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Burton Eller, a member of the National Grange staff as Legislative Director since 2014, has raised the visibility of the Grange in Washington, DC.

National Grange President to Speak on Sunday Morning

National Grange President Christine E. (Chris) Hamp, and her husband Duane will be making a short visit to the Oregon State Grange Convention. Sister Chris will be speaking to the delegate body on Sunday morning June 21st before continuing on the way to her own State Grange convention in Mt. Vernon, Washington.



Burton Eller, National Grange Legislative Director to Attend Oregon State Grange Convention

J. Burton Eller, Legislative Director of the National Grange will be the National Representative to the 2022 Oregon State Grange Annual Convention.

Brother Eller joined the National Grange staff in September 2014. He is a strategic counselor to the agricultural community, where he has represented private, corporate and trade association groups in their legislative and regulatory initiatives and advocacy efforts. He has a career-long involvement in the development of grassroots advocacy. Taking a long view of US agricultural policy, Mr. Eller has a deep passion for protecting the grassroots landowner and producer. From his personal history as an owner of a family farm to his tenure serving as the Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Mr. Eller has been a staunch champion of the agricultural community's right to operate in a free market climate. He believes that when private business entrepreneurs are allowed to thrive in a deregulated environment, they will be outstanding examples in their stewardship of natural resources such as

land, water, air and the proper care of animals.

Chief among Burton's priorities is protecting rural America from government overregulation. Examples of this include safeguarding private property rights, ensuring open channels for entrepreneurship, and relieving the burden of estate taxes which endanger the future of family-owned land, farms and small businesses. His successes include twice raising the estate tax exemption level; securing legislation requiring imported meat inspection equivalency to US standards; establishing the Beef Check-Off for research, marketing and promotion of beef products; and facilitating the acceptance of electronic grading of beef which standardized the industry across all markets.

Mr. Eller has a distinguished career in the trade association, lobbying and government sectors. His most recent positions include: Managing Partner, Burton Eller Associates; Senior Vice President for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (2008 – 2011); Deputy Under Secretary for the US Department of Agriculture (2006 – 2008); Director

at the Farm Service Agency (2003 – 2006); President and CEO at the Textile Rental Services Association of America (1999 – 2003); Senior Government Relations Counsel at McLeod, Watkinson & Miller (1996 – 1999); and Executive Vice President at the National Cattlemen's Association (1991 – 1996.) Mr. Eller holds a Masters in Physiology and a Bachelor in Animal Science from Virginia Tech.

He joined Potomac Grange #1 which meets at the National Grange headquarters. His "parents met at a corn judging contest sponsored by the local Grange" in Atkins, Virginia. His dad "won the contest, and the girl." He operates a farm in southwest Virginia that has been in his family since 1868 and over the years has been very diversified in its production. It is currently in grass, hay and beef cattle. The farm contains a lot of steep terrain and is not really feasible for cultivated crops.

This will be his second visit to the Oregon State Grange. His first visit came in 2015 when the state convention was held in Pendleton.

District 5 is Ready to Welcome you to Baker City!

Their "Still Alive in District 5" as the members of the small but mighty District 5 welcome you to this year's Oregon State Grange Convention. The convention site is the Baker High School in Baker City with all scheduled meals on site.

The convention begins on Saturday, June 20th and is scheduled to run through Thursday, June 25th although we may get done earlier.

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 and 12.

Returning this year will be several workshops and presentations, some during the early morning and others

scheduled throughout the days. Of special interest to those who's Granges wanting to apply for grants that require the recipients to be a 501 © 3, is the Foundation workshop. Learn how to have the Oregon State Grange Foundation be your fiscal sponsor to meet the requirement presented by the Foundation Trustees at 7:30 am on Wednesday morning June 24th. This opportunity could be your match for an OSG

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The President's Column

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I write my final column as President with mixed emotions. Sadness that my term is coming to an end, mixed with happiness that my term is coming to an end.

The demands of the office are manifold, and it is not the effort of the work I am happy to leave behind; it is the numerous conflicts. These occur in a variety of forms. Between Grange members, between Granges, between neighbors and Granges, and even communities and Granges. While I have tried to address these all impartially, and fairly to all concerned, the sad fact is that such conflicts illuminate a darker aspect of Grange. Much like being a law enforcement officer, who is exposed to the less pleasant aspects of humanity, it can be wearing. I will not miss this part of serving as President, and I encourage all our members to consider your actions. Do not be quick to complain about other members and strive to work well with your neighbors and community. Not only will you see the benefit of this, you will be aiding the Presidents who follow me. More than once I have written about the Charity of understanding, and it is my profound hope that message has been received.

The sadness is due to moving on

from making so many friends and being able to assist our Granges and members. I am not losing these people, but my role will transition to not having the responsibility to handle specific issues. I will continue to work with my successor and the State Grange, yet it will be under direction now. I am pleased (and surprised) to hear from so many Grange members how much they will miss me as President, and I regard this as the best testimonial regarding the effort of my service. I will not be losing my friends; I will be working alongside you now, not leading you. I will work no less diligently, however.

The work itself has been enjoyable. As an IT office worker, I found the filing, reporting, data collection, meetings with Granges and Executive Committee, representing the Grange at events such as the Small Farms Conference, National Grange workshops and conferences, Ag-Fest and State Fair, interpreting by-laws, and yes, even the bill paying to be satisfying. I have tried to keep our records up to date, represent the State Grange with respect, and manage the office to the best of my ability. It has stretched my bounds, and I feel developed my talents and abilities. I have learned more about Grange, and specifically the State

Grange in the past two years than I ever thought I could. I have tried to leave the office prepared for the next President, and while some tasks will need to transition to the next President, I hope they will be less overwhelming than I was when I started my term.

In closing, I want to encourage our members to get involved with the State Grange. We need new ideas, new officers, and the drive to chart a new path forward. Inertia will carry an organization forward for only so long. I am pleased to see some new faces running for State Officer, but it's a small number. Perhaps it seems like an overwhelming task to some, yet let me encourage you – if I can jump into the office of President with no training or experience, then any of our members are capable of serving the State Grange at any level. Yes, it requires some travel, some level of interaction with other Granges, and stepping outside your comfort zone. But the rewards are so worth it. You will make dear friends. You will help guide the State Grange into the future and have an impact on how it does so and grows. You will develop skills and leadership that will aid you the rest of your life.

Do this with intent to work. Don't just seek a pink sash, or a State Title. Be willing to do the work of another day, and most importantly, whatever you do, strive to do well. If you approach service with the State Grange with those two principles in mind, you will excel, and our State Grange will benefit.



Success Story for Central Point Grange

Another goal completed with the help of others.

The Grangers have been working on projects at Central Point Grange #698, Jackson County, over the past few years. and with the help and determination of their members, community partners, and volunteer community members, they are making strides.

Recently the Grange was able to complete the purchase and installation of new window blinds for the building and they look AMAZING! They are so very grateful to the Oregon State Grange's Matching Grant Fund for the help on this one. Grangers have been fundraising

and putting sweat equity in every turn, so this additional help is greatly appreciated.



Above: Vicky Mc Guinness, Jackie Craig, and Wayne Cabler with snacks for the crew.



Left: Central Point members show off the new blinds that they were able to purchase with the help of a State Grange Matching Grant.

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2026 Preferential Election Results for Oregon State Grange Officers

Below are the results of the 2026 Preferential Election held in Oregon Subordinate/Community Granges in April. Votes were counted at the state office on Wednesday May 13th. **The vote-getter with a majority of votes cast or the top two if no one received a majority**, will appear on the ballot at the state convention. Only nominations for Steward will

be taken from the floor on Monday morning and added to the ballot.

The final election for state officers will be held on Monday June 17 from 3:30-5:30pm. Installation of officers is scheduled to be held on Thursday June 25th starting at 1:30pm at the Baker High School in Baker City.

Master/President		Secretary	
Susan Noah	750	Mark Noah	765
David McBride	11	Blank	1
Jay Sexton	1		
Overseer/Vice President		Gatekeeper	
Jesse James O'Dell	422	Patrick Dearth	374
Georgene Barragan	353	Orrin Schnetzky	212
Steve Kroeker	1	Billy Shield	170
Lecturer		Ceres	
Susie Kroeker	770	Ari Knight	764
		JC Junkman	1
		Blank	1
Assistant Steward		Pomona	
John Fine	772	Roberta O'Dell	762
Jim Dumolt	1		
Jim J. Dumolt	1	Flora	
Orrin Schnetzky	1	Jessie Jo Guttridge	769
Lady Assistant Steward		Executive Committee #1	
Stacy Brown	773	Linda Helm	775
Chaplain		Executive Committee #2	
Cookie Trupp	772	Joyce Parker	389
Eva Frost	1	Teresa Cernac	384
Sonia French	1		
Treasurer		Executive Committee #3	
Sonny Hays-Eberts	765	Vickie High	771
Kassidy More	1	Brian Engston	1

Lecturer's Contest Entries

Entries will be accepted on **Saturday June 20th from noon-5 pm** and **Sunday June 21 8-9:30 am** in the contest display room at the Baker High School. Use the 2026 Awards, Contests and Scholarship Guide for information which was mailed to members earlier this year or is available on the OSG website.



The Lecturer's Column

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Hi Everyone,

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon at the State Grange Convention in Baker City. I hope you all bring your talent with you. Open Mic Night, Art, Photography, Diamond Dots, Rock Painting, Creative Writing, Posters, Programs, Pamphlets, Flyers, and Skit Writing contests will all be judged at the convention, and I can't wait to see what you all have to show off. We will again have "My Grange Story," an opportunity to share your Grange story or that of your family. I have an entire notebook available to fill and am looking forward to seeing many entries this year now that there is no word limit and entries may be neatly handwritten. And this year only, there is the opportunity to design the cover of the "My Grange Story" notebook. Also take a look and participate in the Celebrate America's 250th Birthday photo contests only happening this year and in 2027. Check out the Awards, Contest and Scholarship book and bring your entries.

Below is my 2025-26 State Officer/State Director report. Thank you all for your continued support for the Lecturer's program and to my family and I. We are truly blessed to call you all...

