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Sitting in front: State Musician, Linda Wetzell; Flora, Jessie Jo Guttridge and Executive Committee Position 3, Vickie High

The 153rd Annual Oregon State Grange Convention Held In Baker City June 21-25th

The 153rd Annual Convention of the Oregon State Grange was held June 20-25 in Baker City, Oregon. Attendance for the five days was 168, mostly in person but a few on Zoom. This was down from last year's but expected when we meet on the east side of the state.

One of the highlights of the convention was the election and installation of officers for the 2026-2028 term.

On Sunday afternoon fourteen Grangers partook of the Fifth Degree conferred by Oregon Grow Club members and friends. Then Sunday evening eighteen Grangers observed the exemplification of the Sixth Degree by the Oregon State Grange officers.

More coverage of the State Grange convention can be found throughout the paper. A two-page color spread in the middle of the paper showcases many of the officer

and ritual teams and pictures of some of the convention fun are on the back page. More coverage and pictures will appear in the October/November Bulletin.

Next year's convention will be at the same time June 21-24 and will be hosted by District 1 (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, South Lake counties) at the South Middle School in Grants Pass. Information on hotels, etc. will be in the February/March 2027 Bulletin.

OSG State Fair Log Cabin Needs Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to represent the Grange at the State Fair Log Cabin. Many volunteers are needed from Friday, August 28th through September 7th. Commit three hours and you get free admission and can tour the fair before and/or after your volunteer shift at the Log Cabin.

Bring a crew from your Grange – each day has a “captain” who will show you the ropes. Basically, all you need to do is be friendly Grangers and help visitors get free cold water, look for a photo of their local Grange (we have photos of over a hundred halls displayed), and answer a question or two.

There are 144 volunteer shifts required, and as of July 23 just a few spots are filled. This is a fun and easy way to help represent your Grange, the State Grange, and to meet new Grange friends and members of the public.

To volunteer email State President Susan Noah at president@organge.org or call the State Grange office Tuesday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.



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The President's Column

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I always envisioned retirement lasting longer than four years, but here I am again! As was true in my first year as Oregon State Grange President, I feel like things are going well, because I don't know what I don't know, although this time I do have a better grasp on the job of president, and have been getting back into the swing of things. Some things are the same and some have been "updated" to a new "version." Unfortunately, the problems that are sent to the State President to deal with have not gotten any easier. Any time people are involved, whether they are our members or neighbors of the Grange, or a large corporation, things can get sticky. My hope is that we all, as Grange members, strive to live by our motto: In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; and In All Things Charity. If we do, our corners of the world would be better for it.

During my next two years in this office I would like to spend more time traveling around the state and visiting Granges. I plan on a series of conferences next year somewhat like President Sonny started with his Back-to-Basics presentation last fall. Things that all Granges should be aware of, including by-laws, leadership training and generally a question-and-answer period for whatever is needed by the members present. But beyond this I just want to go out and visit with our members. Since 2017 when we presented the 'Grange Up' program, all of our leadership has been trying to make a difference to our Community Granges. The State Grange is available to help Granges in many ways, so please reach out if you have a need and let us try to help.

As we progress through the summer

months, I know many Granges have fun events planned for your members and for the community. Support by members from other Granges helps a Grange to build their community awareness and seeing a crowd present may encourage neighbors to come out and be a part of the activities, so please take time from your busy schedules to help nearby Granges in their endeavors. Helping each other is an important part of our fraternal spirit.

Summer activities for the State Grange include the log cabin at the State Fair, and we can really use some help. If you are interested in working a shift or two, please reach out to us in the office. The shifts are three hours long with free entry into the State Fair. For those who have never volunteered at the log cabin we are located in the garden area of the fairgrounds, next door to the Criterion Schoolhouse. The shifts are 10-1, 1-4 and 4-7, and as I write this, we need volunteers for all shifts. The fair starts August 28th and goes through Labor Day on September 7th.

As I settle back into the role of State President, I also want to introduce the Committee Directors I have appointed.

Agriculture

David McBride, Hurricane Creek Grange, Wallowa County

Community Service

Joanne McBride, Hurricane Creek, Wallowa County

Deaf Activities & Family Health

Lilly Anderson, Winona Grange, Washington County

Education

Sonny Hays-Eberts, Marys River Grange, Benton County

GWA - Co-Directors

Paula Herrick, Waltherville Grange, Lane County
 Teresa Cernac, Warren Grange, Columbia County

Juniors

Vickie Thorp, Myrtle Creek Grange, Douglas County

Legislative

Mark Noah, Mohawk-McKenzie Grange, Lane County

Membership - Vacant

Veterans

Alan Becker, Warren Grange, Columbia County

Youth - Vacant

I am working on the last appointments, and hope to have them filled soon. As these Directors work to fill their district chairs, please step forward and offer your service. As former President Sonny and I have both said, your help is needed and appreciated.

I also am still working to update our County Deputy appointments, but I do have a new State Deputy and that is Jesse O'Dell. As Jesse joins our team, I want to thank Sister Carol Everman for her many years as the State Deputy. She graciously said yes to me twelve years ago and has since served three State Presidents in this important role. While serving as the State Deputy I know Carol traveled many miles and helped out at many Grange meetings, so I hope all of you will let Carol know how much she is appreciated. As Jesse begins his term I also hope our members will welcome him into their meetings as he works to make the Grange a pleasant experience for all.

In this column, I realize I have asked for help in a couple of ways - the volunteers at the Log Cabin and District Chairs for various committees, so as you contemplate those requests let me leave you with this section from our Installation of Officers:

In our fraternity there is work for all and those reap the most abundant harvest of Grange benefits who contribute most liberally of their own time and talent.

2025 Honor Granges

Receiving Gold awards were:

Creswell Grange #496, Marys River Grange #685, Redland Grange #796 and Springwater Grange #263.

Receiving Silver awards were:

Abernathy Grange #346, Eagle Creek Grange #297, Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747, Riversdale Grange #731 and Sunnyside Grange #842.

Receiving Bronze awards were:

Aloha Grange #773 and Molalla Grange #310.



Above: Gold Honor Grange recipients.



R: Silver Honor Grange recipients.

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The annual meeting of the Oregon State Grange Foundation was held on Sunday June 21 in the commons area of the Baker High School. in Baker, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to give a report on the activities of the foundation in the last calendar year and to announce the awarding of education scholarships, leadership scholarship and other awards presented by the foundation. The minutes of the 2025 meeting and 2025 financial reports on the operations of the foundation were presented and adopted.

The Oregon State Grange Foundation was proud to announce that a total of \$11,950.00 in scholarships were awarded this year.

Lousie Holst Memorial

Grace Gray \$500

Muzzy Mandel Memorial

Grace Gray \$2000
Kaylee Falleur \$1500
Audrey Cereghino \$1000

Mary Ramm Memorial

Aidan Drudis-Swanson \$500

Grant Schaffer \$500

Malcolm Trupp Memorial

Grant Schaffer \$1500

Trystin Rose \$500

Junior Leadership Scholarship Awards of \$250

Dean McKay, +1 Junior at Abernethy Grange to attend Oregon State Grange Convention Junior Grange program.

Smith Leadership Scholarships Total Awards \$700

Tracy Metzker, Master at Redland Grange, \$400 to attend the OSG Convention.

Marsha Webb, Overseer at Frogpond Grange, \$300 to attend the

OSG Convention.

The foundation also presented the 2025-26 Blood Drive awards to the following Granges that had blood drives and turned in reports from June 2025-May 2026. A total of \$669 was presented to Granges as follows:

Abernethy Grange #346 \$70.00
Aloha Grange #773 \$66.00
Beavercreek Grange #276 \$72.50
Central Point Grange #698 \$68.00
Columbia Grange #267 \$73.00
Myrtle Creek Grange #442 \$81.00
Phoenix Grange #779 \$30.00
Redland Grange #796 \$68.00
Scholls Grange #338 \$66.00
Sunnyside Grange #842 \$74.50

It was announced that the Blood Drive awards would continue with the period from June 1, 2026-May 31, 2027, and the results reported to the Foundation by June 1, 2027, using the form available on the State Grange website. This is open to all Subordinate/Community Grange and Pomona Granges.

Linda Helm and Jesse O'Dell were each re-elected for 5-year terms on the Board of Trustees.

The GASS (Grangers Attending State Session) awards for attendance at the 2026 meeting were awarded – a total of twenty-five \$75 awards were presented for a total cash payout to attendees of \$1,875.00.

Following the annual meeting the Board of Trustees met and re-elected the same officers for 2026-27.

President: Linda Helm
Vice President: Dean High
Secretary: Joyce Parker
Treasurer: Joe Peter



Found

Did someone lose a small navy and lime green bag with pens, calculator, and other items inside at the state convention? It is at the state office waiting to be claimed.

The Chaplain's Corner

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The Gift of Friendship

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."

— Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Friendship is one of life's quiet blessings—a steady light that reminds us we are never truly alone. A true friend celebrates our joys, stands beside us in difficult moments, and sees the best in us even when we struggle to see it ourselves.

Good friendships grow through kindness, honesty, laughter, forgiveness, and time. They are built in small acts of care: a message sent at just the right moment, a listening ear, a shared memory, or the simple comfort of knowing someone is there.

Treasure the friends who bring peace to our heart, courage to our

spirit, and joy to our days. Be that kind of friend in return, and we will help create a world filled with warmth, hope, and love.

God did not create us to walk through life alone. In His wisdom, He blesses us with friends who encourage our hearts, strengthen our faith, and help carry our burdens when the road becomes difficult. True friendship reflects God's love—patient, faithful, compassionate, and present. May we thank Him for the friends He has placed in our lives, and may we ask Him to help us be friends who offer grace, prayer, encouragement, and Christ-like love.

In Memoriam

Franklin Armstrong
Central #360

Jane John
Siletz Valley #558

Joyce Buzzard
Boring Damascus #260

Charlotte Langsev
Brownsmead #822

Garlene Cooper
Deer Island #947

James McGinnis
Camas Valley #521

Leslie Donaldson
Cherry Park #667

Bruce Wallace
Fern Hill #592

Don Haynes
Scholls #338

Greg Wrighe
Boring Damascus #260



*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.*



UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

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

Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Nov 7	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange
Benton #36	Oct 17	10:00 AM	Willamette Grange
Clackamas #1	Oct 24	9:30 AM	Beavercreek Grange
Columbia #18	Nov 7	10:00 AM	Vernonia Grange
Deschutes #25	Nov 14	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Oct 18	4:00 PM	Kellogg Grange
Josephine #20	Aug 29	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Oct 10	10:00 AM	Mohawk Valley Grange
Linn #12	Oct 10	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	Oct 10	11:00 AM	Buell Grange
Wallowa #22	Oct	5:30 PM	TBA
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 17	10:00 AM	Forest Grove Grange



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President's Annual Address 153rd Annual Convention

Sonny Hays-Eberts, State President



Introduction

I welcome you to Baker City as we hold our 153rd Convention at this location. This will be our fifth Convention held in Baker City. Originally called simply Baker, it was in fact incorporated as Baker City in 1874. Our Vice President shall discuss our convention history here, so I shall reserve that detail for Brother Steve.

As mentioned last year, we had one officer who had served at the preceding Convention in the Gorge. This year, we have seven who served at the last Convention held in Baker City in 2001 – John Fine, Mark and Susan Noah, Joyce Ramm, Cookie Trupp and Phil Van Buren, as well as Carol Everman, our current State Deputy who was also an officer.

