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Oregon State Grange Officers exemplified the 6th Degree on Sunday evening of State Convention. Back row l-r: Ex. Com. # 2 Sam Keator, Musician Linda Wetzell, Flora Sandi Ludi, Secretary Sarah Kingsborough and Ex. Com. #1 John Fine. Middle row: Pomona Linda Helm and Ceres Linda Pugh. Lower row: Gatekeeper Pro-tem Mark Noah, Steward Phil Van Buren, Chaplain Pro-tem Paula Herrick, President Susan Noah, Lecturer Cookie Trupp, Lady Assistant Steward Connie Suing and Assistant Steward Wayne Cabler. Front row: Treasurer Sonny Hays-Eberts, Vice President Jay Sexton and Ex. Com. #3 Louise Holst

148th Annual Oregon State Grange Convention June 19-23

The 2021 Oregon State Grange Convention was held at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds. Attendance for the five days was 167 with 57 Subordinate/Community and nine Pomona Granges represented.

Twenty-two individual resolutions were submitted and voted on. The Oregon State Grange took a strong stand in opposition to Initiative Petition #13 and if it qualifies for the ballot the Oregon State Grange will take an active role in opposition.

A complete list of policy resolutions adopted can be found on pages 16 and the Good of the Order resolution can be found on page 12.

Representing the National Grange this year at our convention was Amanda Brozana Rios, the new Membership/Leadership Director for the National Grange from Pennsylvania. She not only spoke to us but put on a workshop that got the membership involved in the process of taking a new idea to building it into a successful event.

Next year's convention will be June 18-23 and will be hosted by District 1 (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine County Granges) in the Rogue River Valley. Watch for additional information in upcoming issues of the Bulletin.

The State Fair is Back, and so is the Grange Log Cabin! Volunteers Needed to Serve

County and State Fairs are coming back across the USA and that includes the Oregon State Fair! This year's Oregon State Fair is August 27-September 6 at the state fairgrounds in Salem. The Oregon State Grange has a long-standing tradition of greeting visitors at the Oregon State Fair in Salem and after a year off we are thrilled to be back.

This is a fun occasion to share your Grange story with potential members, as well as, get to know other Grangers during your volunteer shift. This is a great opportunity for those Grangers who are energetic, outgoing, and friendly.

Volunteer hosts are needed each day. With 11 days of fair and three shifts

per day we need to fill approximately 130 slots. Shifts are three hours long and run 10am-1pm, 1-4pm and 4-7pm. This year we'll be expanding the games outside between the cabin and the school house next to us.

Volunteers get into the fair for free, so you should have plenty of time to have fun at the fair before or after your shift.

How do you volunteer? You can call or email the office at master@orange.com. Updated schedule will be posted on Facebook, on the Oregon State Grange Member Forum group page.

Remember, this counts towards your Honor Grange award.



The Oregon State Grange Log Cabin at the state fairgrounds.

Is Yours a "Grange In Action?"

The "Grange In Action" program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities holding events/projects, no matter how small. Any Grange that does not complete the application for Distinguished Grange can participate in this program.

Requirements:

- Submit a **1-page letter size** with pictures and captions of at least **three (3) various Grange events/**

activities from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

Some of the entries will be displayed at National Convention and all Granges submitting the 1-page representing their Grange will receive a certificate from the National Grange President.

For more information and submittal dates/details refer to the OSG website in the Awards section under Subordinate/Community Grange info.

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The President's Column

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Our 148th annual convention is in the rear view mirror and we are looking forward to the 149th and then on to the 150th! It is only two years until the Oregon State Grange reaches the sesquicentennial mark and we are starting to gear up for our celebration.

150th Celebration Fundraiser

One of the events we hope can take place on our anniversary is the placement of a monument on the State Capitol site that honors disabled veterans. At the 2020 session we passed a resolution calling for this monument and could not think of a better time to see it through to reality than on our 150th anniversary.

This means we need to start some fundraising so we are taking a page out of the Pennsylvania State Granges 150th playbook (they turn 150 in 2023 as well) and starting a new fundraiser by selling the candles on our birthday cake. Our cake will have 150 candles and each candle costs the amount listed on the candle (the 1st candle costs \$1, the 150th candle costs \$150, with each denomination in-between). Candles may be purchased in any order until all 150 candles have been sold. Donors will be recognized with their name on the candle they have purchased. If you are interested in purchasing a candle please let me know and the candle of your choice will be reserved for you.

If a donation comes in and the candle selected has already been sold the donor will be offered the choice of other candles to make up the donation amount. You may purchase as many candles as you want, just check in with the office to make sure the one(s) you want are available. I can tell you the first and last candles are already spoken for, but there are 148 others!

Our official anniversary is Sep-



tember 27th 2023 so we have some time to plan our commemorative events, but as we all know time passes quickly so stay tuned for more information on events and celebrations.

Granges reopening!

It's time to revive and thrive! I have a really good feeling about our Granges as they re-open around the state. I am hearing excitement from Granges, and I know our members are anxious to come together for work, service and fun. In my annual Good of the Order Address this year at our State convention I noted that in two of the last four years we have had a net gain and although we have shown a loss in the other two years, overall, in those four years we have only had a net loss of 33 members, or 7/10 of 1%! If not for the Covid pandemic I know we would have shown a net gain last year.

In the first three months before we were shut down Granges all across the state were predicting net gains for themselves and were planning on events to make that happen. I want to see us come back stronger than ever, and make good on those pledges we made to ourselves to increase our membership and increase our standing in our communities. I know we can make it happen.

Banners

Each Grange represented at State Session was presented with a new banner from the State Grange, one designed to announce to the community that we are back! Granges not present either had their banner delivered by a neighboring Grange friend or the office mailed it to the Secretary of your Grange. Please make sure your banner is displayed with pride outside and announce to your community that we are open again! The banners were distributed on Monday night of State Session and by Tuesday

morning at 6:00 am Hurricane Creek had theirs up, just in time to welcome our crowd to the Grange Benefits Breakfast.

Place a picture of yours on the State Grange Facebook page!

Recap of the Convention

As you might imagine, this year we had very few resolutions most likely due to the pandemic that kept so many Granges inactive throughout the 2020 year and the first part of this year. Of the 22 resolutions submitted nine were adopted by the delegate body, one new one was written by a convention committee and ten sunseting policies were reaffirmed.

New policy was set on exclusive farm use zones, the addition of apprenticeship to a farm corps program, requiring professional certification of "service animals", opposition to the commodification of water rights and condemning racially motivated violence. We also set policy asking for a 24 hour headlights on for safety policy and we wish to leave in the consumers hands the option to use bio-diesel or petroleum fuel.

Some of these policies will be forwarded to National Grange to gain support on a National or Federal level, others will be lobbied in our State.

Other highlights from the session included the Monday night festivities where our new National Membership/Leadership Director Amanda Brozana Rios gave us the task of taking an idea and building on it to create a new event. I hope each group took home some ideas for your Grange to try out.

We also had demonstrations by the Youth and Juniors, as well as a beautiful memorial program planned by our State Chaplain, Randi Embree. Randi could not be present for the week, so Paula Herrick kindly agreed to step in as Chaplain. Sister Paula with the help of Sister Gail Wilson and her team from District #6, did a wonderful job of executing Sister Randi's vision.

With so few resolutions we did finish a day early leaving us time to relax and take in some of the wonderful sights in and around Enterprise. One thing about moving our session around is that we all get a chance to see new parts of our beautiful state of Oregon!

Let us see your Banner. As soon as you receive your banner place it on the outside of your Grange hall. Then share a picture of your hall and banner on the Oregon State Grange Facebook page and send a copy to the Bulletin.

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President's Annual Address 148th Annual Convention

Susan Noah, State President

Introduction

This is only the second time that we have met in Enterprise, and I believe only the third time we have been in beautiful Wallowa County. The first time was in 1989 when Brother Wayne Johnson was the President, then we were back in the county in 2004 where we met just up the road in Joseph. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Wallowa County and all of District #6 for a job well done. I know they have been meeting diligently and all of the District has stepped up to help make this convention flow smoothly and to make sure that we all feel welcome this week. I assure you we are all very appreciative of the effort put forth by these dedicated Grangers.

Agriculture

In looking back at Proceedings from prior years, especially the last time we met in a specific area, I am always struck by the similarity in the issues that we faced then and now. However, when we met in Enterprise in 1989 the Master's Address mentions issues that we may very well be on the other side of today. Issues like regulations on the use of pesticides and herbicides and the use of hormones in beef production. I believe that our policy to review and sunset or reaffirm policies that are ten years old keeps us relevant and up to date in what we support.

In the past the Oregon State Grange was involved with several like minded farm organizations to form a coalition to improve our legislative strength. This coalition was successful in several legislative efforts including those to preserve the grass seed industry and holding the workers compensation rate on agricultural workers. Over the last few years, we have explored some loose connections with other groups, but if we want to have a more effective presence at our State Capitol, I believe we need to take a more pro-active role in seeking out coalitions and working with other groups to further our policy.

Education

Many issues are facing our schools these days, not the least of which is funding for programs and classrooms. I believe we all have ideas on what subjects should be taught and how our money should be used, but do we do any more than just talk? Have you given thought to your school board, and the effect you could have by attending meetings and speaking up? Or by bringing a report back to your Grange? You might even consider running for a position on your local school board. What a good way to get involved in your community.

The Grange has been and will remain non-partisan, but we have always encouraged our members to be involved in their community and in local civics. We have a long history of promoting education, and in some instances that means getting involved at a personal level. I know our members and know that many of them would be a wonderful addition to the decision-making process at our local schools.

As community citizens we should all agree that we have a responsibility for providing our children with a worthwhile and beneficial education, and that means with funding as well. Being active and engaged in your local schools can be as simple as making sure you are informed on the issues and then get out and vote when school funding is on the ballot. Or you may be engaged by volunteering at your local school, perhaps with Ag in the Classroom, or the SMART program. No matter how you get there, being active in your local school is always a good idea.

Health & Welfare

When we met in September last year, I think we all assumed that we were on a trajectory to end the pandemic, but I guess we were not listening to the scientists who continued to tell us that the winter months, with indoor activities, would allow the virus to spread. By the end of November, we were back in full scale shut down with many of us even cancelling the extended family get-togethers during the holidays. By December the Pfizer vaccine was authorized by the FDA and America started on a road to recovery. As we meet here this week, the Oregon vaccination rate is nearing 70%.

During this last year Grangers have worked to be a part of the solution. Our Granges have endured the shut-down, even while planning work-arounds to keep the public safe and still serve. Many made PPE equipment including masks & gowns. Others found ways to continue on with their breakfasts or dinners by offering curbside pickup. Whatever the

role, I was extremely proud that Oregon Grangers were working together to curb the pandemic and doing their part to keep Oregon on a path to lower infections and fewer deaths.

Besides the pandemic another wellness issue confronting farmers is that of mental health. With all of the stresses facing farmers mental health is often overlooked, dismissed by some farmers themselves as something shameful or a character flaw. And this is not the only barrier to receiving help. Rural areas might have limited resources for mental health emergencies or long-term support like therapists and psychiatrists. One option to combat this in Oregon has recently been formed in Coos County, the Oregon Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network, or FRSAN. This is technically a national program funded through a USDA grant, but regional networks receive and disburse funds designed to raise awareness, respond to local needs and highlight available resources. According to Oregon AgLink finding partner organizations to enhance the message has been hard during Covid. Perhaps this is just another area where our Granges could be of service.

Legislation

It doesn't seem as though much time has passed since our last annual meeting, but in the legislative world it has been an eon. The events following our general election are still being felt and as rioters from the Nation's capital are being brought to justice a new administration has started with new appointees, but the Grange continues to work with all elected officials to bring about a positive outcome for our members and for the farming community.

