Election of State Officers
Noon	Foundation Luncheon - <i>All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for the program portion. Annual meeting of Foundation follows lunch. GASS Awards</i> – Dining Area	4 - 5:30 pm	Dinner break – <i>Lists of local area restaurants with hours are in goodie bags. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange</i>
1:30 pm	Rosebud Practice – Fairview Grange Hall - <i>Closed to All but Participants</i>	6 - 7 pm	Workshop Member Engagement Panel Discussion of Local Organizations – Dining Area
1:45 pm	Session reconvenes – Main Floor Resolutions	7 - 8:30 pm	Family Game Night – Dining Area
2 - 3:30 pm	Registration Open – 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before Degree begins – Registration – Main Entry hallway	7 - 8:30 pm	Country Line Dance Instruction and Dance – Main Floor  Immediately Following: Youth Officers practice – Main Floor – <i>Closed to All but State Youth Officers</i>
2:45 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree – Eva Frost District #3 Hosting Co-Chair	<b>Tuesday, June 18</b> <b>Wear Red Tennis Shoes to Support our Juniors!</b> <b>Red, White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans</b>	
3-3:45 pm	Committee Meetings - as needed – locations announced	6:30 - 8 am	Grange Benefits Breakfast – Complimentary – Fairgrounds Dining Area
4-5:30 pm	Youth Movie Night – Fairview Grange - 5520 E 3 <sup>rd</sup> St Tillamook	8 - 9 am	<b>Registration/Check In</b> opens – Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Registration–Main Entry Hallway
4 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplified by District #3	8:00 – 8:45	Workshop Growing Membership – Jay Sexton – Dining Area
5:30 - 7 pm	Dinner break – <i>Lists of local area restaurants with hours are in goodie bags. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange</i>	9 - 9:45 am	Workshop Oregon School Board Association – explaining the budget process - Dining Area
5:30 – 7 pm	Registration Open – 6 <sup>th</sup> degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before Degree begins –Registration - Main Entry Hallway	10 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree (State Officers line up 9:45 am) – Main Floor Roll Call Reading and adopting Monday's Journal Report of Credentials Committee
7:30 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Degree – Oregon State Grange Officers – Officers present by 7pm – Main Floor  Following 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree: Photos for OSG Officers, Rosebud Team, Court Ladies, and Marching Candidates – Main Floor  Immediately Following: Youth Officers practice – Main Floor – <i>Closed to All but State Youth Officers</i>	10:30 am	State Junior Grange, Presentation of Junior Obligation – Main Floor Resolutions
<b>Monday, June 17</b>		Noon	GWA Luncheon - <i>All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for the program portion. GWA awards will be presented during luncheon.</i> – Dining Area
7:30-8:45 am	Lecturers Workshop – Linda Wetzell's Rock Painting - Dining Area	1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Main Floor
8 – 9 am	<b>Registration/Check In</b> opens – Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Main Entry Hallway	1:30 pm	Tribute to Grange Veterans – Main Floor
		2 – 3 pm	Cultivating Volunteers – Presented by John Benedik, Vice President of the National Grange – Main Floor Resolutions
		5 - 6:30 pm	Dinner break – <i>Lists of local area restaurants with hours are in goodie bags. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange.</i>



## Tuesday, June 18, *continued*

- 6:45 pm Session Reconvenes – Main Floor
- 7 – 9 pm Youth Game Night – Fairview Grange - 5520 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St Tillamook
- 9 pm Closing in the Fourth Degree – Carol Everman District #3 Hosting Co-Chair

## Wednesday, June 19 - Juneteenth Federal Holiday Wear Green to Support our Youth!

- 8 – 8:45 am Legislative Conference: Dining Area – update on Oregon Well Water Rights - overview of National Grange Legislative Process by National Grange Vice President John Benedik.
- 8:30 am Youth officer pictures
- 8 – 9 am **Registration/Check In** opens – Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Registration – Main Entry Hallway
- 9 am Opening in the Fourth Degree by State Youth Officers (Line up 8:45 am) – Main Gym  
Roll Call  
Reading and adopting Tuesday’s Journal  
Report of Credentials Committee  
Resolutions
- Noon Youth Luncheon & “Goodie Basket” drawings - *All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for the program portion.* – Dining Area
- 1:30 pm Session reconvenes – Main Floor  
Recognition of Past State Officers and Directors  
Resolutions
- 5 - 6:30 pm Dinner break – *Enjoy area restaurants. Lists of local area restaurants with hours are in goodie bags. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange.*
- 5:15 pm GROW Club No-Host Dinner– Fairview Grange - 5520 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St Tillamook
- 6:30 pm Silent auction closes  
Oral auction  
Session Reconvenes  
Resolutions
- 9 pm Closing in the Fourth Degree by Celia Fox, OSG Executive Committee
- 9 pm Youth Pizza Party – Fairview Grange – 5520 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St Tillamook  
Entries in the GWA, Lecturers, Youth and Junior contests may be picked up following the closing.

## Thursday, June 20

- 8 – 10 am Pick up entries in the GWA, Lecturer, Youth and Junior contests – see the committee areas
- 9 am Opening in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (State Officers line up 8:45 am) – Main Floor  
Roll Call  
Reading and adopting Wednesday’s Journal  
Resolutions continued
- 10:30 am Thank you to District #3
- 11 am Invitation by District #4 to visit in 2025
- Noon Lunch - Pizza and Salad – tickets available
- 1:30 pm Installation of 2024-2026 State Officers  
Final report of Credentials Committee  
All other unfinished business
- 4 pm Closing in Fourth Degree – OSG President (or when finished)

See you next year in District #4 - June 21-26, 2025



## 2024 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE Oregon State Grange Youth and Young Adults

June 15 – June 20  
Tillamook County Fairgrounds ~ Tillamook, Oregon

This year most of the Youth and Young Adults (Y&YA) (ages 14-35) at the State Grange Convention will be attending as officers and/or delegates so the “extras” will fall during breaks in the main schedule. Here are some highlights that are particularly aimed at the Y&YA age group.