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as the Lecturer of the Oregon State Grange. Shortly after state session last year, I presented workshops on "How to create a Lecturer's Program" at the conferences in districts 2, 3, and 5. I really enjoyed meeting Grangers from around the state. In August, my committee and I oversaw a day at the State Fair log cabin where we led drawing classes on "How to draw Cartoon Farm Animals." Fairgoers had the opportunity to draw cows, chickens, sheep,

and goats. In October, Steve and I attended the 150th anniversary session of the California State Grange in Carlotta, California as both Oregon State Grange representatives as well as Grow Club members who served ice cream after their 6th degree ceremony. In November, Steve and I attended a leadership conference at Marys River Grange. Brother Sonny led a very informative conference that covered everything from "What is a Leader" to "Opportunities for Grange Leadership." In December, I attended the Director's retreat in Lincoln City where we spent an entire weekend discussing our visions of the future of the various programs of the Grange at the state level. In March, I toured South Middle School in Grants Pass as a potential site for the 2027 State Grange Session and in April, I helped at the Grange booth at Ag Fest. Throughout the year there were also various Lecturer's committee meetings, State Director meetings, and officer's practices.

My committee has been working hard making sure the contest books are up to date, that the contests run smoothly as possible, preparing for Open Mic Night, workshops, line dancing and the daily puzzles. At this time, I would like to thank Vickie Thorp, Connie Suing, Brenda Hoag, Sandi Ludi, Courtney Gordon, and the newest member of my team, Carol Fine, for all your help.

Thanks again to all of those who sponsor the Lecturer's committee contests and to those who participate. Oregon Grangers are a very talented bunch!

Thank you to everyone one who has been so supportive and helpful to me during the past two years.

Fraternally,
Susie Kroeker
Oregon State Grange Lecturer

What to bring to convention

Check list

- **Entries for the Lecturer and GWA Contests**
- **Your Grange's Goodie Basket tickets for the Youth and Young Adults raffle** (if they have not been mailed in)
- **Credentials from your Grange if you are a delegate** (if they have not been mailed in)
- **Donation items for the Community Service project** (see page 14)
- **An Apron for the GWA Apron Auction** (see page 13)
- **A notebook as there will be no committees selling them this year**
- **Your friendly smile**
- **Your enthusiasm!!!**

The Chaplain's Corner

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Here's a heartfelt prayer for a loved one, asking not for material gain but for lasting blessings—God's presence, comfort, and guidance always.

A Prayer for You

I said a prayer for you today.
And know that God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart.
Although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame,
I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind.

I asked that He'd be near you
At the start of each new day.
To grant you health and blessings,
And friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you,
In all things great and small.
But it was for His loving care,
I prayed the most of all.



In Memoriam

Kara Alford Ada #570	Jane Netboy Pleasant Valley #348
Warren De La Vergne Sunnydale #877	Betsey Norton Illinois Valley #370
Don Epling Natal #302	Carl E. (Gene) Nygen Morning Star #311
Etta Epling Natal #302	Sharon Rembiszewski Sunnydale #877
Jon Erickson Quincy #321	Dorothy Ryder Pleasant Valley #348
Thelma Gardner Salmon River #516	Dorothy Sackett Kinton #562
Ivan B Hardman Parkdale #500	Arne Smith Lowell #745
Cathy Kelly Live Oak #655	Devina Stearns Scholls #388
Jane Kirchhofer Clarks #261	Eric Strom Winona #271
Sheila Lehto Abernethy #346	Leroy Tessman Central Point #698
Lois McGlothlin Santa Clara #746	Lily Hill "Lil" Thompson Lorane #54
Kathleen Milan Winona #271	Charles Worthington McMinnville #31
Aline Murry Eagle Valley #656	Laura Wyant Irving #377



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.

Past State Secretary Moves On to the Great Grange Above

Catherine Johnston joined Ankeny Grange #540 in 1955 shortly after her marriage to Wayne Johnston and demitted from Ankeny when it closed after their hall burned in 1968 to Keizer Grange #785. While there she served in many offices including Lecturer and Secretary. She served as OSG Secretary from 2000-2004 and was a life member of the Oregon State Grange.



Born in Haines, Oregon in 1936, she married Wayne Johnston on May 24, 1954 at Baker, Oregon and they farmed in the Sidney-Talbot area west of Jefferson in Linn County most of their married life. She was living in Albany at the time of her death. She and Wayne have three sons and one daughter, eight grandchildren and fifteen great-grand-

children.

Memorials may be made to the Oregon State Grange Foundation/Scholarship Fund.

Past State Directors Move On

Jane Netboy

Jane Netboy, past state Co-director of both the Deaf Awareness and Educations committees has passed way. She was a member of Pleasant Valley Grange at the time of her death. She first joined the Friendly Grange #897 in 1990 where she served as Secretary among other officers. She was also Chaplain of Multnomah Pomona Grange.

Jane was born on December 24, 1939 in New York. She moved to Oregon with her parents and younger sister in 1952. She had autism and later in life developed Parkinson's disease.

Netboy was well-known among legislative lobbyists, advocates, and state politicians from her decades of volunteer work at the state Capitol. In 2012 she received the Governor's Volunteer Award from Governor John Kitzhaber and in 2015 Northwest Oregon Labor Council (NOLC) awarded her the labor council's "Heritage Award" for her longtime advocate for seniors and people with disabilities.

Lois McGlothlin

Lois McGlothlin served as director of the Oregon State Grange from 1993-1998. She was a life member of Santa Clara Grange #746, Lane County, where she and her husband joined in 1973. Lois served in several Grange offices and committee chairs including twenty plus years as Santa Clara's Secretary.

Lois Irene May was born January 13, 1937, in Ellensburg, Washington. She married Carl McGlothlin on August 14, 1965, in Ashland, Oregon where she was employed as a schoolteacher. They made their home in the Eugene area where she lived for the rest of her life. She passed away in late March 2026.



Mary Johnson

First Sister Elected Idaho State President Passes On

Mary Johnson, first sister elected Master of the Idaho State Grange passed away February 18, 2026. She served as Idaho's Master for six years, 1996-2002 and was the National Grange Chaplain from 1997 to 2005.

Mary and her husband Don visited the Oregon State Grange Convention many times while they were each State Master and made lots of Oregon Grange friends.

She is survived by their sons: Chuck Johnson (Sarah) of Meridian, Idaho, Norm Johnson (Jamie) of Adrian, Oregon and Greg Johnson of Caldwell, Idaho. She has eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mary's name to Kuna FFA: Don and Mary Scholarship Foundation, C/O Kuna High School, 637 E. Deer Flat Rd. Kuna, ID 83634.



L-r: Teresa Cernac – Warren Grange #536, Joyce Parker – Springwater Grange #263 and Tim Dehne – Lcomb Grange #907 help youngsters plant tomatoes and marigolds to take home.

It Was a Busy Weekend at Ag Fest

The 39th annual Oregon Ag Fest was held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, Oregon, April 25-26, and the Oregon State Grange was excited to again be a part of it. Located in AG Country - which is the heart and soul of the Oregon Ag Fest - is where the Oregon State Grange's activity center was located.

Oregon Grange volunteers, Grangers, family and friends, helped the visitors transplant seedlings into peat pots to go home with them and talked "Grange" to Oregon families. Plenty of tomatoes and marigolds were grown this year so there were still plants at the end.

A special **Thank You** to Paula and Vernon Herrick, of Herrick Farm and members of Walterville Grange, who grew over 6000 marigold and

tomato seedlings for the event. Also thank you to these Grangers who helped at the Grange activity center during Ag Fest.



R: Linda Pugh, Ada Grange #570 holds a marigold as a child puts dirt in a pot.

Thank You Ag Fest Volunteers

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

Breanna Hays-McKay
Cookie Trupp
Dan Keeley
Deryk Myers
Heather Elliott
Jay Sexton
JoAnne Keeley
Joyce Parker
Linda Pugh
Maegen Snell-Pimm
Mark Noah
Paula Herrick
Peggy Jillson
Roberta Elders

Shelsea Clason
Shirley Gilman
Sonny Hays-Eberts
Steve Kroeker
Susie Kroeker
Susan Noah
Suzy Ramm
Teresa Cernac
Terry Jackson
Tim Dehne
Toni Hoyman
Tracy Metzker
Vernon Herrick
Vicki Thorpe

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District 5 Welcomes you to Baker City!

grant State President Sonny Hays-Eberts be explaining at his Monday morning presentation

Several days have themes: Sunday is "Wear your Grange pins and buttons," Monday is "Ducks vs. Beavers or ??? – Support your team!"

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.



The Agricultural Report

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I thought lambing was over. All the carefully organized breeding groups of ewes and rams delivered 37 lambs from late March to mid-April.

All as projected. Then, shots were given, ear tags inserted, tails were docked and now all those treated lambs are frolicking in the farthest pasture with their moms.

It was a hard morning today, equipment broke, bills were due, and I didn't have milk for my coffee. Then I looked out the living room window into the "unbred" yearling ewe paddock...and their it was. A lamb. A tiny lamb. It was standing near a ewe whose temperament is somewhat on the wild side. I had just given that ewe a pre-shearing warm wash, but I did not notice any signs of an imminent birth. After all, these young ewes had not been exposed to a ram...but there she was. A surprise lamb. So delicate and small, and so bouncy and strong!

Nine other yearling ewes shared that paddock last fall. Rams jump fences, so I guess there may be more lambs.

These yearling ewes, as well as their counterpart ram lambs, have been undergoing a series of internal parasite control measures. Two types of wormers, clear and white. Treat once, then wait ten days and treat again. Twenty young animals to corral and force twenty ML of

liquid into their mouths. They hate it, pursing their mouths and twisting their heads to thwart the drench syringe. There are many internal parasites in livestock, but Barber Pole stomach worms are the worst. They cling to the stomach lining and suck red blood cells, causing anemia. A sheep shows little sign other than some energy and weight loss, and they collapse unexpectedly.

There is no way to completely remove these critters that live in my sheep. But monitoring fecal matter using slides and microscopes can identify the little beasts, and treatment can keep the animals as healthy as possible. A costly endeavor if using a Veterinarian, and I did not have time, money, or expertise in such an endeavor. Then along came my new friend Bill. He has taken on this challenge, and we spent hours preparing slides and counting parasite eggs. Amazingly, some yearlings had no parasite eggs...good to know when selecting replacement ewes.

I just thought you all might find this interesting, I know I am excited to have better management tools on the farm.

And, as a final thing to share...this is my last column as Ag. Director. I am retiring from most Grange leadership positions and focusing on my farm. I have gardens to tend, sheep to worm, and grandkids to take to the lake! Sounds fun!

Bellview Grange Adds Apple Trees to Their Food Forest

Three years ago, volunteers and students from Bellview Elementary School, working in partnership with the Global Tree Initiative and Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County, planted 100 trees and shrubs to establish a Food Forest. The project transformed the Grange parking lot into a regenerative garden filled with fruit, nut, and berry trees and shrubs for neighbors and members to enjoy.