In our state this has been a legislative year, although due to Covid, one where the community has to offer testimony via online rather than before committees. Although this has generated some displeasure among lobbyists, personally I think this has actually made it easier for the average person to make a difference.

True to our policies our Legislative Committee has offered information on several issues that Oregon members are passionate about. Civics education is one of those issues, and I am pleased to say that our legislators have adopted a bill that requires one half credit of civics education or one class, as a prerequisite for earning a diploma, starting with the 2026 graduating class. The bill cites the last time graduating seniors took the NAEP civics exam for their grade (2010) when just 24% were considered proficient, and other studies show that only one quarter of Americans can identify at least one of the three branches of government. As a non-partisan organization we know the value of an informed electorate.

By the end of September our legislators will have come together to redraw Oregon's Congressional districts. Because of population growth Oregon will add a representative, possibly in or near our fastest growing county of Deschutes. In the House, the Democrats have agreed to equal representation with Republicans on this committee, but the Senate procedure is still unknown. We currently have policy favoring an independent redistricting commission in the hopes of making this a process that does not benefit one party over the other.

Another issue that may face Oregon again this year is wildfire. Senator Jeff Merkley has been working with his colleagues in the Senate to press the Biden administration to provide additional relief to states struggling with the impact of extreme drought and wildfires. Last year wildfires and other extreme events far outpaced the emergency relief resources that were allocated to FEMA. Due to this some Oregonians who lost homes and property are still struggling to get back into a permanent home. Wildfire prevention projects are destined to be at the top of some legislative agendas, both nationally and here in Oregon.

Conclusion

As we meet in Enterprise for the 148th annual session of the Oregon State Grange I urge our delegates to listen to all sides of each issue. Be respectful of each other and work together to set policy to benefit our order and the lives of our members. We live in a changing world, as evidenced by the last year and a half and we must find ways to come together to make our world better. I am proud of our organization, and extremely proud of the ways we work together as friends and co-workers even when we disagree. As we meet and deliberate this week, we will come together to complete our goals and to renew our commitment to our communities, our state and nation and to each other.



The Lecturer's Column

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I dedicate this column to my husband, Malcolm. It was tough attending State Session without him. Thank you to all whose kind words and understanding helped me get through the week.

A big thank you to my daughter Michelle Croy and my granddaughter Courtney Croy for their strong support and willingness to help me prepare and to work alongside me all week.

The amount of contest entries were down some this year in participation but we did have some entries in most of the categories. Suzy Ramm took "Best of Show" in photography. The National Lecturer's contest has changed so our Best of Show no longer goes on to National. The National contest is now open to everyone, you can find more information in our Bulletin or on the National website.

I want to thank the following members and Granges for sponsoring my contests: Debbi DeBoer, Linda Helm, Wayne Cabler, Dean and Vicki High, Lynn and Harold Johnson, Malcolm and Cookie Trupp, Alice Nowicki, Ken Schwieger, Louise Holst, Phil Van Buren, Mark Noah, Joann and David McBride,

Sam Keator, Springwater Grange, Walterville Grange, Ada Grange, Lorane Grange, Irving Grange, Spencer Creek Grange, Sunnyside Grange and Jasper Grange. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

The winner of this years Lecturer's Talent contest was Rose Jacobs from Central Grange, Lane County. She will be attending this year's National Grange Convention in Wichita, Kansas representing Oregon in the Vocal Category.

The Lecturer's Department will be introducing a new contest in the Lecturers Art Category for the year 2022. More information to come in the next Bulletin.



State Lecturer, Cookie Trupp, looks over this year's photo entries.



EVERYONE CAN ENTER OUR

NATIONAL GRANGE 2021 VIRTUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Get all details at bit.ly/ng21fotocon
Submit entries at bit.ly/grange21photo

2021 National Grange Virtual Photo Contest

The 2021 National Grange Virtual Photo Contest is to encourage members and friends of the Grange to submit photos that can be used in National Grange publications and

virtual media. All photos entered will become the property of the National Grange.

The contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Grangers. All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 1GB via Google Forms at <http://tiny.cc/grange21photo> by **October 31, 2021**. There are three divisions: Selfie, Close-up/Macro and Barns and each individual is limited to entering a total of three (3) photos. Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$30 and 3rd - \$20.

For complete rules: bit.ly/ng21fotocon. Enter at: <http://tiny.cc/grange21photo>.

Oregon State Grange Lecturer's Contest Winners

Pen and Ink		Art		Closeups		
<i>Sponsors Alice Nowicki & Ken Schwieger</i>				<i>Sponsor Lynn & Harold Johnson</i>		
1 Jade Naylor	Clarkes #261	\$15	1 Teresa Cernac	Warren #536	\$10	
2 Jade Naylor	Clarkes #261	\$10	2 Courtney Croy	Spencer Creek #855	\$8	
Pamphlet - Computer Generated				3 Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263	\$6
<i>Sponsor Debbi deBoer</i>				Family		
1 Toni Hoyman	Marys River #685	\$5	<i>Sponsors Cookie & Malcolm Trupp</i>			
1 Louise McClure	Creswell #496	\$5	1 Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263	\$10	
Flyer - Computer Generated				BEST OF SHOW		
<i>Sponsor Springwater Grange</i>				2 Teresa Cernac	Warren #536	\$8
1 Louise McClure	Creswell #496	\$5	3 Teresa Cernac	Warren #536	\$6	
2 Louise McClure	Creswell #496	\$4	Pets and/or Farm Animals			
3 Louise McClure	Creswell #496	\$3	<i>Sponsors Louise Holst & Phil Van Buren</i>			
Poster - Computer Generated				1 Teresa Cernac	Warren #536	\$10
<i>Sponsor Springwater Grange</i>				2 Courtney Croy	Spencer Creek #855	\$8
1 Sonny Hays-Eberts	Marys River #685	\$5	3 Tina Reynolds	Santiam Valley #828	\$6	
Creative Writing				Wild Animals		
<i>Sponsors Linda Helm & Wayne Cabler</i>				<i>Sponsor Debbi deBoer</i>		
Poetry				1 Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263	\$10
1 Heather Elliott	Ada #570	\$15	2 Louise McClure	Creswell #496	\$8	
Tell the Story				3 Louise McClure	Creswell #496	\$6
1 Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek #608	\$15	Oldies / Goodies			
Photography				<i>Sponsor Walterville Grange</i>		
Scenic Seascape				1 Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263	\$10
<i>Sponsor Dean & Vicki High</i>				2 Martin McClure	Creswell #496	\$8
1 Michelle Croy	Spencer Creek #855	\$10	Grange Activities			
2 Heather Elliott	Ada #570	\$8	<i>Sponsor Ada #570</i>			
3 Teresa Cernac	Warren #536	\$6	2 Martin McClure	Creswell #496	\$8	
Scenic Landscape				3 Martin McClure	Creswell #496	\$6
<i>Sponsor Dean & Vicki High</i>				Grange Hall Buildings		
1 Teresa Cernac	Warren #536	\$10	<i>Sponsor Mark Noah</i>			
2 Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263	\$8	1 Suzy Ramm	Springwater #263	\$10	
3 Teresa Cernac	Warren #536	\$6	Sports			
				<i>Sponsor Lorane Grange</i>		
				1 Heather Elliott	Ada #570	\$10
				2 Heather Elliott	Ada #570	\$8



Rose Jacobs of Central Grange #360 in Lane County competed in the talent contest at the Oregon State Grange Convention. As the first place and over all winner she will have the opportunity to represent Oregon in the Evening of Excellence during the Nation Grange Convention in November.

Letter to the Editor...

I am a new Granger. I joined at the end of 2019 and received my 5th degree in January of 2020, right before the pandemic completely changed our lives. Nonetheless, I took the concept of perseverance completely to heart and stuck with the Grange and made the best of things. I am so grateful that I did so. Fast forward to today (June 30, 2021), I have just returned from the most wonderful experience at the Oregon State Grange Convention.

I will tell you what I love most about the Grange as an organization. There are people from every walk of life, political position, religion, age group, personality type, etc. and EVERYONE is treated with kindness and respect. It's truly like a big family. I'm 100% wholly impressed by how a big group of people can get together and discuss heated topics and make resolutions together; and while they may disagree, everyone is kind and welcoming anyway. I believe that by doing so, Grangers are a fantastic example for the whole world.

Being part of the Grange helps inspire me to be the best person I can be. Every one of every age, from the smallest kidlet to the oldest member demonstrates their integrity and a deep commitment to community

through their actions and words. I saw it multiple times over the week; people helping each other, everyone stepping up to do whatever needed doing. No one complained, no one was rude, no one was unkind. I even watched the youth run out and weed all the sheep pens at the fairgrounds with earnest enthusiasm and joy in their hearts. *(And I helped too!)*

Everyone was just a complete blessing to be around. I'm so inspired and refreshed and proud to be part of this organization. It's exactly what I needed in my life, and I hope that I can contribute as much as I can. The grange is a breath of fresh air and a haven of community and solidarity in a chaotic world.

I am grateful for all of this, and I'm especially grateful to be part of an organization where it's inspiring and fun to participate, rather than draining and stressful.

I cannot wait for the next year as things start to get back to normal, and I have so many ideas to bring back to my home grange, my community and my family. Thank you so much for everything.

Rose Jacobs
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The Chaplain's Corner



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2021 Oregon State Grange Convention Chaplain's Report

It's been a year! Not quite a full year since our 2020 State Convention was held in September. We have certainly all had the opportunity to practice our principles of Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity during this last year and a half.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the Oregon State Grange Chaplain these past several months. With the restrictions we've been under I'm really just getting my feet wet as the OSG Chaplain. I'd love to reach out and get to know more of you and get out to visit some of you as the COVID crisis lessens.

It seems that most of the contact I've had with you is sending get well and sympathy cards. Please reach out if you know of a Grange or Granger who needs to be remembered or if there is someone who just needs a

cheerful note. Grangers are here for each other but like the Bill Withers' song says: "Please swallow your pride if I have things you need to borrow, for no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show."

I'm thinking of our fellow Patrons who have laid down their implementations on earth during this past year and hold them in my heart as I prepare our annual memorial service. A huge thank you needs to go to Gail Wilson for charitably holding the hand of this newbie Chaplain and the District 6 memorial team led by Roger Wilson. Gratitude as well to Claudia Boswell and the officers who will assist with the service.

And I owe a HUGE debt of Gratitude to Paula Herrick for filling in for me at State Session. Life turns on a dime sometimes, doesn't it?

Stay well...the end is in sight if we just persevere.

In Memoriam

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Morning Star #311

Richard Miller
Lowell #745

Kimball P Vickery
Frogpond #111



*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.*

Lecturer's Contest Winners, continued

Potpourri
Sponsors Joann & David McBride

1	Teresa Cernac	Warren #536	\$10
2	Teresa Cernac	Warren #536	\$8
3	Martin McClure	Creswell #496	\$6

Black and White
Sponsor Sam Keator

1	Martin McClure	Creswell #496	\$10
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Talent

Sponsor the Lecturers Department
Variety

1	Stanley Garboden	Goshen #561	\$30
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Vocal

1	Rose Jacobs	Central #360	\$30
OVERALL WINNER			
2	Sonny Hays-Eberts	Marys River #685	\$20
3	Lexie Suing	Crow #450	\$10

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

August 27 - September 6	Oregon State Fair Salem, Oregon
September 25	"Grange in Action" application deadline
October 31	National Grange Virtual Photo Contest deadline
November 9-13	155th Annual National Grange Convention – Wichita, Kansas
November 11	Albany Veterans Day Parade – Albany
November 15-19, 2022	156th Annual National Grange Convention – Sparks, Nevada
	Hosted by Oregon, Washington, California, Alaska, Idaho, Montana & Nevada Grangers



The Agricultural Report

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It's 5 am. My last flood irrigation day has begun with two cups of coffee and a piece of toast. With sunlight highlighting the water, I am surveying my overnight "set" and it's spread over my pastures. Three new ditches have solved some of my challenges in my uneven back pastures, small dams step down those ditches, spreading slow moving water across the still green clovers and grasses.