### Saturday, June 15

- 2 pm Public Speaking, Ritual and Sign-A-Song contestants must register with the State Youth Director.
- 4:30 pm Public Speaking contestants meet with Youth Director – Main Floor
- 7 pm Public Speaking Contest – Main Floor

### Sunday, June 16

- 4 pm Movie - Fairview Grange - 5520 E 3rd St Tillamook
- 9 pm Youth Officers practice – Main Floor following 6th Degree photos - *Closed to All but State Youth Officers*

### Monday, June 17

- 7-8:30 pm Line Dance Instruction and Dance – Main Floor
- 9 pm Youth Officers practice – Main Floor - *Closed to All but State Youth Officers*

### Tuesday, June 18

- 7pm Game night - Fairview Grange - 5520 E 3rd St Tillamook
- 9 pm Youth Officers practice – Main Floor - *Closed to All but State Youth Officers*

### Wednesday, June 19

- 8:30 am Youth officer pictures Be ready to go with sash and flowers - Main Floor
- 9 am Opening in the Fourth Degree by State Youth Officers (Line up 8:45) – Main Floor
- Noon Youth Luncheon & “Goodie Basket” drawings - Dining Area
- 9 pm No host pizza party following close of session - Fairview Grange - 5520 E 3rd St Tillamook





**2024 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**  
**84th Annual Session of the Oregon State Junior Grange**  
**June 15 – June 20**  
**Tillamook County Fairgrounds ~ Tillamook, Oregon**

CHILDREN ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHEN JUNIOR GRANGE IS NOT IN SESSION. Juniors do not pay registration fee but must register in order to participate in the Junior Room. They DO NOT need to have money with them. We provide snacks/refreshments. If the Junior has a special dietary need, let us know and we will accommodate. Juniors will spend significant time outdoors, so please have them dress accordingly. NEW IN 2024: Photography is a hobby anyone can enjoy with a cell phone and many children have them. We'll include photography in our program this year. We may ask our Juniors to put phones and cameras in a basket when not in use.

**SATURDAY June 15**

- 8 am** Sign in at Junior Room for Juniors going on Ag Tour **WITHOUT** family adult. All others register during regular hours beginning 1 p.m. Saturday. Juniors join the Ag Tour. (**MUST PREREGISTER BY JUNE 1**) Meet at the Fairgrounds at 8:30 am, caravan leaves at 8:45 am. Lunch will be provided. Tour will return by 2 pm.
- 2 pm** **Junior Room OPEN** (Approximate opening time) Junior leaders will be on Ag Tour previously.
- 4 pm** Junior Talent, Public Speaking, and Sign-a-Song contestants register with Junior Director.
- 4:30 pm** Talent contestants meet with State Lecturer – Main Floor
- 5 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**
- 5:30 pm** Kickoff Banquet. *Preregister Juniors by family. Ticket price reimbursed by Junior Department.*
- 7 pm** Talent Show, adult and Junior; public speaking contest

**SUNDAY June 16**

- 8am – 12 pm** Junior contest entries accepted - Display Area
- 8:30 am** **Junior Room OPEN**  
Verify permission slip and contact information before leaving your child.
- 9 am** Junior Grange meeting.
- 12 noon** **Junior Room CLOSED**  
Lunch – Pick-up your Juniors no later than 12:10 pm  
Junior contest entries close for Judging - Display area
- 1:30 pm** **Junior Room OPEN** (Approximate opening time.)  
Junior leaders will be present at Foundation meeting and GASS drawings, then open Junior Room.
- 5:30 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**
- 7 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**  
Juniors will have a quiet evening, but those who are awake will be able to view the Rosebud Drill and join family at the close of the 6<sup>th</sup> degree for ice cream. Please pick up your children as soon as possible after the degree.

**MONDAY June 17**

- 8:50 am** **Junior Room OPEN**
- 9 am** Junior Grange meeting
- 12 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**  
Lunch – Pick-up your Juniors no later than 12:10 pm
- 1:25 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
- 4:30 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**  
Break for dinner – Pick your Juniors up no later than 4:35 pm. Extra time after session for adult delegates to vote in election.

**TUESDAY June 18 – Red Kicks Day!**

- 8:50 am** **Junior Room OPEN**
- 9 am** Junior Grange meeting
- 10:30 am** Junior Grange presentation to session
- 12 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**  
Break for lunch - Pick your Juniors up no later than 12:05 pm
- 1:20 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
- 5 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**  
Please pick up your Juniors no later than 5:05 pm
- 6:50 pm** **Junior Room OPEN** (*Quiet time.*)
- 9 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**  
Please pick up your Juniors no later than 9:05 pm

**WEDNESDAY June 19**

- 9 am** **Juniors attend Youth opening with their families.**  
*After Youth opening, Juniors will be gathered to head to the Junior room.*
- 10 am** Junior Grange meeting  
Junior Minecraft Architects contests will be held during this morning session. Prizes awarded at Youth luncheon.
- 12 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**  
Break for lunch - Pick your Juniors up no later than 12:05 pm
- 1:20 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
- 5 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**  
Dinner Break - Pick-up your Juniors no later than 5:10 pm
- 6:50 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**  
*After session, please pick your Juniors ASAP.*

**THURSDAY June 20**

- 8:50 am** **Junior Room OPEN**  
Thursday is cleanup and pack-up day in the Junior Room. No other activities are scheduled. Please confirm your plan/needs for Thursday with the Junior director.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE JUNIORS**  
**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME**  
**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR**







L-r: Grange members Stephen Brunner, Mark Raia, and the Azure Standard driver who deliveries monthly to the Fernwood Grange.