This year, on Valentine's Day, the community welcomed two new tree companions: Red Braeburn and Mutsu apple. The idea came from Dawn Hightree, who suggested planting new trees and holding a ceremony to honor the earth. She wrote to the Grange president, and members unanimously agreed, contributing funds and volunteer support.

Talia Rose and Chris Hardy dug the wide, deep holes. Julie Caldwell gently unpacked the root balls.

Chris demonstrated how to orient the new growth toward the southwest sun so the limbs would shade the trees during the summer heat. Dawn filled the holes with a blend of soil and compost, while Chris ensured each root ball sat slightly above the soil line. The trees were then mulched with last year's leaves and a layer of bark chips.

Talia Rose led a heartfelt dedication ceremony celebrating the earth and the coming spring. The three women sang and hummed as garden-guardian Chris Hardy added just the right amount of water.

Visitors are always welcome at the Bellview Grange Food Forest, located at 1050 Tolman Creek Road in Ashland.



Community Service/Involvement

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You may be asking yourself, what, exactly, is community service? In simple words, it is voluntary work done to benefit others and to improve the community without compensation.

Some of the more common examples are:

- Serving Seniors: helping at meal sites with cooking/serving
- Serving Students: awarding scholarships, donating school items such as notebooks, pencils, and dictionaries known as Words for Thirds
- Serving Veterans: making and donating quilts, writing encouraging notes to active-duty members
- Serving Homeless: donating blankets, hats, scarves, coats
- Serving First Responders: providing a meeting space along with beverages and snacks
- Helping pets, animal shelters: donating pet food or needed items
- Serving adults: transporting medical appointments, donating to food pantries, donating career-attire for attending job interviews
- Serving those who have gone on: Cemetery clean-up, placing markers
- Serving families: sponsoring a

family game or movie night

- Serving the World Around Us: Clearing trails, picking up trash along roadways, recycling

The fun part is, anyone of any age and of any skill level, can participate!

Some "outside the box" ideas are:

- **Birthday Box Kits:** Assemble and donate kits (cake mix, icing, balloons, candles) to a local homeless shelter to help families celebrate birthdays.
- **Little Free Pantry:** Instead of a library, stock a free outdoor pantry for neighbors in need.
- **Neighborhood "Welcome Committee":** Create a group that prepares welcome baskets or information packets for new residents to strengthen community bonds.

What I like about these ideas is that Grangers are interacting with non-Grangers and potentially gaining new members! What ideas can you think of? Please share!!

Remember, Granges are a legally recognized non-profit 501c8 organization. This means community service is done to justify each Grange tax-exempt status. Be sure to keep track of those projects and hours.

Goldson Grange Awards Two Agriculture Scholarships

The Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, awarded two 4H/FFA scholarships in May. These awards may be used for livestock purchases, college savings, and more. Goldson Grange is pleased to be able to help support their goals.

The first recipient was Lake Dilley, 10 years old. Lake has been in 4-H for two years. He lives in Pleasant Hill, Oregon, and is a member of the East Lane 4-H Small Animals Club and Creswell Community



Lake Dilley with one of his goats.

4-H Club. His projects include bees, gardening, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, cooking, and small animals.

He has two baby Nubian goats and two older Nigerian Dwarf goats. He chose the Nigerians for their high-butterfat milk and intelligence, and he plans to milk the goats year-round. Lake said, "I need a milk goat stanchion and a small milking machine. With supplies, they will cost about \$400.

He is very grateful to have won the grant, and Goldson Grange is pleased to support such an ambitious 10-year-old. Congratulations Lake!

The second recipient was Natalie Lawson, 18 years old. Natalie is a senior at Junction City High School. She joined 4-H to learn how to care for and work and show livestock. Her most recent 4-H project was a Hampshire cross lamb weighing about 130 pounds. She won Senior Showmanship at the Lane County fair.

Natalie is a full-time student and dedicated 4-H member. Active in

L-r: Annette Naylor of Clarkes Grange, Joyce Parker from Springwater Grange and Mark Noah from Mohawk McKenzie Grange decide which baskets to deposit their raffle tickets on. The raffle was a fundraiser for the park bench.



Sunnyside Raises Funds for Memory Bench on Trail

Sunnyside Grange #842 in Clackamas County is raising funds to purchase a Park bench for the Mt. Scott Trail as part of their Community Service Project. The Park bench will be dedicated to memory of former Grange member; Bob Ludi, who passed away on January 2, 2024. Bob was very active serving in several offices and committees on the Subordinate, Clackamas Pomona, and State Grange levels. He would have received his 60 years of

Grange membership this year.

If you would like to donate to this important cause, please send a check made out to:

Sunnyside Grange
Sandi Ludi
18275 Myra Ct.
Sandy, Oregon 97055

Any amount, no matter how big or small, will be appreciated. Thank you so much in advance.

White Clover Hosts Creative Community Members

The Coastal Community Creatives have been busy at the White Clover Grange #784, Tillamook county, making cat beds for local area animal shelters. A few of their favorites were made from quilts that were showing a lot of signs of wear and tear, but still had another life left in them.



Above: Valerie Gage presenting cat beds to Jamie with United Paws in Tillamook.

The Creatives Group started in 2025 as a way for local Artists and Crafters to gather and share skills,



experiences, and fellowship. The group meets each Thursday afternoon September through May at the Grange hall, taking the summer off to enjoy all the sunshine.

Left: The Coastal Community Creatives group at work making the cat beds.

cross-country, track and field, chess club, book club, and Scandinavian dancing, and she serves as her 4-H club president.

Goldson Grange is proud to support this driven young woman in her future endeavors.





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Ada Member Collects Donation for Honor Flights

Ada Grange #570 member Harold Johnson learned that The South Willamette Valley Honor Flight had to cancel their April trip due to lack of funds. He went to the Florence Elks Lodge Board of Governors to request a donation from their

Veteran Funds and was able to get a \$6000 donation to be used for a flight later this year.

Harold and his grandson Christopher Johnson had an opportunity to take an Honor Flight last year.



Harold Johnson (middle) with the Florence Elks Lodge Board of Governors and a big check.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

June 10	Deadline for reports from Granges on "Bloodmobiles and Blood Donations"
June 20-25	Oregon State Grange Convention District 5 – Baker High School, Baker City
July 30	1st Quarter Report due to the state Grange office
August 28 – September 7	Oregon State Fair Grange Log Cabin Salem, Oregon
September 1	Distinguished Grange Program Applications due to National Grange "Grange in Action" application Deadline Grange Legacy Family application Deadline
September 15	990n ePostcard deadline for most Granges
November 10-14	160 th National Grange Convention Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
June 2027	Oregon State Grange Convention District 1 – Grants Pass
November 2027	161 st National Grange Convention Sparks, Nevada



Are you a Grange in Action?

Apply to be recognized as a **Grange in Action** for being active in your community and completing events or projects

Simple application of one letter-sized page with pictures and captions of at least 3, but no more than 6 events or activities held between Sept. 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026 for your Grange.

- If one of your events/activities/meetings is on Project Sustenance, you will qualify as a "Diamond Grange in Action."
- If one of your events/activities/meetings is on Mental Health, you will qualify as a "Golden Grange in Action."

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1



Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Hello Grangers, and welcome back. I feel this last year has been especially trying for all of us and as we begin a new spring, I'd like us to concentrate on one thing, and if ever an organization was born to do this, it's us. I'd like us to focus on eliminating loneliness. I know that sounds like a big ask, but evidence indicates the devastating effects of loneliness are significantly decreasing our mental health, and many experts agree that loneliness has become public health enemy #1.¹

In 2014 the U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, went on a cross-country listening tour, where he visited all parts of the country and one theme kept emerging. People from all walks of life spoke of feeling isolated, invisible, and insignificant. Even when they didn't identify loneliness by name, they spoke of a profound sense of disconnection.¹

For Grangers, this isn't the first time we've heard this story. In 1867 Oliver Kelley went on a fact-finding mission himself, and he described the rural South as a land "devastated by war and people burdened with distrust, debt, and depression."³ In particular, he was concerned by the farmer's lack of social life and connection to their neighbors, and the Grange was formed to build that bridge between neighbors.

In truth, loneliness is far more than just a bad feeling. It harms us and the lack of social connection has a significant economic cost to individuals, society, and communities.⁴ As part of a social species, human beings require social relationships for both our mental and physical well-being. Loneliness can lead to various psychiatric disorders such as depression, anxiety, alcohol and substance misuse, child abuse, sleep disorders, and Alzheimer's disease.¹

Surprisingly, loneliness can also lead to various physical disorders such as diabetes, auto immune disorders like rheumatoid arthritis and lupus, obesity, hypertension, coronary heart disease, increased physiological aging, even cancer.² Many experts believe that being in a prolonged period of loneliness compromises the neural paths in our brain that underly our cognition and memory centers, making lonely people more vulnerable to mental decline.² Research also indicates that loneliness, as a source of chronic stress, has been associated with impaired cellular immunity, and may be as bad for your health as obesity or smoking 15 cigarettes

a day. Evidence also confirmed that individuals experiencing loneliness are more likely to suffer from feelings of hopelessness and suicide ideation.³ All experts agree that, left unchecked, loneliness can have serious consequences.² In fact, loneliness and isolation pose significant risks for individual and population health and longevity, and can increase the risk for premature death by 26% and 29% respectively. They are also associated with a 29% increased risk for heart disease, a 32% increased risk for stroke.

What can we do about this? The sheer number of people feeling lonely and disconnected is daunting, and it seems almost impossible to know where to start. What can we do to actually make a lasting difference? We do what we were built to do. We connect with our neighbors, reach out to the community, and offer fellowship to those who need it. Because, as it turns out, the structure, function, and quality of our relationships with others is a critical and underappreciated contribution to population health, and community safety, resilience, and prosperity. We are important to our community's health and well-being. What we do for each other and our communities is important and meaningful and has the potential to make crucial and lasting changes.

So, as we head over to Baker City for our annual convention, let's bring our A game. As one of the more sparsely populated parts of our state, I'm sure those living in Baker County have a thing or two to say about feeling isolated and lonely. At the Deaf Awareness & Family Health booth, please look for the giant Post-its on the wall. We would like to hear from you. What has helped your Grange make community connections? What do you feel is still missing? Let's share what we know and do what the Grange does best, connect with our community.

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The Education Committee

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In the state of Oregon, school funding is largely based on student enrollment. School districts effectively manage three financial years at the same time: the prior year, the current year, and the upcoming year. Enrollment projections made in one year are not finalized until the following year. If a district projected higher enrollment than it actually received, the district must repay the difference using current funds, creating additional financial pressure on already strained budgets.