In keeping with past State Presidents and Masters, I have reviewed past Addresses and wish to incorporate some of them into my address. I feel it is important to honor our heritage by remembering our past. It also brings home the point that many issues we face today are ones we have dealt with and found solutions for, in the past.

The Grange prides itself on its non-partisan and non-sectarian heritage. As those who have come before me have requested, I urge you as delegates to put aside all personal prejudice and feelings, and to consider the work before us in this session carefully. Deliberate with forethought and refrain from impulsive reactions. Instead, thoughtfully consider what is best for our Oregon State Grange, the State of Oregon, and our nation, and I eagerly look forward to working with all of you on the work of this 153rd session.

Agriculture

Last year I began this section with "These have been challenging times for agriculture." I am sorry to report the industry has not improved. A projected \$30 billion drop in farm income is predicted for 2026, based primarily on weak commodity prices and tight margins. This "crisis of confidence," spurred by four consecutive years of poor margins has resulted in a 60% increase of bankruptcies in the industry.

While there are some bright spots, notably the livestock sector, led by beef, ongoing trade issues have disrupted export markets, and many farmers are relying heavily on temporary government aid packages. This is not a sustainable path forward.

The government has been inexorably linked to farming for decades,

and that practice is not likely to change. However, rather than providing aid grants to farmers, some of our past practices that subsidized farming to supply food to struggling families or price supports for basic commodities such as milk or wheat would seem more beneficial, by aiding both farmers and consumers. This would also return support to a Farm Bill. I urge our members to support legislation that both supports farmers and contributes to those suffering from food insecurity.

Last year I was hopeful with single party control of government, that a comprehensive farm bill would finally pass. While a Farm, Food and National Security Act (FFNSA) has been put forward and there is pressure to pass it, most analysts feel the likelihood of it being enacted is slim. One reason for that is many of the programs which helped build a bi-partisan coalition to support the bill have been eliminated.

There are also concerning portions. The section on Precision Farming in the Conservation Title for example. This practice will be linked by what are deemed appropriate technologies, including GPS, yield monitors, data management software, and the particularly strange sounding, "Internet of Things and telematics technologies." This internet of things allows all connected devices to gather and share information, and importantly, as proposed, the standards will not be defined by USDA, but the private sector.

This is opening the way for corporations to gather a bountiful harvest with precision agriculture, including for AI. The Rural Development Title contains the "promoting precision agriculture" subsection. AI is to be guided by "private sector-led interconnectivity standards, guidelines, and best practices."

There will be a 90% rebate offered to farmers for these devices. I suspect they will be practically giving them away, because the value they obtain from usage is more valuable, and thence the farmer becomes the ultimate product of his or her farm.

The Farm Bill is meant to promote agriculture. This version grows corporate profits, not food. The yields of Ceres, Flora and Pomona are not harvested, but data. All administrations have professed support for farmers. It's time to actually help farmers, not AI, by forwarding a Farm Bill that keeps producers on the land and brings new ones to the industry rather than enriching tech billionaires. In comparison, an extension of the 2018 Farm Bill seems desirable.

One emerging issue in Oregon is the

annexation of farmland to be used for development, such as SB 1586 which seeks to add 1,700 acres of protected farmland to the Hillsboro urban growth boundary for manufacturing, bypassing the traditional land use planning process. HB 4035 likewise seeks to bypass the planning process to allow Woodburn to annex farmland for housing. Our Legislative team has worked to oppose these types of proposed bills; however industry and housing are adding pressures to an already struggling industry.

Some may feel that efficiencies driven by AI and technology will mitigate the effect of lost farmland, but such land, once lost, cannot be reclaimed, and predictions do not always come true. We, as a Grange, owe it to farmers and our heritage to ensure future generations will be able to not just subsist, yet thrive while practicing the oldest known occupation known to man.

Not only is this vital to farmers, it is imperative for all Americans to have access to food. Large segments of our population, including the elderly and military families, rely on food assistance. Yes, there is a cost to this assistance, still I believe our Grange ideal of Charity and our roots in agriculture call us to support such programs. Many local food banks and charities have stepped in to fill the void made by the dismantling of government aid programs, and they are having an impact, yet the scope and scale of prior governmental support dwarf these efforts.

A common thread of past agriculture addresses is the desire of the farmer to simply have an equitable playing field for plying his or her trade. Past Master Morton Tompkins perhaps expressed it most eloquently in 1946 when he stated "Farmers equitable share of the national income must be secured with a modernized parity and obtained through fair market prices rather than subsidies. Support prices may be justified where necessary to assure cost of production."

While the outlook is grim, it is not yet time to bury the American farmer, and there are tools we can employ as Grange members that can help. Purchase local farm products over imported foods. Join a CSA program. Purchase from farm stands or farmers markets. If you can eat out, support local restaurants that source local foods. Urge your representative to not only support a fair to farmers Farm Bill, to design new policy for the future that ensures fair prices for farmers. Promote fair markets that are not focused on corporate consolidation. Contact your representatives

to protect farmlands. Contribute to, or work with, Ag in the Classroom to educate the public about farming. Donate to farmer relief funds. Encourage your local schools, hospitals, grocery stores, and restaurants to source local foods. All of these actions will help farmers and also help your local economy.

Transportation

Along with agriculture, transportation issues are perhaps one of the most crucial issues facing the State of Oregon currently. The basis for these problems are not restricted to a single political party, but are a result of partisan politics, poor fiscal planning and project overruns, combined with emerging technologies that have reduced gas tax revenue.

Deferred maintenance is coming home to roost while the political football is punted back and forth. It is estimated 25% of road culverts in Oregon need to be replaced and 16% of our coastal bridges require upkeep. In addition, potholes, ruts, poor road marking, and signage are only worsening. Lack of funding for fixing slides, such as the recent slide north of Siletz on Highway 229, means that roads will be closed for months. These are serious safety issues that impact all Oregonians and need to be addressed. It is past time for blame, and time for action.

While the Portland Metro area is responsible for the majority of traffic, the impacts of this lack of funding are felt statewide. I encourage our members to work to see that funding for ODOT is brought to a level that ensures our state can maintain its roads and bridges to ensure safe passage for all Oregonians. Yes, this bears a cost, yet the longer these issues are ignored, the higher the cost becomes. It is not an issue that should be deferred.

In 1926, Worthy President G.A. Palmiter stated "The transportation problem is still before us, and we do not seem to be making much progress toward securing relief. In fact, we may be forced to pay higher rates..." Oregonians did pay higher rates, and the problems improved. A century later, we find ourselves in the same predicament, and the answer remains the same. If these higher rates are spent effectively, without waste and budgeted properly, we can once again enjoy the benefits of funds well spent on our roads and bridges. Again, to quote G.A. Palmiter, "I do not believe there is a citizen in Oregon who does not favor good roads, if they get a dollar's worth of road for every dollar spent."

Propaganda

It is interesting to note that in 1946,

Morton Tompkins dedicated a section of his Master's Address to this topic. Some eighty years later, our nation grapples with the same problem, and we do so because the problem is pervasive and effective. The issue is political as well as commercial and is all the more dangerous in this age of social media. Unlike the past, our information sources have become fragmented and algorithms contribute to an echo chamber effect, where the information people receive is selectively targeted based upon what they seek. Without recourse to dissenting opinions, our positions become firm and immovable. I would like to quote our past Master, "The attempt to deceive and give various false information is, when studied, in many cases quite apparent. Often the campaign to propagandize is clothed in the cleverest disguises, the truth frequently being twisted for selfish purposes." He goes on to note that these attempts often seek to influence citizens so they will not act to seek the greater good.

Today, as in Morton's day, the remedy for this problem is to become educated, and to seek out a variety of opinions, even those we may not agree with. As we see in our own debates in session, there is real value in truly listening to all sides of an argument, and maintaining an open mind is never a bad thing. When you receive information that triggers strong feelings, question what you hear. Immediate acceptance of one side of an argument and discounting the other side or sides is a clear sign of bias. Be willing to learn, and when called for, to change your mind. Never be afraid to question your own thoughts and beliefs. Indeed, as stated in Baker eighty years ago, "The Grange must be an organization doing its own thinking. It must not be one of those groups subscribing to canned thinking put out by special interests."

Legislation

This year has been a short session, yet as discussed in my agriculture section, this has not prevented the introduction of bills that can have a negative impact on rural citizens. Master Elmer McClure stated in 1959 that the Grange has been a legislative force in Oregon as long as the State has been in existence, and that remains true today. Our Legislative team has been active in working in accordance with our adopted policies to present a voice that represents our 154 Granges and has demonstrated a measurable impact.

While our initiative petition process has been responsible for worthwhile advances in Oregon, I am compelled to bring to your attention IP28, the PEACE Act, which seeks to dramatically change the definition of animal cruelty. This sort of initiative was brought forward in California several years ago, and defeated, was defeated in the past in

Oregon, and now seeks to gain traction in Oregon. It is a danger to the state of Oregon. I have heard members state it will not make the ballot, yet it has already collected over 80% of the signatures needed to do so. Likewise, we must not assume it will fail at the polls. I encourage all our Granges to work against this ballot measure.

We must have a fair balance of policy that protects animal life, encourages agriculture, and allows pet owners to take responsible care of their charges. Our own teachings stress the importance of kindness to animals, as expressed in the Steward's charge in the First Degree.

"I must call your attention to the domestic animals that are committed to our keeping by the Great Author of our being. We are dependent upon them, for without their aid man could never have risen from barbarism to civilization. Practice mercy and compassion toward them. Never overwork nor overload them, and guard against haste in reprimanding them. Treat them with kindness and affection, and they will learn to love you. It is one of the objects of our Order to protect dumb animals from abuse, and any member who countenances their ill-treatment is liable to censure, suspension, or expulsion."

Our farmers, our members, Oregon animal owners, and citizens do not deserve legislation which criminalizes agriculture, hunting, fishing, and pet breeding.

Lastly, I wish to point out our policy handbook contains contradictions. It is possible, and did occur in 2025, that we have policy that can both support and oppose the same legislation. I hope the next State Grange President will undertake a project to seek out and remedy inconsistencies in our policies. The sun-setting of policies has been a good practice, but we need to do more, as delegates and as a State Grange, to design comprehensive and sensible policies that we can use to seek to influence legislation. In the future, when your Grange works on legislative policy-based resolutions, review our policy handbook to ensure we do not create additional contradictions.

Technology

A subject near and dear to my heart, yet also one that can fill me with trepidation. Technology is a tool, and its impact is determined more by the wielder than the tool itself. As such, all technology can be beneficial, or baneful. Outright bans on technologies such as AI are just as dangerous as policies that seek to embrace them without restriction.

The Grange as an organization has moved slowly to embrace technology. As your State Grange webmaster, I often use the line that I hope

to someday pull the Grange into the twentieth century. We are moving in that direction in Oregon with ACH payments and use of email, yet we can do more to increase efficiency and decrease cost.

Cell phones, hybrid and electric vehicles, global positioning satellites, electronic transfer of funds, AI, DNA testing, facial recognition technology, fiber optic networking, streaming video, medical advances, the cloud, supercomputers and much more have contributed to create a world that both feels much smaller than 100 years ago yet seems to have created more distance between people. As a Grange, and as citizens, we need to selectively use these technologies in a manner that supports our core values of building community.

I have remarked, more than once, and with members of other Granges and to our Executive Committee, that planning is not always a Grange strength. Yet, when it comes to adaption of technology, it is imperative. We need to understand how, and why we wish to embrace technology, and ensure our usage of it conforms to our intended goals.