## Fernwood Grange Becomes an Organic Food Drop Site

The Fernwood Grange #770, Yamhill County, was reorganized in 2019 under the leadership of Lt. Colonel Hubert Mardock, several local area Veterans, and their families. This benevolent grouping hoped to bring the Grange back to a state of being a "service to the community" location by providing projects and programs to support area needs.

As a newly formed Grange, the first order of business was to begin repairing a building that had fallen into disrepair over many decades. As building renovations began, so too did community service projects. Since 2020, some of their successful projects have been building wheel-chair ramps for residents at various locations, building a food pantry and the delivery of holiday food baskets, adopting families for Christmas gifts, and now an organic foods drop site.

A "drop site" is a location where area residents can pick up their orders of organic, non-GMO, healthy products. All of this is made possible by the Oregon company of Azure Standard ([www.azurestandard.com](http://www.azurestandard.com)).

Azure Standard is a family-owned business that delivers high-quality, organic, non-GMO foods and products. They treat your family as they treat their own. Azure Standard values are equal to the Grange values of family, service to the community, and abundant, wholesome, and healthy lives. In February 2023, the Fernwood Grange voted to become an Azure Drop site. Each month, the Fernwood Grange regularly served seven to seventeen Azure customers, with a total of 50 joining throughout these past 14 months.

How does being an Azure Drop Site help a Grange? Exposure! That is just one plus, being a drop site has put their Grange on the map. Their service work and hall have gained attention and as a Grange they are richer by the experience. Having the community at large stop by their location every month is an opportunity to educate the unknow-

ing population as to what a Grange is, what it can provide, and how they can benefit.

As a drop site, there must be at least a Drop Coordinator (DC) assigned to help things run smoothly. The Fernwood Grange DC has been very lucky in having two or more additional Grangers present to assist on delivery day.

The Drop Coordinator monitors the Azure Standard website for the drop site orders and deliveries; they contact customers by email and/or text when delivery is due and are on standby until all packages are picked up or arrangements are made to store the customers' orders. Drop Coordinators must also be physically present when a delivery arrives to help offload. Azure Standard encourages all customers to arrive in time for delivery and help with the offloading process; this builds comradery between and among the customers, Azure, and the Grangers. Drop Coordinator's duties take about 4 hours per month; they also earn credits toward their orders of \$15 - \$25 along with the Azure Bonus Cash and referral bonuses for all Azure customers.

A drop site is allowed and encouraged to set their own rules around the use of their drop location. This is part of the work of the DC to enforce those rules. For example, the Grange can offer Azure customers refrigeration, freezer, and storage of their goods until they can pick them up. They charge a small \$5 incremental and daily fee, depending on what is needed. This helps the Grange to offset some of the cost of keeping the building open and heated.

Azure customers are encouraged to arrive early and help offload packages, and they do. In partnering with Azure Standard, the Grange is only responsible for the drop duties themselves. Any issues with products or delivery are quickly addressed by Azure's customer support team. Azure customers tend to be down-to-earth and generous people and the Grange's donation jar does take in spare pennies and dollars.



## GWA

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There are many reasons to attend the State Grange convention in June, the policy work, greeting old friends and making new ones, learning about the Grange, and of course taking part in the many contests offered by the GWA and the Lecturers department! Thanks to many members and Granges who sponsor the GWA contests, each contest comes with a small cash award along with the bragging rights. Our contests include baking, canning, sewing, quilting, crafting, and probably other things that I am forgetting. Find your favorite in the Contest Guide mailed to each household.

Given the popularity of the many Grange cookbooks over the years I know we have bakers and food preservers out there who have some great recipes, so share them through the baking or canning contests. Other traditional arts are also showcased through the sewing and quilting categories as well as jewelry making, woodworking and metal work. So, show your artistic side by entering a quilt, decorating a cupcake, or making a metal sculpture. There are so many ways to participate!

I joined the Grange just shy of my fourteenth birthday and one of my

many memories of my early years was of my mother entering her embroidered pillowcases. It was hard to tell the front from the back, and she was rightfully proud of her work. Funny how none of that skill flowed down to me, however my brother did some great embroidery on jeans jackets! I guess I appreciate the skill that goes into all of these contests even more because of my lack of that skill and I love admiring all the entries as they come in.

Even if you are more like me than my mother and do not enter the contests, all these entries are on display Sunday after judging, through Wednesday of the convention week and visitors are welcome and encouraged.

**To encourage Granges to energize their members into entering some of these contests, I am offering the Grange with the most member entries a prize of \$150. Also, we will be holding a drawing from all of the entries for another \$100 payable to a lucky member!** Can your Grange win the money? Encourage your members to bring or send their entries to be judged at the session in Tillamook! Hope to see you at our 151<sup>st</sup> State Convention!



## Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

<b>June 15-20</b>	Oregon State Grange Convention District 3 - Tillamook County Fairgrounds
<b>July 31</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report due to the state Grange office
<b>August 1</b>	Distinguished Grange Program Applications due to National Grange
<b>August 23 – September 2</b>	Oregon State Fair Grange Log Cabin Salem, Oregon
<b>September 1</b>	Entry Deadline for National Grange Contests: Quilt Block Contest ~ Virtual Photo Contest Garden Design Contest ~ Design a Program Contest Publicity Item Contest Grass Roots Advocacy in Action Contest
<b>September 1</b>	"Grange in Action" application Deadline Grange Legacy Family application Deadline
<b>September 15</b>	990n ePostcard deadline for most Granges
<b>November 12-12</b>	158 <sup>th</sup> National Grange Convention Bettendorf, Iowa
<b>June 21-26, 2025</b>	Oregon State Grange Convention ~ District 4

# Oregon Junior Grangers



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## TOO CORNY?