The Lostine river water just dropped dramatically as a result of a week of 100-degree temperatures. Even though my water rights pre-date 1880, the river has the last word, and right now it is telling me that this may be my last chance to deeply soak the pasture's soil profile.

Lostine's irrigation community is structured over more than four major ditches, my two ditches mostly built with horse drawn fresnos.

We all have responded to the attempt to save a native Chinook fish run by agreeing to NOT irrigate during their late summer migration back to their spawning grounds. We have seen their numbers increase with



Oregon's Agriculture Co-director June Colony, at her sheep farm in Lostine.

State Grange Convention Ag Tour

Those that took part in the Ag Tour during this year's state convention got to learn about Wallowa County's agriculture. There were several stops on the tour. The tour first went to Lostine and visited the sheep farm of Oregon's Agriculture Co-director June Colony. There they learned about her rotational pasture system. The Juniors got to bottle feed her bummer lamb, Monica.

Then it was lunch time at the South Fork Grange Hall in Lostine. This gave members an opportunity to see their replacement hall after South Fork's original hall burned in 2014.

Next it was up to third generation Oregonian and wheat farmer Earl McLoughlin's farm and a tour of his antique farming equipment. He has been collecting and restoring tractors since 1983. Now with over 35 antique tractors and as many farm implements dating as far back as 1835, the Sunrise Iron Museum has become a monumental tribute to the agricultural heritage of North America.

Lastly, they went to a farmer's "no till" operation outside of Enterprise.

the intensive determination of the Nez Pierce Tribe fisheries department bringing us all on board as co-operators.

For hay and grain farmers, this is a smaller sacrifice, but for my pasture-based farm, a yellowing of my pastures loom. So, I am culling my flock of sheep, keeping those who have the finest wools and the largest lambs. My small flock means that I recognize each animal, which makes me feel a real loss as I prepare to take a trailer full of my woolie friends to the local livestock sale yards.

My farmer neighbors are looking over their herds and flocks and making similar decisions. Sometimes having to reach way into their breeding stock, to sell animals that they have spent years improving bloodlines to get. We speak to each other about that loss. Drought, climate change, fires, these all are putting pressure on farmers.

But today I get to stand knee deep in cold ditch water, putting in tarps and watching the water turn into my pastures.... a richness I don't take for granted.



Siletz Valley Farmers Market Opens

The Siletz Valley Grange #558, Lincoln County, is holding their Annual Tuesday Farmers Market on Tuesdays now through August. Hours are from 10 am to 2 pm. This year they will be serving breakfast from 8-11 and lunch from 11-1.

The Grange is located at 224 Gaither Street in Siletz. Plant starts, garden products, handmade items, baked goods, jams and more are available for sale by venders. For questions contact Carol Willey at 541-444-1360.



Above: Leah Bardal, a member of the Washington State Grange Youth Committee, who is working in Joseph this summer, checked out an old tractor at the Sunrise Iron Museum. Below: Ada Grange Junior member Taylor Elliott feeding Monica the bummer lamb.



Mr. Melville has seed cleaning facilities and hundreds of acres of crops that he has been farming without a plow! Members found it very interesting and it came with a great view of the mountains.

Woodburn Member Recognized by Parks

Congratulations to long time Granger Jan Petroski on receiving her 1000-hour service pin from the Oregon State Parks. Jan had just returned from two months volunteering at Kam Wah Chung State Heritage site in John Day. Jan is a member of Woodburn Grange #79 in Marion County.

“Volunteering with the State Parks is the most fun thing I have ever done,” said Jan. “As an interpretive host, I can really get to know a site, the people of the area and its history.” “The state park system really appreciates its volunteers. I have always felt like I was an important part of the park staff.”

Sister Jan has volunteered all over the state, including Shore Acres close to Coos Bay, Joseph Stewart recreation area near Medford, and



Long time Woodburn Granger Dan Hemshorn (r) congratulates fellow Grange member Jan Petroski on receiving her 1000-hour service pin from the Oregon State Parks.

Honeyman state park by Florence.

Morning Star Makes Donations

Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County gave a total of \$600 to various community groups and Oregon State Grange projects during May and June.

From the David W. Black Memorial fund a gift of \$100.00 was given to Jefferson High School for their music program. From the Milton L. Cooley Memorial a gift of \$100.00 was given to the Jefferson High School FFA Program and \$100 to the Jefferson



4H Valley Livestock Club.

From the Grange's bottle and can redemption project they were able to give \$100 to the Veterans Commemoration Association to support the Albany Veterans Day Parade, and \$50 to the ABC House Matching Grant Program to help fund their work with abused and neglected children.

Also, from the bottle redemption fund \$ 50.00 was sent to OSG GWA Scholarship Program. The Grange also sent the money from their monthly coin collection for the last year to the Oregon State Grange to support "Dog for Better Lives."



The winning Community Service Notebooks were on display at the State Grange convention. 4th place: Waltherville Grange, 3rd place: Little Deschutes, 2nd place: Redland Grange and 1st place: Marys River Grange.



Community Service Involvement

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2021 Oregon State Grange Convention Community Service/Involvement Committee Report

Our motto: **Making a Difference in the Community**

This year's State Session was wonderful. We met in person and with some on Zoom. We had our normal State Session: Banquet, Talent Show, Ag Tour, Juniors, Youth, Trade Show, etc. It was nice seeing our old friends and making new friends.

Oregon exceeded 2019 Community Service reports by four. There were 65 Granges that submitted Community Service reports.

I want to give *kudos* to the following Granges:

Salmon River Grange #516, Lincoln County: The Cascade Relief Team partnered with the Salmon River Grange to open the Salmon River Grange Distribution Center. This has been a vital resource for Otis fire survivors. The resource center has been described as a mini-Walmart. Otis fire survivors can find everything from food, toiletries, bedding, clothing, pet food and supplies and so much more. The Grange volunteers have volunteered seven days a week since September, some of the volunteers have volunteered 30 or more hours per week consistently. This amazing team is continuing to grow in staff, knowledge and resources to help the community. Daily they strive to fill every need possible. They served over 300 survivors every week.

Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson County: The Alameda Fire in September 2020 affected the towns of Ashland, Medford, Talent and Phoenix. They were hit with little warning. 2537 residences and about 100 businesses were razed within a day and half. The Phoenix Grange hall was spared and the Grange rose to the occasion by forming 'Soup for the People'. They served three days a week for twelve weeks in 2020. They used social media platforms to get the word out: Facebook, Instagram and GoFundMe. Posts were sent out daily. Word got out that the soup was AMAZING! Gluten free, organic, meat option and vegan option were available. In return they made new friends by showing their broken community empathy and love no matter who they were or where they came from. 'Soup for the People' was organized by seven members of the Phoenix Grange. They put in 1,445

manhours and six community members with 22 hours.

Community Service Notebooks
The winners of the Community Service books are:

- 1st place: 298 points
Marys River Grange #685
Benton County
- 2nd place: 285 points
Redland Grange #796
Clackamas County
- 3rd place: 265 points
Little Deschutes Grange #939
Deschutes County
- 4th place: 262 points
Waltherville Grange #416
Lane County

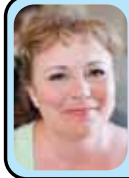


Community Service Director Liz Dehne presents the Volunteer of the Year certificate to June Colony at the State Convention.

Volunteer of the Year

We recognize our Volunteer of the year, *June Colony*. The Oregon State Grange Community Service Volunteer of the year comes to us from South Fork Grange #605, right here in Wallowa County. This outstanding Granger has been very busy this past year. She goes out of her way to educate the youth on the care and feeding of lambs. She provides educational and informative columns in the State Bulletin. This past year when the pandemic kept local people from getting out, she helped provide meals made with produce from her own farm at no charge. Her help has been instrumental in keeping the hall clean so it could be used by the community for birthday parties, family gatherings and socials.

As the Director of the State Grange Community Service Department, I appreciate all the service that your Grange and all our fellow Grangers do to make our neighborhoods better. We continue to support our 'Home Town Values' with our 'Community Roots'



Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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The Grange has a Rich History Promoting Education and Well-Being

The Grange began as a rural organization for the welfare of farmers, with concentrated effort to increase education and social well-being. These two factors became the bone and sinew of the Grange. While some thought teaching farmers to read was a frivolous waste of time and energy, Oliver Kelley knew that without education, most rural families would continue to drift into further isolation from mainstream American life¹. Within eight years some 24,000 charters were granted and membership was pushing one million². The Grange had hit upon a magic formula: (1) economic self-organization that focused on cooperation and mutual aid; (2) a ban on electoral and divisive politics but continued involvement with politics that impacted social and economic issues; and finally, (3) plenty of picnics, outings and celebrations, all based on ceremony rich in farming symbolism and culture³.

In the beginning, the main educational activity of the Grange was the adult literacy programs. In the first year, 600 patrons completed the home study courses with classes on the Origins of Soil, Botany, Plant Growth, Entomology, Political Economy and Parliamentary Law⁴. The Grange reading courses eventually disappeared when land grant institutions began providing extension services. The Grange's interest in education and self-improvement evolved into increased involvement with the public school system and the Grange was a potent force that shaped the educational history of these institutions⁵.

The Grange is the perfect community partner for public health efforts in rural areas.

For over twenty years researchers have presented evidence that indicates medical care contributes relatively little to health when compared to social, societal and environmental factors⁶. In addition, true health is more than simply the lack of disease or infirmity. For people to achieve true and complete health they must achieve a state of physical, mental and social well-being.

Health disparities are specific types of health differences that are closely linked to the social, economic or environmental factors of an area. The more disparities a community faces the greater the obstacles to their health. Health disparities are based on many factors, such as geographic location, race or ethnicity,

socioeconomic status, gender, age, mental health, physical disability, and sexual orientation.

Rural areas and the people who live in them, frequently experience multiple disparities:

- Higher rates of unemployment.
- Lower rates of high school graduation.
- Fewer employment and educational opportunities for youth.
- Decreased access to healthy foods and safe areas for physical activity.
- Higher number of individuals lacking or putting off medical care.
- Decreased access to health-care, internet and broadband connectivity and Telehealth opportunities.

Because of these factors, many rural residents need to drive further, often through worse road conditions to obtain medical help and necessary services. Additionally, many rural residents are also older adults living with multiple chronic health conditions.

The Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) are broken down into five main categories: (1) health and health care; (2) social and community context; (3) education; (4) economic stability; and (5) the neighborhood and built environment.

The Grange has been active in all five of these important areas.

SDOH Area #1: Health & Healthcare Access: activities in this area have been many:

- Health screenings, immunizations and migrant farm-worker health clinics.
- Fund raising for emergency services.
- Promotion of Telehealth services.
- Promotion of service and therapy dogs.

SDOH Area #2: Social & Community Context: this area focuses increasing social cohesion and civic participation and includes:

- Hosting Urban vs. Rural Tension Workshops.
- Keep Oregon Warm, a warm clothing resource drive.
- Prevention efforts on domestic violence, child, elder and animal abuse.
- Conducting anti-bullying activities.

Boulevard Granger Selected for Oregon State GWA Scholarship

Whitney Milleson, a fifth generation Granger at Boulevard Grange #389, Malheur County is this year's recipient of the Oregon State Grange GWA scholarship.

She is a 2021 graduate of Vale High school with a 3.97 GPA and will be taking general college classes starting this fall. While in High School she was involved in National Honor Society, student government, FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), yearbook and science club.

In addition to attending Grange meetings, she has helped served multiple dinners and helped with the yard sales. She also volunteers at the Ani-care Dog Shelter and with the Vale Community leaf rake and pick up.