Taxes

Taxation is a common thread in the Annual Address, and a necessary evil. To return to Morton Tompkins in 1946, "I needn't say more than make the statement that there are a number of worthwhile activities in Oregon such as education, state hospitals, corrective institutions and old age assistance which require additional funds."

America has always held to the ideals espoused by John Locke regarding the need for a social contract between the people and the government. We cannot have services such as rural mail, roads, public schools, electric and water delivery systems without paying for them in some fashion. Yet, Oregonians often revolt when faced with increased or additional taxes or the abandonment of the kicker refund. Are these steps necessary? Perhaps, perhaps not, but one thing is apparent – our current system of generating revenue, statewide and nationally, is not working.

Some of this may be attributed to not budgeting and spending effectively, however a far larger concern is that the extremely wealthy have influenced the system to alleviate their own tax burden. Large corporations have moved out of state, or even into other nations to escape paying their fair share of taxes. In 1946, when the State Grange met in Baker City, the highest tax rate was 91%, which was only applied to the income in the highest tier, not a flat 91% on all earnings. This was done to pay the debt incurred from WW2. Today, that rate is 37%. Corporations such as Tesla, Nike,

FedEx, and GM pay no income tax. More disturbing, many energy companies, which make record profits, do the same. This burden has been transferred to middle and lower class citizens. This needs to change, and if done properly would result in lower individual taxes for most citizens. I encourage Granges and Grange members to advocate for a fair and effective tax system, where all who work, live, and do business in Oregon contribute equitably to necessary services.

Conclusion

One can take the view that America, Oregon, our communities, and our Granges face many challenges. Instead, I contend we are presented with a vast array of opportunities. We must utilize patience and perseverance, overcoming the obstacles in our path, yet we are capable of meeting these challenges. Tackling these challenges can produce bounteous rewards, matched only by the healing of the deep wounds of the Civil War.

Throughout time the Grange has been not only an agricultural fraternity, it is a community anchor and a force for change. The Grange was intended to be and has functioned as a 'bottom-up' fraternity, where Community Granges are the driving force for action and change. This is true not only within our organization, also outside it as well.

By addressing the issues facing our local communities we can enact positive changes that will shape the future. Our resolutions and policies are important. This community work in our own local areas is vital. I strongly believe that such efforts will yield many tangible benefits and would like to see every Grange involved in strengthening its community.

Our principles and precepts call us to action in these times, to seek and enact solutions so we may craft a better tomorrow for ourselves, our children, our communities and beyond. The statement "The Work of Another Day Demands Our Attention" is more true than ever.

Paper Proofer Needed

Want an early peak at the Bulletin? Do you recognize grammatical errors and missing words? How about occasionally helping out with proofing the paper?

Judy Hays-Eberts has been doing a wonderful job for the last several years, proofing the paper but occasionally she is unavailable and we are in need of a backup. If interested contact the editor for more details.



Oregon State Grange Lecturer's Contest Winners

Arts

Acrylic - Sponsored by Irving Grange

1st	Paul Bunch	Central Point	\$15
2nd	Jamison Wood	Hurricane Creek	\$10
3rd	Sammy Jo Wood	Hurricane Creek	\$7

Watercolor - Sponsored by Irving Grange

1st	Patricia Bunch	Central Point	\$15
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Drawing - Sponsored by Alice Nowicki and Ken Schwieger

1st	Susan Stogsdill	Marys River	\$15
2nd	Catie Faryl	Phoenix	\$10
3rd	Josh Holly	Phoenix	\$7

Diamond Painting - Sponsored by Jasper Grange

1st	Megan Schoffield	Ada	\$15
2nd	Elsie Garisch	Jasper	\$10
3rd	Megan Schoffield	Ada	\$7

Rock Painting - Sponsored by Santa Clara Grange

1st	Cathy Assad	Redland	\$15
2nd	Loni Schoffield	Ada	\$10
3rd	Linda Wetzell	Goshen	\$7

Creative Writing

Poetry - Sponsored by Linda Helm and Wayne Cabler

1st	Cathy Assad	Redland	\$15
2nd	Heather Elliot	Ada	\$10
3rd	Brandy Walter	Phoenix	\$7

Tell The Story - Sponsored by Linda Helm and Wayne Cabler

1st	Ed Luttrell	Molalla	\$15
2nd	Connie Kilby	Pleasant Grove	\$10
3rd	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creel	\$7

Skit Writing - Sponsored by Linda Helm and Wayne Cabler

1st	Ronald Parrish	Fernwood	\$15
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My Grange Story Cover - Sponsored by Linda Helm

1st	Heather Elliot	Ada	\$15
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My Grange Story - sponsored by Linda Helm

Mark Files	Marys River
Judy Hays-Eberts	Marys River
Brandy Walter	Phoenix

Public Relations

Flyer - Computer - Sponsored by Springwater Grange

1st	Sonny Hays-Eberts	Marys River	\$5
2nd	Louise McClure	Creswell	\$4
3rd	Mariann Sipe	Fort Union	\$3

Pamphlet - Computer - Sponsored by Phil Van Buren

1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5
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Poster - Handmade - Sponsored by Springwater Grange

1st	Linda Wetzell	Goshen	\$5
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Poster - Computer - Sponsored by Springwater Grange

1st	Louise McClure	Creswell	\$5
2nd	Louise McClure	Creswell	\$4
3rd	Louise McClure	Creswell	\$3

Program - Sponsored by Sunnyside Grange

1st	Louise McClure	Creswell	\$5
2nd	Louise McClure	Creswell	\$4
3rd	Louise McClure	Creswell	\$3

Photography

Scenic Landscape - Sponsored by Dean and Vickie High

1st	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$10
2nd	Tracy Metzler	Redland	\$8
3rd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$6

Scenic Seascape - Sponsored by Dean and Vickie High

1st	Paula Herrick	Waltersville	\$10
2nd	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$8
3rd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$6

Close-ups - Sponsored by Lynn and Harold Johnson

1st	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$10
2nd	Loni Schoffield	Ada	\$8
3rd	Loni Schoffield	Ada	\$6

Family - Sponsored by Cookie Trupp

1st	Paula Herrick	Waltersville	\$10
2nd	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$8
3rd	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$6

Pets - Sponsored by Phil Van Buren

1st	Paula Herrick	Waltersville	\$10
2nd	Courtney Gordon	Spencer Creek	\$8
3rd	Heather Elliot	Ada	\$6

Wild Animals - Sponsored by Phil Van Buren

1st	Loni Schoffield	Ada	\$10
2nd	Edith Hanson	Little Deschutes	\$8
3rd	Becky Anicker	Dixie Mountain	\$6

Oldies/Goodies - Sponsored by Waltersville Grange

1st	Heather Noble	Boulevard	\$10
2nd	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$8
3rd	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$6

Grange Activities - Sponsored by Ada Grange

1st	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$10
2nd	Loni Schoffield	Ada	\$8
3rd	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$6

Grange Halls - Sponsored by Mark Noah

1st	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$10
2nd	Heather Elliot	Ada	\$8
3rd	John Fine	Riversdale	\$6

Sports - Sponsored by Lorane Grange

1st	Brian Schoffield	Ada	\$10
2nd	Loni Schoffield	Ada	\$8
3rd	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$6

Potpourri - Sponsored by Joanne and David McBride

1st	Greg Silva	Waltersville	\$10
2nd	John Fine	Riversdale	\$8
3rd	Susan Noah	Mohawk McKenzie	\$6

Open Mic Night Winners



Above l: National President and First Gentleman, Chris, and Duane Hamp, lip-syncing as Sonny and Cher's "I've got you Babe" were the People's Choice winners in the adult category.

L: Junior Tyson Brown, who placed 2nd, played the recorder. Above r: Audri Brown, who played her clarinet was the Junior winner.

Oregon State Grange Lecturer's Contest Winners

Black and White - Sponsored by Santa Clara Grange

1st	Loni Schoffield	Ada	\$10
2nd	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$8
3rd	Heather Elliot	Ada	\$6

Sunrise/Sunset - Sponsored by Connie Suing

1st	Brianna Watson	Walterville	\$10
2nd	Darlene Jorgenson	Ada	\$8
3rd	Tyler Gordon	Spencer Creek	\$6

Floral - Sponsored by Sandi Ludi

1st	Courtney Gorden	Spencer Creek	\$10
2nd	Janet Hass	Walterville	\$8
3rd	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$6

Farm Animals - Sponsored by The Schofield Family

1st	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$10
2nd	John Fine	Riversdale	\$8
3rd	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$6

Celebrating America's 250th Birthday - Sponsored by Joyce Parker

Patriotic Scenes

1st	Heather Noble	Boulevard	\$10
2nd	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$8
3rd	Heather Noble	Boulevard	\$6

Historical

1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$10
2nd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$8

Patriotic Meals

1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$10
2nd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$8

Talent

Sponsored by the OSG Lecturer's Dep.

Open Mic Junior

1st	Audri Brown	Forest Grove
2nd	Tyson Brown	Forest Grove

Open Mic Adult (15+)

People's Choice Winner

Chris & Duane Hamp Five Mile Prairie - WA

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

August 28 – September 7	Oregon State Fair Grange Log Cabin Salem, Oregon
September 1	Distinguished Grange Program Applications due to National Grange "Grange in Action" application Deadline Grange Legacy Family application Deadline
September 15	990n ePostcard deadline for most Granges
November 10-14	160 th National Grange Convention Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
November 20	National Grange Honors Night Streamed live on Facebook and YouTube 5:30 pm Pacific time
June 2027	Oregon State Grange Convention District 1 – Grants Pass
November 2027	161 st National Grange Convention Sparks, Nevada

The Lecturer's Column

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Hi everyone! It is just one week after the Oregon State Grange Convention was held in Baker City as I write this column. What an amazing week my committee and I had! The participation in the contests, Open Mic Night, Line Dancing class and Rock Painting workshop blew us away! Thank you all for all your support for the Lecturer's committee programs.

For the Lecturer's Contests, we had 60 individuals enter 305 items to be judged. This is 50% more people entering the contests this year and almost twice as many items entered over last year. You all showed up! It became quickly clear when we started taking entries that we were going to need more tables and we soon ran out of easels to display all the photography that came in. We will be getting more of both for next year, so we are better prepared for the popularity of these contests. New this year were the "America's 250th" photo contests which we will also have next year. We also had a "Cover Contest" for the "My Grange Story" notebook. Congratulations, Heather Elliott for winning! Your beautiful artwork is already on the cover and ready for everyone to see next year. We had three entries this year for the "My Grange Story" to add to the notebook. I am hoping to have a workshop next year that will allow our participants to orally give their stories to be transcribed into the book, making it easier for those who are not comfortable writing their story. I will keep you posted as I get more details.

On Saturday night, we had our second ever Open Mic Night. We had ten entries this year: two Juniors and eight adults. What a great night to show off our Granger's talents! We were able to hold our event in the beautiful school auditorium. The Junior winner was Audri Brown, who played her clarinet for us. Her brother Tyson Brown also wowed us with his skills on the recorder. The adult winners were the National President and First Gentleman, Chris, and Duane Hamp, who performed a lip-sync act to "I've got you Babe" by Sonny and Cher with Chris dressed as Sonny and Duane as Cher. How could they not win? Other contestants read poetry, gave readings, told jokes, and re-enacted "Who is on first" (John and Carol Fine). One of the highlights of the night was Linda Wetzell's piano

playing. The school had a Steinway 9ft concert grand piano which Linda was tickled to get the opportunity to play. Winners were determined by popular votes of those who attended.