This year's Ag Awareness topic for Juniors is corn. In the USA, almost one fifth of all farms are corn farms. Since corn originated in the Americas, perhaps it is not surprising that we are the world's largest user as well as the largest exporter of corn. But we use it for far more than food. In fact, most of that corn becomes animal feed, ethanol for fuel, or industrial products. In highly processed forms, corn appears in some of the least healthy foods. Still, corn in whole-grain form is an excellent building block in a healthy diet. Junior Grange will explore some delicious corn-y foods at the convention in June.

Another project we will try is making biodegradable plastic from cornstarch, vinegar, water, and glycerin. There are dozens of recipes for this online. We promise to leave our space at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds just as we find it, despite these high-tech experiments. Please plan to come by and visit the Juniors during your time at the convention.

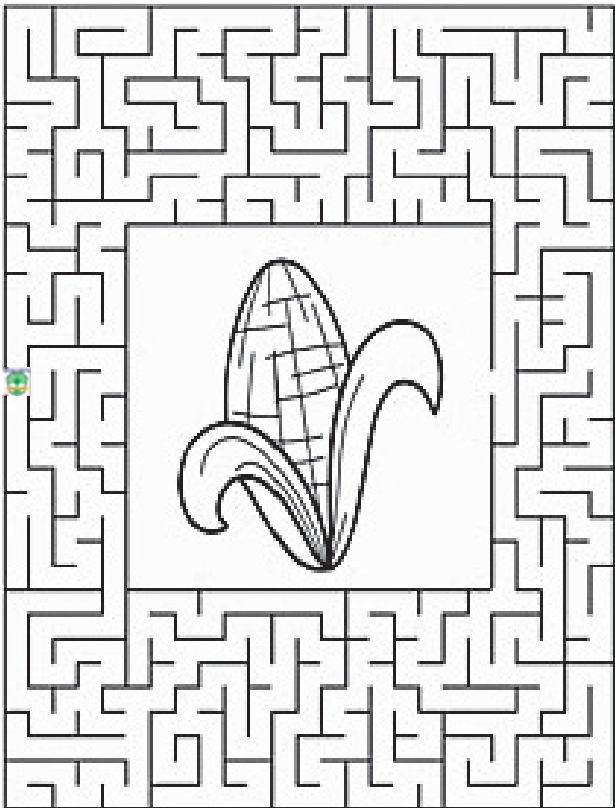
You probably know that corn is also called maize, and the word "corn" in England means any grain including wheat, oats, and barley. That is not the only confusing fact about corn. Consider our favorite corn on the cob. We throw away the outside and cook the inside, and then eat the outside and throw away the inside.

Then there is the corn family, headed by "Pop" corn. The kids are always hanging out with their ear buds. Mama corn keeps the corn patch spic and span, flicking out the cobwebs with her crop duster. And their uncle was a kernel in the army, but now he's in another field. They wanted a pet, so now they have a corn dog. That's a lot of corn creamed together, but the corn family is like that. Nobody wants to be a unicorn.

Baby corn wondered what is the difference between granny and granary. Well, one is your born kin, and the other is your grain bin. Bring the corn, folks!

## Junior Grange Activity Sheet

Follow your way through the maze to find the ear of corn.



Those in attendance enjoyed nachos in celebration of Cinco de Mayo, beverages, and cookies in the basement before the forum.

## Clackamas County Candidates' Forum

On Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1, hosted a successful Candidates' Forum at Abernethy Grange for the County Commissioners and Sheriff positions that were on the May ballot. The Forum started with nachos in celebration of Cinco de Mayo, beverages, and cookies in the basement then the action moved upstairs with all candidates given equal time to make a statement. A question-and-answer time then ensued.



Fix your own nachos were well received.

Those candidates attending: for County Commissioner position #1 and Chair of the Board were April Lambert, Craig Roberts, and Tootie Smith; and for Position #3 Amy Nichols and Dana Hindman-Allen. Commissioner Martha Schrader had planned to attend but had the flu. For Position #4 attending were Tina Irvine, Melissa Fireside, Rae Gordon, and Mark Shull. County Sheriff candidates attending were Angela Brandenburg, and Paul Moore.

Chairman Dan Keeley and Ken Humberston, a former County Commissioner and a member of Beaver Creek Grange, served as moderator. State Grange President Jay Sexton helped at the Grange membership table.

The turnout from both Grangers and the community was excellent and the forum committee received many compliments on the event and how well run it was, and they look forward to the next one.

Introductions were handled by Clackamas Pomona Legislative

Below: About 75 community members and Grangers attended the forum.



**JUNIOR JIBBER-JABBER**

**WHEN:**  
Third Sunday of odd-numbered months (January/March/May... etc.)  
at 9 p.m. Eastern

**WHO:**  
Junior Directors or anyone else interested in Junior Grange programming!

**WHERE:**

**On Zoom!**  
**Login:** 835 7712 0738  
**Passcode:** 969128



## Legislative Update

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The Grange is recognized as a truly grassroots voice in political discourse. Our community focus and agricultural history leads some to assume we are The Voice of Rural America, and to some extent that is true, but our members are concerned with much more. Granges represent their communities, and they range from unincorporated rural areas to Portland neighborhoods. There is amazing diversity among our Grange communities. Our Legislative Policy Handbook is the end result of our resolution process and attempts to express the opinions of the Oregon State Grange as a whole on matters affecting our members and guides the response of your Legislative Committee between delegate sessions when our opinion is requested or when opportunities arise to participate in the legislative process.