The following figures show the statewide decline in student enrollment since the 2018–2019 school

year:

- 2018–2019: approximately 581,700 students
- 2019–2020: approximately 582,600 students (peak enrollment)
- 2020–2021: approximately 560,900 students — a sharp decline of more than 20,000 students
- 2021–2022: approximately 553,000 students — continued decline of about 8,000 students
- 2022–2023: approximately 547,400 students
- 2023–2024: continued decline, with more than 35,000 fewer students than in 2019–20

Grange Helps Nestucca Students in Bridge Building Competition

Sandlake Grange #546, Tillamook County, was very proud to be able to assist two seniors of Nestucca High School in Tillamook County on their April trip to Chicago, Illinois to the International Bridge Competition.

Trystin Rose and Noe Lopez Solis are both students of the Principles of Engineering class and competed in the 2026 Oregon Regional Bridge Building Competition held at the University of Portland. Eight Nestucca students competed and all finished among the top ten placers, with Trystin and Noe finishing first and second respectively, qualifying them for the International Bridge Competition held April 25 in Chicago.

The bridges are made from 3/32" square basswood sticks and held together with wood glue adhesive. Each year bridge design specifications change to vary loading locations, bridge heights, spans, and support locations.

The Sandlake Grange was very proud of all who competed. The Grange presented both young men with a little donation to help make their accomplishment and trip a little more memorable and encouraged them to have a slice of Chicago Pizza.



L-r: Trystin Rose and Noe Lopez Solis recognized at Sandlake Grange



Ada Grange Member Runs Boston Marathon

Ada Grange #570, Lane County, life member, Brian Scholfield ran the 130th Boston Marathon on April 20th. It was a dream of his and his late father-in-law to run the marathon. Brian placed 12,071 out of 29,376 total runners and finished 1,671 out of 5,760 in his age group (ages 18-39).

Congratulations Brian.



2026 Oregon State Grange Convention Conferences and Presentation Schedule

Sunday, June 21st

2 pm

How to use an AED – Cameron Diacetis, Baker City Fire Department

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) are becoming more available in Grange halls and other public building but are of no use if no one knows how to operate them. Learn how they work and is this something your Grange should acquire?

2:15 pm

Orientation for all delegates.

New to the Convention? Come, ask questions, get involved, delegates & non-delegates invited

Monday, June 22nd

7:30-8:30 am

OSG Grants and more! - Sonny Hays-Eberts

The OSG Matching Grant program: What are Grants for? Who can apply? What is the process? When are the deadlines?

7:30-8:30 am

Producing a Community Grange Newsletter - Judy Hays-Eberts

Effectively reach your members and community with your Grange's newsletter. Why it's important and how to make it work for you. Examples, tips, and suggestions.

4 – 5pm

Bridging Divides by SAGE Citizen Project - Bill Howe
SAGE (Senior Advocates for Generational Equity) engages older adults in causes that benefit younger and future generations.

7- 8 pm

Infrequent Grange Events Workshop – Learn how to vote for/elect Community and Pomona Grange Officers, the Installation of Officers ceremony and the Draping the Charter ceremony for those members who have passed away.

Tuesday, June 23rd

8:30–9:30 am

DAFH – The Loneliness Epidemic - Lilly Anderson
What is loneliness and how does it affect our health? Join us to learn about what many experts agree may be public health enemy #1. For the past year, your Deaf Awareness & Family Health Committee have been exploring the topic of loneliness and invite you to come learn about resources and suggestions for you and your community to provide the types of social interaction that benefit health and wellbeing.

8:30–9:30 am

Lecturer's Workshop – Rock Painting with Linda Wetzell

4:15-4:45 am

America's 250th Birthday

Wednesday, June 24th

7:30-8:30 am

GWA Workshop - Learn about the Baker City Relief Nursery

7:30-8:30 am

OSG Foundation and Fiscal Sponsorship - Foundation Trustees

Does your Grange want to apply for grants that require the recipients to be a 501 © 3? Learn how to have the Oregon State Grange Foundation be your fiscal sponsor to meet the requirement.



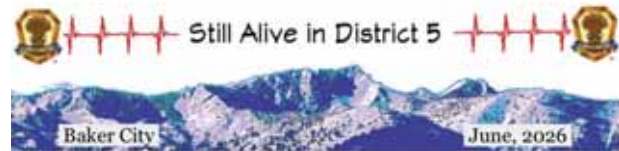


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Annual Convention Oregon State Grange

June 20-25, 2026

Baker High School School
2500 E Street
Baker City, Oregon



Tentative Schedule ~ Oregon State Grange Convention

"Still Alive in District 5"

Friday, June 19th		7 pm	Open Mic, Adult and Junior, Public Speaking Contest – Main Hall Honor Grange Awards Community Service – Volunteer of the Year award
12 pm	Set up facility		
Saturday, June 20th		9 pm	State Officers practice including Sixth Degree – Main Hall <i>Closed to All but The State Officers.</i>
8 am	Set up facility		
8:30 am	Tours		
10 am	Rosebud Drill Practice – Main Hall <i>Closed to All but participants</i>		
Noon-5 pm	GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook, and Junior contest entries accepted – Display Hall		
1-4 pm	Registration opens – Pre-registration suggested, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Main Entry Following days will have packets and name badges available for pre-registered attendees. On-site registration will be limited. Degree tickets will be sold today and tomorrow prior to the 5 th and 6 th degrees. Registration - Main entry		
2 pm	Junior contests - talent, public speaking, and sign-a-song contestants register in the Junior Room – TBD Youth sponsored public speaking, and sign-a-song contestants register with the State Youth Director. Open Mic contestants register with the State Lecturer. Memorial-Worship Service Practice – Main Hall <i>Closed to All but participants</i>	8-9 am	Sunday, June 21st Wear your Grange pins and buttons Registration open, pre-registration requested. Name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Registration - Main Entry. 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 th and 6 th degrees. Registration - Main Entry
3 pm	Fifth Degree practice – Main Hall <i>Closed to All but Team Members</i>	8-9:30 am	GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries accepted. Area closed until after judging completed – Display Hall
4:30 pm	Open Mic participants meet with State Lecturer; Public Speaking contestants meet with Youth Director – Auditorium	9:45 am	Ceremonial opening in the 6 th Degree (State Officers line up 9:30) <i>(Then lowered to the 4th degree 10:00 – All Grangers may Enter)</i> - Main Hall Roll Call First Report of Credentials Committee Adoption of the Official Program
5:30 pm	Kickoff Banquet – Commons/Dining Area	10 am	Introduction of Host Committee Chair – David McBride Welcome to Baker City & Baker County State Senator Todd Nash 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
		11 am	State President's Annual Address Assignment of portions of Annual Address by Division of Labor Committee



11 am	State President's Good of the Order Address Assignment of portions of Good of the Order Address by Division of Labor Committee. National President Chris Hamp Closing in the Fourth Degree – OSG Vice President, Steve Krocker	4 – 5pm	Presentation – Bridging Divides by SAGE Citizen Project
		5-7 pm	Dinner break
		7- 8 pm	Infrequent Grange events Workshop – How to vote for Officers, Installation of Officers and Draping the Charter, Room 103
12:15 pm	Foundation Luncheon - <i>All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. Annual Meeting of Foundation follows lunch.</i> – Commons/Dining Area	7-9 pm	Pie and Coffee (provided by Veterans Committee), Social time – Dining Area
1:30 pm	GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior area Judging begins – Display Hall	7:45 – 9 pm	Line Dancing – Main Hall Social Time – Commons/Dining Hall
2:00 pm	Workshop: How to use an AED – Cameron Diacetis, Baker City FD, Room 103	9:15 pm	Youth Officers practice – Main Hall - <i>Closed to All but State Youth Officers</i>
2-3:30 pm	Registration Open – 5 th and 6 th degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before Degree begins – Registration – Main Entry	Tuesday, June 23rd Wear Red Tennis Shoes to Support our Juniors! Red, White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans	
2:15 pm	Orientation for all delegates. New to the Convention? Come, ask questions, get involved, delegates & non-delegates invited – Main Hall		
3 pm	Committee Meetings - Commons/Dining Area	6:30-8 am	Grange Benefits Breakfast – Commons/Dining Hall
3:30 pm	Overview of first four Degrees - Main Hall	8 – 9 am	Registration opens – Pre-registration suggested, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Registration – Main Entry
4 pm	5 th Degree Exemplified by the Grow Club and Friends	8:30–9:30 am	Presentations: • DAFH – The Loneliness Epidemic, Room 103 • Lecturer's Workshop – Rock Painting with Linda Wetzell Room 104
5:30-7:30	Dinner break – <i>Enjoy the area restaurants. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange</i>	10 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree (State Officers line up 9:45) – Main Hall Roll Call Reading and adopting Monday's Journal Report of Credentials Committee
6-7 pm	Registration Open – 6 th degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before Degree begins – Registration - Main Entry	10:30 am	Presentation by State Junior Grange – Main Hall Resolutions
7:30 pm	6 th Degree – Oregon State Grange Officers – Officers present by 7 pm – Main Hall	Noon	Membership Luncheon – <i>All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. Membership awards will be presented.</i> – Commons/Dining Area
9:45 pm	Youth Officers practice – Main Hall - <i>Closed to All but State Youth Officers</i>	1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Main Hall
Monday, June 22nd Ducks vs. Beavers or ??? – Support your team!		1:30 pm	Tribute to Grange Veterans and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Presentation – Main Hall
		4:15-4:45 am	Presentation: • America's 250th Birthday
7:30-8:30 am	Presentations • OSG Grants and more! Sonny Hays-Eberts, Room 103 • Producing a Community Grange Newsletter. Judy Hays-Eberts Room 104	5-7 pm	Dinner break GROW Club No-Host Dinner - starts at 5:15 pm
8 – 9 am	Registration opens – Pre-registration suggested, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Main Entry	7 pm	Silent Auction closes Apron Auction Oral Auction Session reconvenes (possible social time)
9 am	Memorial Service, direction by Cookie Trupp State Chaplain – Main Hall	9 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree – TBA
10 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree (State Officers line up 9:45) – Main Hall Roll Call Reading and adopting Sunday's Journal Report of Credentials Committee 2027 Budget Committee Report Resolutions	9 pm	Youth Officers practice – Main Hall - <i>Closed to All but State Youth Officers</i>
Noon	GWA Luncheon - <i>All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. Director Report and Scholarship winners will be presented during luncheon.</i> – Commons/Dining Area	Wednesday, June 24th Wear Green to Support our Youth!	
1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Main Hall Community Service Awards		
2:30-3:30 pm	National Grange Representative Burton Eller	7:30-8:30 am	Presentations • GWA Workshop, Room 103 • OSG Foundation and Fiscal Sponsorship – Joyce Parker, Room 104
3:30 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree – Carol Everman	8:30 am	Youth Officer photos
3:30–5:30 pm	Final Election of State Officers – Room 102	8–9 am	Registration opens – Pre-registration suggested, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site