On Monday night, we had our yearly line dance lessons. There were not as many dancers this year as there has been in the past, but those who participated enjoyed some much-needed exercise after sitting in session all day.

On Tuesday morning, Linda Wetzell gave a class on rock painting. This was very well attended, and everyone was able to paint and take home several rocks each. Linda also read us some information about ladybugs which she is known for painting and gave everyone in attendance a painted bug to take home.

Our silent auction and oral auction items at state convention made the Lecturer's committee \$292 to go towards the director's fund. Thank you everyone who bid. These funds go to pay for the expenses of bringing you the contests and events we put on such as judges for the contests, line dance instructors, materials for rock painting, and more easels to display all your entries.

Finally, I want to thank my committee for all the help they provided during state session. I cannot even start to perform the duties of the Lecturer without their help and support. Thank you, Vickie Thorp, Connie Suing, Sandi Ludi, and Carol Fine, for all your efforts to get us through another state session.

I am thrilled to announce two new members to the team. My husband, Steve Kroeker, will be joining us in an "At Large" position. Steve has really been a member of the committee for the last two years, especially assisting us with tech support and it is only right that he finally be recognized for his efforts. I am also thrilled to have Marilyn Reiher as our new District 3 chair. I am eager to have them both assisting on the Lecturer's committee. I am still in search of a District 5 Lecturer's committee chairperson. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, or you know someone perfect for the job, please let me know. I would love to have representation on the committee from east of the mountains.



Community Service/ Involvement

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I, Joanne McBride, am honored to have been selected as Community Service Director for the next two years. I sincerely appreciate the confidence and support that have been shown to me. I look forward to serving our community, working alongside dedicated volunteers, and helping make a positive difference over the coming two years.

I am looking for chairmen to serve in Districts 1, 3, 5, and the At-Large position. If you are interested, please let me know. I would be happy to provide more information. I plan on updating the Annual Report Form and would love help, assistance, feedback, etc.! So, please volunteer!

This year, 46% of our Granges turned in their Annual Report. Thank you so much for that!

This is my first time reviewing these reports, and I am truly in awe of the incredible work our Granges are doing. Their dedication to serving their communities is both inspiring and heartwarming.

In the coming bulletins, I will be highlighting Granges from across the state and showcasing the outstanding Community Service projects they have completed. I look forward to sharing these stories and celebrating the positive impact our Granges continue to make in their communities.

This month, I would like to give a special shout-out to **Lacomb Grange #907** in Linn County. When USPS carrier Bridget Tatum was diagnosed with breast cancer, the members of Lacomb Grange and the surrounding community rallied together to support her. As part of its ongoing commitment to helping neighbors in need, the Grange hosted a Soup-a-thon fundraiser. Proceeds from the event helped Bridget with expenses related to her breast cancer treatment, demonstrating the generosity, compassion, and community spirit that define the Grange.

Be sure to keep your eyes open for community service projects.

Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Hello Grangers!

And welcome back. It was great to see so many of you at Baker City for this year's annual convention! Thank you for stopping by our booth. We gave away books, by Dr. Murthy, former Surgeon General on the loneliness epidemic. I'd love to hear from any of you who have the opportunity to read this great book, and I'd love to hear your ideas of keeping loneliness at bay. Does your Grange send cards when a member misses a few meetings for health reasons? Have you developed a different way to keep in touch with those who aren't able to make meetings? Let us know your thoughts and ideas so we can spread those good habits around!

We also gave out radon test kits, and I'd love to hear from any of you who were able to make use of the kits. Have you also shared this information with your family, neighbors and friends? Remember, the geological composition of the soil underground can vary from property to property. *(The rocks down there don't care much about property lines.)* So, the only way to know for sure is to test every house. If you didn't get a copy of the issue brief on radon and would like a copy, please let me know, or look at the

DAFH section of the Oregon State Grange website for more information about radon and how it affects your family's health.

Thank you to those of you who donated to Community Connections at our table. We were able to raise \$64.00 and I'm sure it will be appreciated. One of our next projects is to develop a fundraising plan to help the homeless/houseless efforts in all five of our Oregon State Grange Districts.

One suggestion we received this year for a new project is to compare the different types of hearing aid devices available and be able to offer you some information about reliability, price and performance. So, look forward to our report on better hearing soon. Also, don't forget, that as Grangers you are eligible to be reimbursed for up to \$500 per year for hearing impaired expenses, such as exams, hearing aids and batteries. Visit the Oregon State Grange website and look under the Resource tab for the Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund form.

Thank you again, for all your support. I love researching and reporting for you and on your behalf. Can't wait to see you at the State Fair.

OSG Community Service Contest Winners

Community Service Yearbook

1 st Place	Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa Co.	\$100
2 nd Place	Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747, Lane Co.	\$75
3 rd Place	Walterville Grange #416, Lane Co.	\$50
4 th Place	Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas Co.	\$25

Volunteer of the Year

Judy Hays-Eberts Marys River Grange #685, Benton County
Award - \$50.00 to the charity of her choice

OSG Membership Awards

Open Door Awards

Awarded to Granges who started the year with less than 20 members and had a net gain for 2025 of 3 or more members

	Start #	End #	Net Gain	Award
Upper Applegate #839	16	29	13	\$50
Frogpond #111	13	19	6	\$50
Santa Clara #746	17	23	6	\$50
Oak Grove #198	16	20	4	\$50
Milwaukie #268	12	15	3	\$50
New Bridge #789	13	16	3	\$50
Mohawk Valley Community #922	13	16	3	\$50
The Sandy #392	18	21	3	\$50
Mohawk-McKenzie #747	18	21	3	\$50

OSG Membership Awards

Percent of Gain Awards

Awards for Percent of Gain in 2025

1 st Place	Upper Applegate #839	81%	Award \$100
2 nd Place	Little Deschutes #939	60%	Award \$75
3 rd Place	South Fork #605	53%	Award \$50
4 th Place	Lake Creek #697	47	Award \$25

Granges with a 15% or more gain in membership

Frogpond #111	46%
Santa Clara #746	35%
Fort Union #953	33%
Pleasant Grove #475	28%
Oak Grove #198	25%
Milwaukie #268	25%
Elmira #523	25%
New Bridge #789	23%
Mohawk Valley Community #922	23%
White Eagle #683	20%
Barlow Gate #157	19%
Irving #377	18%
Tigard #148	17%
The Sandy #392	16%
Mohawk-McKenzie #747	16%
Smith River #585	15%
Elkhorn #908	15%
Chetco #765	15%

State Grange President's Award

(Oregon State Grange Foundation Award)

\$200 award from the Oregon State Grange Foundation to the Grange with the largest net membership gain for the year.

Little Deschutes with a net gain of 37 members





The Agricultural Report

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Well sometimes the early bird ends up with a worm, but for those who arrive early at the Oregon State Grange Convention, it is the chance to attend the annual Ag Tour. The Ag Tour is a quick journey to enjoy local agricultural activities near the Convention site. JoAnn Illingsworth coordinated this year's tour by locating two unique agricultural operations in Baker County.

The 2026 Ag Tour included visits to the Old Souls Farm and Market and the Elkhorn Peak Lavender farm. Baker High School provided the bus and driver as about 30 Grangers boarded around 8:30 AM on Saturday, June 20th. After a brief trip, the tour's first stop was the Old Souls Farm and Market. Old Souls operates a beef cattle ranch specializing in Scottish Highland cattle in addition they have a Jersey dairy herd to produce products to sell in the on-site market. Dan and Eva Henes own and operate the ranch. Eva provided a great presentation on the history of their farm and answered many questions about the Highland cattle and the various products offered in the market. Many Grangers enjoyed shopping in the market, finding many unique items to purchase.

The next stop for the tour was the Elkhorn Peak Lavender Farm. Michele Curtis, co-owner of the farm with her husband Cliff, offered a history of their lavender farm ex-



Michele Curtis explaining the Lavender Farm.

plaining the challenges and successes they have experienced with weather and selection of the eleven best varieties for their operation. She answered many questions about the types of products produced from lavender. Demonstrations were given to show the various harvesting and processing equipment. The copper distillation system was very interesting and imported from South America.

The final stop of the Ag Tour was for lunch at the picnic area of Elkhorn Grange in Haines. Some of the ladies from Elkhorn Grange had prepared a very thoughtful bag lunch for the tour. After enjoying the food and social time, the tour re-boarded the bus, returned to Baker High School and the rest of the State Convention. Those who arrived early to take part in the Ag Tour enjoyed the trip and would recommend that everyone consider attending Ag Tours in the future.

L: Peggy Jillson, Irving Grange, shopping in the Old Souls Farm and Market.



Above: Grangers on the Ag Tour at the Old Souls Farm and Market.

The Education Committee

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Hi, I'm Sonny Hays-Eberts and you may know me from such roles as State Treasurer, Benton County Deputy, Webmaster and more. Today, however, I am writing to you in my newfound capacity as Education Director. Education is a topic near and dear to my heart. Learning should be a lifelong passion for everyone, at all times, not something to endure and suffer. Many think of education as K-12, and in my thoughts, K-12 should provide the basic tools to learn successfully. Many will acknowledge post-graduate education, and some will remember vocational education.

Yet, how many consider Continuing Education or Adult Learning? It's a vital, yet one of the least recognized phases of learning. It is everything we continue to learn as adults, for the rest of our lives. Almost all adults engage in it, and many may not even be aware they are learning something, such as when taking on a new craft or working on a jigsaw or crossword puzzle. Curiosity and learning are among the most important habits in life to develop.

Learning later in life is important. It keeps the brain active by building new synapses and builds resilience. It provides a sense of confidence and self-esteem when you can speak a new language, throw pots on a wheel, play a new instrument, speak publically, or learn to fix something. It promotes mental wellness. If you join classes or interest groups, you can help prevent isolation. It helps stave off cognitive and memory decline.

Some community colleges provide instruction on a variety of topics such as bookkeeping, ceramics, languages and more. On-

line sources can provide sound and images that can help with music, languages, repairs and more. Acting requires learning lines and public speaking, such as the Toastmasters, requires writing and learning speeches. Any sport, game or activity will require learning rules, and what are the different ways to play.

Fixing your car or farm equipment, a household appliance or a home not only saves you money, but it also engages your brain. When it comes to fixing something, you are probably not the first person who needs to accomplish that task and YouTube is a fantastic resource for how to videos. Some repairs require specialized skills, may be dangerous, or require years of experience, yet there are so many simple repairs one can do, and each one is a learning opportunity.

Always be curious and strive to learn!

I will focus on all levels of education as Director, and hope to develop a strong partnership with Ag in the Classroom. Not only are they an ideal partner for the Grange, but I also tried to lay the framework for a positive working relationship with that group when President, and hope to strengthen it.

I also will be looking to do more than write columns. I want to schedule educational field trips, help our State President promote education regarding the Grange, promote primary, secondary, and continuing education, make education a State Grange priority and rejuvenate the Education Committee. I look forward to working with all of you for the next two years.



It was a beautiful day to visit the Elkhorn Peak Lavender Farm. Owned by Michele Curtis, and her husband Cliff, they grow eleven varieties of lavender.