Outside of school and community activities she has worked as a Barista at The Coffee Cactus in Ontario since May 2020.

Whitney's great-great-grandpar-



ents, Verner and Catherine Richmond, were Grange members in Nebraska. Her great grandparents, Wendell and Mabel Richmond, and grandparents, Wesley and Valeria Richmond were Grange members at Boulevard Grange. Her grandmother Val Richmond, parents John and Kathy Milleson are currently Grange members there. The family recently learned of the National Grange Legacy Family award and are working on their application.

Deer Island Grange Awards Scholarship

The Deer Island Grange is excited to announce the 2021 Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship recipient is Emma Hahn from Vernonia High School. This scholarship is for \$1000 and is awarded to a Columbia County High School senior majoring in agriculture, animal science, forestry, or education. Emma will be attending Eastern Oregon University in the fall where she will major in Biology and Rangeland Sciences.

Emma is valedictorian of her class. When her high school ran out of science classes for her to take, she found more classes online. Emma keeps busy with horseback riding and competitions, volunteering in



her school and community, track, cross country, and work.

SDOH Area #3: Education: this area is engrained in Granger history, and includes:

- Sustainable food practices.
- Nutrition science.
- Community gardening education.
- Support for programs like Words for Thirds and Ag in the Classroom.

SDOH Area #4: Economic Stability: activities include:

- Constructing homes for the homeless.
- Hosting, staffing and contributing to food pantries.
- Promoting veteran's home foreclosure protection and priority housing.
- Teaching economical food production, preparation and consumption practices.

SDOH Area #5: Neighborhood

and Built Environment: activities include:

- Environmental clean-ups and toxin reduction.
- Honeybee health promotion.
- Supporting emergency preparedness and community resilience.
- Increasing opportunities and support for Farmer's Markets and local food systems.

Putting It All Together: What Does This Mean to the Grange?

I believe this means the Grange, and the activities we promote, are more important than ever to the health and well being of rural and suburban populations.

Partnering with public health efforts in these areas can help reduce these disparities and increase health and wellbeing for us all.

Herrick Receives C. E. Spence and Foundation Scholarships

Briauna Herrick, a member of Walterville Grange #416, Lane County, is the recipient of two Grange Scholarships: The C. E. Spence Memorial Scholarship valued at \$1000 given by the Oregon State Grange and the Muzzy Mandel Scholarship awarded by the Oregon State Grange Foundation for \$500.

Briauna is a 2019 graduate of Thurston High School. She is the granddaughter of current Oregon State Grange Education Director, Paula Herrick.

She has been active in Grange all her life including being State Junior Grange Master and a member of the Junior Grange officer team that exemplified the Junior Degree at the 2012 National Grange convention.

In 2016 she attended the National Grange convention in Spokane, Washington where she received the 7th degree and served as an attendant for Oregon's conferral of the 6th degree. She has served as several state Grange Youth officers, this year serving as Ceres and is the current District 2 Education Chairman. She also served on the Oregon State Grange Cookbook committee.

Briauna is currently attending Oregon State University with a major in Agricultural Sciences. She will be adding a minor this coming year.



Alison Huff

Ada Grange #570 Awards Two Harley Huff Scholarships

Ada Grange awarded two Harley Huff Sr. Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$500 to Siuslaw Graduates Alison Huff and Gracie Freundenthal. They were chosen due to their commitment to giving back to the community through community service activities and projects.

The scholarships are given to seniors from Siuslaw High School in Florence, Oregon and Maple-



L-r: Joyce Parker; Foundation Secretary presented Briaunna with a certificate recognizing her as the Muzzy Mendel Scholarship recipient at this year's OSG Foundation annual meeting.

At OSU she is involved with the Collegiate Farm Bureru club where she serves as the office of Treasurer. She is also in the Leadership Academy within the college of Agriculture Sciences. It is a year-long leadership development program for undergraduates. Briauna participates in the campus church group Cru and made the Dean's list for the 2021 winter term.

After graduation she plans to work in the Agricultural industry and eventually return home to her family's farm.



Gracie Freundenthal

ton High School as well as home-schooled students in those areas. They are awarded based on an applicant's Community Service Project Activities and financial need.

The scholarship funds may be used at any trade, vocational, community college or university. Funds may be used for tuition, room and board, books and supplies, student fees, body card, parking permit, etc.

The Education Committee

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OSG Education Director



2021 Oregon State Grange Convention Education Committee Report

Greetings fellow Grangers,

As we seem to be looking at a more normal summer and hopefully a good start to the coming school year, we are looking forward to sponsoring Ag in Classroom again. The education committee was sort of shut down this past year due to Covid but we're looking forward again to the future with Ag in the Classroom participation and other programs at your local schools.

Ag in the Classroom is an excellent tool for children to find out where

OSG Secretary Selected for Ramm Foundation Scholarship

This year the Oregon State Grange Foundation selected Sarah Kingsborough, a member of Warner Grange #117 in Clackamas County and an affiliate member of Mohawk-Mckenzie Grange #747 in Lane County as the recipient of the \$500 Mary Sauter Ramm memorial scholarship.

Sarah is the current Secretary of the Oregon State Grange. Previous to that she was State Treasurer as well as State Junior Director. She is a 3rd generation Grange member and has been involved her entire life. As she has moved around the state, she's kept her primary membership at Warner Grange where she was a Junior Granger and then became a 4th degree member in 1991. Sarah has served in offices and committee roles at the local, Pomona, and State levels. This spring she transferred her affiliate membership from Sandlake Grange in Tillamook County to Mohawk-Mckenzie Grange in Lane County.

Sister Sarah has decided to return to college and finish her bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management. After 25 years in banking, and most of that a front-line manager, she's decided that she wanted to focus the second half of her career by supporting employees in their professional development. She will receive her degree from Concordia University Wisconsin but will take as many classes as possible at Lane Community College to help keep the cost down.

In addition to Grange, Sarah is currently involved in the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul Catholic Church, and The American Red Cross. She is a Com-

their food comes from and all that is involved in the farming. This year the literacy program was all done virtually and I realize that is not available or comfortable for the majority of our Grange family. This coming year we hope to be back volunteering in the classroom through the Literacy program and also the Dictionary Program is a great program to get your Grange involved in.

If there is anything your Grange is doing in your local school or projects at your Grange for education keep me informed, I'd love to hear from you.



L-r: Sarah Kingsborough, recipient of the Mary Sauter Ramm memorial scholarship is pictured above receiving a certificate from Joyce Parker; Foundation Secretary at this year's OSG Foundation annual meeting.

munity Ambassador for Umpqua Bank to help coordinate volunteer efforts of employees locally. Since 2007 she's been an active volunteer with Financial Beginnings teaching financial literacy classes in local classrooms in person or remotely. While living in Tillamook County she served as a board member on the Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity and the Tillamook Gun Club. Sarah was also volunteered with the Tillamook Women's Resource Center, aka Tides of Change, to support survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Sarah is engaged to be married and they are planning their rescheduled wedding for 2022. Her fiancé Josh, his two teenage daughters, and his mom also joined Mohawk-Mckenzie Grange with her this spring.

Oregon State Grange Convention ~ We Got Our Kicks in District 6



Below l-r: 6th Degree Marching candidates Terry Elliott, Ada #570; Rose Jacobs, Central #360; Courtney Croy, Spencer Creek #855; Tyler Gordon, Spencer Creek #855; Lady Assistant Steward Connie Suing and Assistant Steward Wayne Cabler.

Court of Flora

Above l-r: Pomona Attendant Brianna Herrick, Walthville #416, State Pomona Linda Helm, Pomona Attendant Payton Miller, Walthville #416, Flora Attendant Breanna McKay, Abernethy Grange #346, Flora Sandi Ludi, Flora Attendant Grace Hayes, Abernethy Grange #346, Ceres Attendant Heather Elliott, Ada #570, Ceres Linda Pugh and Ceres Attendant Joanne McBride, Hurricane Creek #608.



Rosebud Team

L-r: Usher Roger Wilson, White Eagle #683; Joanne McBride, Hurricane Creek #608; Debbi deBoer, Boulevard #389; Margaret Bradshaw, Hurricane Creek #608; Elvaree Fine, Hurricane Creek #608; Celilo Brun, Hurricane Creek #608; Nikki Shattuck, White Eagle #683; Musician Claudia Boswell, Hurricane Creek #608; Vocalist June Colony, South Fork #605; and Usher David McBride, Hurricane Creek #608. In front: Flower Girl Jameson Wood, Hurricane Creek #608



Above: Rosebud team practicing.

5th Degree Team – Oregon GROW Club and Friends

Back row l-r: EC #2 Dean High, Midland #781; EC #1 David McBride, Hurricane Creek #608; Court Attendant Val Richmond, Boulevard #389; Court Attendant Nikki Shattuck, White Eagle #683; Court Attendant Doris Reid, Columbia #867; Chaplain Joyce Parker, Springwater #263 and EC #3 Bob Ludi, Sunnyside #842



Middle Row l-r: LAS Louise Holst, Midland #781; Steward Lexie Suing, Crow #450; Flora Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater #263; Pomona Connie Suing, Crow #450; Ceres Linda Helm, Phoenix #779; Gatekeeper Roger Wilson, White Eagle #683 and AS Mark Noah, Mohawk-McKenzie #747

Front row l-r: Lecturer Eva Frost, Warren #536; Vice President Carol Everman, Beaver Valley #306; Treasurer Elvaree Fine, Hurricane Creek #608; President Teresa Cernac, Warren #536; Musician Claudia Boswell, Hurricane Creek #608 and Secretary Marilyn Reiher, Winona #271

Oregon State Grange Convention ~ We Got Our Kicks in District 6

2021 Oregon State Youth Officers

Back Row l-r: Christy Dumolt Co-Director; Chaplain Grace Hays, Abernethy #346; Assistant Steward, Riley Reynolds, Santiam Valley #828; Steward Jim Dumolt, Clarkes #261 and President Lexie Suing, Crow #450.

Middle Row: EC #1: Terry Elliott, Ada #570; Lady Assistant Steward Breanna McKay, Abernethy #346; Pomona Payton Miller, Walterville #416; Vice President Courtney Croy, Spencer Creek #855; Ceres Briauna Herrick, Walterville #416; Gatekeeper & Co-Director JC Junkman, Clarkes #261 and Treasurer Stacy Brown, Forest Grove #282.



Front row: Flora Jade Naylor, Clarkes #261; Lecturer Nikki Shattuck, White Eagle #683; EC #2 Alissa Jenkins, Mohawk-McKenzie #747; EC #3 Mayumi Jenkins, Mohawk-McKenzie #747 and Secretary Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater #263.

Memorial Service Team



l-r: Picking up the 2020 Honor Grange Award for their Granges were: Roberta O'Dell, Santiam Valley #828; Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater #263; Sonny Hays-Eberts, Marys River #685; Patrick Dearth, Creswell #496 and Georgene Barragan, Redland #796.

Honor Granges

The 2020 Honor Grange Awards recipients were Bronze: Macleay #293 and Santiam Valley #828; Silver: Springwater #263 and Marys River #685; Gold: Creswell #496 and Redland #796.

The 2019 Honor Grange Awards were also presented. Bronze: Columbia #867, Lacombe #907, Morning Star #311 and Warren #536; Silver: Abernethy #346, Eagle Creek #297, Molalla #310 and Springwater #263; Gold: Clarkes #261, Creswell #496, Marys River #685, Redland #796, Riversdale #731 and Walterville #416.

Watch for more convention pictures in the October/November Bulletin.

Back Row l-r: David McBride, Hurricane Creek #608; Del Stanley, Liberty #613; Roger Wilson, White Eagle #683 and Sam Keator, Winona #271.