9 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree by State Youth Officers (Line up 8:45) – Main Hall Roll Call Reading and adopting Tuesday's Journal Report of Credentials Committee Resolutions
Noon	Youth Luncheon & "Goodie Basket" drawings - <i>All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion.</i> – Commons/ Dining Area
1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Main Hall
2 pm	Recognition of Past State Officers and Directors – Main Hall
5-7 pm	Dinner break – <i>Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange.</i>
7 pm	Session reconvenes (Possible Social Time) Resolutions
9 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree – by TBD Entries in the GWA, Lecturers, Youth and Junior contests may be picked up following the closing. Display Hall

Thursday, June 25th

8 am	Pick up entries in the GWA, Lecturer, Youth and Junior contests – Display Hall
9 am	Opening in the 4 th Degree (State Officers line up 8:45 am) – Main Hall Roll Call Reading and adopting Wednesday's Journal Resolutions
10:30 am	Thank you to District #5
11 am	Invitation by District #1 to visit in 2027 (Grants Pass)
Noon	Lunch break - <i>Enjoy the area restaurants. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange.</i>
1:30 pm	Installation of Elected State Officers (2/3 vote to change day of installation)
2:30 pm	All other unfinished business Final report of Credentials Committee
4 pm	(or when finished) Closing in Fourth Degree – OSG President

See you next year in District #1 at Grants Pass!



2026 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE Oregon State Grange Youth and Young Adults June 20 – June 24

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 schedule. Here are some highlights that are particularly aimed at the Y&YA age group.

Saturday

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

7 pm Public Speaking Contest – Main Hall

Sunday

9:30 pm Youth Officers practice – Main Hall - *Closed to All but State Youth Officers*

Monday

3:30-5:30 pm Final Election of State Officers – *make sure you vote if you are a delegate*

7-9 pm Pie and Coffee (provided by Veterans Committee), Social time – Dining Area

7:45-9 pm Line Dancing – Main Hall
Social Time/Grange Trivia – Dining area

9 pm Youth Officers practice – Main Hall - *Closed to All but State Youth Officers*

Tuesday

9 pm Youth Officers practice – Main Hall - *Closed to All but State Youth Officers*

Wednesday

8:30 am Youth officer pictures - Main Hall

9 am Opening in the Fourth Degree by State Youth Officers (Line up 8:45) – Main Hall

Noon Youth Luncheon & "Goodie Basket" drawings - Dining area



Be an Oregon State Grange Youth Officer Grange Youth and Young Adults

- Are you between the ages of 13.5 and 35?
- Are you considering attending all or part of the 2026 Oregon State Grange convention in June in Baker City?
- Would you be interested in serving as a State Youth officer?

If so, please contact the Oregon State Grange youth committee and mention the position you are interested in.

office@orgrange.org or brehays@gmail.com

88th Oregon State Junior Grange Convention ~ Tentative Schedule

June 20 – June 25

Baker High School ~ Baker City, 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. 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 20

- 8:30 am** Meet the bus at the school to join Ag Tour
(MUST PRE-REGISTER BY JUNE 1)
- 2 pm** **Junior Room OPEN** (Approximate opening time based on return from Ag Tour.)
- 2 pm** Junior Talent for Open Mic Night, Public Speaking register with Junior Director.
- 5 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**
Pick up your Child(ren) no later than 5:10 pm
- 5:30 pm** Kickoff Banquet (Pre-register Juniors by family. Ticket price reimbursed by Junior Department)
- 7 pm** Open Mic Night, Public Speaking Contest

SUNDAY June 21

- 8 9:30 am** Junior Contest entries accepted – Display Area
- 9 am** SIGN IN – Junior Room
Verify permission slip and contact information before leaving your child(ren)
- 9:30 am** Juniors attend State Officers Opening Drill (designated seating area)
- 10 am** **Junior Room OPEN**
Junior Meeting
- 12 noon** **Junior Room CLOSED**
Lunch Break – Pick up your child(ren) no later than 12:10 pm
- 1:30 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
- 5:30 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**
Dinner Break – Pick up your child(ren) no later than 5:40 pm
- 7 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
Junior will have a quiet evening, but will view the Rosebud Drill and join family at the close of the 6th degree for refreshments. Please pick up your child(ren) as soon as possible after the degree.

MONDAY June 22

- 8:30 am** **Junior Room OPEN** - SIGN IN at Jr. Room
- 9 am** Junior Meeting
- 9:45 am** Attend State Officers Opening Drill, then return to Junior Room.
- 12 noon** **Junior Room CLOSED**
Lunch Break – Pick up child(ren) no later than 12:10 pm
- 1:30 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**

- 5 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED** Pick your Junior(s) up no later than 5:10 pm

TUESDAY June 23 – RED KICKS DAY

- 8:30 am** SIGN-IN – Junior Room
- 9:45 am** Attend State Officers opening Drill
- 10 am** **Junior Room OPEN**
Final Prep for Junior Presentation
- 10:30 am** Junior Grange Presentation to Session
- 12 noon** **Junior Room CLOSED** Pick up your child(ren) no later than 12:10
- 1:15 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
- 1:30 pm** Juniors join Tribute to Grange Veterans

- 5 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED** Pick up child(ren) no later than 5:10

- 6:50 pm** **Junior Room OPEN** (Quiet time)

- 9 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**
After session, please pick up your child(ren) ASAP.

WEDNESDAY June 24

- 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 noon** **Junior Room CLOSED**
Break for lunch – Pick up your child(ren) no later than 12:10 pm

- 1:20 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**

- 5 pm** **Junior Room CLOSED**
Dinner Break – Pick up your child(ren) no later than 5:10 pm

- 6:50 pm** **Junior Room OPEN**
After session, please pick up your child(ren) ASAP.

THURSDAY June 25

- 8:50 am** Junior Room OPEN if main session continues on Thursday

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





GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"



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Go Right On Working- the words are an anthem for ALL Grangers. As we move through the experience from new member to officer and contributing our best, to mentor for the next generation. For those who represented Oregon at National Grange through their Youth Grange participation, it is especially dear as we grow up in the Grange and continue in the roles we select.

Past, present and Future Grangers have the chance to build a better Grange by assuming this anthem as their motto. In that vein, this article checks in on the past, talks about our present offerings, and puts forth a deep desire for our future.

PAST: Perhaps this will bring back memories and a smile for some other GROW Club members. It would be fun to hear your memories, as well. Things such as the annual Spring and Fall Youth Conferences. Granges across the state hosting the Youth for a weekend of snacks, spoons, and Granging in the kitchen. Marching in time to Gary Force playing Maple Leaf Rag (or Glow Worm) like you've never heard before or since. Dale and Candy taking us through drill formations, inverted corners, wheels and spirals and LEFT, Left, Left/right, LEFT! You've never been taken to court

until you've been called as a defendant in the High Kangaroo Court. Silliness with Bill and Winnie, Grants Pass Cavemen and Chinese fire drills. Saturday night's dance when a random Granger would sit down at the piano and play "House of the Rising Sun." Camp Cleanup (aka Youth Camp) at Skyline Lodge the weekend before Junior Grange. Oh, the shenanigans!

PRESENT: Our GROW Club is available to perform ritual tasks that your Grange may need. For example: members of the GROW Club and our FOGY (Friends of Grange Youth) will be putting on the Fifth Degree at this year's state session. Come take a look, and see if this is something you need in your county, Pomona, or local community Grange. With sufficient notice, we can field a team to your location. Also, each newly elected team of officers should be installed; this is another task that we make available to Granges. Whether for your local community Grange or at the Pomona/County level. Other needs? Contact one of the GROW Club board members listed below and see if we can assist.

FUTURE: What do you see as options for the future and growth of our beloved Grange? Do you see campouts and gatherings for sharing ideas and success stories? Do you see more Ice Cream Socials that give Granges the excuse to bring community members and hesitant new members to mingle and get to know you? Do you believe that young people belong in a Grange? Let's find ways to make the future of the Grange better, brighter, and more vibrant in every community. ... and Go Right On Working.

The current board of directors are:

District 1 John Fine
District 2 Steve Kroeker
District 3 Stacy Brown
District 4 Vacant
District 5 Gail Wilson
At-Large Mark Noah - President



2026 Oregon State Grange Grow Club Dinner

Tuesday June 23rd
5:15 pm

Location to be determined.

Listen for announcements from the Overseer/Vice President's Station to sign up for food.

Give some thought to auction items.

National Grange has partnered with Life Line Screening to provide convenient, preventive health screenings to help detect risk for stroke and cardiovascular disease at a special rate for our members.

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GWA

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OSG Grange Workers Activities Director

The GWA committee is looking forward to State Session this year in Baker City and we are meeting soon to make sure we are ready to show off your beautiful entries. Most categories are the same as last year although we have added a couple of new items in canning. Look through the 2026 contest guide to make sure you have the most up to date information and then pack your entries! **Don't forget that the Grange with the largest number of entries will receive a check for \$150 and the individual with the most entries will receive a check for \$100.**

Contest Entry Times

We are still making small changes to the entry times in order to allow the committee to participate in the activities of the session and to make sure that we are organized for the judging. Setting up on Friday this year allows us to open for entries at noon on Saturday, with closing at 5:00 pm, however the Sunday entry hours will only be from 8:00 to 9:30 am. This allows the committee to be in the hall for the opening and gives them time to set up for the judging. Judging this year will start at 1:30 and shortly following the judging, we should be open for viewing. These small changes to timing will allow us to organize and show off the nearly 90 different contests we offer and should allow us to open the area to members in a timelier manner.

Apron Auction!

Our Committee continues to want to make a difference in the community, and this year we choose to do that by the inclusion of an apron auction. To be candid we appropriated the idea from the California State Grange. At their session they raised nearly \$800 for their cause,

and we saw some normally quiet men strut, shake, and shimmy as they showed off the donated aprons, including our own Steve Kroeker and Jesse O'Dell. The funds we raise are earmarked for the Baker City Relief Nursery.