Around 15 years ago the delegates to the Oregon State Grange convention adopted a rule that applies an expiration date or 'sunset' to our legislative policies, the goal being to keep our policy handbook current, relevant and (frankly) shorter. Our policy book was becoming bloated with 30- and 40-year-old statements, some expressing opinions on issues decided long ago and others that no longer represented the opinion of the Oregon State Grange, and a few that actually contradict each other. Now, procedure dictates that after 10 years a legislative policy will automatically expire unless reauthorized by the delegates. This gives us the opportunity to closely examine the 'sunset' policies to make sure we are consistent on issues and that the opinion of the delegates is currently relevant and accurately reflected. Sunsetting policies must be reaffirmed by a new resolution that restates or amends, or they will simply be dropped from next year's policy handbook (allowed to sunset).

At the 2024 Oregon State Grange convention we will experience the first major impact of our 'legislative policy sunset' rule because a significant number of our Ag and Natural Resources policies were reviewed and reauthorized in 2014 and are now on the 'sunset clock' this year. Some of our Granges and Pomonas have taken up the challenge and we are expecting a significant number of resolutions addressing these 10-year-old statements. We should consider closely whether the policy is still relevant and is consistent with our current opinions on the subject.

Even though the deadline for sub-

mitting resolutions to state Grange has passed, you can still have an impact. Be aware of the session committee Zoom meetings where these resolutions will be considered. Anyone can observe, but non-members of the committee cannot make motions or vote; however, you can request permission to speak on an issue.

Another opportunity for input arises when the resolutions reach the delegate floor for deliberations. Delegates can of course initiate action by making motions and voting, but if you are a non-delegate, you can still request permission to speak to the issue. Members can also try submitting late resolutions directly to session committees, but it is up to the chairman whether or not to allow consideration. Simply presenting your late resolution to a committee does not require a vote of the committee; the chair decides.

As we deal with our sunset situation, we also need to keep up with current issues. Water rights and other water-related issues are becoming a priority but there is not all that much on the subject in our handbook. Several issues caught our attention this year, some via proposed legislation and others via proposed changes to Oregon Administrative Rules (the OARs). The Oregon Department of Agriculture threatened to apply their Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) rules, intended to control massive dairy and feedlot operations, in a way that would be extremely harmful to individuals with 2 or 3 animals. Public opinion (including the Grange's) seemed to cause ODA to pull back on this planned action, but they could try again.

At an informational meeting presented by Friends of Family Farmers (FOFF) recently, held at Santa Clara Grange, a group of us learned more about water rights. In Oregon a property owner with a well may draw up to 15,000 gallons of water per day for personal use including watering a garden, but if the gardener tries to sell their produce at a farmer's market or farm stand or a Grange parking lot, that becomes commercial use of water and is not allowed. Several at the meeting have received 'Cease and Desist' notices for this reason. I do not know the original intent of the rule, perhaps to prevent the overuse of groundwater, but if the landowner is not drawing over 15,000 gallons and can use that water for their garden, should it matter if they use the produce or sell it to neighbors?

## Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers,

This is an ongoing story. I will keep updated as I get more information in the future.

### Oregon rescinds small dairy CAFO policy but lawsuit persists

Oregon has revoked the CAFO policy for small dairy farms, but a lawsuit challenging the decision continues. The Oregon Department of Agriculture has withdrawn its enforcement of CAFO permit requirements for small dairies, including those selling raw milk. Despite this withdrawal, the lawsuit filed by four small dairy farmers persists, arguing that the regulatory change lacked a rational basis and infringed on constitutional rights.

The plaintiffs believe the lawsuit is still relevant as the agency may attempt to enforce the policy in the future. Attorneys from the Institute for Justice plan to pursue the case,

citing legal precedents that highlight the unreasonableness of subjecting small dairies to the same regulations as larger operations. The lawsuit contends that the CAFO regulations impose unnecessary burdens on small farms without significant environmental impact, emphasizing the unconstitutional nature of economic protectionism.

In conclusion, the lawsuit filed by the four small dairy farmers against the Oregon Department of Agriculture will continue to challenge the enforcement of CAFO permit requirements on small dairies. The ongoing legal battle underscores the importance of ensuring fair and rational regulatory practices that do not impose undue burdens on small farms. The outcome of this case will have implications for the agricultural industry and the protection of constitutional rights in regulatory decision-making.

Happy Trails



All Grangers are invited

### OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 26 @ 7 pm PDT  
Wednesday July 24 @ 7 pm PDT  
Where: Zoom

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

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There is also an additional allowance to the well owner of 5,000 gallons per day for any commercial use, *anything except agriculture*. This rule dates to 1956, and one wonders why it is still in effect. We'll be following these and other current issues closely in the coming year.

We are still holding Legislative Zoom forums each month, usually the 4th Wednesday at 7pm. Summer might affect our schedule. If you

want to join in, email me at marknoah00@gmail.com or your district legislative director.

Thanks to our 2022-24 District directors: Dist. 1, Dean High; Dist. 3 Eva Frost; Dist. 4 Don Kingsborough; Dist. 5 Gail Wilson; and our lobbyist John DeHaas for serving this past term. The terms of all directors and chairmen expire in an election year, so I encourage you to let one of us know if you are interested in participating at this level.

# Membership Matters



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## Cullison Family Members Receive Membership Awards

Recently Beavercreek Grange #276, Clackamas County had the opportunity to award four length of membership awards to one family. Past Master Dean Cullison received his 55-year membership seal. Additional his wife Brooks Cullison and both a daughter Bridget (Kelly) Roop and son Brad Cullison all received their Silver Star Certificates recognizing 25 years of continuous Grange membership.



Dean Cullison with his 55-year seal.



Above: Bridget (Kelly) Roop received her 25-year certificate.



Above: Brooks Cullison received her 25-year certificate.