Middle Row l-r: Joanne McBride, Hurricane Creek #608; Brinda Stanley, Liberty #613; Debbi deBoer, Boulevard #389; Nikki Shattuck, White Eagle #683 and Musician Claudia Boswell, Hurricane Creek #608.

In Front l-r: State Secretary Sarah Kingsborough, State Flora Sandi Ludi, State President Susan Noah and State Chaplain Pro-tem Paula Herrick.

State Assistant Steward Report

Madame President, Brothers, and Sisters of the Greatest Grange Below,

Two things of major significance have happened to me in the month of August. On the 9th day in 1941, I was born. On the second Tuesday of 1970 at Sams Valley Grange #666, I was obligated in the 1st and 2nd degrees, starting my Grange journey.

Following the first date mentioned, I often wonder why my mother did not drown me in that old galvanized wash tub she bathed me in. From the second date, I have experienced nearly 51 years of growth. The Grange has broadened me, inspired me, and softened me. It has made me a better citizen who glories in the Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity of our Order. And possibly most importantly, it has made me realize on that day in August 1941, I hit the biggest, most valuable lottery in the history of the world by being born in the United States of America!

Being elected Assistant Steward of the greatest Grange Below last October in Klamath Falls reminded me I was elected Assistant Steward of Sams Valley at my third Grange meeting. At my first meeting as Assistant Steward, I was faced with 50+ visitors from other Granges, including three Masters and a County Deputy to present and the Charter to drape. After being thrown into the fire and stumbling and staggering through that meeting, I received only praise and encouragement for my efforts.

I was also Assistant Steward for Jackson Pomona's Third- and Fourth-Degree Team for many years. Linda and I served a term as Jackson Pomona Assistant Stewards. I mention this just so you know I have considerable experience at mucking it up on the Grange floor. And I will endeavor to improve and do better. I thank you each and every one for the many years of fun, fellowship and growth I have experienced being a member of the Greatest Grange Below.

In closing I must say regarding that unfortunate incident of the Steward's staff being taped to its stand at closing last night, Madame President, Brothers and Sisters, I had absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with it. And furthermore, I will never do it again!

I love you Oregon State Grange!

Fraternally,
Wayne Cabler, Assistant Steward



The Annual Meeting of the Oregon State Grange Foundation was held on Sunday June 20, 2021 at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds.

New Business included the election of two board members for five-year terms. Linda Helm of Phoenix Grange #779 in Jackson County was elected as a Trustee to represent District 1 and Bob Ludi of Sunnyside Grange #842 in Clackamas County was elected as a Trustee to at-large position #2.

Two memorial Scholarships were awarded. The Mary Ramm scholarship in the amount of \$500 was



Above: Foundation President Maggie Peyton gives her annual Presidents report during the Foundation Luncheon.

presented to Sarah Kingsborough of Mohawk-McKenzie Grange in Lane County and Warner Grange in Clackamas County. The Muzzy Mandel scholarship in the amount of \$500 was presented to Brianna Herrick of Walterville Grange in Lane County. Both were present to receive their awards. See page 9 for more information about them.

Grangers Attending State Session (GASS) names were drawn and each received \$25. The recipients were:

- Jim Dumolt, Clarkes Grange #261 Clackamas County
- Steve Leitz, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County
- Margie Belnap, Washington Grange #313, Washington County
- Elaine Chapman, London Grange #937, Lane County
- Elvaree Fine, Hurricane Creek #608, Wallowa County

Following the Luncheon, the Foundation Trustees met and elected officers for 2021-2022. The officers of the Oregon State Grange Foundation are:

- President: Maggie Peyton
- Vice President: Dean High
- Secretary: Joyce Parker
- Treasurer: Martin McClure

OSG GWA Contest Winners

Baked Goods

Candy No Peanut Butter			
1st	Derrell Witty	Hurricane Creek	\$5
Choco Chip Cookies			
1st	Derrell Witty	Hurricane Creek	\$5
Cupcake Challenge			
1st	Alissa Jenkins	Mohawk McKenzie	\$15
Fruit or Veggie Bread (no yeast breads)			
1st	Bonnie Sims	Midland	\$10
Muffins			
1st	Sarah Kingsborough	Warner	\$10
Peanut Butter Cookies			
1st	Alissa Jenkins	Mohawk McKenzie	\$5
2nd	Derrell Witty	Hurricane Creek	\$4

Craft

Bailey's Good Dog Gift Package			
1st	Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$15
Food Gift in a Jar (Cookies)			
1st	Joanne McBride	Hurricane Creek	\$10
2nd	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$8
Here Kitty Gift Bag			
1st	Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$15
Metal Art			
1st	Robert O'Dell Jr	Santiam Valley - Non-member	\$50
2nd	Angel Sheets	Santiam Valley - Non-member	\$30
3rd	Cindy Wilkins	Santiam Valley - Non-member	\$20
Potluck			
1st	Cheryl Hays	Abernethy	\$15
2nd	Darae Aslin	Hurricane Creek	\$10
3rd	Lois Ensminger	Hurricane Creek	\$5
Recycle			
1st	Darae Aslin	Hurricane Creek	\$15
2nd	Pat Fine	Columbia	\$10
3rd	Louise Holst	Midland	\$5
Small Basketry			
1st	Darae Aslin	Hurricane Creek	\$15
Small Wooden Articles			
1st	Dylan Jennings	Hurricane Creek - Non-member	\$25
What to do with Worn out Jeans			
1st	BJ Whitehead	Hurricane Creek	\$15
Woodcraft			
1st	Howard Huey	Abernethy	\$25

Preserved Food

Canned Vegetables			
1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5
Dried Fruit			
1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5
Jam-any fruit			
1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5
Jam-berry			
1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5
Pickles-relish			
1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5
Pickles-misc			
1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5

Textiles

Apron			
1st	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$15
2nd	Lois Ensminger	Hurricane Creek	\$10
3rd	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$5
Baby Quilt - tied			
1st	Roberta O'Dell	Santiam Valley	\$15
Baby Quilt - Machine			
1st	Sue Schmeck	Hurricane Creek - Non-member	\$15
2nd	BJ Whitehead	Hurricane Creek	\$10
Crocheted Doilies			
1st	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$25
Crocheted or Knitted Afghan			
1st	Roberta O'Dell	Santiam Valley	\$25
2nd	Louise Jenks	Abernethy	\$15
3rd	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$10
Embroidered Baby Quilt			
1st	Roberta O'Dell	Santiam Valley	\$15
Embroidery			
1st	BJ Whitehead	Hurricane Creek	\$15

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www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/

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



Internal Policy Resolution Adopted at the 2021 State Grange Convention

GO #1: Convention Registration Fees

Resolved: That the registration fees for the annual Oregon State Grange Convention be determined each year by the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee. And be it further

Resolved: That the fees to be charged be published in the February/March issue of the Grange Bulletin along with the registration form.

OSG GWA Contest Winners

Textiles

Hot Pad or Mitt - crochet/knitted			
1 st	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$15
2 nd	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$10
Hot Pad or Mitt – fabric			
1 st	Darae Aslin	Hurricane Creek	\$15
2 nd	Sue Schmeck	Hurricane Creek - Non-member	\$10
3 rd	BJ Whitehead	Hurricane Creek	\$5
Crocheted or Knitted Items - Misc			
1 st	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$25
2 nd	Louise Jenks	Abernethy	\$15
3 rd	Patty Bunch	Central Point	\$10
Pillowcases for our Troops			
1 st	Abernathy Grange	Abernethy	\$25
2 nd	Little Deschutes	Little Deschutes	\$15
Plastic Canvas			
1 st	Kim Schettig	Clackamas	\$15
2 nd	Doris Reid	Columbia	\$10
Premie Afghan & Hat			
1 st	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$25
Purses and Totes			
1 st	Cathryn Paterson	Hurricane Creek	\$15
2 nd	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$10
3 rd	BJ Whitehead	Hurricane Creek	\$5
Quilts - Machine			
1 st	Joanne McBride	Hurricane Creek	\$15
Table Runner			
1 st	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$25
2 nd	BJ Whitehead	Hurricane Creek	\$15

Below: GWA contest room



All Enjoyed Grange Benefits Breakfast

Bright and early Tuesday morning of convention found Grangers attending the Benefits breakfast at Hurricane Creek Grange. This is a free breakfast for Grangers attending state convention and is funded as part of the \$1 per member received from Grange Insurance Association.

R: The tables were full of Grangers eating and visiting.

Below l-r: Bob Ludi kept an eye on the pancake grill while Phil Van Buren, Mark Noah, Elvaree Fine and Patrick Dearth worked on other parts of the breakfast.



GWA

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We had a great time “getting our kicks in District 6” at the 148th State Grange Convention in Enterprise, Wallowa County. Thank you to all those hard workers. Weather was warm and the county showed off its best features with blue skies and snow-capped mountains.

Congratulations to our 2021 GWA scholarship of \$1000 winner, Whitney Milleson. Best wishes for her future endeavors. You can see information on Whitney on page 8. Also, a big Thank You to all who participated in our contests. We had amazing entries! Looking to next convention in District 1-June 18-23, 2022 in the Rogue River Valley.

If you are interested in serving on the GWA Committee I am still looking for Chairs in District 3 and 5. Please contact me, Joanne McBride or any other District Chair if you have any questions and wish to join up! So far, we have District Chairs for:

- District 1 - Tammie Phillips
- District 2 - Rose Jacobs
- District 4 - John DeHaas
- District 6 - Betty Whitehead.

I want to encourage all Chairs to reach out to the GWA Committees in your Granges in your District. GWA Committee is the “Work Horse of the Grange”. Pass the word. Remind the Grange Workers that this could be a way to encourage your non-Grange friends to join and participate in our great organization.

A list of contests will be found in the 2022 Awards, Contests and Scholarship booklet. As a reminder, any Grange member can sponsor a non-Grange member entry. This is a great way to involve those in your community that participate in social events at your local Grange; such as sewing clubs.

Also, I will be looking for more Sponsors in some of the categories. Sponsorship involves the amount of prize money for that category. A list of categories will be coming out this fall. If there is a category that you have not seen but are interested in, please contact me and we can possibly add it.

Again, thank you all so much!

Forest Grove Grange #282

GOAT BINGO

&
Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 21, 2021

1:00 pm

\$5.00/Square

Winner gets 50% of proceeds

Forest Grove Grange Hall, 1917 B Street, Forest Grove, OR 97116



Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers,

It's been a very busy Session here in the State Capitol. Here is a brief overview of what took place. It was nice seeing some of you at the State Grange Convention in Enterprise. I can't wait till next year. So do enjoy your summer months and take care of one another. Hope you had a good 4th of July and Happy Trails.

Oregon lawmakers end session after OK for record spending

Legislature ended one day before deadline; members got federal money for district projects. Oregon lawmakers adjourned their 2021 regular session Saturday June 26 after approving record spending buoyed by federal funds and state tax collections that remained resilient despite the coronavirus pandemic.

Each of the 30 senators and 60 representatives got a slice of \$240 million from the state's \$2.6 billion share of federal funds under President Joe Biden's pandemic recovery law, known as the American Rescue Plan. Each senator got \$4 million, and each representative \$2 million, to allocate to a maximum of four projects or programs sponsored by state and local agencies and nonprofits.

The money was part of a record \$5.5 billion budget reconciliation measure, known in past sessions as the "Christmas tree bill," because it often contained money for specific projects sponsored by selected legislators.

For a complete list, go to this link: olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/Committee-MeetingDocument/246418

All that money will go out in the fall after reviews by state officials to ensure that proposed spending conform to federal guidelines in the American Rescue Plan. House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, said none of the requests appeared to be out of bounds, but legislators would be consulted if that was not the case.

Lawmakers wrapped up their work in 159 days, one day short of the 160-day limit that Oregon voters set when they approved annual legislative sessions in 2010. They are scheduled to meet again September 20, after they receive federal census-block data that will enable them to redraw legislative and congressional district lines following the 2020 Census.