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Rosebud Team

Rosebud Team Members from Wallowa County ~ Elvaree Fine, Hurricane Creek #609; Holly Greenwood, Hurricane Creek #609; Micaela Kennedy, Hurricane Creek #609; Andi Mitchell, Liberty #613; Sondra Ross, Liberty #613; Brinda Stanley, Liberty #613; Debra Torres, Hurricane Creek #609 and Jameson Wood, Hurricane Creek #609 along with team Captain and Musician Claudia Boswell, Hurricane Creek #609.



6th Degree Marching Candidates

L-r: Kelsey Holstrom, Lorane #54; Toby Stanley, Liberty #613; Pamela Kersgaard, Lorane #54; Tim Aquino, Willamette #52, with LAS Stacy Brown and AS John Fine.



Guests



National Grange President Christine Hamp, spoke on Sunday, as her husband Duane Hamp looked on.

Sixth Degree Court of Flora



L-r: Attendant: Ari Knight, Willamette #52, Flora: Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater #263, Attendant: JC Junkman, Clarkes #261



L-r: Attendant: Beaneita Hunt, Santiam Valley #828, Pomona: Roberta O'Dell, Santiam Valley #828, Attendant: Tina Renolds, Santiam Valley #828.



L-r: Attendant: Connie Suing, Crow #450, Ceres pro-tem: Sandi Ludi, Sunnyside #842, Attendant: Breanna Hays-McKay, Abernethy #346.

Official National Grange Representative



L: Burton Eller, Legislative Director of the National Grange, spent a good share of the convention with us.

He was welcomed Sunday morning and s on Tuesday afternoon he gave his official speech.

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Fifth Degree Team Oregon GROW Club and Friends

Front row: LAS – Sandi Ludi, Secretary – Susan Noah, Master – Teresa Cernac, Gatekeeper – Joyce Parker and Chaplain – Susie Kroeker.

Middle row: AS – Mark Noah, Treasurer – Jeanie Force, Ceres – Eva Frost, Flora – Margaret Clute, Lecturer – Marilyn Reiher, EC - Cookie Trupp, Overseer – Carol Everman, EC - Dean High

Back row: Steward – Lexie Suing,, Pomona – Connie Suing, EC - John Fine

Behind arch: Attendants – Connie Stauffer, Loni Schofield, Megan Schofield, and Tina Reynolds.



2026 Oregon State Youth and Young Adults Officers with a little help from some friends

Front row: Ceres - Megan Schofield, Chaplain - Jessie Jo Guttridge, President – Breanna Hays – McKay and Pomona - Connie Suing

Middle row: Treasurer - Joe Stefenoni, Lady Assistant Steward - Grace Merchant, Assistant Steward - Jim Dumolt and Secretary - Alex Coe

Back row: Gatekeeper - Audri Brown, Vice President - JC Junkman, Flora - Krysta Hart and Steward - Lexi Suing

Visitors from California

R: Martha Stefenoni, Membership Director of the California State Grange and Priestess Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter of the National Grange.

Far r: Joe Stefenoni, President of the California State Grange and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Grange spent most of the week at the Oregon convention.



Memorial Drill Team and State Officers



Memorial Drill Team: David McBride, JoAnne McBride, Becky Gekeler, Bonnie Berry, Elveree Fine, Dean High, Pam Conley, Shirley Meger, Becky Merrick, Brinda Stanley and Toby Stanley.

OSG Officers; President Sonny Hays-Eberts, Chaplain Cookie Trupp, Secretary Mark Noah and Flora Jessie Jo Guttridge.

State Officer Installation Team



l-r: Judy Hays-Eberts, Eva Frost, Teresa Cernac, Carol Everman, Sandi Ludi and Marilyn Reiher





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As we head into the late summer and early autumn, we look back at the 2026 State Grange Convention that just closed and hope the infusion of fellowship, friendship and love will carry us through. Your new GWA Directors, Paula Herrick and Teresa Cernac, have promised to do their best over the next two years. By time you read this, we plan to have filled District Chair positions for District #1, # 2, 3 and #5! Annette Naylor and John DeHaas will stay on, representing District #4 and filling an At-Large position.

We were extremely pleased to have 34 aprons donated for the Apron Auction. Going into the evening of the auction, an idea stolen from a California State Grange event, our hope was that we could raise at least \$500. We are very happy to report that it was a roaring success, raising over \$3,000 to donate to the Baker Relief Nursery.

The GWA Conference on Wednesday morning included a very informative presentation by Eva Frost on how the Columbia County Granges raised funds toward an estimated \$55,000 project. This was accomplished through grants, community donations, and Grange fundraising events for upgrades to the Grange Museum on the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Also presenting were representatives from the Baker Relief Nursery who explained what the organization offers. Both presentations were well received with questions on how grants were won

for the museum, and details on how the Baker Relief Nursery performed their very necessary support role. Our pleasure at being able to present the Nursey with \$3,100 was not even close to the absolute astonishment on the faces of those receiving the donation.

The most GWA entries from a Grange went to Ada Grange; they had 56 entries from ten different members! Congratulations. Most entries from one member goes to Paula Herrick; way to go! These contributed to the 316 entries received this year from 94 individuals. Total entries last year were 258 and for 2024 the total was 214. Can entries for 2027 continue this amazing trend? Thanks to all who took the time to create, bake, crochet, recycle and etc to make such a wonderful room full of items for people to see at this year's convention.

A planning session for next year's GWA Committee focus was held and there will be only minor changes to the contests for 2027, but PLEASE read the contest book. Some participants were unaware of the limitation of one item per person per category. It is imperative that the entrant knows what category they are entering and that their item(s) are appropriately labeled. Encourage non-members to enter, who knows, that might just be the thing that gets them involved. Always look to encourage and treat all with grace and respect.



L-r: Sonny Hays-Eberts, Jim Tomlinson and Kim Mosier members of the board of Baker Relief Nursery, and Susan Noah. The board members were presented with a check for \$3100 from the apron auction for their program.

OSG GWA Contest Winners

Baked Goods and Candies

Drop Cookies (no peanut/chocolate) - Sponsored by GWA Committee

1	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$5.00
2	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$4.00
3	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$3.00

Bar Cookies - Sponsored by Jasper Grange #532

1	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00
2	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$4.00
3	Kevin Kennedy	Hurricane Creek	\$3.00

Chocolate Chip Cookies - Sponsored by Beaver Creek Grange #276

1	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$5.00
2	Grant Force	Clarkes	\$4.00
3	Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$3.00

Peanut Butter Cookies - Sponsored by Dean & Vickie High

1	Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$5.00
2	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$4.00
3	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$3.00

Unbaked Cereal/Made in Pan Cookies - Sponsored by Woodburn #79

1	Mark Noah	Mohawk-McKenzie	\$5.00
2	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$4.00
3	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$3.00

Decorated Cookies - Sponsored by Linda Helm

1	Yasha Duggal	Marys River	\$15.00
2	Susan Stogsdill	Marys River	\$10.00
3	Louise Hamachek	Marys River	\$5.00

Peanut Butter Candy - Sponsored by Goshen Grange #561

1	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$5.00
2	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$4.00

Candy Fudge (No peanut butter) - Sponsored by Beverly Doescher

1	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$5.00
2	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$4.00
3	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$3.00

Candy Peanut Brittle - Sponsored by Beverly Doescher

1	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$5.00
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Sweet Rolls - Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261

1	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$10.00
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Muffins - Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261

1	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$10.00
2	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$7.00
3	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$3.00

Bundt Cakes - Sponsored by Woodburn Grange #79

1	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$10.00
1	Yasha Dugal	Marys River	\$10.00

Gluten Free Baked Item - Sponsored by Mary & Robert Parrott

1	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$10.00
2	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$7.00
3	Joyce Parker	Springwater	\$3.00

Fruit/Vegetable Bread - Sponsored by Margaret Clute

1	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$10.00
2	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$7.00
3	Darlene Jorgensen	Ada	\$3.00

Sourdough Bread - Sponsored by Linda Helm

1	Joy Shonfeld	Spencer Creek	\$10.00
2	Kyle Husman	Marys River	\$7.00
3	Grace Merchant	Abernethy	\$3.00

Any Other Yeast Bread - Sponsored by Linda Helm

1	Briauna Watson	Walterville	\$10.00
2	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$7.00
3	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$3.00



Oregon State Grange GWA Contest Winners

Food Preservation

Jam Any Fruit Other than Berry - Sponsored by Phoenix Grange #779				2 Dan Keeley	Maplewood	\$4.00
1 Becky Gekeler	Fort Union	\$5.00		3 Serena Theiss	Myrtle Creek	\$3.00
2 Molly Jobe	Riversdale	\$4.00				
3 Dan Keeley	Maplewood	\$3.00				
Jam Berry Only - Sponsored by Phoenix Grange #779				Pears		
1 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$5.00		1 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$5.00
2 Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$4.00		2 Loni Schofield	Ada	\$4.00
3 Becky Gekeler	Fort Union	\$3.00				
Jam Sugar Free - Sponsored by Joyce Parker				Applesauce		
1 Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$5.00		1 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00
2 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$4.00		2 Linda Pugh	Ada	\$4.00
				3 Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$3.00
Jelly Any Fruit Other than Berry - Sponsored by Connie Suing				Cherries		
1 Linda Pugh	Phoenix	\$5.00		1 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$5.00
2 Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$4.00				
3 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$3.00		Fruit - Other than listed		
Jelly Berry Only - Sponsored by Connie Suing				1 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00
1 Linda Pugh	Ada	\$5.00		2 Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$4.00
2 Raelynn Thorp	Myrtle Creek	\$4.00				
Jelly Sugar Free - Sponsored by Joyce Parker				Dried Foods - Sponsored by Joyce Parker		
1 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00		Fruit		
				1 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$5.00
Honey Light Amber - Sponsored by John DeHaas				2 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$4.00
1 Andrew Watson	Phoenix	\$15.00		3 Linda Pugh	Ada	\$3.00
Pickles - Sponsored by Springwater Grange #263				Vegetables		
Dill (Cucumber Only)				1 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$5.00
1 Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$5.00		2 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$4.00
2 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$4.00		3 Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$3.00
3 Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$3.00				
Sweet/Bread & Butter				Fruit Leather		
1 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$5.00		1 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$5.00
2 Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$4.00		2 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$4.00
3 Nancy Flatley	Ada	\$3.00				
Any Fruit				Herbs		
1 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00		1 Brandy Walker	Phoenix	\$5.00
2 Dan Keeley	Maplewood	\$4.00		2 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$4.00
				3 Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$3.00
Relishes				Crafts		
1 Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$5.00		What To Do With Worn Out Jeans - Sponsored by Sunnyside Gr. #842		
2 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$4.00		1 Kevin Kennedy	Hurricane Creek	\$15.00
3 Tracy Metzger	Redland	\$3.00		2 Tim Aquino	Willamette	\$10.00
Any Other Pickles				Jewelry - Sponsored by Irving Grange #377		
1 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00		1 Heather Elliott	Ada	\$25.00
2 Dan Keeley	Maplewood	\$4.00		2 Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$15.00
3 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$3.00		3 Tracy Metzger	Redland	\$10.00
Canned Meats or Fish - Sponsored by OSG GWA Committee				Food Gift in a Jar - Sponsored by Linda Pugh		
1 Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$5.00		1 Loni Schofield	Ada	\$10.00
2 Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$4.00		2 Heather Elliott	Ada	\$8.00
Canned Vegetables - Sponsored by Margaret Clute				3 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$5.00
Beets				Paper Craftsmanship - Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261		
1 Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$5.00		Cards		
				1 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$15.00
Tomatoes				2 Lisa Anzaldue	Abernethy	\$10.00
1 Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$5.00		3 Heather Elliott	Ada	\$5.00
2 Tracy Metzger	Redland	\$4.00				
3 Mark Noah	Mohawk-McKenzie	\$3.00		Other Paper Crafts		
Beans				1 Susan Stogsdill	Marys River	\$15.00
1 Loni Schofield	Ada	\$5.00		2 Louise McClure	Creswell	\$10.00
2 Paula Herrick	Walterville	\$4.00				
3 Serena Theiss	Myrtle Creek	\$3.00		Small Wooden Articles (12" or less) - Sponsored by Wayne Cabler		
Vegetables - Other than listed				1 Tim Cernac	Warren	\$25.00
1 Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$5.00		2 Howard Huey	Abernethy	\$15.00
				3 Ari Knight	Willamette	\$10.00
Canned Fruit - Sponsored by Little Deschutes Grange #939				Woodcraft larger than 12" - Sponsored by Jesse O'Dell		
Peaches				1 Howard Huey	Abernethy	\$25.00
1 Lois Enslinger	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00				
				Home Décor - Sponsored by Jesse O'Dell		
				1 Susie Kroeker	Western Star	\$25.00
				2 Tim Cernac	Warren	\$15.00
				3 Amy Koerner	Phoenix	\$10.00