L: Brad Cullison with his 25-year certificate.

## Springwater Recognized Many Years of Grange Membership

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County held a Membership Recognition night at their meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. A total of 1070 years of membership was recognized including two 70-year seals to Jean McCloskey and Nancy Tedrow, and three 55-year seals to Don Kingsborough and Jack and Lorraine Navel.



Above: Nancy Tedrow (l) and Jean McCloskey (r) were honored with their 70-year membership seals.

A dozen 45-year memberships were recognized with seals, one 60-year member seal and one 40-year member seal where announced The Grange also celebrated three 25-year members with presentation of Silver Star certificates and pins.

The evening started with a planned potluck spaghetti dinner with cake and pie for dessert and the opportunity to visit with fellow Grangers and families to see awards presented. Both Jean McCloskey and Nancy Tedrow were accompanied by non-Grange member family members to the enjoy the evenings activities and award presentations.



Above: Don Kingsborough was recognized with a 55-year membership seal.



R: Jeanette Wyman was recognized for 25 years of membership with the presentation of her Silver Star certificate and pin.

## Garfield Grange #317 Makes Quilt for Long Time Member

Garfield Grange, #317, Clackamas County, is sending a woods-themed quilt to longtime member Homer Anders. His parents were very early and active Grange members and Homer has been a member since 1960. Despite living out of state (in Washington) and not personally knowing the current active

members, Mr. Anders continues to keep his membership dues up to date. The Grange appreciates his continuing interest and loyalty to Garfield Grange and the Estacada community.



Homer Anders, a long-time member of Garfield Grange now living out of state will soon receive a quilt made especially for him by the Grange quilters.



l-r: Three brothers Don, Rob, and Gary Guttridge and two sisters Suzy Ramm and Joyce Parker were recipients of 45-year membership seals.





## Clackamas Pomona Makes Grange Month Contribution to Vets

The Clackamas County Pomona #1 Community Service Project is the Clackamas County Transitional Veterans' Village. As a part of Grange Month, Granges through the county brought contributions for the village to the Pomona Grange Meeting April 27<sup>th</sup> at Abernethy Grange. After the meeting Pomona Master Joyce Parker, Pomona Overseer Georgene Barragan and Pomona Community Service Chairman Don Kingsborough journeyed over to the village and presented it items brought as a gift to the village and its residents.

Earlier in the month Brother Kingsborough had made two additional deliveries; on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> he delivered paper plates, plastic dinner ware, laundry soap, hand soap, coffee, paper bowls, cereal, chips, toilet paper, paper towels and bottled water from Springwater Grange #263. On Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> he delivered paper plates, cups and other items from The Sandy Grange #392.

Support of the Veteran's Village is an on-going project for the Pomona Grange. Clarkes Grange #261 cooks and delivers dinner every third Sunday for the Veterans and then sits down for dinner with them. Dessert is always ice-cream from Baskins Robbins in Gladstone,



Above: Clackamas Pomona Master Joyce Parker with the items brought to the April Pomona meeting for the Veteran's Village.



The Sandy Grange donated paper products to the Veteran's Village.

owned by brother Steve Leitz of Springwater Grange. On Thursday, each week the Love One food pantry at Redland Grange #796 donates food for the veteran's village which is taken that day to the village by Chairman Kingsborough, Overseer Barragan and other Granges.

L: A cart load of items was donated by Springwater Grange.

### Now Hiring

#### Member Support Specialist

- at the Oregon State Grange office in Salem
- 24 hours a week.
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Entry Level office position. Interested parties can apply on [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com)



### Grange Day at Lane County Fair

Lane County Granges invite you to attend the 2024 Lane County Fair in Eugene, Oregon July 24-28. Come explore the Wheeler Pavilion, where you will see Grange displays promoting agriculture and Grange. Grange Day will be Wednesday, July 24th. Come enjoy free cookies and beverages provided by Lane County Pomona #14.

We are looking forward to visiting with you at the fair!

## Veterans



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### Thoughts about Memorial Day

By the time this Bulletin is distributed, we will have observed Memorial Day on May 27<sup>th</sup>. It is a day that we honor those who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. These U.S. military personnel never had a chance to become veterans but are certainly mourned and honored by all Americans and veterans.

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, was observed on May 30<sup>th</sup> from 1868 to 1970. Beginning in 1971, it has been observed on the last Monday of May. The first national observance of Decoration Day was May 30, 1868, although several precedents of decorating graves of those who died in the Civil War occurred earlier. The day has been extended to honor all

those who have fought and died while in the U.S. military service. In 1971, the name became standardized as "Memorial Day."

More than 600,000 soldiers died as a result of the Civil War. So, in order to mourn and honor that loss of lives, a national Memorial Day was appropriate, and it is fitting that we should continue that observance for all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.

It is interesting to note that as Decoration/Memorial Day was created to remember and mourn those lost in the Civil War as a way to heal our national spirit; after the same tragedy, the National Grange was formed to help heal the economies and communities of the nation through our family-oriented fraternal organization.

## Creswell and Spencer Creek Granges Partner To Support Local FFA

Creswell Grange #496 and Spencer Creek Grange #855; both located in Central Lane County; joined forces to nurture the future of agriculture through their support and donation to the Creswell High School FFA.

Based on discussion with the principal at Creswell High School last fall the Granges learned that the school was in the process of restarting the FFA program at the high school. Jenny Collins, the principal having been an FFA member during her school experience, recognizes the value of leadership, partnership and agriculture to the students and the community. During that discussion the Granges asked how they could support the effort. One of the important items that was missing which was necessary for their public and state events was the official

dress. Both Granges worked together to fund \$500 to support this newly formed program and the purchase of the official dress for members.