The 2022 session, which will last a maximum of 35 days, will start in February.

All this followed three special sessions — and thirteen meetings of the Emergency Board, the 20 lawmakers who decide budget issues between sessions — during 2020 and early 2021.

The Capitol reopened to the public on July 12. It has been closed since March 18, 2020, at the onset of the pandemic. Lawmakers convened committee meetings online, including public testimony, but they voted on bills in person in their chambers.

Bigger Budget

Lawmakers approved a budget of more than \$29 billion from the tax-supported general fund and Oregon Lottery proceeds, the most flexible sources for support of state services and public schools in the next two years. That's far more than the \$25.6 billion that Democratic Governor Kate Brown proposed back on December 1, when the pandemic appeared to be worsening.

"These are not 'cut' budgets," Kotek told reporters after adjournment at 5:37 p.m. Saturday. An infusion of \$2.6 billion from Biden's plan, plus state tax collections that rebounded from huge projected losses only a year ago, helped avert cuts in most budgets. But budget writers have warned that about \$6 billion in the two-year budget cycle that started on Thursday, July 1, is one-time money.

Unlike in other states, Oregon lawmakers approve spending in a series of agency bills, rather than a single budget, and then pass a reconciliation measure at the end of the session. Lawmakers approved a record \$9.3 billion in the state school fund, but the Oregon School Boards Association and the Oregon Education Association said it should have been \$9.6 billion. The fund will receive a projected \$664 million in excess corporate income taxes; the exact figure will be known after the Sept. 22 revenue forecast. But that amount does not count against the base for the next budget cycle.

Lawmakers also approved \$765 million for housing, \$600 million for recovery from the 2020 Labor Day wildfires and prevention, and \$470 million for mental health services. "We have created some major expectations with this budget,"

Senate President Peter Courtney, a Democrat from Salem and the Legislature's longest serving member, told reporters. "I am very concerned about being able to deliver on that budget."

Brown said she was generally pleased with lawmakers' work. "This session has marked a turning point for Oregon," she said in a statement afterward. "I am pleased that today, coming out of session, we are better positioned to address the key challenges facing Oregonians: the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, wildfire recovery and preparedness, and taking steps to end systemic racism and address racial disparities in Oregon."

What leaders said

Legislative leaders said it was a historic session in many ways. "When I look at the full scope of what we've done this session to target aid to Oregonians who need it most, it honestly takes my breath away," Kotek, who has been in the House since 2007 and a record ninth year as its speaker, said in a statement.

"We prioritized pandemic relief, wildfire recovery, the housing crisis, improving our behavioral health system, and pushing for more equitable policing and a fairer criminal justice system. Taking on these ambitious goals amid a global pandemic required remarkable coordination and communication. I applaud the bipartisan effort that made the session successful. "While more work lies ahead to help the many Oregonians who are still hurting, we can honestly look back and say that the work we did here will make a meaningful difference for years to come."

Courtney is in his 33rd year in the Legislature, and a record 19th year as Senate president. "Oregon has never had a session like this," he said. "The state was on fire. People were out of work. Families were struggling. We were in the middle of a pandemic... but we came in and did the people's work. We balanced our budget and made big investments in our communities. There were some bitter fights but, in the end, we represented the people well."

House Republican Leader Christine Drazan of Canby, in her second term, wasn't as upbeat but said there were some gains. "I'm proud of the work we accomplished for our communities and for Oregonians across the state this session," she said in a statement. "From the start, we called for a focus on pandemic recovery, returning students to school and assistance to wildfire-impacted communities.

"As the legislative session progressed, it was clear transparency

suffered as public policy was rushed through behind closed doors. This harmed communities, businesses and families. As the Oregon economy recovers, businesses reopen and students return to school, we must ensure the policy making process also returns to normal, which must include reopening the Capitol to the voices of Oregonians."

First-ever expulsion

The session also was notable for an infamous reason: It resulted in the expulsion of a member on grounds of "disorderly behavior" for the first time in Oregon's 162 years of statehood. Republican Rep. Mike Nearman, a four-term member from a Mid-Willamette Valley district, was expelled June 10 on a 59-1 vote for his aiding of anti-lockdown protesters — some of them armed — in a breach of the closed Capitol during a December 21 special session. He is under indictment in Marion County Circuit Court on two counts, both misdemeanors, for his actions.

Nearman was caught on Capitol surveillance video opening a Capitol door to allow entry by some protesters, who eventually were ejected by police. A second video, which surfaced the week before the expulsion vote, showed Nearman disclosing his cell phone number to potential protesters during a meeting and advising that "someone" might open a door if a text message was received.

Nearman, 57, a retired software engineer, is one of five candidates Republicans have put forth to fill the vacant District 23 seat. The Oregon Constitution bars the House from expelling him twice for the same offense. Commissioners from the district's four counties must choose a Republican to succeed him; if they do not within 30 days, Brown could choose any eligible Republican for the seat. But commissioners from Polk, Marion, Yamhill and Benton counties beat the deadline and selected Anna Scharf, a staffer in Nearman's office and a legislative policy analyst. She has also advocated on agricultural issues in the legislature.

The House did schedule a vote on the recommended expulsion of Rep. Diego Hernandez, a three-term Democrat from East Portland who was found by a committee to have committed eighteen violations of a legislative rule against creating a hostile work environment. But Hernandez resigned the day before the vote was to take place.

With the appointment to the District 47 seat of Andrea Valderrama, who had filed for a restraining order against Hernandez in 2020, the Oregon House had a majority of women for the first time in state history.



All Grangers are invited OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 25th @ 7 pm PDT
Wednesday, September 29th @ 7 pm PDT
Where: Zoom

The OSG Legislative Committee will lead a discussion on proposed measures and petitions we are following, answer questions about resolution writing and deadlines, and talk about issues of interest.

It is not too early to think about resolutions for next year's OSG Convention.

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Legislative Update

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At one of our recent Zoom forums, we talked about SJM3 and our first order of business was to figure out that SJM stands for Senate Joint Memorial. According to the glossary of terms on the OLIS (*Oregon Legislative Information System*) website, a Joint Memorial is "a measure adopted by both houses and used to make a request of or to express an opinion to Congress, the President of the United States, or both." There can be HJMs also, depending on which house the memorial originates from. It appears that a joint memorial is very similar to a Grange resolution, which is usually a request for action or an expression of an opinion.

olutions are written by members who know they can't attend convention and just keep layering on words to try to make sure we get what they're saying.

Back on legislative topics, we are paying attention to some early activity on several issues. Initiative petition IP13 has already been filed with the Secretary of State and is aimed at the 2022 November ballot. It would revise Oregon's existing animal cruelty statute ORS 167 to criminalize the raising of animals for food, injuring or killing animals, and most breeding practices. Backers have stated in their arguments that only animals that die of natural causes should be used for food. A coalition called Oregonians for Animal Care has formed to oppose IP13 and notes that it would impact many activities from agriculture and rodent control to hunting, fishing and rodeos. Clearly these are extreme ideas that have little or no chance of adoption by the general public, but the fact is they seem to be well-funded and had no trouble obtaining the initial 1,000 sponsorship signatures required to file their initiative with the Secretary of State. Their next hurdle will be Oregon's constitutional requirement that an initiative address only one subject. This same initiative has been filed in Colorado and their supreme court has ruled it invalid on those grounds. We'll look into Oregonians for Animal Care to determine if this is a coalition that the Oregon State Grange should join.

Another proposal we are following, this one at the federal level, is the River Democracy Act (S.192) which would significantly expand the reach of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by doubling the management boundary of a currently designated wild and scenic river from ¼ mile to ½ mile in each direction from the river's banks, and by designating many tributaries of these rivers as subject to management. Many of these 'tributaries' are seasonal or ephemeral watercourses that the term 'wild and scenic' would not seem to fit. Research groups that study bills give S. 192 only a 2% chance of passage in this congress but as water shortages become more significant the idea of protecting entire drainages will probably resurface. We must all stay alert to this issue but we also must realize that whether we like it or not, some actions will likely be needed to ensure that we all continue to have access to water.

The point of SJM3 was to urge the President and Congress to reimburse state and local government property owners and private property owners for damage resulting from wildfires that originate on federal lands. According to the measure history on OLIS, SJM3 came from the Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery committee and upon adoption was referred to the House Agriculture and Natural Resources committee, where it was adopted and sent to the floor for vote. SJM was adopted and filed with the Secretary of State. A Memorial does not require the signature of the governor.

Our members sometimes struggle with and question the need for our resolution format and occasionally the State Grange office receives a 'resolution' that doesn't even try to follow form. Why can't we just write a couple sentences and vote yes or no? If you look up SJM3 in the 2021 Legislative session on OLIS, you'll probably notice that the format and language of a Memorial is exactly the same as our Grange resolutions. In both instances the point is to be precise in language, so the reader understands exactly what the writer wants to say.

The fact is, everyday language is notoriously imprecise because so much of our comprehension comes from nonverbal communication such as tone, posture, expression and context. We're trying to express our idea in written words so that the next reader, who may not know us nor anything about our idea, will understand exactly what we are saying. We all know from past experience at Grange conventions just how hard that is. In fact, I tell people that the best way to help your resolution pass is to be at the convention in person to support it. Sometimes the longest res-

ADVOCACY PLAYBOOK

WHATS THE ISSUE?

The Growing Climate Solutions Act is a bipartisan bill sponsored by Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Mike Braun (R-IN) which would decrease barriers to a voluntary carbon credit system in agriculture. Specifically, the bill directs the Department of Agriculture to create programs to provide technical assistance to farmers when applying for carbon credits, and certify third-party auditors which would be able to verify conservation actions taken on farms. In doing so, the bill would provide Federal endorsement and support to carbon credit systems which compensate farmers for conservation practices which combat climate change. Currently, this bill has been passed by the Senate Agriculture committee on a unanimous bipartisan vote but is awaiting action from legislators in the House before it can move forward.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Currently, agriculture is the fifth largest contributor to America's greenhouse gas emissions at 10%. At the same time, because agriculture is an industry which is highly dependent on the climate, increases in heatwaves, droughts, and other extreme weather events which are predicted to result from extreme climate change will uniquely harm farmers. In fact, a 2017 EPA report listed agriculture as one of the sectors most likely to be harmed by climate change. Yet more, agriculture has the potential to play a constructive role in combatting climate change not just by reducing its own emissions, but also by sequestering carbon emissions in general.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you want to get involved and make sure the Growing Climate Solutions Act becomes law, one useful way you can advocate for the bill is by reaching out to your member of Congress (if you are not sure who that is, use this website: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>). Whether you plan to call, send an email, or write a letter to your member of Congress, it is important to make clear that you would like to see them support the Growing Climate Solutions Act by cosponsoring the bill and later voting for it. As well, try to include a story about how the bill will affect you, your family, and your community. Each call, email, and letter an office receives is tallied up and considered when your Representative is deciding whether or not to support a bill, and extra weight is given to those contacts which include personal stories. By lending the voice of Grangers across the country in support of the Growing Climate Solutions Act, together we can push Congress to continue to move the bill forward and create a system which benefits both the climate and farmers.

National Grange

June 11, 2021 ~ The Patrons Chain



Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2021 State Grange Session

AG #1: Maintenance of Exclusive Farm Use Zones

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the maintenance of the Exclusive Farm Use zone for farms and opposes allowing additional non-farm uses in the EFU zone.

AG #2: Policies for Oregon Small Farmers and Local Consumers

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange strongly supports policies that strengthen and improve the ways in which Oregon small farmers and their local consumers can be brought together in mutually beneficial connection.

AG #3: State Meat Inspection Program

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange strongly supports a State Meat Inspection Program, with health and safety requirements that insure safe products to consumers.