The Mission Statement of the Baker City Relief Nursery reads: *To nurture rural children and families to be safe and successful while empowering parents to be their best selves.* All ideas that the Grange also embodies, so choosing them to receive our auction proceeds was a no-brainer. I hope all of our members will join in the fun of the auction and donate a homemade or purchased apron and raise your hand in the auction to take home a great new apron!

For those who wish to enter the contests, but are not planning on attending in person, entries may be dropped off at the state headquarters (as long as the entry information is completed and attached to item) or find someone in your area who will be going, or get them to me or one of our committee members and we will make sure they are entered. These entries add so much to our convention. The traditional crafts and skills that are displayed in these entries are most certainly a nod to our cultural heritage and often display age-old techniques that have been passed down through generations. For myself, I am often in awe of the creations we receive and hope that these contests bring as much pleasure to the rest of the members and delegates as they do to me.

See you in June where we can all reconnect with old friends and look forward to making new one!

GWA Contest Entries

Entries will be accepted on **Saturday June 20th from noon-5 pm** and **Sunday June 21st 8-9:30 am** in the contest display room at the Baker High School. Use the 2026 Awards, Contests and Scholarship Guide for information which was mailed to members earlier this year or is available on the OSG website.



Morning Star Serves Dinner for Grange Month

A homemade meatloaf and baked potato dinner with salad and brownies along with a chance to introduce the Grange to community members helped Morningstar Grange #311, Linn County, celebrate Grange Month on Saturday April 25, 2026.

The meal was all homemade by several of the Grange ladies and served in the basement of the Grange hall, while the upstairs was set up for the Open House and informational activities. 25 dinners were served.

Junior Grange Corner

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OSG Junior Director



I have already received some registrations for State Session and am looking forward to seeing those returning Juniors. I am also really excited to meet the new faces that will be joining us this year.

We will be following most of the same schedule as we did last year and I am firming up details for something special for the Juniors on Wednesday afternoon. Be sure to check out the Junior schedule included in this bulletin.

I am hoping that some of you Juniors are planning to participate in the Open Mic event on Saturday evening. Let me know if there is anything special that you may need, as soon as possible, for your portion of the program. And I hope to see your fantastic entries in the Junior

Contests as well.

Any Grangers helping with the Juniors are reminded to complete the Safe Gatherings course before State Session, please. All this is done online. Contact me via email at vickiethorp@yahoo.com if you need help to register for the course. I will submit the cost of the course for reimbursement once I have received your completion certificate.

I want to give a special shout out and big Thank you to Walterville and Abernathy Granges for their donations to the Junior Program this year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Keeping this short and counting down the days until I see you all in Baker City.



DOES YOUR GRANGE NEED HELP?

Installation of Officers Degrees (1-4 and/or 5th)
Draping the Charter Presenting the Flag
The Oregon GROW Club offers these and more.

Contact one of the GROW Club board members to get information.

- Mark Noah, President 971.726.6106
- John Fine, Dist. 1 - 541.673.0369
- Steve Kroeker, Dist. 2 - 541.974.1724
- Stacy Brown, Dist. 3 - 971.808.6431
- Vacant, Dist. 4
- Vacant, Dist. 5



GROW stands for Go Right On Working!!!

Junior Grange Contests at the Oregon State Grange Convention

Open to members of a Junior Grange, a 1+member of a Community/Subordinate Grange or non-members.

Age groups for all Oregon State Junior Grange contests shall be as of January 1 of this year:

- 5-7 years old
- 8-11 years old
- 12-14 years old

General Rules;

- All entries must be original work
- Entries must have been completed after June of the previous year
- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year

Awards for all categories at the state level:

- 1st place: \$7
- 2nd place \$5
- 3rd place \$3
(plus ribbons)

Art

Categories:

- A. Hand Drawn Pictures (any subject, any medium, must be at least 3"x5" and no larger than 8"x10")
- B. Nature Art (use items you may find outdoors, i.e., leaves, moss, bark, twigs, rocks, flora, seeds, etc. (must be at least 3"x5" and no larger than 12"x18"))
- C. My Pet Drawing (include a photo no larger than 5"x7" of your pet, then hand draw or paint a portrait of your pet, must be at least 3"x5" and no larger than 8"x10")
- D. Diamond Art (any item, i.e., picture, keychains, coasters, but can be no larger than 8"x10" and must have a hard backing for displaying.

Creative Writing

Categories:

- A. Short Story or Poem – My Hero (no more than 2 typed 8 1/2x 11 page, be sure to include what you consider to be your Hero's Superpower and why; may include a drawing/picture of your Hero if desired.

Models

Categories:

- A. Free Hand or Kits of any kind (i.e., cars, Legos, planes, wooden items, etc. with completed items no larger than 12"x 12" x 12". **BE SURE YOUR MODEL ARE DISPLAYED IN A SECURE MANNER TO PREVENT ANY DAMAGE.**

Minecraft Architects

The ability to plan and create is a pivotal skill in Minecraft. This is a live action contest that takes place during the OSG convention in June. Judging will be based on creativity and originality.

Open Mic Night

Rules:

- Held on Saturday evening June 20th
- The maximum time is 5 minutes.
- See Lecturer's section of the Awards, Contests, and Scholarship booklet for more details.

The audience will vote for the People's choice awards; a \$50 Amazon Gift Card for each category winner and will be awarded on Monday, June 22nd during session. Groups, including both Juniors and adults, will be judged in the 14 and older category.

Categories:

- A. Junior 5-14 years of age
- B. 14 Plus

2026 State Convention Community Service Project Support for the Rachel Pregnancy Center Baker City

About the Center:

The center is a resource for women who were experiencing a crisis pregnancy. The center's mission is to "offer hope, help and healing through the love of Christ to hurting women and men in difficult situations due to an unplanned pregnancy" and is a nonprofit organization run by volunteers.

What can we do to participate in this year's Service Project?

The Needs:

1. Baby Wipes (individually wrapped packages of 64-100)
2. Diapers size 4, 5, and 6 (any number in a pack)
3. Desitin diaper rash cream (2 oz tubes)
4. Two in one, tear free, baby wash and shampoo (any brand)
5. Baby Magic brand calming Baby Lotion with Lavender & Chamomile (this is a higher priced product, but it helps so many tired moms calm their babies at night)

Monetary donations may be given to OSG Community Service Director Joann McBride.

Join Long Tom Grange for 90th Birthday Bash

Long Tom Grange #866 is celebrating 90 years and invites everyone to its 90th Birthday Bash on Saturday, June 20 from 12 – 4 pm. The celebration will include a potluck lunch, live music from the “Big Sue Band”, games, prizes, historical displays, auction, and of course birthday cake!

The Grange will have a few of its vintage calendars for sale, and some of the original “Calendar Guys” will be on hand to sign them. If you want to help them celebrate, please bring a casserole, side, salad, or dessert for the potluck. The event is free.



L: OSG President Sonny Hays-Eberts with the Sunnyside Grange members who were recognized for their many years of Grange membership.

Sunnyside Celebrated Its 90th

Sunnyside Grange #842 celebrated its 90th Anniversary on Sunday, April 12, 2026. Over 100 people came to join in the celebration. The program consisted of several groups that rent from the Grange among other talented Grange members and community groups. Several Clackamas County, Washington County, and Oregon State Grange dignitaries were in attendance as well.



Oregon State Grange President, Sonny Hays-Eberts spoke and gave out several membership awards to their members. Those receiving awards included:

- 25-year Silver Star Certificate – Greg Ludi
- 30-year seals – Maryanne Hanks and Jacob Luttrell
- 45-year seal – Lou Hekking
- 55-year seals – Cheryl Carmin, Marti Erwin, Jeanie Force, Celia Fox, Kathy Hekking, and Sandi Ludi
- 60-year seals – Bob Force and Alan Mackey

Sunnyside Grange thanks all those who came to honor this momentous occasion.



Above: Beautiful 90th Anniversary Cake

L: Greg Ludi, who received his Silver Star Certificate, with his mom, Sandi Ludi, Sunnyside Grange President.

Membership Matters



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I am often asked why some Granges prosper and other languish. I answer, partly in jest, that the successful Grange has at least three insanely optimistic members. These members are “delighted” to help out with new projects, have ideas “we might try”, and they are very unlikely to see the problems in an idea, but mainly the possibilities, and the solutions to the thorny details that any new activity presents.

How do you find those upbeat Grangers? You recruit members, and some of them will be great. You try a new event and celebrate the success. When you recruit energetically you will get one or two good long-term Grangers out of every ten you recruit.

Some of the ten will not renew the next year, but you will increase the percent of local people who know about your Grange and the things it tries to do.

There are always deferred maintenance projects at Granges. Pick one project and raise funds to accomplish this goal. Pick something you

can attain. Work together and have this success. Have fun while you strive to reach your goal.

Working together is something that Grange members are good at, and there are few places that we can do that in our communities, with phones and TV’s grabbing our attention in our free time. Granges help us see each other as neighbors, working together to help our communities in many ways.

This is my last column as State Membership Director, and a new State Grange President will appoint my successor. I will always be willing to talk with Grangers and encourage their efforts to keep their Granges strong and growing, but I find that my family, and my home Grange of Willamette #52 in Benton County are in need of more of my attention. It has been my pleasure to meet and talk with so many Oregon Grange members over the years. I will always be very glad that Grange crossed my path and that I entered those welcoming doors. Let it be perpetual.

Beavercreek Honors Members

At their May meeting Beavercreek Grange # 276, Clackamas County recognized three of their long time Members. Joyce Parker, Oregon State Grange Executive Committee member 32 and Master of Clackamas County Pomona Grange made the presentations. Receiving his certificate from the National Grange recognizing 75 years of membership was Arthur Keller. Bud Dumolt received a seal honoring his 70 years of Grange membership and Kim Schettig received her 55-year seal.



R: Joyce Parker reads Arthur Keller the words on his certificate honoring his 75 years of Grange membership.



L-r: Kim Schettig, Bud Dumolt, Joyce Parker, Arthur Keller, and Beavercreek Master Gary Dumolt.



Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers,

Now that we have passed the Primary Races for 2026, here is a breakdown of what happened.

Oregon's recent primary elections have set the stage for significant political shifts in the state. Governor Tina Kotek easily secured her position as the Democratic nominee, showcasing her continued popularity and the strength of her administration's policies within her party. In a notable development, former House Minority Leader Christine Drazan emerged as the Republican candidate, leading a crowded field with a strong consolidation of support. Her campaign has emphasized a return to traditional Republican values while addressing the concerns of moderate voters.