Oregon State Grange GWA Contest Winners

Crafts, continued

Metal Art - Sponsored by Phil Van Buren

1	Mark Files	Marys River	\$50.00
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Recycle - Sponsored by Hurricane Creek Grange #608

1	Megan Schofield	Ada	\$15.00
2	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$10.00
3	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$5.00

Potluck - Sponsored by Joanne McBride

Fabrics/Yarn

1	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$15.00
2	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$10.00
3	Lois Enslinger	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00

Wood, Metal, Paper

1	Louise McClure	Creswell	\$15.00
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Baileys Good Dog Gift Packages - Sponsored by Roxy, Mark, Susan Noah

1	Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$15.00
2	Judy Hays-Eberts	Marys River	\$10.00
3	Susan Noah	Mohawk-McKenzie	\$5.00

Here Kitty Gift Bags - Sponsored by Tom, Huck & the Parrott Family

1	Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$15.00
2	Megan Schofield	Ada	\$10.00
3	Judy Hays-Eberts	Marys River	\$5.00

Textiles

Crocheted Doilies - Sponsored by Spencer Creek Grange #855

1	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$25.00
2	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$15.00
3	Anna Massingham	Jasper	\$10.00

Crocheted or Knitted Afghan - Sponsored by The Parrott Family

1	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$25.00
2	John Fine	Riversdale	\$15.00
3	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$10.00

Assembled Knitted or Crocheted Item - Sponsored by Teresa Cernac

Clothing

1	Bev Bush	Clarks	\$25.00
2	Jean Stuart	Little Deschutes	\$15.00
3	Ari Knight	Willamette	\$10.00

Other

1	Patricia Bunch	Central Point	\$25.00
2	Mickala Savage	Redland	\$15.00
3	Staci Savage	Redland	\$10.00

Misc. Crocheted or Knitted Item - Sponsored by Cookie Trupp

1	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$25.00
2	Ari Knight	Willamette	\$15.00
3	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$10.00

Pillowcases for Veterans - Sponsored by Gail Wilson

1	Roberta O'Dell	Santiam Valley	\$25.00
2	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$15.00
3	Denise Meese	Little Deschutes	\$10.00

Preemie Afghan & Hat - Sponsored by Jan Oleson

1	Lisa Pauillin-Anzaldua	Abernethy	\$25.00
2	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$15.00
3	Molly Jobe	Riversdale	\$10.00

Table Runner - Sponsored by Ada Grange #570

Fabric

1	Heidi Safe	Abernethy	\$25.00
2	Becky Gekeler	Fort Union	\$15.00
3	Pamela Perrine	Little Deschutes	\$10.00

Knitted or Crocheted

1	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$25.00
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Embroidery - Sponsored by Julie Schnetzky

1	Marian Mengel	Little Deschutes	\$15.00
2	Denise Meese	Little Deschutes	\$10.00
3	Roberta O'Dell	Santiam Valley	\$5.00

Counted Cross Stitch - Sponsored by Parkdale Grange #500

1	Susie Kroeker	Western Star	\$15.00
2	Becky Merrick	Missouri Flat	\$10.00
3	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$5.00

Plastic Canvas - Sponsored by Beaver Creek Grange #276

1	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$15.00
2	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$10.00

Apron - Sponsored by Beaver Creek Grange #276

1	Cheryl Golding	Abernethy	\$15.00
2	Margaret Craig	Pleasant Grove	\$10.00
3	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$5.00

Hot Pad or Mitt - Sponsored by Roxy Noah

Crocheted or Knitted

1	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$15.00
2	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$10.00

Crocheted or Knitted

1	Pat Crane	Walterville	\$15.00
2	Becky Merrick	Missouri Flat	\$10.00
3	Berna Williams	Redland	\$5.00

Purses or Totes - Sponsored by Cookie Trupp

1	Becky Gekeler	Fort Union	\$15.00
2	Becky Merrick	Missouri Flat	\$10.00
3	Jean Stuart	Little Deschutes	\$5.00

Wall Hanging Quilt - Sponsored by Creswell Grange #496

1	Cheryl Golding	Abernethy	\$15.00
2	Marian Mengel	Little Deschutes	\$10.00
3	Denise Meese	Little Deschutes	\$5.00

Baby Quilt - Sponsored by Sauvies Island Grange #640

Machine Quilted by One

1	Jean Stuart	Little Deschutes	\$15.00
2	Cheryl Golding	Abernethy	\$10.00
3	Denise Meese	Little Deschutes	\$5.00

Tied by One

1	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$15.00
2	Berna Williams	Redland	\$10.00

Embroidered Baby Quilt - Sponsored by Walterville Grange #416

1	Roberta O'Dell	Santiam Valley	\$15.00
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Quilts Machine Quilted by One - Sponsored by Siletz Valley #558

1	Jean Stuart	Little Deschutes	\$25.00
2	Carol Bauer	Little Deschutes	\$15.00
3	Denise Meese	Little Deschutes	\$10.00

Juniors

Cookies - Sponsored by Linda Pugh

1	Jameson Wood	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00
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Papercrafts - Sponsored by Marilyn Reiher

1	Borman Leek	Phoenix	\$15.00
2	Jameson Wood	Hurricane Creek	\$10.00
3	Indiana Leek	Phoenix	\$5.00

DOES YOUR GRANGE NEED HELP?

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

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

- Mark Noah, President 971.726.6106
- John Fine, Dist. 1 - 541.673.0369
- Steve Kroeker, Dist. 2 - 541.974.1724
- Stacy Brown, Dist. 3 - 971.808.6431
- Jesse Jo Guttridge, Dist. 4 - 971.291.7402
- Alex Coe, At-large



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Government Affairs

John DeHaas
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Lobbyist for the Oregon State Grange

Hello Grangers,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the 2026 Oregon State Grange Convention. We truly enjoyed a fantastic time filled with activities, including the GWA contests and Lecturer competitions. It was inspiring to hear from our Directors and representatives from the Grow Club, Membership, and GWA about their achievements over the past year. One of the convention's highlights was the election of new state officers, along with the opportunity to connect with fellow Grangers from across the state.

A significant aspect of our gathering is the introduction of new resolutions, which we take the time to

vote on and incorporate into the Oregon State Grange policy. As part of the Legislative group, we discussed several resolutions and even managed to introduce one more on the final day, which was voted on and accepted.

Looking ahead, our focus will be on selecting which resolutions to present to the state legislature. We are currently working on IP 28, as well as implementing the new signature gathering rule that has now become part of our policy.

I am already looking forward to next year! Being a part of this vibrant community is truly exciting, and I hope to see all of you there.

Happy trails



All Grangers are invited OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday August 26 @ 7 pm PDT
 Where: Zoom

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

Contact: Legislative Director
 Mark Noah
 login information
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By-laws and Good of the Order Resolutions Adopted at the 2026 Oregon State Grange Convention

BL 1: Third Quarter Membership List Dates

Resolved: Section 4.12.6 of the Oregon State Grange Bylaws be changed to read
 (c) The Oregon State Grange shall provide to each Subordinate/Community Grange within the state, a list of the names of all members shown in the Oregon State Grange database as members in good standing of their respective Granges; said list to be provided with the 3rd Quarter Report of each calendar year. It shall be the duty of the Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary to correct this list of names with all members on their books as of June 30th of each year and send it with the 3rd Quarter Report directly to the State office. Included with the list shall be a list of all Associate and Junior members for correction and return.

GO 3: National Grange Convention Accessibility

Resolved: That the National Grange Convention shall be held in a location that is accessible for members to attend for two or three days.

Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2026 State Convention

AG 2: The Recent Presidential Executive Order on Glyphosate

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange urges the U.S. President to rescind the Executive Order signed in February 18, 2026 * that required Glyphosate production as a matter of national security.

AG 3: Farming Practices

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange advocates for the improvement of agriculture products as a result of genetic mapping and use of genetic markers to guide traditional crossbreeding.

AG 4: Land Conservation and Development

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the Land Conservation and Development Commission's continued enforcement of rules designed to limit conflicts, encourage efficient and compact urbanization and maintain the vitality and livability of farms, forests, and cities in Oregon.

AG 5: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will lobby for the repeal of the Wild Horse and Burro Law. The Oregon State Grange believes that BLM should be allowed to adopt, sell or dispose of horses that have been culled each year. The Oregon State Grange further believes that culling of herds must be done in a manner that improves the herd's genetic fitness.

AG 6 Adding the People's Rights

Resolved: That the State Grange shall support inserting into the Oregon Constitution language that affirms the State's obligation to protect public trust resources where State actions, or State authorized or permitted actions would harm the health and safety of Oregon citizens.

CO 1: Safe Management of Landfills

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange promote and endorse any efforts that seek to reduce the amount of waste that enters landfills; And be it further
 Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the establishment of smaller landfills per county over multi-county regional landfill hubs when possible; And be it further
 Resolved: That when larger scale landfills are deemed necessary, the Oregon State Grange advocate for placement in drier regions, And be it further
 Resolved: The Oregon State Grange opposes the expansion of any landfill that does not meet current Oregon DEQ rules regarding emissions, emission monitoring, and leachate runoff.

CO 2: Food Waste

Resolved: That The Oregon State Grange urges the passing of the proposed food waste legislation * in the 2027 Oregon State Legislative session set forth by Senator Courtney Neron Misslin that will require industrial/commercial high volume food waste generators that produce 1,000 pounds or more per week to divert food scraps that are under employee control (i.e. in the kitchen not yet served to customers) and find appropriate use of them if their facility of operation is less than 75 miles away from the nearest commercial composting operation.

CO 6: Managing the Wolf Population

Resolved: the Oregon State Grange urges the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement the guidelines in the Wallowa County Wolf Policy, and to research the results of these controls to better manage wolf populations throughout the State of Oregon.

CO 8: Protecting Livestock and Domestic Animals from Coyotes and Wolves

Resolved: We, The Oregon State Grange support policies allowing the farmer or rancher to shoot a cougar, bear, coyote, or wolf if it is chasing, biting, or harassing livestock or domestic pets such as cats and dog, or if seen within 500 feet of a farm/ranch dwelling.

CO 9: Sun-setting: Removal of Wolves from the Endangered Species List

Resolved: We, The Oregon State Grange support the current Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife policy removing the grey wolf from the Endangered Species list as it pertains to Oregon.

Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2026 State Convention

EDH 1: Public School Expenses and Funding Problems

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports the continued authorization and funding of the "Oregon Promise" program at the State of Oregon.

EDH 2: Oregon Promise Program

Resolved: that the Oregon State Grange support the efforts of "The Promise of Oregon" campaign to ensure that our legislators continue to prioritize investment in improving educational outcomes for Oregon's children.

EDH 5: Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports continued authorization and funding for the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program.

LE 1: Support against all Political Violence

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange opposes all political violence at Local, State and Federal levels.

LE 3: On-line Gambling and Betting

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange is opposed to online gambling or betting.

LE 5: Prohibit Paid Signature-Gatherers for Ballot Initiatives

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange opposes the use of paid signature-gatherers in the initiative petition process. And be it further
Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports laws that would criminalize the practice of paying signature-gatherers.

LE 6: Prohibit Members of Congress from Trading in Stocks While in Office

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to completely ban members of Congress, the Executive Branch, and their immediate families from trading individual stocks while in office; And be it further
Resolved: That the House and Senate Ethics Committees should enforce rules against using official positions for personal profit.

LE 9: Civil Laws

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will oppose the addition of any religious law, dogma, or religiously mandated penalties to the civil laws of the United States or any state or territory thereof; And be it further
Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will advocate for civil laws based on their promotion of prosperity, community harmony, and fairness to all people. FA4.16

LE 10: Sales Tax

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will advocate against taxes based on sales of products or services.

LE 11: Initiative and Referendum Process

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange reaffirms its support of the Initiative and Referendum process and believes the Emergency Clause should be reserved for true emergencies and will support efforts to limit the use of the Emergency Clause by our legislature.

LE 12: Owyhee Canyonlands Monument

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will oppose the creation of the Owyhee Canyonlands Monument, whether by Congress or by Executive order of the President.

LE 13: Land Use Planning

Resolved: That policies from LE11.17 under Regional and county government, Appointed and Elected Officials are combined and revised to read:

State and Local Land Use Planning

The Oregon State Grange opposes:

1. Zoning any private property for public uses such as wildlife habitat and scenic views without due compensation of the owner for loss of value.
2. Zoning lands as exclusive Farm or Forest Use that have not and cannot be profitably farmed due to lack of suitable soils.
3. Use of planning rules to delay allowed land uses. Appeals should be timely and based on factual errors on the part of planning agencies.

4. Routine exceptions to rules. Granting exceptions by officials such as County Commissions should be strictly limited.
5. Evolution of Metropolitan Service Districts into defacto cities or counties without a vote of all the cities and counties involved.

The Oregon State Grange supports:

1. The use of Urban Growth Boundaries to limit urban sprawl, reduce conflicts with agricultural enterprises and reduce infrastructure costs and energy requirements.
2. Reducing the huge profits involved in bringing land unto UGBs. Using the planning process to encourage a variety of housing types and price points within the Urban Growth boundaries.
3. Balancing jobs and housing in local areas to reduce necessity of commuting.
4. Allowing use of secondary (Non EFU/FT) lands where that does not conflict with surrounding agricultural or forestry uses, encourage long distance commuting or unduly deplete rural resources such as water.
5. Having the LCDC board nominated by and appointed from districts to help ensure a variety of perspectives are represented.
6. Periodic public review and debate of Oregon's land use Goals.

LE 14: Oppose Initiative Petition 28 (IP28) and any Ballot Measure That Results from IP28

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange opposes any ballot measure and initiative petition such as IP13 or IP28 that would severely restrict or completely eliminate most common practices for breeding, raising, and harvesting animals and fish for food, as well as recreational hunting and fishing and even the breeding and control of pet populations. and be further,

Resolved: Should IP28 gain the needed signature to be placed on the November 2026 ballots that the Oregon State Grange shall do the following to help defeat the measure:

- A. Write an argument in opposition to the ballot measure and file it for publication with the Oregon Secretary of State. Cost of publication is currently \$1200 or 500 signatures.
- B. Join with like-minded groups to defeat the measure and all future measures.
- C. Prepare and distribute information to all Granges for display in their halls including a poster/flyer in opposition to the ballot measure.
- D. Prepare and distribute and place on the website for download 85x11" size poster with a NO on Ballot Measure _____. message focused on pets and mice and gopher control and encourage Grangers to print and display in windows of their home and in the side and back windows of their vehicles.
- E. Make and distribute lawn signs for Granges and Grangers to display – plastic with metal stakes.
- F. Encourage Grangers to speak out in public about the ballot measure and provide a document of talking points with five items and a card for more information to be handed out.
- G. Have a minimum of ten Facebook posts that Granges can share to their Facebook pages.
- H. Have you tube video, Instagram messages and other social media content prepared for Granges and Granges to post and be it further

Resolved: that the Oregon State Grange shall commit financial funding decided by the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee for the items needed to help defeat this ballot measure.

LE 15: Federal Government Shutdowns

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange will advocate that members of Congress (US House of Representatives and Senate) shall forgo their pay for the duration of any government shutdown and shall be the first federal employees to work without compensation until appropriations legislation is enacted. And be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for their consideration.

LE 16: State Government Shutdowns

Resolved: That members of the Oregon Senate and House of Representatives shall forgo their pay for the duration of any state government shutdown, and shall be the first state employees to work without compensation until appropriations legislation is enacted.

LE 19: Legalization of Community Potlucks in Oregon

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange endorses reforms to our state's administrative rules governing potlucks, so that people can share home-cooked food at inclusive community events.

Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2026 State Convention

LE 20: Artificial Intelligence Must Be Regulated

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange urges the federal government to regulate AI by developing rules, similar to those recently issued by the European Union, with a focus on identifying if, when and how AI has been used, and imposing financially significant penalties that will seriously disincentivize cheating or treating penalties as just another cost of doing business.

LE 21: Signature Gathering

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports requiring at least 50 valid signatures from each of Oregon's 36 counties to qualify a State initiative petition.

TU 1: Restrict Artificial Intelligence and Crypto Currency Industries from driving up energy and water demand

Resolved: That the Ashland Bellview Grange #759 urges state and federal legislators to restrict growth of data centers as used by artificial intelligence and crypto-currency industries to a sustainable level; that does not cause damage to the electric grid's service quality, does not diminish freshwater access for humans, farming and wildlife, and does not cause damage to the environment while extracting raw materials for computer chip manufacturing.

TU 2: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Public Utility Districts (PUD)

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange Supports recognizing hydroelectric power as a renewable energy source for regulatory purposes in the State of Oregon, as our bordering states have done, and believes that the Public Utilities Commission and Oregon Utilities should have significant input in Oregon energy planning.

TU 3: Solar Voltaic Panels

Resolved: LE 4.18 under Energy Sources and Energy Conservation is deleted and replaced with the following:

The Oregon State Grange supports a balanced process for regulating siting of solar voltaic generation that includes:

1. Automatic approval of installations on roofs and other developed areas such as yards and parking lots for generation of power to be used by the owner, subject to city or county building and zone codes, and for export to the grid subject to utility approval.
2. Development of a plan by Energy Facility Siting Council showing solar energy needs by census tract, regular updates of that plan, and a bidding process to allocate generating capacity in those tracts to developers of large installations.
3. Inclusion of solar generation stations as conditional uses in EFU or FT zones, mandating location of ground level solar voltaic installations to areas with lowest practical agricultural potential or with conditional uses assuring continued commercial agricultural use of the soil under the solar panels.
4. Construction standards that minimize costs of returning the land to agricultural or forestry uses at the end of the useful life of the generating station.

TU 4: Support Rural Mail Delivery

Resolved: That Oregon State Grange continues to keep a watchful eye on our legislature to ensure that the USPS minimizes the impact of the Local Transportation Optimization Plan and prioritize equitable service to all communities; And be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be sent to National Grange, and if adopted that it replace current policy.

VE 2: New National Cemetery in Oregon

Resolved: That it shall be the policy of the Oregon State Grange to support the siting of the next two National Cemeteries in Oregon, east of the Cascade mountains, one in central Oregon and one in eastern Oregon. And be it further

Resolved: That copies of this resolution shall be sent to all of the Oregon US Senator and Representatives and to the US Veterans Administration.

VE 3: Oppose Siting a National Cemetery on Howell Prairie Road in Marion County

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange opposes the siting of a new National Cemetery at the proposed 3515 Howell Prairie Road site in Marion County.

Legislative Update

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The delegates to the 153rd convention of the Oregon State Grange convention have debated and decided, now it is up to all of us to follow through. Some of this year's resolutions included very specific expectations and we all need to stay engaged and make sure those expectations are met. If IP 28 is actually certified for the November ballot it will have a new number and possibly a new title, so we can't print signs and materials yet. By the time you read this, that situation should be resolved. We also can't submit our statement for the voters' pamphlet until the measure is certified—in fact, we can't even start gathering the 500 signatures we need to avoid paying the \$1200 fee. One way or the other though, if this koo-koo measure is certified we will have our statement of opposition in the voters' pamphlet.

Even though it seems like we just finished the 2026 convention, we need to be looking ahead to next year because there will be a lot of policies due to sunset in 2027. The Legislative Zoom group will be meeting again on August 26 at 7pm and this will be a primary topic. There are as many as 197 statements in our policy handbook that are set to expire. Many of those had to have been grouped together in resolutions when they were first considered, I don't recall that we had 200 resolutions in 2017! At any rate this is a task we don't want to put off till May.

If you would like to receive the invitations to the Legislative Zoom forum you can email me at marknoah00@gmail.com and I'll gladly add you to the list.

Oregon Forestry Academy

The following is provided by Fergus McLean from Lowell Grange.

After years of struggle to find a balance between timber harvest and protection of coho salmon, spotted owls and marbled murrelets

required under the Endangered Species Act, the Elliott State Forest was decoupled from the Common School Fund in 2022 and ownership passed to its present owner, the Department of State Lands.

In 2023 the State Land Board declared its intention to transform the Elliott into the Elliott State Research Forest and Oregon Grange passed a resolution calling for the creation of an Oregon Forestry Academy to provide forestry education and training to Oregon schoolkids in collaboration with the research forest, which has a roomy headquarters in the former Shutter Creek Correction Facility on a ridgetop between Highway 101 and the Elliott Forest, in Hauser, a few miles north of North Bend.

In 2024 the State Land Board approved a Forest Management Plan for the research forest and appointed members of the Board of Directors and the Oregon legislature provided \$10 million to fund the forest startup.

In 2025 Federal regulators approved the Elliott's Habitat Conservation Plan, clearing the last legal hurdle for the new research forest and the first two-year management plan, including the first timber harvest in ten years, was approved.

By 2026 the new research forest is fully staffed and is preparing to stand up a citizen advisory Recreation and Education Committee to oversee public use and access. This could provide an opportunity for one or more representatives of Oregon Granges to provide input and support for our 2023 resolution calling for the creation of an Oregon Forestry Academy. If you are interested in representing Oregon State Grange on the upcoming Elliott State Research Forest Recreation and Education Committee please contact Mark Noah. Appointments to the committee will likely begin in the fall.



Junior Grange Corner



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OSG Junior Director



What a great week in Baker City!!!

The Ag Tour was awesome again this year and the opportunity to connect with our fellow Brothers and Sisters outside our own district is incredible, especially on the bus ride. Thank you to Elkhorn Grange ladies for a great lunch. The Juniors and I enjoyed the playground equipment and the shady area to eat our lunches.