AG #5: Adding Apprenticeships & Mentoring a Farm Food Corps Program

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange go on record supporting a Farm Corps program for apprenticeships and mentoring of new and beginning farmers.

AG #6: Initiative Petition #13

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange oppose Initiative Petition #13: "The Abuse, Neglect, and Assault Exemption Modification and Improvement Act"; and if it qualifies for the ballot the Oregon State Grange take an active role in opposition.

EH #1: Professional Certification of Service Animals

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange will urge the Oregon State Legislature to require professional training and certification of "service animals." And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange forward this resolution to the National Grange for legislative action on the federal level.

EH #2: Education - Subjects Taught in School

Resolved That the policy below be reaffirmed: The Oregon State Grange believes that all students should successfully complete **financial literacy** studies prior to high school graduation or demonstrate financial literacy by an alternate means specified by the school district. ED1.11

FAI #1: No Speculation in Water Rights

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange is on record as opposing the commodification of water rights. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange strongly advocates for state and federal legislation that will ban speculative trading in water rights.

LE #1: Condemning Racially Motivated Violence

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange condemns all racially motivated acts of hate and violence.

LE #5: Legislation – Regional and County Government

Resolved That the policy below be reaffirmed: The Oregon State Grange opposes **the merger of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties** and the management of Clackamas County by the Metro Council. LE4.11

LE #6: Enforce Immigration Laws

Resolved That we support vigorous enforcement of U.S. immigration laws.

LE #7: Support the Constitution

Resolved That we support the Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States, and its Bill of Rights, and urge all Grange members throughout the U.S. to read these documents.

TU #1: 24-Hour Headlights for Safety

Resolved: That the State of Oregon should enact legislation requiring 24-hour operation of vehicle headlights or daytime running lights. And be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration of a 24-hour headlights or daytime running lights mandate at the federal level.

TU #2: Diesel Fuel

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange opposes any state legislative

or congressional bill or initiative measure that would restrict the sale or use of petroleum diesel for highway usage.

TU #3: Legislation - Railroads

Resolved: That the policy below be reaffirmed: We advocate **long-distance shipping by rail** as a way to reduce our dependence on oil, both foreign and domestic. TR1.11

Reaffirmed Sunsetting Policies

We support any and all forms of **public funded virtual and charter schools. ED3.11**

The State Grange advocates the use of **biomass as fuel** whenever possible and feasible at the local, county, state, and federal levels. **ENR1.11**

We urge the National Grange to lobby for the removal of **earthen dust** from the list of particulate pollutants deemed to require government regulation. **EE2.11**

We urge the National Grange to take such action as necessary to remove **carbon dioxide emissions** from the list of gaseous pollutants. **EE1.11**

We support construction of a proposed **Veterans Home** in Roseburg, Oregon and additional veteran's homes as needed. **LE2.11**

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS			
<i>Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.</i>			
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Aug 14	10:30 AM	Elkhorn Grange
Benton #36	Oct 16	10:30 AM	TBA
Clackamas #1	Oct 23	10:00 AM	Frog Pond Grange
Columbia #18	Aug 7	10:00 AM	Natal Park
Deschutes #25	Aug 14	11:30 AM	Midland Grange
Douglas #13	Oct 23	6:00 PM	TBA
Jackson #27	Oct 23	1:00 PM	TBA
Josephine #20	Oct 30	10:00 AM	TBA
Lane #14	Oct 9	10:00 AM	London Grange
Lincoln #10	Aug 17	10:30 AM	Siletz Valley Grange
Linn #12	Oct 9	10:00 AM	TBA
Polk #3	Oct 14	6:30 PM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Aug 28	10:00 AM	TBA
Wallowa #22	Oct 9	10:00 AM	North End Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 16	10:00 AM	Washington Grange

Abernethy Grange Replaces Stairs

Abernethy Grange #346, Clackamas County, was a recipient of a Oregon State Grange Matching Grant and used the money to replace the stairs. The old stairs were torn out and new oak stairs have been installed. The stairs were finished with an oil and hard wax finish. The new stairs are lighter and with a new coat of paint the entry way is much brighter. This work was done during the time the hall was shut down because of COVID.



Above: the old, worn out stairs were in need of an upgrade.



Left: beautiful new stairs lead from the kitchen/dining room in the basement up to the main floor and meeting hall.

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.

- Teresa Cernac, President 971.291.7619
- John Fine, Dist. 1 - 541.673.0369
- Susan Noah, Dist. 2 - 541.953.6724
- Orrin Schnetzky, Dist. 3 - 971.998.4781
- Suzy Ramm, Dist. 4 - 503.502.3188
- Vickie High, Dist. 5 - 541.591.1019
- Louise Holst, Dist. 5 - 541.883.8498
- Gail Wilson, Dist. 6 - 541.310.9655
- Lexie Suing, At-large - 541.556.2674



GROW stands for Go Right On Working!!!

Thirty Oregon Granges With Net Gains in 2020 Recognized at State Convention

The Membership Committee recognized Granges that have the highest membership gains in the 2020 calendar year during the Membership Luncheon at the State Grange Convention. Financial Awards go to the top four (or more if a tie) Granges and all Granges with a 15% or more gain qualify for a drawing for an indoor/outdoor Grange flag.

The Grange with the largest net number of members gained for the year will be honored with the Master's Award with a plaque and \$200 through the OSG Foundation.

Those being honored for 2020 are:

Grange	County	Start Year	#	%	Award
		End	Gain	Change	
Willamette #52	Benton Co.	16	28	12	\$100.00
Long Tom #866*	Lane Co.	39	55	16	\$75.00
Ash Butte #802	Jefferson Co.	25	33	8	\$50.00
Fernwood #770	Yamhill Co.	25	33	8	\$50.00
Yankton #301	Columbia Co.	21	26	5	\$25.00
Barlow Gate #157	Wasco Co.	24	29	5	20.8
Creswell #496	Lane Co.	38	45	7	18.4
Salmon River #516	Lincoln Co.	23	27	4	17.4
Beaver Homes #518**	Columbia Co.	24	28	4	16.7
Mapleton #584	Lane Co.	13	15	2	15.4
Garfield #317	Clackamas Co.	17	19	2	11.8
Elmira #523	Lane Co.	9	10	1	11.1
Coburg West Point #535	Lane Co.	18	20	2	11.1
Fairfield #720	Marion Co.	21	23	2	9.5
Bellview #759	Jackson Co.	36	39	3	8.3
Eagle Valley #656	Baker Co.	37	40	3	8.1
Tigard #148	Washington Co.	26	28	2	7.7
Lacomb #907	Linn Co.	40	43	3	7.5
Junction City #744	Lane Co.	16	17	1	6.3
Enterprise #489	Jackson Co.	17	18	1	5.9
Roxy Ann #792	Jackson Co.	24	25	1	4.2
Fruitdale #379	Josephine Co.	49	51	2	4.1
White Clover #784	Tillamook Co.	26	27	1	3.8
Springwater #263	Clackamas Co.	84	87	3	3.6
Central #360	Lane Co.	28	29	1	3.6
Ada #570	Lane Co.	30	31	1	3.3
Terrebonne #663	Deschutes Co.	41	42	1	2.4
Marys River #685	Benton Co.	96	98	2	2.1
Skyline #894	Multnomah Co.	63	64	1	1.6
Columbia #267	Multnomah Co.	112	113	1	.9

*Recipient of the "Master's Award". ** Flag winner



Membership Matters

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2021 Oregon State Grange Convention Education Committee Report.

Grange membership has certainly been a challenge during this pandemic. With many Granges unable to meet for many months, it has been very difficult for Grangers to stay connected and contribute time to Grange functions. A few Granges in Oregon were able to implement virtual meetings which allowed them to continue to conduct essential business activity. Many Granges in Oregon were creative in providing for the emergency needs of their communities. However, almost everyone found it difficult to recruit and enhance their membership, simply because of the lock downs on gatherings. Throughout the world, the virus has impacted all of us. In Oregon, the worst of the Covid-19 crisis appears to be concluding and activities are returning to normal.

We have gained experience from the crisis, and some of the positive knowledge we have learned will continue to be useful for us as we move forward. We have become more conscious about health precautions, being sensitive to the needs of others by staying away from crowds when we are ill, and being more deliberate with cleanliness. We have also learned as members of our fraternity about the importance our social interactions, and how we are strengthened by serving our communities. As our local activities have begun restarting, it is a great opportunity to reach out to your neighbors and share how the Grange is an organization for individuals and families wishing to come together with others to serve the needs of the community.

As we are recruiting new members and in order to improve their experience, the Oregon State Grange Membership committee believes that we need to more rapidly welcome these new Grangers at the State Grange level. Currently, it is often two to five months before a new member begins receiving the Oregon State Grange Bulletin because their new membership information is not reported until the next quarterly report. Most Granges are providing community Grange welcome packets and assist new people into the local Grange. After reviewing the practices of other state Granges in welcoming new members, the Membership Committee is proposing a quicker way for those just joining to feel they are part of our State organization.

The Membership Committee recommends that the Oregon State Grange develop a process whereby community/Subordinate Granges may submit new member information to the State Office as soon as they officially join. The Membership Committee would have prepared a State Grange Welcome Packet into which a current copy of the Bulletin would be inserted and mailed to the new member. The Committee believes that this method would improve the new individual's welcoming experience. Granges would still report the complete information using the quarterly report as this information is currently maintained separately.

As we are able to resume our regular Grange activities, our Membership Committee District Chairs are anticipating the opportunity to begin visiting Granges and sharing ideas on improving Grange membership.

Below l-r: Grange delegates or a representative for the Grange received certificates recognizing a net gain at the Membership Luncheon. Linda Pugh for Mapleton, David Wallace for Beaver Homes, Mary Camizzi and Dorothy Peacock for Salmon River, Patrick Dearth for Creswell, Eva Frost for Yankton, Louise Holst for Ash Butte, Sam Keator for Fernwood, Peggy Jillson for Long Tom and Jay Sexton for Willamette.



Oregon Junior Grangers



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Junior Grange Meetings

One of the opportunities at the Junior Grange annual convention is participation in daily Grange meetings. The Junior room is set up with kid-sized stations and regalia, and we do practice marching drills and formal opening and closing ceremonies, but we are also teaching basic skills that can be used in any group. Using a gavel, making a motion, electing an officer – all can be fun and build social confidence. Think about ways meeting skills could be incorporated in any activities your Grange plans specifically for kids.

A Junior committee can meet without forming a complete Junior Grange. You'll get great feedback that may help you bring families into your Grange. Grownups know that Roberts Rules can take us down many a rabbit hole, but fortunately Junior motions are usually very straightforward: "I move we bring snacks so we can stay longer at the park." Our sister organizations, 4H and FFA, are also places to learn meeting skills as children get older. I encourage you to support your Junior committee in the important

work of raising active citizens of the future.

Junior Fun Kits for Meetings

At the convention in Enterprise the Junior Department handed out packets of activity materials to use at your meeting when children attend, or when you want to take a lighthearted break from Grange business. We had pin-less pin-wheels, paper cup bird feeders, and Play Doh mini packs. I hope the hole punches and scissors can be used for lots of other projects you dream up.

These particular ideas helped use up some craft materials we had been toting around for too long, so I can send instructions but not all the materials to any Grange that would like to make their own packet. If you have ideas for future packets, please send them to the Junior Department. We are trying to avoid plastic foam, Styrofoam, plastic glitter, and other materials that cannot decompose. If you're interested in getting future packets, please let me know that too. We would love to help you welcome Juniors at your Grange.