In a significant voter decision, Oregonians decisively rejected Measure 120, a proposed transportation tax-and-fee package. This outcome indicates a reluctance to embrace large revenue measures, reflecting a broader wariness among Oregon voters regarding statewide tax initiatives. Many residents expressed concerns about the potential impact on their budgets, especially in light of rising living costs. This rejection may signal a need for political lead-

ers to consider alternative funding strategies that align more closely with voter sentiment.

Key issues for the upcoming general election will include housing affordability, homelessness, public safety, and education funding. With skyrocketing housing prices and an increasing number of individuals experiencing homelessness, these topics are at the forefront of voters' minds. The results from the primaries suggest that while Democrats remain the dominant force in Oregon, Republicans have managed to rally around a single candidate, positioning themselves for a competitive general election. Their ability to unify could change the dynamics of the race significantly.

As both major parties gear up for a rematch in the governor's race, the political landscape is primed for a robust debate over these critical issues as the November election approaches. Voter engagement will be crucial, and candidates will need to articulate clear, actionable plans that resonate with constituents' needs. The stakes are high, and Oregonians are ready for a spirited discussion about the future direction of their state.

Happy trails



All Grangers are invited OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday July 8 @ 7 pm PDT
Where: Zoom

The OSG Legislative Committee will lead a discussion on current legislative issues, ballot measures and Grange resolution developing. Discussion will be had on the resolutions adopted at state convention.

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Union County residents mingled and chat with neighbors while enjoying refreshments provided by the Grange Members.

Pleasant Grove Grange Hosts Candidate Forum

Pleasant Grove Grange #475 hosted a Union County Commissioner Candidates Forum on April 15th in preparation for the Primary Election in May. There was one vacancy on the Commission and two candidates were vying to win the race. There were also two candidates running to unseat the current County Commissioner who was also in attendance. Grange member Ian Gordon invited the candidates and arranged the event. He also moderated the sometimes-heated discussion between the candidates themselves as well as an occasionally unhappy county resident. He was effective in diffusing these infrequent events with courtesy and respect for differing opinions.

Attendance was impressive considering the Grange is located ten miles from the larger city of La Grande. There were many attendees who made that ten-mile trip as well as residents from smaller distant towns on the outskirts of the very geographically large, rural county.

The candidates were introduced and given five minutes each to make a statement then it was opened up to questions from attendees. Topics ranged from road condition issues to healthcare and education. The event provided a chance for county residents to mingle and chat with neighbors and meet new people

from other communities. The event was filmed by a regional internet-based media service, EO Alive (eoalive.tv) which covers NE Oregon area news, weather, and sports. Attendance was estimated at about 95 and Grange members provided refreshments. Many residents expressed appreciation for the opportunity to become more informed about each candidate in preparation for the Primary Election on May 19th.



Above: Union County Commissioner Candidates.

R: Grange member Ian Gordon moderating the discussion.



Clackamas County Candidates' Forum

On Sunday May 3rd Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1, hosted a successful Candidates' Forum at Abernethy Grange for the three County Commissioners positions that were on the May ballot. The Forum start-

ed with a sandwich and chips lunch with beverages, and cookies. All candidates given equal time to make a statement. A question-and-answer time then ensued.

Those candidates attending: for County Commissioner position #2 Paul Savas, Jim Bernard and Mark Shull. Position #3 Diana Helm, RW Smith and Bill Osburn and for Position #5 Ben West and Sonya Fischer.

Pomona Legislative Chairman Dan Keeley made the introductions and Sam Keator, a member of Abernethy Grange, served as moderator.



Resolutions For Consideration at 2025 Oregon State Grange Convention

Agriculture

- AG 1 FFNSA 2026
- AG 2 Glyphosate
- AG 3 Farming Practices
- AG 4 Land Conservation and Development
- AG 5 BLM and Wild Horse and Burro Law
- AG 6 Adding the People's Right
- AG 7 Oregon Environmental Act

Bylaws

- BL 1 3rd Quarter Membership List Dates
- BL 2 Modification of Associate Grange Membership
- BL 3 Raising Milage Reimbursement Rates
- BL 4 Reverted Grange Funds

Conservation

- CO 1 Safe Use of Landfills
- CO 2 Food Waste
- CO 3 Removing Wolves from Endangered Species Act
- CO 4 Lethal Control of Wolves
- CO 5 Managing Eastern Oregon's Wolf Population
- CO 6 Managing Wolf Populations
- CO 7 Endangered Species Act
- CO 8 Protecting Livestock and Domestic Animals from Coyotes and Wolves
- CO 9 Removal of Wolves from the Endangered Species List

Education and Health

- EDH 1 Public School Expense and Funding Problems
- EDH 2 Oregon Promise Program
- EDH 3 Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program
- EDH 4 Oregon Promise Program
- EDH 5 Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program
- EDH 6 The Promise of Oregon Campaign

Good of the Order

- GO 1 Secretary Reimbursement Compensation
- GO 2 Increasing value set for volunteer hours
- GO 3 National Grange Convention Accessibility

Legislative

- LE 1 Political Violence
- LE 2 Political Violence
- LE 3 On-line Gambling and Betting
- LE 4 Oppose IP28
- LE 5 No Paid Signature Gatherers
- LE 6 Prohibit Stock Trading by Members of Congress
- LE 7 Oregon Animal Control Act
- LE 8 Oppose Initiative Petition IP28
- LE 9 Civil Laws
- LE 10 Sales Tax
- LE 11 Initiative and Referendum Process
- LE 12 Owyhee Canyonlands Monument
- LE 13 Land Use Planning
- LE 14 Oppose IP 28 and any measures resulting
- LE 15 Federal Government Shutdowns
- LE 16 State Government Shutdowns

Transportation and Utilities

- TU 1 AI and Crypto
- TU 2 Bonneville Power Administration and Public Utility Districts
- TU 3 Solar Voltaic Panels
- TU 4 Support Rural Mail Delivery

Veterans

- VE 1 New National Cemetery
- VE 2 New National Cemetery in Oregon
- VE 3 Oppose Siting a Natl Cemetery on Howell Prairie Rd
- VE 4 WW2 Vets exposed to Mustard Gas

The Following were received after the deadline and will need delegate approval to be considered by the body

- LE 17 Late #1 Federal Holiday on National Election Day
- LE 18 Late #2 Opposing the Elimination of Animal Cruelty Exemptions

Legislative Update

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Around election times I am sometimes asked what it means for the Grange to be non-partisan. What does partisan mean? Webster's dictionary defines *partisan* as 'strong and sometimes blind adherence to a particular party, faction, cause or person.' In our Declaration of Purposes, which every member should have received upon joining the Grange, the first paragraph under the heading "The Grange—Not Partisan" explains it this way: "We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth taught in our Constitutional Law, that the Grange—National, State, Pomona, or Subordinate—is not a partisan or party organization." The third paragraph of our Declaration states "We must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Patron of Husbandry, gives up that inalienable right and duty which belongs to every American citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of one's country." And the fifth paragraph continues, "We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime and hold that 'progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion,' while 'the fault lies in bitterness of controversy.'"

There's a fine line in there. Webster includes the word *cause* in its definition of partisan, but we encourage Granges at all levels to take positions on issues that directly affect their lives, environment, property, livelihood, whatever might further our 'mutual protection and advancement' (from the Declaration of Purposes, Specific Objectives). There can be difficulty in declaring support for an issue without appearing to identify with a particular party or person. Partisanship can, and has, split, or destroyed Granges.

What can a Grange leader do? Fortunately, we have Robert's Rules of Order to guide us through parliamentary procedure and help us keep discussion orderly and polite. The

Master/President of every Grange has pledged to maintain order in the Grange, *themselves setting the example in all things* (from the Installation Ceremony.) A judicious Master/President can calmly and politely rule a speaker, or the entire subject, out of order and move on to the next order of business.

With great power comes great responsibility, so the Master/President must be aware that any decision from the chair can be appealed to a higher authority (the State Grange Master/President). As we also pledge in the Installation ceremony, we must abide decisions against us cheerfully. Be cautious in making rulings, be considerate of the feelings of all parties, be firm and freely acknowledge the avenues of appeal. Good leadership will keep discussion at the level of difference of opinion and avoid straying into the bitterness and controversy of partisanship.

Does avoiding partisanship impact rental of your Grange hall? Yes, it can. It is wise to avoid renting to just one candidate or party during election season to avoid associating the Grange name in a partisan manner. Definitely do not allow a candidate free use of the hall for meetings or campaign activity. Candidate fairs are a great service to the community but you must seriously invite all candidates, not just the ones you like. You need to be able to show that you tried to reach them all with equal effort. Elections for commissioners and judges are typically referred to as non-partisan, but a Grange still cannot support one person over another for political office.

We continue to hold monthly Zoom Legislative Forums, usually the 4th Wednesday at 7pm. Email me at marknoah00@gmail.com to receive the Zoom invitation by email and verify the date, we have had to change the schedule occasionally.





Above: The new concrete floor looks great in the farm museum.

Columbia Pomona Granges Hold Fundraisers for the Farm Museum

Warren Grange #536 held a very successful fundraiser at their May 9th breakfast. A raffle was held for eight large Baskets – with contents over \$100 each and four additional gift bags valued at approximately \$40 each. The baskets, bags and all contents were donated. The majority of the tickets were sold at the breakfast and brought in over \$2000! Winners were drawn at the end of the breakfast and all baskets were picked up before cleanup was done.

The funds will be used to complete improvements to the Pomona Grange Farm Museum that is on-site at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Recent grants and huge community donations enabled the electrical upgrades to add lighting to the inside and outside of the building, and the pouring of a complete concrete floor in the building which was previously mostly dirt. Columbia County Rodeo Queen Haley and one of the Flag riders assisted with serving and they had

the Columbia County Dairy Princess helping as well.

Then on May 17 and 18 Quincy Grange held a rummage sale and all the proceeds from the sale were donated to the museum funds as well.



Kayla, a member of the Columbia Rodeo Court Flag team, draws the names for the basket raffle.

Clackamas County Pomona Grange Celebrates Grange Month

On April 9th, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners proclaimed, by unanimous vote, April 2026 as Grange Month in Clackamas County. Redland Grange #796 made the arrangements for the Clackamas County Grangers to attend the commissioner's meeting and Don Kingsborough of Warner Grange #117 was the spokesperson for the group.

The Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1's 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 26th at Clarkes Grange. Support for the Veteran's Village is an on-going project for the Pomona Grange.