What better way to support the development of agriculture in a rural school and keep alive the Grange's roots in agriculture. Patrick Doyle, FFA adviser at the high school, said he has "already seen so much growth within our program and they (the students) really take pride in wearing their official dress. We appreciate what you have done for us!" Both Granges could not be happier with the outcome and the success of the new Creswell FFA Chapter.



Creswell High School FFA Advisor, Patrick Doyle with Creswell FFA Chapter officers and members.

## It Was a Cinco de Mayo High Tea

Lane County Pomona Grange sponsored a Sunday High Tea on May 5th, at Irving Grange with the theme "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta." A selection of food was served on Charcuterie Boards. Thirty-five people attended, representing eleven Granges.

Special prizes were awarded in the hat contest with eighteen people entering and all men attending received Cowboy hats.

Many door prizes were awarded including four money filled pinatas, along with some smaller prizes. Recognized as the person traveling the farthest was Michele Wolven from Germantown, Maryland. She formerly was a member of Long Tom Grange.



As usual there was no shortage of delicious food.

It was a "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta" at Lane Pomona Grange's High Tea.



UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS			
<i>Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.</i>			
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Aug 10	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange
Benton #36	Jul 20	10:30 AM	Fairmount Grange
Clackamas #1	Jul 27	9:30 AM	Eagle Creek Grange
Columbia #18	Aug 3	10:00 AM	Columbia Co. Fairgrounds
Deschutes #25	Aug 11	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Jul 27	6:00 PM	Kellogg Grange
Josephine #20	Jun 29	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Jul 13	10:00 AM	Ada Grange
Lincoln #10	Aug 17	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Jul 13	10:00 AM	Santiam Valley Grange
Polk #3	Jul 11	6:00 PM	Buell Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Wallowa #22	Jul 9	5:30 PM	Hurricane Creek
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jul 20	10:00 AM	Washington Grange

## Line Dancing Fun is Planned

District 3 Lecturer committee Chairman, Samuel Keator, has arranged an evening of fun for everyone.



Kris Rooke

Country line dancing with Kris Rooke, who is known for her energetic teaching style and infectious enthusiasm and has a unique talent for making even the most complex steps feel like a breeze will be presenting the event.

Whether you are a complete beginner, or a seasoned dancer, give it a try on Monday evening, June 17 at 7pm in the main hall.



Commissioners Tootie Smith, Mark Shull, and Paul Savas with Don Kingsborough with their copies of the Oregon State Grange History book.



L-r: Bev Doescher, Sonia French, Pamela Frost, Connie Stauffer, Samuel Keator and Rick Banton. Sitting, John Knox

## Washington-Yamhill Pomona Gives Support With Relief/Disaster Funds

Samuel Keator, Master of Washington-Yamhill Pomona #2 along with several other Pomona officers visited Fernwood Grange #770 in Newberg Oregon to present them with a check from the Pomona relief/disaster fund. Receiving a the check was Fernwood's President, Pamela Frost and Sonia French, Fernwood Building Committee. Fernwood's hall was flooded during January's storms.



Fernwood's President, Pamela Frost receives check from Washington-Yamhill Pomona Samuel Keator.

Also present for the presentation were Pomona Overseer Bev Doescher of Forest Grove Grange, Pomona Secretary pro-tem Connie Stauffer of Winona Grange, Pomona Ex. Committee member John Knox of Forest Grove Grange and Rick Banton, Secretary of Kinton Grange.



Above: L-r: Tracy Metzker, Redland Grange, Jeanie Force, Sunnyside Grange; Kim Schettig, Beavercreek Grange; Commissioner Ben West; Commissioner Tootie Smith; Commissioner Mark Shull; Commissioner Martha Schrader; Commissioner Paul Savas; Leila and Bud Dumolt, Beavercreek Grange and Don Kingsborough, Warner Grange.

## Clackamas County Pomona Celebrates Grange Month

On April 4<sup>th</sup> the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners proclaimed, by unanimous vote, April 2024 as Grange Month in Clackamas County. Redland Grange made the arrangements for the Clackamas County Pomona Grange to attend the commissioner's meeting

and Don Kingsborough of Warner Grange was the spokesperson.

Later in the month, Brother Don returned to the commissioners and present them each with a signed copy on the recently published 150th History of OSG Book.



## There Was Great Attendance at the Western Regional Conference

The 2024 Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference was held April 25-28-2024 at Terrace Heights Grange Hall in Yakima Washington. It was held earlier this year as youth contest winners, like public speaking will no longer go to regionals to compete but will be moved on straight to Nationals and to avoid conflicts with local fairs

Six Oregon Grange members represented the state at the regional conference lead by State President Jay Sexton. Other Oregon Grangers attending included State AS Jim J Dumolt, State Youth Co-Director JC Junkman, OSG Bulletin Editor Suzy Ramm and Lexie Suing and Derick Purdy from Crow Grange, Lane County. Over 170 Granges from the Western states of California, Nevada, Oregon Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska were in attendance.

Special guests for the weekend included Nation Grange Membership Director Amanda Brozana Rios of Pennsylvania and National Grange Youth Ambassador Garrett Phelps of New York.



*National Grange Communication Fellows Katie Squire of California, Jim Dumolt of Oregon, Carolyn Chamlee of Nevada and Lexie Suing of Oregon led a workshop on "Effective Communication Styles in a Digital World."*



*JC Junkman and Suzy Ramm learned about beer making at Bale Breaker Brewery.*



*"Preserving Your Grange Archives" kept everyone's attention including OSG President Jay Sexton who watched closely from the front row.*

### Thursday Evening

Thursday evening started with time to get acquainted. The group was led through a series of exercises intended to help learn about each other and individual's Grange experiences. One activity included a bingo game where you had to go around and get people's signatures on the Bingo sheet in squares that were true about them, but you could only get two spaces filled in by the same person.