Junior Grange Contest Results

Minecraft

Juniors ages 5-7	
1st - Cosmo Bombaci	South Fork #605
2nd - Emily Clute	Forest Grove #282
Juniors ages 8-10	
1st - Jameson Wood	Hurricane Creek #608
2nd - Cerise Cook-Hazen	Mohawk-Mckenzie #747
Juniors ages 11-13	
1st - Danka Cook-Hazen	Mohawk-Mckenzie #747
Juniors "Master Division"	
1st - Justin Clute	Forest Grove #282

National Junior Grange Photo Contest

Take a photograph of what you think represents the National Grange theme for the year, "Cultivating Connections".

Submissions must be postmarked by October 1st of current year.

Entries will be broken down into three age categories:

- Group 1: 5-7
- Group 2: 8-10
- Group 3: 11-14

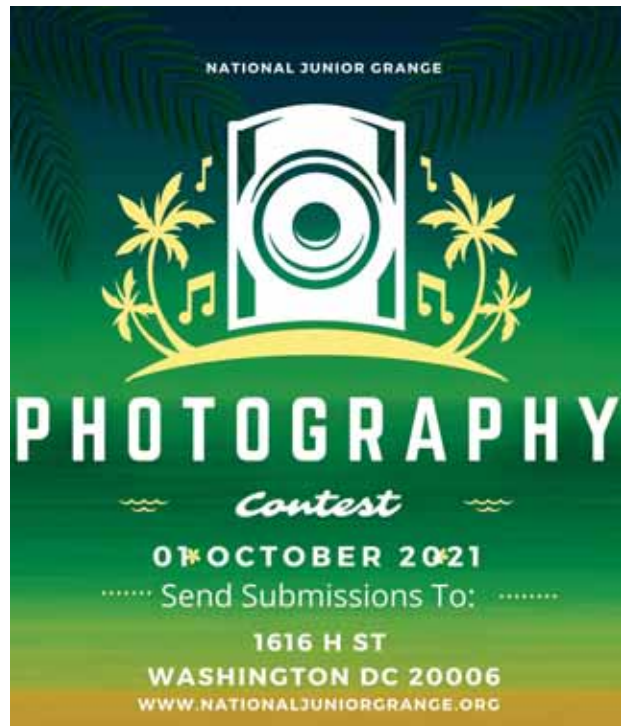
RULES:

- Must be a Junior Grange Member or Junior 1+ Member.
- Minimum photo submission size is a 5x7" only.
- Photos may be submitted in black and white or color.
- On back of photo or in the submission email include:
 - Name
 - Age (and birthdate)
 - State
 - Grange name and number
 - Mailing address

AWARDS:

Cash prizes for 1st-3rd place winners in each age category will be awarded during the Junior Breakfast at National Session. Winners not present will have their awards mailed to them.

Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of theme.



Junior Grange Activities at Convention



On Tuesday morning of state convention Junior Director Peggy Jillson gave her annual address while nine Juniors in attendance that day watched on. Just before the Assistant Stewards presented the Juniors to the altar where State President Susan Noah gave them the Junior obligation.



Left: Junior 1+ member Jameson Wood, Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County making slime. The Juniors favorite thing this session seemed to be making fluffy slime.

Below: During the Junior's time on the floor, they presented State President Susan Noah with some slime.





GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"



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Hello everyone!

Coming off a wonderful State Grange Convention in Enterprise, bringing home that infusion of enthusiasm that follows hanging out with some of the best people in the state. At this year's GROW club dinner, held after the Wednesday afternoon close of convention, a group of approximately 36 GROW club members and families met at the Hurricane Creek Grange for a meal of Subway Sandwiches, chips, beverages and (optional) cookies. After serving as president of the GROW club for the last couple years, Sandi Ludi (now Oregon State Grange Flora) has stepped down, and I will be attempting to fill her adorable shoes.

The board met following the meal to discuss our future plans. Several good ideas were offered by those in attendance during the meal and taken under advisement. We have decided that next convention the GROW club will have a table at the Trade Show. Several of the members expressed a desire to help explain to the general membership how one becomes a GROW club member and what the group can do to help the Grange grow. Also, we are looking into some sort of button or badge (larger than the little pin we received when we went to National convention) that identifies a GROW club member, in an attempt to help start those one-on-one discussions. The third item we are considering is a social event with invitations to GROW club members who are no longer Grange members, family and friends. This will probably be in the spring, and be held in the 2022 convention's District.

If you look closely there is an 'ad' in this issue of the bulletin titled "Does your Grange Need Help?" By putting the offer of assistance by



Youth Goodie Basket Winners

- #1 - Lyle Utt, Fairmont Grange #252 picked the District #2 basket.
- #2 - Marlis Kelsey, Central Grange #360 received the District #5 basket.
- #3 - Whitney Milleson, Boulevard Grange #389 got the District #1 basket.
- #4 - Fern Hill Grange #592 chose the District #6 basket.
- #5 - Val Richmond, Boulevard Grange #389 selected the District #3 basket.
- #6 - Brandie Trumbull, Irving Grange received the District #4 basket.

the GROW club for installation, degree exemplification, draping charters, etc. under its own eye-catching header, we are hoping that folks who would not think to read the GROW club column will see the ad and perhaps trigger a response to invite a team to their hall.

Keep in mind, there is no "Grow Club Ritual Team". When a request is received, a shout-out is given to the club members for any who are interested in participating. Some of us like to travel to the various Districts, others may only be interested in assisting in their District or at Granges near them. Both are 100% great. If you have always wanted to be the Installing Officer at a Grange or Pomona, study up, memorize and next time the invite comes up, volunteer! Same goes for any part. If you LOVE doing the floorwork, let your District representative know (see the list below), so they can keep you in mind when a Grange asks for assistance with presenting the flag, guests, draping the charter or just helping with marching.

Thank you all for keeping it going and remember to **Go Right On Working!**

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Grange Youth & Young Adults

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Hello,

The youth had such a great time at State Convention. This year our committee decided to try some different things at convention. We provided dinner for the Youth and Young Adults (Y/YA) every night, had daily workshops, and participated in multiple community service projects. We took turns cooking each night for not only the Y/YA but for the Juniors as well, it was well received by those who attended.

We also decided that to make the most of our time together we would have a workshop each day. Each committee member chose a topic that they are interested in and did an engaging presentation. These topics included art, music, language, resolutions, and technology. We would not have had the awesome convention that we did without our amazing committee members.

The group also had the opportunity to do a couple community service activities which included making toys for dogs in local shelters and pulling weeds around the fairgrounds. The OSG Youth Officers did a great job as always and we are always proud of them when it comes to performing the floorwork and ritual of the Grange.

We want to thank all of the Granges that contributed to Keeping the Oregon Warm. We ended up with over



The Keeping the West Warm display at convention.



fifteen large bags of gloves, socks, hats, mittens, and scarves. They will be distributed through District 6 to help keep people warm.

Once we are able to start truly getting back together, we have plans to get together around the state. If you are interested in hosting the Y/YA for a weekend or helping us out while in your area let us know. We hope to hit every district and include as many Grangers as possible.

As the paper goes to print, we are on to our next adventure at the Western Regional Leadership Conference in Boise, Idaho where we will have our winner of the speech contest from state convention, Jesse Jo Guttridge, compete with her speech.

We are still having our zoom trivia night on the third Saturday of every month. Please do join us for a night of fellowship and just some general fun.

We are also looking for volunteers for the Log Cabin at the Oregon State Fair. Your state Youth Directors have chosen to fill the shifts for the cabin on August 29th. If you can help, please contact us at OSG.youth@gmail.com or the state Grange office to let them know that you would like to help. If you are unable to help on the 29th but can help another day let the state office know. They would be happy to schedule you on your choice of days. Let's try to have some Youth or Young Adults there every day.

As always thank you Oregon Grangers for the constant support that is shown to the Youth and Young Adults.



Above: Jessie Jo Guttridge gave her speech on Saturday evening as part of the Prepared Public Speaking Contest. She will compete at the Western Regional Leadership Conference in Boise in August.

Left: Youth Jade Naylor and Terry Elliott volunteered with Juniors and helped make slime.



It Was Ice Cream For the 4th

Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County gathered together to celebrate the Fourth of July. Fifteen members and ten friends joined together at Sister Belle Bell's house for a pot-luck and homemade Ice Cream Social celebration.

Right 1-r: Lorraine Cook, Julie Caldwell, and Lauren Oliver getting ready to dish up a big scoop of homemade ice cream!!



Dehnes Visit National Grange Building



Jeff and Liz Dehne on the rooftop patio outside the National Grange President's office. Notice the White House over their shoulders.

After convention Oregon State Grange Community Service Director and her husband Jeff left on cross country trip to visit family and friends.

Early July found them in the Washington, DC area. While there they took the opportunity to visit the National Grange Headquarters building located within walking distance of the White house.

They visited with National President Betsy Huber and Operations Coordinator Samantha Wilkins who showed them around. They even had an opportunity to sit in on a staff meeting.

Below: National Grange staff meeting.



Morning Star Coordinates Community Sale

Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County coordinated the advertising and provided maps for the Millersburg Community Garage Sale on May 21-22.

The Grange held a Flea Market in their hall as part of the event. They also served lunch both days with indoor dining or take-out available. Lunch included burgers, grilled cheese sandwiches and chili dogs.

The Jefferson Jammers (John Hroza and Jon Tilles) provided music and the Hand-in-Hand farm provided mule rides for children.



Does Your Grange Want Copies of the Bulletin?

Now that Granges are opening back up, requests for copies of the paper are also increasing. We have come up with a couple options for Granges to get copies of the papers.

- **Option one** is 5-10 copies of every issue which will be mailed in the name of the Grange for the Grange to use at their monthly events, i.e., breakfasts, dinners, Bingo or the like. The Grange name will be added to the mailing list and the Bulletin will arrive like clockwork every two months. So far Hurricane Creek, Warren and Brownsmead Granges are taking advantage of this plan. It is significantly less expensive to have them mailed from the printer than from the office.
- **Option two** is copies for individual events like an open house or your county fair. Let the office know by the deadline for the issue you want and numbers needed and they will be added to the count being printed. Once they arrive back from the printer they can be picked up or shipped to you.

Please let the Bulletin Editor know if you want to take advantage of either of these options.

Hope and Persevere

By Pete Pompper, National Grange Community Service Director

"Are all their hopes, then blasted? Is there no way in which they can gain your favor? There is ---one way. What is it? **Hope and Persevere.** In what respect? All through life! Let it be a lesson, never to be forgotten, that success in a good cause is gained only by perseverance. Never be discouraged. **Hope and Persevere.**"

I find this discussion between the Assistant Steward and the Spector to be relevant today as Granges get back to doing what we do. So many of you have shown such perseverance during the past year and a half. Granges and Grangers have not given up but you found ways to continue helping your communities.

As I have said many times no Granges gave up but through hope and perseverance you moved on and came up with different and unique ways to give back. In return Granges have seen the community give back to them.

Fund raising dinners are selling out, vendor fairs are busier than ever and attendance at events have exceeded expectations. It doesn't matter the size of the Grange either, large to small Granges are all doing great things.

In fact, there are a couple of Granges who were not doing well and were close to closing but the membership

went outside of the comfort zone and held new community programs. These new ideas have revitalized the Grange and have not only increased membership but reintroduced themselves in a positive way to the community. These Granges are now partnering with other community groups which is leading to more people being involved.

Now is the time for Granges to get back to doing what we do best, either giving back to our communities, or teaching our younger members leadership skills.

These skills will be invaluable in the future as they grow. A way of teaching these skills is getting them involved in your community service projects. Let them plan, organize and run a project; we need to support them in their ideas.

Speaking of this, two years ago we (NG Youth and Community Service) started the Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service award. This is an opportunity for a Grange or Granger to nominate a Youth member who is doing outstanding community service work. The nomination form is on the NG website in the Youth Department section. If you have any questions feel free to contact me or Mandy Bostwick. **Hope On Persevere Ever**

From the Patron's Chain July 16, 2021

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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