Washington-Yamhill Pomona #2 Awards Granger of the Year

Samuel Keator, Master of Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange #2 presented the Granger of the Year plaque to Ron LaFountain of the Fernwood Grange. The recipient receives two plaques: The Pomona Plaque, which is 2" X 15" with the recipient's name and year engraved on it, along with previous award recipient's names is to be on display in the recipient's Grange hall from April – January. The Individual's Plaque 5" X 8" in size, is the recipient's to have and display proudly.

office held, committee served on or chaired, leadership roles, volunteer work, etc.) and what the nominee's non-Grange community volunteering or involvement are..



Any Washington-Yamhill Pomona member may nominate another for the annual Granger of the Year award by completing a form. The Pomona's selection committee will review nominations and select the recipient(s) by the end of the January meeting.

Items considered are: What has this nominee(s) contributed to his/her Subordinate/Community Grange during the last calendar year? (Include office held, committee served on or chaired, leadership roles, volunteer work). What has this nominee(s) contributed to Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange during the last calendar year? (Include of-

Monday, April 13th, Samuel Keator, Master of the Washington-Yamhill Pomona #2, presented Ron LaFountain of the Fernwood Grange, the Granger of the year award. Attending the presentation were past recipients Joe Peter, President Kinton Grange, Linda Dorland, Master Washington Grange and Peggy Ivy, Lecturer Washington Grange

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

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

Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Aug 1	10:30 AM	Missouri Flat Grange
Benton #36	Jul 18	10:00 AM	Marys River Grange
Clackamas #1	Jul 25	9:30 AM	The Sandy Grange
Columbia #18	Aug 1	10:00 AM	Columbia Co. Fairgrounds
Deschutes #25	Aug 8	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Jul 19	4:00 PM	TBA
Josephine #20	Aug 29	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Jul 11	10:00 AM	Crow Grange
Linn #12	Jul 11	10:00 AM	Santiam Valley Grange
Polk #3	Jul 11	11:00 AM	Rickreal Grange
Wallowa #22		5:30 PM	TBA
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jul 18	10:00 AM	McMinnville Grange



Above: Donations for the Veterans Village.

L: Commisioner meeting: Back row: John DeHaas-Springwater #263, Commission Chairman Craig Roberts, Pam Furlan-Beavercreek #276, Leila Dumolt-Beavercreek #276, Bub Dumolt-Beavercreek #276, Georgene Barragan-Beavercreek #276, Don Kingsborough-Warner #117, Commissioner Paul Savas, and Commissioner Diana Helm.

Front: Shirley Gillman-Redland #796, Tracy Metzker-Redland #796, and Kim Schettig-Beavercreek #276.

OSG Ex. Committee Meeting Summary - March 22nd, 2026

Note: as of March 31, the Oregon State Grange made the decision to not print the full meeting minutes in the Bulletin. The Bulletin is sent to non-Grange members and saved/viewable on the website, and there were legitimate concerns regarding what was made public. The full minutes (with the exception of Executive Session) will still be printed in the delegate packet at convention and be included in the proceedings.

Meeting came to order at 8:55 am.
Present: VP Steve Kroeker, Sec. Mark Noah, EC Susan Noah, EC Joyce Parker
Absent: EC Vickie High

Reports:

Scott Barker was unable to attend, but provided a financial summary of our investments. The Accounting statement, OSG loans and membership reports were reviewed, as well as the VISA bill.

Unfinished Business:

- New Community Service Director appointed.
- Deed Restriction project reported as completed. Russellville, Triangle, Morningstar, Roxy Ann, Pleasant Valley, Scotts

Mill, Bandon, Brownsmead, Yankton, Natal, Terrebonne, Milwaukie, Greenfield and Gresham Granges discussed.

- Dormant Granges Ophir/Rogue Community and Vale discussed.
- Deschutes, Josephine, Wal-lowa, Lincoln and Tillamook Pomona Granges discussed.
- Ag Fest discussed.
- Heritage Project reviewed.
- Veteran Memorial at State Capitol reviewed.
- Office computers upgraded.
- Insurance reimbursement project report on status.
- Review of Leadership conference.

New Business:

- Ruling on Master/President authority on committee appointments announced.
- Update on Roster.
- Discussion on staffing at convention.
- Contests, Awards and Scholarships booklet discussed.
- Williams Grange partnership plan discussed.
- Babysitting at convention discussed.
- National Grange Performance Improvement Plan discussed.
- Reviewed increasing mailing costs.
- Jasper Grange discussed.

Email business was reviewed and approved.

Presidents report was read.

Next meeting was set for May 31.

Adjourned at 2:40 pm

Metal Grange Town Marker Signs Available



There have been several inquiries recently about the Grange Town Marker Signs. Did we have them, could we get them, are they still available? The answers are no, maybe and yes.

The Oregon State Grange does not stock them. We can get them but the shipping charges to the office and then to the Granges is cost prohibitive.

The best option is to order them directly from Monroe Classic, Inc.'s Grange member store www.monroeclassic.com. It is item #9343 and cost \$40.00. Currently shipping and handling is \$22.50.

Contact Mike at:
sales@monroeclassic.com
1.800.868.2330



We Want Your Email

The Oregon State Grange would like to update members via email once or twice a month. This will be cost effective and allow us to notify members of immediate legislative issues and upcoming events from Community Granges and the State Grange.

We are missing email addresses for many of our members. To make this an effective strategy, we must update our member records with current, active email addresses.

Please send an email to:
ShelseaC@orgrange.org
Include your name, Grange and email address.



A standing room only crowd of over 125 people filled both the main hall and dining room.

Raising The Roof Spring Fling Style

The Sandy Grange #392, Clackamas County held a "Raising the Roof Spring Fling Event!" on Saturday, May 16th. The idea and the purpose of the event was to raise money for a much-needed new roof. The creator of this event, Cathy Crownover, came up with the idea and spent months preparing and planning for the day with her fellow grangers.

Grange members stepped up to make the event a success and contributed in a variety of ways, from asking for local donations from various businesses to making home-made gift baskets, such as dog beds, paintings and more.

The spring fling had a silent auction, multiple raffle baskets, door prizes, and live music. In addition, there was a delicious home cooked meal served with multiple gourmet desserts.

A standing room only crowd of over 125 people attended with both the dining room and main hall full of supporters. Even Joyce Parker, Clackamas Pomona Master, was there to show support and help raise money for their roof fund. The event exceeded the Granger's expectations, and they were all blown away

with not only how the members of the community stepped up, but also how many members from various Granges attended the event.

That is what is so great about being a member of the Grange; seeing everyone work together for a greater cause.

There were so many friendly and kind people that attended that day and it truly was a group effort, and it would not have been possible without all of the generosity and kindness of the community and its surroundings. Huge shout out to Ace Hardware in Sandy and the many anonymous donors for their contributions.

Thanks to you all the Grange is now halfway towards their goal!



Above: Live dinner music was enjoyed by the diners

Below: There were a multitude of gourmet desserts.



Sunnydale Held Garden Exchange

Sunnydale Grange #877, Douglas County, held its 2nd annual garden exchange event on April 25th this year; similar to a booth featured at the Douglas County community spring festival, held by the City of Drain Commerce committee.

The outcome was very positive with lots of outreach from local vegetable farmers. A wide variety of vegetable plants, indoor succulents, flower plants, starts and seeds for trading were donated. Tips and tricks, community networking for what grows best and pest remedies for our area in Southern Oregon.

Tools and outdoor gardening equipment were also donated for trading. Post hole diggers, outdoor decorations, hand tools, windows for green house DIY ideas, and pots for replanting. A box of pumpkin starts were donated to be used and also the seeds be replanted for future produce.

Word of mouth plays a big role in how their little community stays up to date and involved with community events and they are all willing to share the information with friends and neighbors. New members with



Concessions were sold from the kitchen.

National Grange Awards Frogpond a Rural Life Grant

Grange Starts Local Saturday Market

Frogpond Grange #111, Clackamas County has sprung back to life in a big way. At the end of March they received two grants to support starting a local market for farm goods and crafts.

The "Bridging the Gaps" grant through the Rural Life Initiative (RLI), is a program designed in partnership with Grange Advocacy to strengthen rural communities through health, wellness, agriculture, and community projects and events.

The Grange also received a grant for the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District to help bring locally grown food closer to the community. The grant was used to purchase signs and market shopping bags.



Pumpkin starts were one of the vegetables available to be planted in local gardens.

fresh ideas to help bridge the gap between nature and the meaning of lending a helping hand in the community and to give back in a neighborly way.

Concessions were sold during the event, allowing time and space for all community members to mingle with each other. As the Grange ramps up to watch their hard work blossom and grow; the excitement lies in the harvest and fruits of their labor, side by side with friends and neighbors.

Sunnydale Grange #877 chose this event in participation with the Grange Project Sustenance. Their goal is to help as many community members as possible to grow food for their families.



Started in May and running through October, is the Second Saturday Market where vendors can rent a space and sell locally grown produce and handmade items. Market visitors stopping by the Grange booth received one of the bags. And even more excitingly, the Grange has added several new members.



Above: Frogpond Secretary Georgene Barragan chats with a visitor to the Grange booth.

Below: Vendors at the first market.



It was beautiful weather to browse the many tables full of plant starts.

Marys River Annual Plant Sale and Seed Swap a Success

Marys River Grange #685, Benton County, held their popular annual Plant Sale and Seed Swap on Saturday, April 25th, and raised \$2,502.15 to benefit Philomath Community Services. Hundreds of plants of all kinds were donated by many individuals and including Sunbow Produce and Gathering Together Farm, as well as assorted garden equipment. Lots of people came, chose what they wanted and their own price, and the community was quite generous.

Brother Mark Files sharpened tools and Summer Beam Books donated the proceeds from their table, as well. There were plentiful free seeds of all sorts, some from Winona Grange #271, and friendly volunteers to help. And, once again, everyone loved to snuggle with Windy Hill Farm's baby goats!

The Grange says Thank you to all who made it happen! Remaining plants were donated to Philomath Community Services and Willa-

mette Grange #52. Seeds were also saved for the creation of a seed library at Marys River Grange. This event is a local example of the National Grange's Project Sustenance, promoting food security, individual and community resilience, and self-sustainability.



Above: Windy Hill Farm's baby goats attract Barbara Carter and community members of all ages to attend the plant sale every year.



Grangers and PCS employees Liza Franzoni and Sandy Heath as Marys River Grange Treasurer Barbara Carter and President Judy Hays-Eberts presented check to Philomath Community Services Exec. Director Sharon Thornberry on May 6th.

Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

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

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