### Friday

Friday morning started with a workshop on "Preserving Your Grange Archives" by Heather Ferguson, Washington State Grange Junior Activities Director, and Community Service Director. She discussed appropriate methods of preserving Grange documents, relaying information from her years as a museum curator and education director.

After that, the group split up with the majority loading onto tour buses and heading off for several stops. First stop was Treveri Cellars who shared the process of making sparkling wine and how it is different from non-sparkling wine. The second stop was the Bale Breaker Brewery where the owners showed the process of making beer from growing the hops to packaging and shipping. Both companies utilize locally grown grapes and hops, two major agricultural industries in the Yakima Valley.

The second group stayed at the Grange Hall to learn about making sourdough bread, homemade butter, and strawberry freezer jam. These activities were led by Scott Nicholson, Lecturer of the Montana State Grange, and Christine Hamp, National Grange President.

Upon returning to the Grange hall, the groups came back together for two additional workshops to complete the busy day. Amanda Brozana Rios presented a workshop on "Finding the Gaps: How to Conduct and Create and Community Needs Assessment." Following dinner, Kent Hojem, retired CEO of the Washington State Fair in Puyallup, gave an interesting presentation on "Generational Differences," relaying information from his fifty plus years of Grange membership and his experience in the fair industry.

**Saturday**  
Participants again boarded buses on



*Over 170 Grangers from the western states of California, Nevada, Oregon Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska attended the 2024 Western Regional conference.*

Saturday morning for the Agriculture Tour. The buses headed down through the Yakima Valley to the Kinsey Family Farm. Owner Greg Kinsey met the Grangers and discussed his asparagus farm. The group was then led out to the asparagus fields to observe asparagus harvesters. After explaining the harvest process, everyone then had the opportunity to pick asparagus for their own use. The tour then moved into the processing area where the asparagus is washed and sorted and then washed again

The next stop was at the Central Washington Ag Museum and Grange Library. After the bus drove around the grounds, passengers were then able to walk around and explore on their own. The museum was set up where visitors could use a mobile app which allowed people to get information on all the exhibits as they walked by.

Past Washington State Grange Deputy Liz Wade, one of the founding members, served as host at the Grange Library, which had been spruced up for the visit. In the library were several historical books, some written by founders Kelley and Grosh from 1875 and 1876.

After returning from the tour several more workshops were held to educate members including Making the Grange Legislative Process Work for You" Career Paths in Agriculture" Conflict Resolution" and a "Youth Fairs Panel Discussion."

Following a dinner, the WA State Grange Youth Department conducted an Impromptu Speaking Contest, and a live auction was held to support the Western Regional Fund for Hosting the National Grange Convention. The evening ended with Yakima's Broadway Grange members demonstrating contra dancing and group participation by all present.

### Sunday Morning

Sunday was a short day with a worship service led by Carolyn Hojem, Washington State Grange Chaplain

which focused on the Faith Based Lessons through Agriculture. Followed by one last workshop and then evaluation of the conference and everyone headed home.

The five State Presidents in the Western Regional had met earlier in the weekend and discussed the 2025 conference. Next year, the Western Regional Grange Leaders and Youth Conference will be held in Montana, May 15-18. The conference is designed with all ages and levels of Grange involvement in mind. Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend.

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*OSG President Jay Sexton tries his hand at asparagus harvesting.*



*Crow Grange's Derick Purdy tries his hand at asparagus harvesting.*



## 2024 State Grange Visits to All Oregon Granges

### Bandon Grange #702 Bridge Grange #730



Above: Linda Wetzell presenting the visitation information at Bridge Grange. Members from Bandon Grange attended the meeting to hear the presentation as well.

Below l-r: Receiving signs for their Granges are, John Towne, Bandon Grange President and Chris Ball, Bridge Grange President.



### Fort Rock Grange #758



Linda Wetzell, OSG Musician, presented the sign and visitation program at Fort Rock Grange.

### Little Deschutes #939



Little Deschutes Grange members looking through the information provided by the State Grange.

Below: Darlene McDonnell, President of Little Deschutes Grange with OSG Musician Linda Wetzell.



All subordinate/community Granges in Oregon will receive a visit from the Oregon State Grange bringing a presentation and the gift of a "What is the Grange" sign. These visits which started in late March and are continuing are being conducted by Oregon State Grange Officers, State Committee Directors, District Committee Chairs, County Deputies and Pomona Presidents.

As in the past, officers and directors will visit Granges they signed up to go see. The Oregon State Grange recognizes how important to the local Granges it is to have visits by representatives of the OSG and hope that the sign provided will help community Granges to explain what is the Grange and hopefully when displayed in their hall will open dialogue with non-members about the Grange.

This year's visitation and presentation will include a PowerPoint presentation (either computer projected or paper copies) and a thumb drive copy of the presentation. The presentation will explain the income and expenditures of the Oregon State Grange, the paid staff and what they do. The mechanics of the OSG Elections, proper Community Grange election process, and who owns your hall. These explanations answer very common questions and misconceptions that Grangers have shared with the State President.

The kick off meeting and distribution of items was held on March 23 at Oak Grove Grange with President Jay Sexton explaining the materials and then launching the campaign to visit all the Oregon Community granges. Many Granges have been visited this spring, the rest will see presentations over the summer.

### Mapleton #584



Peggy Jillson, OSG Junior Director, made the presentation at Mapleton Grange at their Tuesday night meeting on April 9th.

### Smith River #585 North Bayside #691



Smith River Grange members with their sign; Tonya Black, President, in the center.

Below: North Bayside Grange members Bill and Judy Grandstrom with their Grange's sign.



Above: This "What is the Grange" sign is a gift to each Grange. If yours hasn't received it yet, look forward to receiving it in the next few months.



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