Open Mic night was a fun time, and I am so proud of our Juniors that participated. Thank you to Audri and Tyson Brown for being so well prepared and having the courage to perform in front of everyone. Great job to both of you! Audri Brown played her clarinet and was our First-Place winner; Tyson Brown played his recorder and was our Second-Place winner. Both were in the 14 and under age group. I appreciate all the practice time they put in to be ready to play for us. Hope to see more Juniors perform at next year's Open Mic night.

We only had six Juniors each day this year, so even though we didn't have enough for a formal meeting, we read through the Junior Manual for the opening of our meeting. We talked about the different offices with speaking parts and answered questions about what those officers' duties were. The first morning our Gatekeeper began taking his duties very seriously and all week long if you didn't have the correct password, he told you that you were not allowed in our Junior room, ADULTS included! Way to go Tyson!

We all had a fun time going through the Bad Dad Jokes to select which ones we would use for the Junior presentation on Tuesday morning. We also made specially crafted signs to give to our Grange Veterans for Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday had a special surprise for the Juniors as we got to welcome a new Junior 1+ member for a couple of hours. Great to meet such a respectful young man like you, Ryatt and I hope you can join us at some other Junior Grange events in the future. In the meantime, stay active in your local Grange.

I would like to recognize Jameson Wood for marching in the Rosebud Drill, and Audri Brown for marching in the Youth Opening. It is wonderful to have the Juniors invited to help out wherever they may be needed during State Grange Convention. Please be sure to keep including them in your local Grange activities as well.

In keeping with the National Grange theme for this year, the Juniors spent time learning about wind and the ways it can be used. We learned about the differences between windmills and wind turbines and their benefits from pumping water, grinding grains, creating electricity, and even lifting heavy objects. We constructed individual windmills and then used a STEM kit to create a wind turbine that lit up an LED light bulb. They used this knowledge in the Minecraft Contest as they created their worlds and showed how they could use wind to help make their world better. Congratulations to all our competitors. Your imaginations and ideas are incredible, well done! A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to our Minecraft Judge Lyle Utt!

Wednesday afternoon the Juniors went bowling at Elkhorn Bowling Alley. We even had the pleasure of having three extra adult Grangers come to cheer us on. Thank you, Joanne McBride, Elvaree Fine and Cheryl Golding, our cheerleaders.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Grace Merchant for your help all week long and for agreeing to be a part of the Junior Committee for District 4. You made the week so enjoyable. But, you might want to practice up on your bowling in case Tyson and Alex decide to challenge you to a rematch.

I also need to thank all of those that ordered 250 Years of Freedom t-shirts and purchased the patriotic fans and cow magnets during convention for your support of the Junior Fundraisers. We are making arrangements to go on a jet boat excursion for the Junior field trip in Grants Pass for the 2027 OSG convention and there is a larger cost for this, so please be on the lookout for additional Junior fundraisers throughout the next year. 250 Years of Freedom T-shirts are still available to order at \$15 each OR 2/\$25. Email vickiethorp@yahoo.com for additional info or to place an order.

Susan Noah has graciously asked me to continue as Junior Director for another two years and I am already planning upcoming events. So, stay tuned for further updates.



Grange Youth & Young Adults



OSG Youth & Young Adult Director

Oregon's Grange Youth and Young Adults wish to thank all who supported them with the purchase of Goodie Basket tickets and those

Granges and Pomona Granges that supplied items and monetary donations to make the baskets possible.

Goodie Basket Raffle Winners

District 1 Bags and Coffee Basket
Tina Turner – Goldson Grange
District 2 Road Trip Basket
Eva Frost - Warren Grange
District 3 Sustainable Kitchen Basket
Phil Van Buren – Willamette Grange
District 4 Fishing Basket
Lisa Paullin – Abernethy Grange
District 5 BBQ Basket
Robbi Carey - Scholls Grange



Counter clockwise:
Baskets #1, #2, #3,
#4 and #5



OSG Junior Contest Awards

Minecraft

Age 5-7		
1st Place	Alex Junkman	Clarkes Grange #261
2nd Place	Tyson Brown	Forest Grove Grange #282
Age 8-11		
1st Place	Audri Brown	Forest Grove Grange #282
2nd Place	Dean McKay	Abernethy Grange #346
3rd Place	Sammi Jo Wood	Hurricane Creek Grange #608
Age 12-14		
1st Place	Jameson Wood	Hurricane Creek Grange #608

Art

Hand Drawn Pictures		
Ages 8 To 11		
1st Place	Raelynn Thorp	Myrtle Creek Grange #442
My Hero - Hand Drawn Pictures		
Ages 8 To 11		
1st Place	Dean McKay	Abernethy Grange #346

Models

Ages 8 To 11		
1st Place	Dean McKay	Abernethy Grange #346

Potluck – Anything Else

Ages 5 To 7		
1st Place	Jax Thorp	Myrtle Creek Grange #442
Ages 8 To 11		
1st Place	Roan Thorp	Myrtle Creek Grange #442

See pages 7 and 14 for Junior winners in the Lecturer's and GWA Departments.

Veterans

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Oregon State Grange Veterans Director

Alan Becker of Warren Grange in Columbia County has stepped up to be the Veteran's Committee Director. His appointment was too late for a column for this issue's deadline but expect to hear from him for the next issue. Meanwhile here is a recap of some of the Veterans committee activities at convention.

During the Monday evening's activities, the Veterans Committee served pie and coffee to those in

attendance. Then during Tuesday afternoon's Veteran's presentation five Veterans were recognized, one from each District. They received a Quilt from the quilters at Garfield Grange. Watch for these Veteran's stories in the October Bulletin. Some of the Granges of this year's recipients have been sent the quilts to present to their member and ask to send a photo of the presentation for publication. Others are being hand delivered to the recipients.

2026 Veterans of the Year Recipients

DISTRICT 1

Tonya Black

US Navy

Served: 1990-1992

Member of Smith River Grange #585

DISTRICT 2

Lloyd Anderson

US Army

Served: 1966-1998

Member of Central Grange #360

DISTRICT 3

Jerry Marquette

US Navy

Served: 1963-1983

Member of Warren Grange #536

DISTRICT 4

Gary Dumolt

US Navy

Served: 10+ years

Member of Beavercreek Grange #276

DISTRICT 5

Daniel Mitchell

US Navy

Served: 1964-1986

Member of New Bridge Grange #789



Veterans Crisis Line

Dear fellow Grangers.

I have heard a report that Veterans are the class of citizen most likely to carry out suicide threats. Senator Nash at our state convention in Baker City said that rural citizens are more likely to carry out suicide attempts than many other citizens. Therefore our rural Veterans are at an even greater risk.

Granges at state convention were encouraged to take home information on "VETERANS CRISIS LINE". - 988 PLUS 1. This information and the crisis line are sponsored by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. and the Clackamas County Veterans Service Office.

Granges that picked up information at the Veterans Table and left your name - THANK YOU!! If you need more information, contact me or the state office and we will get you the information. Please post the large flyers on your wall or bulletin board, the small cards, and stickers where Veterans or others will see it and take one if needed.

Granges who did not sign the sheet

at the convention in June, you will receive information in the next couple months, courtesy of Clackamas County VSO, the Oregon State Grange, and our United States Department of Veterans Affairs. If there is a neighborhood store or another business in your area that would post this information, ask for flyers, we'll get them to you.

988 is a crisis line for all, 988+1 is a line for Veterans, their families, and friends. The crisis line 988+1 is for all issues; feeling lonely, depressed, a bad day or just want to have some conversation - 988+1.

Extra material may be available at our State Grange Office.

Fraternally,
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GROW Club
"Go Right On Working"



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A quick recap on events of the GROW Club at the 2026 Oregon State Grange Convention at Baker City in June.

- Fifth Degree Conferral – check
- Ice Cream Socials Offered – check
- Annual Meeting – check

A huge THANK YOU to all who volunteered (some at last minute as it often happens) to put on the Fifth Degree this year.

- Master – Teresa Cernac
- Overseer – Carol Everman
- Lecturer – Marilyn Reiher
- Steward – Lexie Suing
- Assistant Steward – Mark Noah
- Lady Assistant Steward – Sandi Ludi
- Chaplain – Susie Kroeker
- Treasurer – Jeanie Force
- Secretary – Susan Noah
- Gatekeeper – Joyce Parker
- Ceres – Eva Frost
- Pomona – Connie Suing
- Flora – Margaret Clute
- Executive Committee - John Fine
- Executive Committee - Cookie Trupp
- Executive Committee - Dean High
- Musician – Claudia Boswell
- Specter – Phil VanBuren
- Attendants – Megan Schofield, Loni Schofield, Connie Stauffer, and Tina Reynolds.

Our class of candidates were enthusiastic listeners and managed to PERSEVERE.

The GROW Club decided to offer Ice Cream Socials at a flat rate for up

to four Granges over the next year. At last count three were spoken for, Willamette, Riversdale, and Hurricane Creek Granges. I am sure that the 4th will be snapped up soon.

We were pleased to have Martha Stefenoni, Priestess Analyst of the Assembly of Demeter and Joseph Stefenoni, former California State Grange Prince, Current California State Grange President, and a member of the National Grange Executive Board in attendance at our annual meeting. Both are GROW Club members in their own state. Thank you to Missouri Flat Grange for the use of their hall for our meeting, and to Joyce Parker who made arrangements for our salad and sandwich dinner. Other items of interest; we have been invited to put on the Fifth Degree for Lincoln County Granges in February, which we have accepted. Efforts to assemble a Fifth Degree team kit for the GROW Club were officially begun.

We also added two more members to our GROW Club board, filling a couple of holes. Joining us is Past Oregon Youth Ambassador and National Youth officer Jessie Jo Guttridge along with Alex Coe, another Past National Youth officer.

The remainder of the meeting was spent enjoying food, door prizes and visiting until it was time to return to Baker High for continued work on resolutions. As formerly noted, the GROW Club would be "Delighted" to assist with Degree work, installations, etc. at your local Community Grange or Pomona. Contact one of the board members to submit your request.

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Celebrating America's Birthday T-shirts - Medium Blue in Color
Grange logo on left shoulder; artwork on back



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L: Junior Bowling Fieldtrip at Elkhorn Bowling Alley
l-r: Joanne McBride, Elvaree Fine, Jameson Wood, Dean McKay, Audri Brown, Sammi Jo Wood, Alex Junkman and Tyson Brown with Grace Merchant the new District 4 Junior Chair.

Below: Juniors testing out their Windmill Projects.
L-rt: future Junior CJ Brown, Audri Brown, Jameson Wood, Alex Junkman, Dean McKay, Sammi Jo Wood and Tyson Brown.

Below: Membership Director Jay Sexton presented the Cultivator of the Year Award to Cody Bacon, President of North End Grange #820, Wallowa County.



Monday night's Pie and Coffee sponsored by the Veterans Committee.



The Juniors participating in the Salute to Veterans on Tuesday afternoon.



Retirement of State Deputy Carol Everman.



Above: Veterans committee members Jim Clute and Phil Van Buren show off one of the quilts that will be presented to this year's Veterans of the Year.



L: Some of the guys modeling for the apron auction.



Thank you to Linda Wetzell for her years of service as State Musician.



District 1 invited us to next year's convention in Grants Pass.

Below: Joe Stefenoni helped out with auctioneering duties.



Members signing 'God Be With You' at the close of the convention.

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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